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### Abstract

A parametric wind-tunnel study has been performed with jet vortex generators to determine their effectiveness in controlling flow separation associated with low-speed turbulent flow over a two-dimensional rearward-facing ramp. Results indicate that flow-separation control can be accomplished, with the level of control achieved being a function of jet speed, jet orientation (with respect to the free-stream direction), and orifice pattern (double row of jets vs. single row). Compared to slot blowing, jet vortex generators can provide an equivalent level of flow control over a larger spanwise region (for constant jet flow area and speed). Dye flow visualization tests in a water tunnel indicated that the most effective jet vortex generator configurations produced streamwise co-rotating vortices.

## Nomenclature

$C_p$	pressure coefficient, $2(P - P_\infty)/\rho V_\infty^2$
$C_Q$	total flow coefficient, $Q/\delta\lambda V_\infty$
$D_o$	jet orifice diameter
$Q$	total volumetric flow rate
$R_\theta$	Reynolds number based on momentum thickness
$u$	component of mean velocity in the x-direction
$u'$	fluctuating velocity component in the free-stream (x) direction
$v$	component of mean velocity in the y-direction
$V_\infty$	free-stream flow speed
$VR$	ratio of jet speed to free-stream flow speed
$x$	coordinate along the wall in the free-stream direction
$y$	coordinate normal to the wall
$z$	coordinate parallel to the wall and normal to the free-stream direction
$\alpha$	jet inclination angle (angle between the jet axis and the wall)
$\beta$	jet azimuthal angle (angle between the jet axis and the free-stream direction in a x-z plane)
$\delta$	boundary-layer thickness
$\theta$	momentum thickness
$\lambda$	lateral distance between jet orifices
$\omega_z$	spanwise (lateral) component of mean vorticity

## 1.0 Introduction

Trailing-edge flaps, such as the Fowler flap, double- and triple-slotted flaps, are an integral part of conventional (Boeing 707, 737 and 747) and unconventional (SST and likely, NASP) aircraft designs for lift augmentation. The increase in the effective wing area, and consequent lift increment offered by typical multielement airfoils, is highly desirable; however, there are penalties that must be accepted. [Bertin and Smith (1989)] Leading-edge flaps (e.g., Krueger) create gaps that reduce the effectiveness of laminar-flow-control (LFC) techniques. In addition, a large percentage of the volume of a wing with flaps includes support structure for the flaps. This negatively impacts the structural efficiency of the wing design.

A basic objective of the flap-system design is to attain the highest possible  $L/D$  ratio at the highest possible lift coefficient. If a clean flaps-up wing did not stall, a flap system would essentially not be needed. [Olason and Norton (1966)] For high-lift wings without flaps, the issue is clearly one of three-dimensional separation control. If effective three-dimensional low-speed separation-control techniques can be developed for implementation during aircraft take-off and landing, flaps can be omitted from aircraft designs. However, a wing without flaps (with appropriate flow-control devices) would need to be flown at a higher angle-of-attack than one with flaps, in order to create equivalent lift. Instead of placing the entire aircraft at a higher angle-of-attack, a rotating-wing design or airport "ski jumps" can be used.

Vortex generators are commonly used to alleviate boundary-layer flow separation problems in internal and external aerodynamic configurations. One commonly utilized method for flow separation control involves placing small vortex generators (rectangular, delta-shaped winglets, Wheeler-type devices, etc.) [Wheeler (1984); Rao and Kariya (1988); Selby (1989); and Lin et al. (1989, 1990)] in a spanwise array upstream of a flow separation line. In this manner, the streamwise vortices generated by the vortex generators increase longitudinal momentum near the wall and suppress or eliminate separation.

Another method for generating longitudinal vortices is through the use of jets blown through holes in a solid surface. [Wallis (1952); Pearcey and Stuart (1959); Papell (1984); Zhang and Li (1987); and Johnston and Nishi (1989)]. These streamwise vortices can then interact with the separated flow. The holes in the surface are skewed at an angle to the free-stream direction and can be arrayed along the surface like classical vortex generators. This separated-flow control technique was first studied by Wallis (1952); however, the idea has not yet been operationally employed. Wallis (1952) demonstrated that jet vortex generators can significantly delay turbulent separation on a NACA 2214 airfoil model in low-speed flow ( $V_\infty = 18.3$  m/s). Pearcey and Stuart (1959) and Zhang and Li (1987) examined the flow physics associated with jet vortex generators, including the relative strengths of the members of the vortex pair comprising a skewed jet. Papell (1984) tested jet vortex-generator orifices of circular and non-circular cross-section in a study of the fluid mechanics of the discrete hole film-cooling process as applicable to the cooling of turbine blades. Johnston and Nishi (1989) have conducted low-speed airflow experiments in a wind tunnel at a free-stream airspeed of 14.9 m/s and demonstrated that the "vortex-generator-jet" method creates longitudinal vortices that are effective in reducing the separated flow associated with a flat-plate model in an adverse pressure gradient.

Therefore, one approach to three-dimensional separation control for aircraft might involve the use of jet vortex generators. The air used in a LFC suction system near the leading-edge of a wing (operated for leading-edge-region separation control during takeoff/landing) can be bled through the jet holes (appropriately located with respect to the region of flow separation) to produce streamwise vortices that interact with and control the separated flow.

The objective of the subject research was to perform a careful parametric study of jet vortex generators for low-speed two-dimensional turbulent flow-separation control. Parameters that were varied included orifice diameter, jet orientation, jet speed, longitudinal hole location, and hole pattern.

## 2.0 Experimental Apparatus and Tests

### 2.1 Wind Tunnel

The present separation-control experiments were conducted in the NASA Langley 51x71 cm (20x28 inch) Shear-Flow Control Tunnel. This is a low-turbulence ( $u'/V_\infty < .005$ ), subsonic, open-circuit wind tunnel. In the current study, all experiments were conducted at a free-stream speed of 40 m/s. The free-stream reference speed was measured by a pitot-static probe mounted from the ceiling at the front of the test section.

The test-section floor was modified for the separation-control experiment. A flow-separation ramp (model) was located approximately 1.9 m from the test-section entrance. See Figure 1 for the test configuration. The tunnel floor upstream of the ramp was raised 7.6 cm to accommodate the ramp model. A suction slot at the test-section entrance was used to remove the converging-section boundary layer to eliminate any influence of upstream history on the test boundary layer. The new laminar boundary layer that developed downstream of the suction device was artificially tripped with a 5.1-cm wide strip of sandpaper (36 grit). The ceiling height of the test section was adjusted to obtain zero pressure gradient upstream of the ramp. The boundary layer just ahead of the separation ramp was fully turbulent and the thickness,  $\delta$ , was approximately 3.3 cm. At this same location, the spanwise momentum thickness ( $\theta$ ) variation across the test plate was within  $\pm 2.5$  percent ( $\theta = 3.3$  mm) and the momentum thickness Reynolds number,  $R_\theta$ , was approximately 9000.

The baseline (or reference) separation model was a two-dimensional  $25^\circ$  ramp with a 20-cm shoulder radius as shown in Figure 2. The model spanned the entire 71-cm wide test section and produced reasonably two-dimensional flow separation at approximately the midpoint of the ramp or about 7.6 cm downstream of the horizontal tangent point (see Figure 3). Ten jet vortex generator orifices (lateral spacing of 3.0 cm) were nominally located 4.4 cm upstream of the point of horizontal tangency or  $3.5\delta$  upstream of baseline separation. The orifice diameters ( $D_o$ )

tested were 0.8, 1.2, 1.6, 3.2, and 4.8 mm ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24, 0.36, 0.48, 0.97, \text{ and } 1.45$ , respectively). Orientation of the jets was varied through changes to the jet inclination angle,  $\alpha$  (angle between the jet axis and the horizontal plane;  $15^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$ ), and the jet azimuthal angle,  $\beta$  (angle between the jet axis and the free-stream direction in a horizontal plane;  $0^\circ \leq \beta \leq 90^\circ$ ). These angles are defined in Figure 4.

Twenty-five static pressure orifices were located on the centerline of the separation ramp and twenty orifices were located on the centerline of the floor downstream of the ramp. The pressure tubes for the orifices were connected to a motor-driven valve which sequentially connected each orifice to a single differential pressure gauge. All surface static pressure measurement were referenced to the free-stream static pressure measured at a location near the entrance of the test section. Spanwise pressure distributions were measured by moving the jet vortex generator assembly in the spanwise direction with respect to the (fixed) row of pressure orifices.

The "oil-dot" flow-visualization technique was used to determine surface flow patterns. A mixture of titanium dioxide and 10 centistoke silicone oil proved to be suitable for identifying separation and reattachment lines, as shown in Figure 3. The oil dots were placed on the model surface in a square grid approximately 2.5 cm apart in both the free-stream and spanwise directions.

## 2.2 Water Tunnel

Dye-flow visualization studies were conducted in the NASA Langley 41x61 cm (16x24 inch) Water Tunnel. The tunnel has a vertical test section with an effective working length of about 1.4 m. A 2.5 cm thick splitter plate was placed in the mid-plane of the test section. The velocity in the test section was varied between 2.5 and 21.1 cm/s. The flow visualization study was performed on a surface of the splitter plate for both a laminar boundary layer ( $V_\infty = 2.5 \text{ cm/s}$ ) and a turbulent boundary layer ( $V_\infty = 26.1 \text{ cm/s}$ ). A 0.5 cm diameter boundary-layer trip installed on the splitter-plate surface 5.1 cm downstream of the leading edge ensured a turbulent boundary layer at the higher free-stream speeds. The jet vortex generators were located approximately

86 cm downstream of the boundary-layer trip. At the device location,  $R_\theta$  was calculated to be approximately 90 for laminar flow and 670 for turbulent flow. Similarly,  $\delta$  was determined to be approximately 2.3 cm for laminar and 3.3 cm for turbulent flow.

Food coloring (red) and fluorescent (fluorescein) dyes were both used in the flow visualization tests. The colored dye visualization tests produced a global picture of the flow structure while fluorescent dye illuminated by a laser light sheet provided a cross-sectional view of the flow structure. A 200 mW argon laser with a cylindrical lens produced the light sheet used to illuminate the y-z plane (end view). A mirror inclined  $45^\circ$  to the x-y plane was placed downstream of the splitter plate in order to obtain the end view. Dye was introduced directly through the orifices for the tests with the jet vortex generators. All flow visualization tests were documented using a video camera and recorder.

### 3.0 Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Wind Tunnel

Longitudinal pressure distributions (jet orifices located symmetrically with respect to pressure orifices) are presented in Figure 5 as a function of jet orifice diameter ( $D_o = 0.8, 1.2, \text{ and } 1.6 \text{ mm}$  or  $D_o/\theta = 0.24, 0.36, \text{ and } 0.48$ , respectively) for  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ , and flow coefficient,  $C_Q = Q/\lambda\delta V_\infty = 0.034$  with  $\delta$  measured just upstream of the separation ramp. Also shown in Figure 5 are baseline (jets off) and potential flow (computed) pressure distributions. For a constant value of  $C_Q$  and variations in  $D_o$ , the velocity ratio (VR), the ratio of jet speed to free-stream speed, is variable. The best performance in terms of pressure recovery and reattachment line location was obtained with  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$  (VR = 6.8). Data presented in Figure 5 generally indicate an increase in pressure recovery and a reduction in the extent of the separation region with increasing VR (decreasing  $D_o$ ). When examining the baseline pressure distribution, it should be noted that the flow around a corner (or a shoulder) accelerates and decelerates symmetrically from the potential flow perspective; this is the reason for the pressure drop along the upstream portion of the shoulder. Baseline separation occurred just before the sharply increasing  $C_p$  distribution began to level off and reattachment occurred near the region of maximum  $C_p$ . The reattachment distance, therefore, can be defined as the distance between these two locations.

Figure 6 shows pressure distribution as a function of streamwise position for  $D_o = 1.6 \text{ mm}$  ( $D_o/\theta = 0.48$ ,  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ , and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ) as a function of  $C_Q$  (or VR). These results indicate that the maximum pressure recovery was achieved at the maximum value of  $C_Q$  (or VR) when  $D_o$  was held constant.

The effect of variations in inclination angle on the pressure recovery ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $C_Q = 0.034$ , and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ) is illustrated in Figure 7. It appears that maximum pressure recovery was obtained with  $15^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 25^\circ$ . A positive effect was also obtained with  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ; however, negligible effect is shown with  $\alpha = 90^\circ$  compared with the baseline case. Surface oil-flow

visualization photographs for  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , (Figures 8 and 9, respectively) and other conditions as in Figure 7, show that the flow reattaches upstream of the baseline reattachment line for both inclination angles. However, in both cases, surface streamlines downstream of reattachment are skewed toward the (initial) direction of the jets. The skewness is greater at the lower inclination angle. For both inclination angles, the separation line is three-dimensional, with pockets of separated flow adjacent to pockets of attached flow. In addition, the separated flow appears to have a spanwise component which is stronger for  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ .

Figures 10 and 11 show the effect of varying azimuthal angle on the pressure recovery with  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , respectively ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$  and  $C_Q = 0.034$ ). Maximum pressure recovery was achieved with  $\beta = 60^\circ$  at  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and with  $\beta = 90^\circ$  at  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ . These figures show positive effect also for  $\beta = 0^\circ, 30^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$  at  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and for  $\beta = 30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  at  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ . Though there was a positive effect at  $\beta = 0^\circ$  with  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ , the pressure recovery with  $\alpha = 45^\circ$  was identical to the baseline case. Pearcey and Stuart (1959) have indicated that as the jet azimuthal angle,  $\beta$ , is increased, one member of the pair of counter-rotating vortices comprising the jet becomes dominant and is situated close to the surface. The other weaker member of the vortex pair lies above the dominant member. Based on the present results, it appears that this "dominant" vortex was strongest at  $60^\circ \leq \beta \leq 90^\circ$ .

Measurements made to determine the spanwise variation in the pressure distribution with  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $C_Q = 0.034$ ,  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ , and  $\beta = 90^\circ$  are presented in Figure 12. Plane "A" passes through the centerline orifice with Planes "B", "C", and "D" being  $\lambda/4$ ,  $\lambda/2$ , and  $3\lambda/4$  from the centerline in the spanwise direction. These results indicate minimal spanwise variation in the streamwise pressure distributions.

The effect of the streamwise location of the jet orifices on the pressure recovery is shown in Figure 13 ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $C_Q = 0.034$ ,  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ , and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ). For the three cases shown, maximum pressure recovery was obtained with the jet orifices located  $3\delta$  to  $10\delta$  upstream of the reference separation line. Even with the jet orifices located  $40\delta$  upstream of the baseline

separation line, significant pressure recovery was achieved, though reattachment was delayed in comparison with the reattachment location obtained with jet orifices located at 3 and  $10\delta$ .

Several configurations were examined for which adjacent jets were oriented in a manner that has been shown by Johnston and Nishi (1989) to produce counter-rotating vortices ( $\beta = \pm 90^\circ$ ) rather than co-rotating vortices, as in the case when  $\beta = \text{constant}$  for all jets. One such configuration is depicted in Figure 14 ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $C_Q = 0.034$ , and  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ), which shows that the pressure recovery was lower in the three planes examined compared with the results with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ . There was also greater spanwise variability in the streamwise pressure distributions for the configuration with counter-rotating vortices than with co-rotating vortices. The results for the latter case are similar to those shown in Figure 12. Figure 15, the flow-visualization photograph for this case, shows pockets of three-dimensional separated flow on the ramp which cause the spanwise variation in the pressure distribution. Also shown in Figure 15 are regions of surface flow in which there was early reattachment, as well as delayed separation, compared to the baseline case (Figure 3).

Several tests were conducted with the orifices arranged in two rows (5 orifices per row) as depicted in Figure 16. Jets with  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$  were oriented at  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ . Results are presented in Figures 16 and 17 corresponding to values of  $C_Q$  of 0.017 and 0.034, respectively. Jets arranged in this manner are expected to be reinforcing in the streamwise direction in terms of vortex strength. Streamwise pressure distributions obtained with two rows of jets are compared to the distributions for one row of jets ( $C_Q = 0.034$ ) in Figures 16 and 17. The double row of jets with  $C_Q = 0.017$  (Figure 16) have an effective value of  $C_Q$  of 0.034. However, the pressure recovery for this double row of jets (Figure 16) was less than that for the single row shown. It is concluded that the jets arranged in a double row are non-linearly reinforced. When the jets are arranged in a double row (Figure 17) with an effective value of  $C_Q$  of 0.068, the pressure recovery for this arrangement is much less than twice the recovery for a single row. Figures 16 and 17 also show that the streamwise pressure distributions for the double row of jets exhibit spanwise uniformity. The surface oil flow visualization of the double-row configuration

of Figure 17 is presented in Figure 18, which shows skewed, attached flow downstream of the ramp in the region affected by the jets. The surface flow in the near-region of the photograph is less effected by the jets due to the orientation angle of the jets.

A double row of jets arranged in the manner shown in Figures 19 and 20 (produced interacting counter-rotating vortices) was tested with  $C_Q = 0.017$  and  $0.034$ , respectively ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$  and  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ). As with the previous double-row configuration, the reinforcement of the jets was non-linear at both values of  $C_Q$ . With  $C_Q = 0.017$  (Figure 19), the double row of jets oriented to produce counter-rotating vortices produced a level of pressure recovery comparable to that produced by the double row of jets oriented to produce co-rotating vortices (Figure 16). However, at the higher value of  $C_Q(0.034)$ , the counter-rotating vortex configuration produced a maximum pressure recovery (Figure 20) less than that produced by the co-rotating vortex configuration (Figure 17), but comparable to the configuration with the single row of jets having  $\beta = \text{constant} = 90^\circ$ . The spanwise variability in the streamwise pressure distribution shown in Figure 20 suggests that the counter-rotating vortex configuration generates a level of reinforcement that varies in the spanwise direction. The oil-flow visualization photograph (Figure 21) corresponding to the counter-rotating vortex configuration of Figure 20 shows attached flow downstream of the ramp, but pockets of three-dimensional separated flow on the ramp which resulted in the spanwise pressure variations observed.

Air injection through a 0.13 by 23.4 mm rectangular slot, oriented as shown in Figure 22 ( $\beta = 0^\circ$ ,  $VR=6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ ), produced the level of pressure recovery indicated. The slot was designed with a total flow area corresponding to 10 jet orifices with  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ . The pressure recovery produced by slot injection was less than that produced by jet vortex generators with  $\alpha = 15$  and  $45^\circ$  ( $\beta = 90^\circ$ ). In addition, Figure 23 shows that the flow is attached only in a small region near the centerline of the model, where the slot is located. To achieve flow control with slot injection comparable to that obtained with the jet vortex generators (with the same extent of spanwise treatment; i.e., longer slot) would probably require an order-of-magnitude increase in the air volumetric flow rate through the slot.

### 3.2 Water Tunnel

In the water-tunnel investigation, three VGJ's with  $\alpha=15^\circ$ ,  $\lambda=5.1$  cm,  $VR=4$ , and  $D_o=0.8$  mm were installed at various jet azimuthal angles. The visualized dye patterns as seen from an end view located 5.1 cm downstream of the jet for both turbulent and laminar boundary layers are sketched in Fig. 24. As the value of  $\beta$  increased from  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ , the following flow phenomena were observed: (1) the rotational speed of the turbulent vortex increased, (2) vortex core size generally increased, (3) one member of the laminar vortex pair was attenuated, while the other was amplified and moved closer to the wall, and (4) the sign of the vorticity for the laminar and turbulent jets was opposite. Conceptual models for the formation of jet-induced vortices are shown in Fig. 25 for both laminar and turbulent boundary-layer flows at the maximum  $\beta$  of  $90^\circ$ . For the turbulent case, the velocity gradient is concentrated near the wall, with the rest of the boundary layer being dominated by eddies. Hence, as soon as the jet left the orifice, the crossflow-induced vortex pair within the jet experienced relative motion consistent with the direction of the mean transverse vorticity in the boundary layer, and this relative motion was strengthened as  $\beta$  approached  $90^\circ$ . In addition, the member of the vortex pair with rotational direction opposite the mean transverse vorticity in the boundary layer was attenuated. Thus, downstream of the jet orifice, only a single longitudinal vortex rotating in the same sense as the turbulent eddies was observed, as shown in Fig. 25b. Typically, at 2.5 cm downstream of the jet orifices, the core diameters of these vortices were on the order of  $0.2\delta$  for  $\beta=0^\circ$  and  $0.4\delta$  for  $\beta=90^\circ$ . The streamwise growth rate of core diameters was approximately  $0.04\delta$  per cm.

Generally, for laminar flow, the velocity gradient is less concentrated near the wall, and the mean transverse vorticity is much lower than that of a turbulent boundary layer. Fluid approaching the jet from upstream would have a tendency to move outward (+y) due to the large y-component of momentum introduced into the boundary layer by the jets. This would create a large positive streamwise gradient in the y-component of velocity ( $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ ). In addition, the wall-normal gradient of the x-component of velocity ( $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ ) would be decreased due to the

outward movement of low-speed fluid. Hence, if the spanwise component of mean vorticity is defined as:

$$w_z = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right),$$

the value of  $w_z$  is positive if  $\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)$  is larger than  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)$ , which is a likely result here, considering the high jet-to-free-stream velocity ratio (VR=4). A positive value of  $w_z$  corresponds to rotation with an opposite sense (counter-clockwise for free-stream flow from left to right) to that normally associated with a laminar boundary layer (clockwise). Vorticity of this sense would result in the relative movement of the counter-rotating vortex pair, as indicated in the cores sketched in Fig. 24, as well as the attenuation of the vortex with opposite rotation. Thus, downstream of the jet orifice, the near-wall vortex is much stronger than the one farther from the wall and has a direction of rotation (see Figure 25) opposite the mean transverse vorticity in the boundary layer.

#### 4.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

A parametric study performed with jet vortex generators has shown them to be effective in controlling flow separation associated with low-speed turbulent flow over a two-dimensional rearward-facing ramp. Specifically, the following conclusions have been drawn from the present results:

1. For given values of  $C_Q$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , jet vortex generator performance increased with decreasing  $D_o$  due to increasing VR. Also for given values of  $D_o$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , jet vortex generator performance increased with increasing  $C_Q$  due to increasing VR.
2. For given values of  $D_o$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $C_Q$ , jet vortex generator performance generally increased with decreasing  $\alpha$ , since momentum transfer occurred nearer the model wall.
3. For given values of  $D_o$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $C_Q$ , jet vortex generator performance generally increased with increasing  $\beta$  up to values of  $60^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  due to the increasing strength of the dominant member of the vortex pair comprising a skewed jet.
4. For given values of  $D_o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $C_Q$ , jet vortex generator performance generally decreased with increasing distance upstream of the separation line; however, the level of flow-separation control with jets located as far as  $40\delta$  upstream of the baseline separation line was still significant.
5. For given values of  $D_o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $C_Q$ , streamwise pressure distributions displayed spanwise uniformity for a single row of co-rotating jets, as well as for a double row.
6. A single row (or a double row) of jets oriented to produce counter-rotating vortices (in terms of adjacent dominant vortex-pair members) were not as effective as a single row (or a double row) of jets oriented to produce co-rotating vortices, and exhibited a lower level of spanwise uniformity in the streamwise pressure distribution. Jets in a double-row pattern generally reinforced non-linearly in terms of the effect on pressure recovery.

7. Slot injection produced a level of pressure recovery somewhat less than that achieved with a single row of co-rotating vortex generator jets; however, the resulting region of attached flow was very limited in spanwise extent.
8. Oil flow visualization photographs generally indicated attached flow downstream of the ramp; however, surface streamlines were usually skewed in that region, especially with the higher values of  $\beta$ . The photographs also documented the presence of pockets of three-dimensional separated flow on the ramp in the vicinity of the flow-separation region, especially for the counter-rotating vortex configurations.
9. The most effective jet vortex generator configurations tested were the single- and double-row co-rotating vortex configurations with  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ .
10. As azimuthal angle,  $\beta$ , of the VGJ's increased from  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ , both the downstream rotational speed and vortex core size increased for the longitudinal (co-rotating) vortices. For  $\beta \gg 0^\circ$ , the signs of observed vorticity for laminar and turbulent jets were opposite each other.

It is recommended that: (1) jet vortex generators be tested on appropriate airfoil models to determine their effect on airfoil performance at angle-of-attack in this important application and (2) measurements be made of turbulence intensity downstream of the jets to determine the effect on turbulence levels and distribution.

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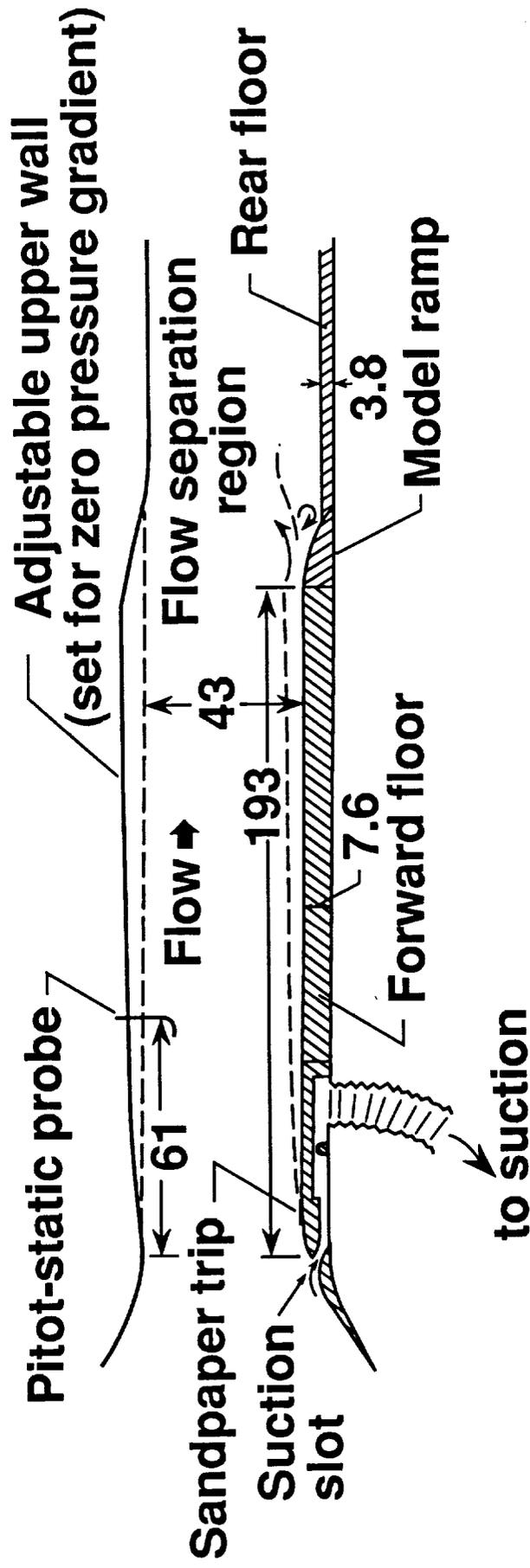
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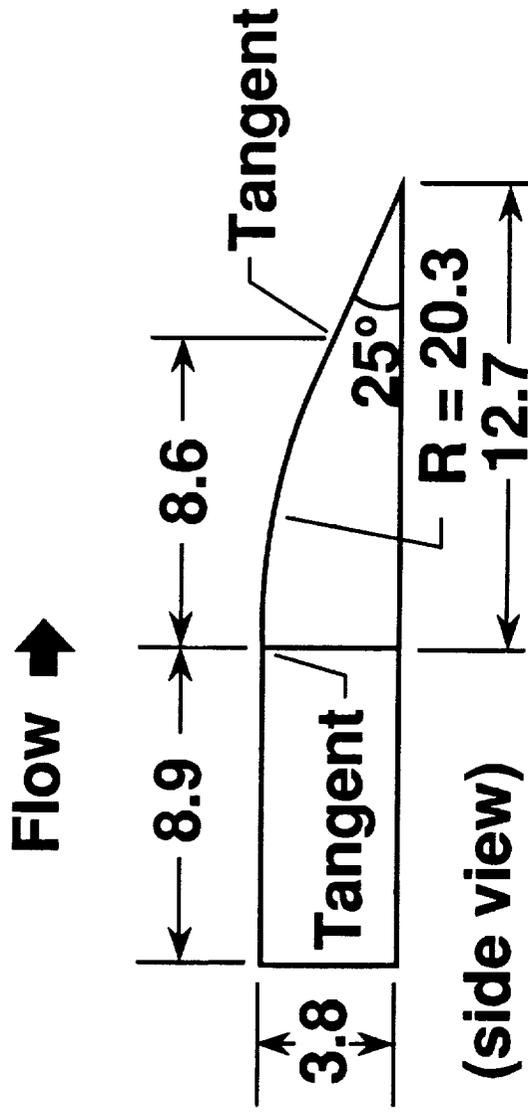
Figure 1

Test Configuration



Note: all dimensions are in cm

Figure 2  
Model Ramp Geometry



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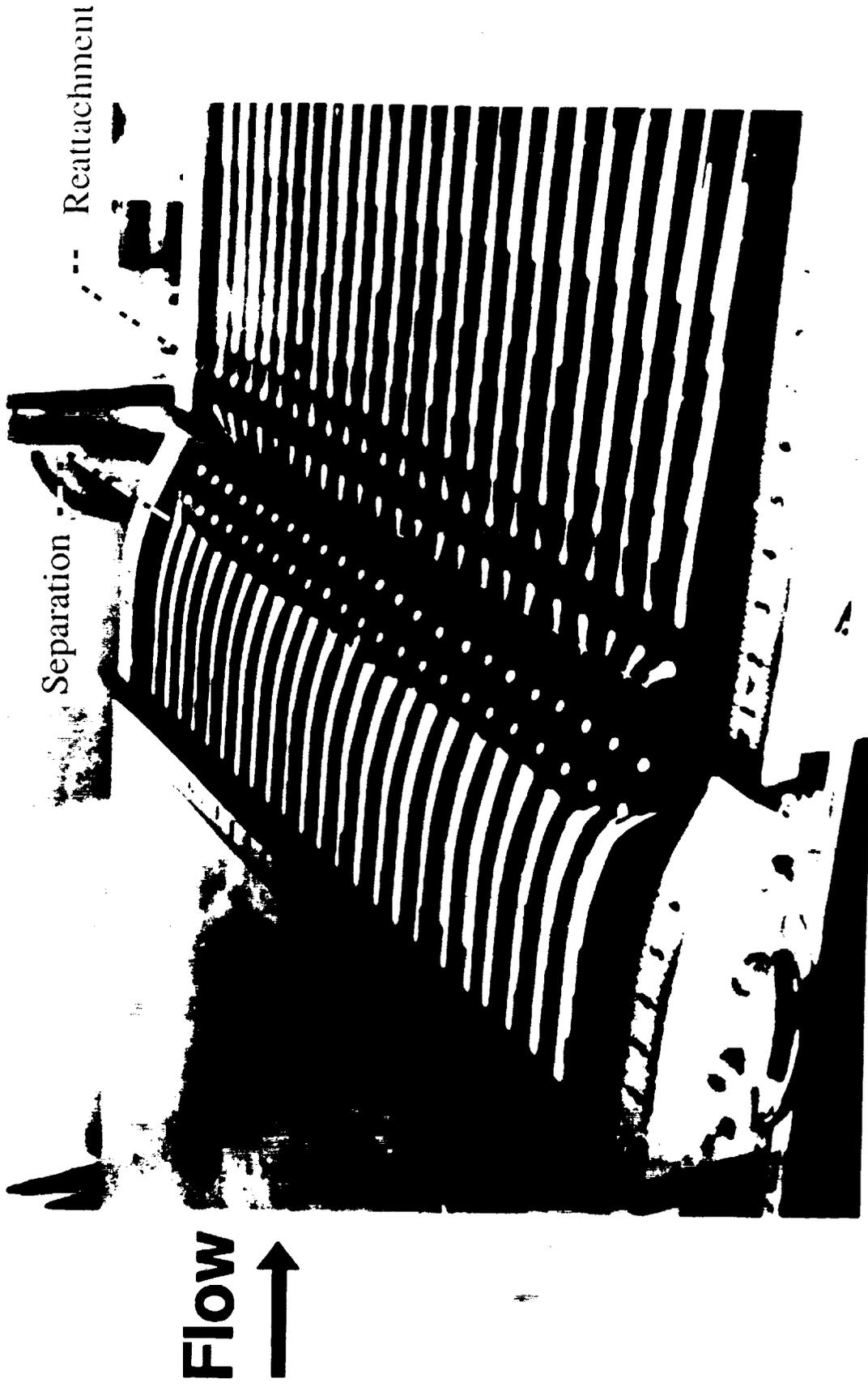


Figure 3 Oil Flow Visualization of Baseline Separation

Figure 4  
Geometry of Jet Vortex Generators

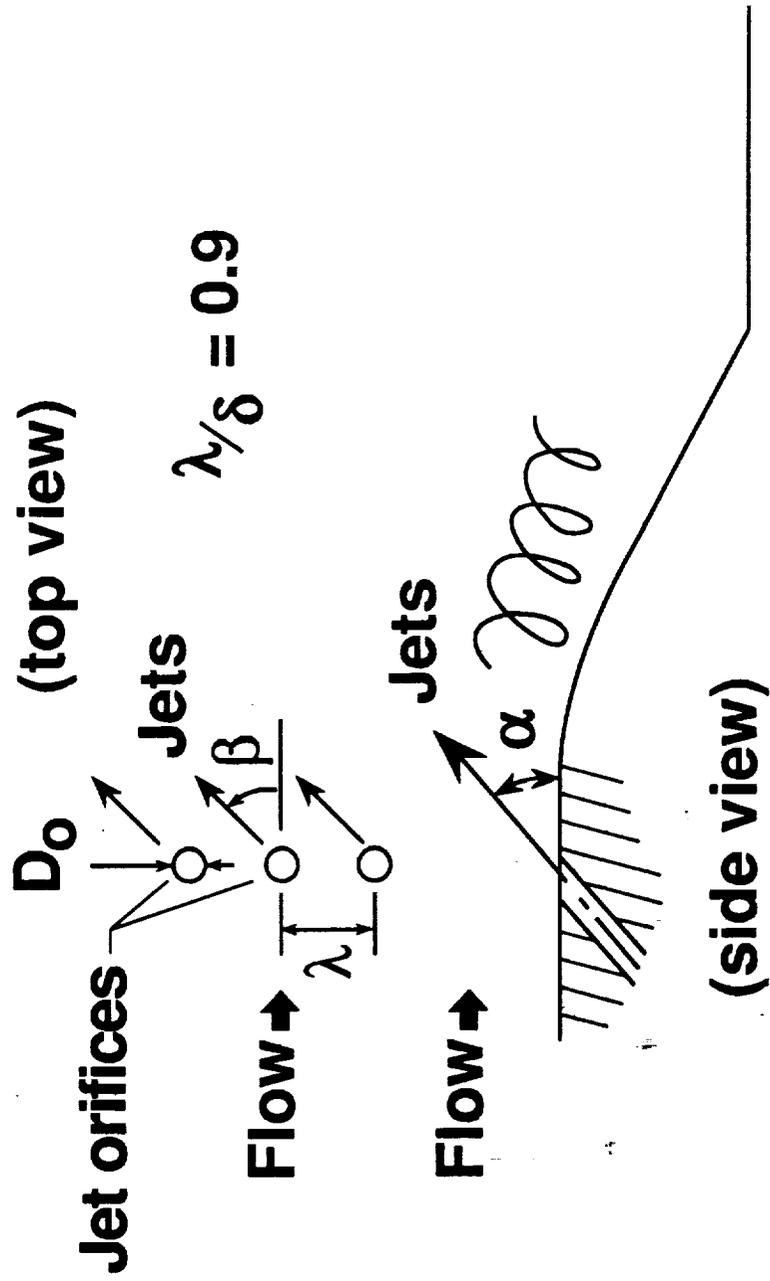


Figure 5  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  with Variable Jet  $D_o$  ( $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

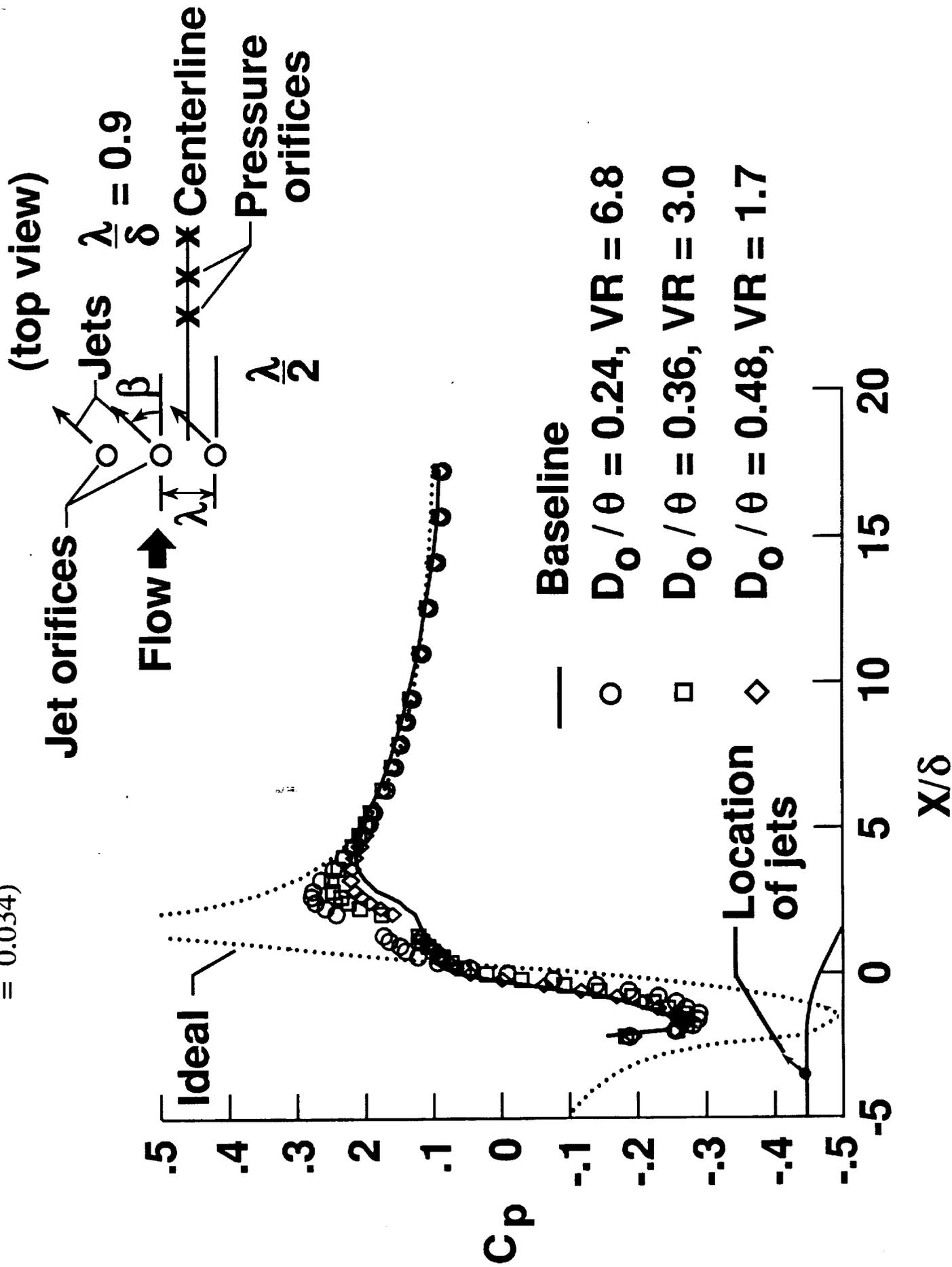


Figure 6

$C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  with Variable  $C_Q$  ( $D_o/\theta = 0.48$ ,  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ , and  $\beta = 90^\circ$ )

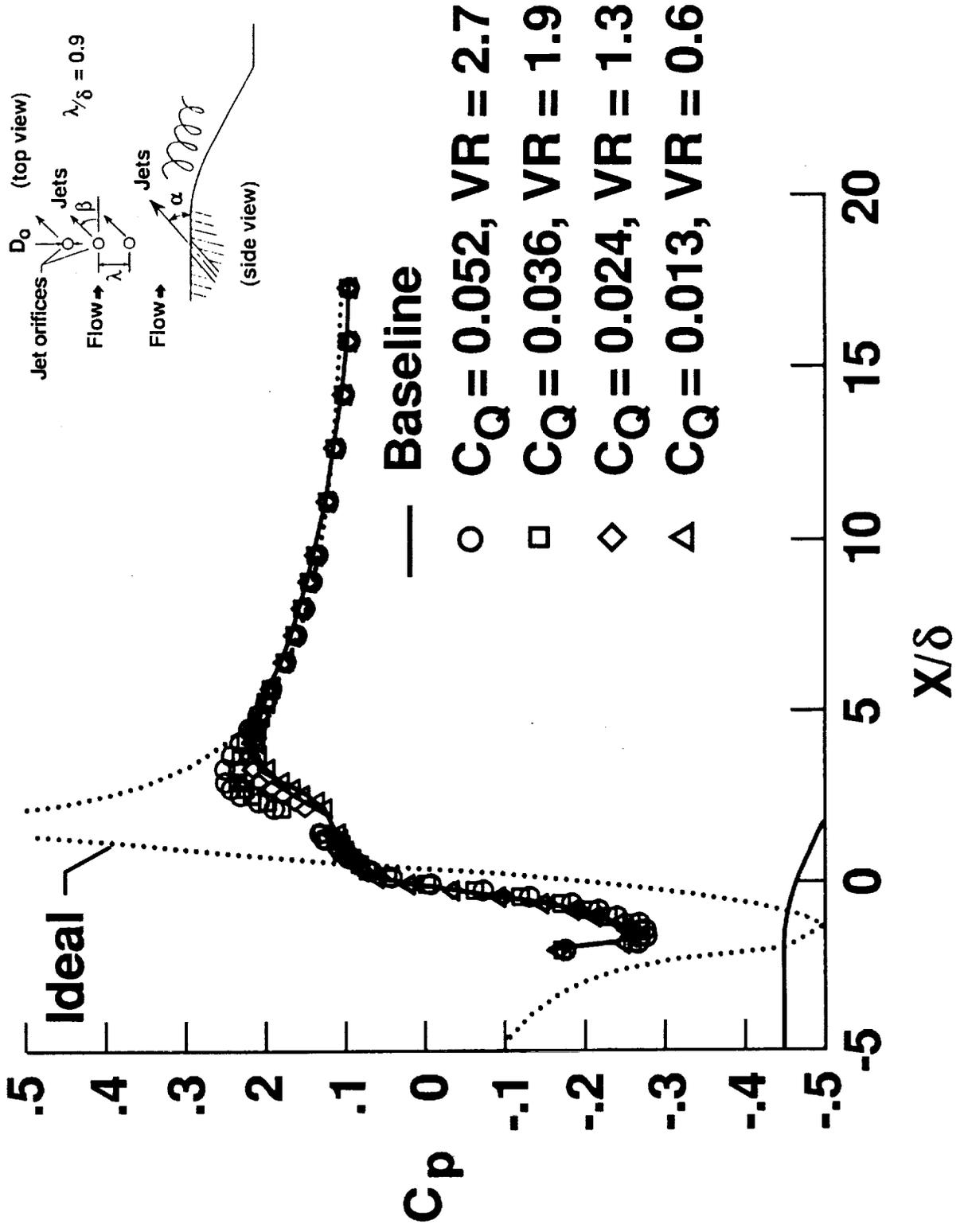


Figure 7  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  with Variable  $\alpha$  ( $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

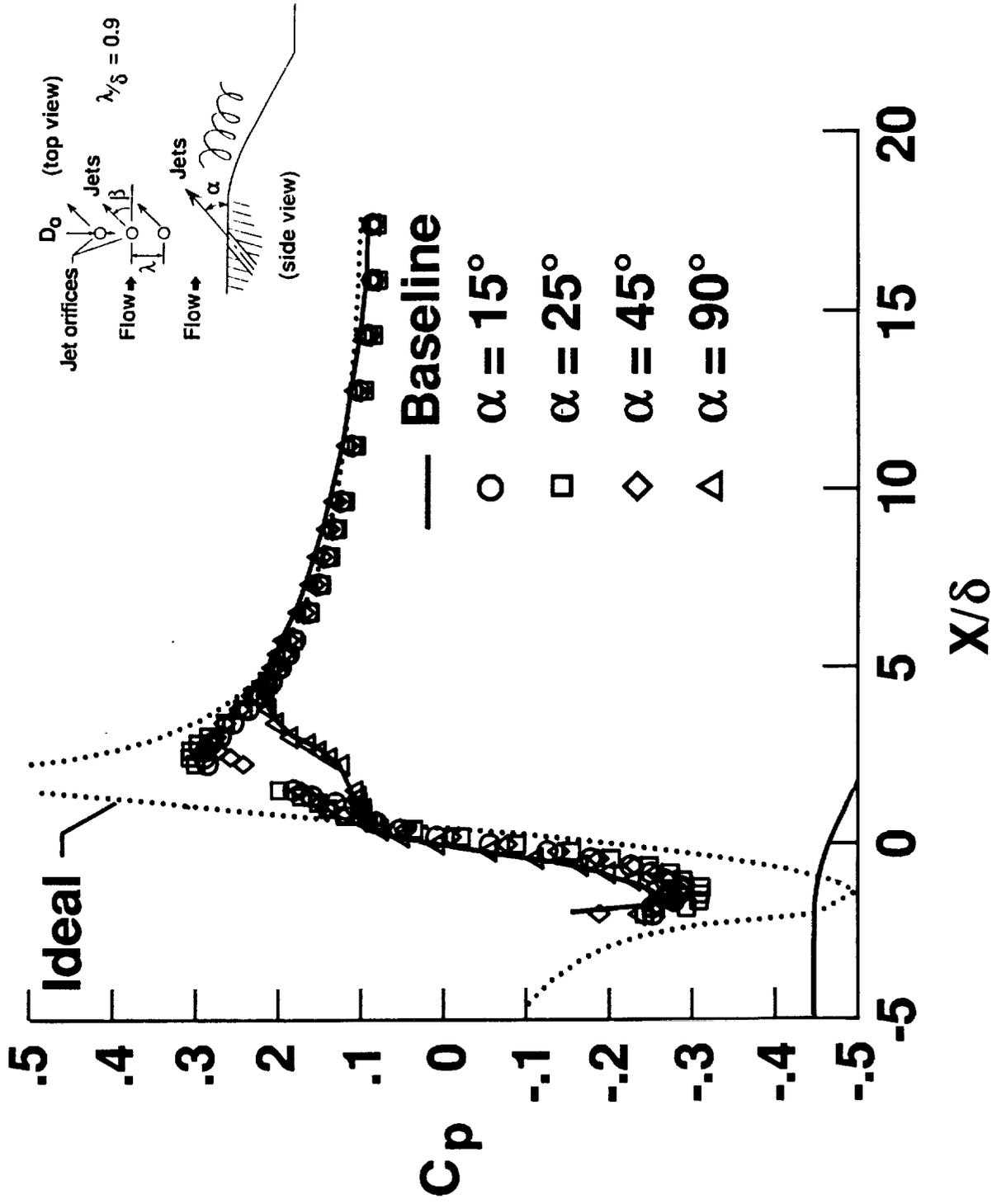




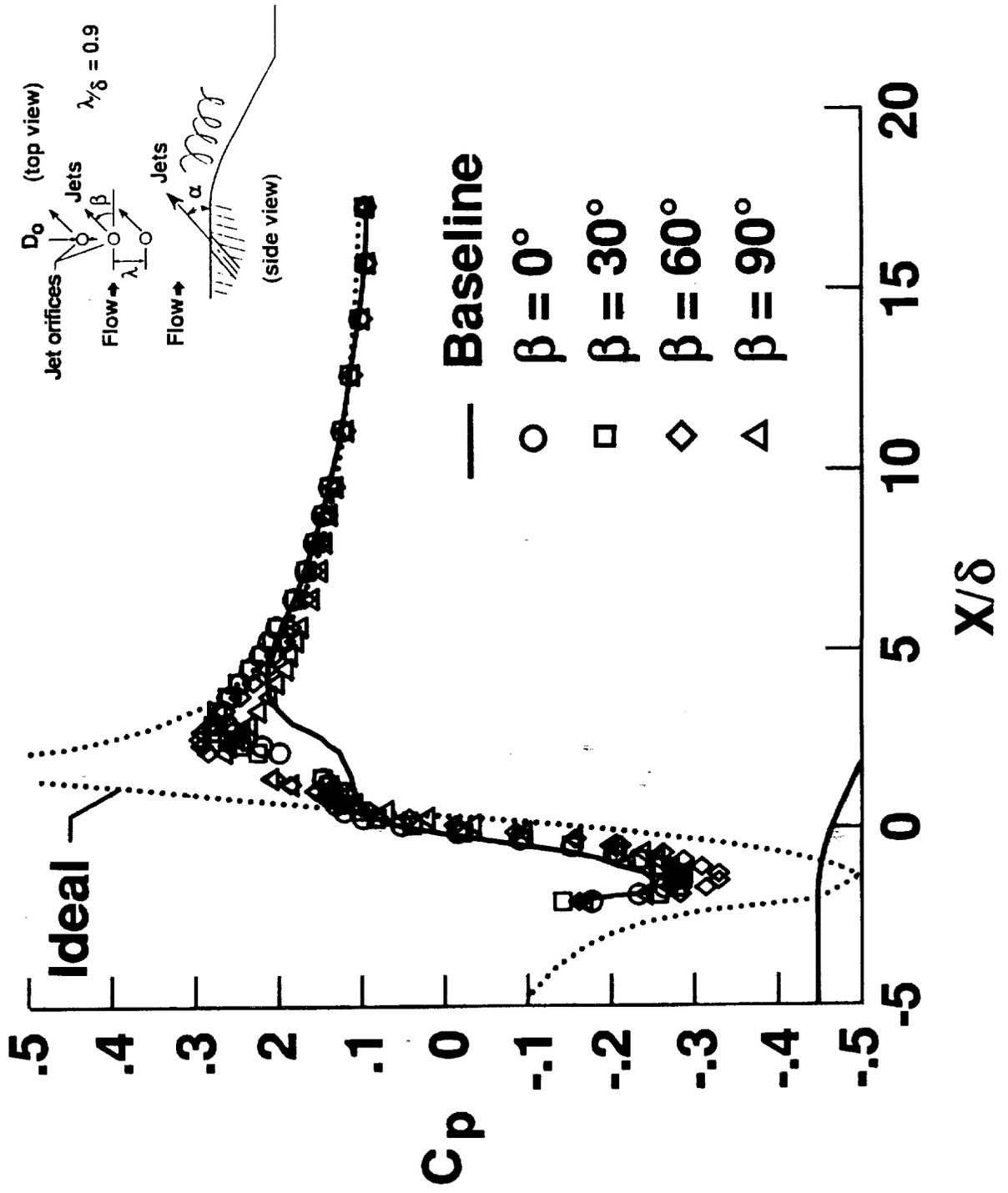
Figure 8 Oil Flow Visualization for Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

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Figure 9 Oil Flow Visualization for Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 10  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  with Variable  $\beta$  ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )



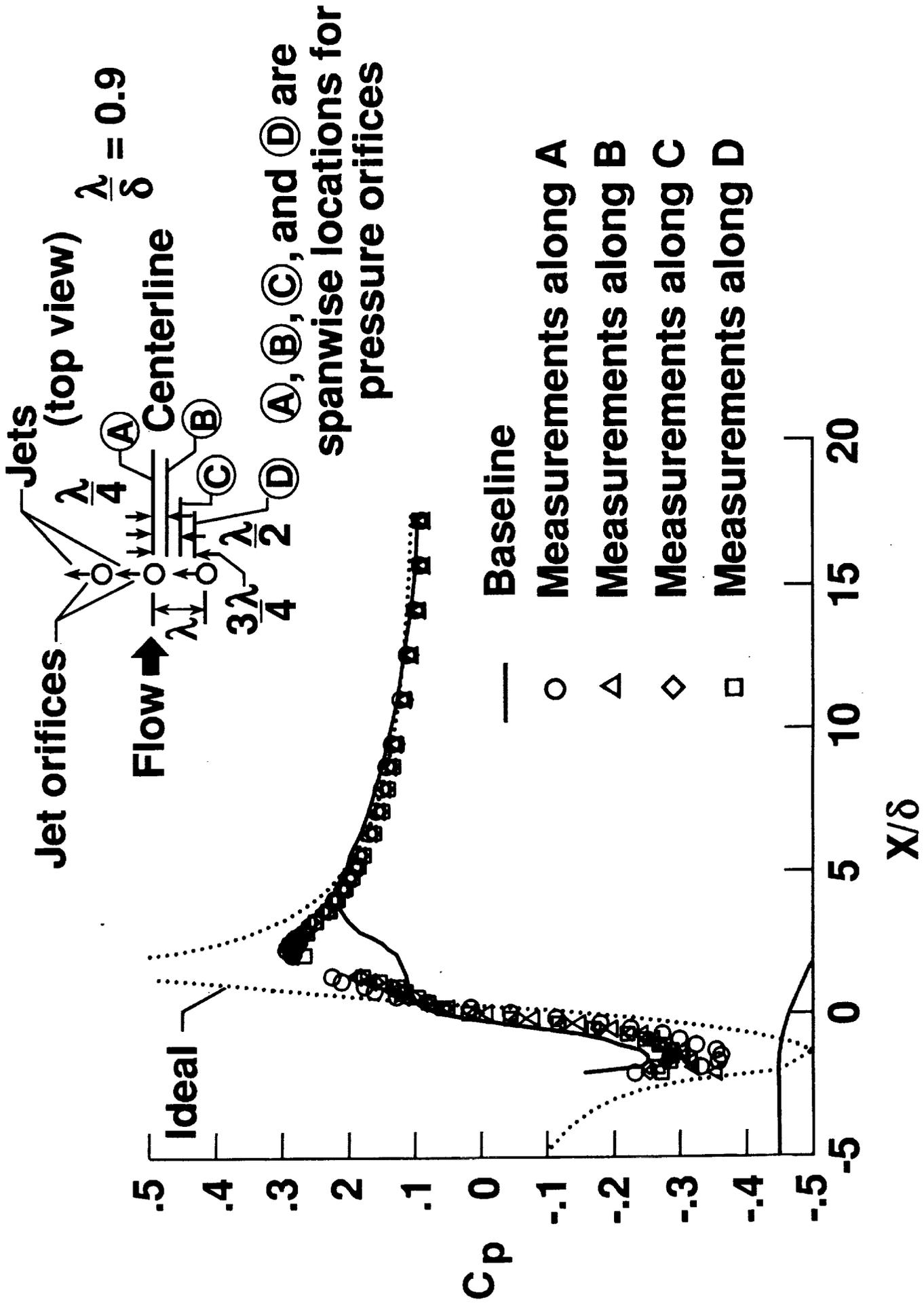


Figure 12  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Several Spanwise Locations ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 11  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  with Variable  $\beta$  ( $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

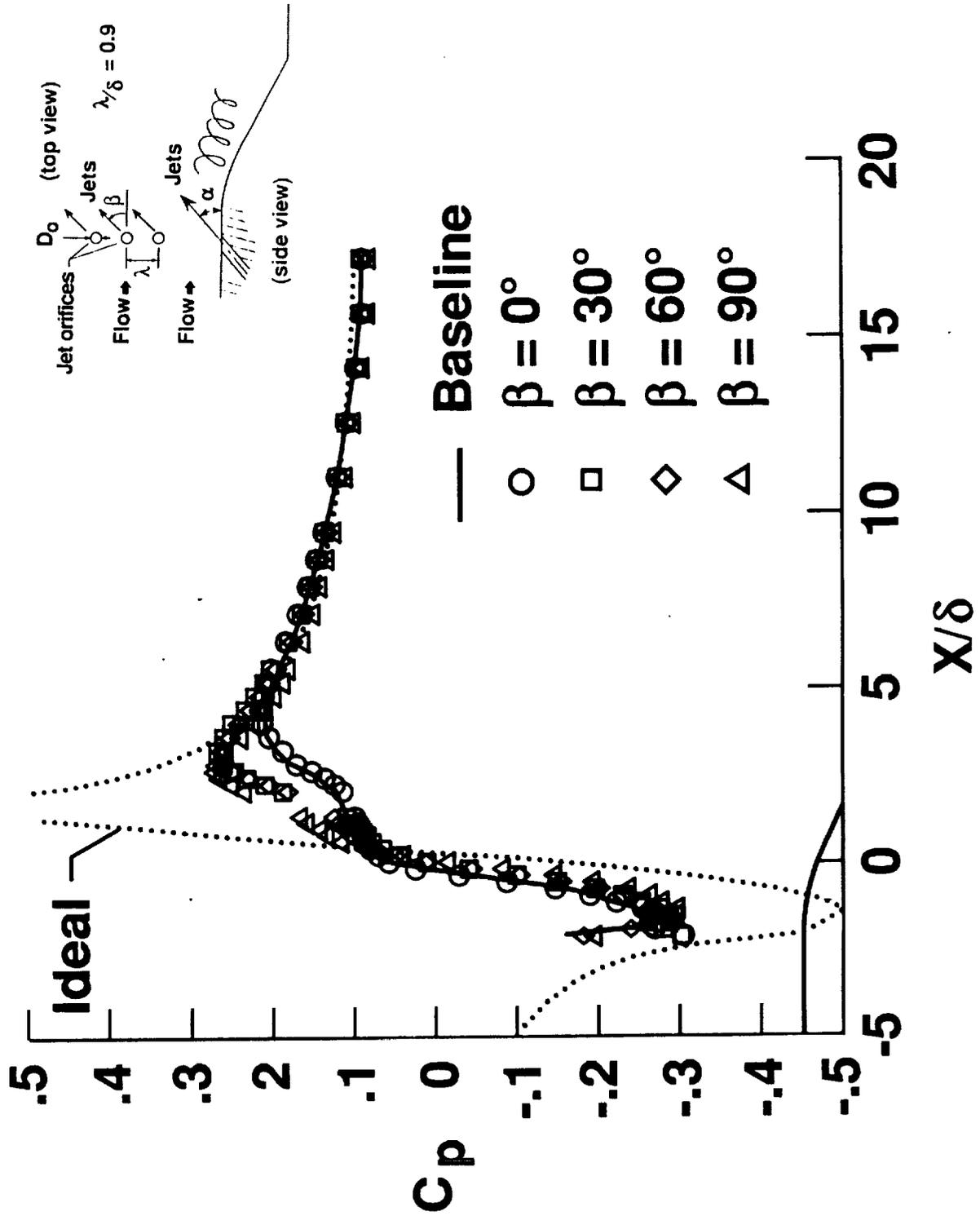


Figure 13  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Several Streamwise Locations ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

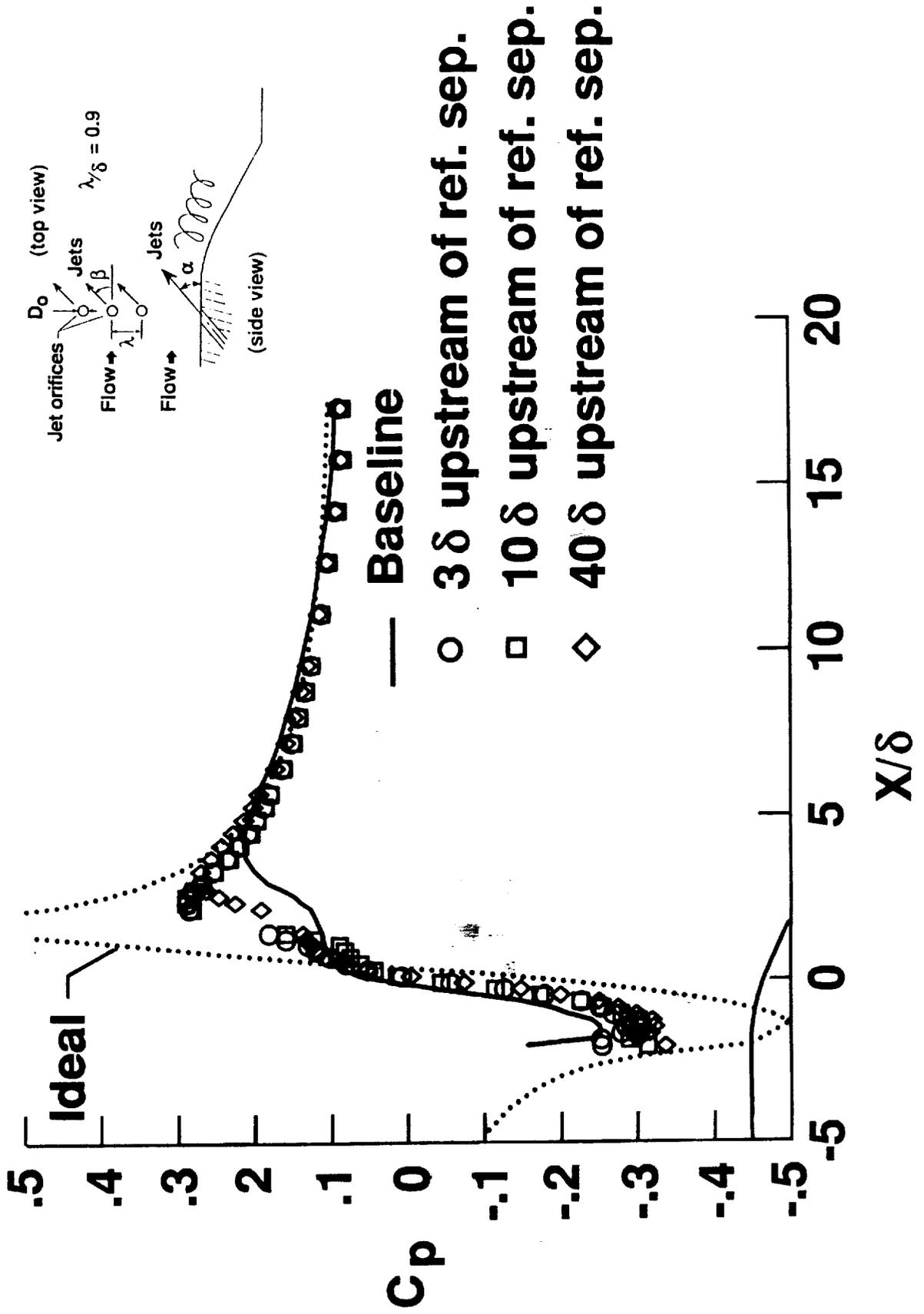
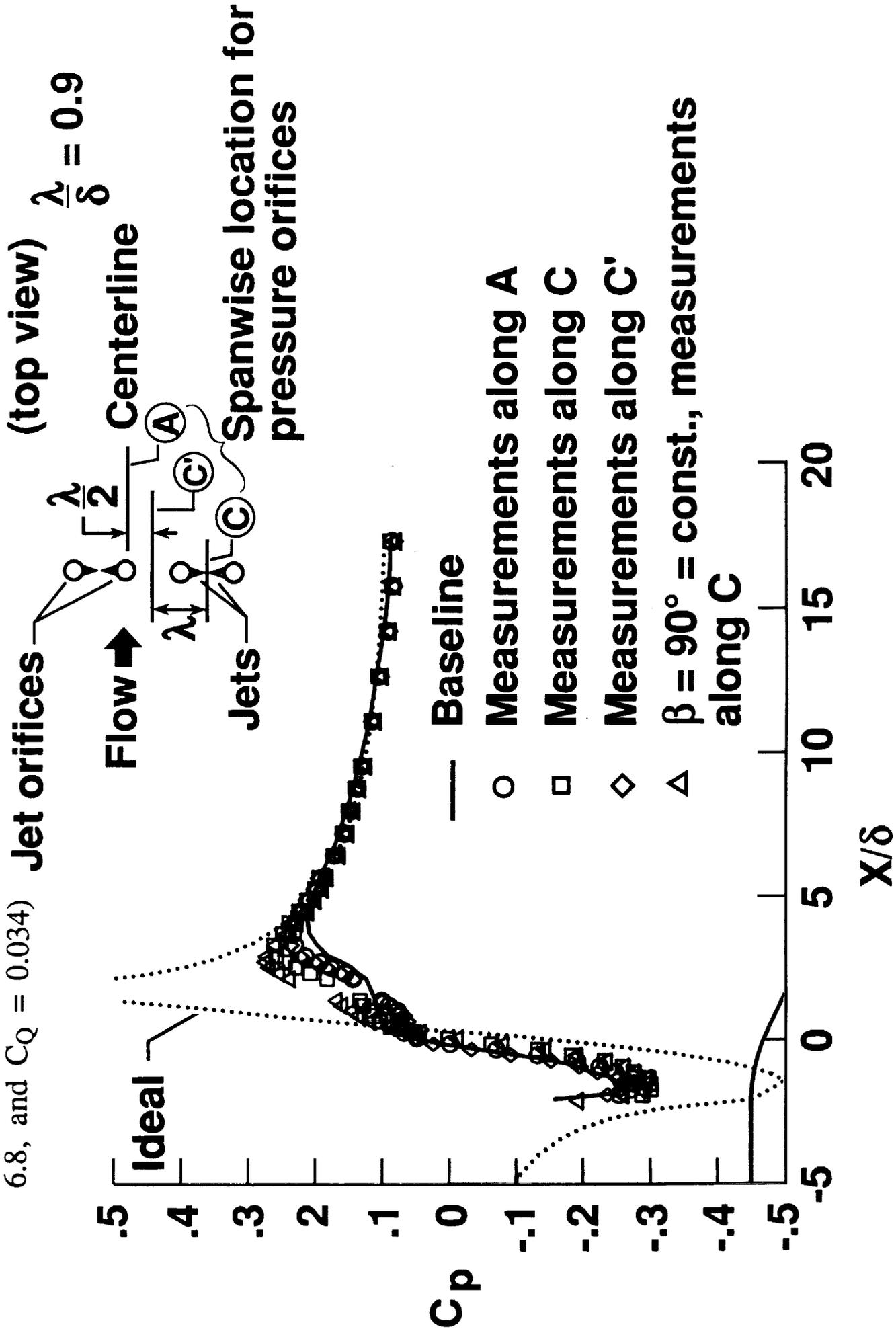


Figure 14  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Several Spanwise Locations for Counter-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $\beta = \pm 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )



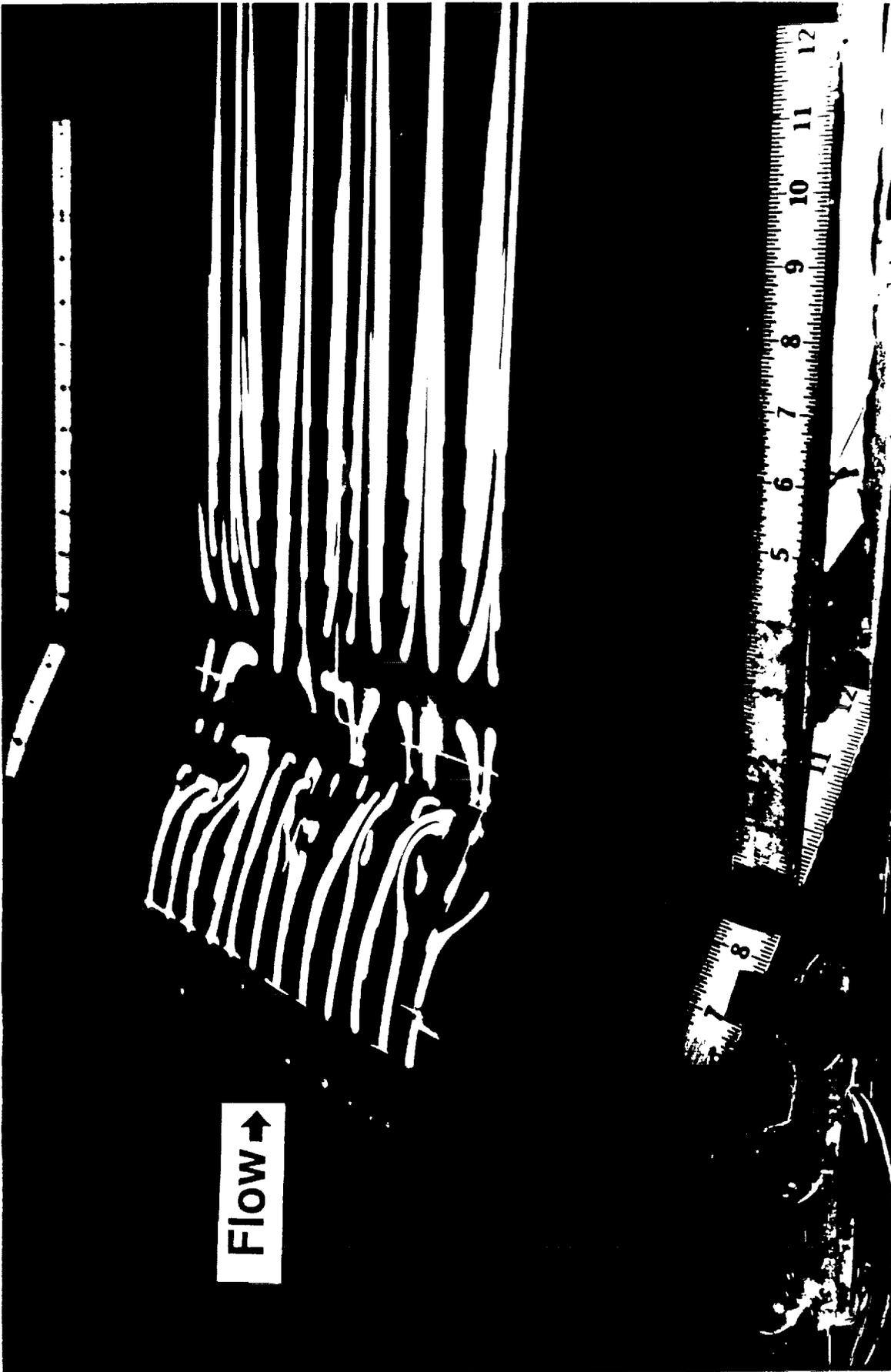


Figure 15  
Oil Flow Visualization for Counter-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,  $\beta = \pm 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/l_o = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 16  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Two Spanwise Locations for a Double Row of Co-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 3.4$ , and  $C_Q = 0.017$ )

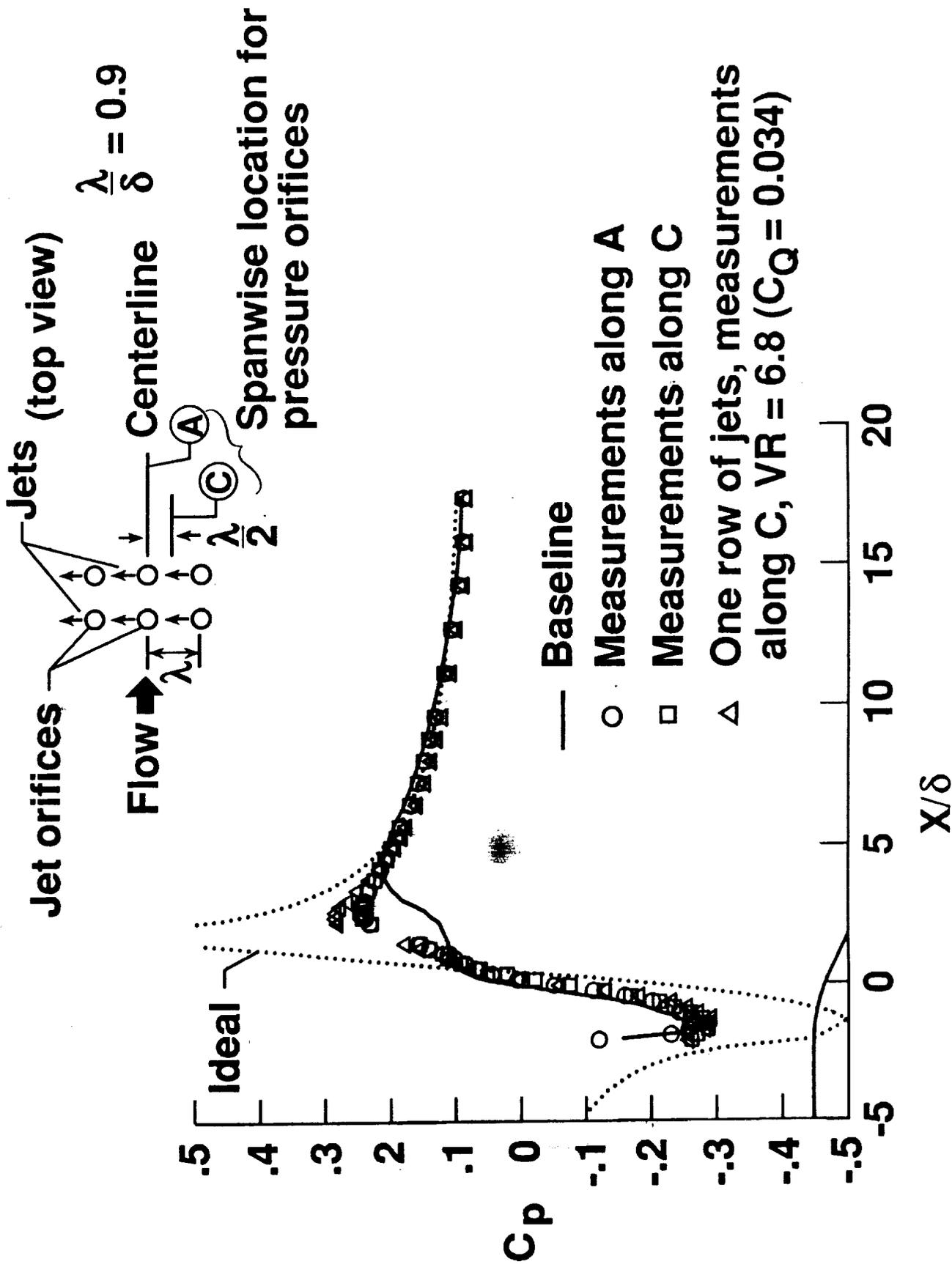


Figure 17  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Two Spanwise Locations for a Double Row of Co-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

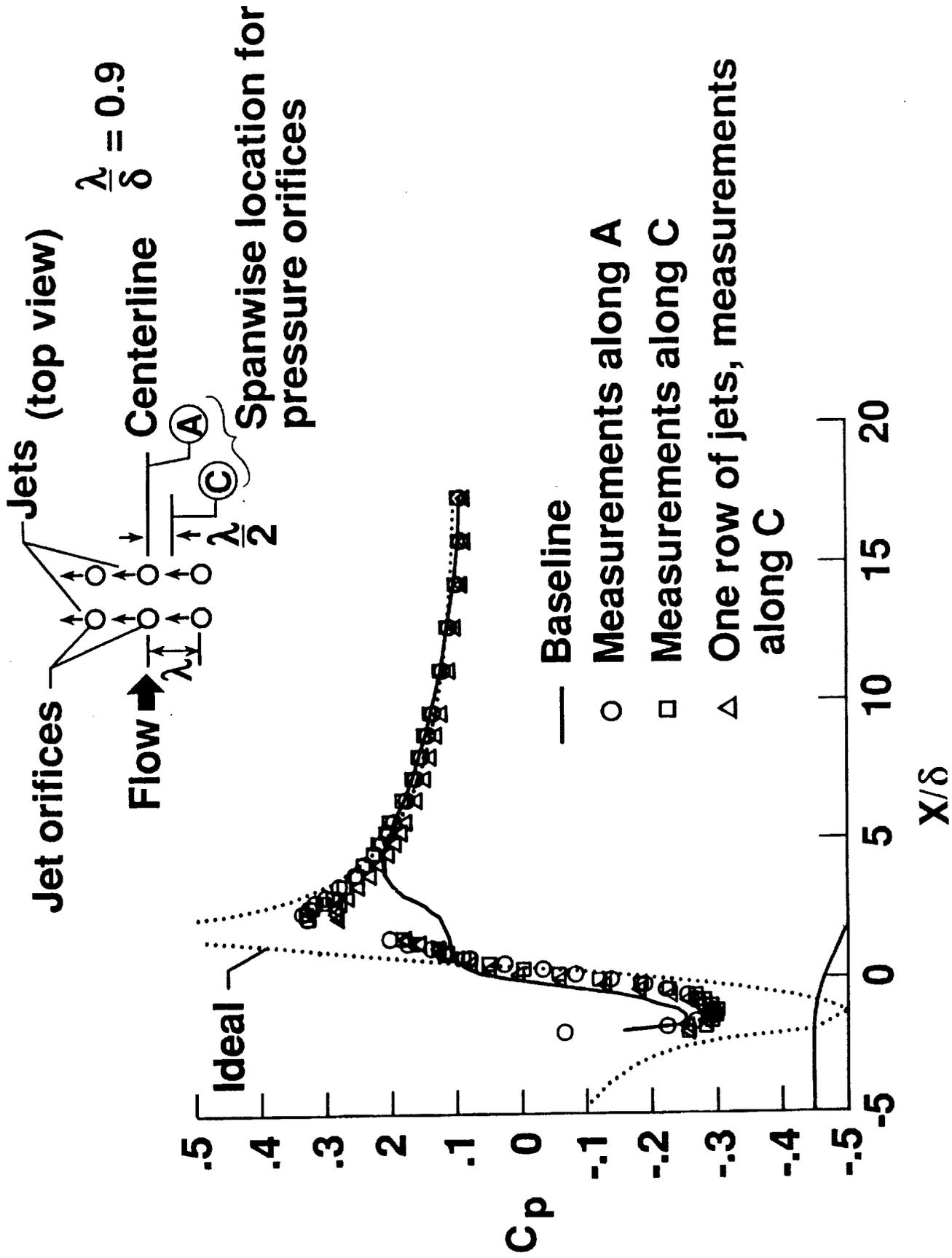




Figure 18

Oil Flow Visualization for a Double Row of Co-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $D_0/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 19  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Two Spanwise Locations for a Double Row of Counter-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 3.4$ , and  $C_Q = 0.017$ )

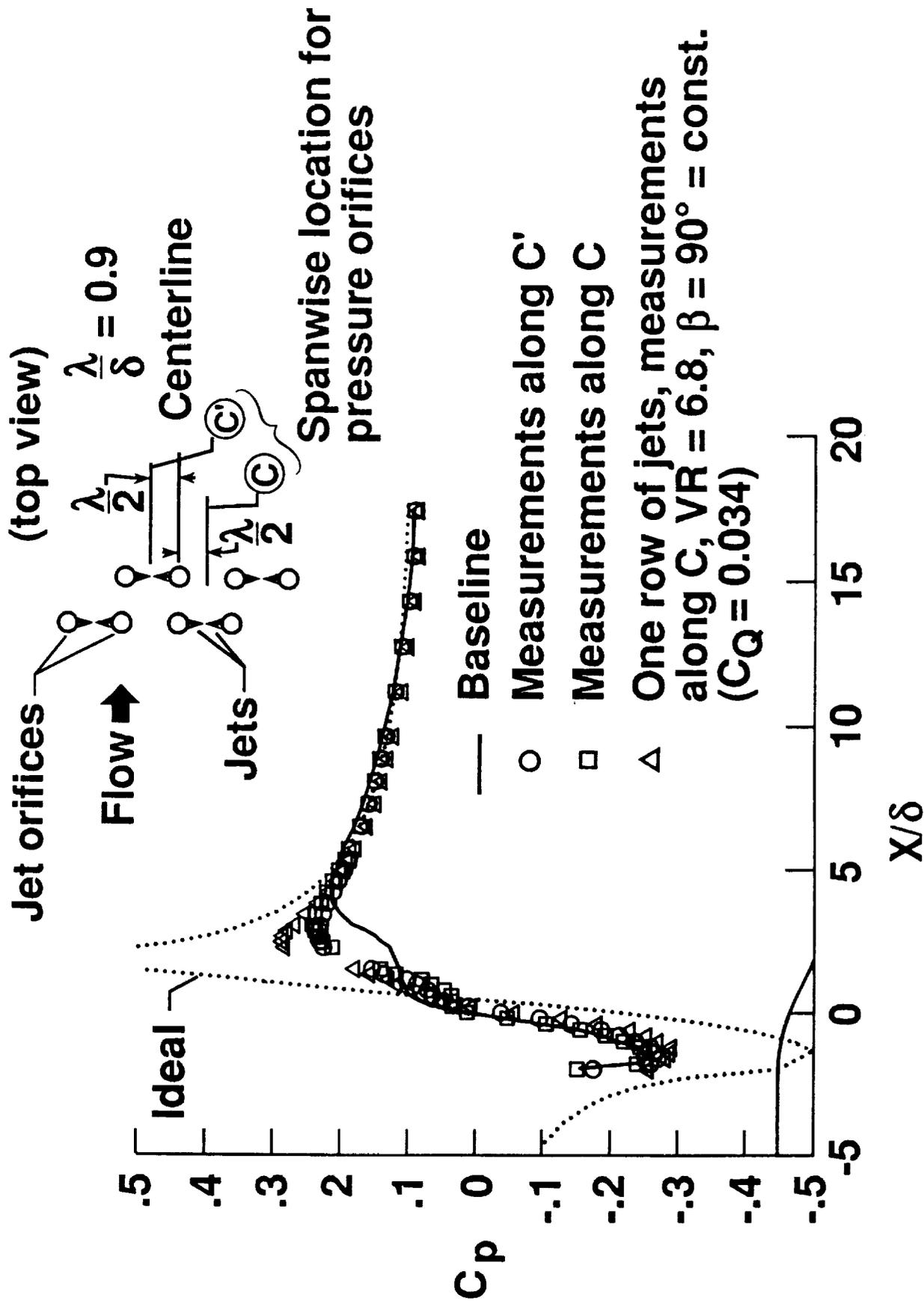


Figure 20  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  at Two Spanwise Locations for a Double Row of Counter-rotating Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

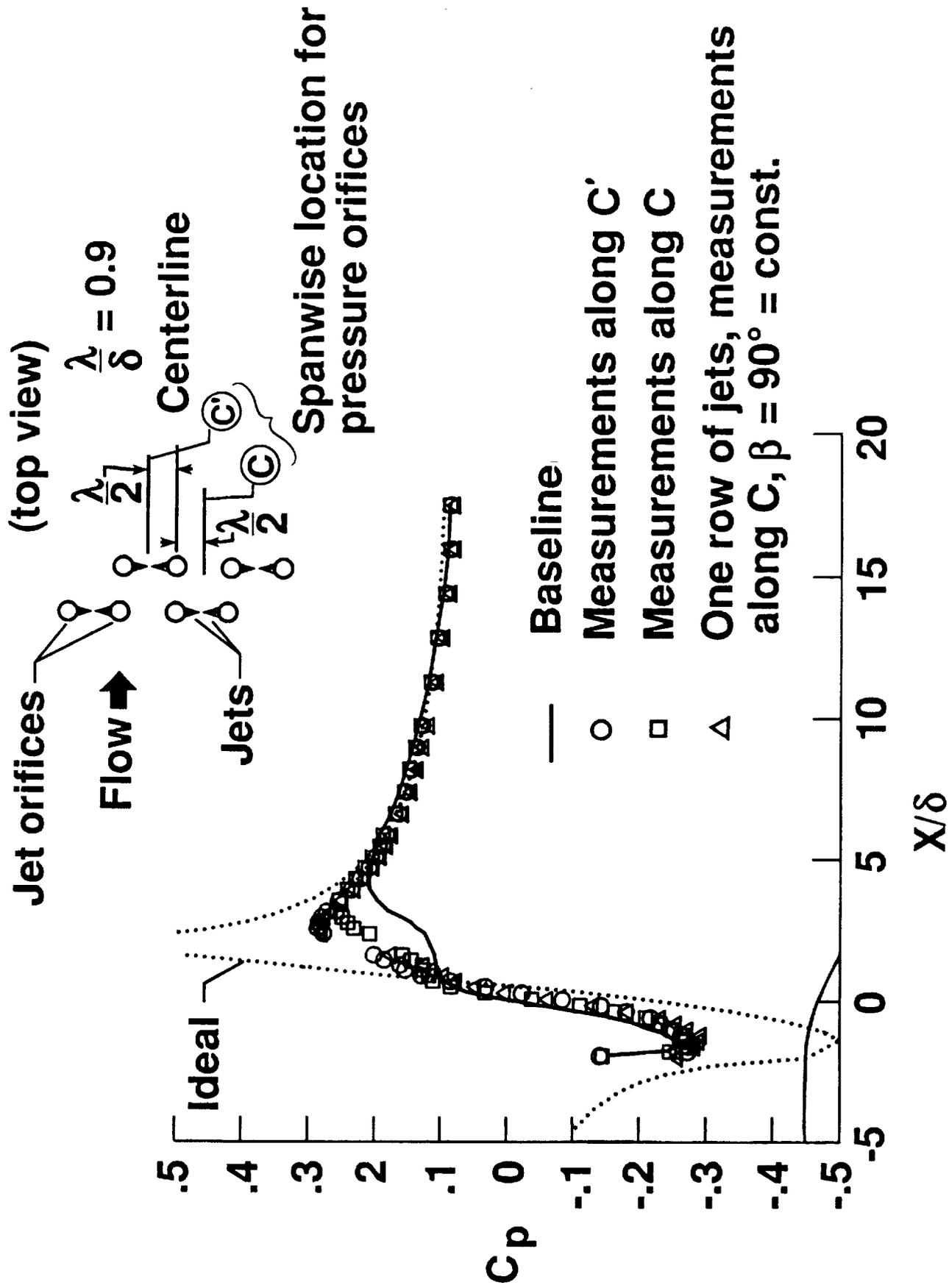
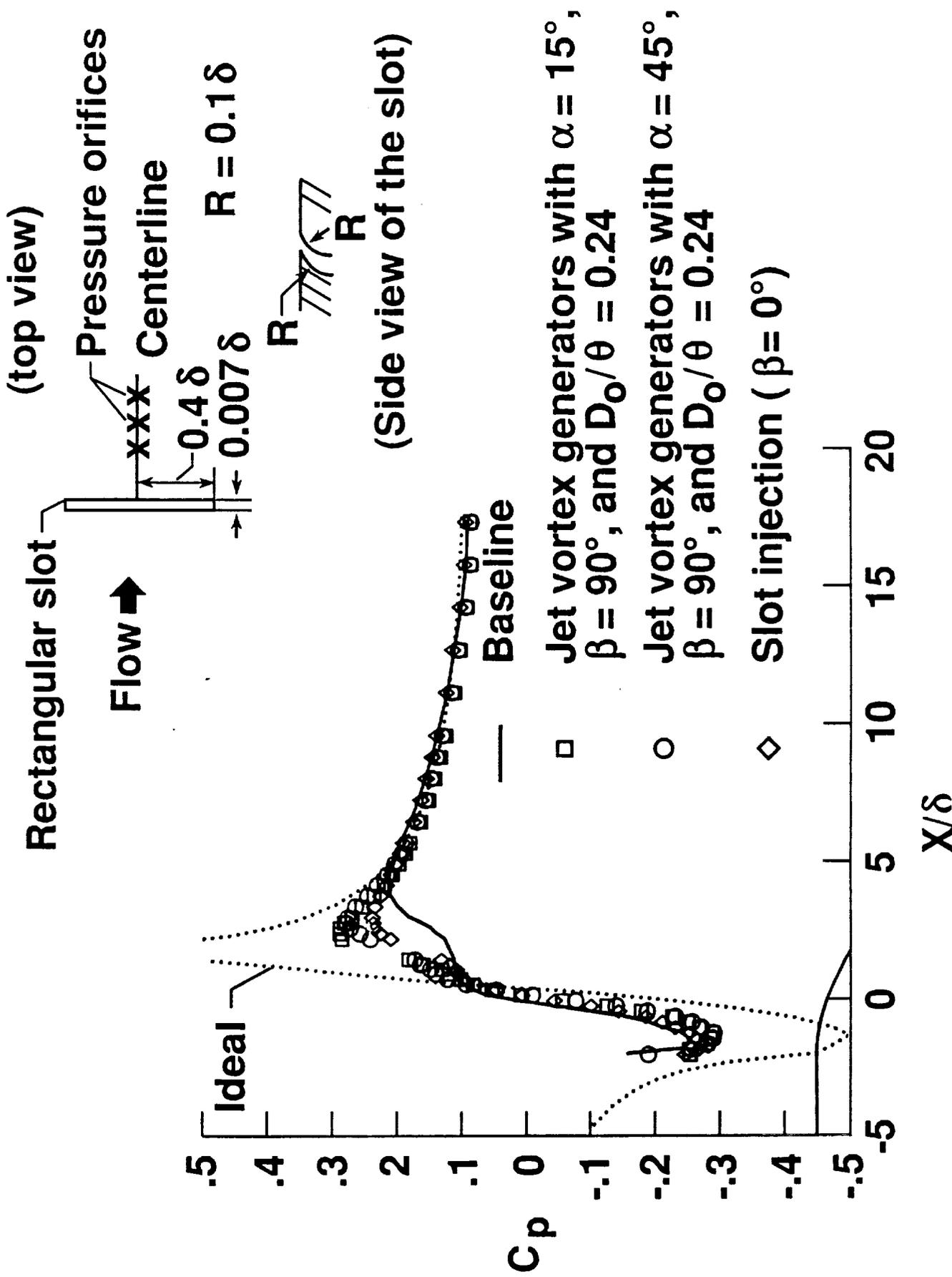




Figure 21

Oil Flow Visualization for a Double Row of Counter-rotating  
Jet Vortex Generators ( $\alpha = 15^\circ$ ,  $D_o/\theta = 0.24$ ,  $VR = 6.8$ , and  
 $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 22  $C_p$  vs.  $X/\delta$  for Rectangular-slot Injection ( $0.13 \times 23.4$  mm) and Jet Vortex Generators with Equal Flow Areas ( $VR = 6.8$ , and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )



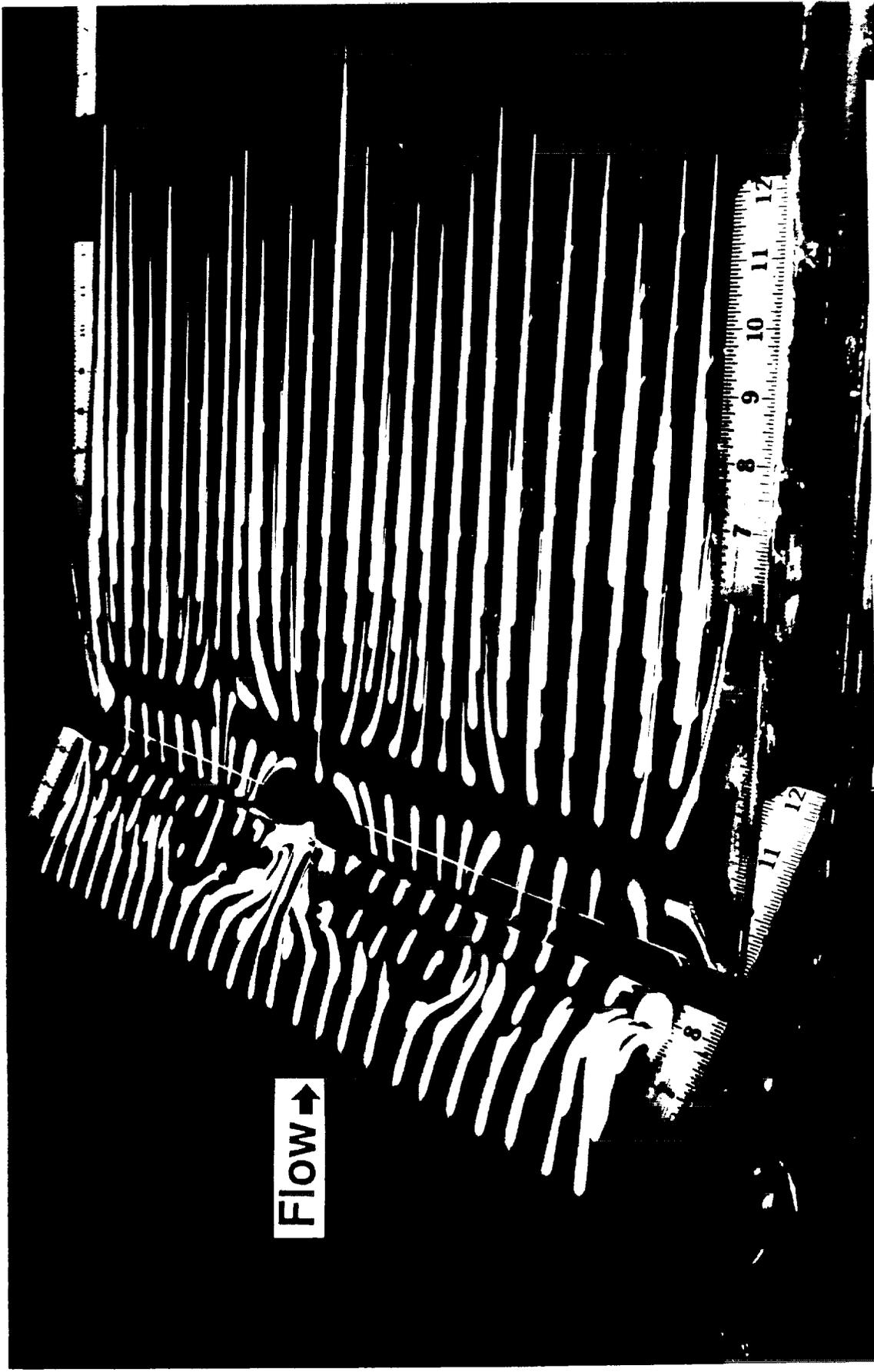


Figure 23 Oil Flow Visualization for Rectangular-slot Injection ( $0.13 \times 23.4$  mm slot;  $VR = 6.8$  and  $C_Q = 0.034$ )

Figure 24

# FLOW STRUCTURE IN THE Y-Z PLANE 2 INCHES DOWNSTREAM OF VGJ

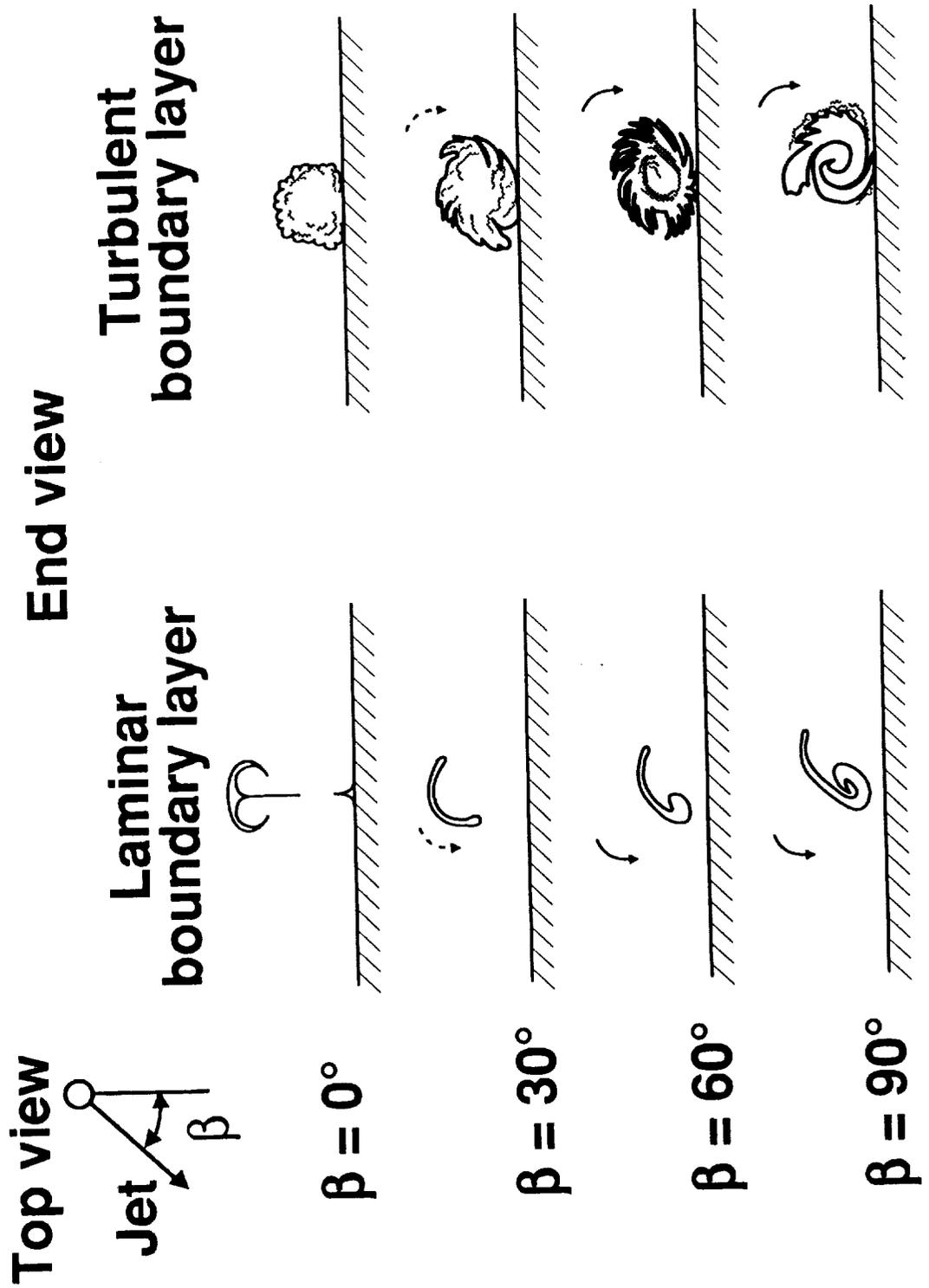
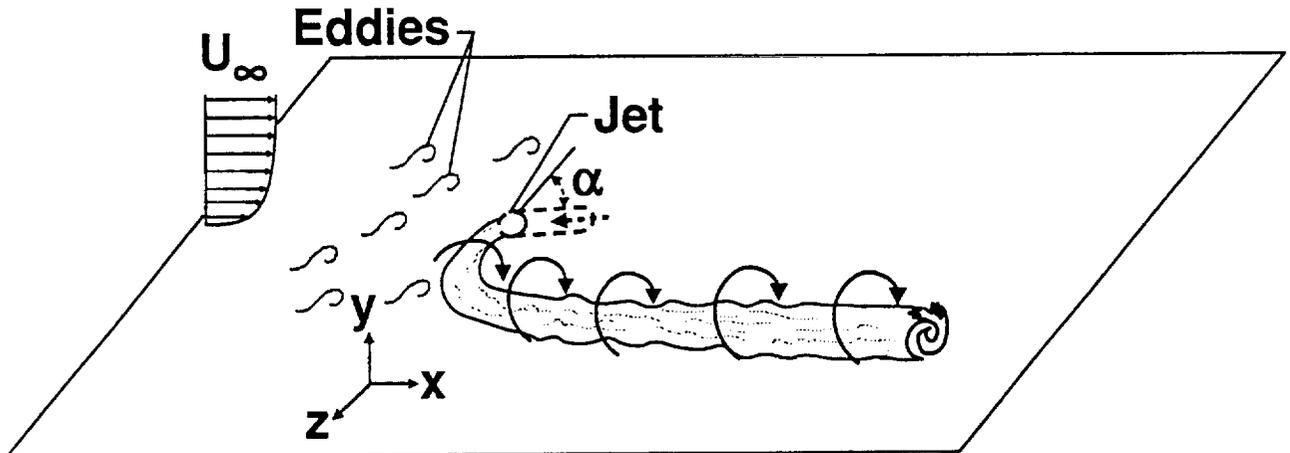


Figure 25

**A. FLOW MODEL FOR A VGJ IN  
TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER**

$(\beta = 90^\circ, \alpha = 15^\circ)$



**B. FLOW MODEL FOR A VGJ IN  
LAMINAR BOUNDARY LAYER**

$(\beta = 90^\circ, \alpha = 15^\circ)$

