

ABSTRACT

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EFFECT OF INLET INGESTION OF A WING TIP VORTEX ON TURBOJET STALL MARGIN

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SUMMARY

A two-dimensional inlet and J85-GE-13 turbojet engine were placed in a Mach 0.4 stream in the Lewis 10- by 10-Foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel so as to ingest the tip vortex of a forward mounted wing. The vortex was ingested at various vertical locations across the inlet entrance. Wing angle variations were utilized to produce vortices of maximum strength that rotated either with or opposite to the engine rotation.

Results show that ingestion of a wing tip vortex by a turbojet engine can cause a large reduction in engine stall margin. Stall occurred at a compressor pressure ratio that was as much as 33 percent (along a line of constant corrected speed) closer to the nominal normal operating line than the undistorted inflow stall line. Vortex location at the compressor face and vortex rotational direction had a significant effect on stall compressor pressure ratio. Vortex induced stall pressure ratios did not correlate with total-pressure variations across the compressor face.

INTRODUCTION

Some aircraft require the use of forward mounted stub wings for stability and control purposes. At large angles of attack, such a wing would generate a strong tip vortex. With propulsion systems mounted on or close to the fuselage, it is probable that certain combinations of airplane pitch and yaw would cause the vortex to trail aft into the engine air inlet. The effects of such a vortex ingestion on engine operating characteristics are unknown but may be degrading enough to cause engine stall.

A study of these phenomena was conducted in the Lewis 10- by 10-Foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel with the test section operating at a subsonic speed of Mach 0.4. Reynolds number was 7.5×10^6 per meter. A wing was mounted in the test section forward of a two-dimensional inlet-engine combination so that the tip vortex trailed aft into the inlet and impinged on the J85-GE-13 engine compressor face. A preliminary study using the inlet with a coldpipe (ref. 1) found that the strongest vortex was created by the wing at 11 degrees angle of attack. The maximum tangential velocity of the vortex, just prior to its entering the inlet, was 57 percent of the local stream velocity. Tangential velocities at the simulated compressor face were as high as 25 percent of the local stream velocity. This report presents the effect of this vortex ingestion on the stall limits of the J85-GE-13 turbojet engine.

and scheduled by the main fuel control as a function of corrected speed. This provides the normal interstage bleed schedule. For stall attempts during this test and for all comparison data presented herein, the guide vanes were computer controlled on a nonstandard schedule providing the maximum allowable bleed closure for safe engine operation as dictated by compressor blade vibration limits. This procedure was required to obtain the maximum assurance of engine stall at corrected speeds below 94 percent of rated speed.

Compressor stalls were initiated by closing the exhaust nozzle. In order to lower turbine temperatures during this procedure, the first stage turbine nozzle was replaced by a unit approximately 14 percent smaller in area. This rematched the turbine to the compressor at a lower than normal turbine inlet temperature.

At engine speeds below 90 percent of rated speed, manual closure of the standard exhaust nozzle resulted in minimum nozzle areas that were too large to cause compressor stall. To obtain smaller nozzle areas (and higher compressor pressure ratios), six airflow blockage plates were installed inside the nozzle leaves.

Steady state operation of the J85-GE-13 engine, while coupled to an axisymmetric mixed-compression inlet is reported in reference 2. Reference 3 reports transient interactions between the engine and the same inlet.

Wing

Details of the wing are shown in figure 3. The wing had a slight aft sweep of the leading edge and a forward sweep of the trailing edge. Also, the wing was symmetrical with parallel upper and lower surfaces over much of the chord. The leading edge was a 4.52 to 1 ellipse and the trailing edge was formed by a 25 degree included angle and faired into the straight sides of the wing.

The wing was mounted in the tunnel test section forward of the inlet and extended vertically down from a circular inset in the tunnel ceiling (fig. 4). Wing angle of attack was varied by rotating the circular inset. The inlet location aft of the wing (fig. 5) placed the ramp edge 8.2 wing-tip chord lengths downstream of the wing-tip trailing edge. A typical vortex path from the wing to the inlet is shown in figures 5 and 6. This path was produced by the wing at +11 degrees angle of attack (ref. 1). The inlet is shown at zero degree angle of attack. The inlet was placed at various vertical locations relative to the vortex trailing aft from the wing by pitching the inlet to various angles of attack. Maximum angle-of-attack variation during the test was from zero to -7 degrees. As indicated in figure 5, positive angle of attack was opposite to the normal convention. This was because the inlet was mounted upside down in the tunnel.

Instrumentation

The compressor face pressure instrumentation is shown in figure 7. The 36 total-pressure probes were area weighted in the following manner. The compressor face area was divided into six equal area rings. Long rakes were placed 60 degrees apart around the duct with three total probes in each rake. Probes were centered at the mid area locations of the first ring (innermost), third ring, and fifth ring. Short rakes were centered between the long rakes. The total pressure probes of the short rakes were centered at the mid area locations of the second, fourth, and sixth rings. The compressor discharge pressure was measured by the eight radially area weighted total-pressure probes shown in figure 8. The engine speed was measured by a magnetic pickup which sensed the tooth passage of a rotating gear which was attached to the customer power take-off shaft from the engine gearbox. The engine corrected airflow was not measured directly but was determined from the compressor operating map previously determined for this engine in connected pipe tests (ref. 4). Specifically, the corrected airflow was picked from the compressor map to correspond to the measured compressor pressure ratio and engine corrected speed. This procedure required a linear interpolation between the existing constant corrected speed lines. The turbine discharge temperature was carefully monitored during all engine stall attempts and was measured by eight thermocouples, which were installed by the engine manufacturer and wired in parallel to give an average reading.

Test Procedure

Stall attempts were made with the wing set at 11 degrees angle of attack to produce a vortex of maximum strength (ref. 1). The effects of both positive and negative angles of attack were investigated. A positive angle of attack (defined in fig. 9) produced a counterclockwise rotating vortex when viewed from upstream which rotated in the same direction as the engine. Conversely, a negative angle of attack produced a clockwise rotating vortex which rotated counter to the engine rotation.

With a given wing angle of attack, a series of stall attempts were made at each selected engine corrected airflow. Each stall attempt of the series occurred with the vortex entering the inlet at a different vertical location between the cowl lip and the inlet ramp edge. Prior to each series, a vertical location reference point was obtained by pitching the inlet and using the tunnel schlieren system to visually impinge the center of the trailing vortex on the cowl lip.

All stall attempts were initiated at the lowest compressor pressure ratio available at the selected engine corrected airflow. The initial condition was achieved by controlling the throttle to set the selected corrected airflow while keeping the exhaust nozzle open. The stall point was approached by closing the nozzle to increase the compressor pressure ratio while manually biasing the throttle to keep a constant compressor face static- to total-pressure ratio (i.e., a constant corrected airflow).

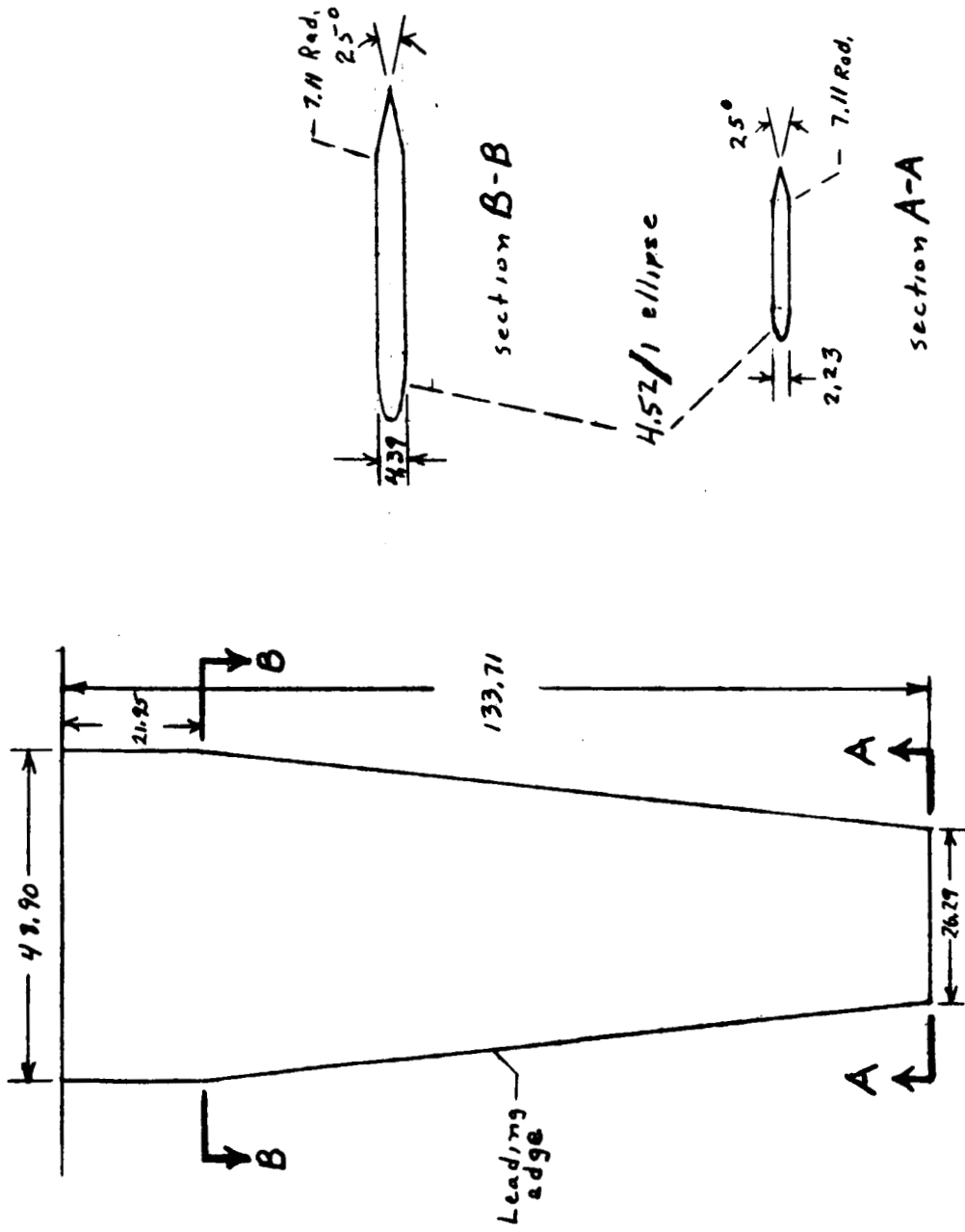


Figure 3. - Details of wing (All dimensions are in centimeters).

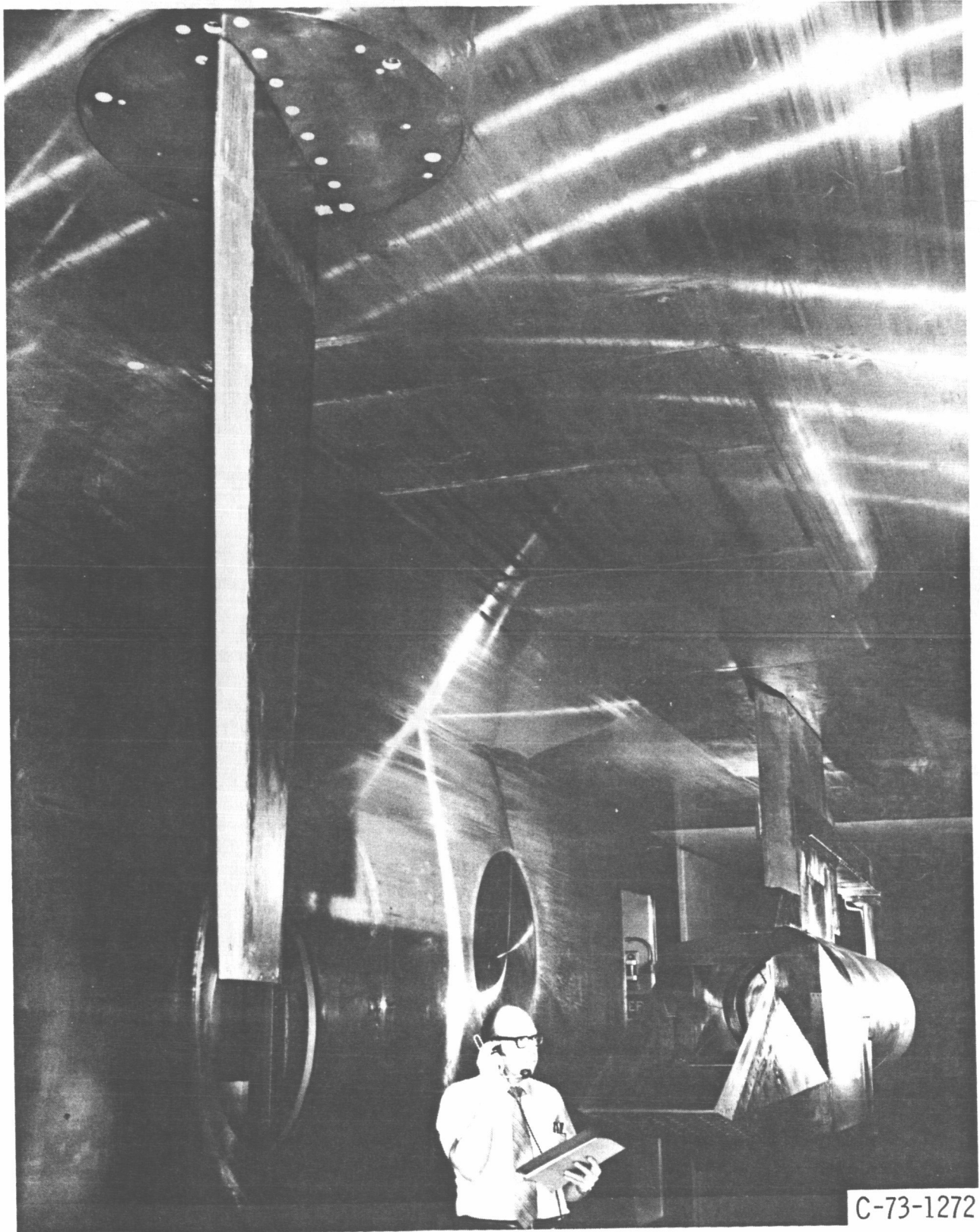


Figure 4. - Wing and inlet installed in 10- by 10-Foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel.



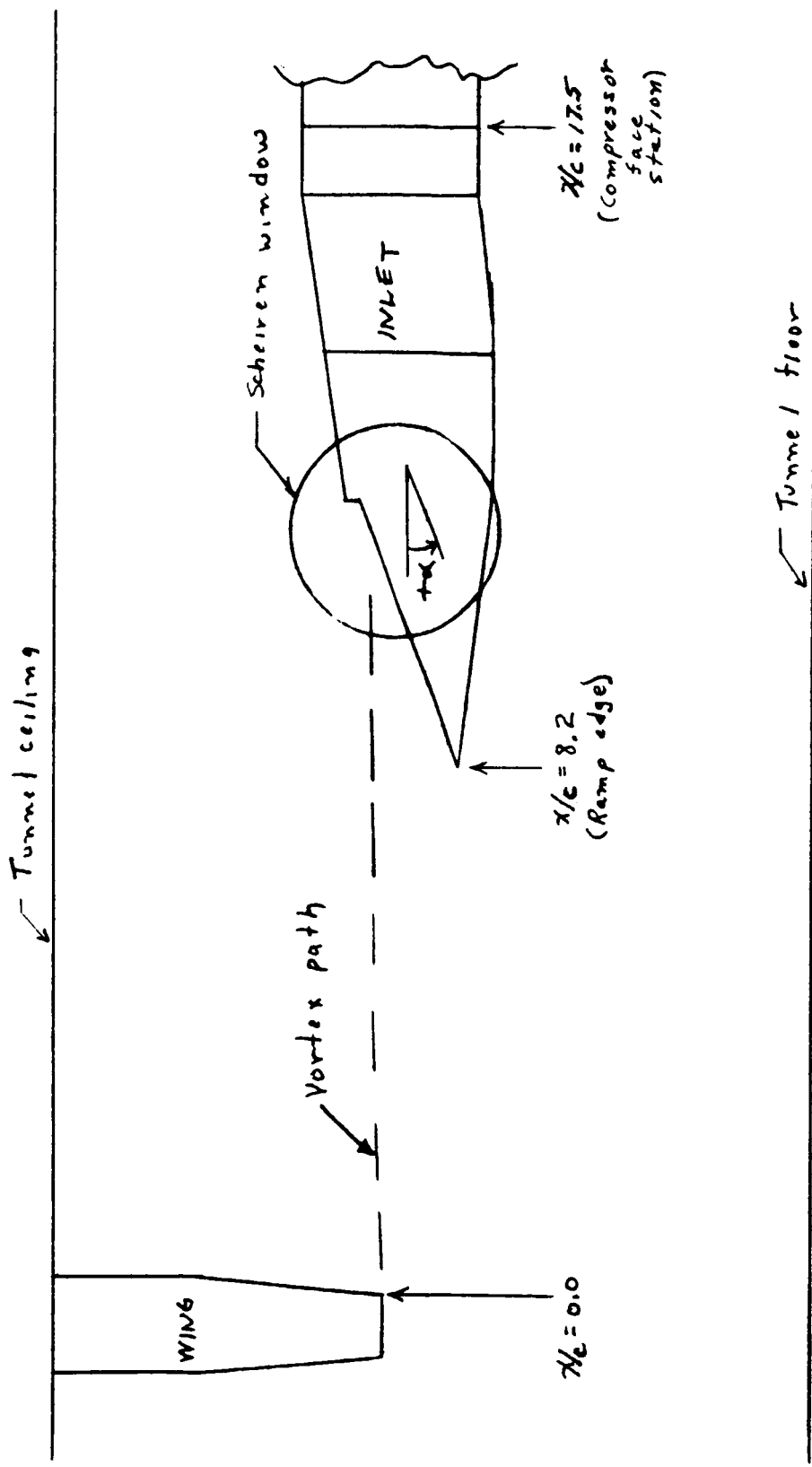


Figure 5. - Schematic of test set up.

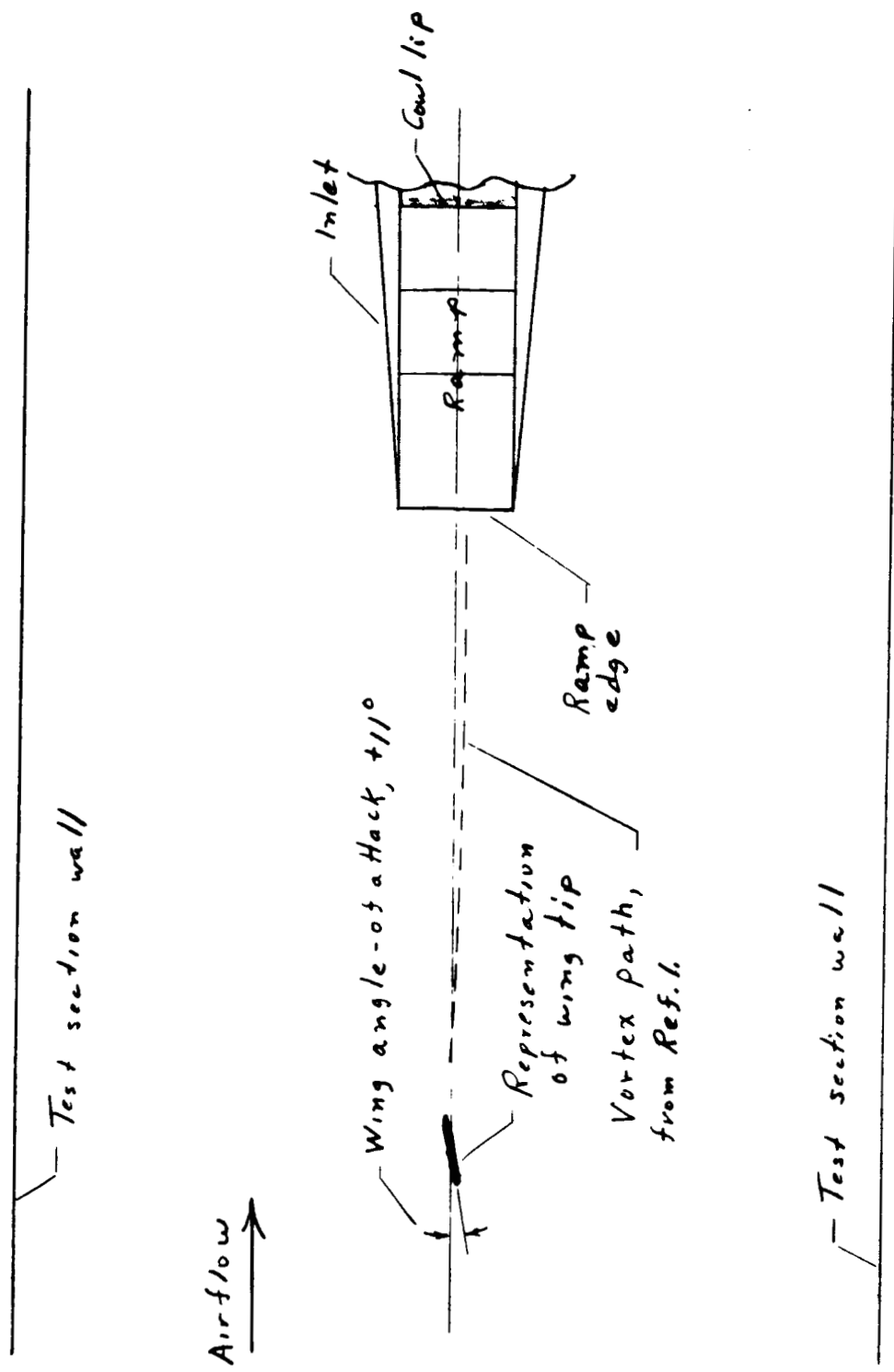
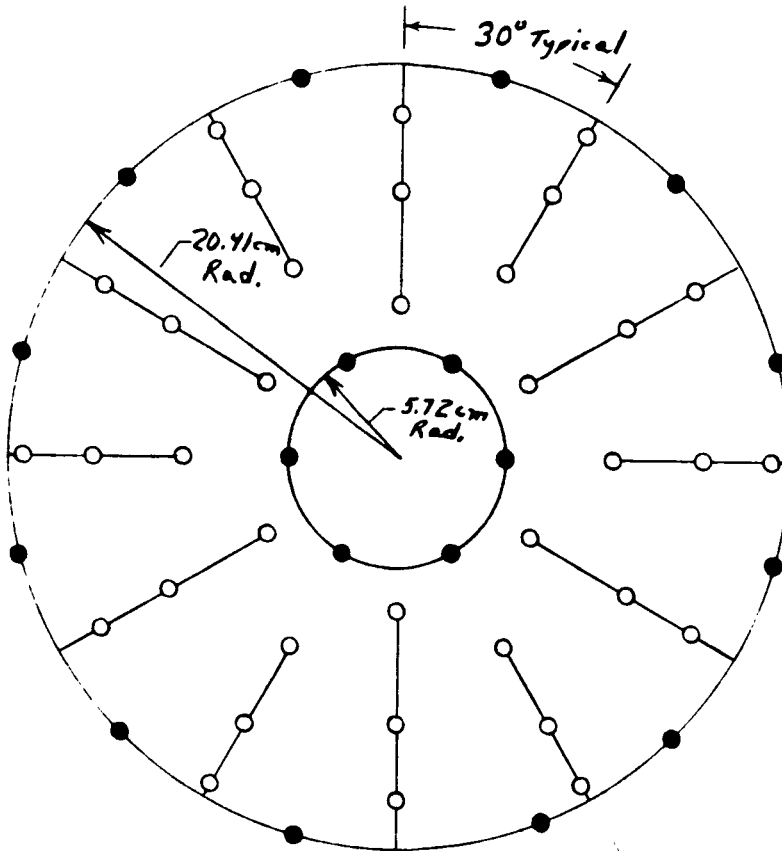


Figure 6.- Plan view of test set up.

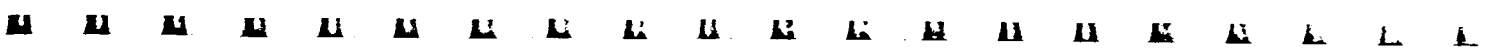
- Total-pressure probe
- Static-pressure tap

Ramp side of compressor face



Cowl side of compressor face

Figure 7. - Compressor-face (station 2) instrumentation, looking downstream.



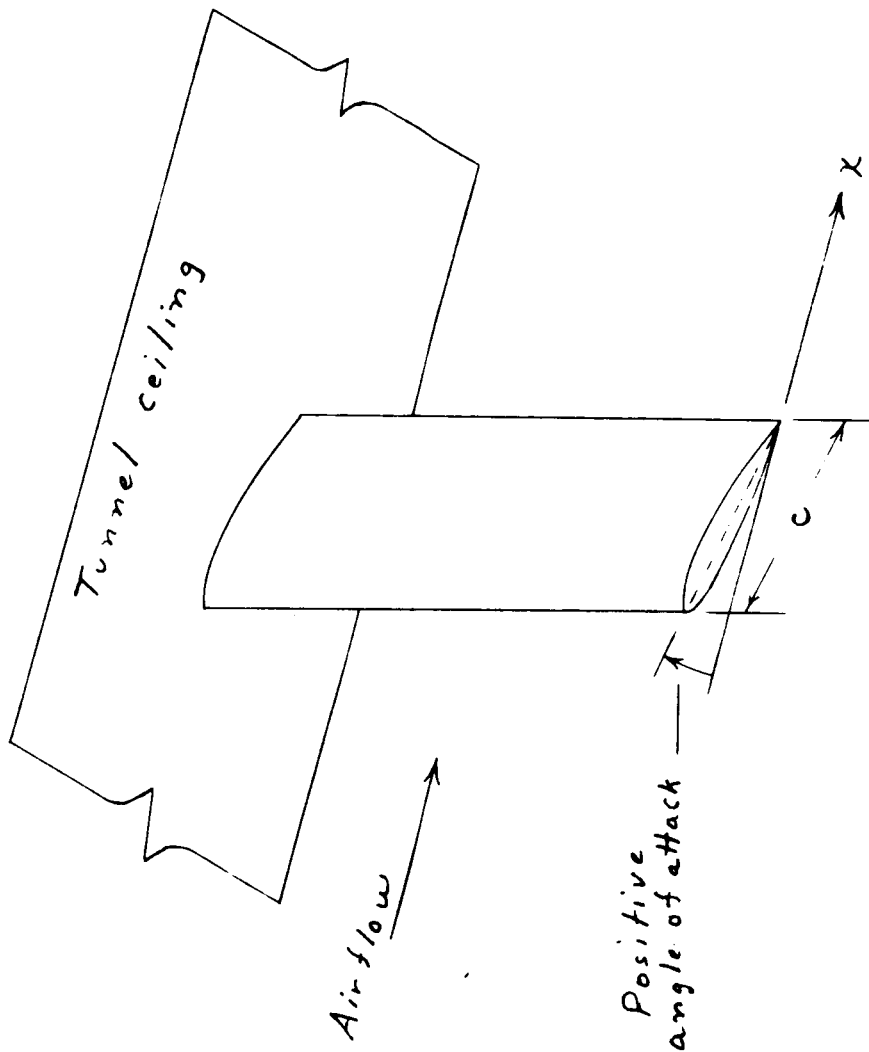
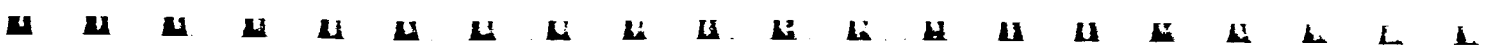


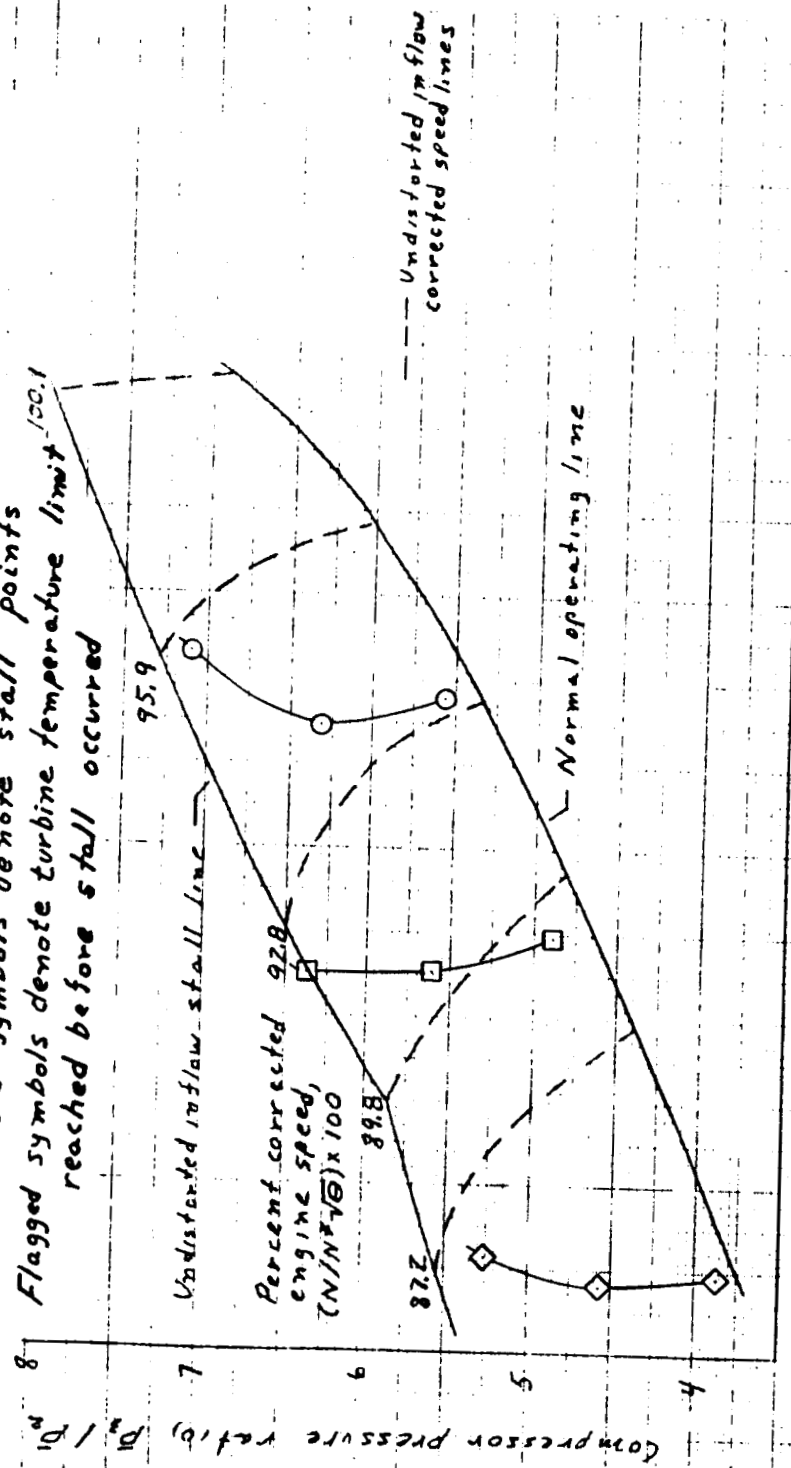
Figure 9.- Positive wing angle of attack.

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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H	Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec	Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
0.131	18	0.76
.081	16.5	.70
.131	14.5	.61

Closed symbols denote stall points
 Flagged symbols denote turbine temperature limit reached before stall occurred



14	15	16	17	18	19	20

(a) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.081$ and 0.131 .

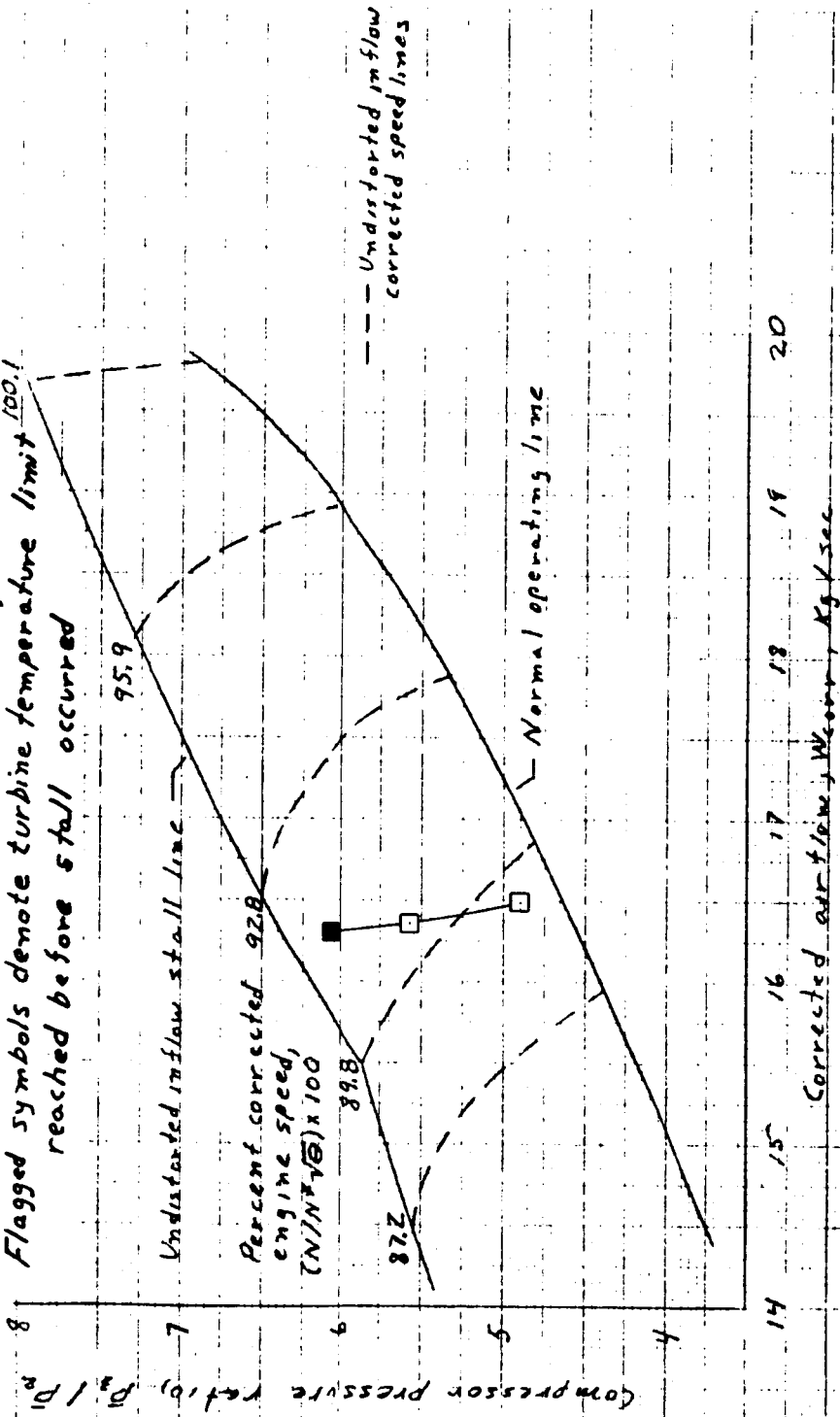
Figure 10. - Compressor Performance. Clockwise ingested-vortex rotation (counter to engine).

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Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio, $.70$

□ 16.5 $.70$

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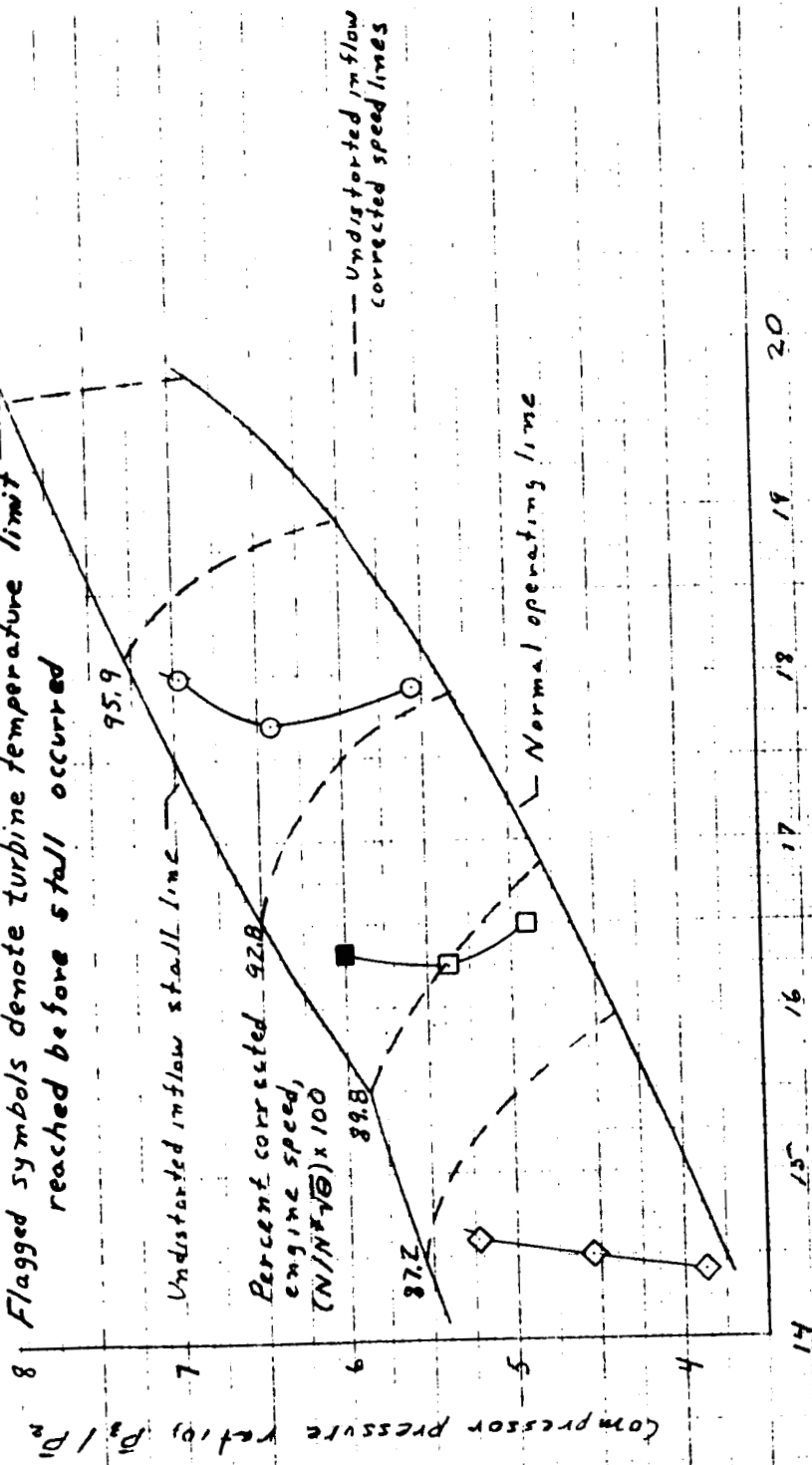
(b) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.194$.

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- 16.5 .70
- ◇ 14.5 .61

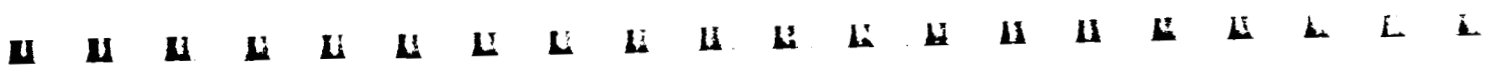
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(c) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.244$.

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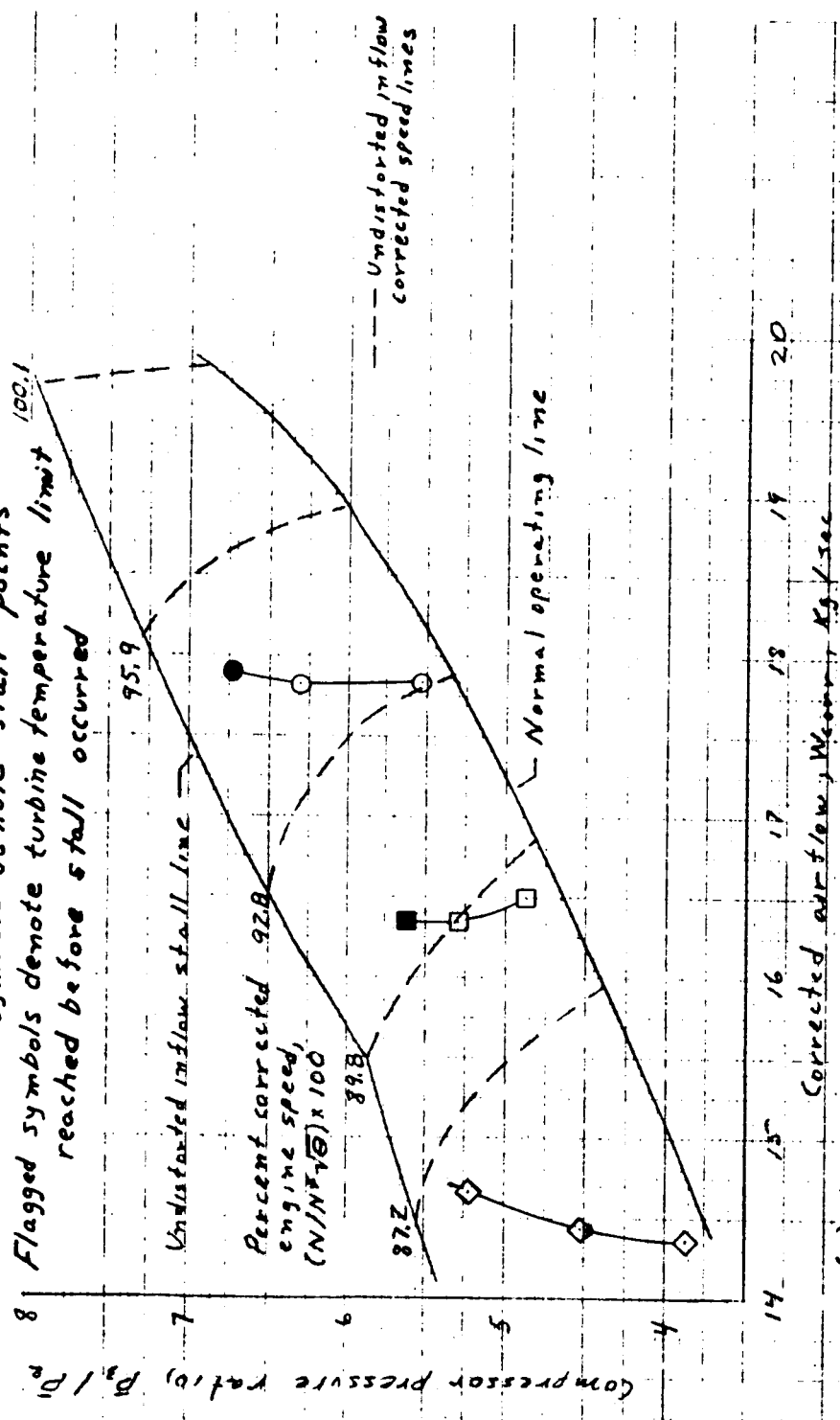
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Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,

○	18	0.76
□	16.5	.70
◇	14.5	.61

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(d) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.375$.

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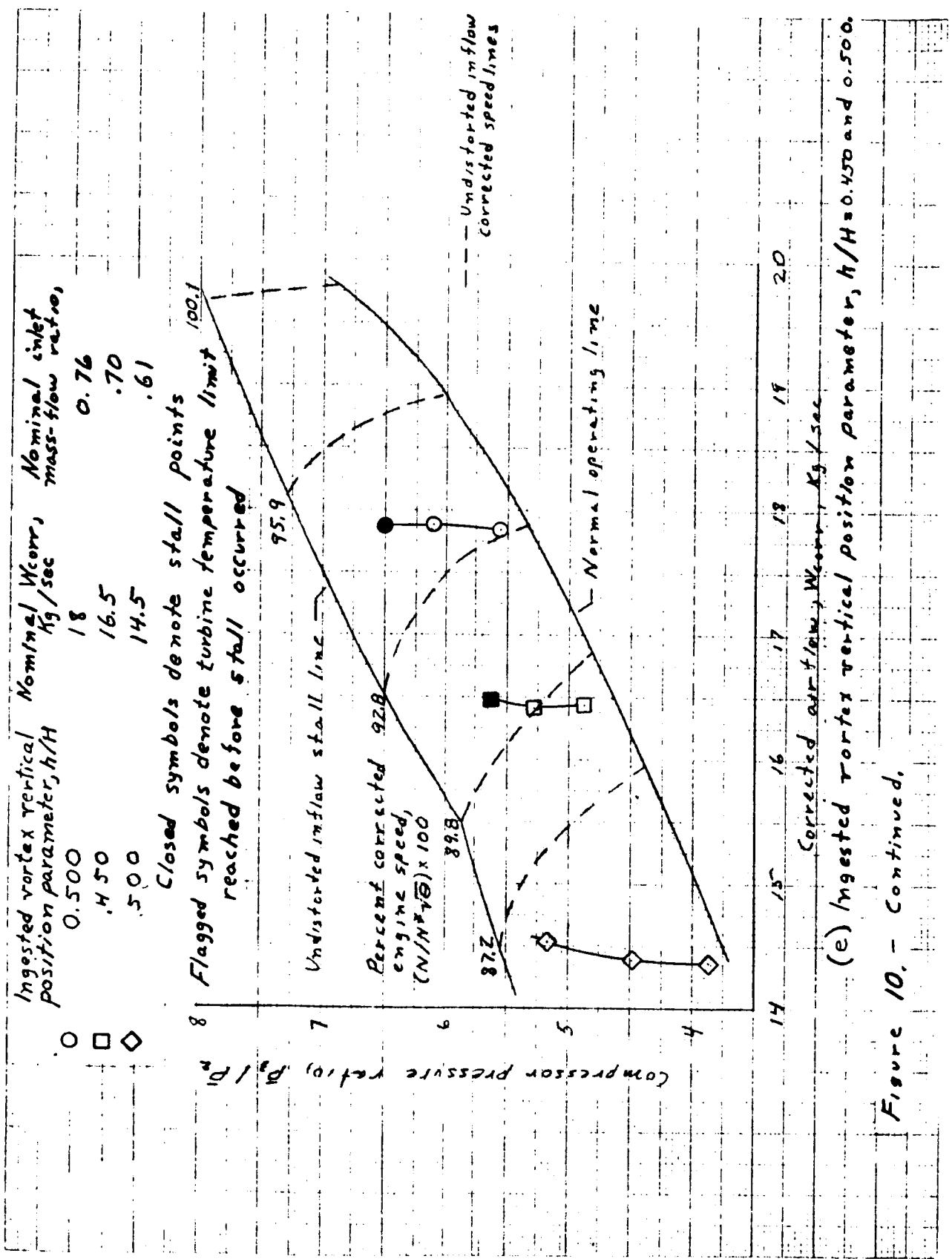


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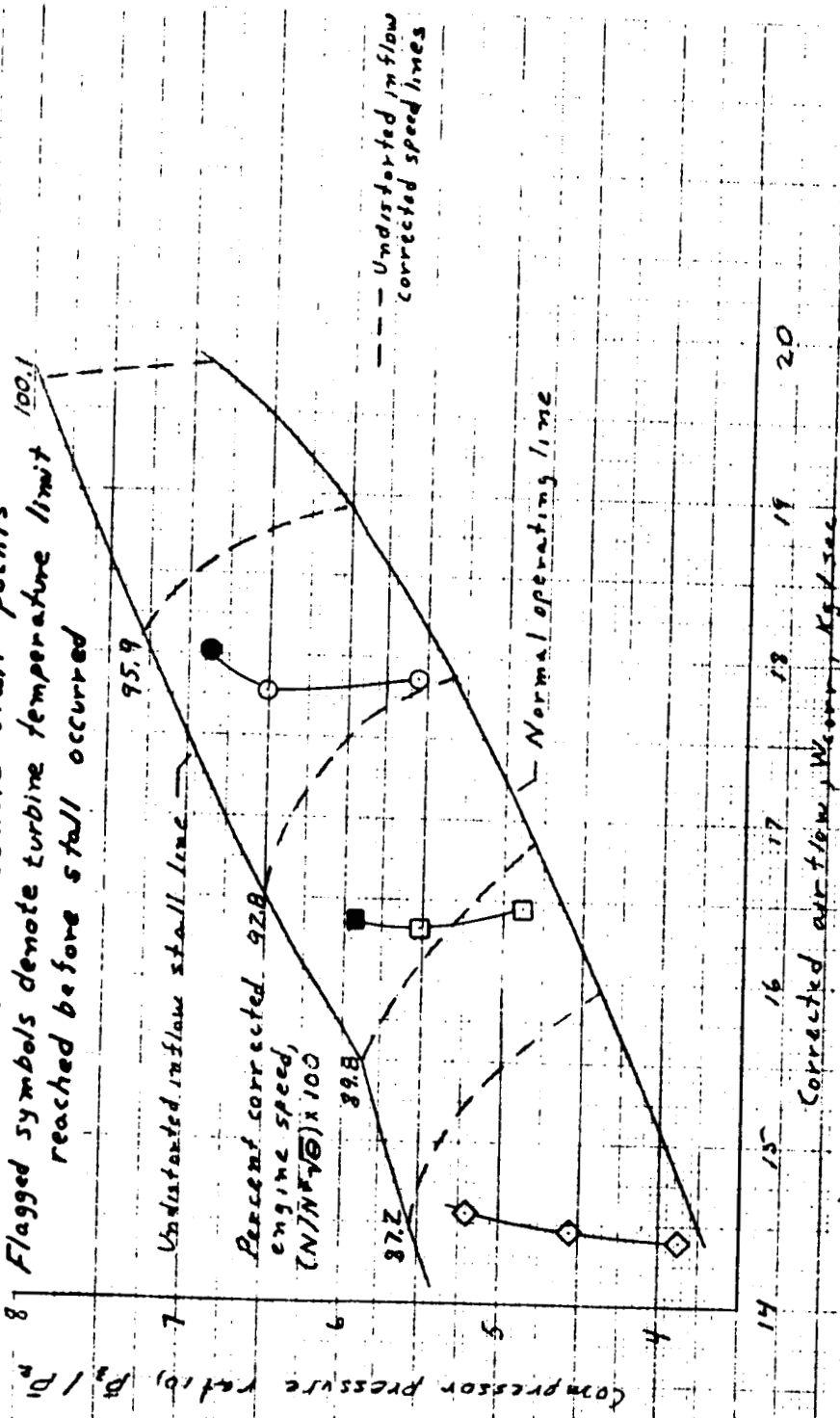
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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H
 0.625
 .575
 .625

Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec
 18
 16.5
 14.5

Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio, ρ_0
 0.76
 .70
 .61

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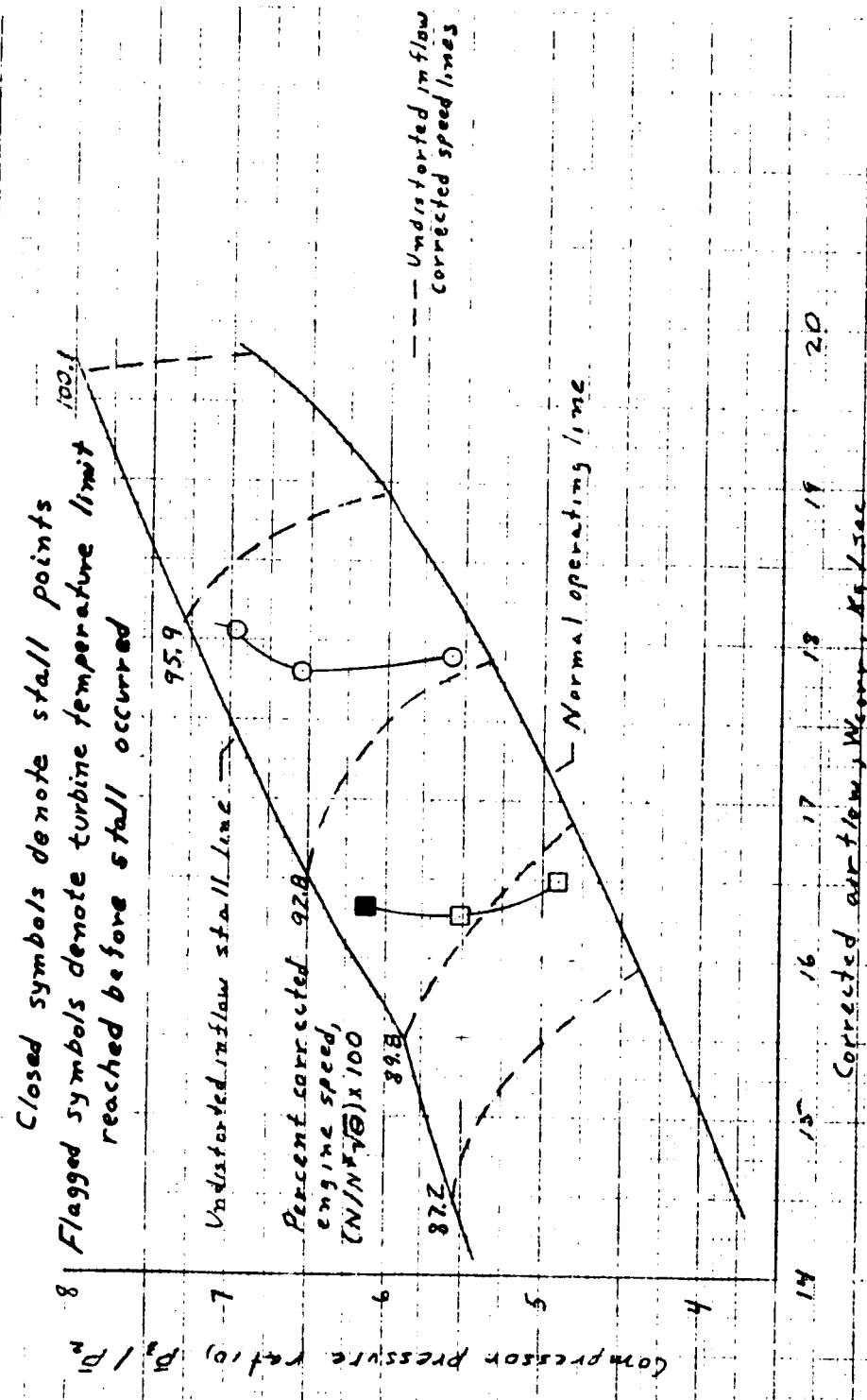


(f) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.575$ and 0.625 .

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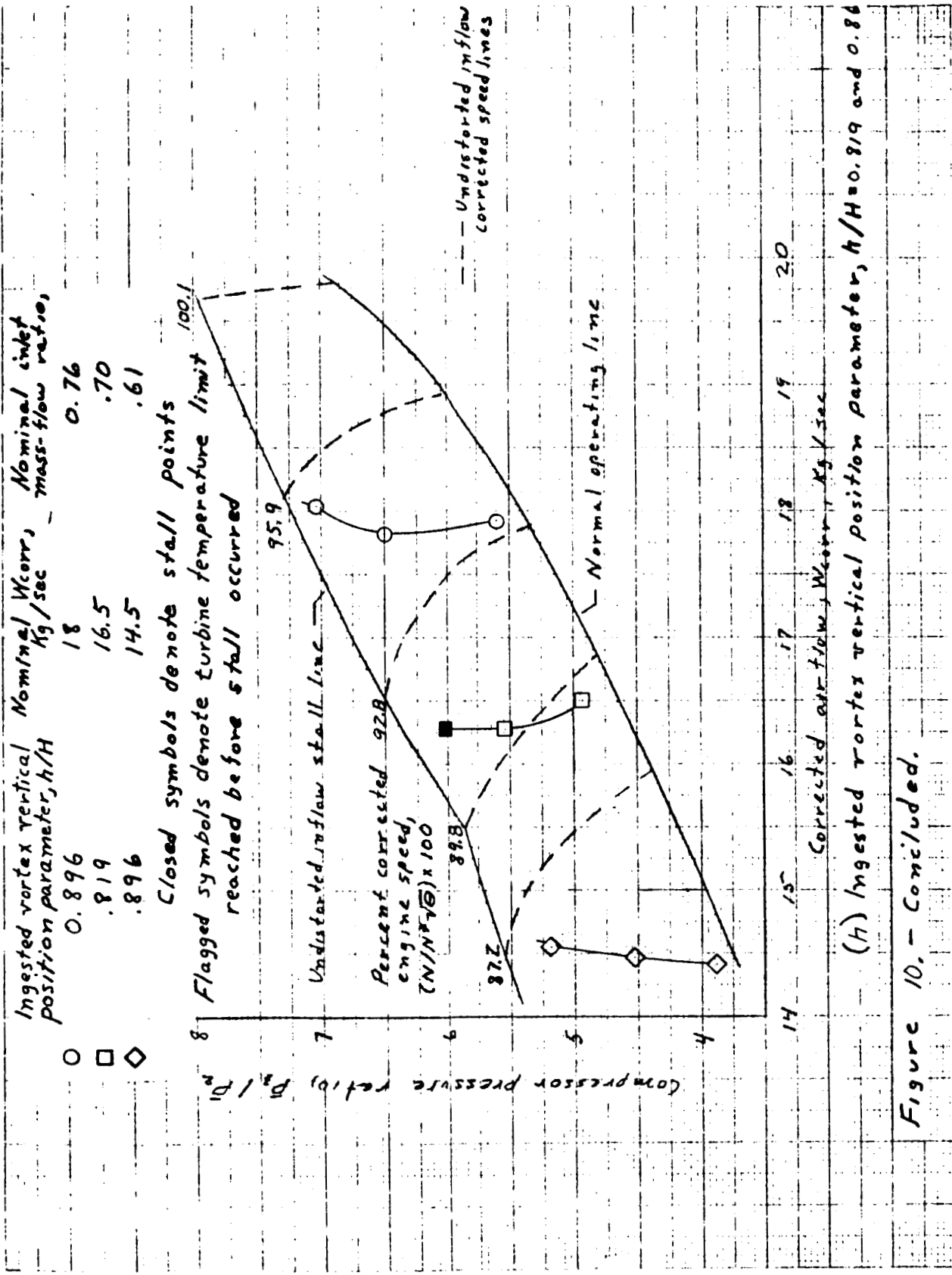
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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H	Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec	Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
○ 0.756	18	0.76
□ .706	16.5	.70



(9) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H=0.706$ and 0.756 .

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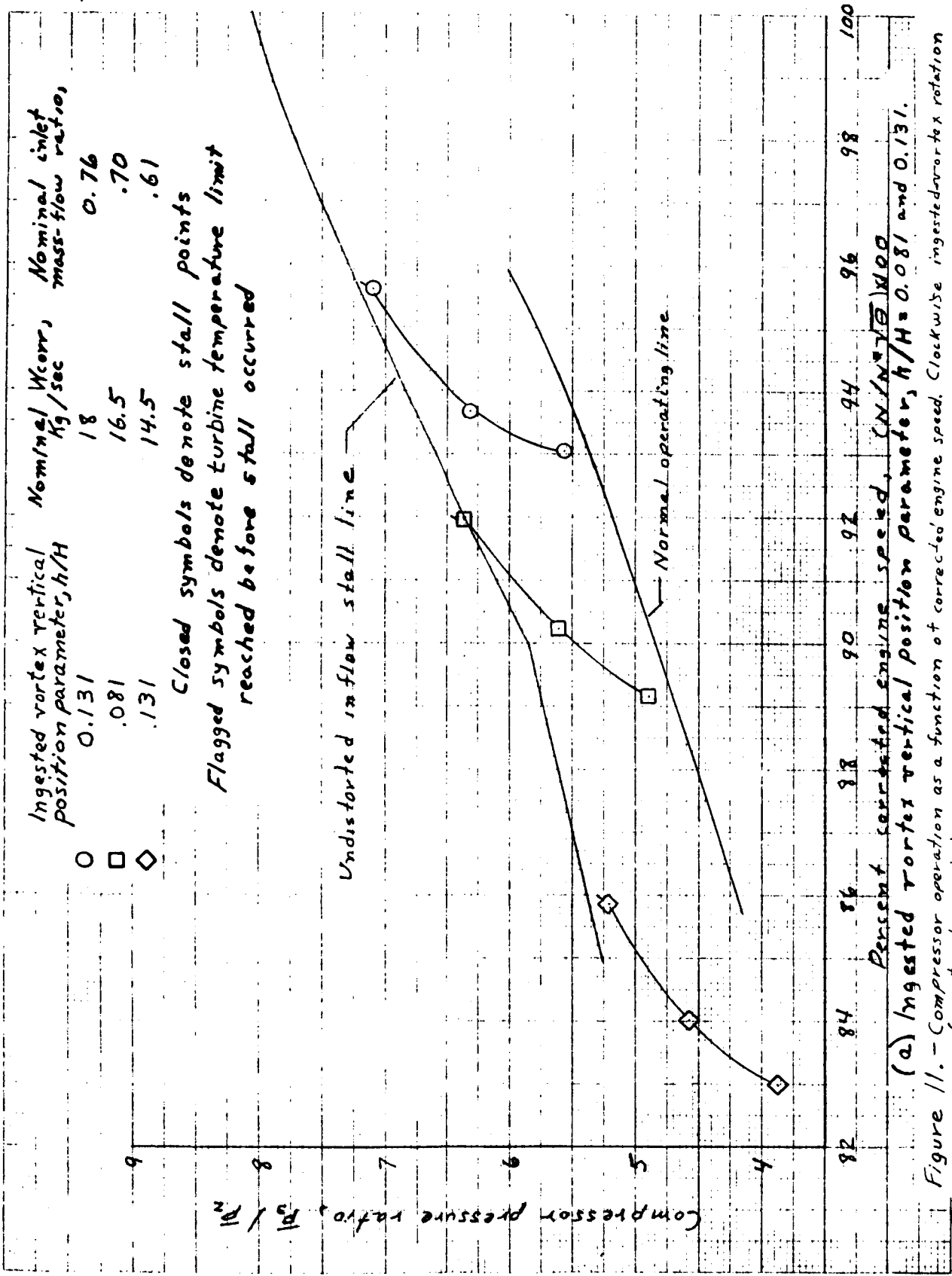
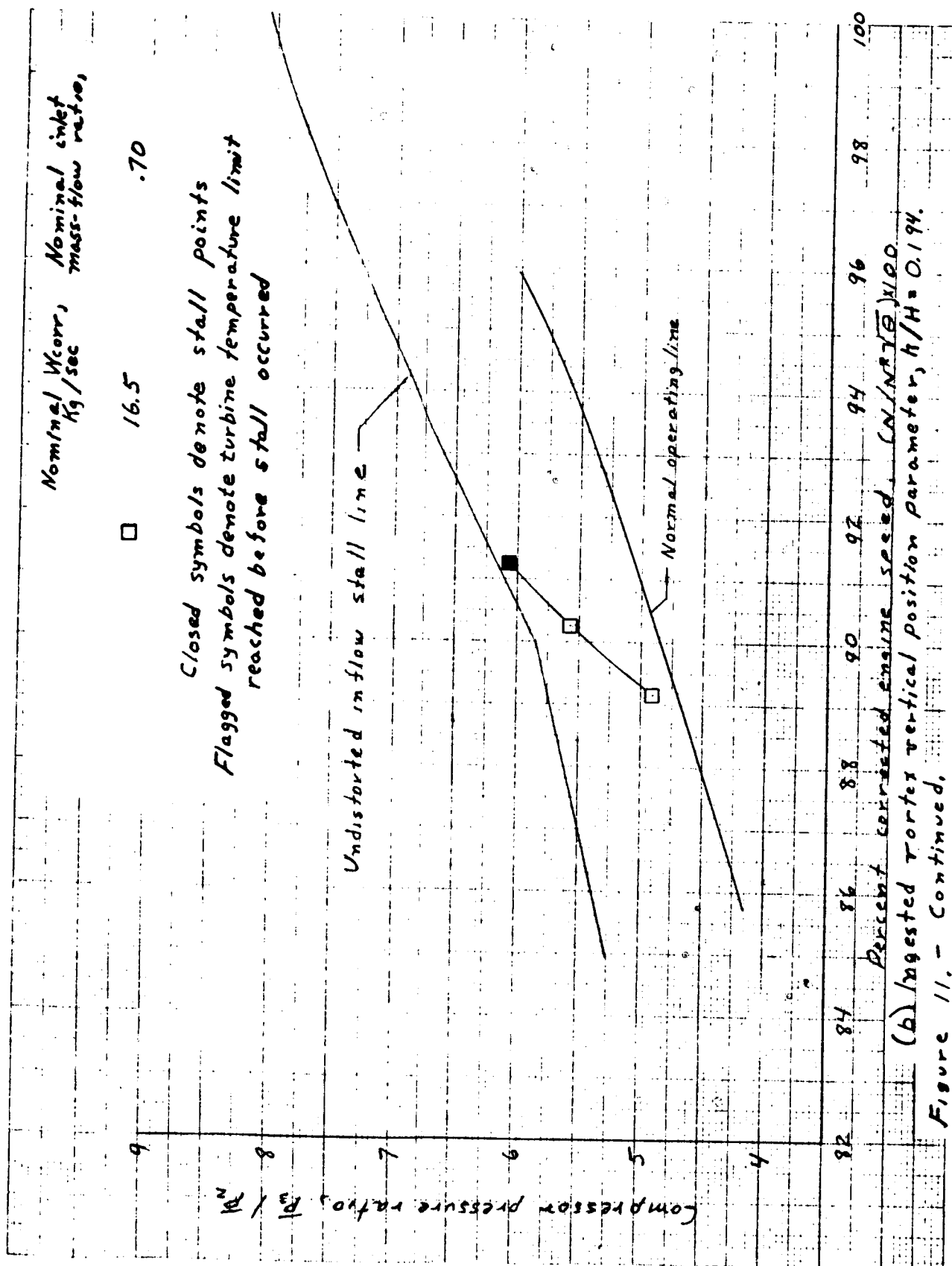


Figure 11. - Compressor operation as a function of corrected engine speed. Clockwise ingested-vortex rotation (counter to engine).



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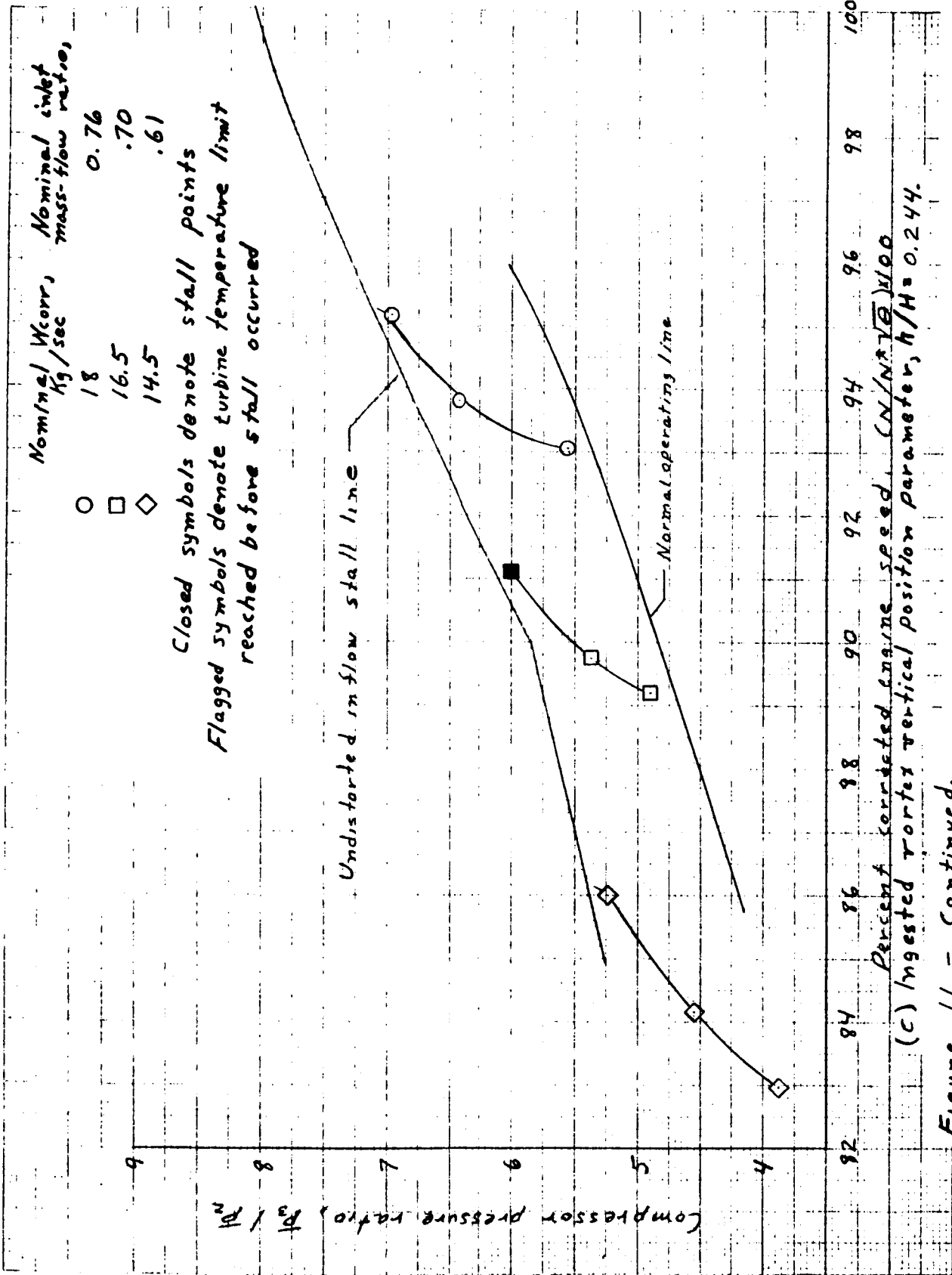
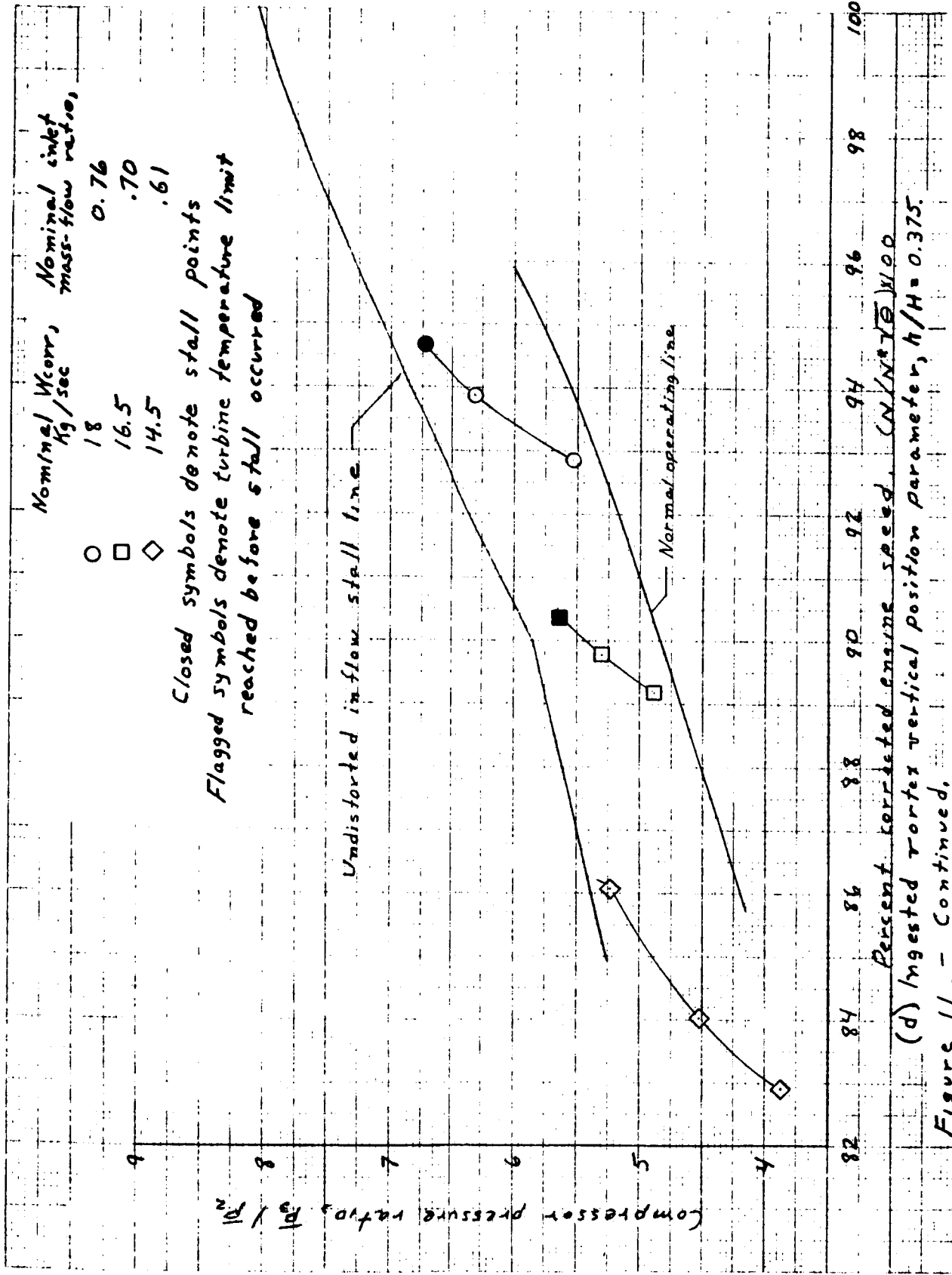


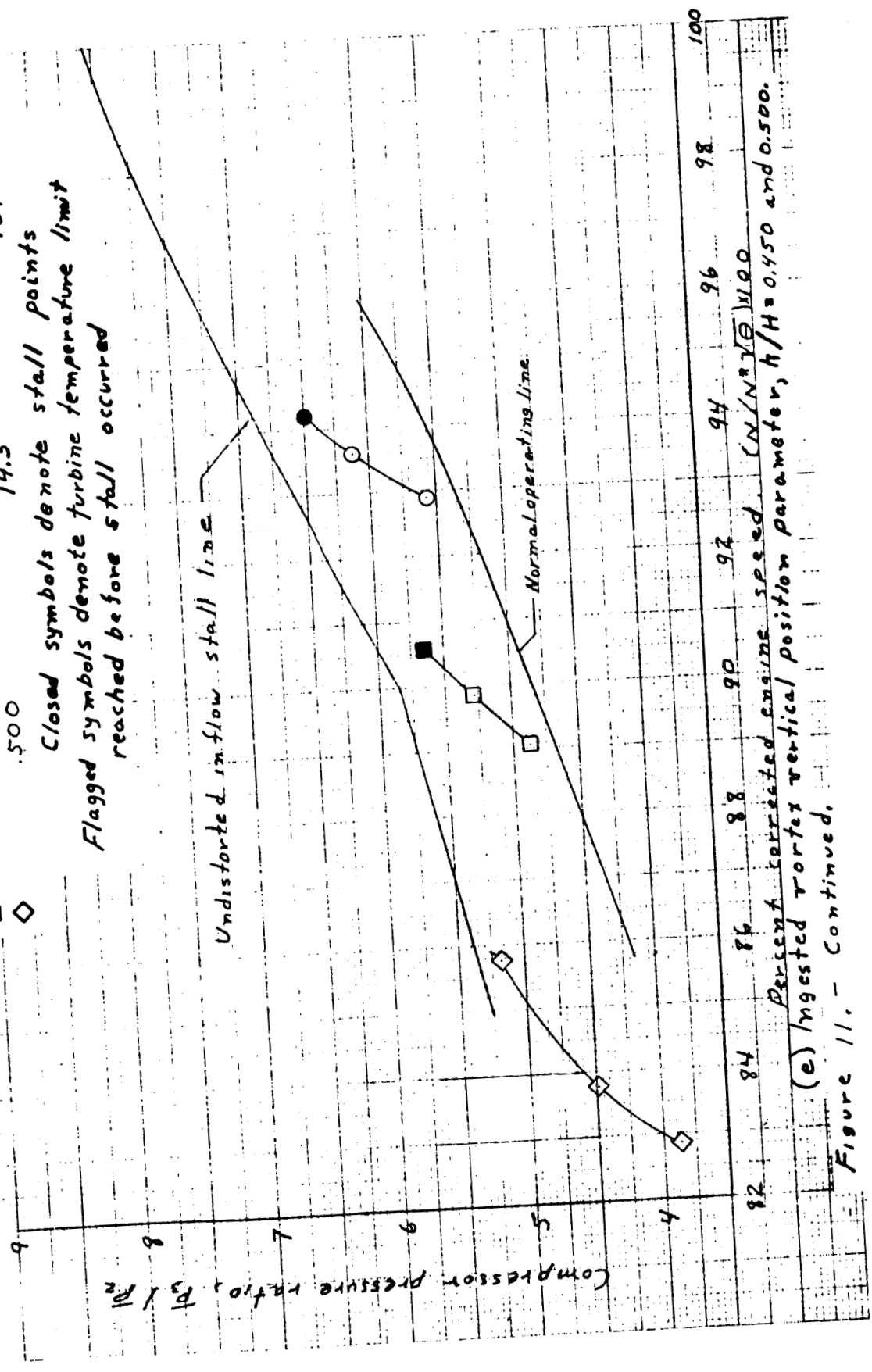
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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H

0.500	18	Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec	Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
.450	16.5		
.500	14.5		

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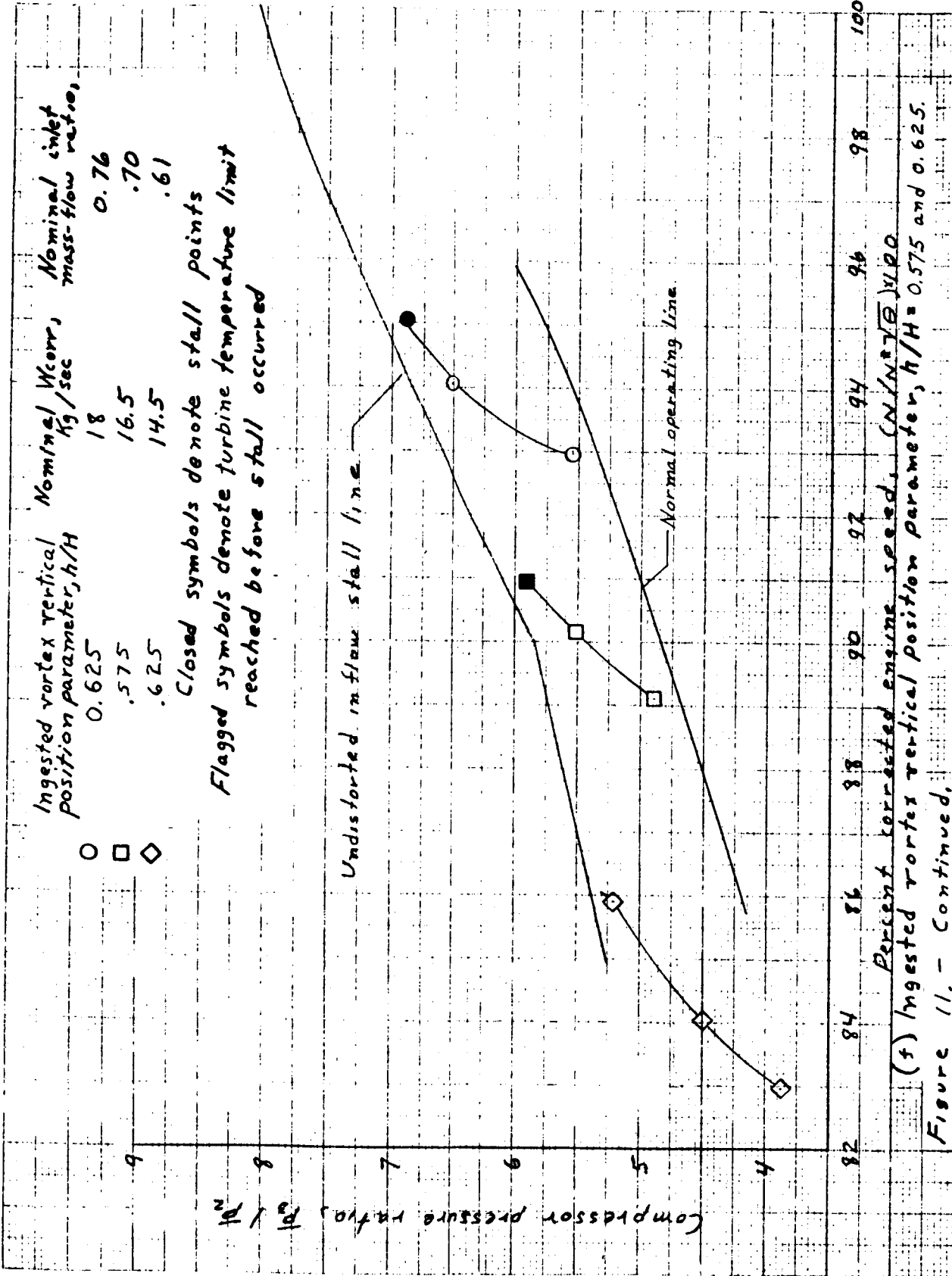


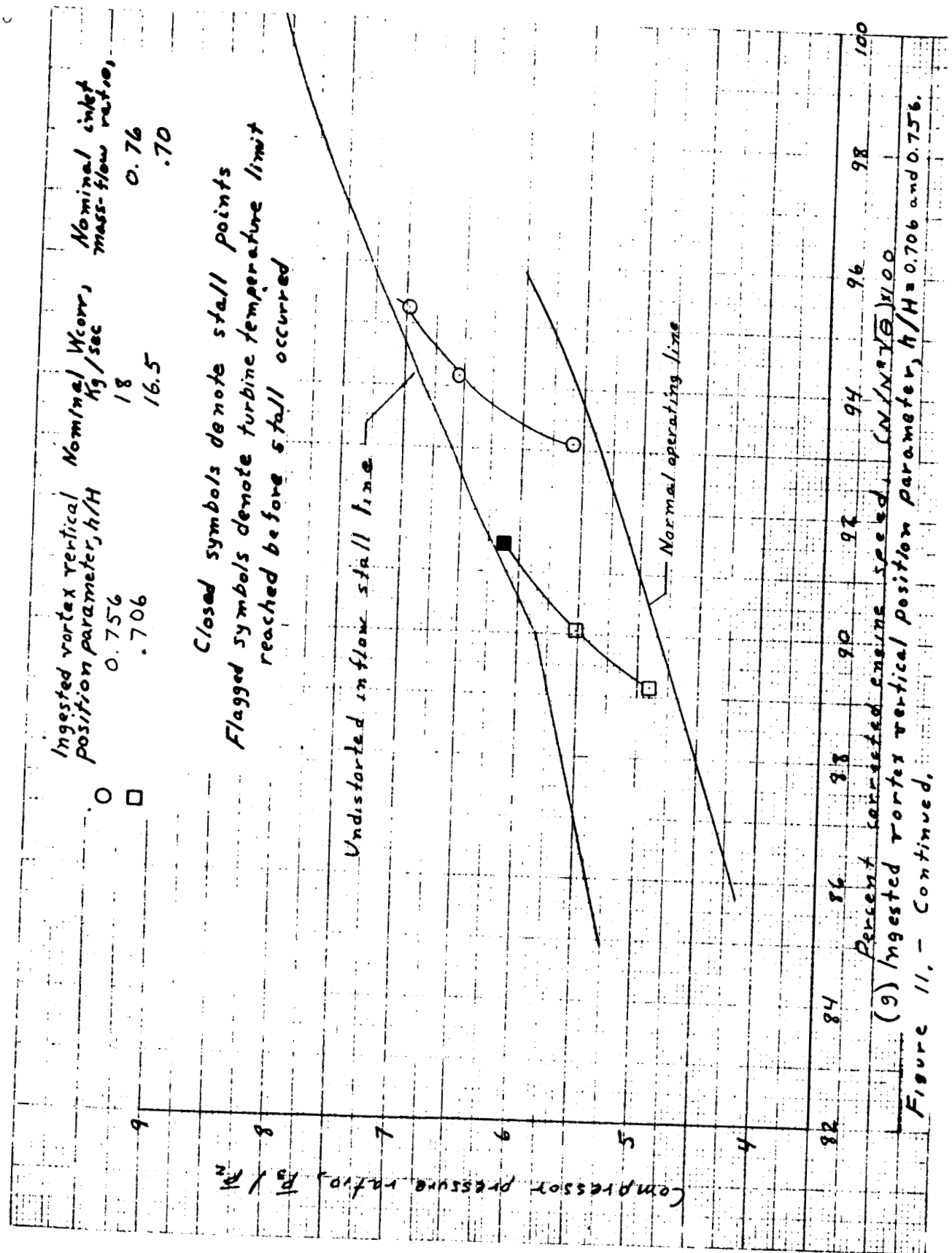
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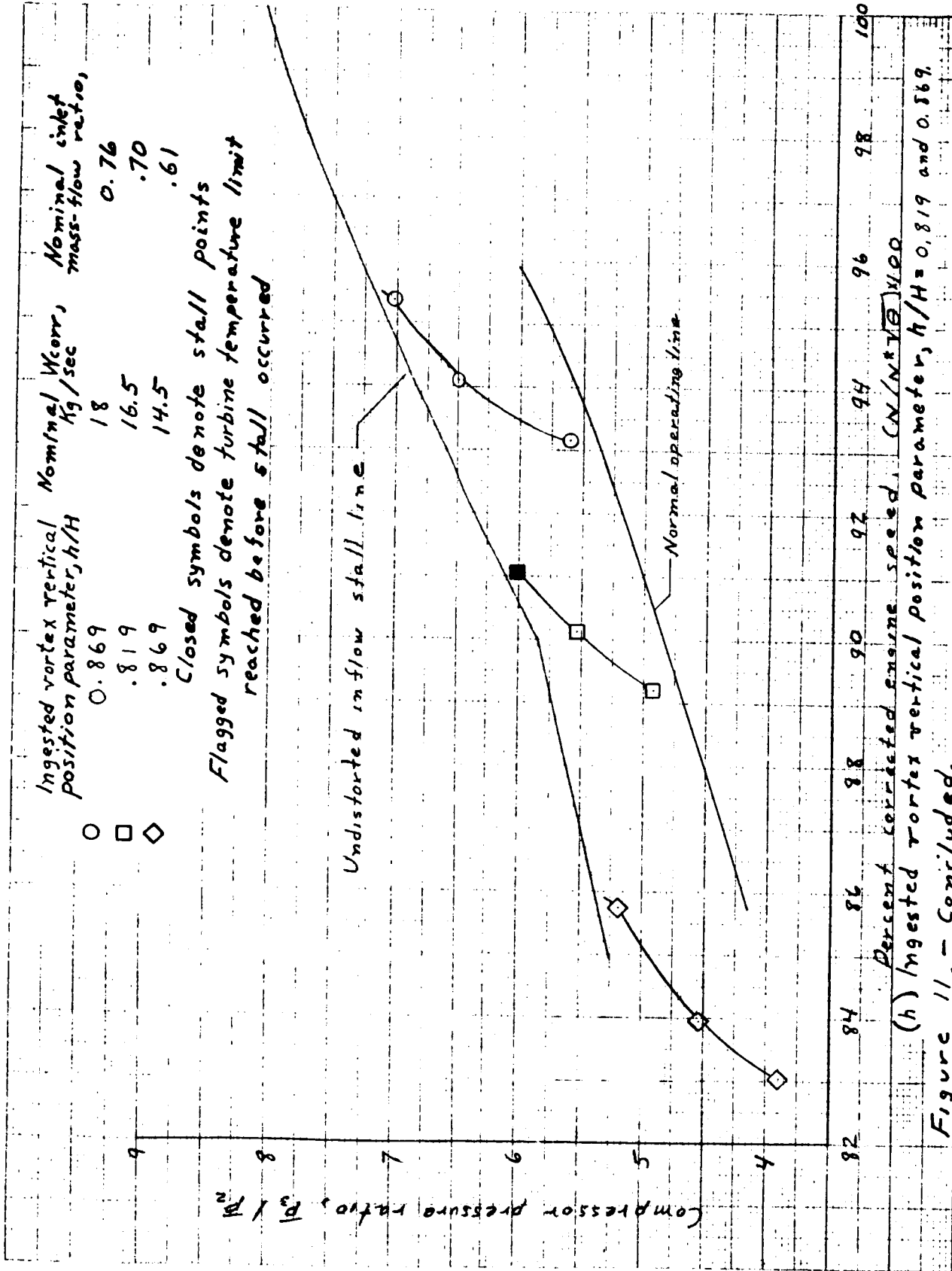


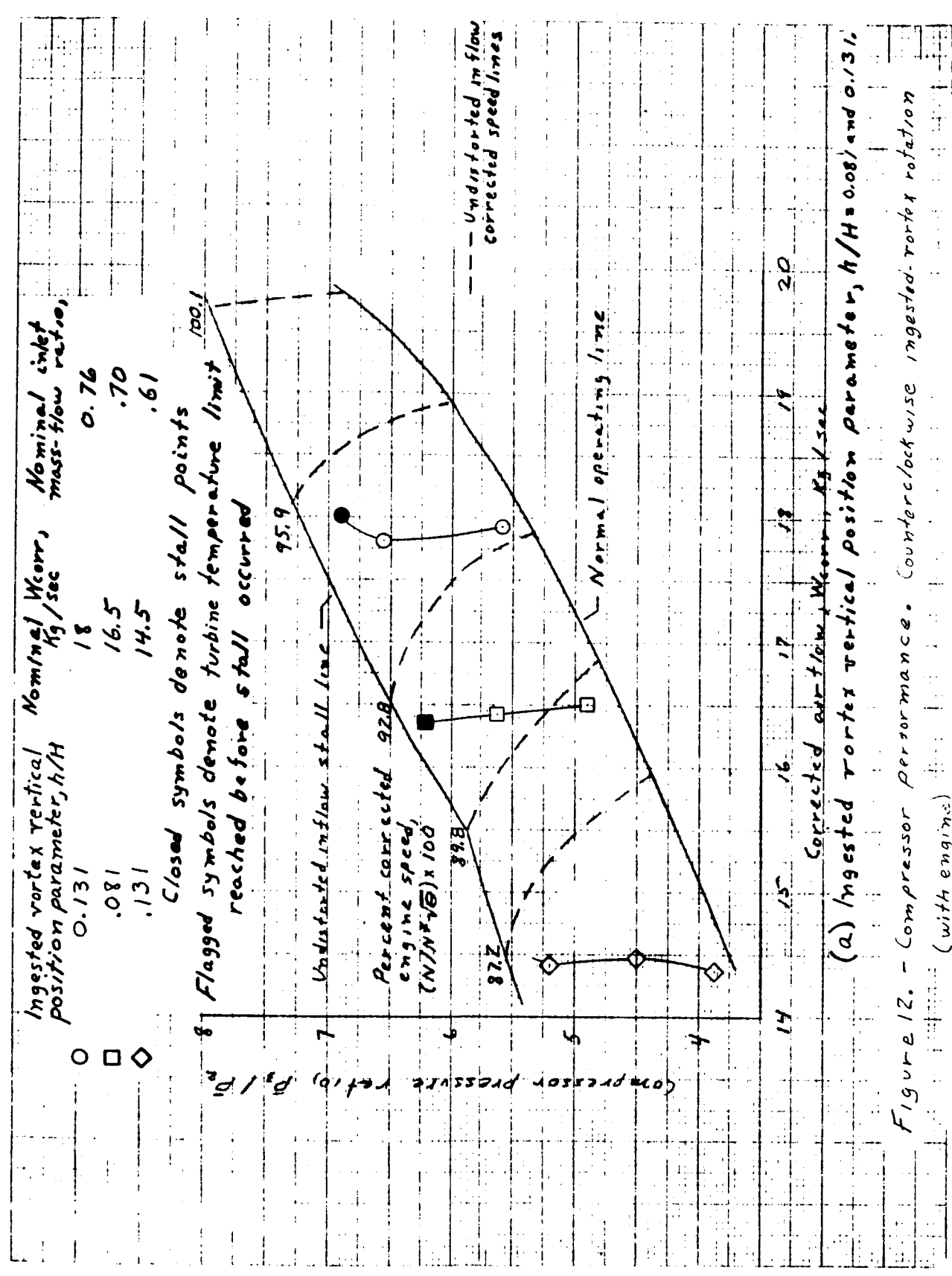


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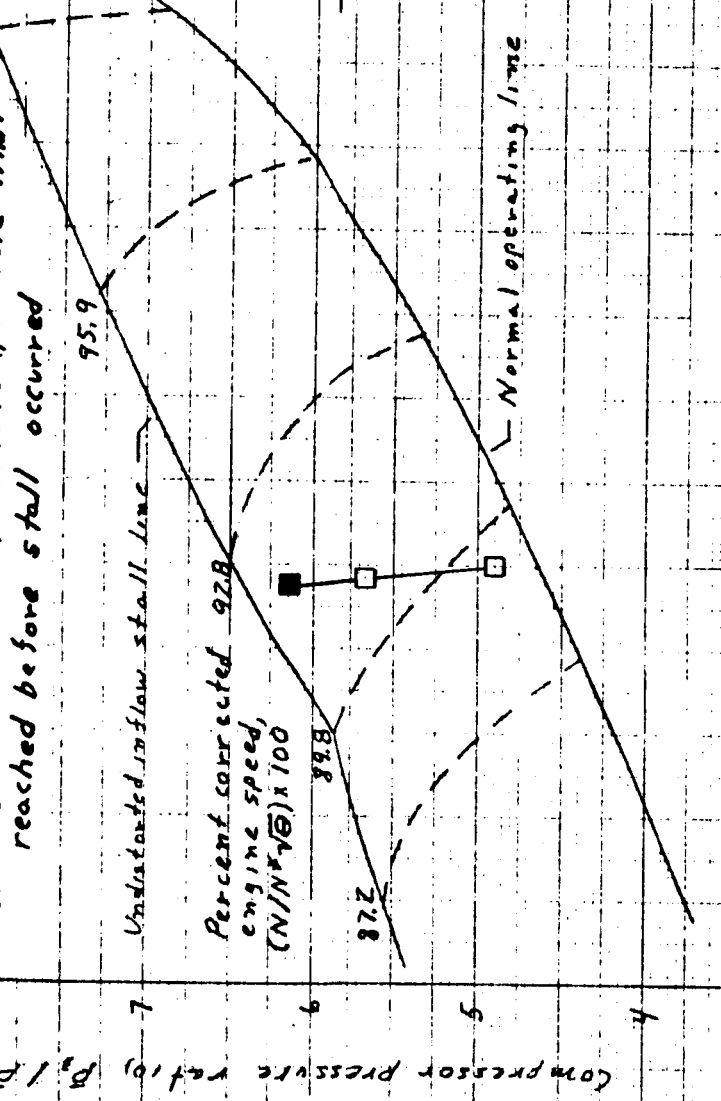
Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio, $.70$

□ 16.5 .70

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P_3/P_1



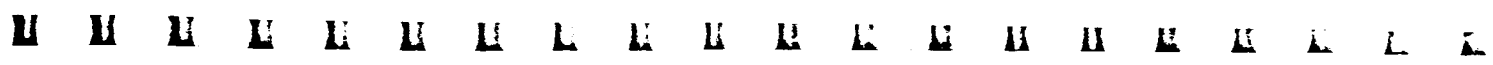
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Corrected air flow, W_{corr} , kg/sec

(b) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H=0.194$.

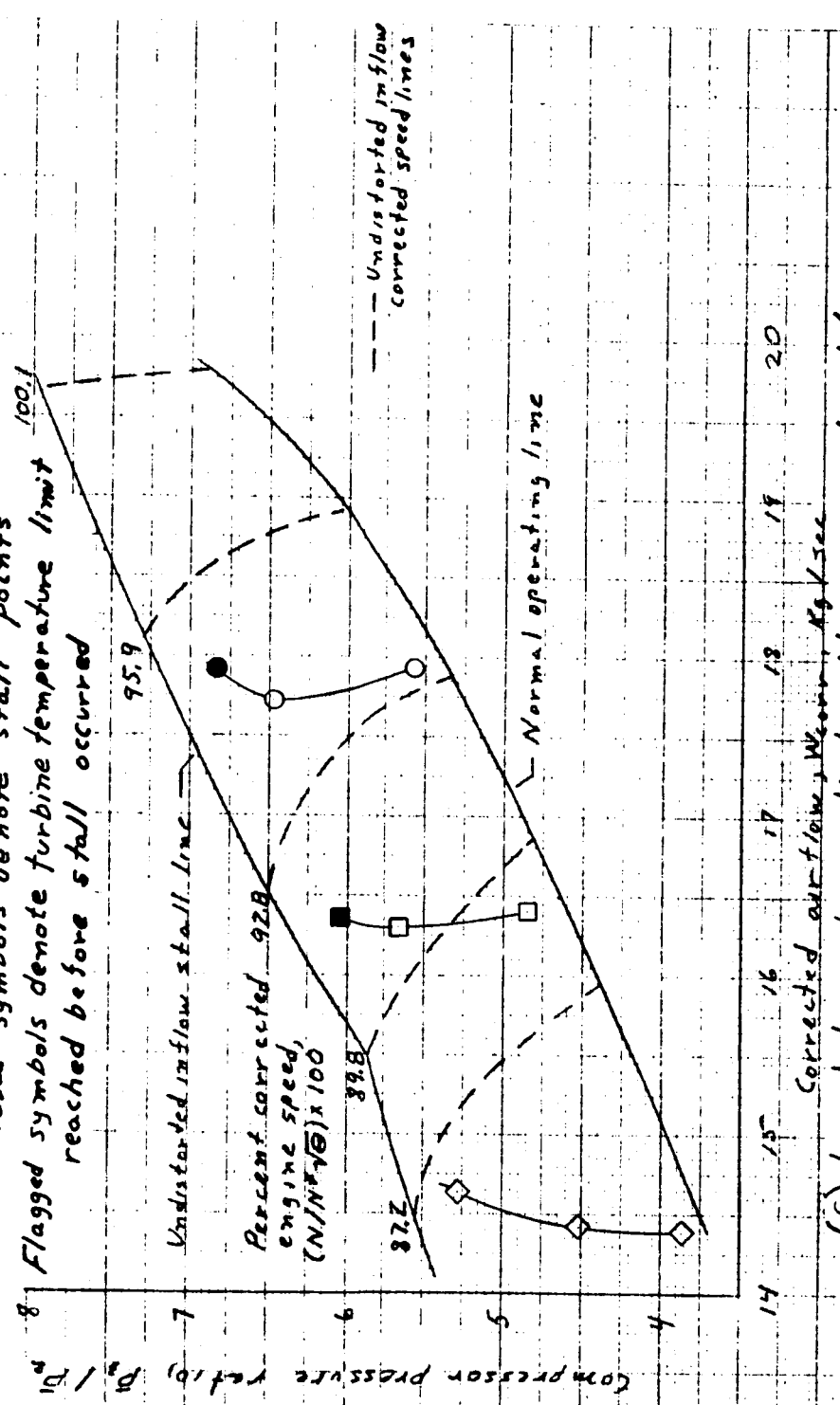
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Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec	Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
18	0.76
16.5	.70
14.5	.61

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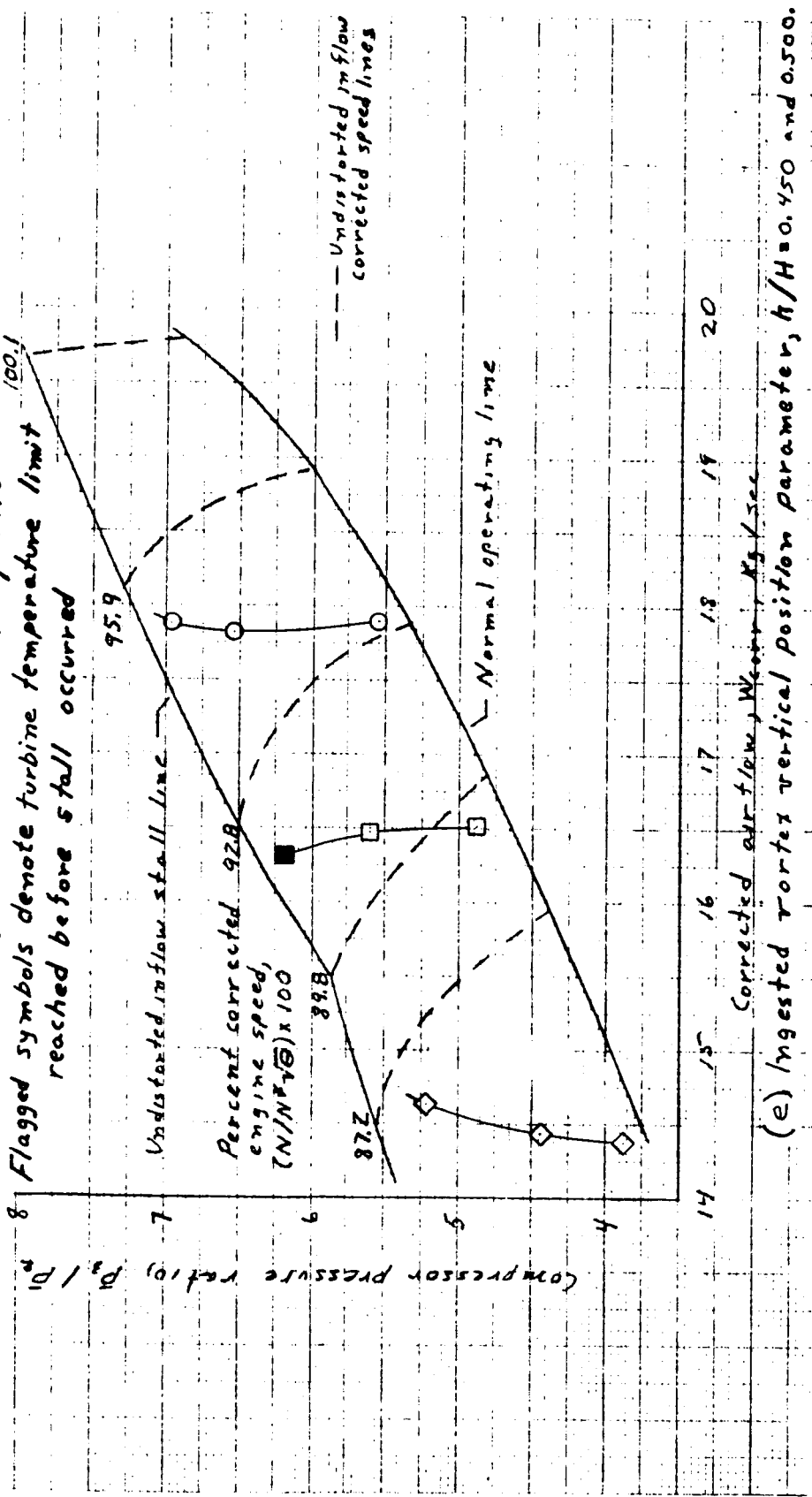


(c) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.244$.

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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H	Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec	Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
0.500	18	0.76
.450	16.5	.70
.500	14.5	.61

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(e) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H=0.450$ and 0.500 .

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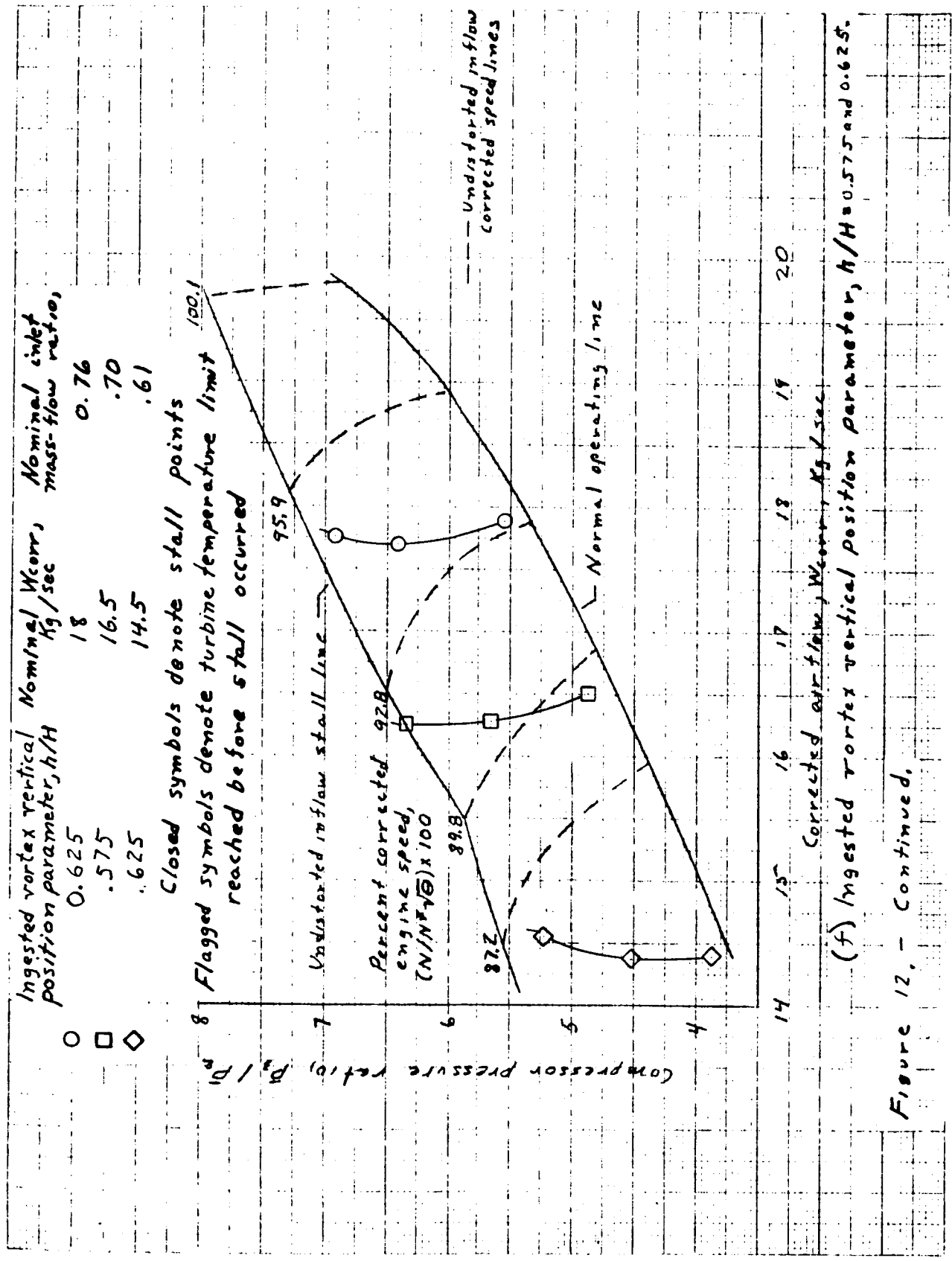
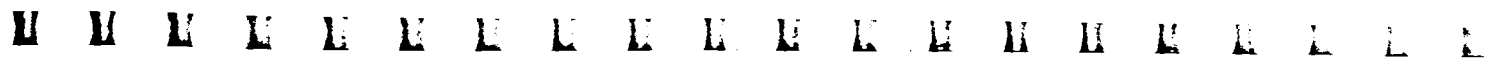
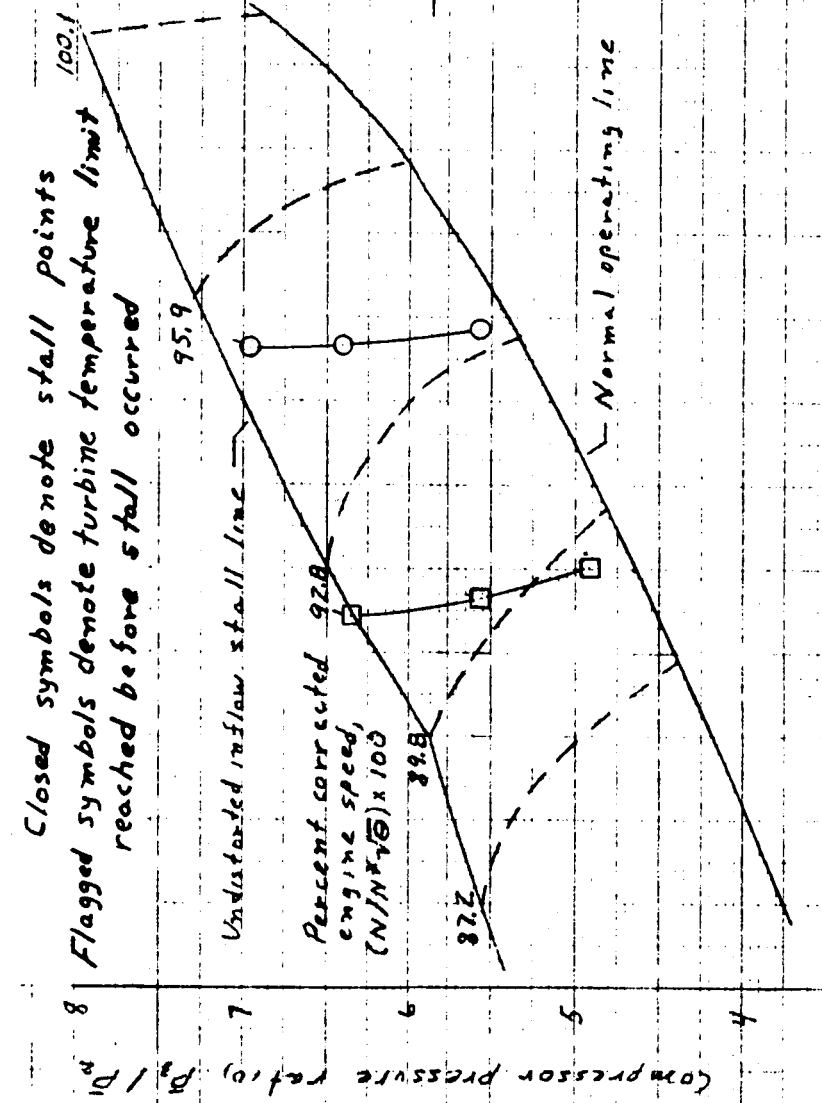


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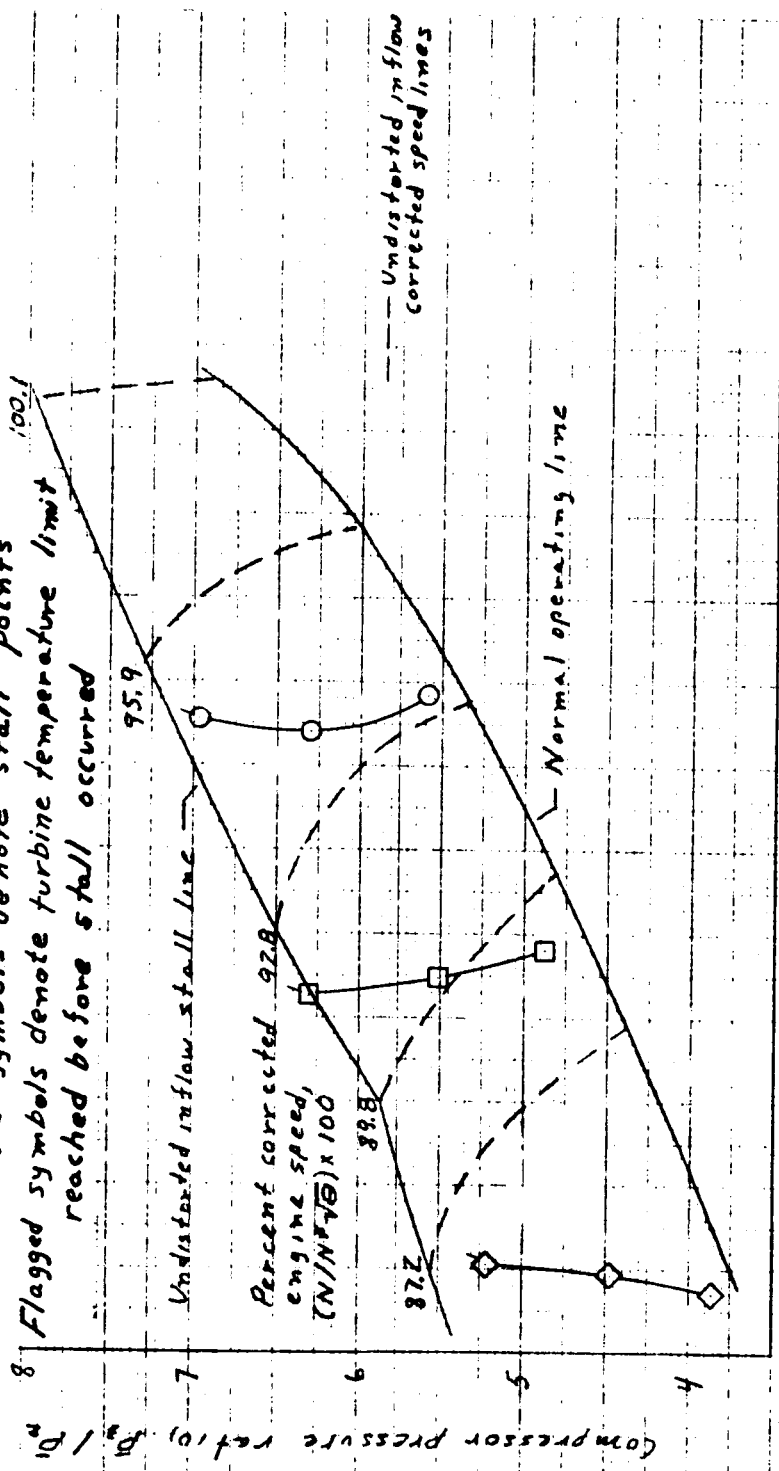


(9) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H=0.706$ and 0.756 .

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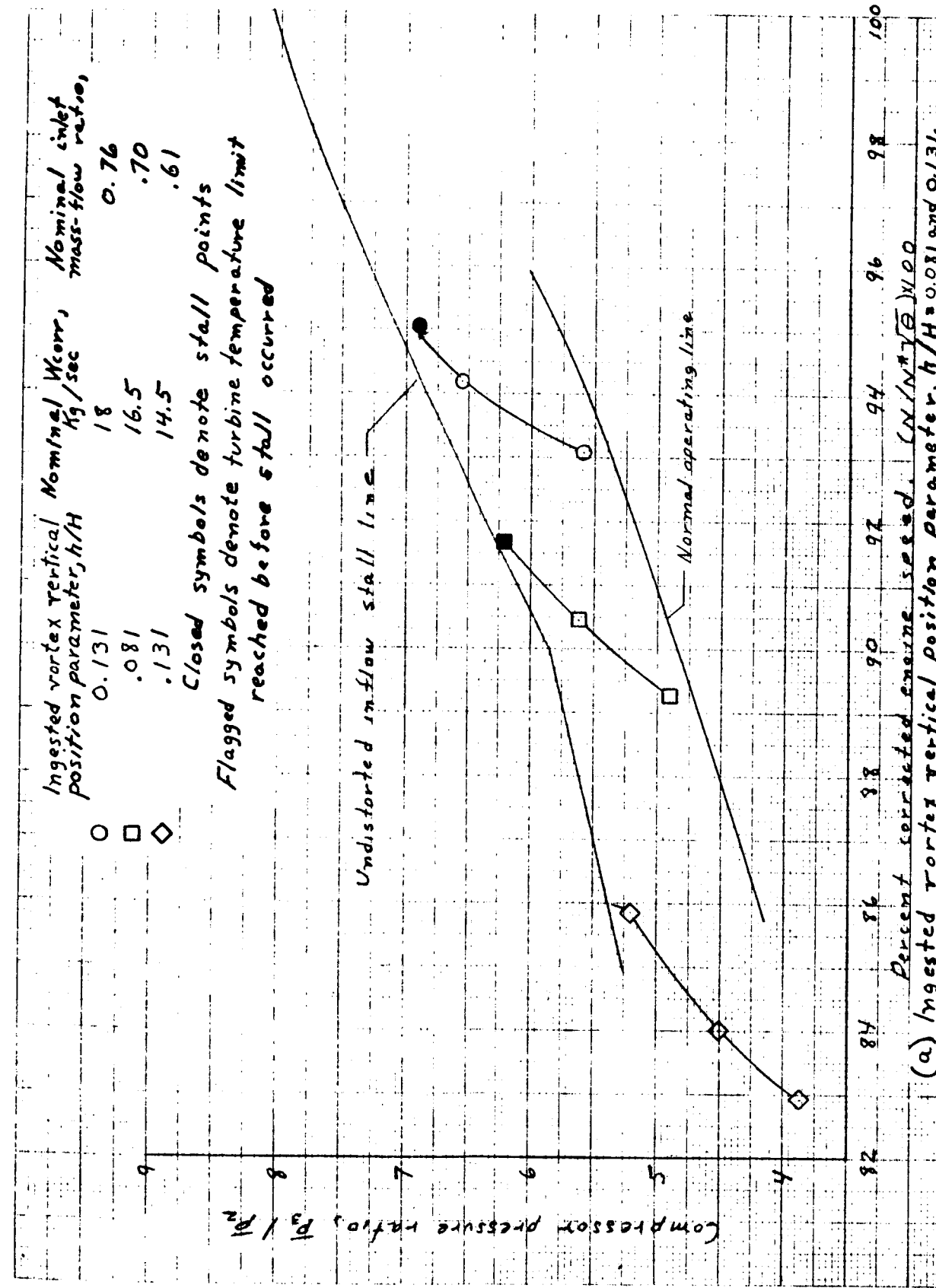


(h) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H=0.819$ and 0.869 .

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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H

Nominal Wcorr, kg/sec

Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio

0.131 18 0.76

.081 16.5 .70

.131 14.5 .61

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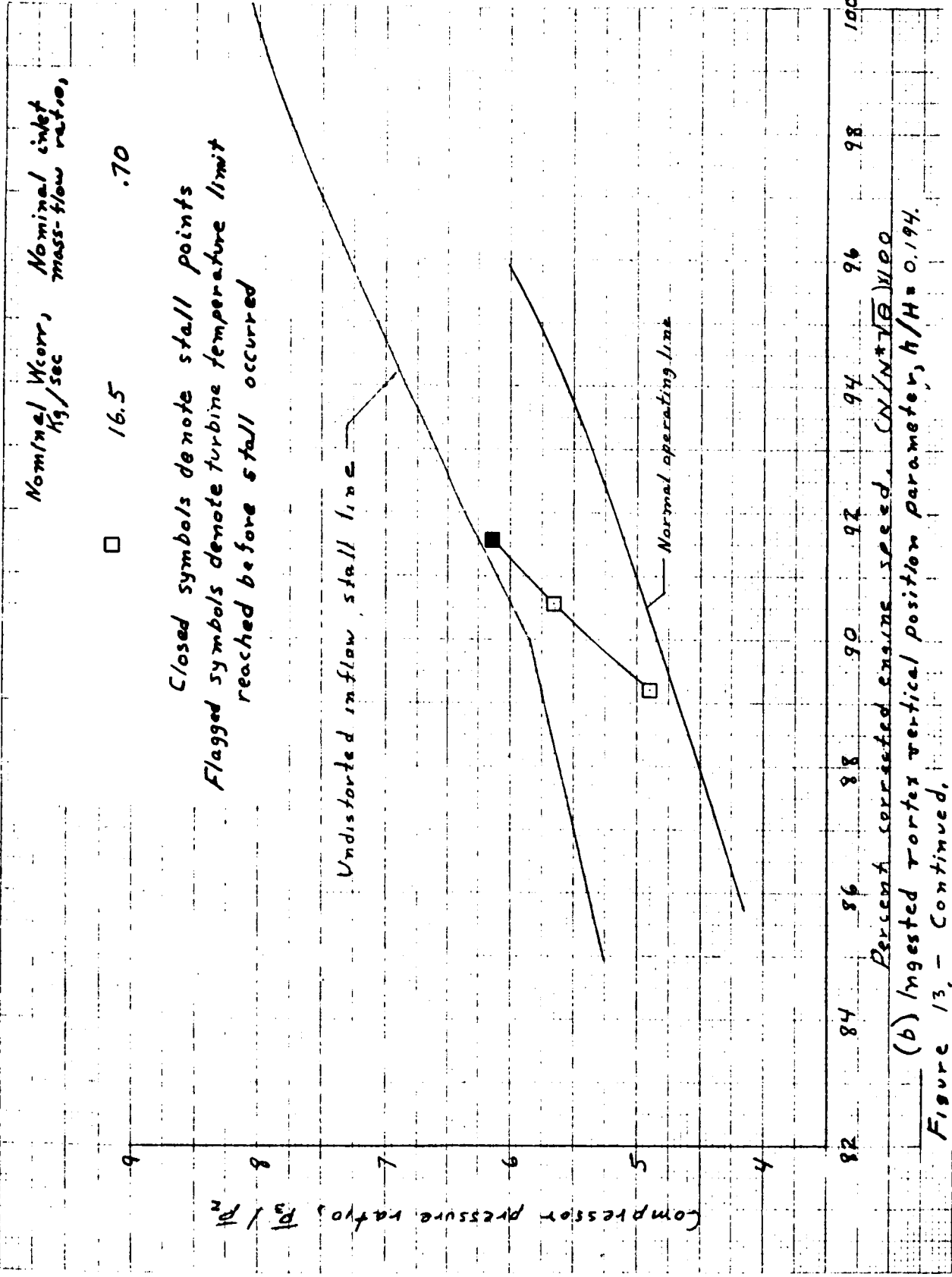
Undistorted inflow stall line

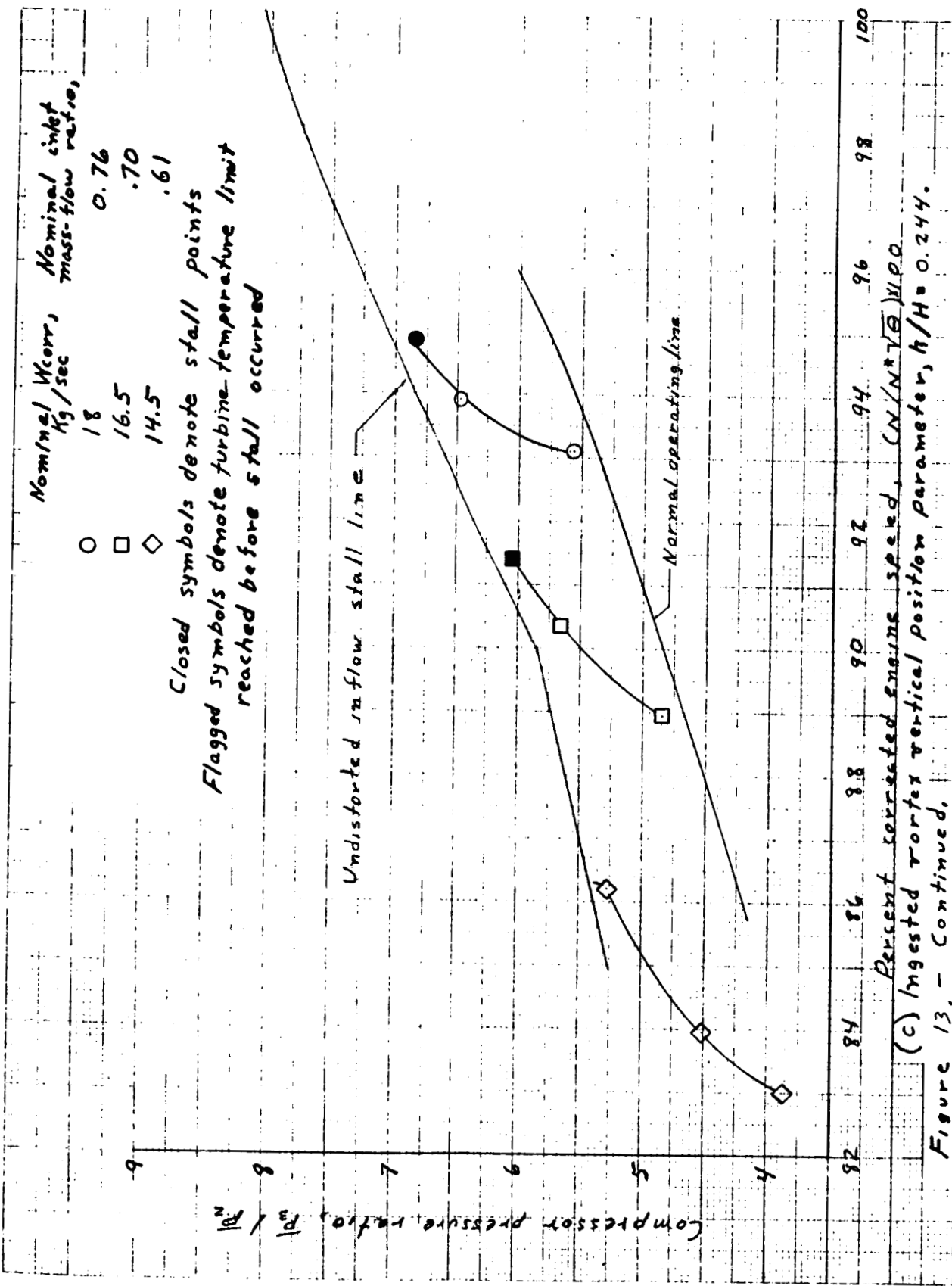
Normal operating line

Percent corrected engine speed. $(N/N^*)/\sqrt{\theta}$ W.D.O.

(a) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.081$ and 0.131 .

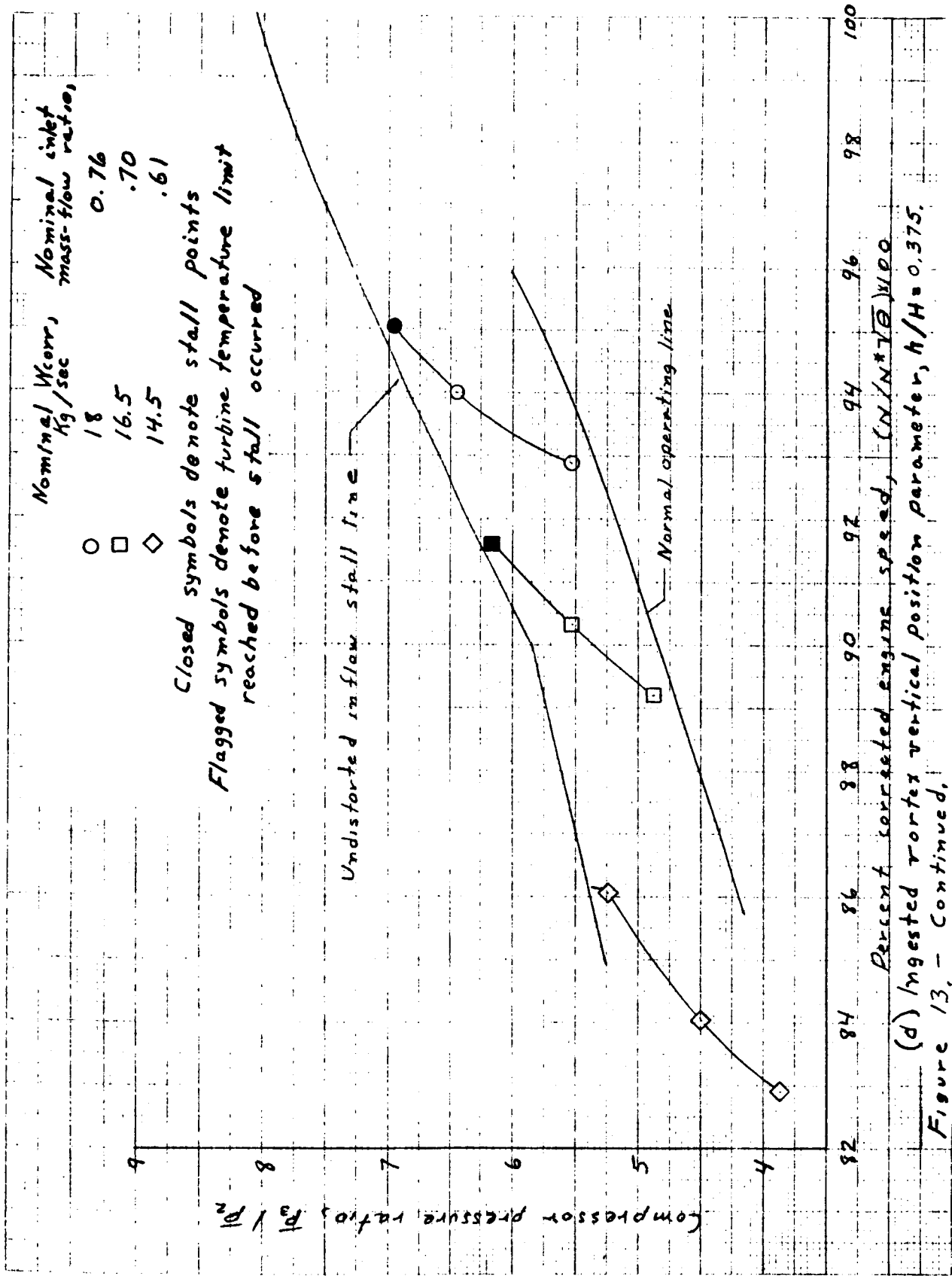
Figure 13. Compressor operation as a function of corrected engine speed. Counterclockwise ingested-vortex rotation (with engine).





(c) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.244$.
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(d) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.375$.
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Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H

○
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Nominal W_{corr} , kg/sec
18
16.5
14.5

Nominal inlet mass-flow ratio,
0.76
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Compressor pressure ratio, P_3/P_2

Undistorted inflow stall line

Normal operating line

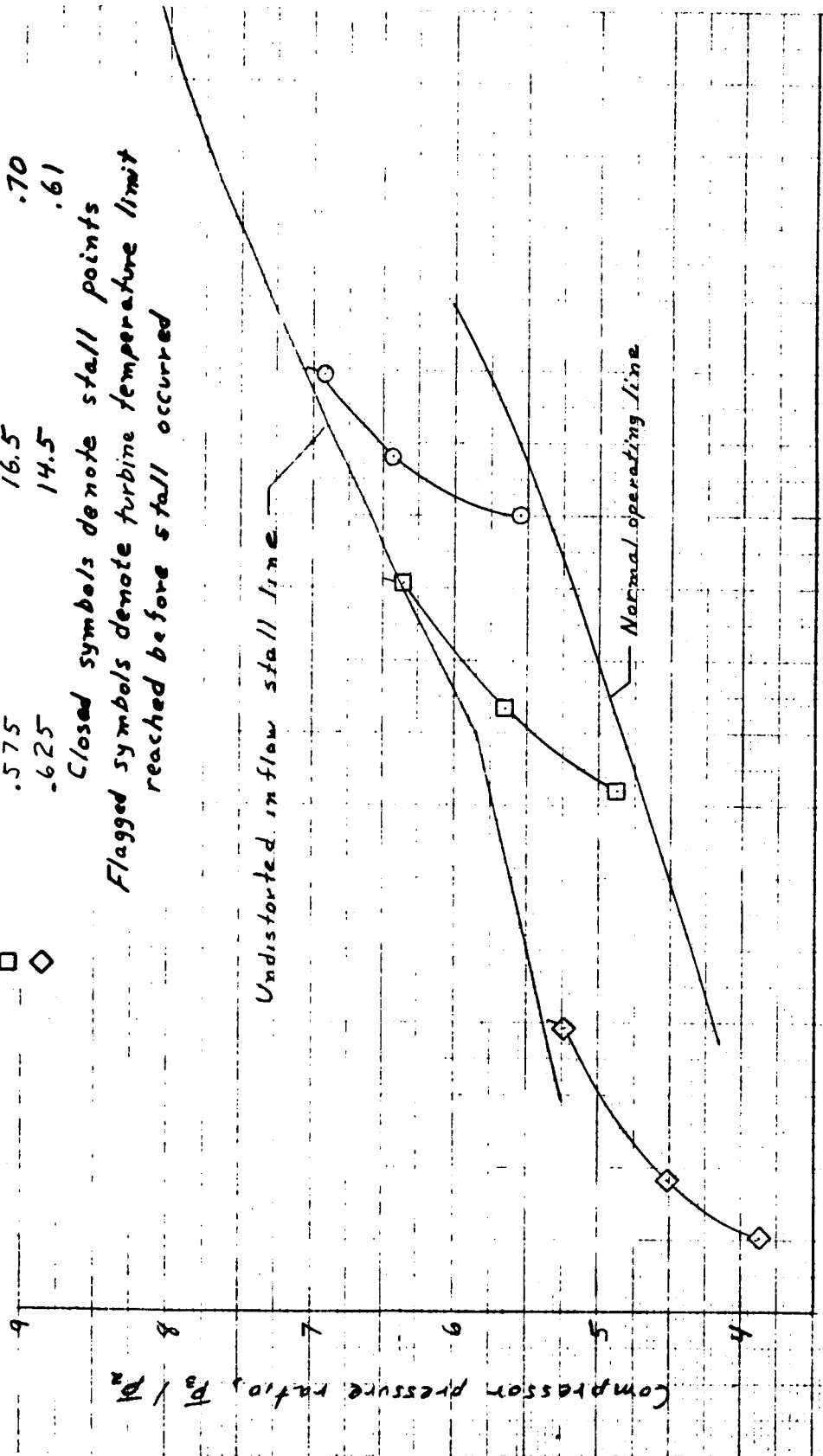
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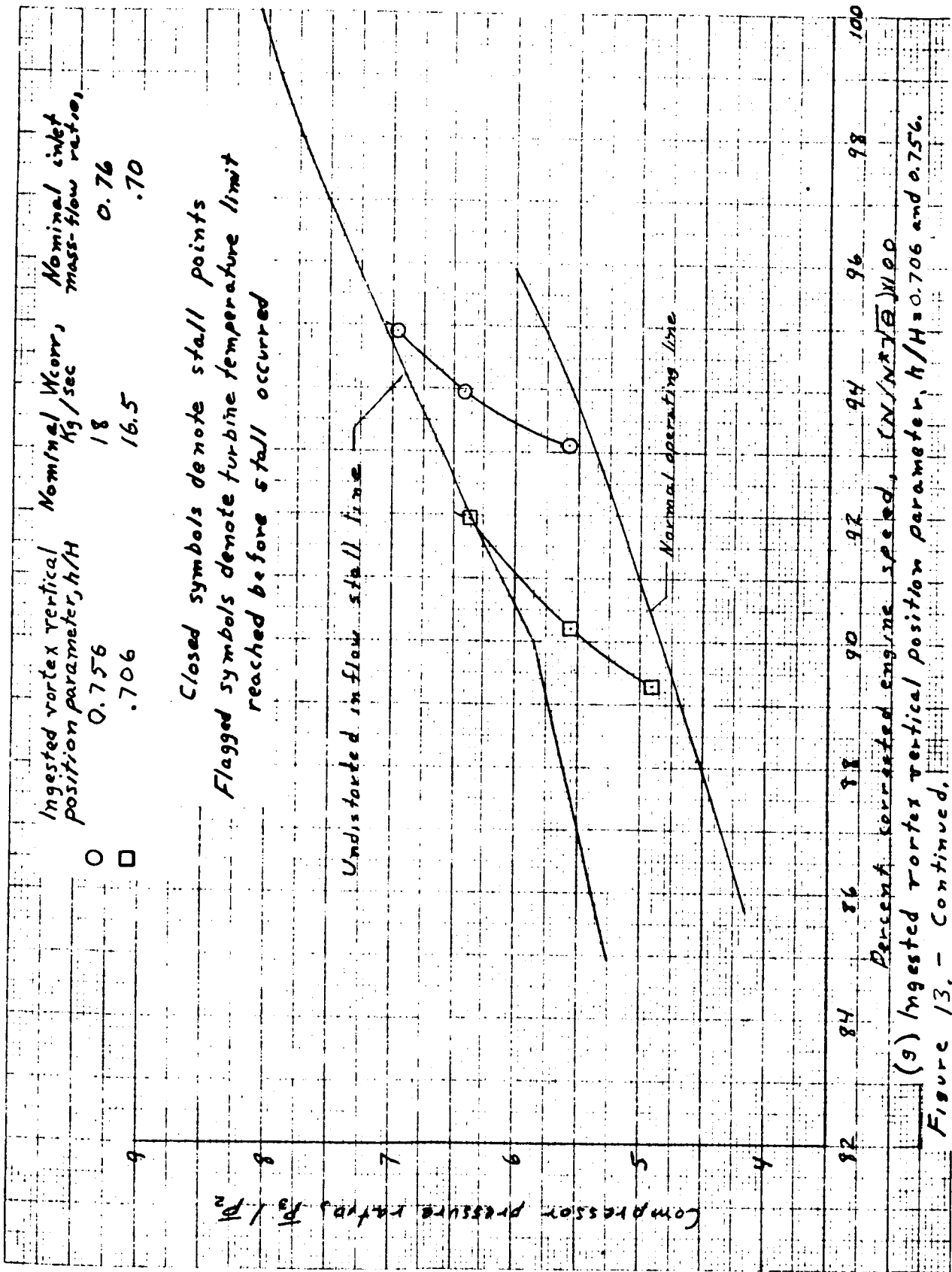
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.625	14.5	.61

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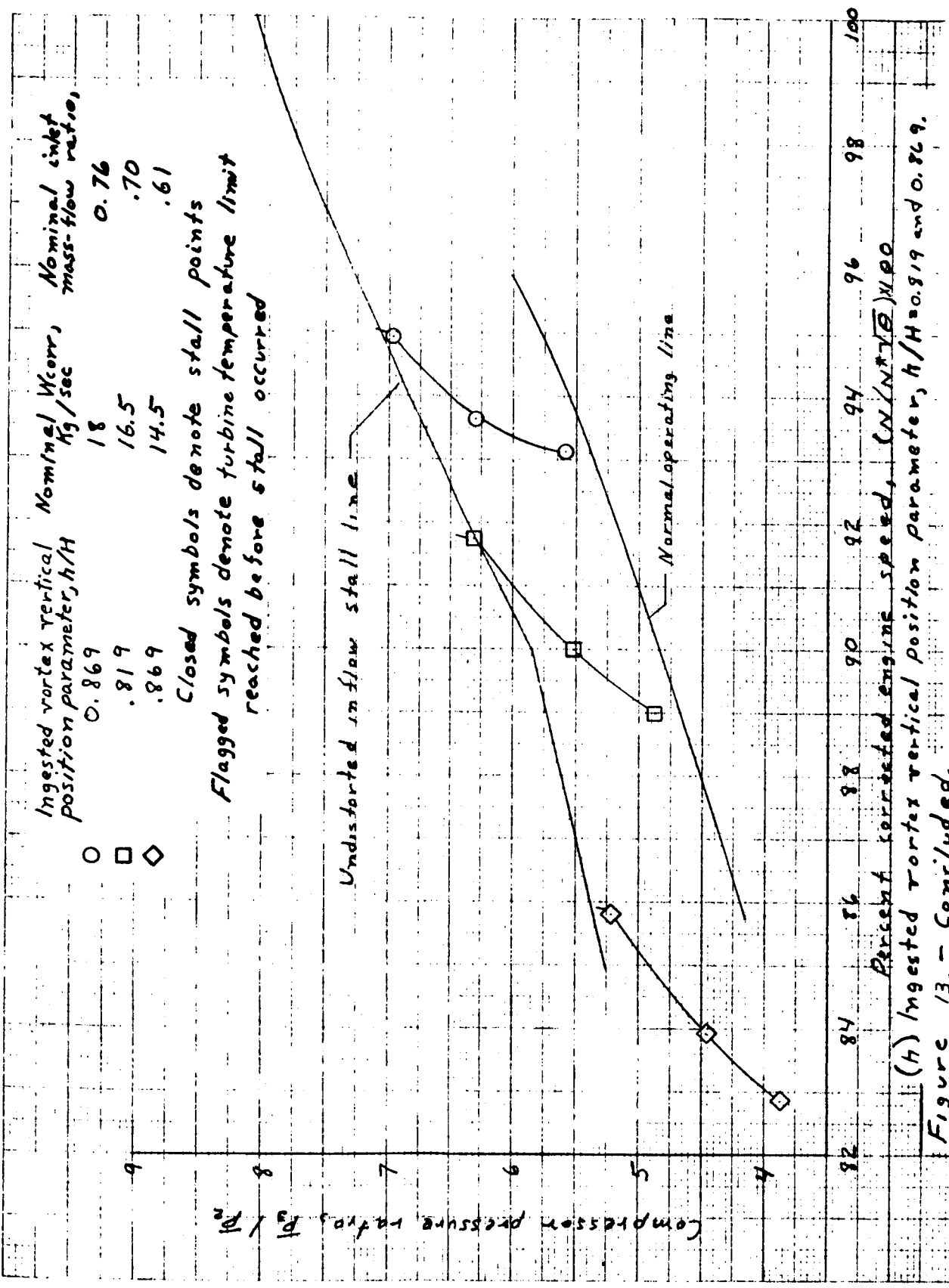
(f) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.575$ and 0.625 .
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(9) Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, $h/H = 0.706$ and 0.756 .
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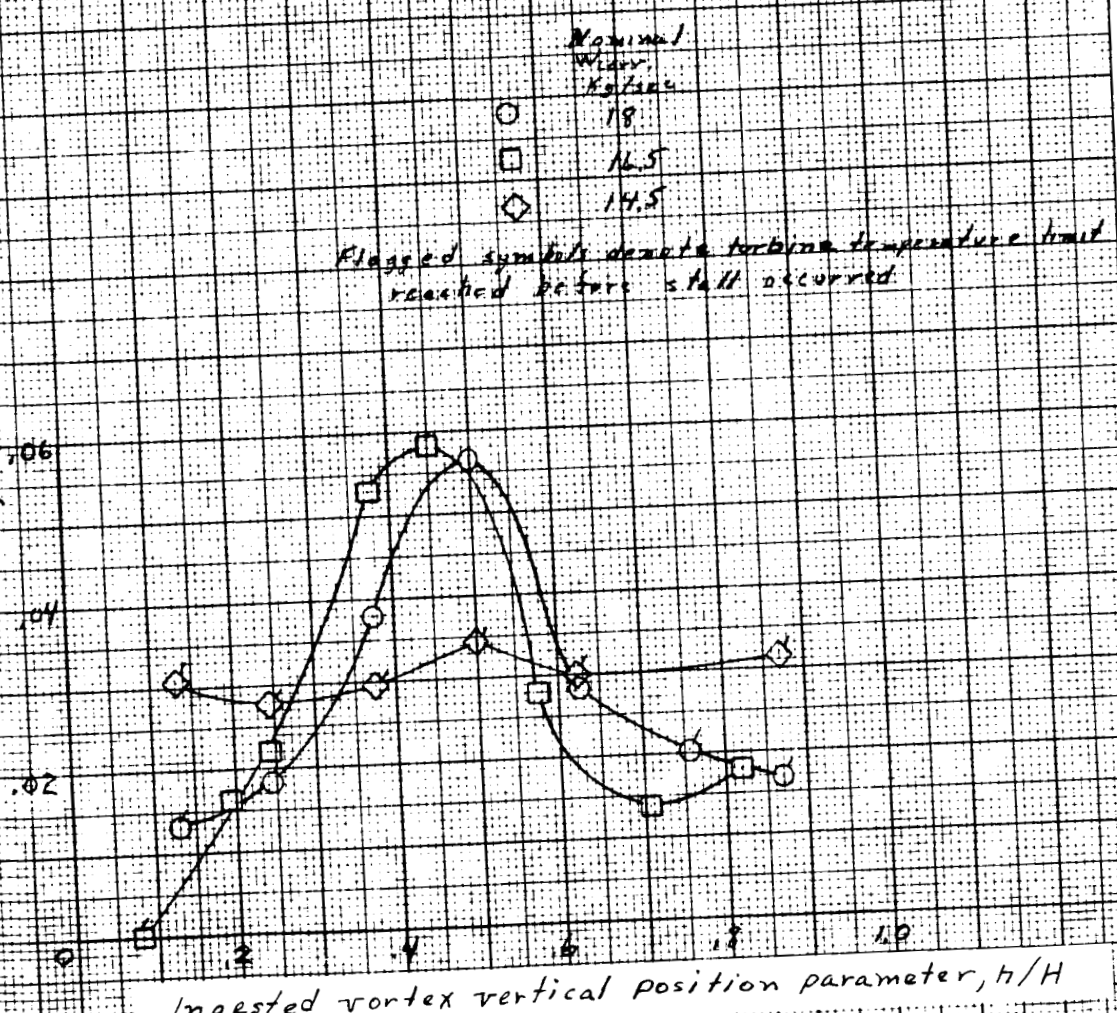
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Dimensionless stall compressor pressure ratio at constant corrected speed

$$1 - \left[\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right]_{stall} / \left[\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right]_{stall}$$



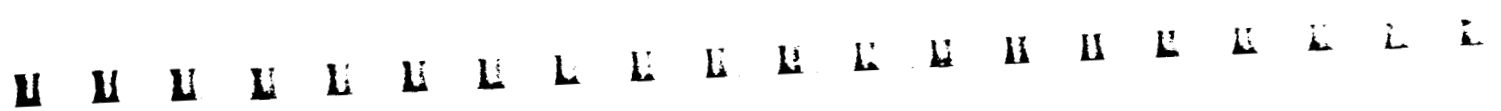
Nominal Rotor Speeds:
 ○ 18
 □ 16.5
 ◇ 14.5
 Flagged symbols denote turbine temperature limit reached before stall occurred

Ingested vortex vertical position parameter, h/H

a) Clockwise vortex rotation (counter to engine).

Figure 14.- Effect of vertical placement of ingested vortex on compressor stall.

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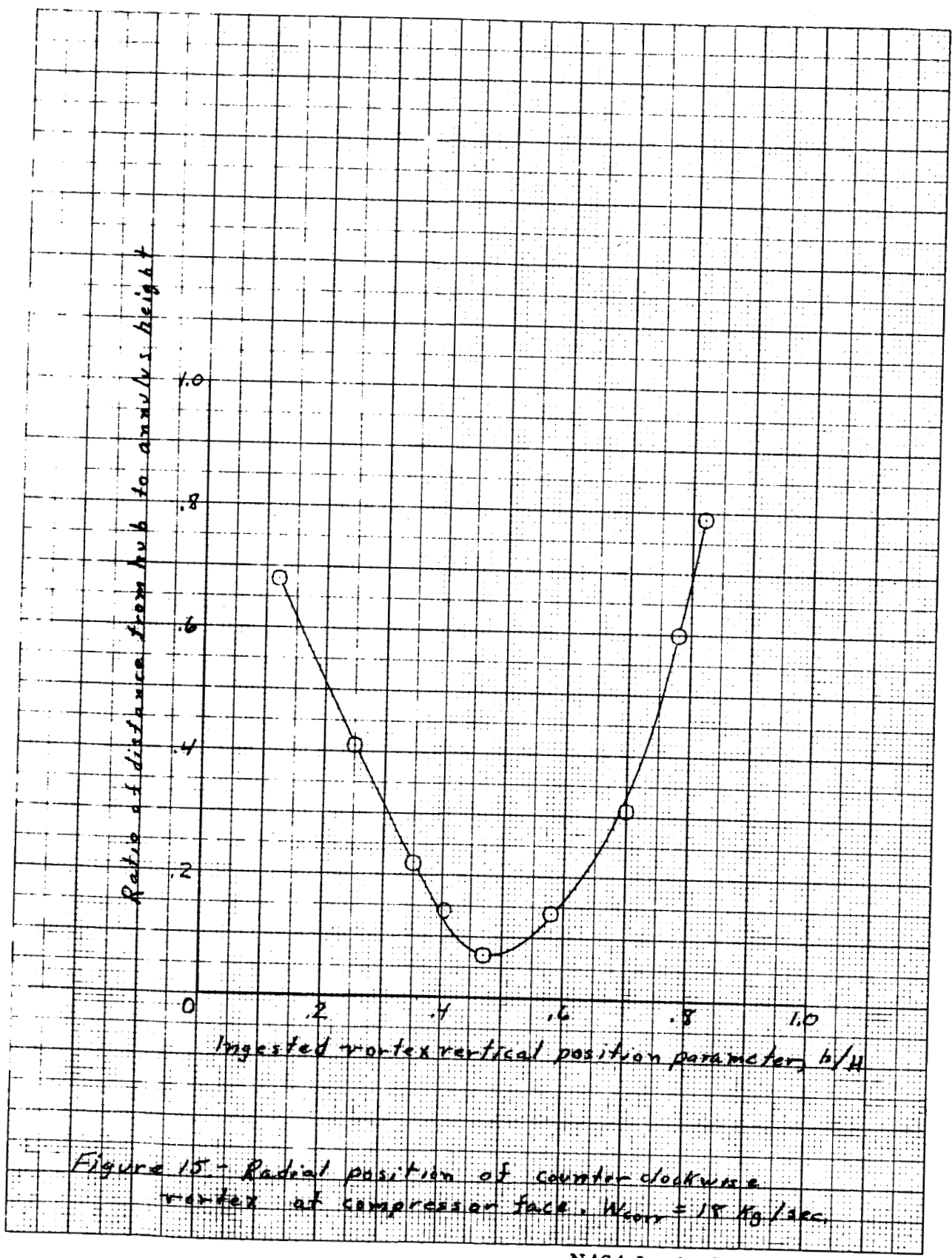


Figure 15 - Radial position of counter-clockwise vortex at compression face, $W_{corr} = 18 \text{ kg/sec}$

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