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TEST OF A NASA BLUNT BODY WITH  
FLARES IN THE JPL 20-INCH  
SUPERSONIC AND 21-INCH  
HYPERSONIC WIND  
TUNNELS

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PLOTS

Plot No.	Run No.	Mach No.	Re/in. x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Max. Flare Diam. (in.)	Flare Angle (deg)	Flare Position	Test No.
1	2	6.00	0.261	no flare	-	-	21-115
↓	10	↓	0.096	↓	↓	↓	↓
↓	12	↓	0.013	↓	↓	↓	↓
↓	2	4.54	0.347	↓	↓	↓	20-512
2	2	6.00	0.261	↓	↓	aft	21-115
↓	3	↓	0.261	4.534	30	↓	↓
↓	4	↓	0.087	4.534	30	↓	↓
↓	5	↓	0.347	4.540	45	↓	↓
↓	6	↓	0.029	↓	45	↓	↓
↓	7	↓	0.117	↓	30	fwd	↓
↓	8	↓	0.261	4.544	45	fwd	↓
↓	9	↓	↓	5.076	45	aft	↓
↓	13	↓	↓	5.105	30	aft	↓
3	14	↓	0.096	no flare	-	-	↓
↓	15	↓	↓	4.534	30	aft	↓
↓	16	↓	↓	4.540	45	aft	↓
↓	17	↓	↓	4.540	30	fwd	↓
↓	18	↓	↓	4.544	45	fwd	↓
↓	19	↓	↓	5.076	45	aft	↓
↓	20	↓	↓	5.105	30	aft	↓
4	2	4.54	0.347	no flare	-	-	↓

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PLOTS (Cont'd)

Plot No.	Run No.	Mach No.	Re/in. x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Max. Flare Diam. (in.)	Flare Angle (deg)	Flare Position	Test No.
4	3	4.54	0.347	4.534	30	aft	20-512
↓	4	↓	0.042	4.534	30	↓	↓
↓	5	↓	0.347	4.540	45	↓	↓
↓	6	↓	0.042	↓	45	▼	↓
↓	7	↓	0.347	↓	30	fwd	↓
↓	8	↓	0.042	↓	30	↓	↓
↓	9	↓	0.347	4.544	45	▼	↓
↓	18	↓	↓	5.076	45	aft	↓
↓	19	↓	↓	5.105	30	↓	↓
▼	20	↓	0.084	4.534	30	▼	↓
↓	5	↓	0.347	no flare	-	-	↓
↓	12	↓	0.347	4.534	30	aft	↓
↓	13	↓	0.042	4.534	30	↓	↓
↓	15	↓	0.347	4.540	45	▼	↓
↓	16	↓	↓	4.540	30	fwd	↓
↓	17	↓	↓	4.544	45	fwd	↓
↓	26	↓	0.242	5.105	45	aft	↓

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PLOTS (Cont'd)

Plot No.	Run No.	Mach No.	Re/in. x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Max. Flare Diam. (in.)	Flare Angle (deg)	Flare Position	Test No.
6	21	2.81	0.236	4.534	30	aft	20-512
↓	22	↓	↓	4.540	45	aft	↓
↓	23	↓	↓	4.540	30	fwd	↓
↓	24	↓	↓	4.544	45	fwd	↓
↓	25	↓	↓	5.105	30	aft	↓

## I. INTRODUCTION

Wind-tunnel Tests 21-115 and 20-512 were tests of JPL models of a NASA blunt body. The purpose of the tests was to investigate the aerodynamic effects of flares mounted on a blunt body. The approximate aerodynamic parameters for the tests were Mach No. 2.81, 4.54, and 6.00, and Reynolds No./in. from  $0.013 \times 10^6$  to  $0.347 \times 10^6$ . The test\* variables-and-ranges were angle of attack from 0 to 30 deg and 180 to 210 deg, flare angles of 30 and 45 deg, flare diameters of approximately 4.5 and 5.0 in., and two flare locations.

The model configuration consisted of a blunted 10-deg cone with a conical afterbody having a 100-deg apex angle and one of six possible flare configurations. Forces and moments were obtained for the complete model.

The test was conducted at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) during the period from June 6 to 7, 1962 and from July 1 to 2, 1962.

## II. MODEL DESCRIPTION

The model is shown in Fig. 1 and 2. A more detailed description of the model is shown in Fig. 3.

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\*The notations used in this Report are defined in the Nomenclature.

### III. WIND TUNNEL AND INSTRUMENTATION

Reference 1 describes the construction and operating conditions of the 20-in. supersonic wind tunnel and the 21-in. hypersonic wind tunnel. The wind tunnels have a nominal test-section size of 20 in. square and 21 in. square, respectively, a Mach range from 1.3 to 5.0 and 5.0 to 10, respectively, flexible plate nozzles, and operate with continuous flow. Table 1 presents representative values of the test-section flow parameters for the Mach numbers at which this test was conducted.

A six-component, internal, strain-gage balance was used to measure force-and-moment data.

### IV. TEST PROCEDURE

Prior to actual test operations, measurements were made to determine the position of the model, the deflection constants, and the balance tares. During the test, data points were obtained at successive values of angle of attack. These data points were plotted vs angle of attack, and any data which appeared questionable were checked before the conclusion of the run. At least one data point was checked even if all data appeared correct.



## V. DATA REDUCTION

The force-and-moment data were reduced to dimensionless coefficients in the model center-of-gravity coordinate system. The coefficients were obtained as follows:

$$\text{force coefficient} = \frac{\text{force}}{q A}$$

$$\text{moment coefficient} = \frac{\text{moment}}{q A d}$$

where

$q$  = free-stream dynamic pressure (psi)

$A$  = reference area = 12.57 (in.<sup>2</sup>)

$d$  = reference length = 4.00 (in.)

and the point about which the moments were measured was 1.94 in. aft from the model nose, on the model centerline.

The coefficients were obtained on a digital computer by a standardized series of formulae as indicated in Ref. 2. The repeatability of the coefficient data is indicated in Table 2.

The coefficients are defined in the Nomenclature, and the coefficient sign conventions are shown in Figure 4.

## VI. RESULTS

The results of this test have been reduced to dimensionless coefficients and are presented in Plot Series 1a through 6b. No attempt was made in this Report to interpret the results.


NOMENCLATURE

General

- A reference area (12.57 in.<sup>2</sup>)
- d reference length (4.00 in.)
- M free-stream nominal Mach number
- $P_t$  tunnel supply-section stagnation pressure (cm Hg)
- Re/in. Reynolds number per inch
- $T_t$  tunnel supply-section stagnation temperature (°F)
- $\alpha$  model angle of attack

Model\*

- $I( )$  basic configuration, model to sting; angle equals 0 deg
- $V( )$  basic configuration, model to sting; angle equals 180 deg

Model Subscript Data			
Subscrip No.	Max. Flare Diam (in.)	Flare Angle (deg)	Flare Position**
1	5.105	30	aft
2	4.534	30	
3	4.540	45	
4	5.076	45	
5	4.540	30	fwd
6	4.544	45	fwd

\*\*For flare position, see Fig. 3.

\*Model subscript data are shown in above Nomenclature Table.

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Table 1. Average aerodynamic parameters

Parameter	Mach Number		
	2.81	4.54	6.00
Static pressure (psia)	0.559	0.025 to 0.208	0.012 to 0.110
Stagnation pressure (psia)	15.41	7.70 to 63.56	19.26 to 173.34
Dynamic pressure (psia)	3.09	0.73 to 3.01	0.30 to 2.77
Reynolds number (per in. $\times 10^{-6}$ )	0.206	0.042 to 0.347	0.013 to 0.347

Table 2. Coefficient repeatability

Mach No.	Coefficient*	
	$C_c$	$C_{m_{cg}}$
2.81	0.0014	0.0014
4.54	0.0056	0.0008
6.00	0.0081	0.0063

\*Based upon the following reference area and length:  $A=12.57 \text{ in.}^2$  and  $d = 4.00 \text{ in.}$

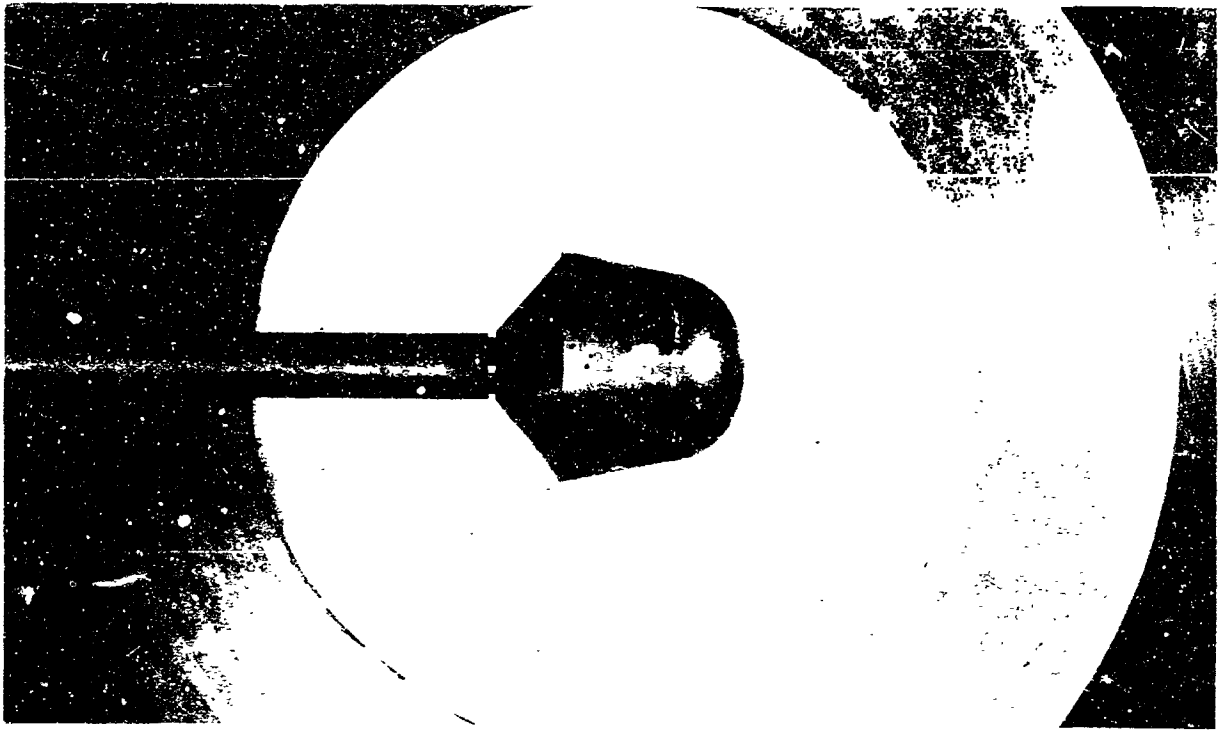


Fig. 1. Installation of model configurations I

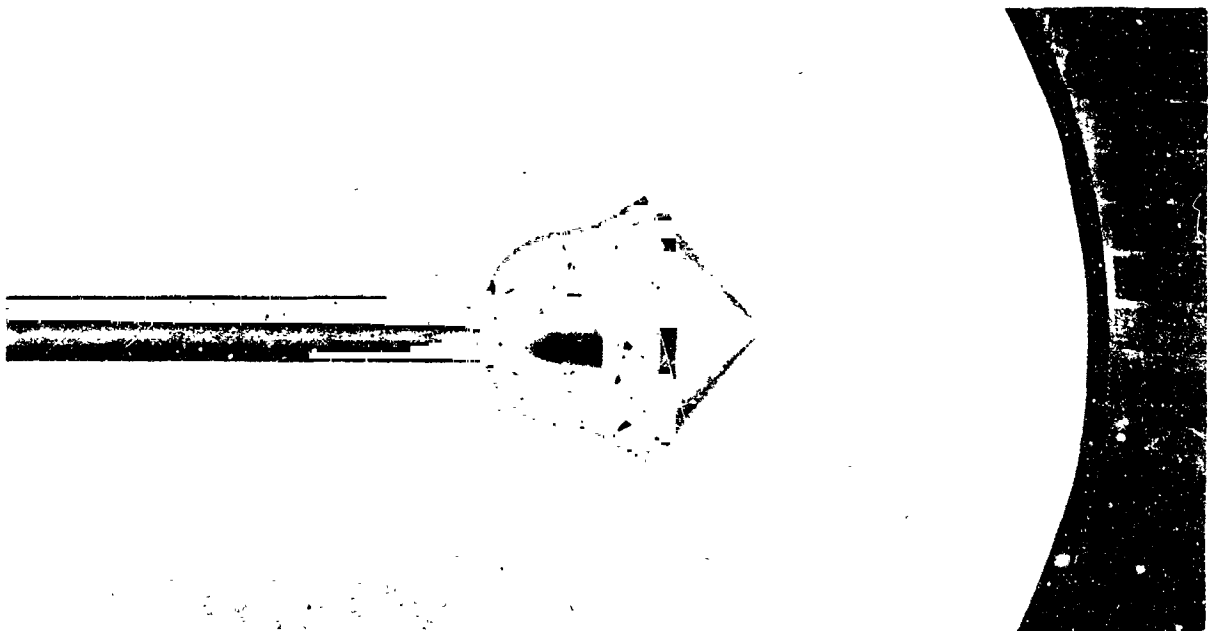


Fig. 2. Installation of model configurations V<sub>5</sub>

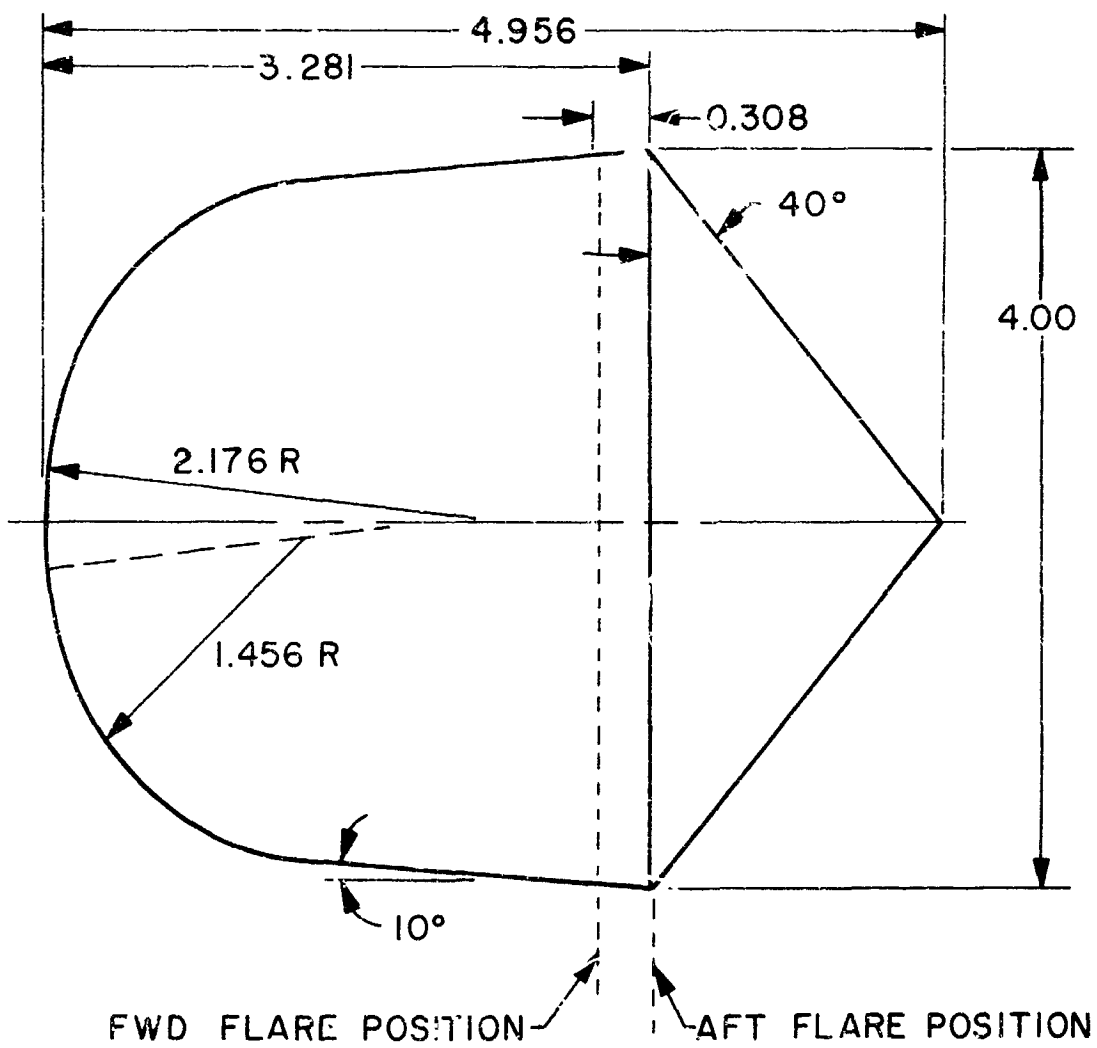


Fig. 3. Model dimensions

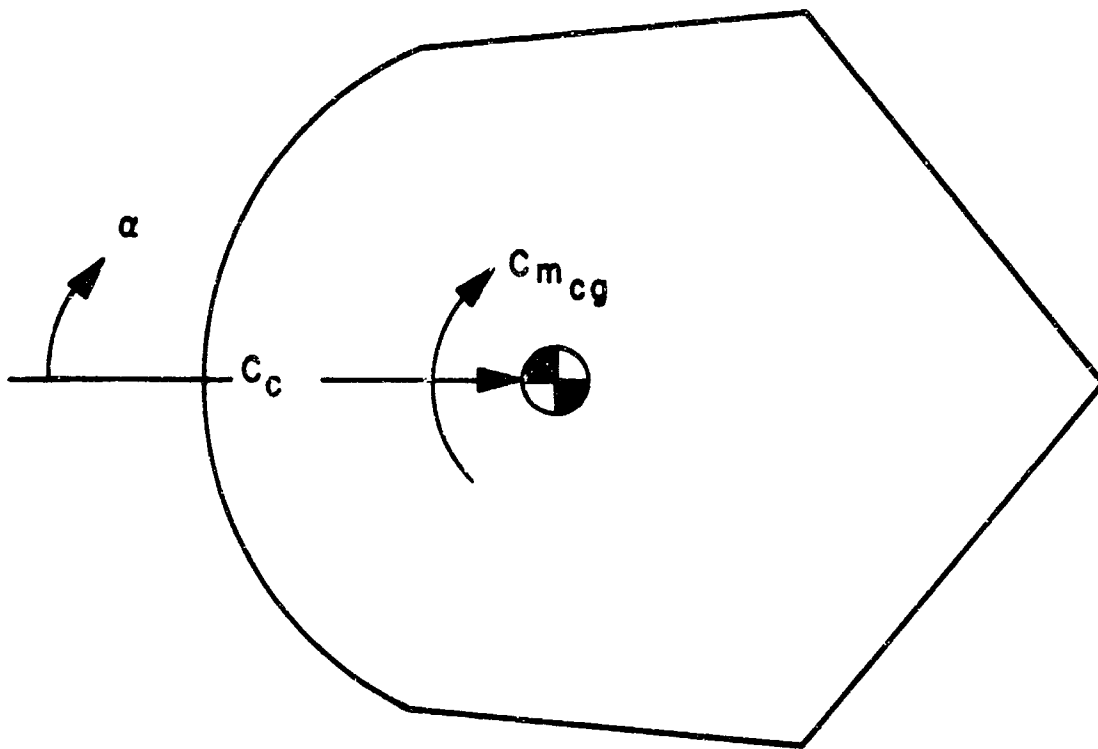
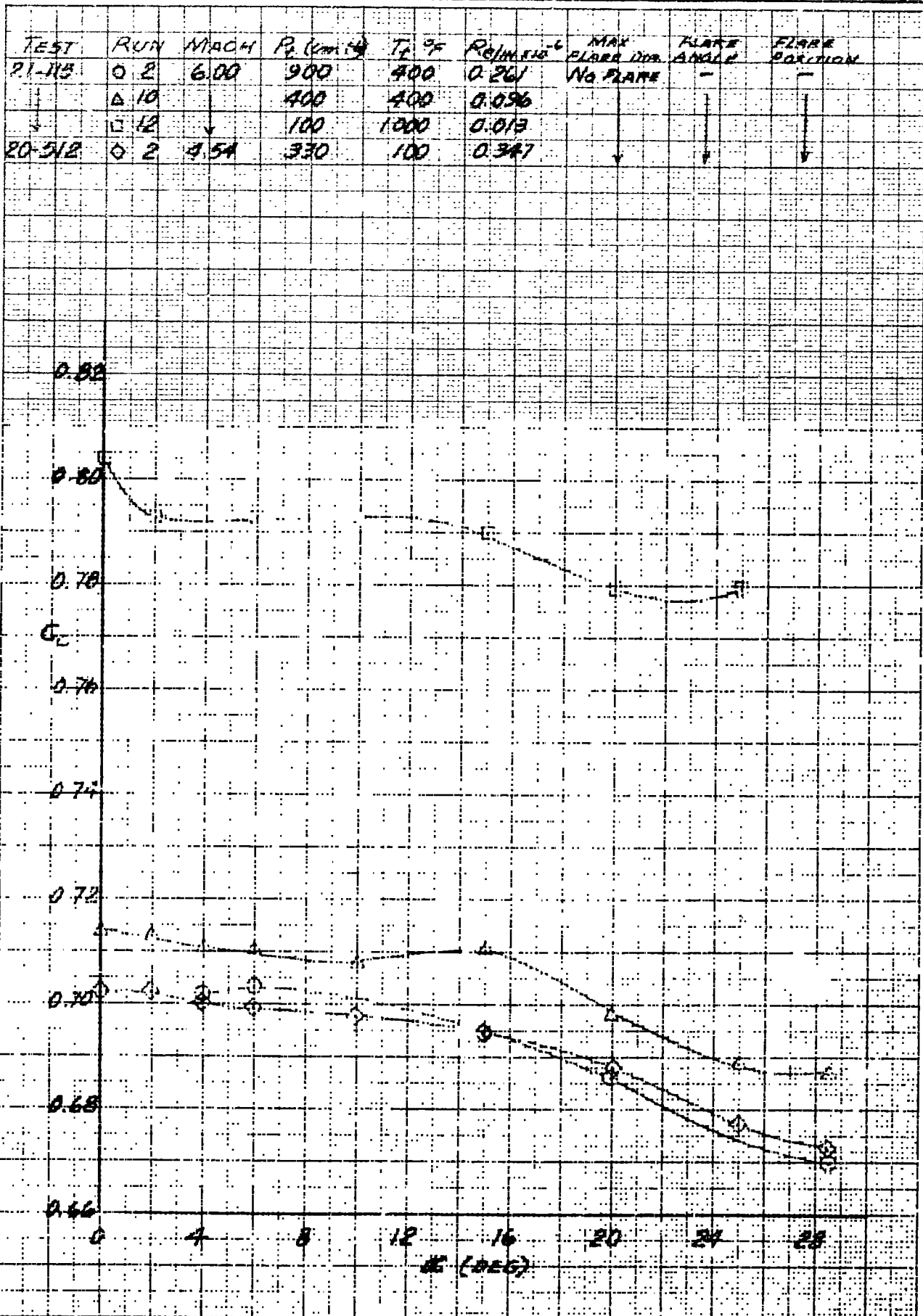


Fig. 4. Sign conventions

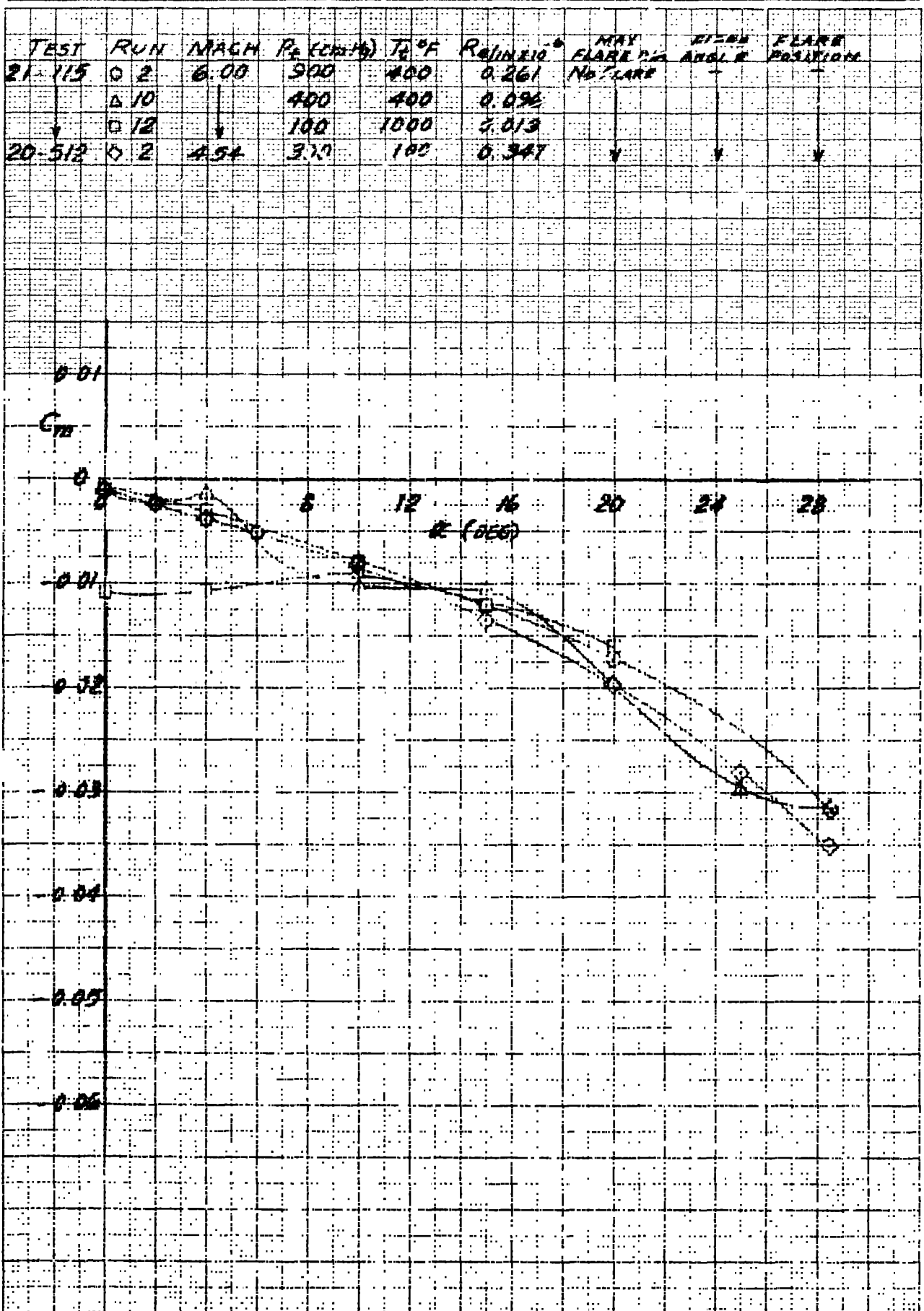
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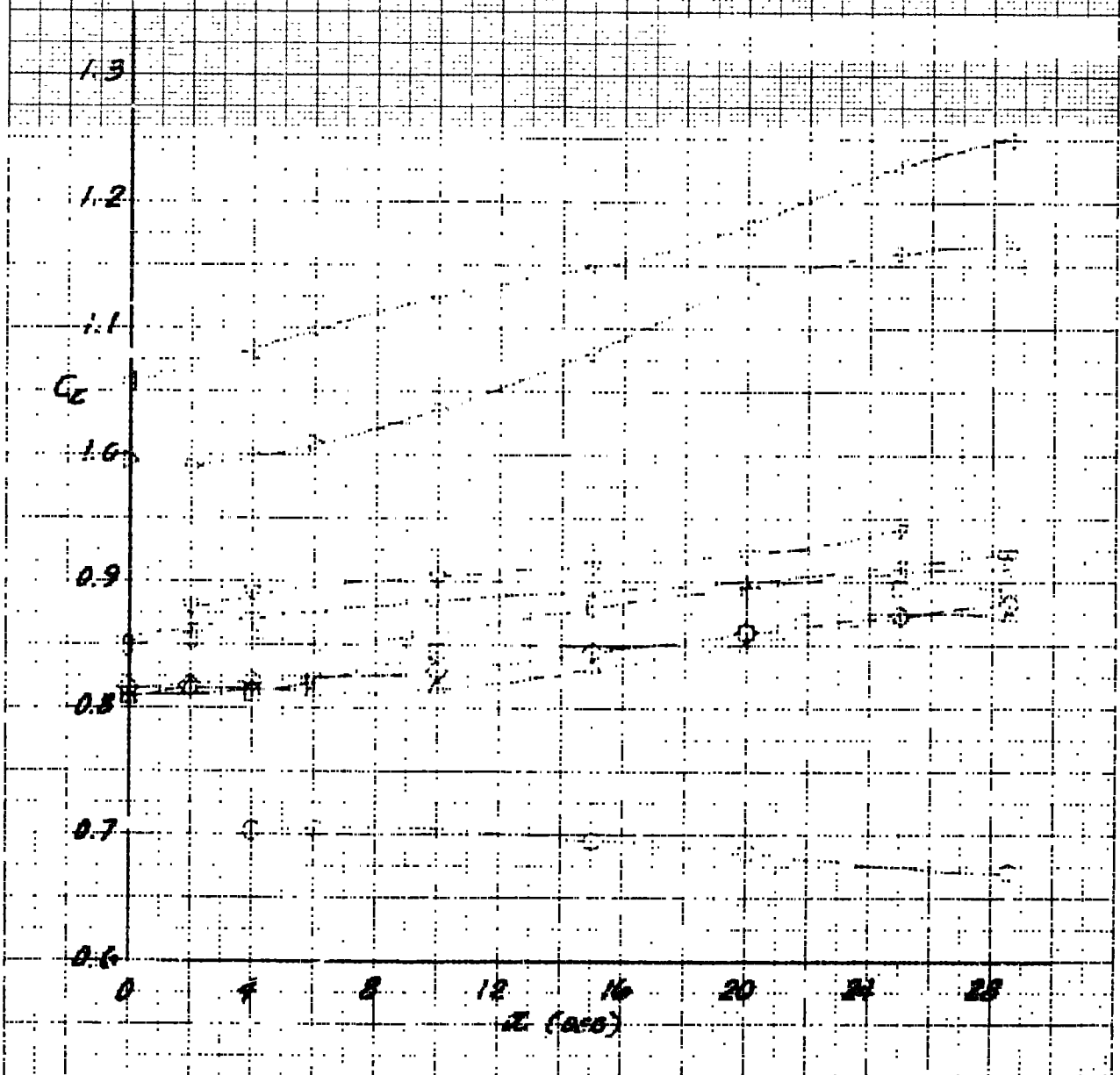


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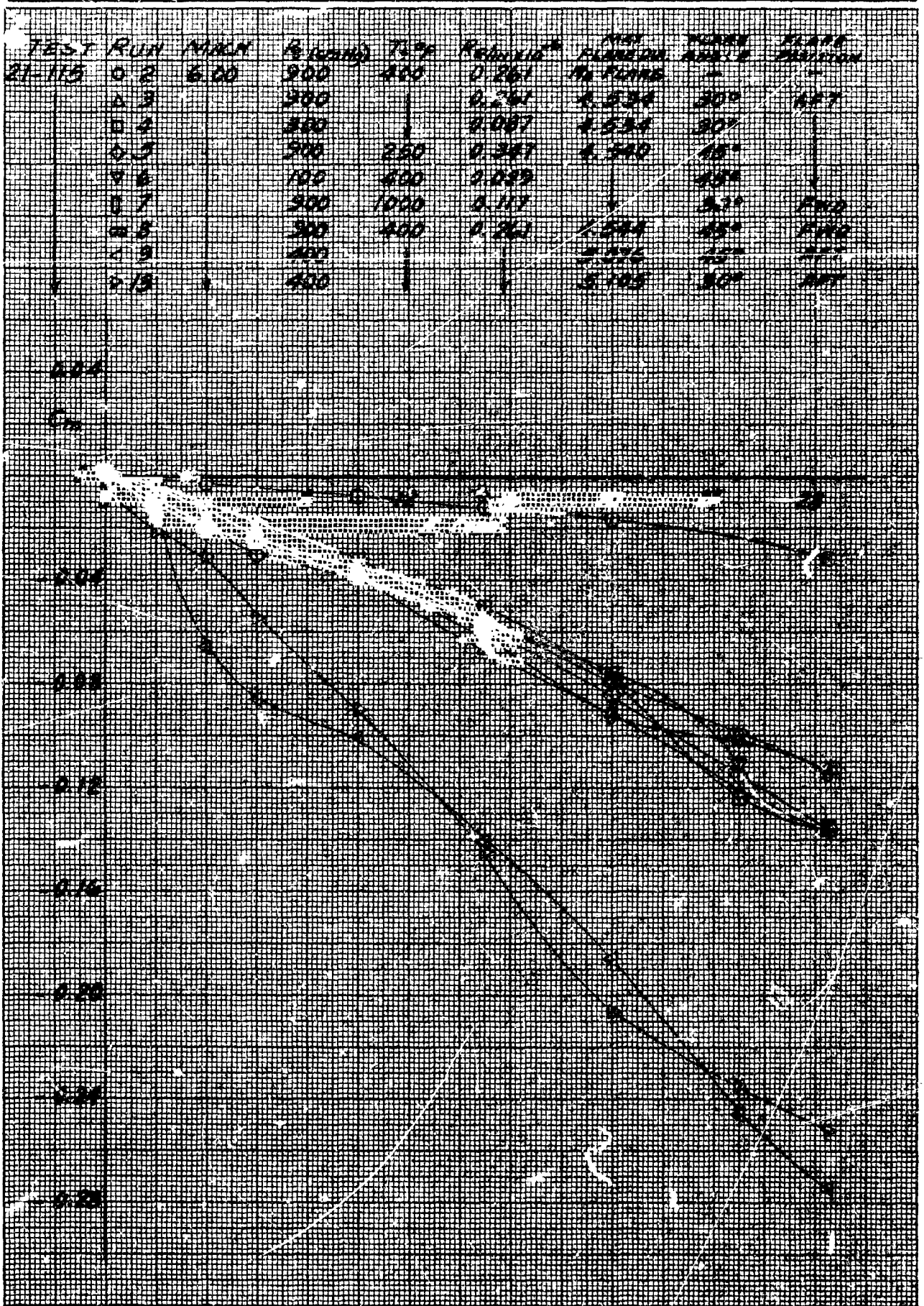


PLOT 1b

TEST	RUN	MACH	P <sub>2</sub> (cm Hg)	Z, %	Reynolds <sup>-6</sup>	MAX. FLARE DIA.	FLARE ANGLE	FLARE POSITION
21-115	0 2	6.00	900	400	0.261	No FLARE	-	-
	Δ 3		500		0.261	4.534	30°	AFT
	□ 4		300		0.087	4.534	30°	
	◇ 5		900	250	0.347	4.540	45°	
	∨ 6		100	400	0.029		45°	
	0 7		900	1000	0.117		30°	FWD
	0 8		900	400	0.261	4.544	45°	FWD
	∨ 9		400			5.076	45°	AFT
	▷ 10		400			5.105	30°	AFT

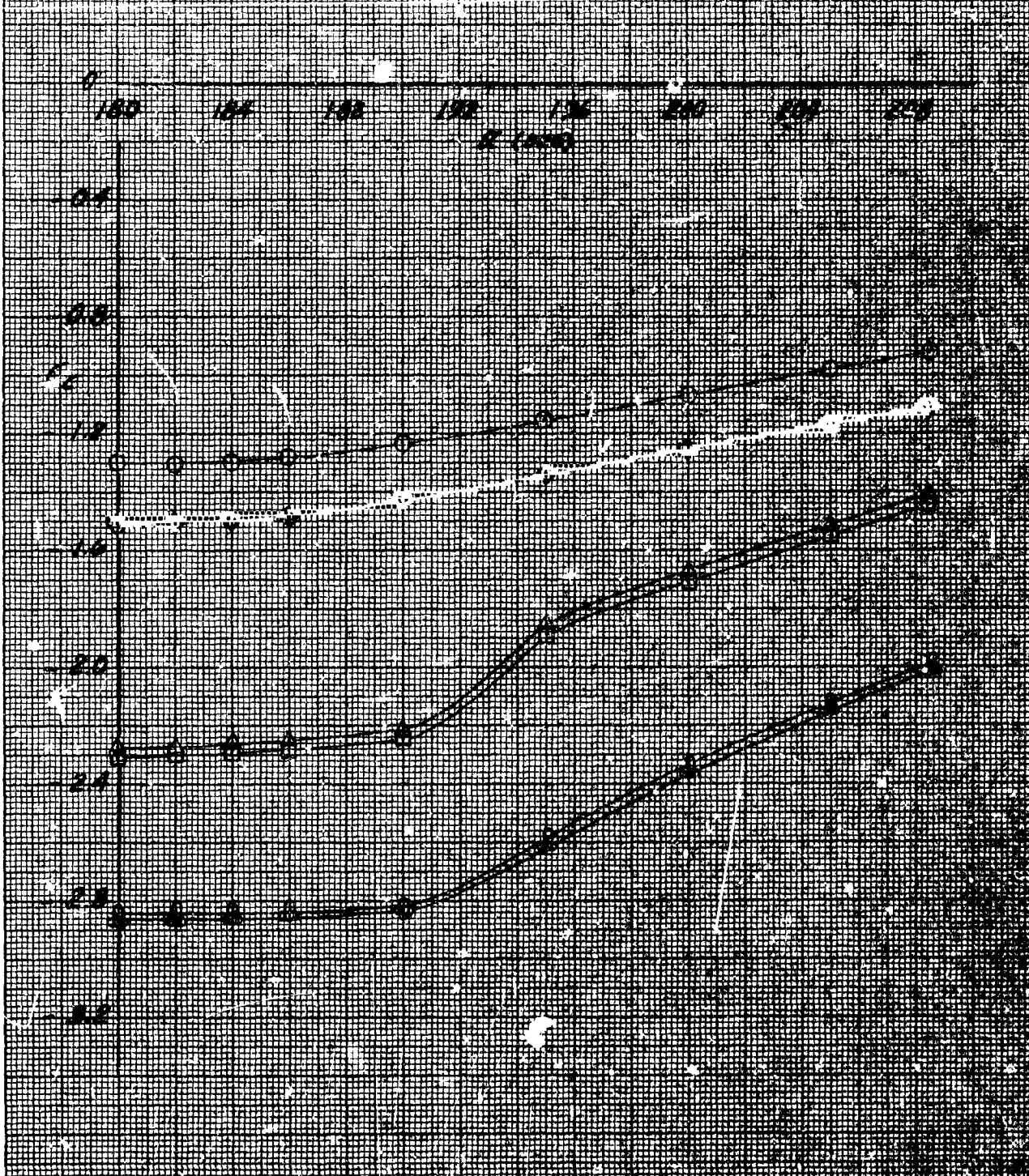


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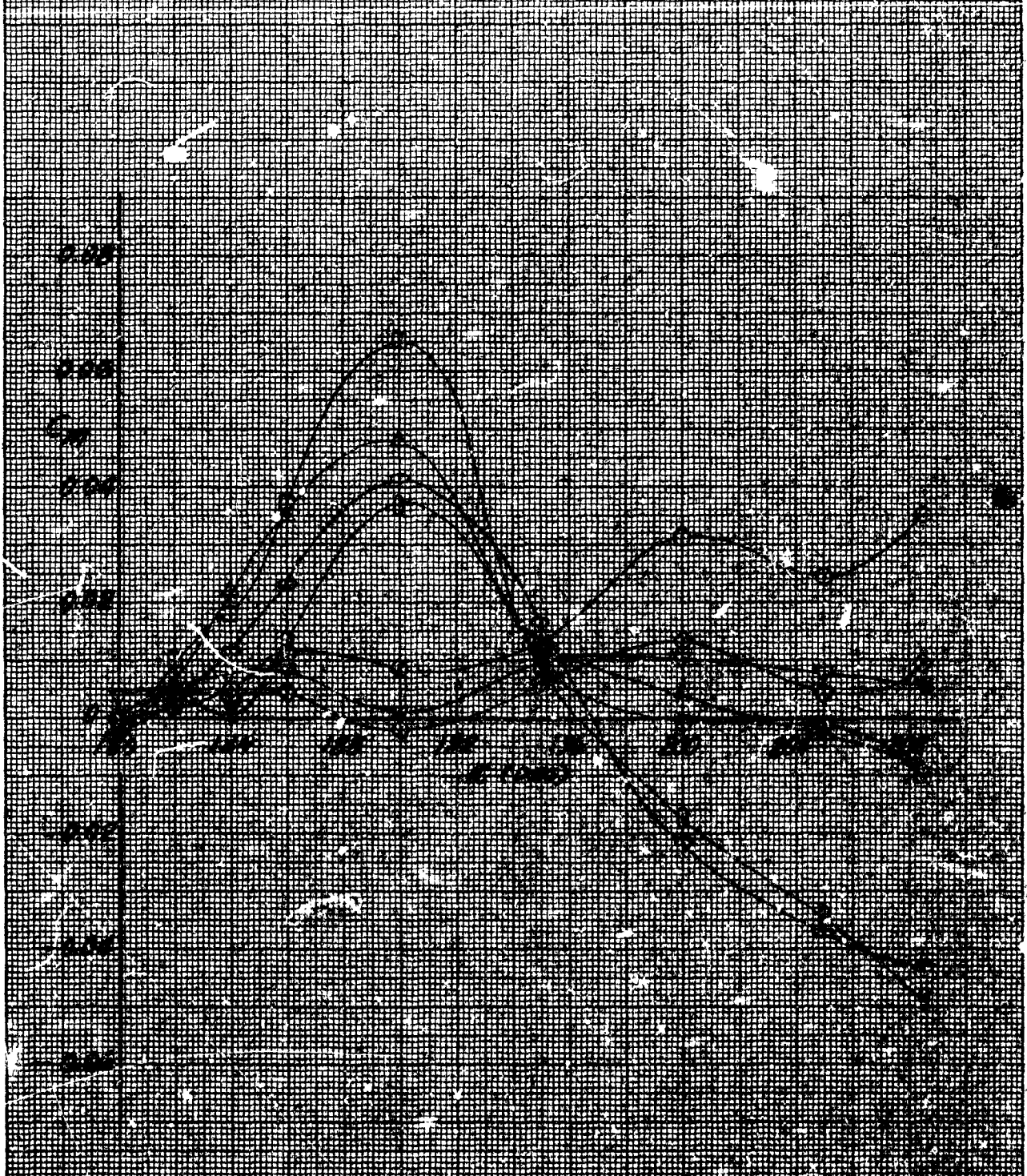
TEST	RUN	MASS	PLUMBO	TO	W	PLUMBO	PLUMBO	PLUMBO
21-115	16	6.30	100	100	0.00%	16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
Δ	15					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
○	16					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
◇	17					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
▽	18					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
⊖	19					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100
○	20					16.1100	16.1100	16.1100



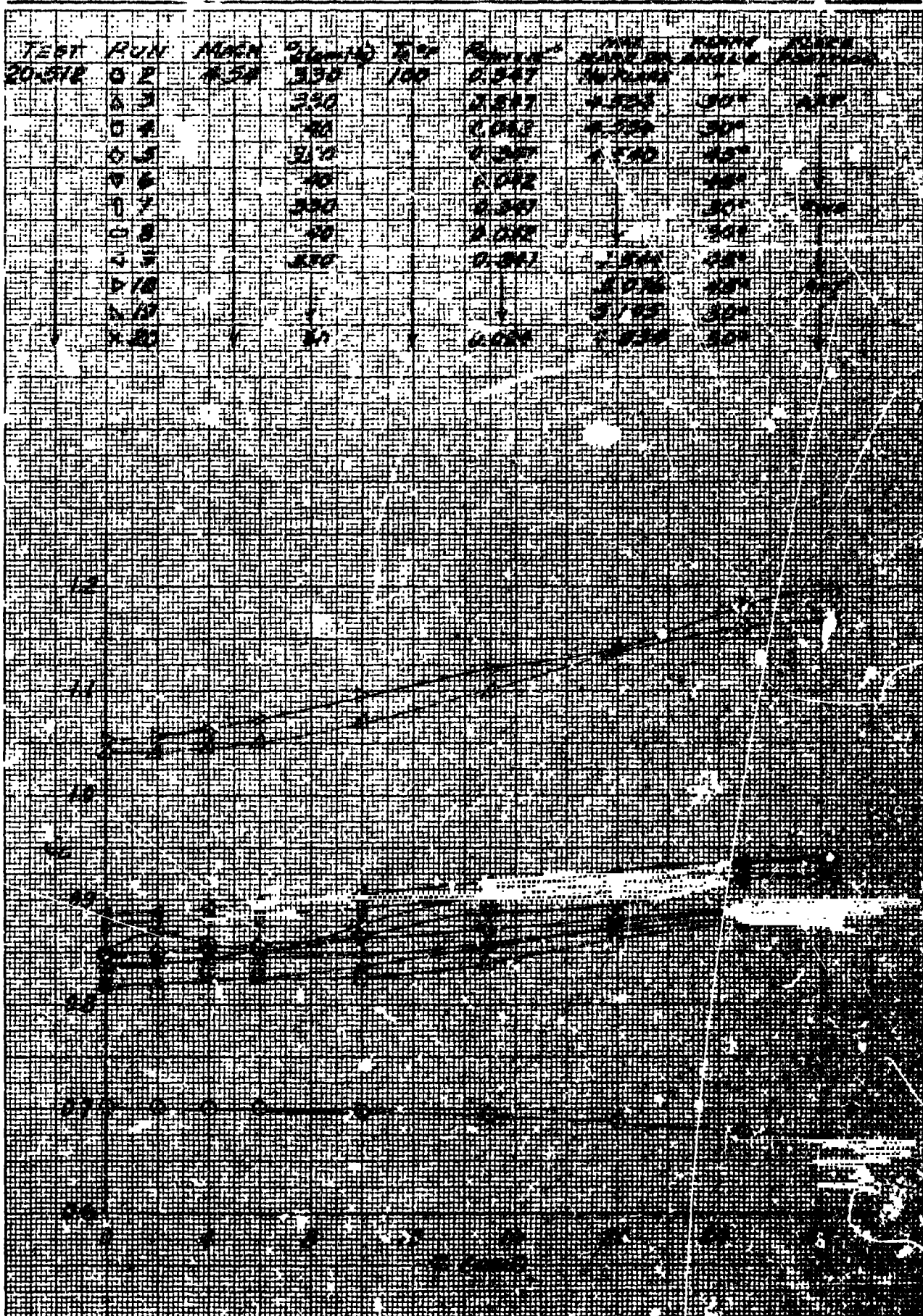


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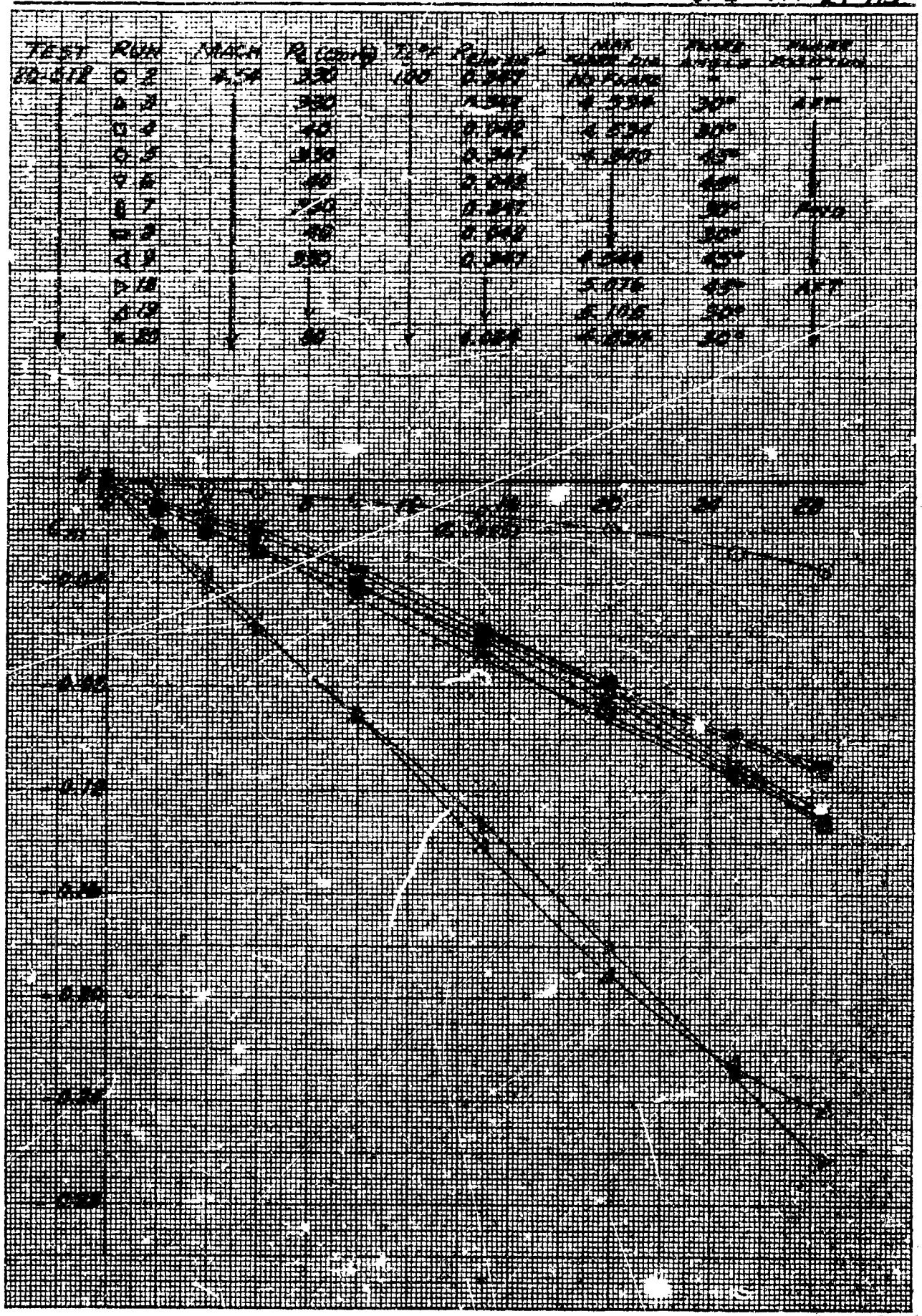
TEST	RUN	MACH	Pressure	Temp	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure	Pressure
21-115	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.15							
	0.20							
	0.25							
	0.30							
	0.35							
	0.40							
	0.45							
	0.50							



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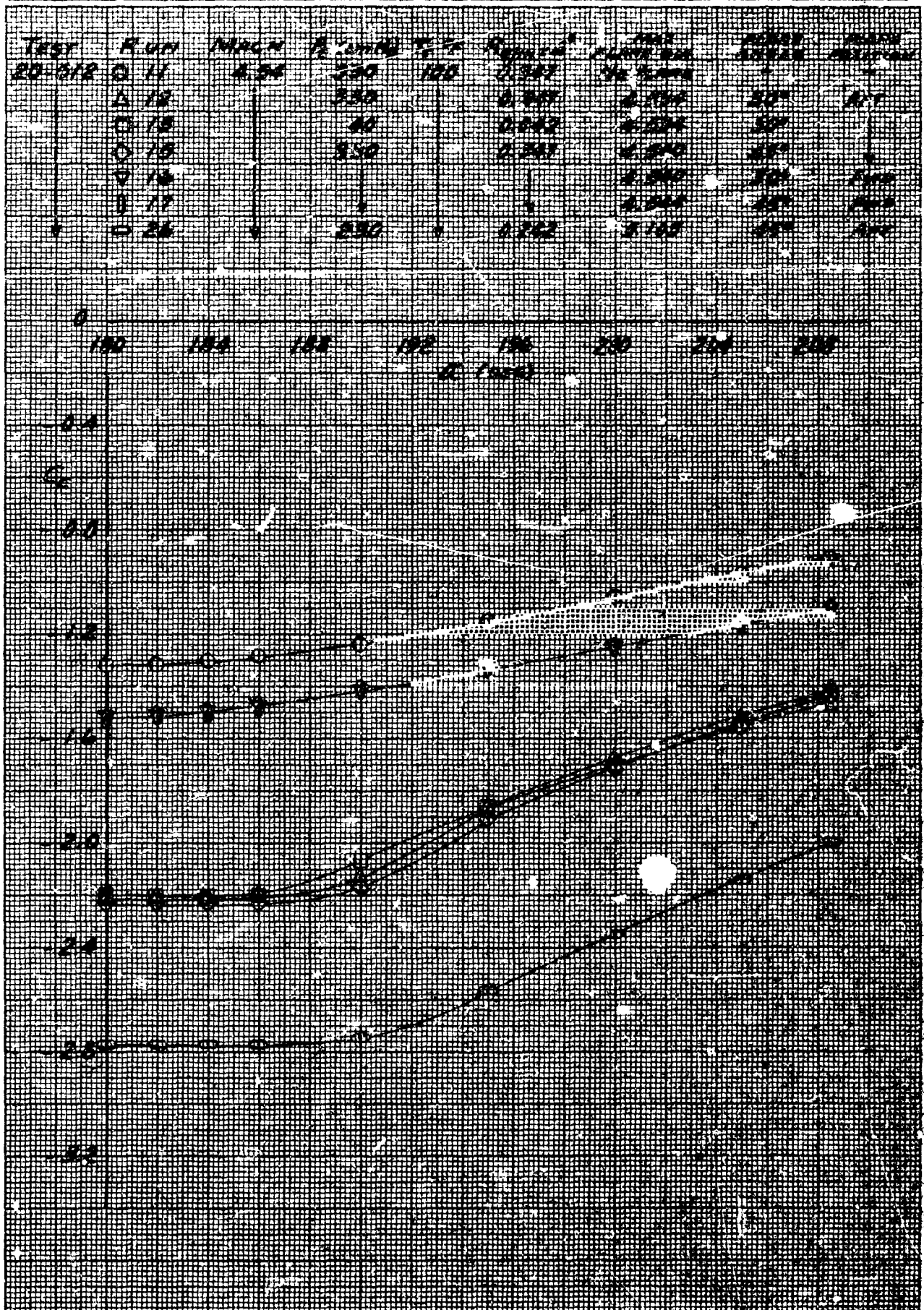
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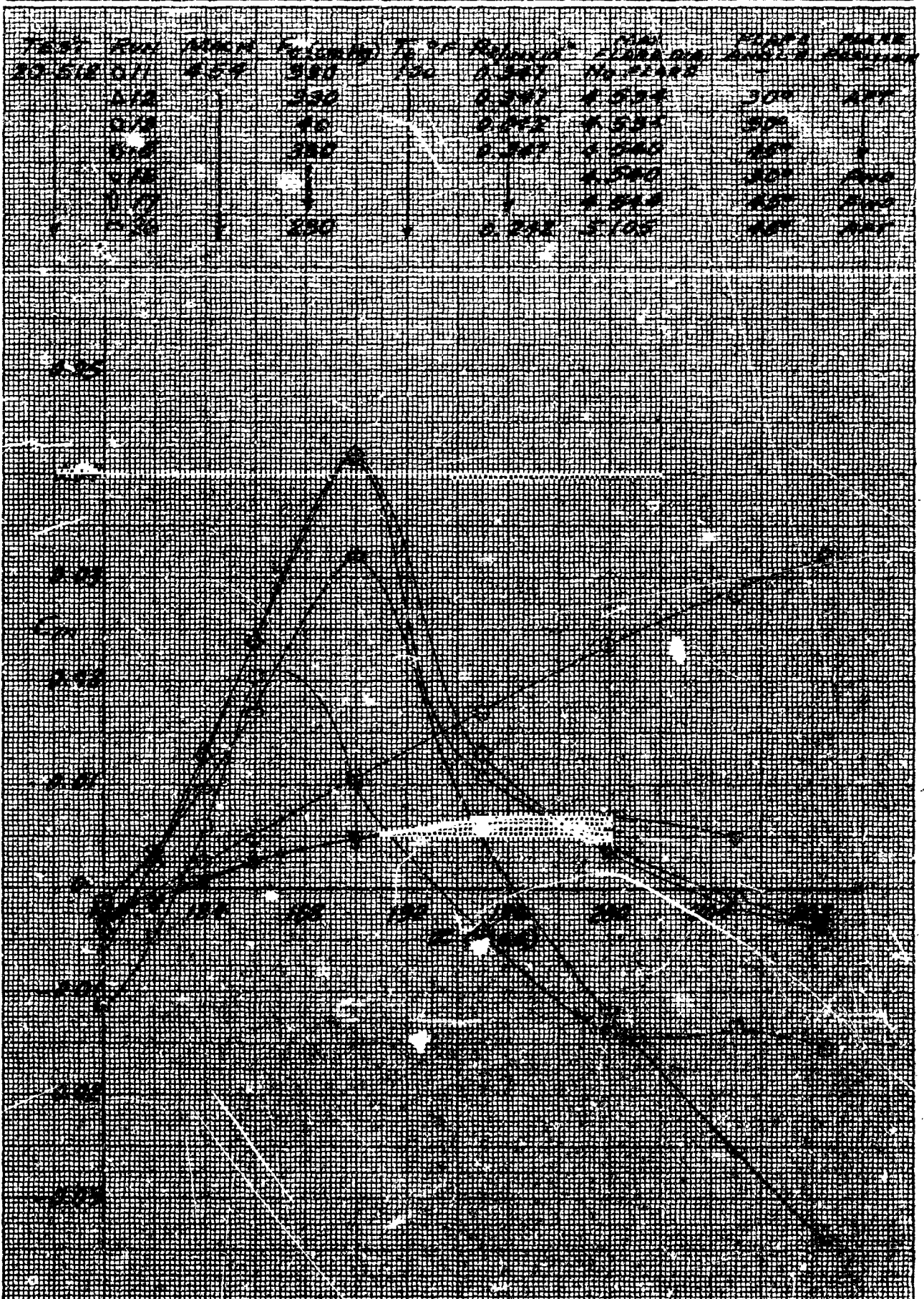


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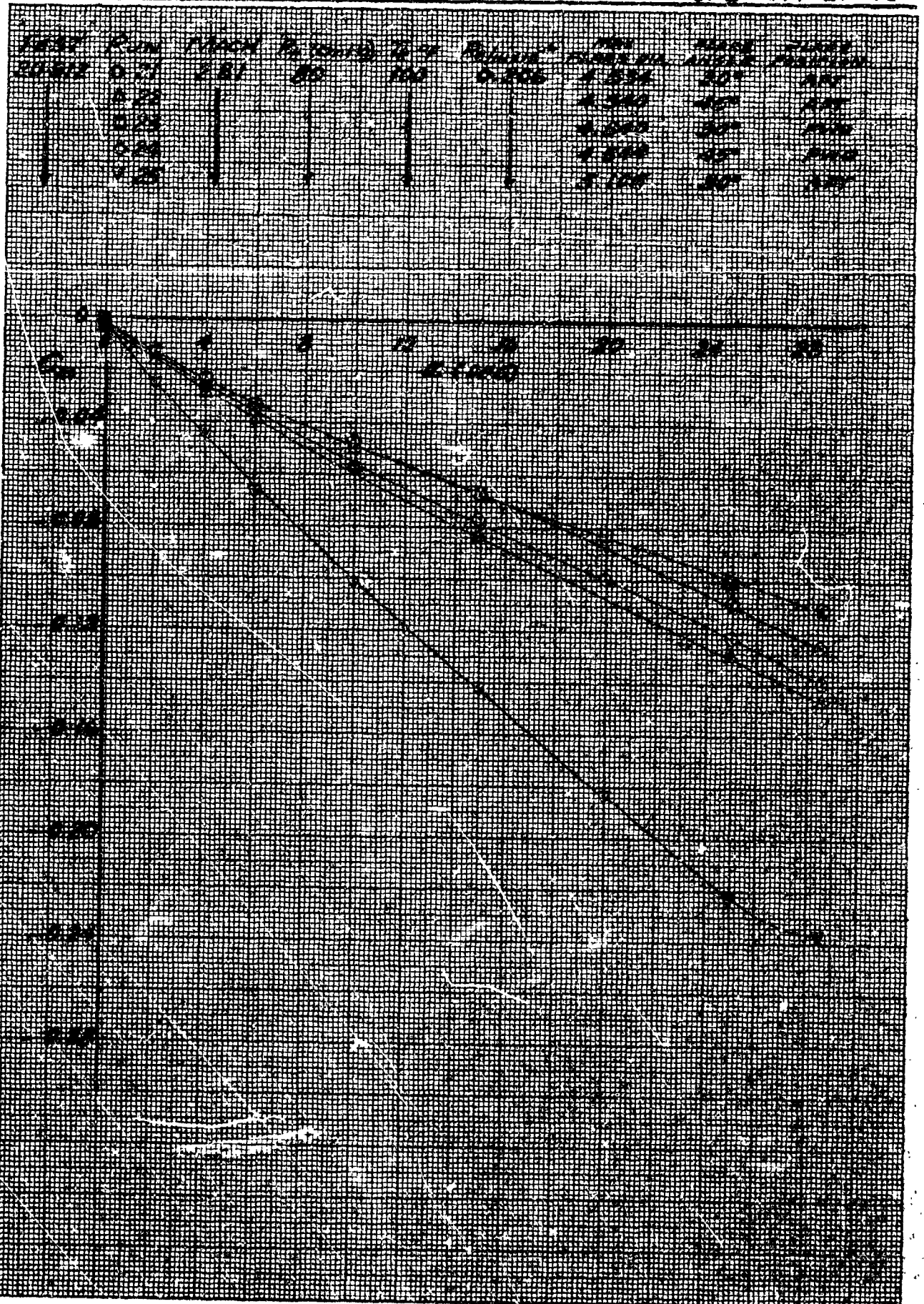


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