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PREFACE

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PART I
INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose.

Valuable information on the steady-running mixture requirements of an internal combustion engine, as affected by speed and load, is contained in the report of the classic experiment conducted by Messrs. O. C. Berry and C. S. Kegerreis at the Engineering Experiment Station, Purdue University, in 1920. Since that time many advances have been made in the field of the internal combustion engine, both in engine and accessory design and in operating procedure. Gasoline fuels have been improved and considerably standardized. There is now available much more information on the nature, causes, and effects of detonation than in 1920. It was therefore deemed appropriate to check the conclusions of these experiments using a modern automobile engine and possibly more accurate equipment.

Of particular interest were determination of (a) the maximum economy fuel-air ratios for various speeds and loads, (b) the best-power fuel-air ratios for various speeds and loads, and their possible variations with speed and load, and (c) possible variation in the mixture ratio versus power ratio relation for maximum economy, with change in the basic speed.

2. Laboratory Data Required.

It was decided to make test runs at four speeds,

namely, 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 r.p.m. For each speed four series of runs were to be made with constant throttle settings such as to give full, and approximately three-quarters, one-half, and one-quarter power, respectively. This would then give sixteen series of runs, each at constant speed and at the appropriate throttle setting. For each series the fuel-air ratio would be varied from the lean to the rich limits of smooth running, and at arbitrarily selected fuel-air ratios the power output and the specific fuel consumption determined. In all cases the variables of the test would be fuel-air ratio, mean effective pressure, and specific fuel consumption. From such data it is possible to plot curves of mean effective pressure versus fuel-air ratio, and of specific fuel consumption versus fuel-air ratio. These curves may be plotted on both the brake power and the indicated power bases. From these basic results and derived curves the desired information, previously discussed, can be obtained.

3. Theoretical Considerations.

Mixture Distribution. The authors of reference (1) found that the fuel-air ratios for highest efficiency and for highest power are affected by (a) the dryness of the mixture, (b) the quality of the fuel used, and (c) distribution differences between cylinders. These

conclusions have been amply supported in subsequent practice and experiment. Effects of (a) and (c) could be eliminated by the use of a completely dry and homogeneous mixture, and it is believed that such was the case in the investigation here reported. While a dry and homogeneous mixture does not necessarily eliminate any difference in the amount of mixture supplied to the individual cylinders, it should eliminate differences in the quality of the mixture supplied to the various cylinders, and the latter effect alone is of interest in an investigation of this nature.

Detonation Control. It is well known that detonation usually affects power output, the normal effect, with detonation of sufficient intensity, being a reduction in power. It was therefore considered desirable that, if possible, all chance of detonation be eliminated. Reference (3) indicates that a C.F.R. engine, operating under conditions similar to those of the test runs most conducive to detonation, will not detonate with compression ratios of less than 8.5 when 100 octane gasoline is used. Also under these conditions, a C.F.R. engine with compression ratio of 6.3 (that of the engine here involved) will not detonate when fuels of higher than 81 octane number are used. Therefore 100 octane gasoline was used throughout the investigation, and the authors believe that detonation did not occur in any of the test runs.

Thermal and Volumetric Efficiencies. If a series of test runs is made at constant speed and constant throttle setting but at various fuel-air ratios, for proper comparison of the runs both the thermal efficiency and the volumetric efficiency should depend only upon fuel-air ratio and spark advance. This will be the case if the values of all other engine variables are maintained constant. Reference to the data sheets indicates that sensibly constant values were maintained during each series of runs for coolant inlet temperature, coolant outlet temperature, lubricating oil temperature, mixture inlet temperature, mixture inlet pressure, and exhaust pressure.

Dynamic effects in the induction system will influence volumetric efficiency, but with constant values of speed, throttle setting, and inlet temperature, dynamic effects in the induction system will be constant.

Dynamic effects in the exhaust system will also influence volumetric efficiency but with constant values of all engine variables except fuel-air ratio and spark advance, these effects in the exhaust system will depend only upon fuel-air ratio and spark advance. Since these latter variables will have little effect upon the exhaust temperature, changes in the dynamics of the exhaust system will be negligible.

Friction Horsepower. If the friction power is properly determined for the particular series of runs in question the friction power may be added to the brake power to give indicated power and the results of the series may be compared on an indicated basis. Likewise, series of runs at different speeds and different throttle settings may then be compared on an indicated basis.

The shortcomings of the motoring method of obtaining friction horsepower were recognized. However, because of the prohibitive inconvenience of any more accurate method, the motoring method was used throughout this investigation, in accordance with common practice.

Spark Setting. In an internal combustion engine the time required for combustion results in a loss of area of the indicator diagram with a corresponding loss in output and efficiency. The time of combustion is a function of speed, load, and fuel-air ratio, which are the primary variables in these tests. It is a function also of the pressure, temperature, and exhaust-gas dilution of the fresh charge and several other variables, all of which vary with speed, load, and fuel-air ratio. The variation of time of combustion in these tests was consequently of considerable magnitude.

Loss of output and efficiency due to combustion

time is minimum at best power spark advance. It appears logical to employ this best power spark advance for each experimental point in order to place all experimental data on the most rational basis for comparison. This practice was followed throughout the tests.

Although modern operating practice is not to use best power spark advance under all conditions, when the spark is retarded from this optimum setting it is retarded only sufficiently to limit detonation. Inasmuch as detonation was controlled in these tests by use of 100 octane gasoline, such deviation from the best power setting was not necessary and it is believed that the practice followed herein represents the mode of operation which is most desirable.

4. Laboratory Equipment and its Operation.

Provisions necessary. In conducting the tests it was necessary to provide means of accurately measuring (a) the rate of fuel consumption, (b) the rate of air consumption, (c) the power output, and (d) the friction power. Constant values had to be maintained for (a) the desired speed, (b) the desired throttle setting, (c) the inlet pressure, (d) the exhaust pressure, (e) the inlet temperature, (f) the inlet and outlet coolant temperatures, and (g) the lubricating oil temperature.

Engine. All of the tests were made with a Ford V-8 engine, model of 1935, bore 3-1/16 inches, stroke 3-3/4 inches, displacement 221 cubic inches, compression ratio 6.3, rated at 85 horsepower at 3800 r.p.m. It was equipped as furnished by the manufacturer except where modified as indicated below.

Carburetion. Instead of the carburetor supplied with the engine a large steam-jacketed mixing tank was used. The tank was internally baffled and had a capacity of approximately nine cubic feet. Air was drawn through the tank into the engine. Fuel was discharged into the tank through an adjustable valve and steam-jacketed passage. In this tank the mixture had ample opportunity to become homogeneous, and the steam jacketing allowed the inlet temperature to be maintained at a value which would insure dryness. The fuel valve permitted adjustment of the fuel-air ratio. A sketch of the tank and induction system is shown in Fig. 2.

Ignition. The standard ignition system was used, but the distributor was modified to permit manual adjustment of the spark setting. On the forward end of the engine was attached a disk containing a grounded neon light behind a radial slot. When a graduated arc, secured to but insulated from the frame, was connected to one of the spark plugs, and the disk properly syn-

chronized, the neon light would flash at such a point as to indicate the actual spark advance. Thus the spark setting was accurately indicated while the engine was running and there was provided a means of making and indicating desired changes.

Fuel Measurement. The fuel system is shown in Fig. 2. While measuring flow rate, fuel was supplied to the mixing tank from a graduated burette. The time for consumption of a volume of gasoline as indicated by the burette was measured by means of an electric stop watch. Upon completion of a timed run, the supply of fuel in the measuring burette was replenished by proper manipulation of the three-way valve. A more detailed description of the fuel system is contained in the appendix.

Air measurement. The rate of air consumption was measured by means of a graduated set of calibrated orifices. Prior to entering the mixing tank the air passed through an air barrel in the entering end of which orifice plates could be mounted. An inclined alcohol manometer indicated the pressure drop between the inside of the barrel and the atmosphere. Calibration charts furnished with the orifices showed the time rate of air flow versus pressure difference.

Power Measurement. Load or motoring power was applied to the engine by means of an electric dynamom-

eter. The stator of the dynamometer was linked to a Fairbanks beam balance, on which restraining force was measured. The dynamometer was manufactured by the General Electric Company, and was rated at 885 amperes at 250 volts (300 horsepower).

Speed Control. Speed was controlled by varying the load. This could be done by varying the armature resistance and the field resistance. Fine control was obtained by a vernier in the field rheostat. Speed was indicated by means of a mechanical tachometer and counter. However, the speed was accurately indicated, for any even hundred r.p.m., by a stroboscope and disk on the crankshaft. The tachometer was used for a rough indication and the stroboscope and field vernier were used for accurate control.

Throttling. Throttling was accomplished by placing a brass plate, containing an orifice of a selected size, in the flange connection between the induction pipe from the mixing tank and the inlet manifold of the engine. This location was chosen to limit to as small a section as possible the low pressures of the inlet manifold, thus minimizing the effects and possibilities of leaks in the induction system.

Inlet Pressure. An adjustable gate valve was placed in the air line between the air barrel and the

mixing tank. This valve was manipulated to maintain the absolute pressure in the mixing tank at a value slightly below that of the lowest barometric pressure expected. This value was 710 millimeters of mercury, which corresponds to an average altitude (for standard atmosphere) of about 2000 feet above sea level. Mixing tank pressure was indicated on a water manometer. The valve gave good control over this small pressure difference and required only occasional attention.

Exhaust Pressure. The exhaust pressure was maintained at an absolute pressure slightly above the highest barometric pressure expected. Pressure was indicated on a manometer and controlled by means of an adjustable valve between the engine and the laboratory exhaust suction line. This valve required only occasional attention.

Inlet Temperature. The inlet temperature was controlled by regulating the amount of steam entering the jacketing space of the mixing tank. Mixture inlet temperature was indicated by a thermometer which was located in the induction pipe between the mixing tank and the inlet manifold.

Coolant Temperatures. The water pumps supplied with the engine were left intact, but instead of the radiator a water reservoir tank of about ten gallons

capacity was used, and adjustable thermostats were placed in the discharge lines. The thermostats gave very accurate control of the temperature of the outlet water. The inlet water temperature was controlled by manually regulating the amount of cold water from the laboratory mains that entered the reservoir, a like amount of warm water overflowing to the drains. This gave very accurate control of the water inlet temperature. A sketch of the cooling system is shown in Fig. 3, and the system is more fully described in the appendix.

Lubricating Oil Temperature. It was found that the oil temperature varied over a range of only a few degrees for a series of runs at any particular speed and throttle setting. At the higher powers it was necessary to keep the coolant temperatures at lower values to prevent the temperature of the oil from exceeding a safe value. At the highest powers it was necessary to direct the blast from one or two portable blowers onto the crankcase.

5. Laboratory Procedure.

Preliminary Runs. In order to determine the sizes of the throttling orifices that would give the desired power ratios it was necessary to make orifice calibration runs. For these runs a set of orifices were prepared. The sizes of these orifices were so selected

that the one set would produce from less than one-quarter power to full power at each of the four test speeds with approximately equal increments of power ratio. With this set of calibration orifices a series of runs was made at each of the test speeds. For each run the fuel-air ratio and spark were set at values to give approximately best power. From this data it was possible to plot curves of throttle orifice diameter versus "best power" ratio for each of the test speeds. From these curves were obtained the orifice sizes necessary to give the power ratios desired for the tests.

Method of Making Record Runs. For a series of test runs the proper throttle orifice was put in place and the engine brought up to the proper speed. Before taking any data, temperatures were allowed to stabilize and the proper adjustments were made to the inlet and exhaust pressures.

Conditions for a run were established by arbitrarily setting the fuel-air ratio through adjustment of the fuel needle valve. Before the taking of data for each run, the spark was set to produce optimum power as indicated by the brake load. When the fuel-air ratio was changed to establish conditions for the subsequent run, sufficient time was allowed for the engine to settle down to the new fuel-air ratio and the spark was set

for optimum power before data was taken. The speed was at all times maintained constant by an observer who had this duty alone.

The fuel-air ratio was varied back and forth between the limits of smooth running. Near the peak of the power versus fuel-air ratio curve the points were taken closer together than in the definitely lean or rich portions of the curve. The fuel-air ratio was arbitrarily changed in either the rich or the lean direction as appeared desirable. In almost all series of runs large changes in the fuel-air ratio were at some time made, but it was found that neither the direction nor the amount of this change affected either the regularity of the measured data or the smoothness of the resultant curves. Runs were continued until the rich and lean limits of smooth running had been reached and points sufficient to give a good curve had been secured.

As each point was obtained it was entered on a laboratory plot of brake load versus fuel-air ratio. This plot indicated when additional runs were necessary to fill in gaps in the curve and when check runs might be advisable, so that these runs could be made while the proper throttle orifice was in place and the operating temperatures and pressures were at the proper values.

Friction Power Measurement. When the last of a series of runs had been completed the ignition switch was cut and the engine was immediately motored to determine the friction power for the series of runs. Because of the constancy of engine operating temperatures throughout a series of runs, the friction power, as measured by the motoring method, was the same for all runs of a series.

Determination of Best Power Spark Setting. In the preliminary runs best power spark setting was determined by holding the load constant and noting the effect of a two degree change in spark setting on speed as indicated by observation of the stroboscopic disk. When a spark setting was found such that a change in either direction resulted in a reduction of speed, it was assumed that best power was being produced.

The dynamometer field was separately excited and liable to fluctuate with any sharp change in the load on the electric system. This fact made possible false indications of the effect of change in spark advance on speed. For this reason the method of setting spark advance during the test runs was changed to the more certain one of actually measuring power output at each spark setting. As many as three passes back and forth

over the best power setting were made, changing the setting in one, two, or three degree increments as appeared desirable. Since the speed was maintained constant during this procedure, tabulation of the brake loads at each spark setting enabled the observer to select the exact spark setting to give best power. This procedure was followed prior to the taking of data for each run.

Lean and Rich Limits Defined. From previous experience and preliminary running of the engine it was known that the limits of smooth running for rich and for lean fuel-air ratios could be extended by use of the proper spark gap in each case. Inasmuch as spark setting is not adjustable in the case of an engine in operation, and in view of the fact that one fixed spark gap setting will provide satisfactory ignition over the most useful range of fuel-air ratios at all speeds and loads, a fixed value of the gap setting was maintained throughout the tests. This gap was .025 inch, the value recommended by the manufacturer for normal operation.

Preliminary operation of the engine showed that even an occasional misfire would so disturb the speed control and so jeopardize the obtaining of a correct brake arm reading, as to place in doubt the accuracy of the data obtained on any run in which missing occurred. Of the two factors mentioned, the effect upon speed was

the most important. Since not only the value of the fuel-air ratio but also the equilibrium value of every temperature and pressure varied with speed, it was found imperative that speed be maintained absolutely constant at the desired value, not only while taking data on a record run, but also at all times during the progress of a series of runs.

In view of the critical effect of even minor speed fluctuations no runs were made at values of the fuel-air ratio for which running was not sufficiently smooth to ensure the obtaining of accurate readings. Therefore, the limits of smooth running at both ends of the useful range of fuel-air ratios, as found in these tests, are truly the limits of smooth running. In each case the limit is such that if the mixture ratio is enriched (or leaned) the slightest amount, running of the engine will become so erratic as to make questionable the accuracy of data.

Values of Coolant and Oil Temperatures. It was not possible to keep coolant inlet and outlet temperatures and oil temperature at the same value for the various series of runs. However, these temperatures were maintained at sensibly constant values for all runs of a series at a particular speed and particular throttle setting, and were carried at values reasonably

close to those which one might expect in the operation of a modern engine at the outputs in question.

Determination of Fuel Specific Gravity. The main fuel barrel was refilled from time to time during the course of the investigation. At each refilling a sample of the gasoline was drawn off over water, its temperature measured, and its specific gravity determined by means of a hydrometer. It was found, throughout the period of the test runs, that the specific gravity of the fuel remained constant when referred to a standard temperature of 73° Fahrenheit, and the specific gravity-temperature relationship for the fuel used was determined experimentally to be:

$$\text{SPECIFIC GRAVITY} = 0.699 - 0.00046(\text{°F} - 73)$$

The temperature of the fuel was then taken for each run, the specific gravity calculated from the above formula, and this value then used for the determination of the fuel rate.

Photograph on following page.

- A. Dynamometer control panel.
- B. Beam balance.
- C. Fuel measuring burette and accumulator tank.
- D. Air measuring orifice in air barrel.
- E. Fuel thermometer.
- F. Mixture inlet thermometer.
- G. Air inlet check valve.

PLATE I

General view of apparatus

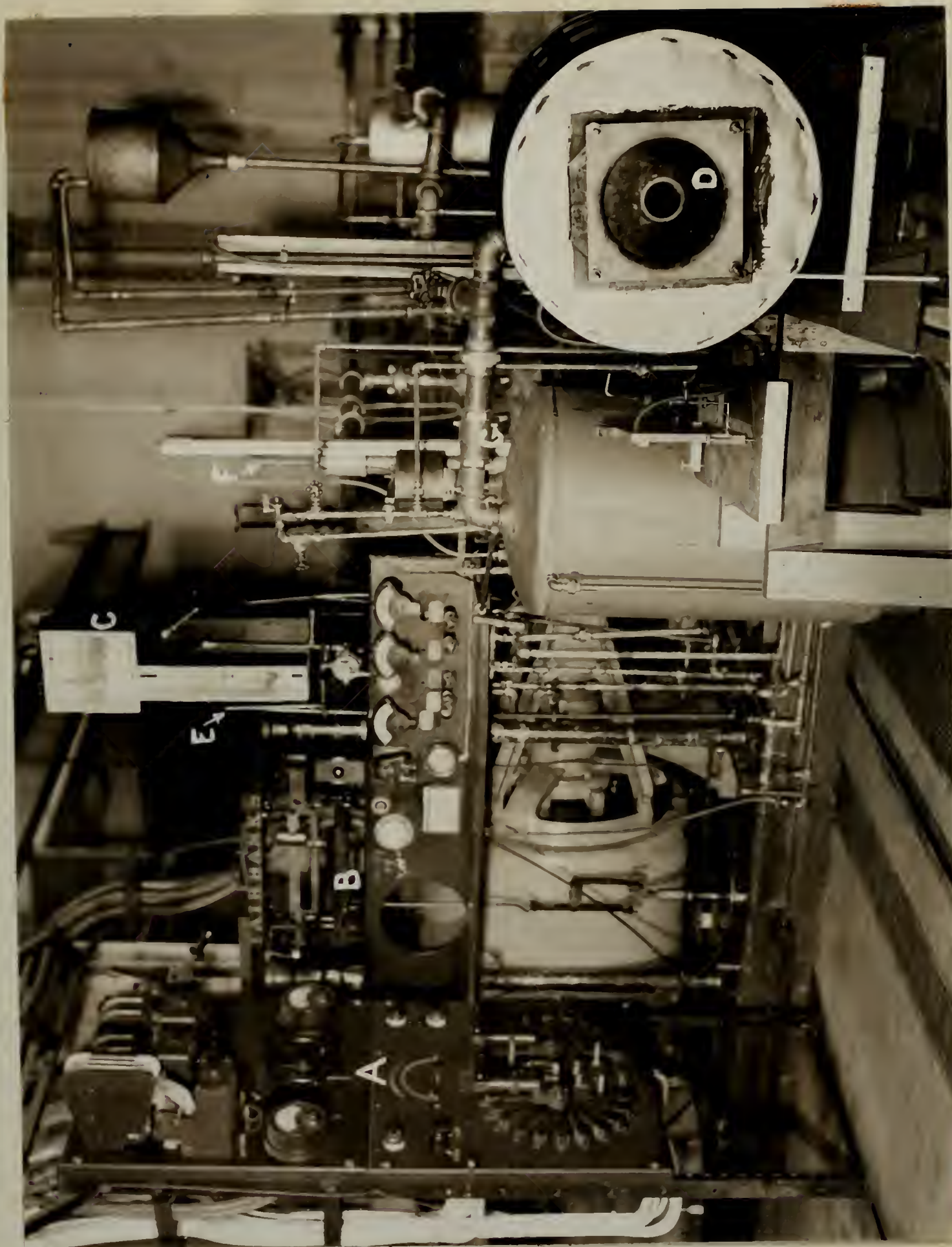


PLATE I

General view of apparatus



Photograph on following page.

- A. Engine control panel showing, left to right, top row: ignition switch, oil temperature gage, water temperature gage (left bank), water temperature gage (right bank; bottom row: fuel pressure gage, cooling water valves.
- B. Mixing tank.
- C. Air barrel.
- D. Air Barrel manometer.
- E. Fuel needle valve. Line from this valve to mixing tank shows steam jacketing.
- F. Inlet air pressure control valve.
- G. Mixing tank pressure relief valve.
- H. Three-way fuel valve.
- I. Exhaust pressure control valve.
- J. Fuel thermometer.
- K. Mixture inlet thermometer.
- L. Fuel sampling line.

PLATE II

Front view of apparatus



PLATE II

Front view of apparatus

Photograph on following page.

- A. Engine.
- B. Throttling orifice flange.
- C. Water outlet thermostats.
- D. Water reservoir tank.
- E. Dynamometer reduction gear.
- F. Fuel pump and motor.
- G. Fuel pressure regulating valve.
- H. Exhaust pressure manometer.
- I. Inlet pressure manometer.
- J. Electric lead from spark plug to spark protractor.

PLATE III

Rear view of apparatus

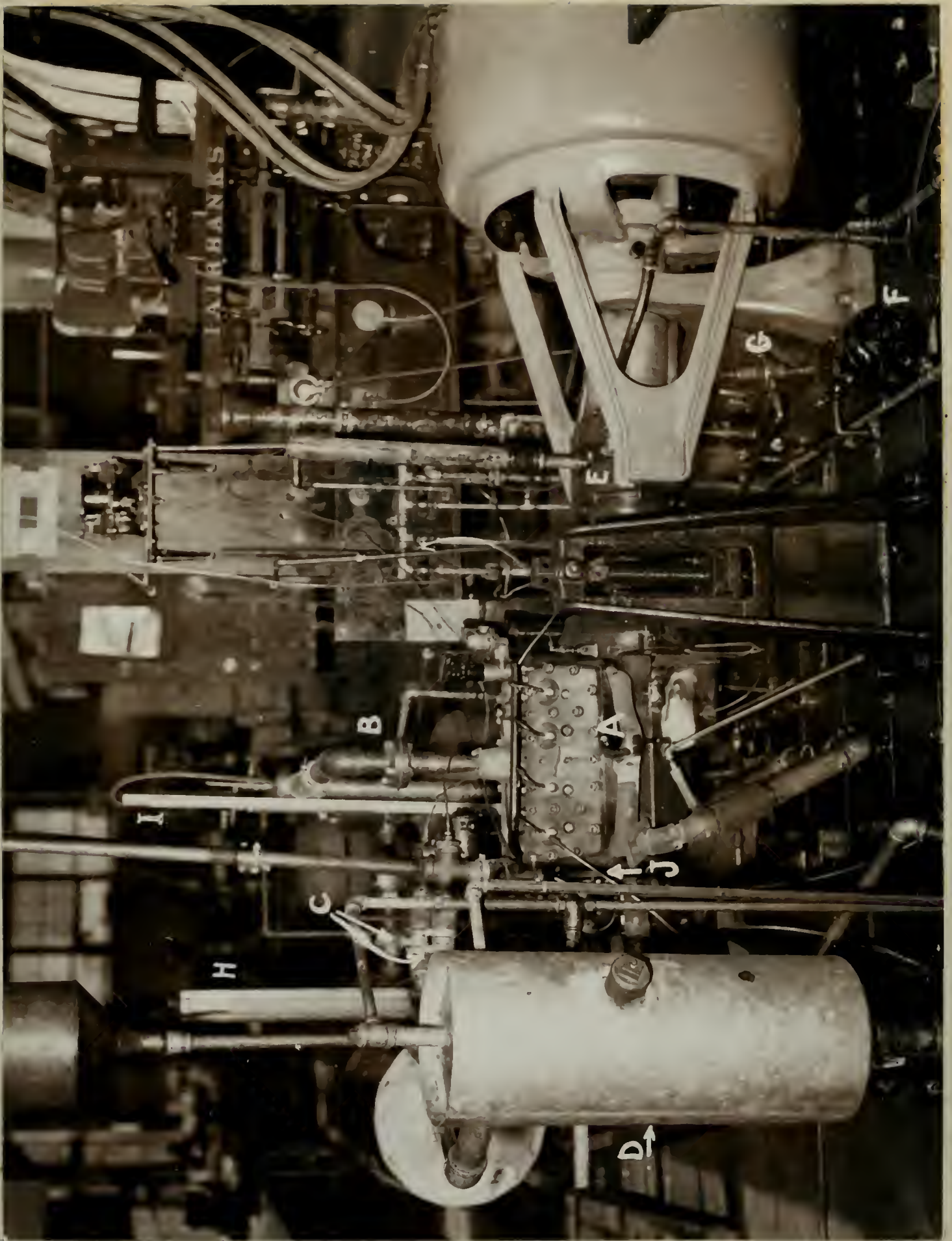
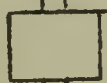
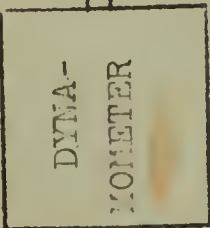
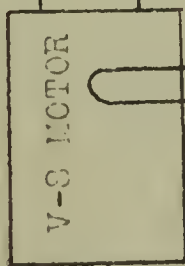


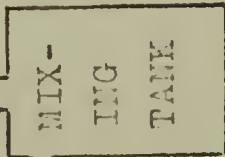
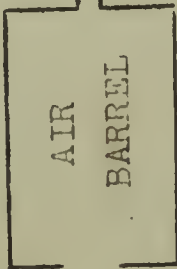
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Rear view of apparatus

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TANK



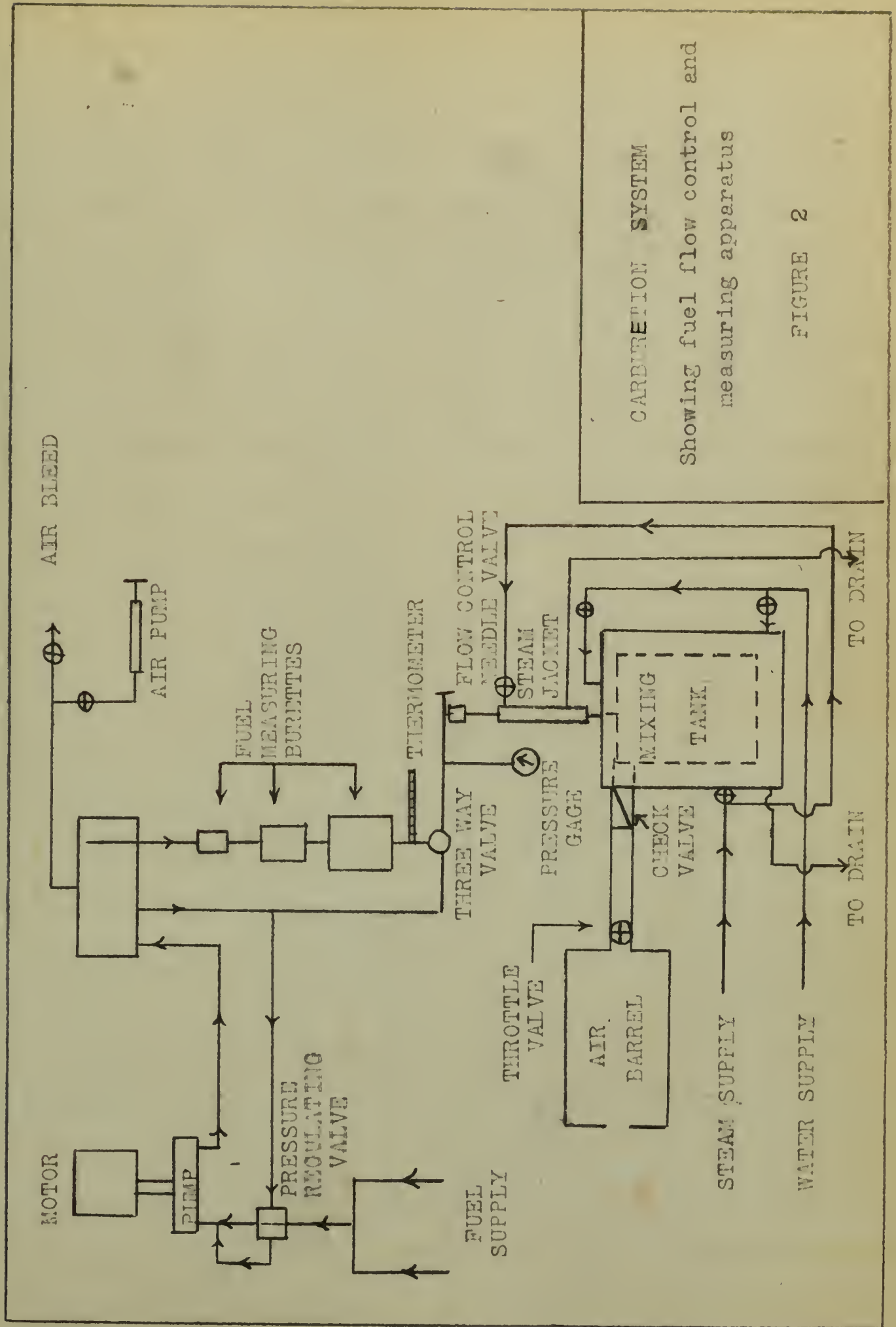
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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF APPARATUS

FIGURE 1

FIGURE 1

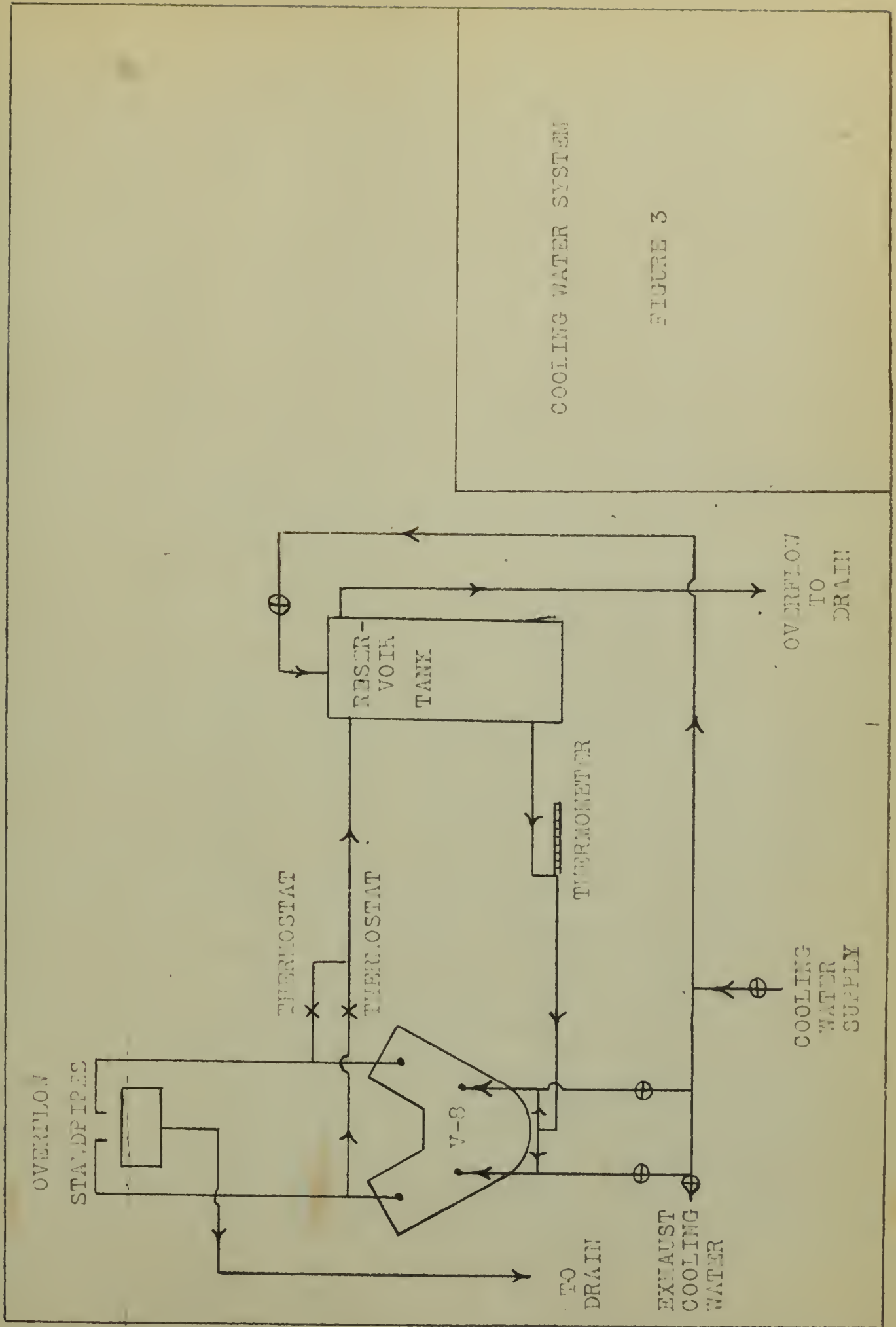


CARBURETION SYSTEM

Showing fuel flow control and measuring apparatus

FIGURE 2

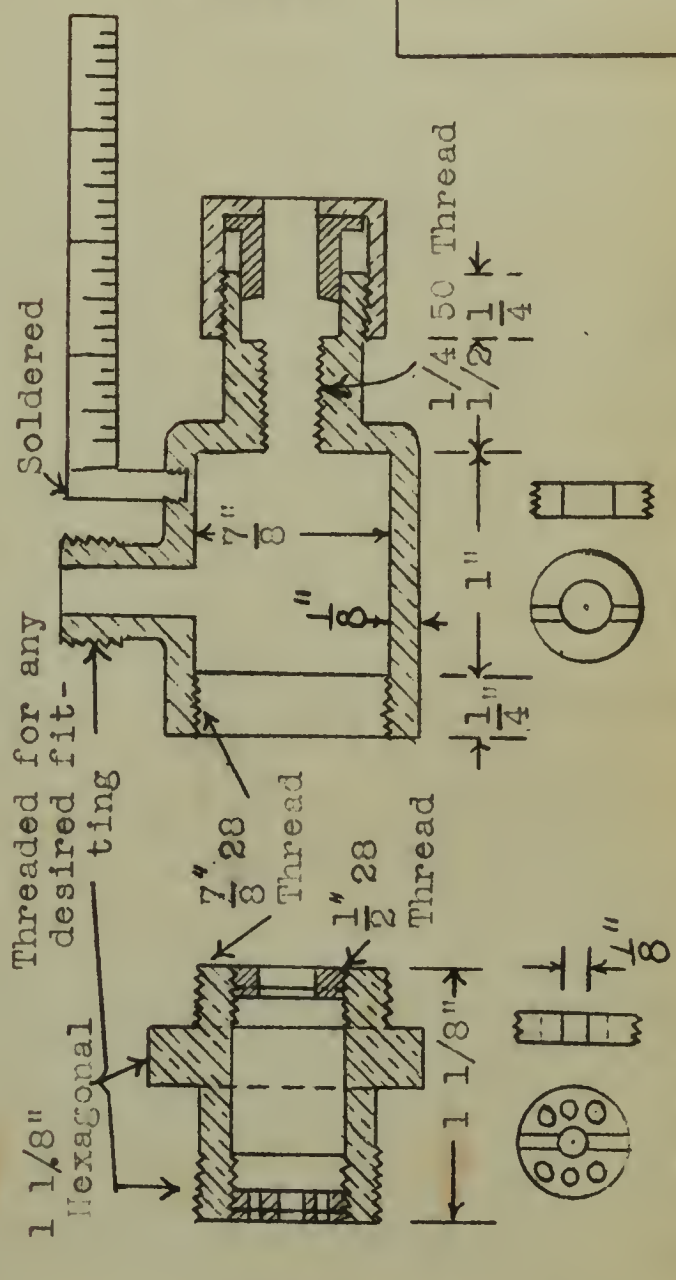
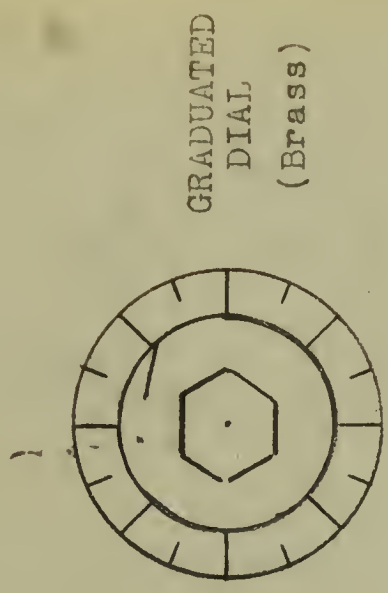
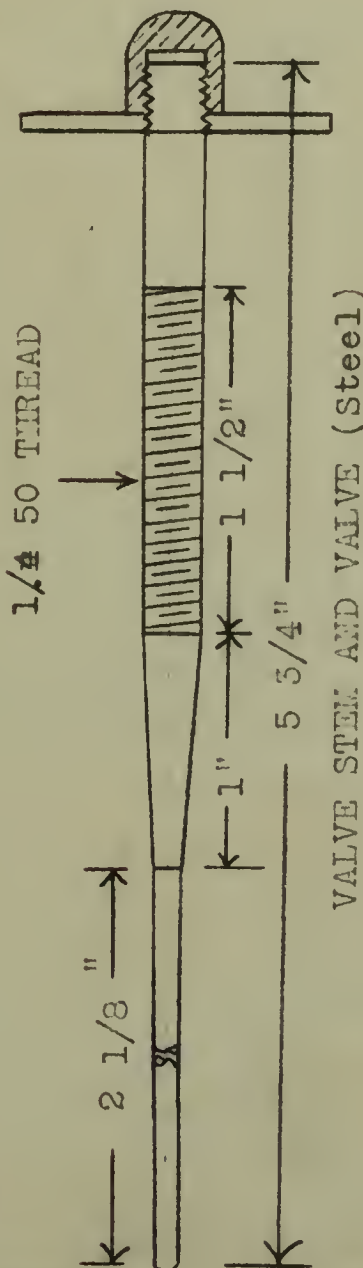
FIGURE 2



COOLING WATER SYSTEM

FIGURE 3

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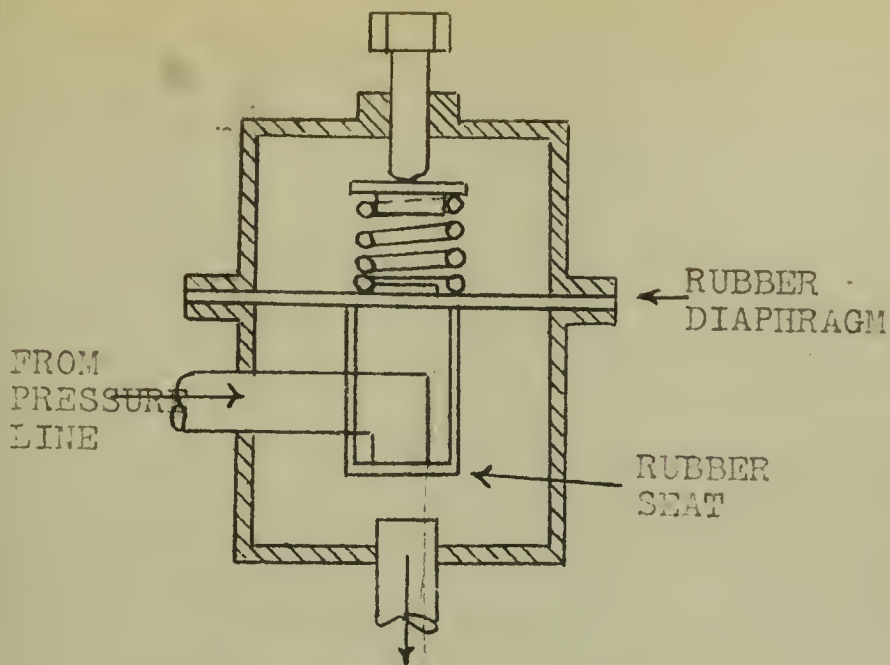


NOTE: All dimensions and valve taper are approximate and can be varied to suit individual requirements.

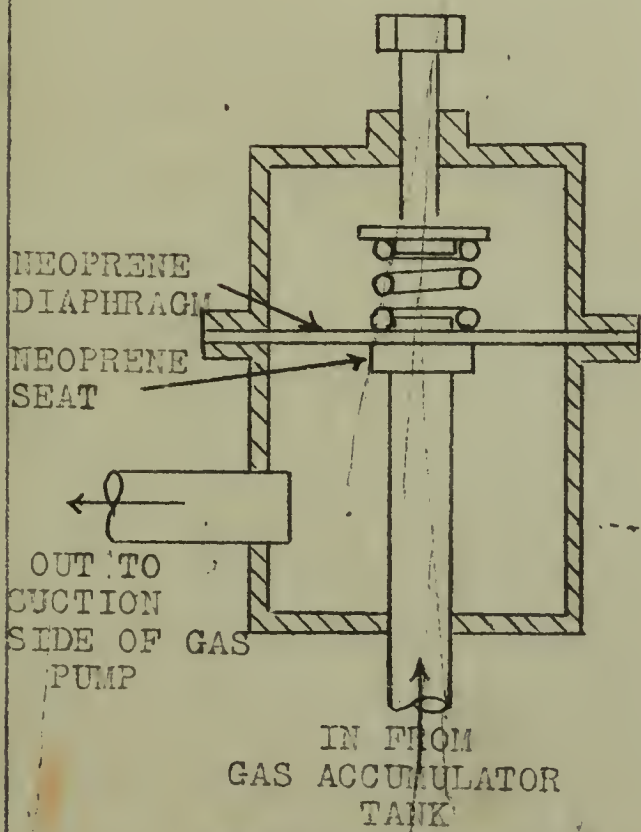
FUEL FLOW CONTROL VALVE

FIGURE 4

FIGURE 4



ORIGINAL REDUCING VALVE DESIGN



MODIFIED PRESSURE CONTROL VALVE

PRESSURE CONTROL VALVE

Showing modification of original reducing valve design to give accurate control of pressure in fuel system.

FIGURE 5

PART II
RESULTS

1. Accuracy.

Fuel Measurement. The rate of fuel consumption was determined by measuring the time for a known quantity of fuel to be consumed. As the fuel level was lowered in the measuring burette the watch was started and stopped when the level passed calibration marks on the burette necks. These necks were of small diameter and repeated tests showed the error in measurement of fuel quantity to be negligible.

The burette volumes were checked independently by two different observers on different days. One observer measured volumes by filling the bulbs with hundred octane gasoline whose specific gravity was measured. The burettes were then weighed before and after addition of fuel. This was done both filling and emptying to take into account the wetting of the glass surfaces. The second observer checked these results by filling the bulbs with distilled water from an accurately calibrated graduate. These independent determinations checked to within 0.1 percent.

The brake reading for each run was taken after all conditions had stabilized, and with the fuel level at its normal point in the accumulator tank. During

the measurement of rate of fuel consumption the actual head of gasoline on the discharge line to the mixing tank was decreasing so that the rate of fuel flow was less and the measured mixture ratio leaner than at the time of power measurement. Investigation of this error established that the maximum change in head amounted to about 0.3 pound per square inch (the average difference during the course of a run being somewhat less than this). Accordingly fuel flow was measured at high and low rates when the pressure was that used in the test runs, and again at the same needle valve settings when the fuel pressure had been reduced by 0.3 pound per square inch. This test showed a maximum error of 2 percent which is within the limits of experimental accuracy. The authors therefore believe that this error does not affect the validity of the results.

Preliminary running established best-power fuel-air ratios at about 0.065 to 0.070, values unexpectedly low. The authors at first suspected the accuracy of timing, and made tests of the stop-watch and of the timing procedure described elsewhere. Finding no important error there, the authors suspected the possibility of fuel leakage through the three-way valve, although this did not seem probable with the maximum pressure differential across the valve only 0.3 pound per square inch. However, an additional gate valve was installed

in the fuel line adjacent to the three-way valve and throughout the period of running occasional runs were immediately repeated with both gate and three-way valves closed, thus insuring fuel supply from only the calibrated burette. No error from this source was found.

The question of inaccuracies resulting from the small amounts of fuel measured in the tests was investigated by preliminary runs in which varying volumes of fuel up to the full capacity of the burette were used. Regardless of the volume used there was no change in the measured fuel rate.

Time Measurements. Time was measured by an electric stop-watch whose accuracy was carefully checked. Readings could be estimated to 0.01 second and errors from this source are considered negligible.

Air Flow Measurements. Air flow was measured by admitting air through one of a series of sharp-edged calibrated orifices long in use in the Sloan Automotive Laboratory for this purpose. Pressure drop from atmosphere to the inside of the air barrel was measured by an alcohol manometer with a slant height of ten centimeters for each inch rise, thus increasing the sensitivity about four times, and permitting the pressure drop to be read accurately to 0.01 inch of alcohol.

It is believed by the authors that the accuracy of calibration of the air measuring orifices was considerably greater than the accuracy with which the manometer could be read. An error of 0.01 inch in manometer reading would produce a maximum error in calculated fuel-air ratio of about 0.1 percent.

After the induction system was set up it was tested under air pressure as one unit from the air orifice to the throttle orifice. This included all of the system except the intake manifold and six inches of pipe bolted to it. All seams, joints, and connections were painted with soapy water to disclose several small leaks which were then eliminated. Under a pressure of ten inches of mercury there was a drop of 0.1 inch in ten minutes. This pressure difference was about five times as great as any imposed during the experiment.

The portion of the system from the throttle orifice to the intake valves was made as airtight as the rest of the system, but not tested under pressure.

Since any air leakage would have produced measured fuel-air ratios richer than actually existing, and since all data of this experiment indicate maximum power at mixtures much leaner than found by previous investigators, (Ref. (1)), it is believed that the air leakage in this experiment was negligible.

Temperature Measurement. All thermometers could be read to within one degree. Water outlet and oil temperatures were measured with bulb thermometers, all other temperatures by mercury-in-glass thermometers placed with their bulbs centered in the fluid streams to be measured.

Speed Control. Speed was controlled at all times by an experienced observer using a vernier rheostat in the dynamometer field. Speed variation was observed by means of a stroboscope and striped disk on the engine shaft, so divided that its pattern remained visibly stationary at every even hundred r.p.m. Speed was checked as necessary by use of the electric stop-watch and a revolution counter. It was possible to control speed so accurately that errors from speed changes were negligible.

Power Measurement. The dynamometer had a power absorbing capacity of about three hundred horsepower; much more than required. Pedestal bearings were carefully freed so that static friction of the dynamometer stator was less than could be measured by the beam balance. Windage loss of the dynamometer was considered negligible. The beam balance could be read to within one tenth of a pound under smooth running conditions

with an experienced observer controlling speed. At rich and lean limits of running, motion of the scale arm was erratic and no data were taken beyond or below fuel-air ratios where accuracy of balance readings became less than described above.

Detonation Power Loss. Reference (3) indicates that under the most severe conditions of the test, 100 octane gasoline should not detonate. As discussed in the introduction, it is believed that there was no detonation under any conditions of the investigation.

Throttle Opening. As discussed elsewhere, throttle opening was constant, the actual throttle consisting of a hole drilled and carefully machined in a brass disk bolted between gaskets and the flanges at the juncture of the inlet pipe and the engine intake manifold. This system was similar to that employed in the experiments of reference (1).

Friction Horsepower. This was determined by motoring the engine. In the shortest possible time after cutting the ignition, the engine was motored by the dynamometer, and the beam balance read. This reading was obtained in each case about one minute after the ignition switch had been opened. Temperatures and pressures were held as closely as possible to values existing during the preceding run. The regularity

of friction horsepower measurements is shown by the curves of Fig. 34.

Water Jacket Temperature Control. Preliminary running established the fact that it would be necessary to exercise careful control of jacket temperatures. When outlet temperatures and rate of circulation of cooling water were controlled by automatic thermostats, with no control being exercised over water inlet temperature, the variation in friction horsepower, and consequently in speed, was so great and so erratic that accurate speed control was impossible. The cooling system was then modified to produce the following conditions: (a) outlet temperature maintained constant by automatic thermostat, (b) inlet temperature maintained constant by manual control, (c) rate of circulation of cooling water varied by means of thermostats as required by variation in amount of heat rejection. It is considered that errors from variation in friction horsepower and speed produced by the cooling system were a minimum under these conditions.

As the recorded data indicate, the water inlet temperature was maintained within four degrees of a predetermined constant value. When operating conditions were radically changed (usually in connection with a radical change in fuel-air ratio), accurate control of water inlet temperature was temporarily lost. At such

times the operations of obtaining best-power spark setting and of making test runs were discontinued until an equilibrium condition had been reestablished in the cooling system.

At the lower speeds the thermostats functioned very satisfactorily in maintaining constant outlet temperature and in varying the rate of circulation as required. At 4000 r.p.m. it was necessary to adjust the thermostats to their lowest temperature setting to maintain lubricating oil temperature at a reasonable value. At these settings the sensitivities of the thermostats were reduced. The curves obtained at 4000 r.p.m. indicate that this condition did not have any detrimental effect.

Spark Setting. Spark advance was set within one degree of the correct best-power value in every case. Because of the small change in b.m.e.p. with spark advance near the correct value, this small variation of one degree introduced negligible error.

Overall Accuracy. It is believed that any accumulation of errors would have resulted in considerable scattering of observed points. The regularity of plotted points, as shown on the curves of this report, indicate that the experimental error was very small.

2. Presentation of Results.

The results of the investigation are presented in graphical form in figures 6 to 37, inclusive. The curves on the brake basis are first in order followed by curves on the indicated basis, with the exception that the curves of maximum economy fuel-air ratio versus brake power ratio and versus indicated power ratio, are the last two figures presented. The throttle orifice calibration and friction power curves follow the indicated basis general curves.

3. Discussion of Results.

Brake Power Basis. Examination of the curves of mean effective pressure versus fuel-air ratio shows that maximum power, for all speeds and loads, occurs at a substantially constant fuel-air ratio of about 0.07. In individual curves variation from this value may be accounted for by choice in fairing in the curves and experimental error. However, such variations as do exist are of small magnitude and indicate no systematic trends.

Theoretical analysis of the fuel-air cycle indicated that for a compression ratio of 6.3 maximum power occurs at a fuel-air ratio of 0.0715. The value found in the investigation is in close agreement, and the difference may be attributed to experimental error. The close agreement seems to support the belief that a dry

and homogeneous mixture was used and that distribution was good.

If the mixture ratio is leaned from that for best power, the power falls off at a greater rate than if the mixture is enriched.

It is also seen that the rich limit of smooth running decreases with increase in the reference speed, and that fuel-air ratio adjustment has more pronounced effect on the power output at 4000 r.p.m. than at the lower speeds. During the progress of the experimental runs it was also found that spark setting had more critical effect on power output at higher than at the lower speeds.

Figures 10 to 13 show that minimum specific fuel consumption always occurs at a value of fuel-air ratio leaner than that for best power. This minimum, for all speeds, occurs at leaner fuel-air ratios with increase in the power ratio, and the rate of change of the minimum point with change in the power ratio is about the same for all speeds. At zero power ratio (idling conditions) best power and minimum specific fuel consumption occur coincidentally at only the best power fuel-air ratio.

The increase in brake specific fuel consumption with throttling is due to the fact that at lowered power ratios friction power becomes a greater percentage of indicated power.

Fig. 18 shows curves of minimum brake specific fuel

consumption versus speed for four power ratios. It was obtained by interpolating as necessary between the curves of brake specific fuel consumption so as to give in all cases the same power ratio. It is interesting to note that brake specific fuel consumption is substantially constant for all speeds up to 3000 r.p.m. (piston speed 1875 feet per minute), beyond which point it increases with speed. This may be accounted for by the almost linear variation of both air capacity and friction power with speed up to about 3000 r.p.m., as found by previous investigators using this same engine.

This relation between air capacity and friction power may be shown as follows;

$$\text{BSFC} \sim \frac{\text{Fuel rate}}{\text{IHP} - \text{FHP}}$$

At constant F/A -- Fuel rate \sim Air Capacity

Assuming that IHP \sim AC

$$\text{then BSFC} \sim \frac{\text{AC}}{\text{AC} - \text{FHP}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\text{FHP}}{\text{AC}}}$$

If AC \sim Speed

and FHP \sim Speed

then $\frac{\text{FHP}}{\text{AC}} = K$, and

$$\text{BSFC} \sim \frac{1}{1 - K} = K'$$

Beyond 3000 r.p.m. air capacity increases at less than, and friction power at greater than the linear rate, accounting for the increase in brake specific fuel con-

sumption beyond this point. This relation between air capacity and friction power with change in speed is also shown by the curves of brake specific air consumption versus speed, Fig. 19. These latter curves are for best power fuel-air ratio and the data was interpolated where necessary so as to give constant power ratios.

The curves of brake specific fuel consumption versus brake mean effective pressure are shown in figures 14 to 17, inclusive, and curves for the same speed but different power ratios are shown on the same sheet. Tangents to these curves, as drawn, then indicate most economical operation at the speed in question. As determined by operating conditions at these points of tangency a curve of maximum economy fuel-air ratio versus power ratio was obtained. This curve is shown in Fig. 36. Since the points of tangency were so ill-defined and the selection of the points a matter of considerable personal choice, the tangent curves were displaced 5 percent in the direction of greater specific fuel consumption to obtain more certain intersections and consequent determination of operating conditions. The resultant curve, as so determined, is also shown in Fig. 36. The relative displacement of these two resultant curves shows that nearly maximum economy can be obtained over a fairly wide range of fuel-air ratios. This range is greatest at the low power ratios, decreasing as the pow-

er ratio increases.

Indicated Power Basis. The curves of indicated specific fuel consumption versus fuel-air ratio, figures 24 to 27, show higher consumptions for the throttled conditions. This difference is most apparent at 1000 r.p.m., decreasing with increase in speed to be almost absent at 4000 r.p.m. This trend is shown in Fig. 32 which presents curves of minimum indicated specific fuel consumption versus speed. The trend may be accounted for by the greater heat loss to the coolant when throttled due to increase in time of combustion of a diluted mixture, and also by the theoretical loss in efficiency with increased dilution as predicted by fuel-air cycle analysis. (Reference (2) page 41) Heat loss caused by increase in time of combustion is almost proportional to the reciprocal of the speed, and is much less pronounced at the high speeds.

This curve also shows a decrease in indicated specific fuel consumption with increase in speed. This trend is due to the decreased time available for heat loss per cycle with increase in speed, since combustion rate increases almost in proportion to speed. The net result is an increase in efficiency with increase in speed. This trend is also shown by the curves of indicated specific air consumption versus speed for four power ratios, Fig.

33. This curve shows indicated specific air consumption at best power fuel-air ratio. The data was interpolated as necessary so as to give constant power ratios.

This increase in efficiency with speed might be attributed to errors in the determination of friction power. However, assuming that indicated power is directly proportional to air capacity:-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IHP}_{1000 \text{ full}} &= 26.7 \\ \therefore \text{IHP}_{4000 \text{ full}} &= 26.7 \times \frac{.191}{.0545} = 93.5 \\ \text{BHP}_{4000 \text{ full}} &= 58.1 \\ \therefore \text{FHP}_{4000 \text{ full}} &= 93.5 - 58.1 = 35.4 \\ \text{FHP}_{4000 \text{ full}} \text{ as measured} &= 56.7 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the measurement of FHP would have been

$$\frac{56.7 - 35.4}{35.4} = \frac{21.3}{35.4} = 60\% \text{ in error}$$

if it were true that IHP is directly proportional to air capacity. This error seems entirely unreasonable, particularly since the values of friction horsepower as found agree very closely with those found by previous investigators using the same engine, and the curves of friction power versus power ratio and speed, Fig. 34, show the determination to have been fairly consistent.

Both best power fuel-air ratio and change in indicated efficiency with speed closely follow theory which further shows that the mixture was dry and homogeneous and that combustion and distribution were good.

The curve of best economy mixture versus indicated power ratio is shown in Fig. 37. Only one curve is presented since no systematic variation with speed is indicated, and the scattering of points is considered to be due to experimental error.

It is to be supposed that the experimental error on the indicated basis will be larger than on the brake basis, since in reducing the data to the indicated basis the friction power must be used, the measurement of which introduces a source of additional error not present in the analysis of the data on the brake basis.

Theoretical Treatment of Trend in Indicated Efficiency. The trend in indicated efficiency may be explained on theoretical grounds as follows:-

$$\text{Ind. eff.} = \frac{33,000 \times 60}{778 \times \text{ISAC} \times F/A \times 18,900}$$

For the full power condition

$$\text{ISAC}_{4000 \text{ r.p.m.}} = 6.0$$

$$\text{ISAC}_{1000 \text{ r.p.m.}} = 7.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ind. eff.}_{4000 \text{ r.p.m.}} &= \frac{33,000 \times 60}{778 \times 6.0 \times .07 \times 18,900} \\ &= 32.1\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ind. eff.}_{1000 \text{ r.p.m.}} &= \frac{33,000 \times 60}{778 \times 7.4 \times .07 \times 18,900} \\ &= 26.0\% \end{aligned}$$

Theoretical fuel-air cycle efficiency for $F/A .07$ and compression ratio 6.3 is 37.5%.

$$Q \sim K \Delta T A (\rho s)^n$$

where Q = heat transfer, BTU/min.

ΔT = average temperature difference

A = area exposed

ρ = density of gases

s = piston speed, ft./min.

n = empirical coefficient

A is constant and ΔT and ρ are sensibly constant.

To the first approximation, disregarding blow-down losses, etc., and assuming that the change in efficiency is due entirely to direct heat losses:-

Heat loss to exhaust, theoretical cycle,

$$\sim (1 - .375) = .625$$

Total heat loss, 4000 r.p.m., per cycle,

$$\sim (1 - .321) = .679$$

Total heat loss, 1000 r.p.m., per cycle,

$$\sim (1 - .260) = .740$$

Direct heat loss per cycle, 4000 r.p.m.

$$\sim (.679 - .625) = .054$$

Direct heat loss per cycle, 1000 r.p.m.

$$\sim (.740 - .625) = .115$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{.054 \times 4}{.115} = (4/1)^n$$

$$n = .455$$

This approximate value of the exponent "n" is reasonable and agrees with general theory and practice.

3. Conclusions.

(1) The fuel-air ratio for best power does not depend on speed or load, but is a constant for all speeds and loads.

(2) Best power occurs at a fuel-air ratio about equal to that of the fuel-air cycle for the same compression ratio (.07 for the engine of the test) when the mixture is dry and homogeneous and the distribution good.

(3) The fuel-air ratio for maximum economy depends on the power ratio and varies as is shown in Fig. 36. There was no indication that this relation changes with change in the reference speed.

(4) For this engine brake efficiencies are substantially constant for a given power ratio up to the speed to which air capacity and friction power vary in linear fashion with speed. Beyond this speed, where air capacity increases at less than and friction power at greater than the linear rate, brake specific fuel consumption for a given power ratio increases with increase in speed.

(5) Indicated efficiency decreases with throttling, this effect being most pronounced at low speeds and practically absent at speeds close to the rated.

(6) Indicated efficiency increases with increase in speed.

(7) The maximum economy fuel-air ratio as determined by indicated power ratio was shown not to vary with change in the reference speed.

(8) With a dry and homogeneous mixture and good distribution, indicated performance as affected by fuel-air ratio, power ratio, and speed may be closely predicted on theoretical grounds.

(9) An engine is more critical to proper adjustment of the fuel-air ratio and spark at higher than at lower speeds.

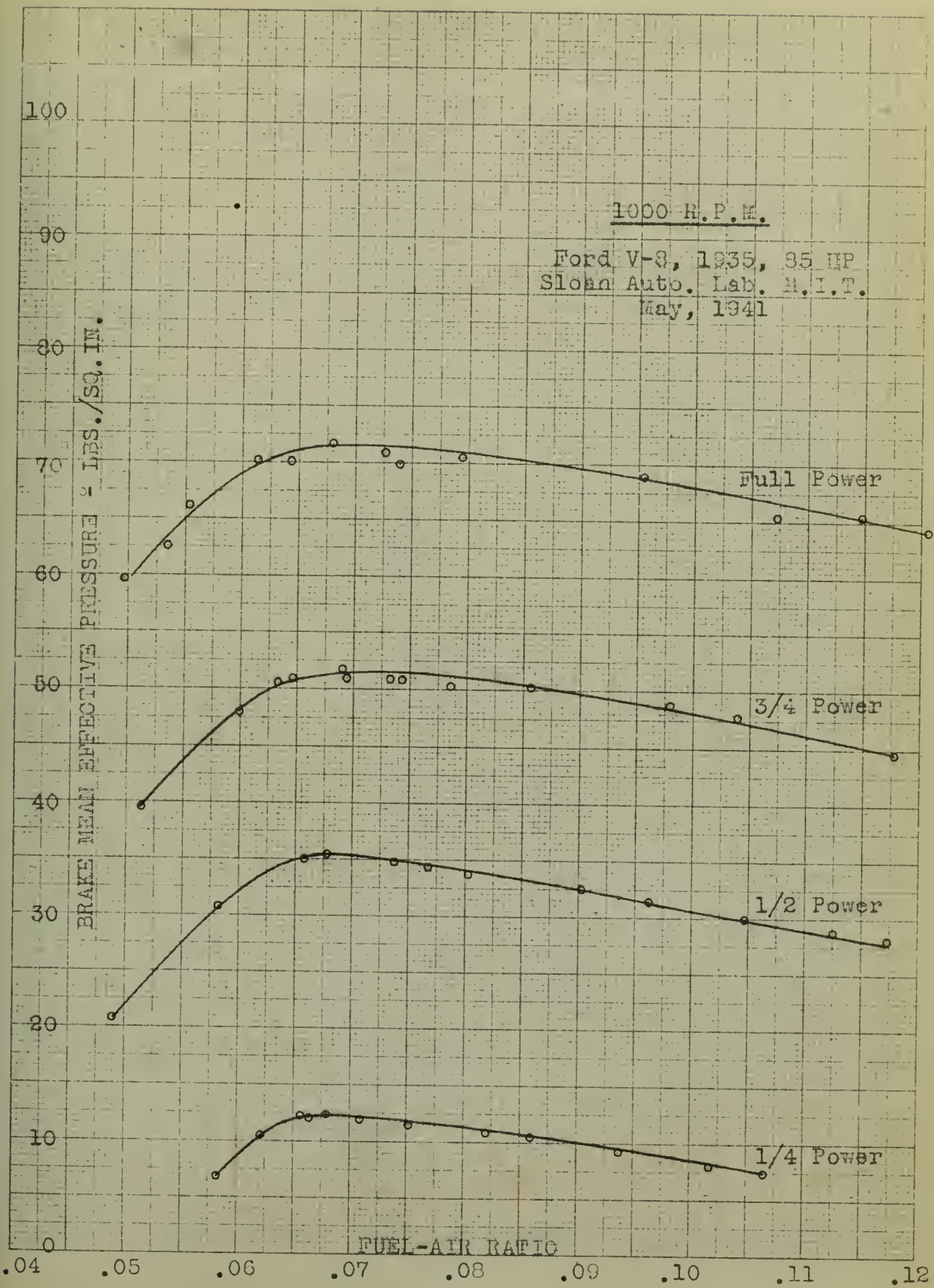


FIGURE 6
Variation of BMEP with F/A - 1000 R.P.M.

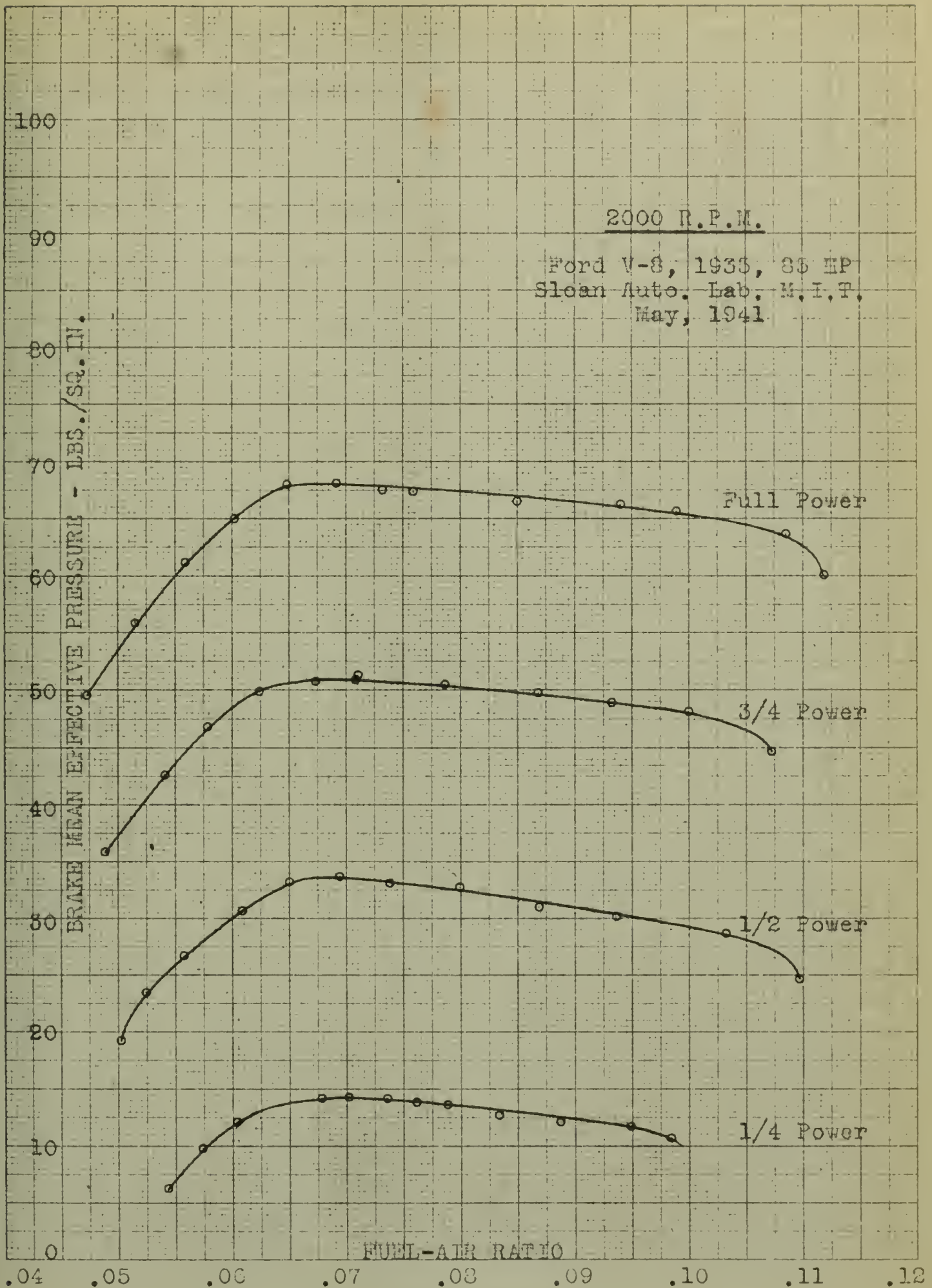


FIGURE 7
Variation of BMEP with F/A - 2000 R.P.M.

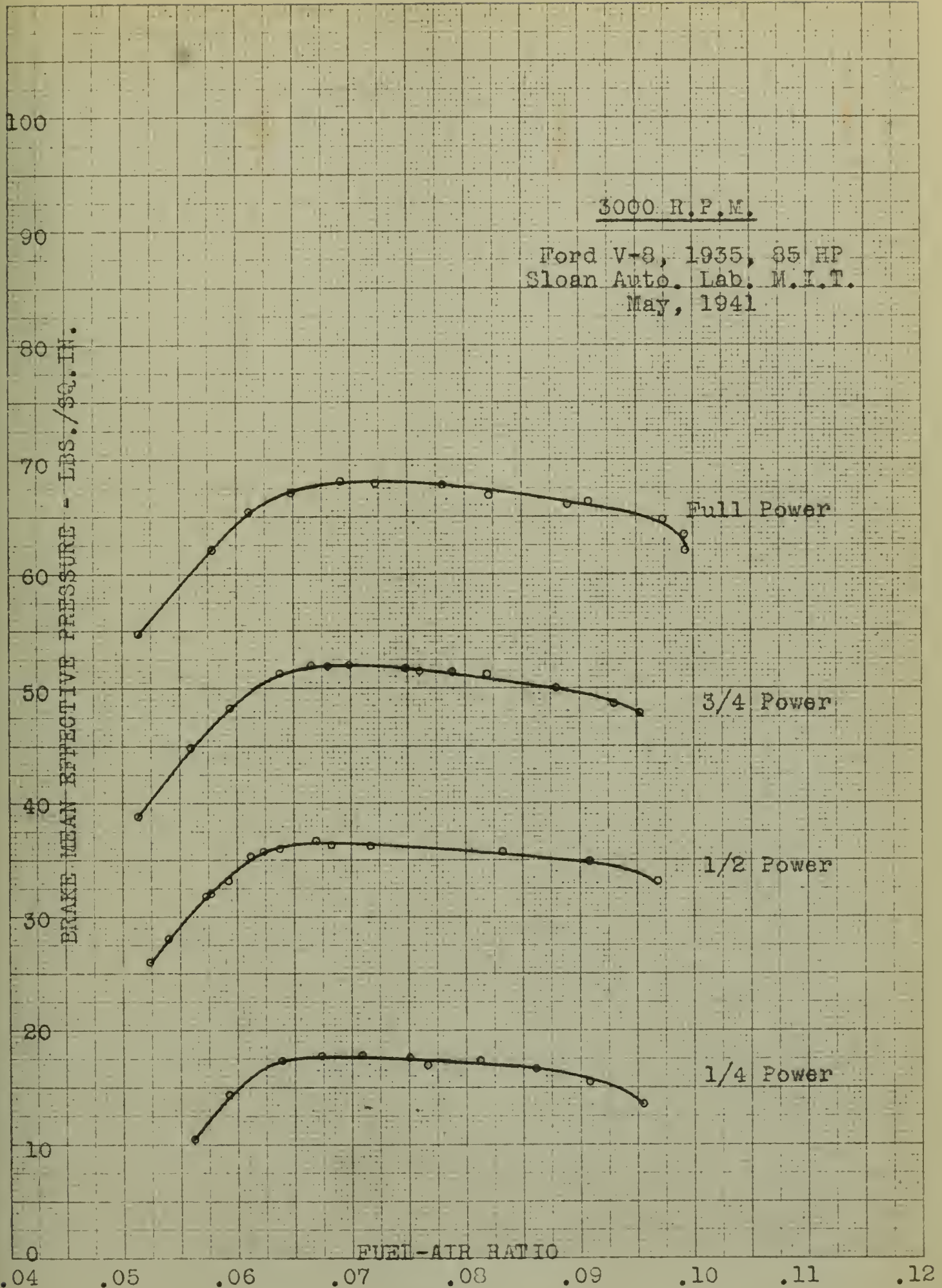


FIGURE 8
Variation of BMEP with F/A - 3000 R.P.M.

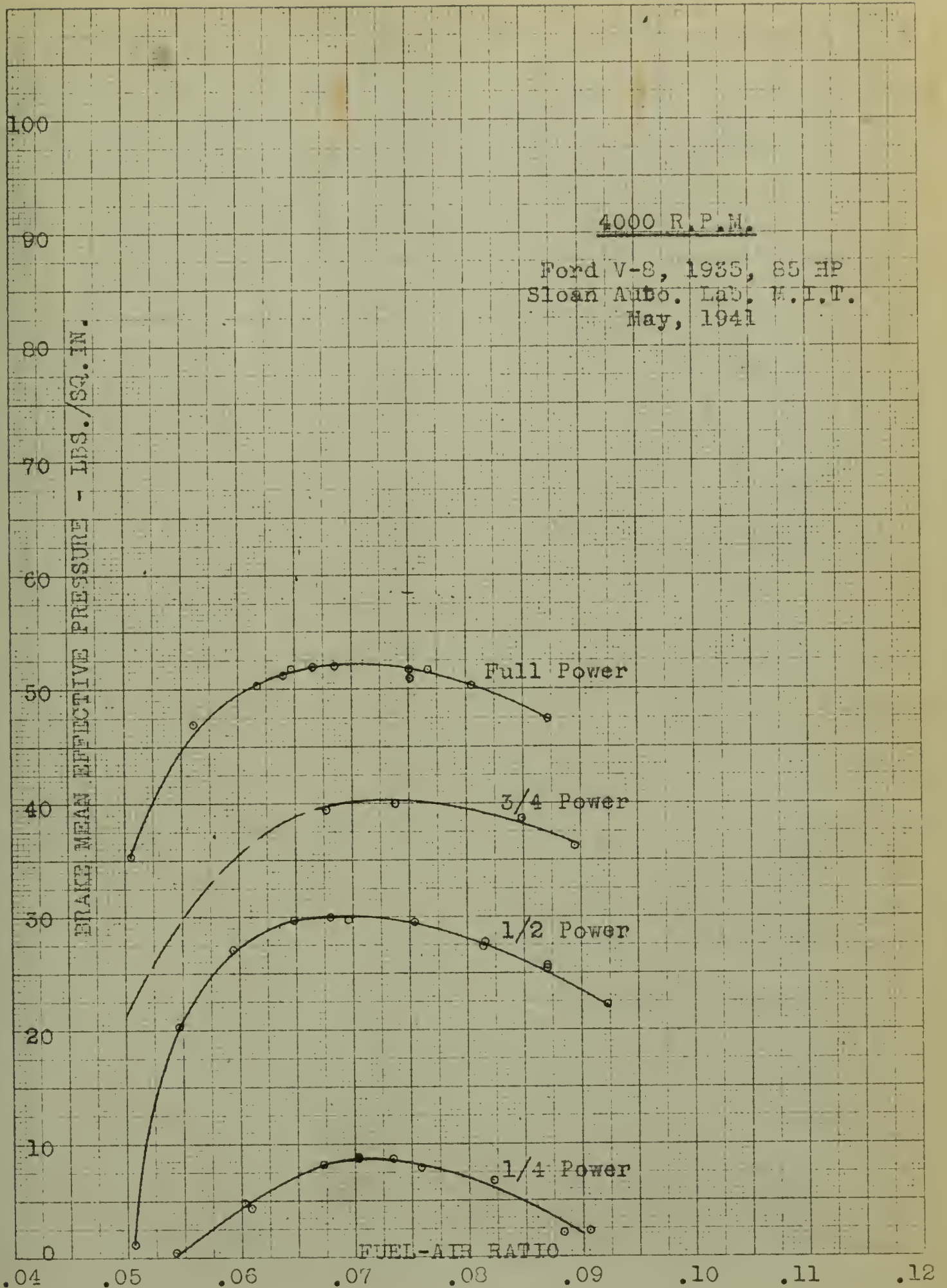


FIGURE 9
Variation of BMEP with F/A - 4000 R.P.M.

1000 R.P.M.
Ford V-8, 1935, 35 HP
Sloan Auto. Lab. M.I.T.
May, 1941

BRAKE SPECIFIC FUEL CONSUMPTION - LBS./BHP/HR.

1/4 Power

1/2 Power

3/4 Power

Full Power

FUEL-AIR RATIO

5.0
4.0
3.0
2.0
1.0
0

.04 .05 .06 .07 .08 .09 .10 .11 .12

FIGURE 10
Variation of BSEC with F/A - 1000 R.P.M.

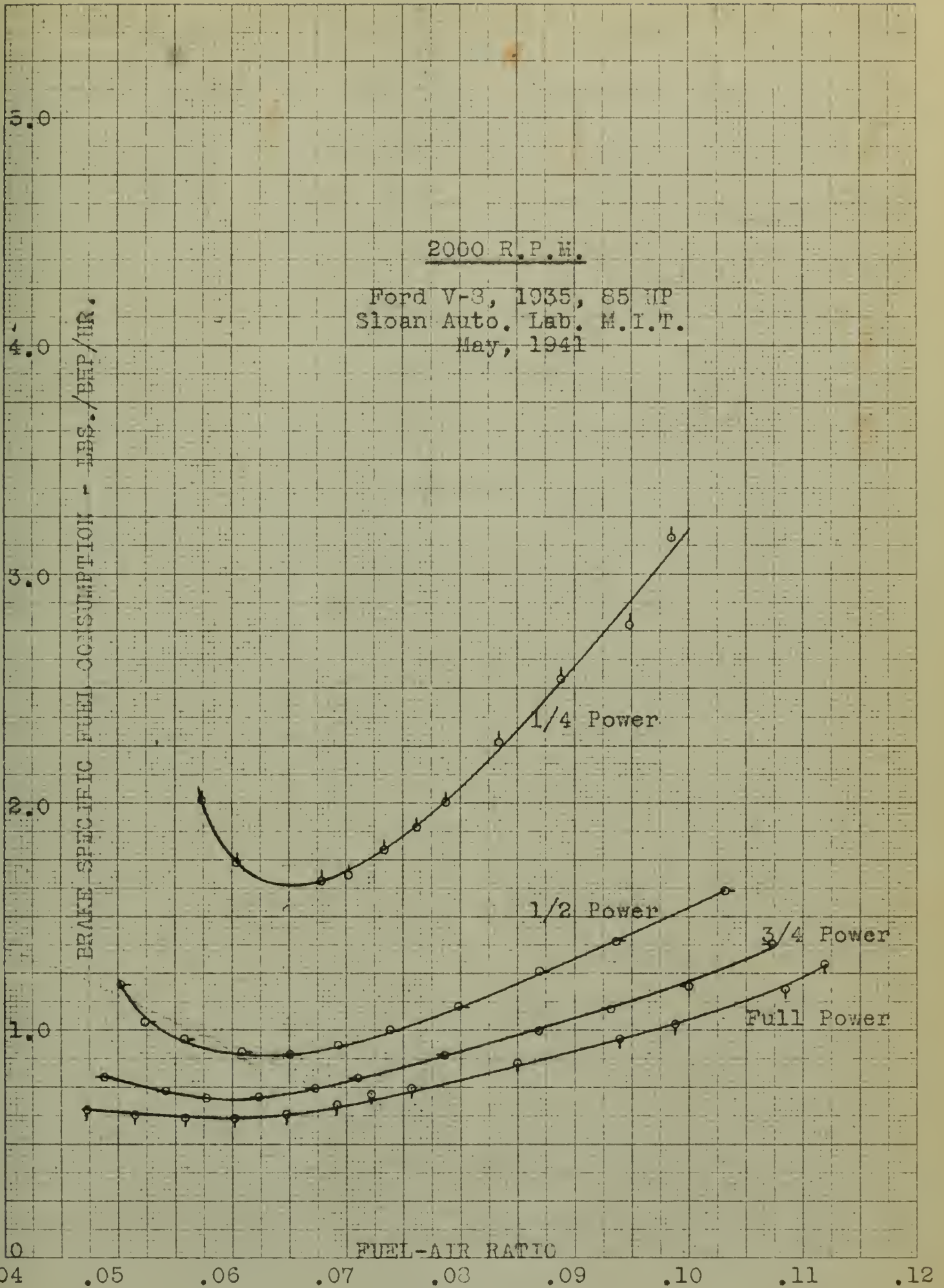


FIGURE 11
Variation of BSFC with F/A - 2000 R.P.M.

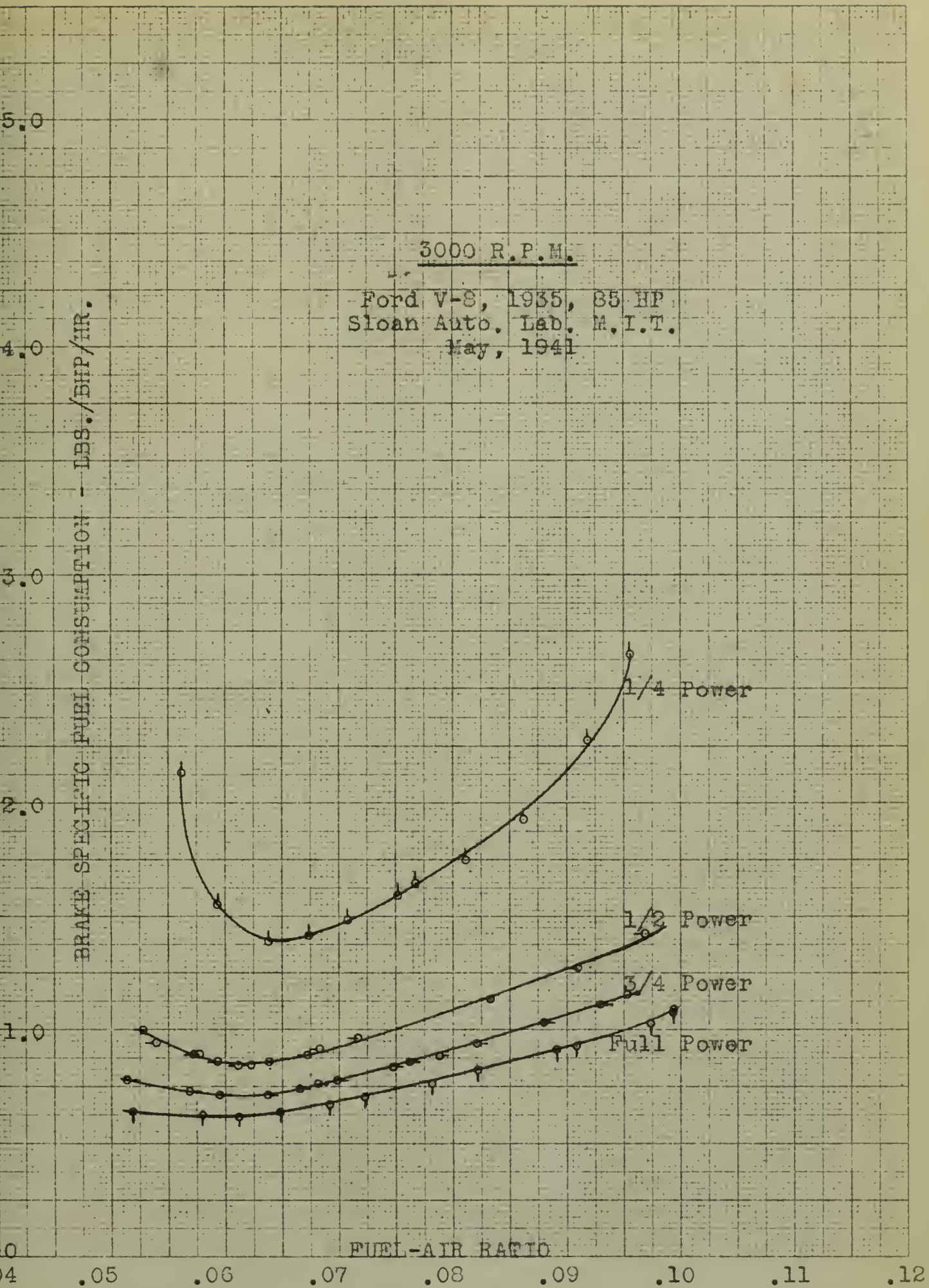


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Variation of BSFC with F/A - 3000 R.P.M.

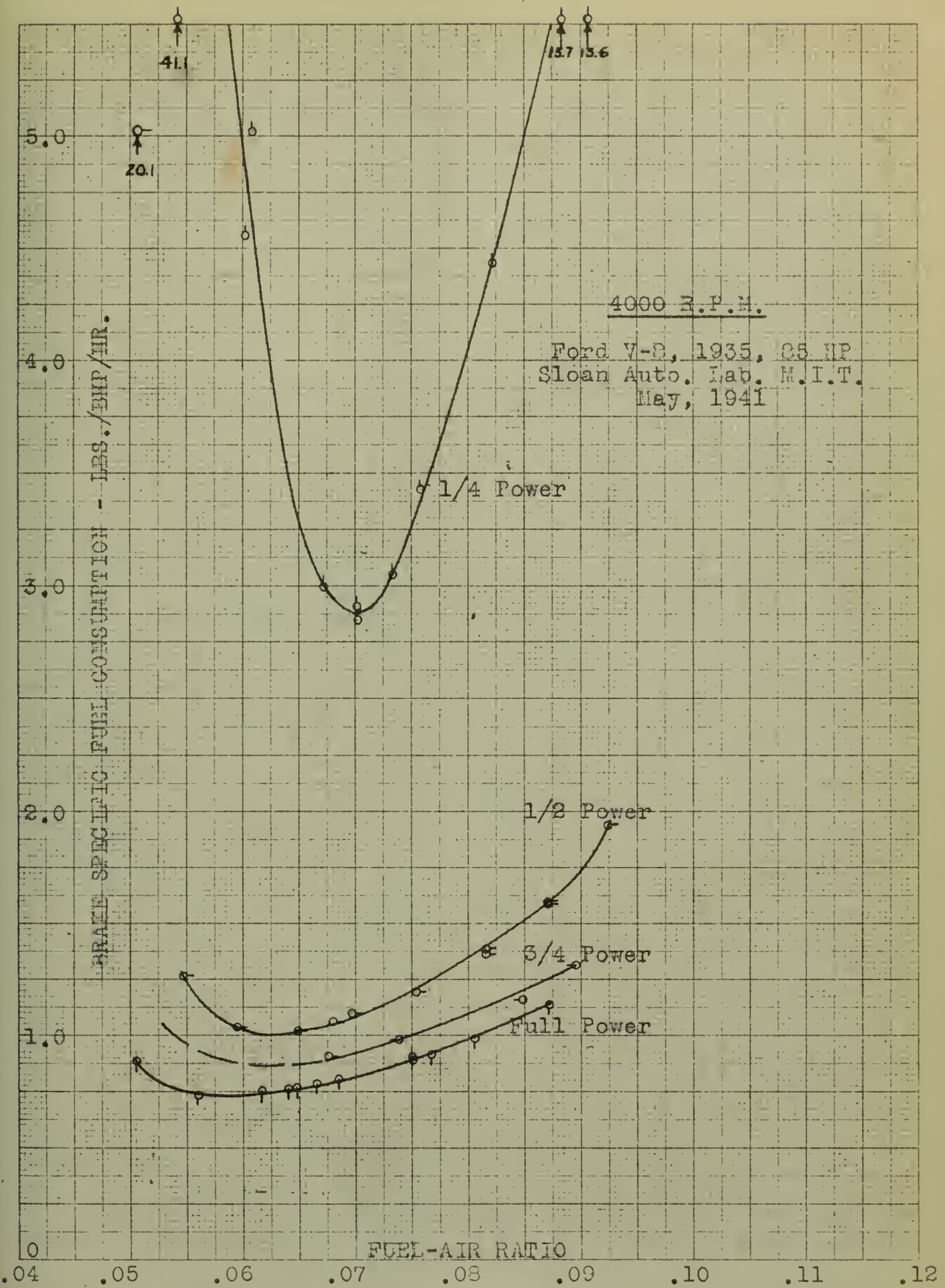


FIGURE 13
Variation of BSFC with I/A - 4000 R.P.M.

1000 R.P.M.

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
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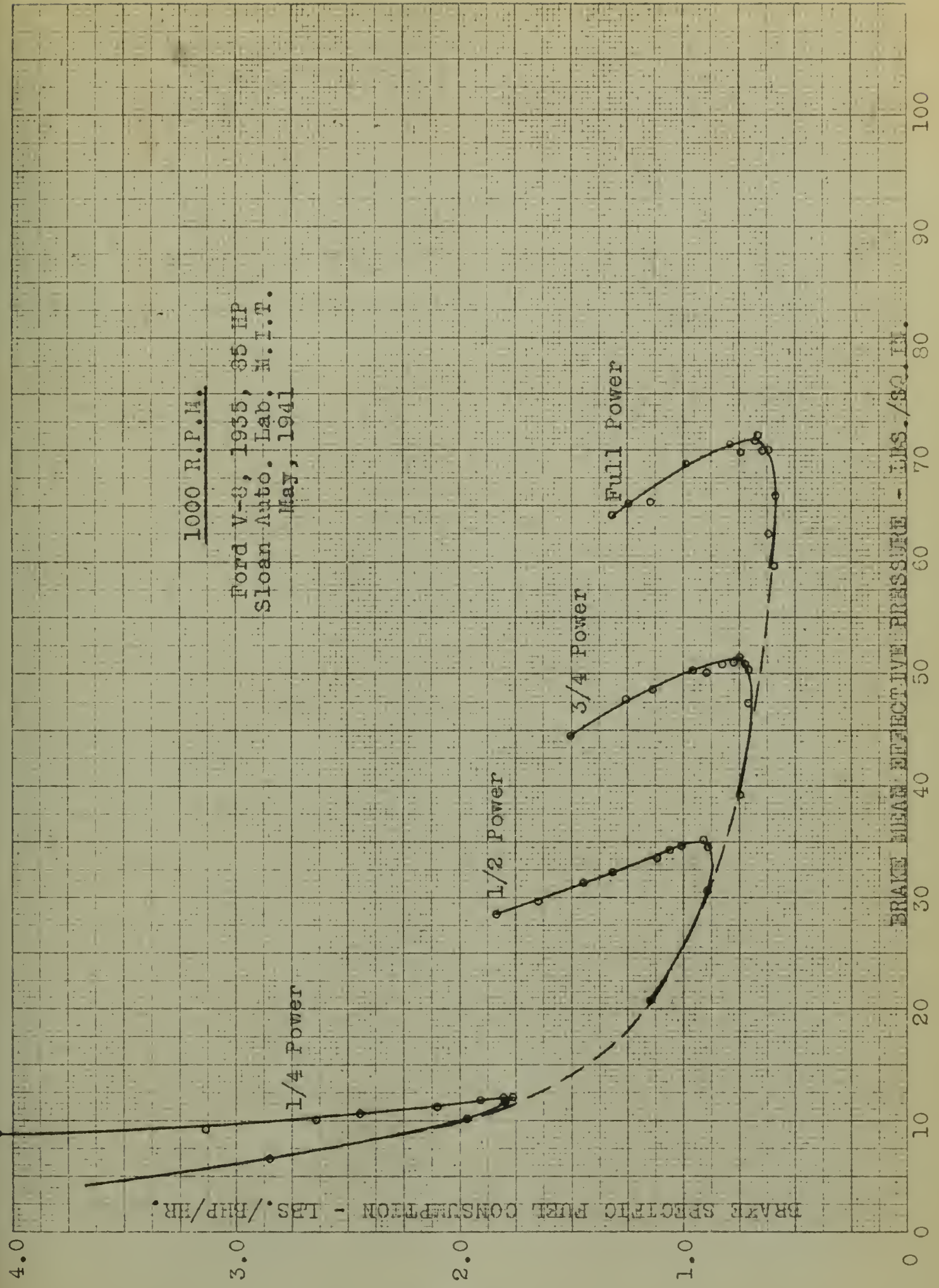


FIGURE 14

Variation of BSFC with BMEP - 1000 R.P.M.

2000 R.P.M.

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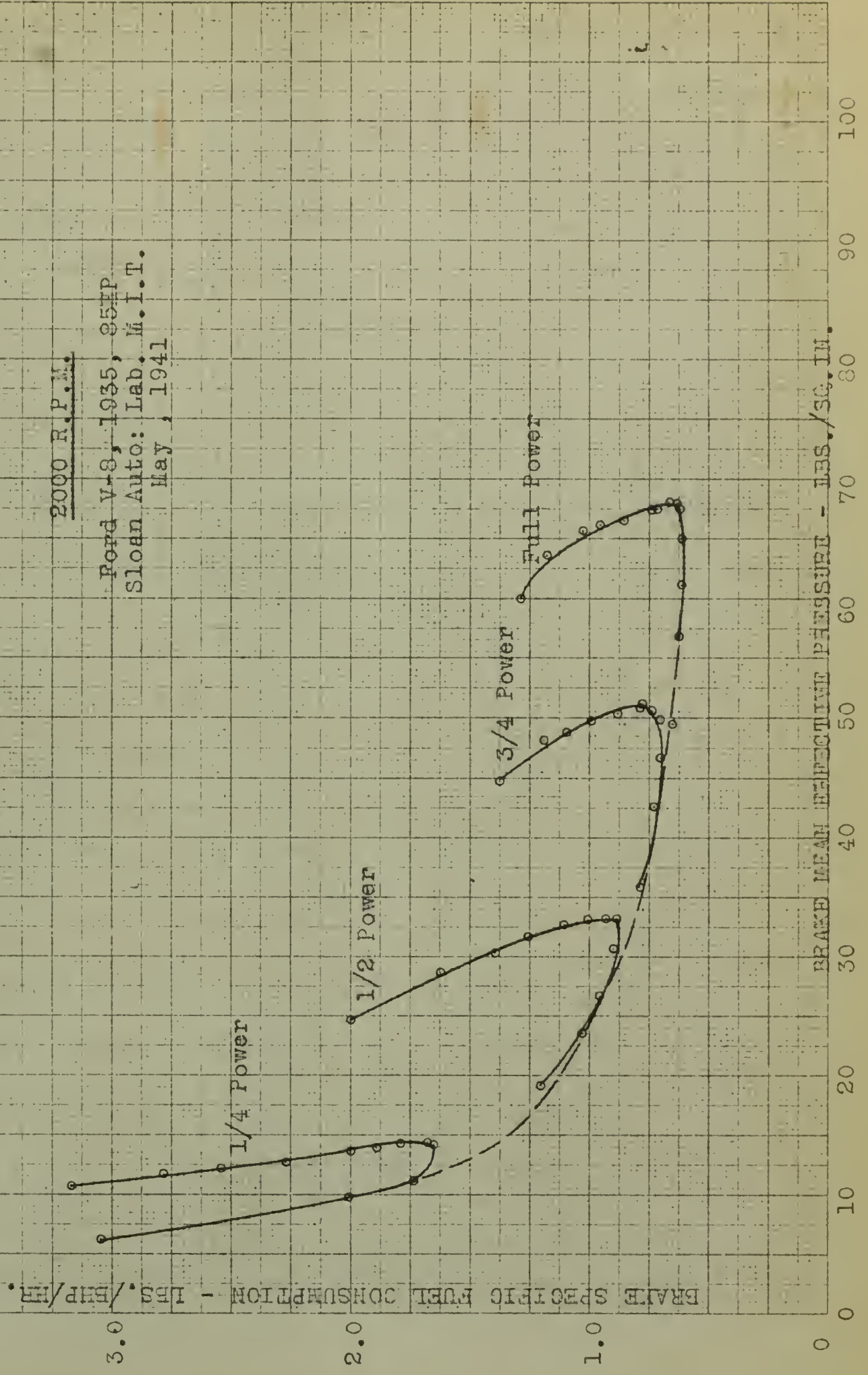


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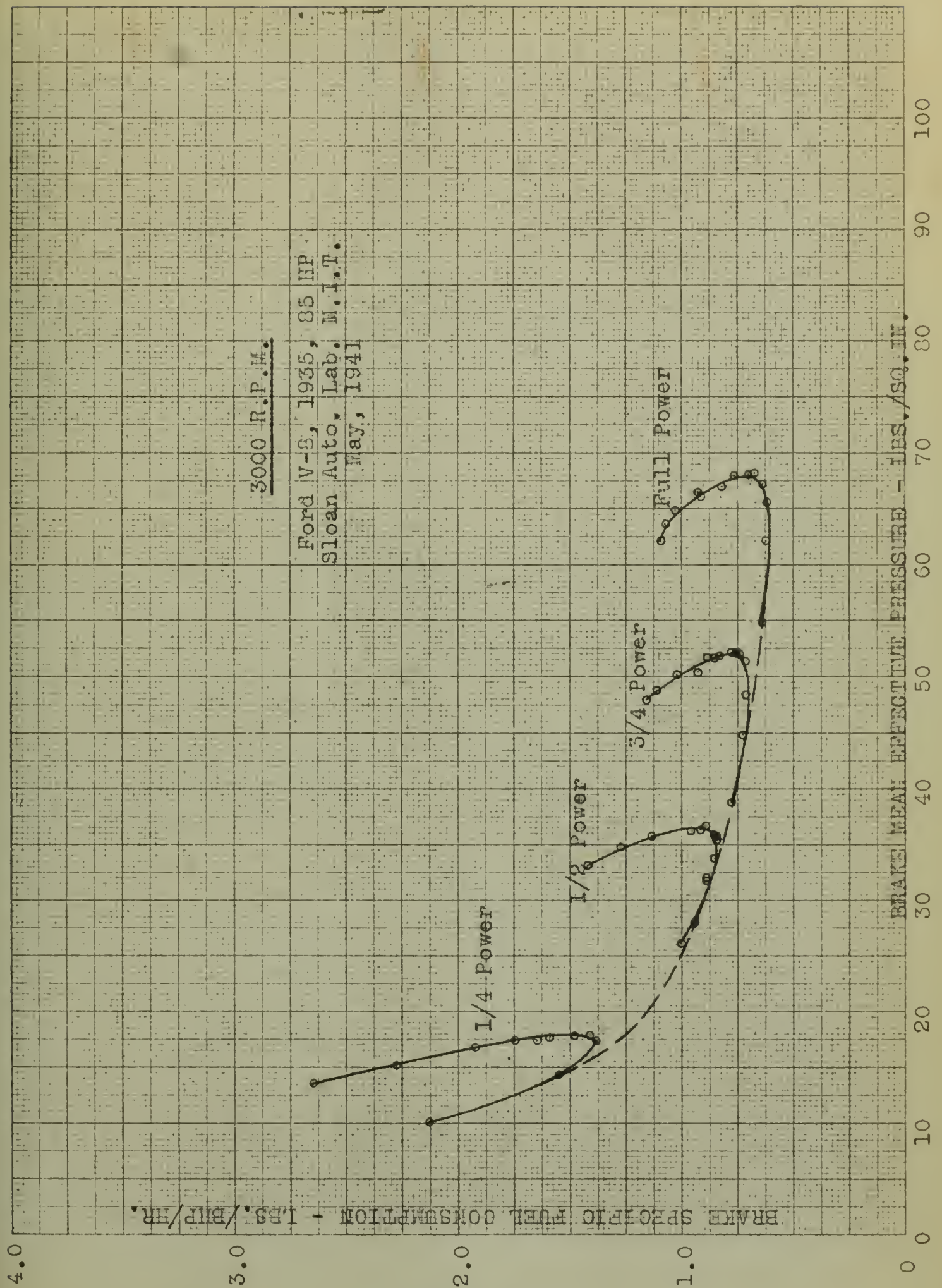


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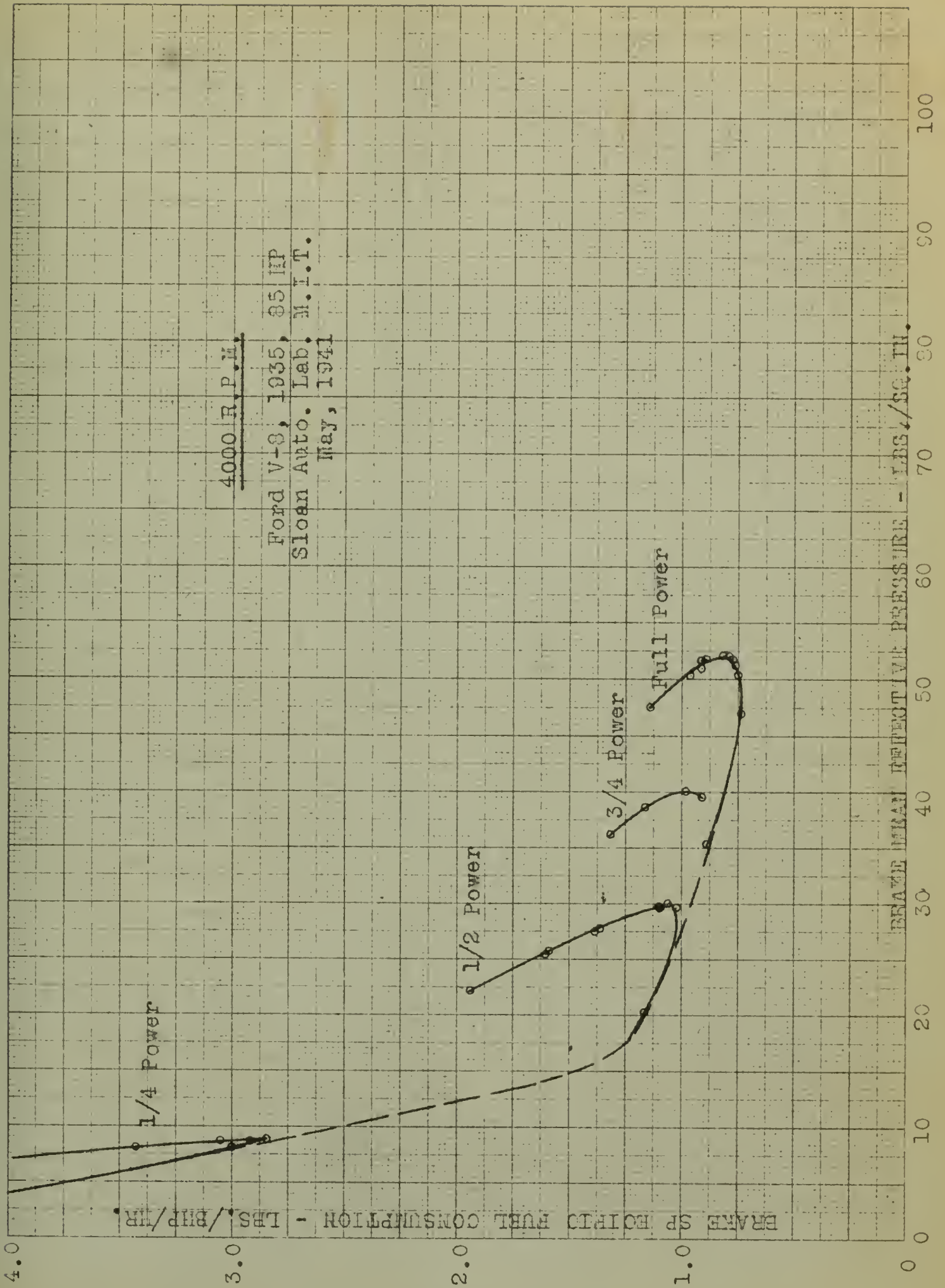


FIGURE 17
Variation of BSFC with BMEP - 4000 R.P.M.

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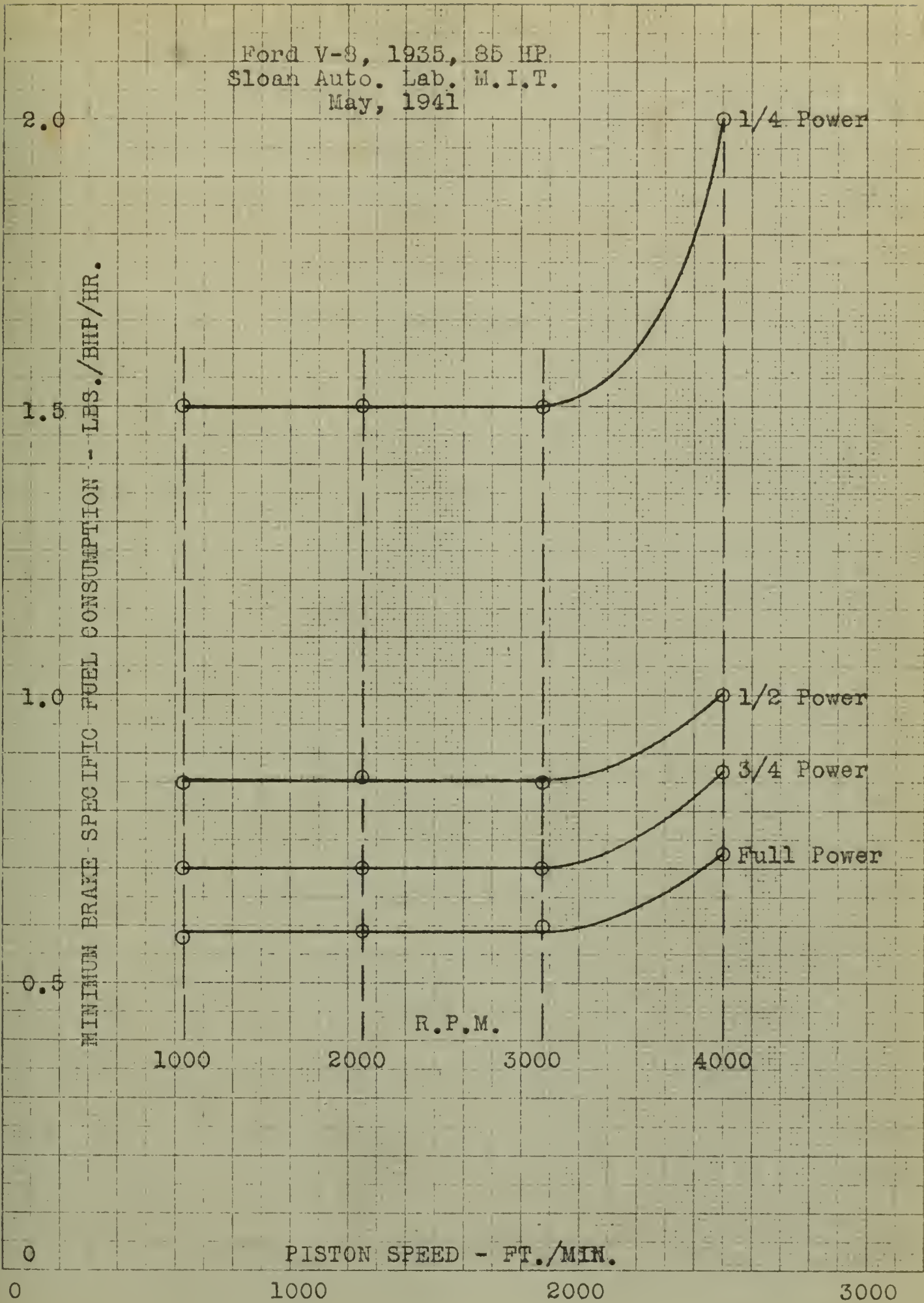


FIGURE 18
Variation of Minimum BSFC with SPEED

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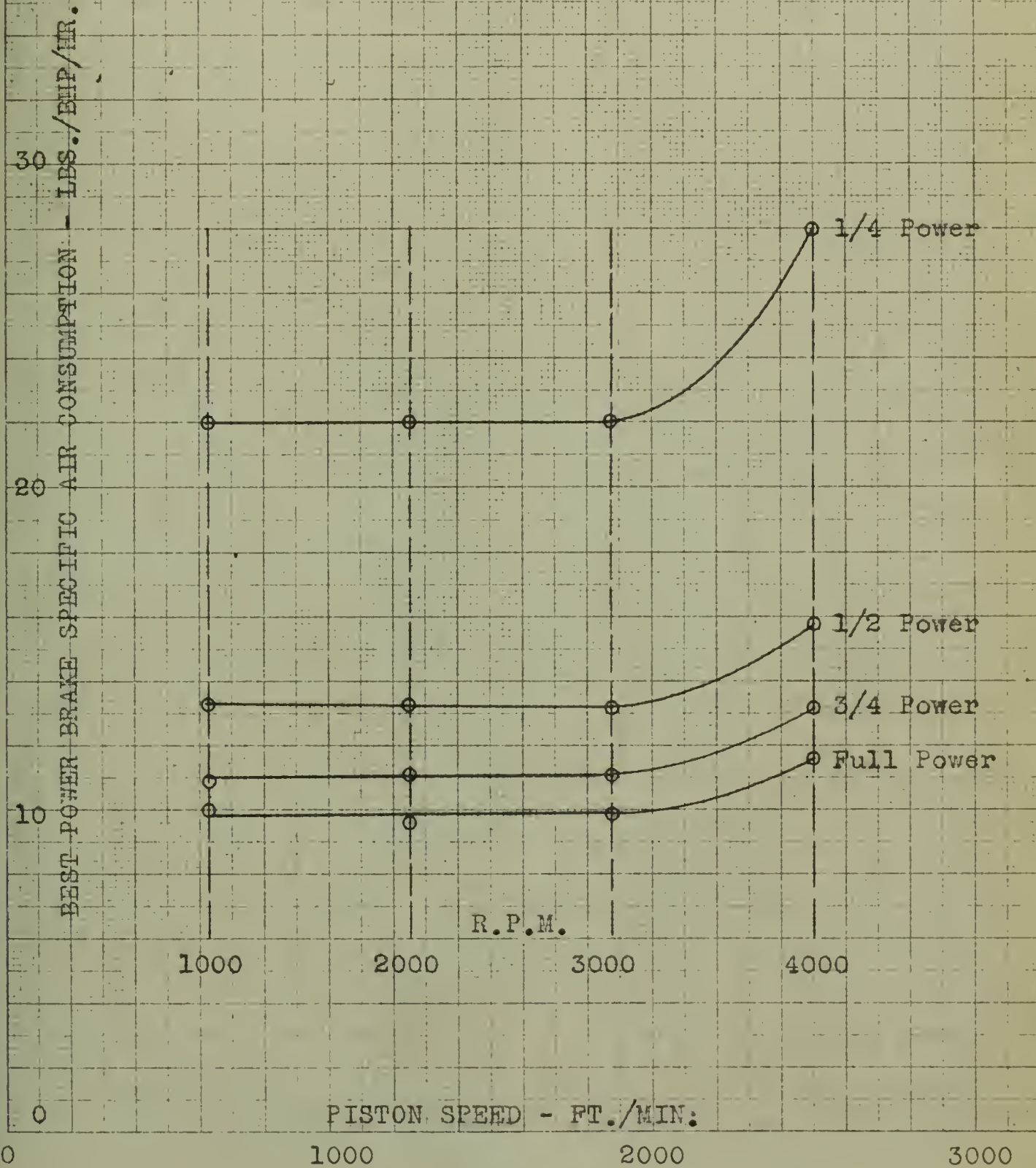
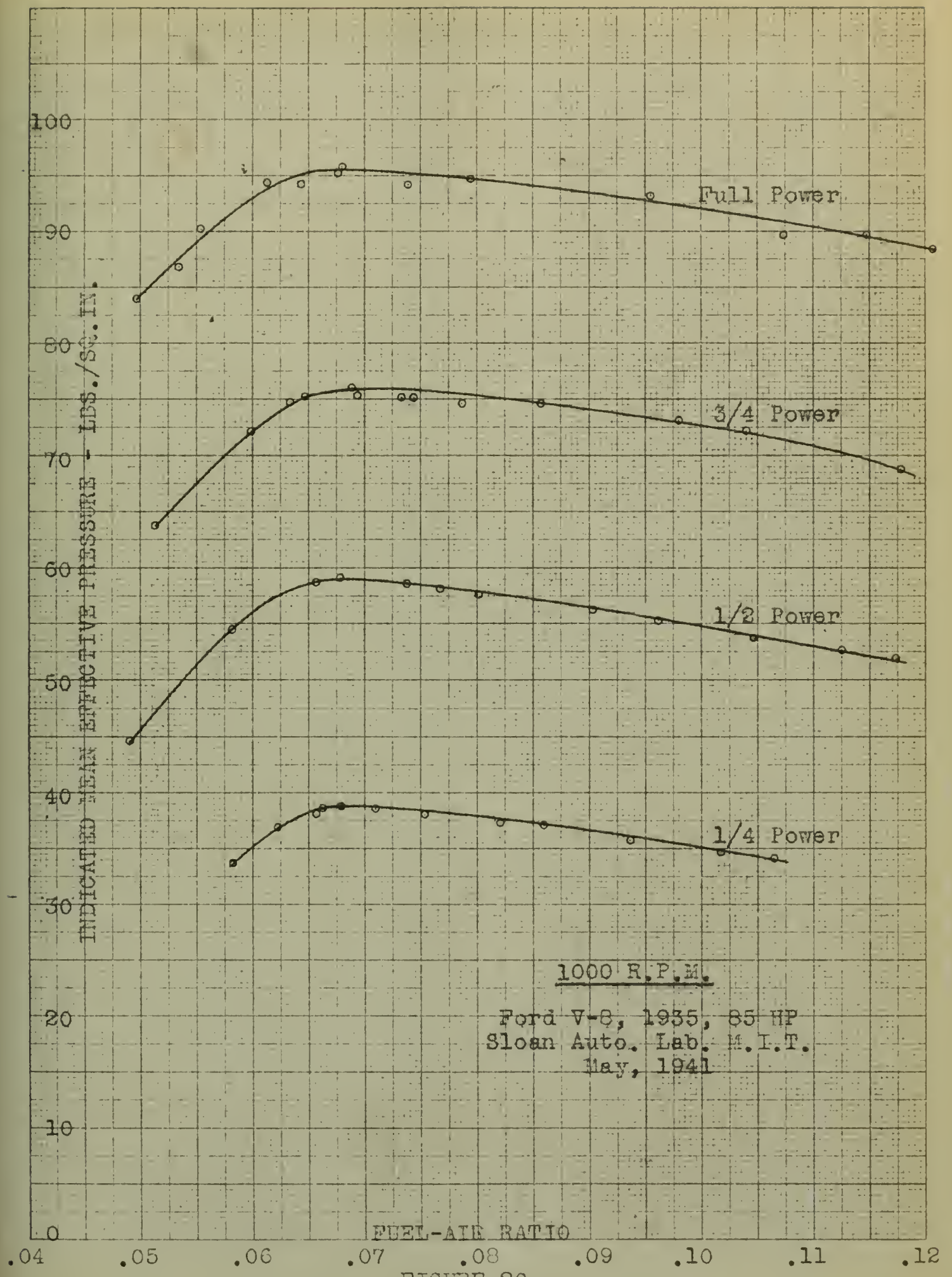


FIGURE 19
Variation of Best Power BSAC with SPEED



1000 R.P.M.

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
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FIGURE 20
 Variation of IMEP with F/A - 1000 R.P.M.

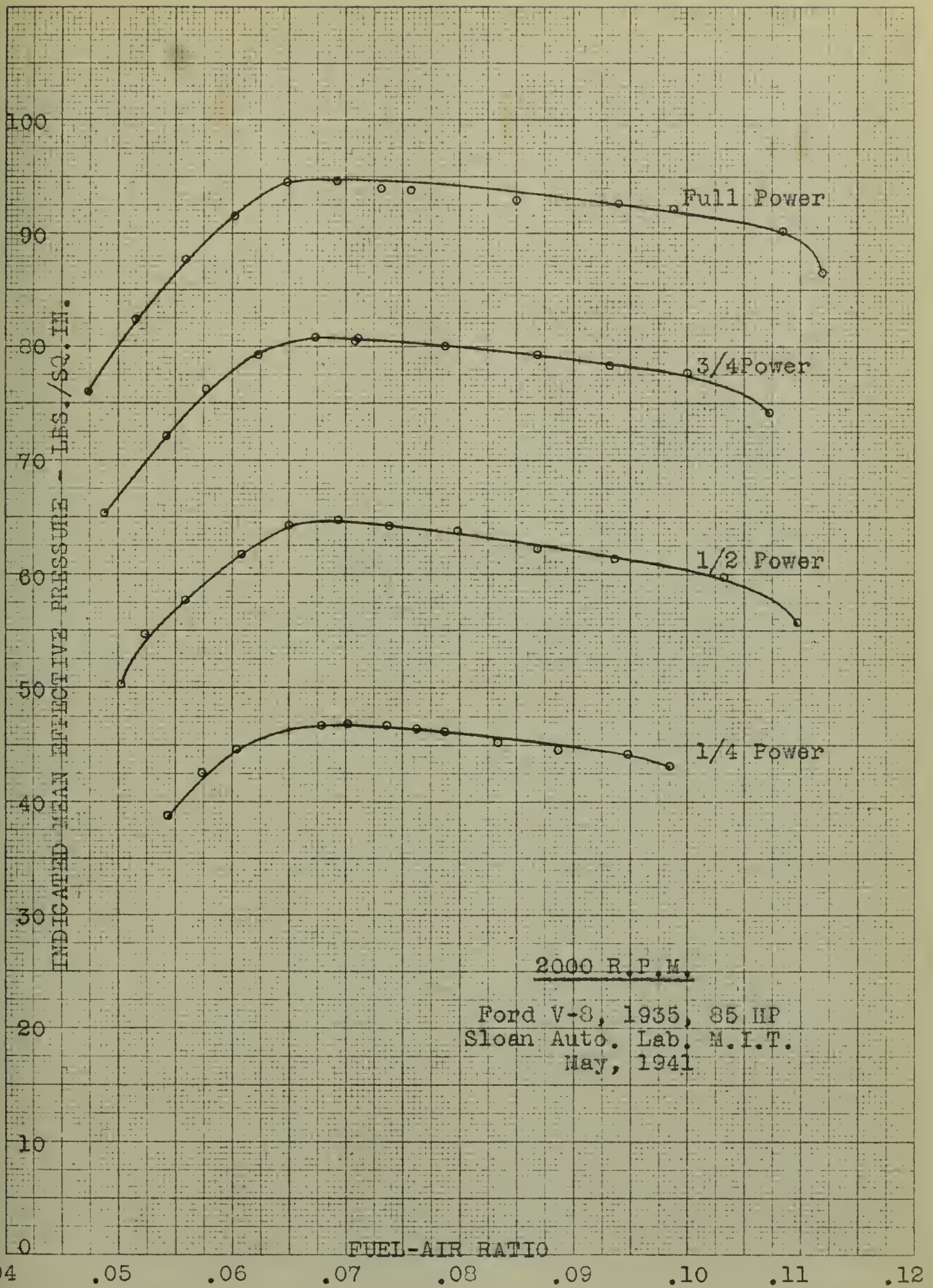


FIGURE 21
Variation of IMEP with F/A - 2000 R.P.M.

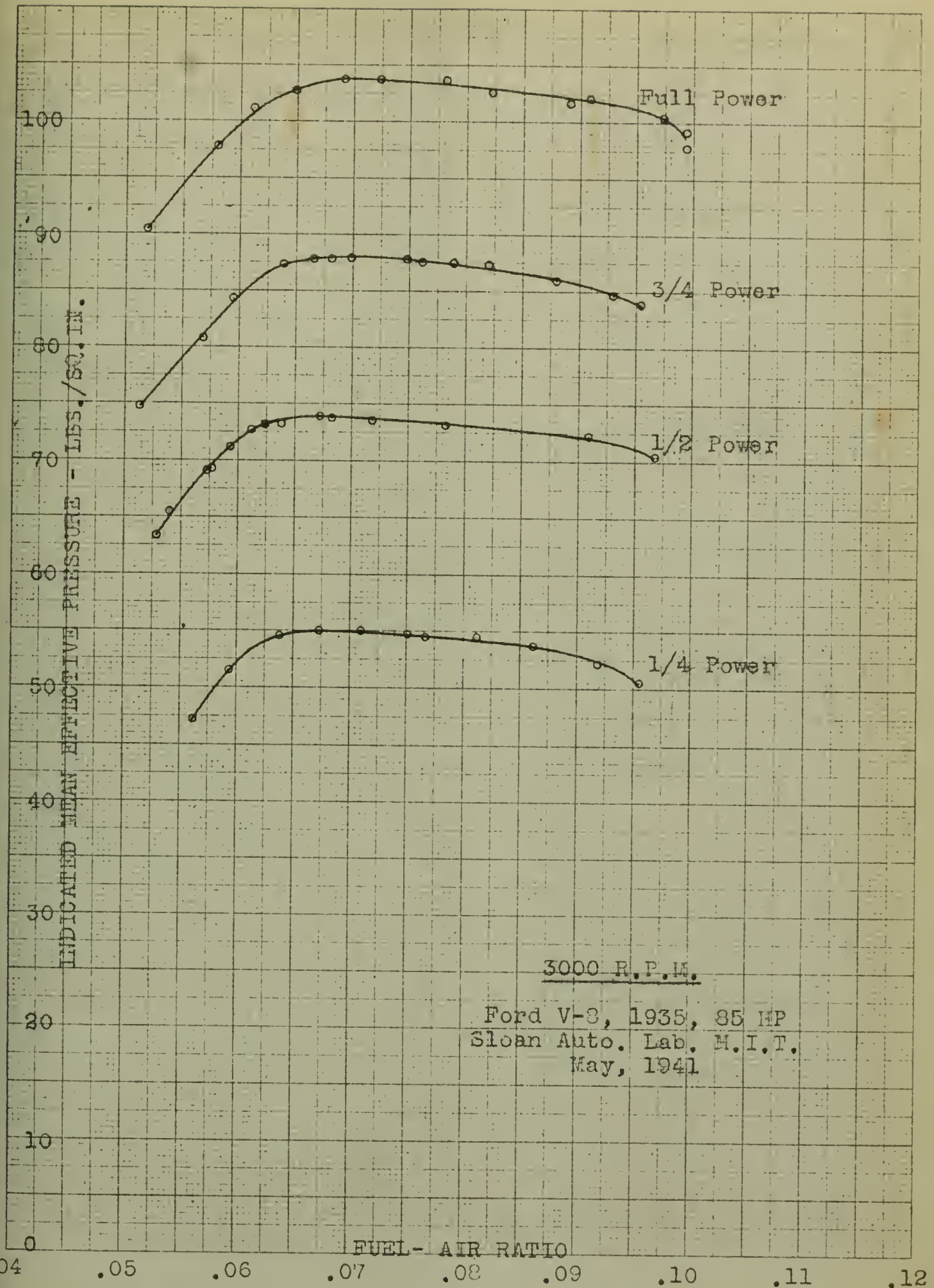


FIGURE 22
Variation of IMEP with F/A - 3000 R.P.M.

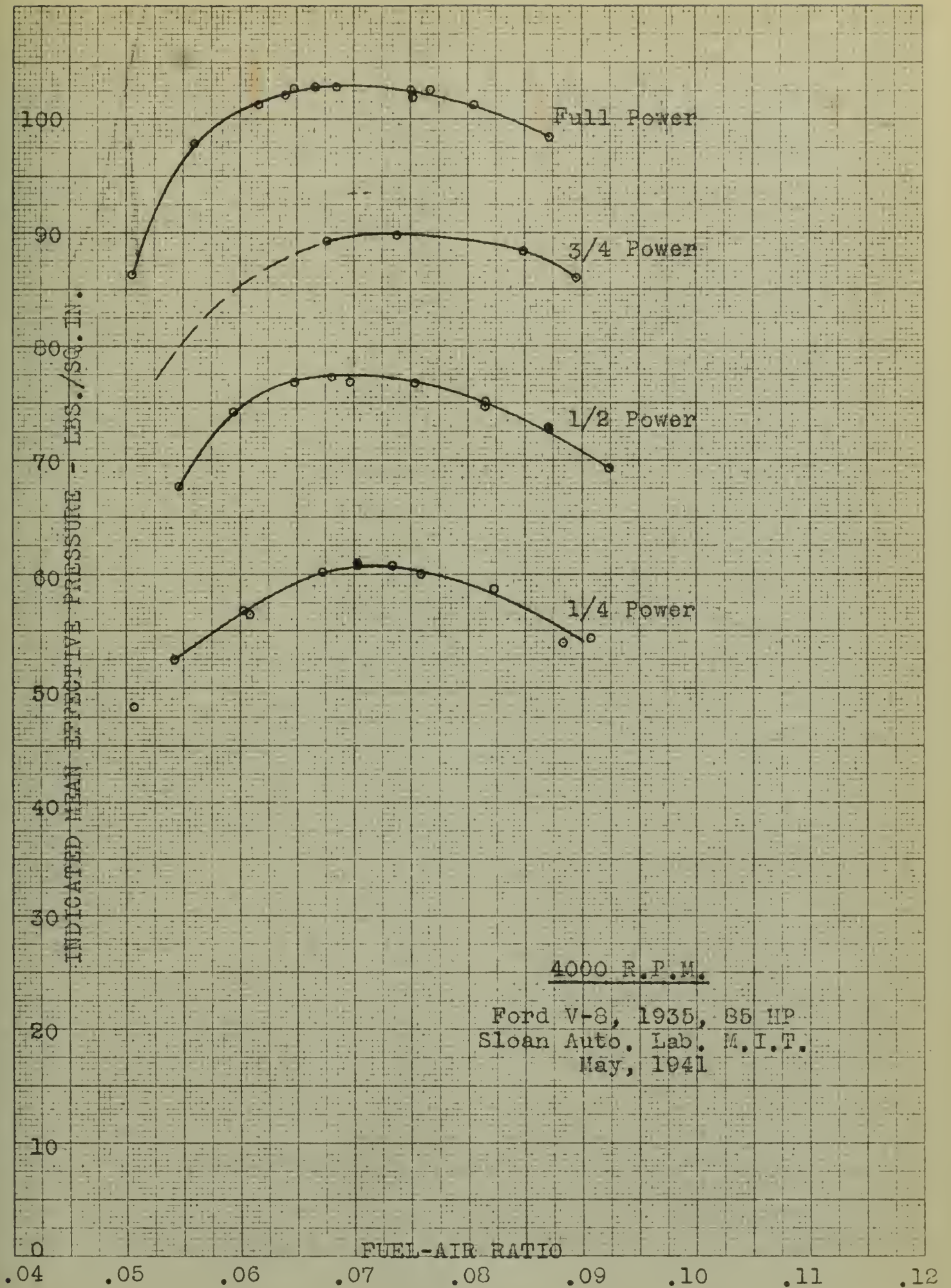


FIGURE 23
Variation of IMEP with F/A - 4000 R.P.M.

1000 R.P.M.

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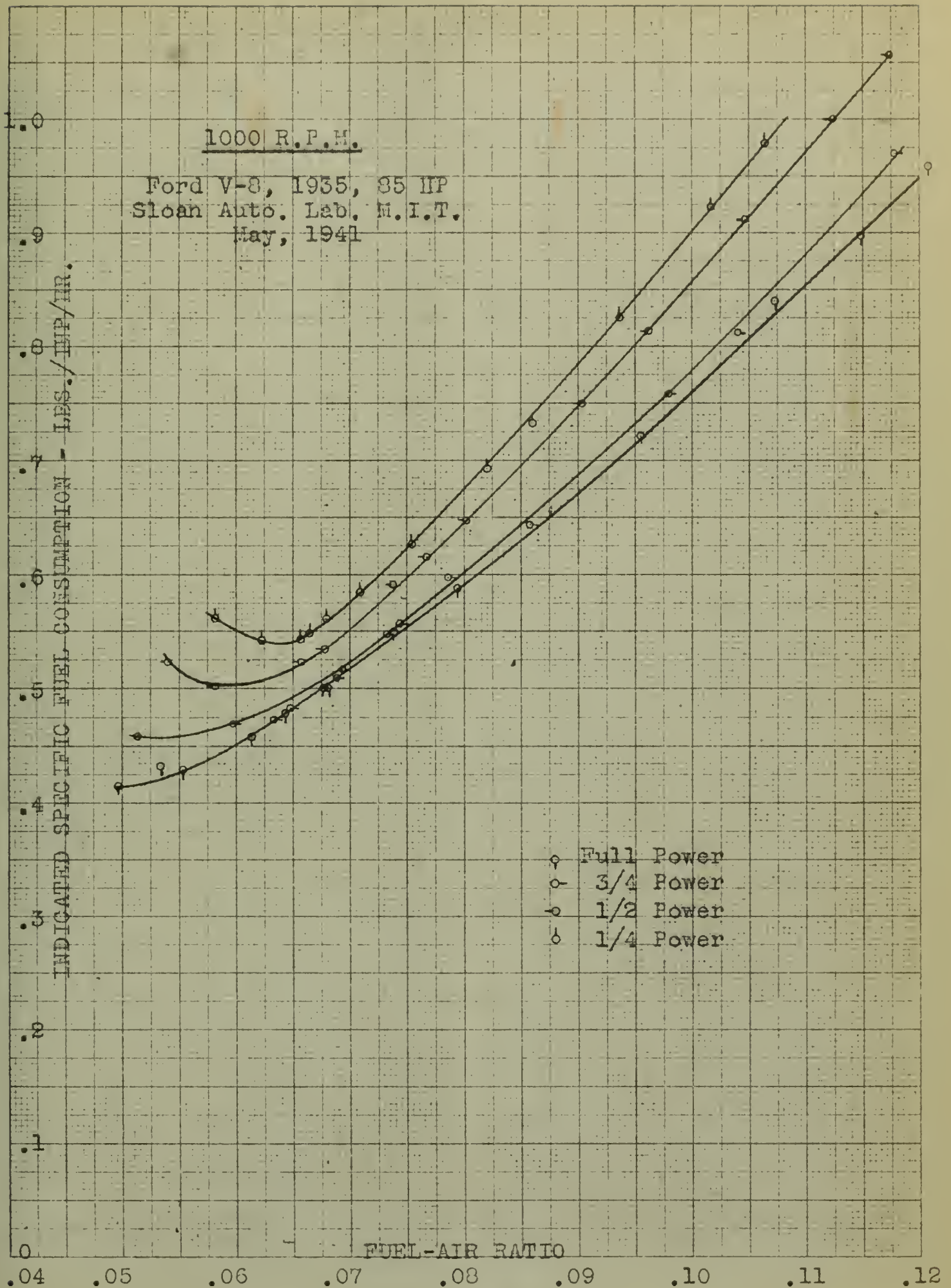


FIGURE 24

Variation of ISFC with F/A - 1000 R.P.M.

2000 R.P.M.

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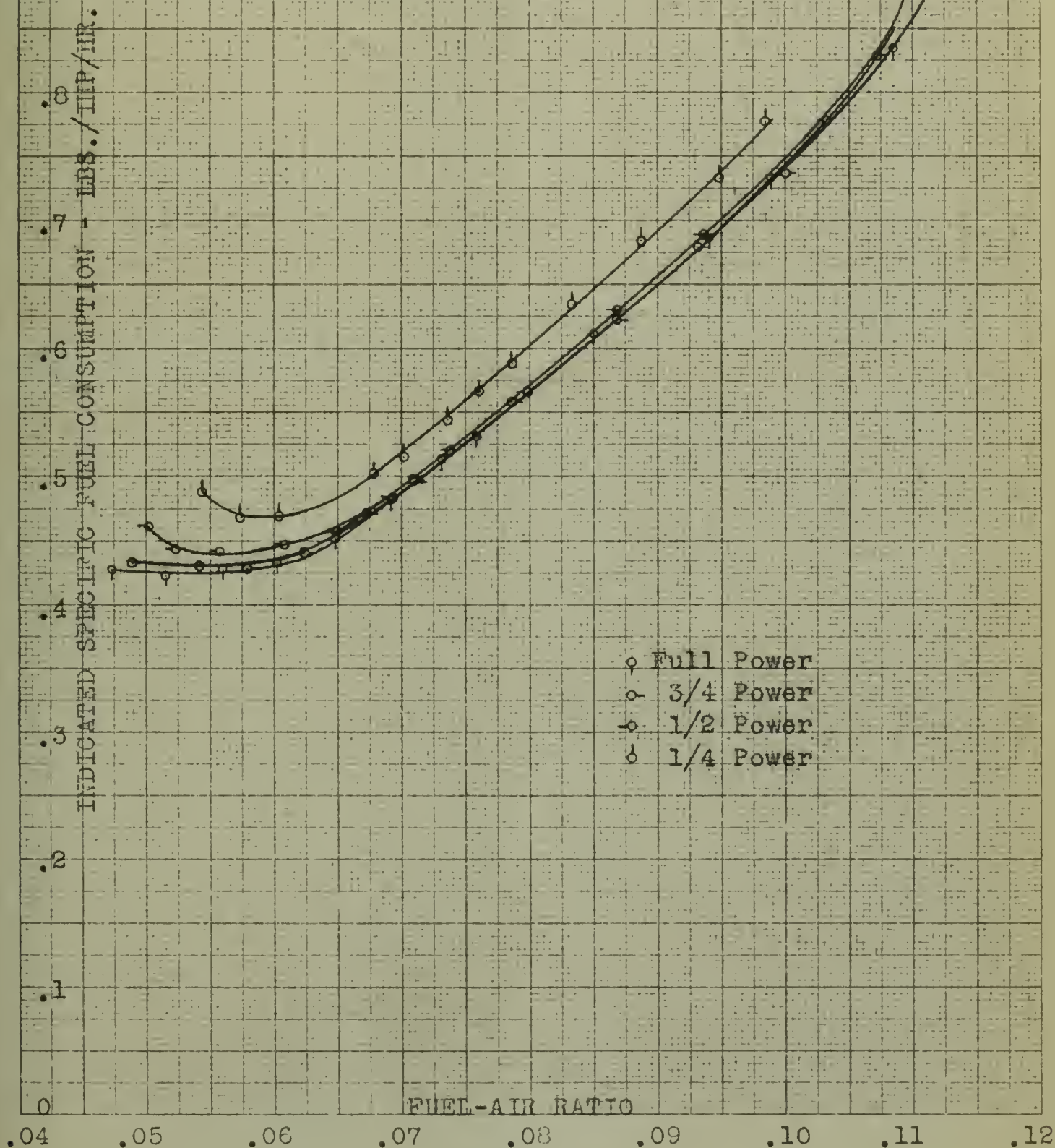


FIGURE 25
Variation of ISFC with F/A - 2000 R.P.M.

3000 R.P.M.

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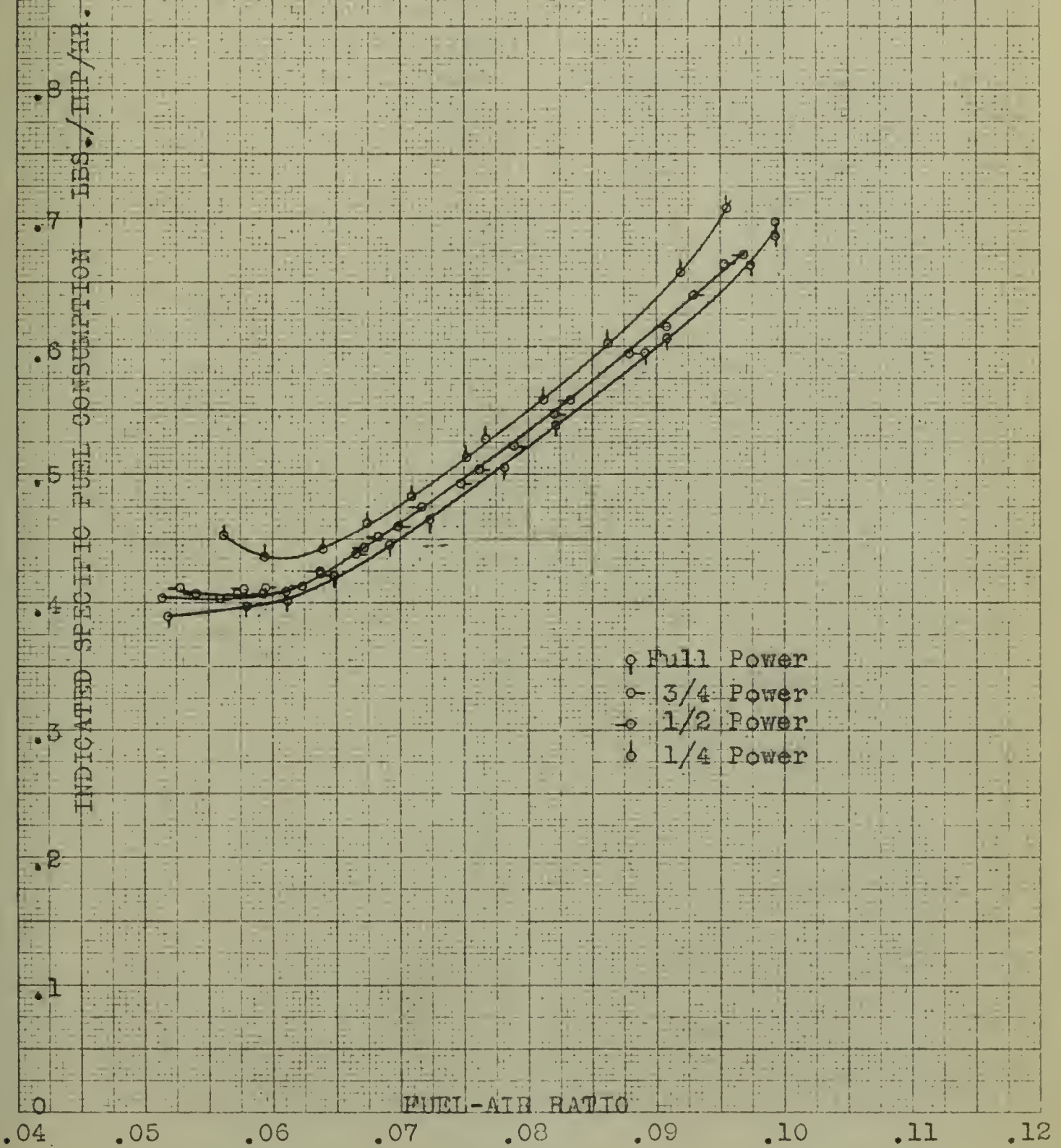


FIGURE 26

Variation of ISFC with F/A - 3000 R.P.M.

4000 R.P.M.

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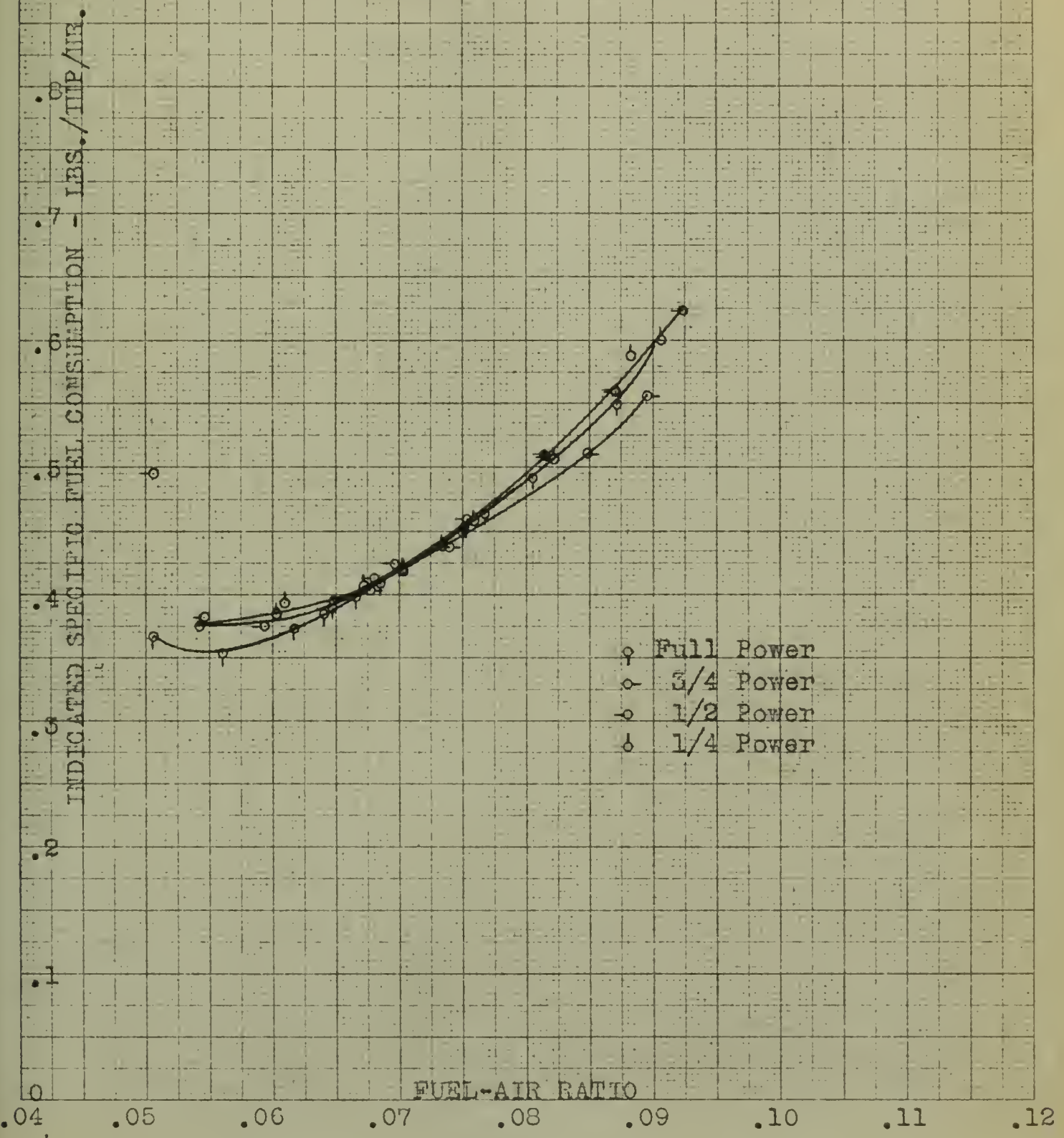


FIGURE 27
Variation of ISFC with F/A - 4000 R.P.M.

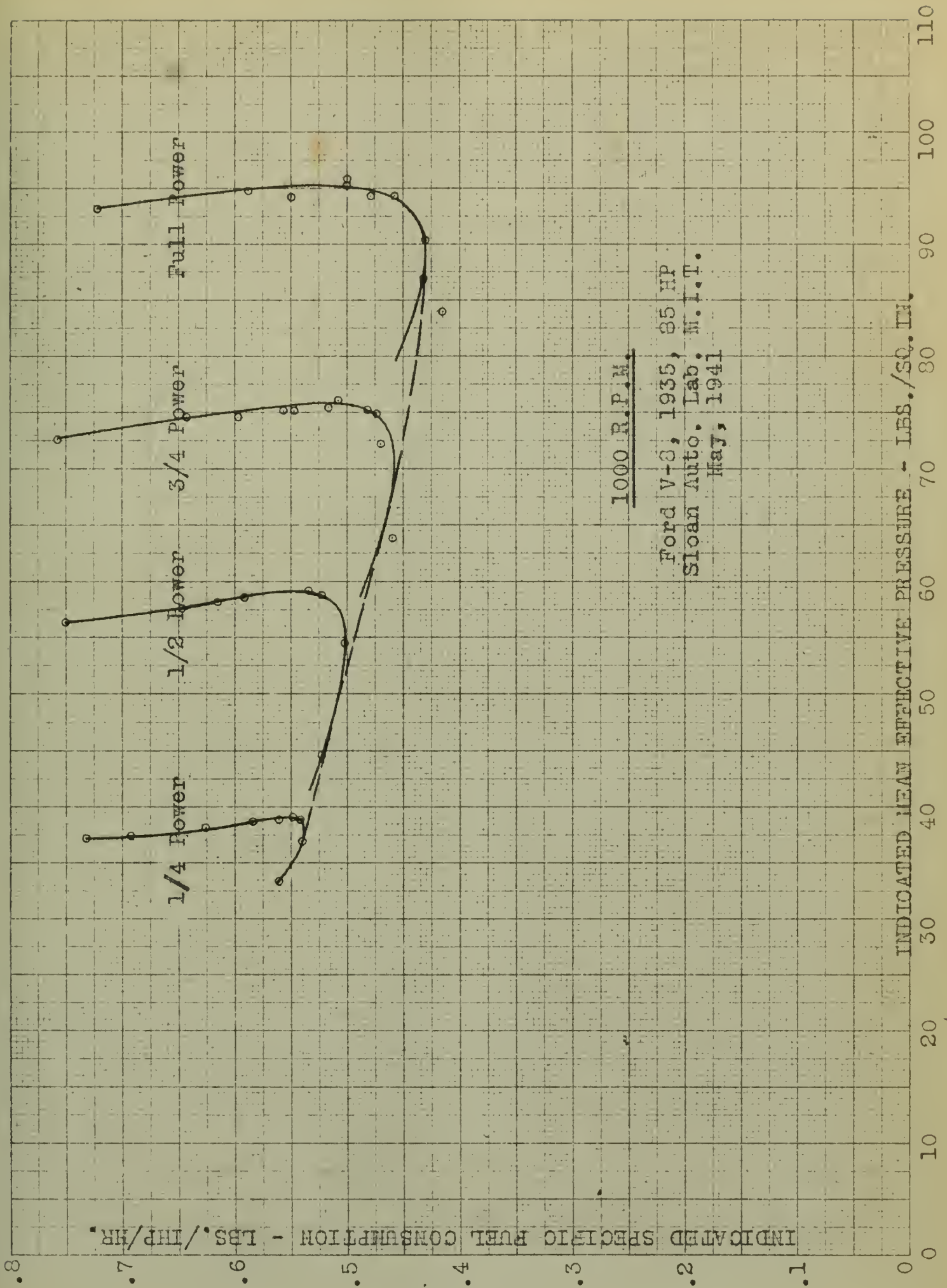


FIGURE 28
Variation of ISFC with IMEP - 1000 R.P.M.

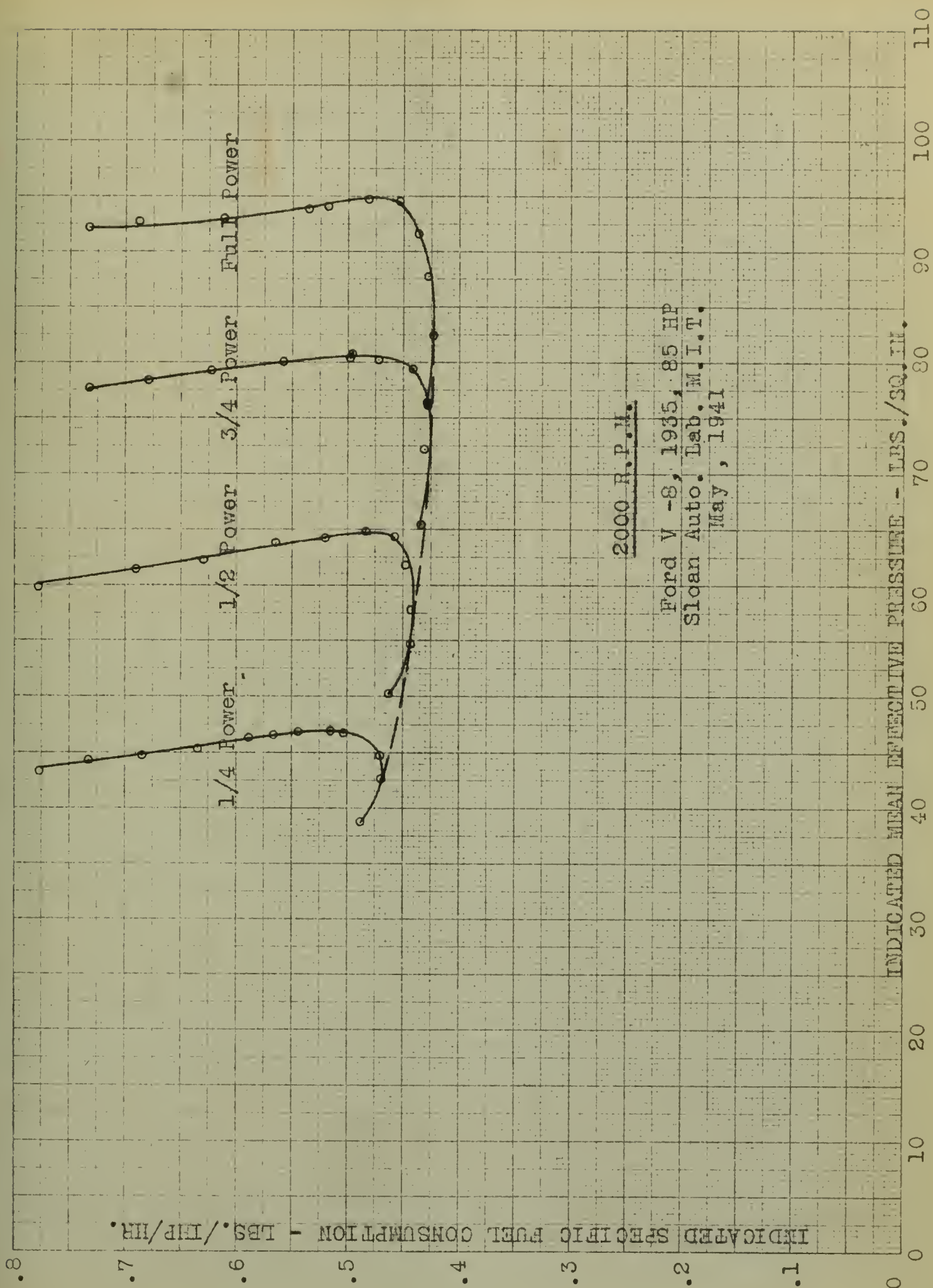


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Variation of ISFC with IMEP - 2000 R.P.M.

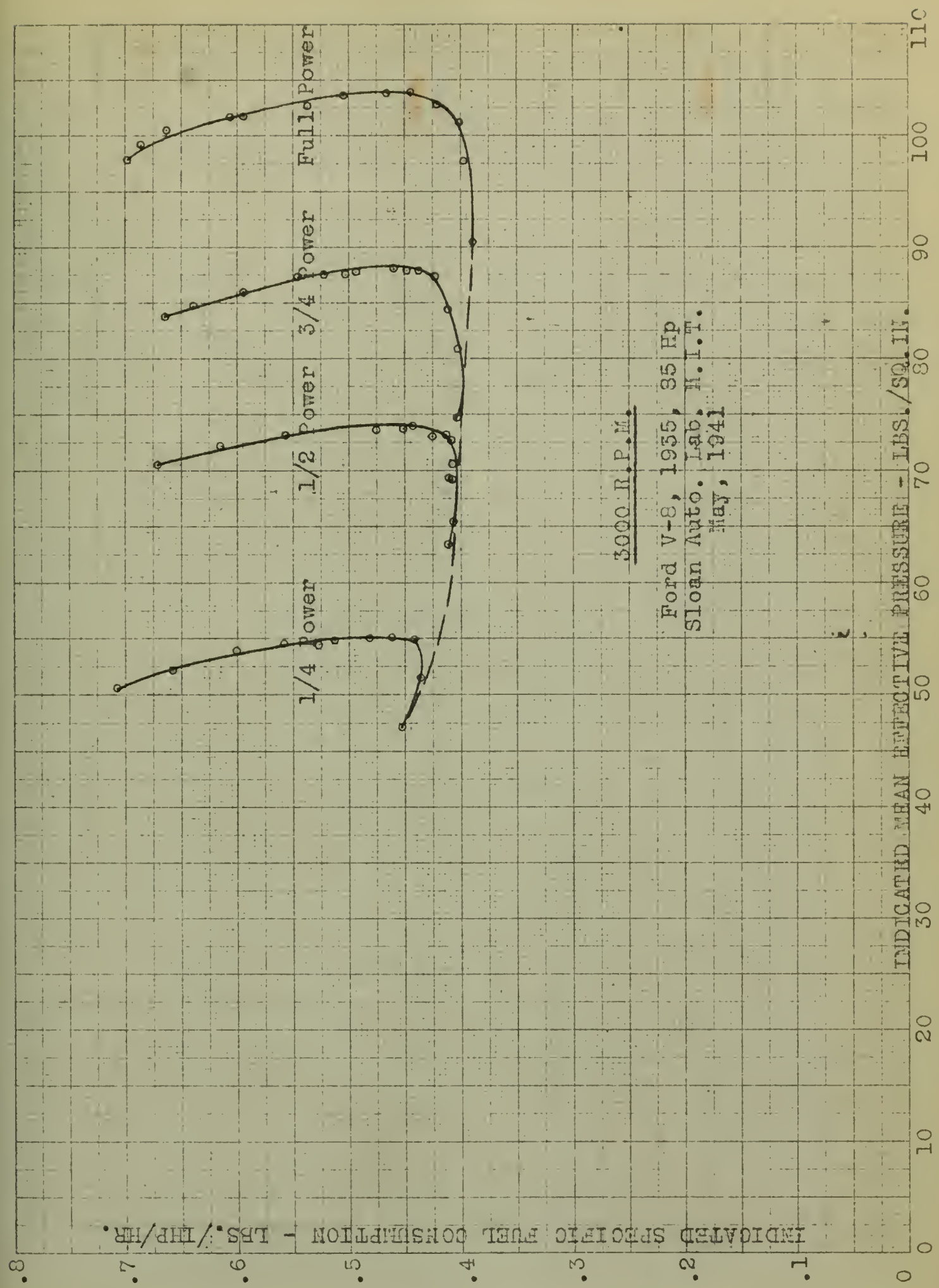
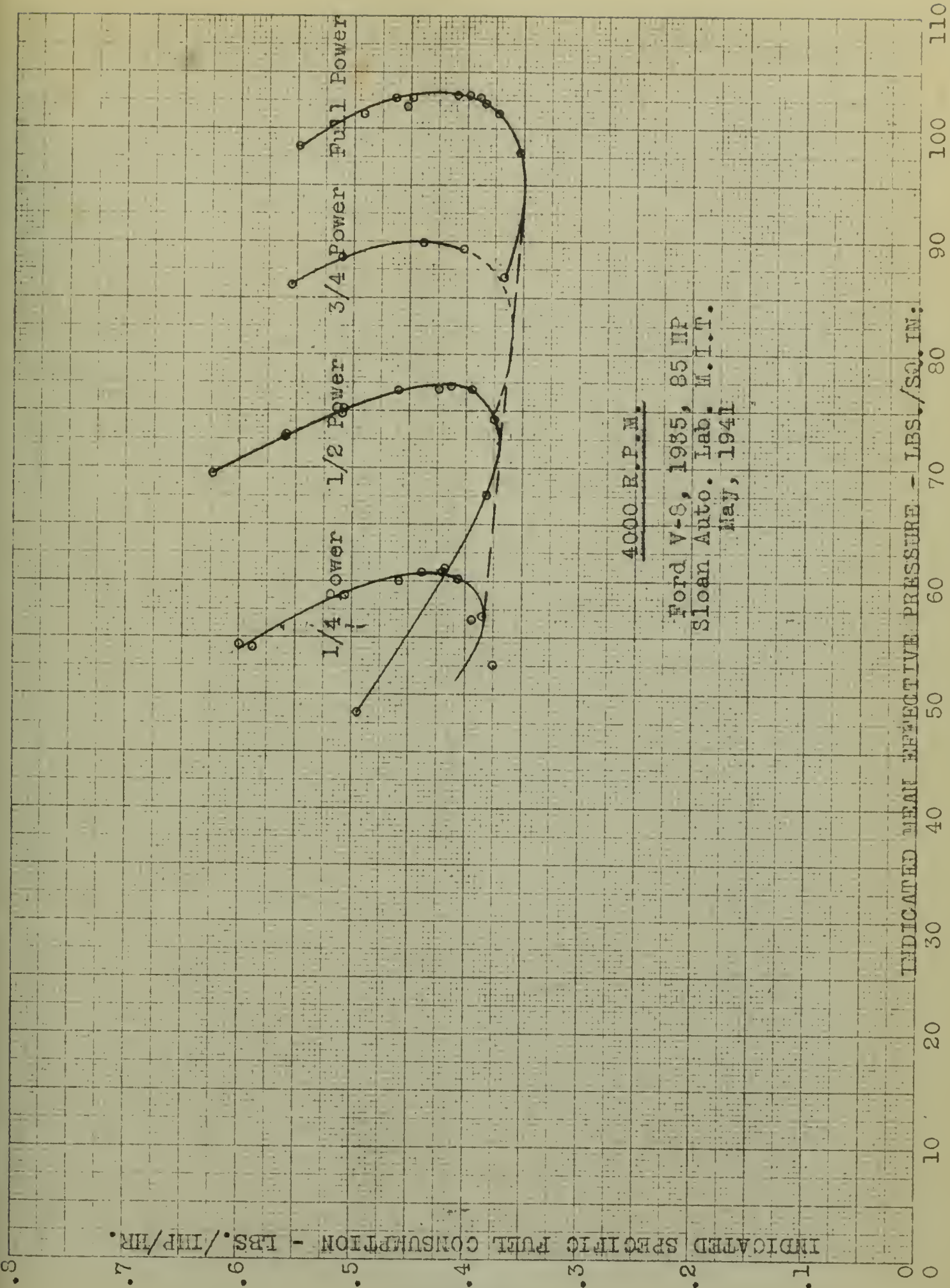


FIGURE 30
Variation of ISFC with IMEP - 3000 R.P.M.



4000 R.P.M.

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
 Sloan Auto. Lab. M.I.T.
 May, 1941

FIGURE 31
Variation of ISFC with IMEP - 4000 R.P.M.

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP.
Sloan Auto. Lab. M.I.T.
May, 1941

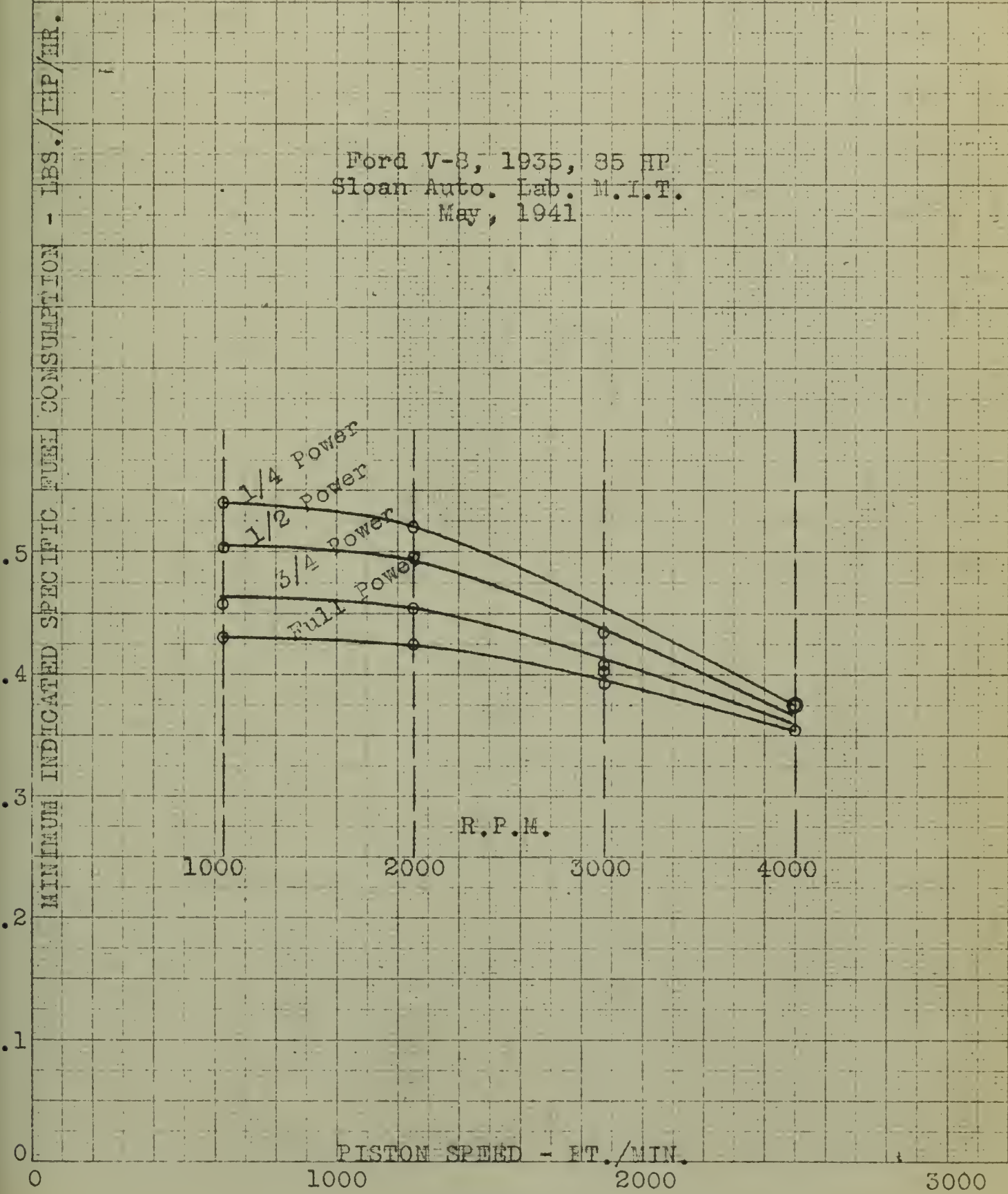


FIGURE 32
Variation of Minimum ISFC with SPEED

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
Sloan Auto. Lab. M.I.T.
May, 1941

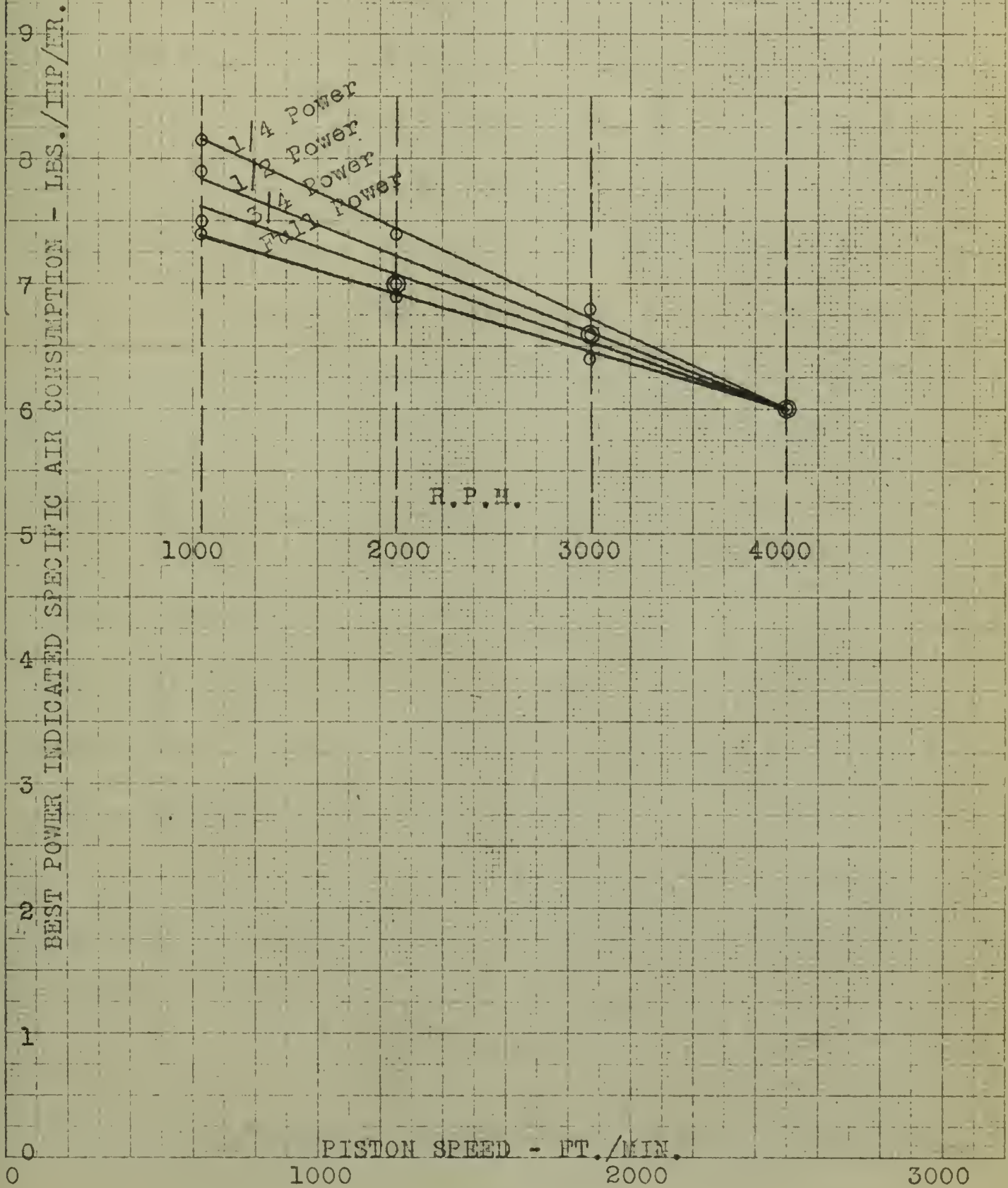


FIGURE 33
Variation of Best Power ISAC with SPEED

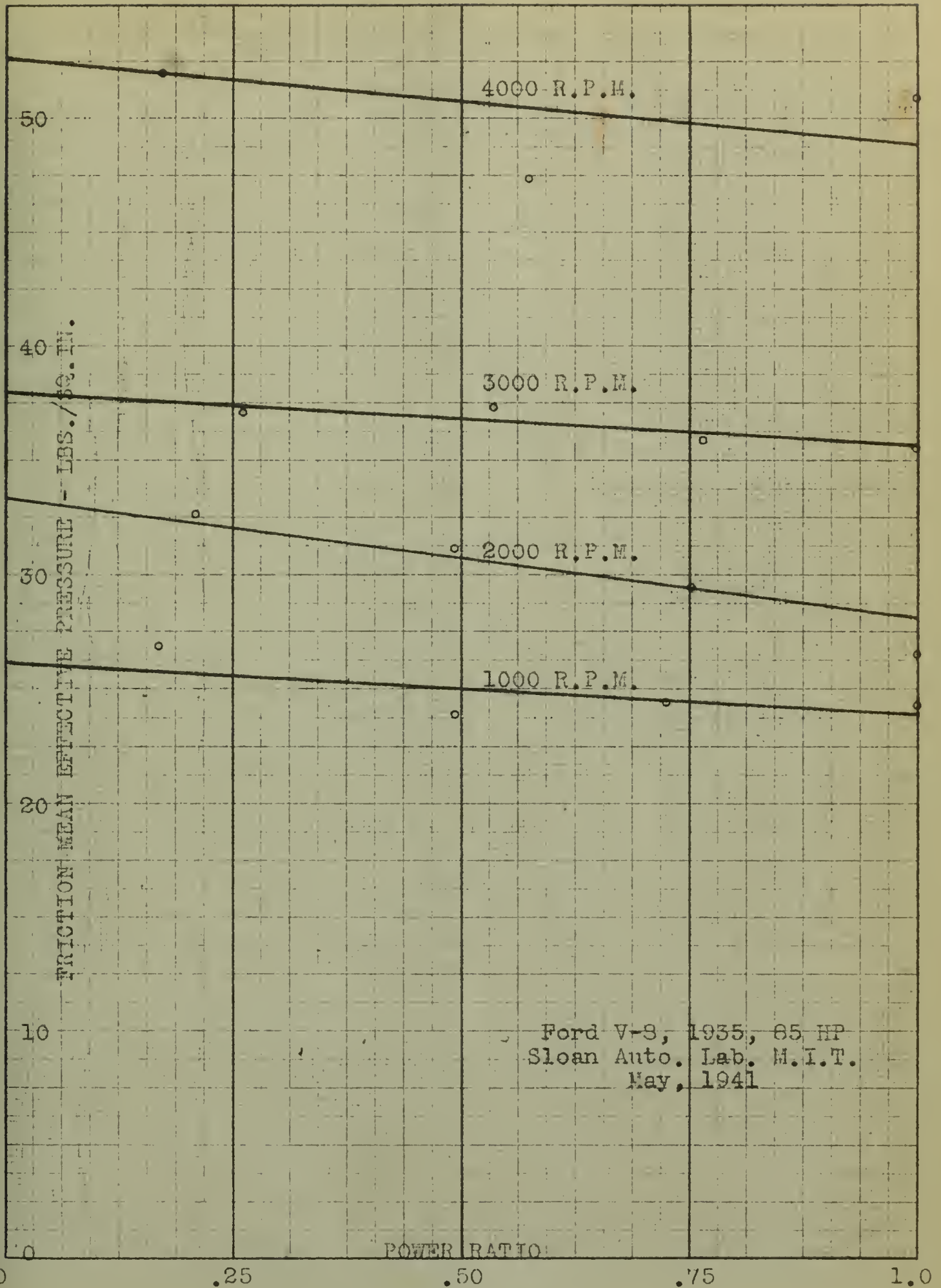


FIGURE 34
Variation of FMEP with SPEED and POWER RATIO

Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
Sloan Auto. Lab. M.I.T.
May, 1941

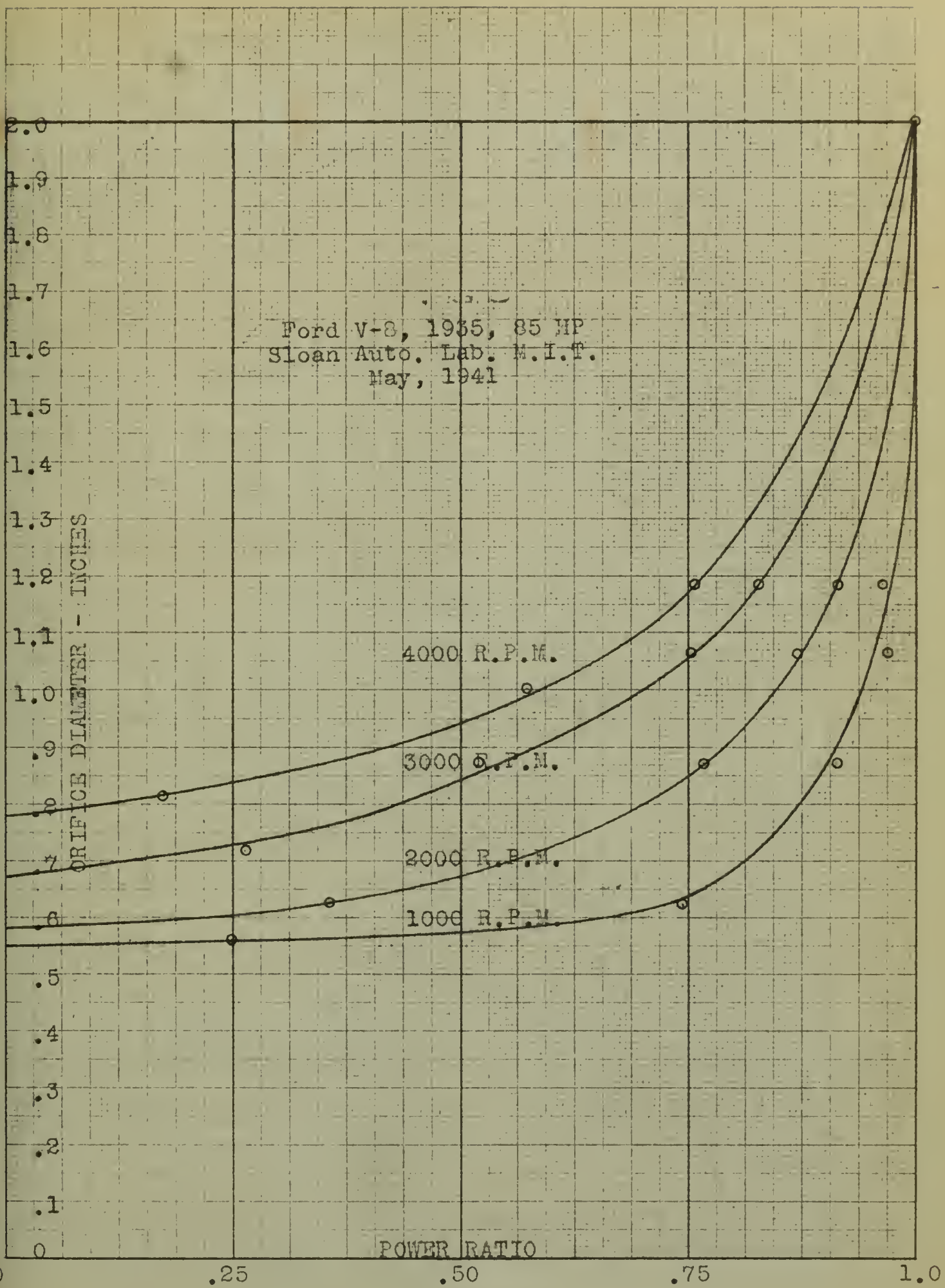
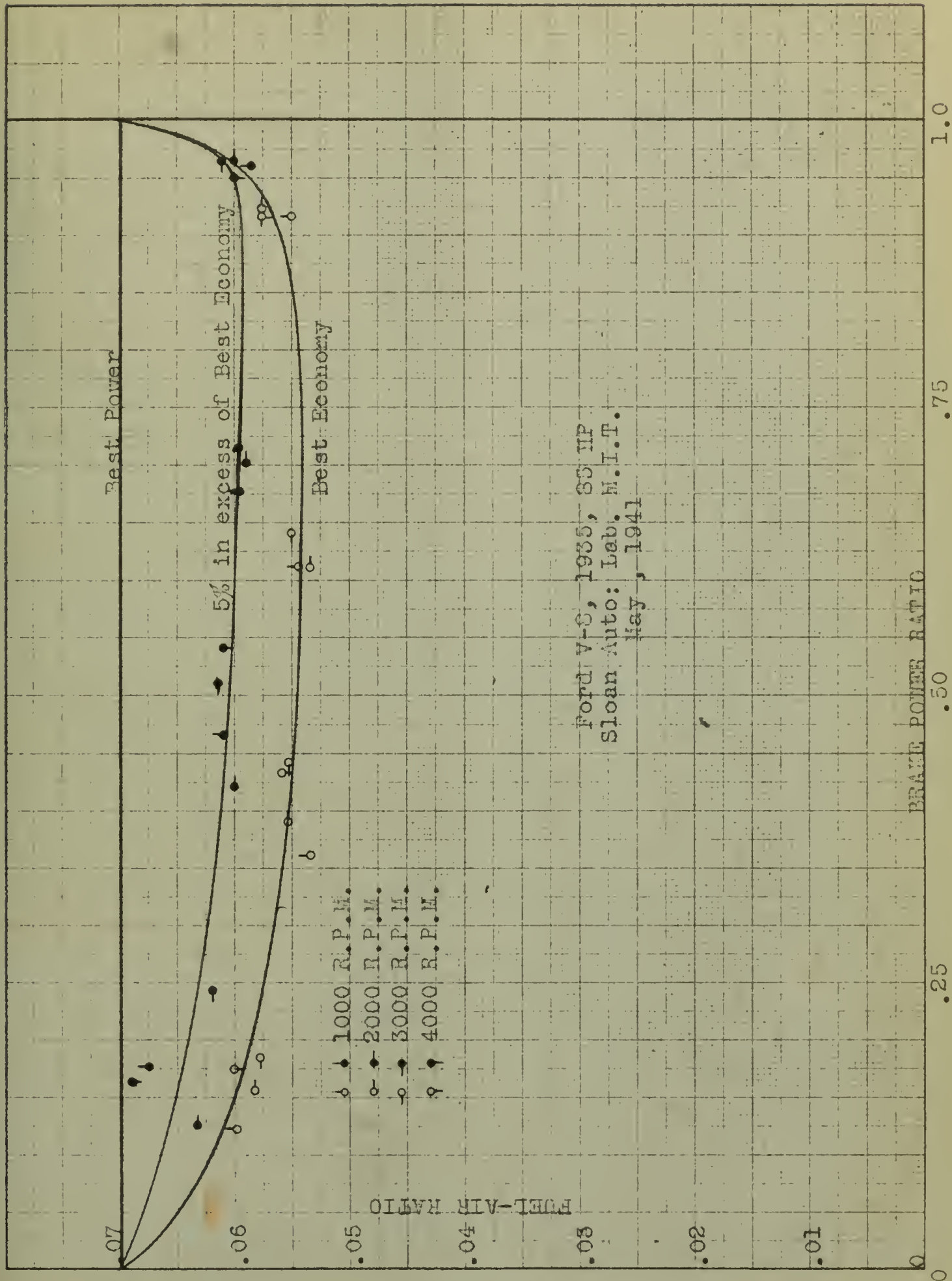


FIGURE 35
Throttling Orifice Calibration Curves.



Ford V-8, 1935, 85 HP
 Sloan Auto: Lab. M.I.T.
 May, 1941

FIGURE 36

Variation of Best Power and Best Economy F/A with Power Ratio
 Brake Power Basis

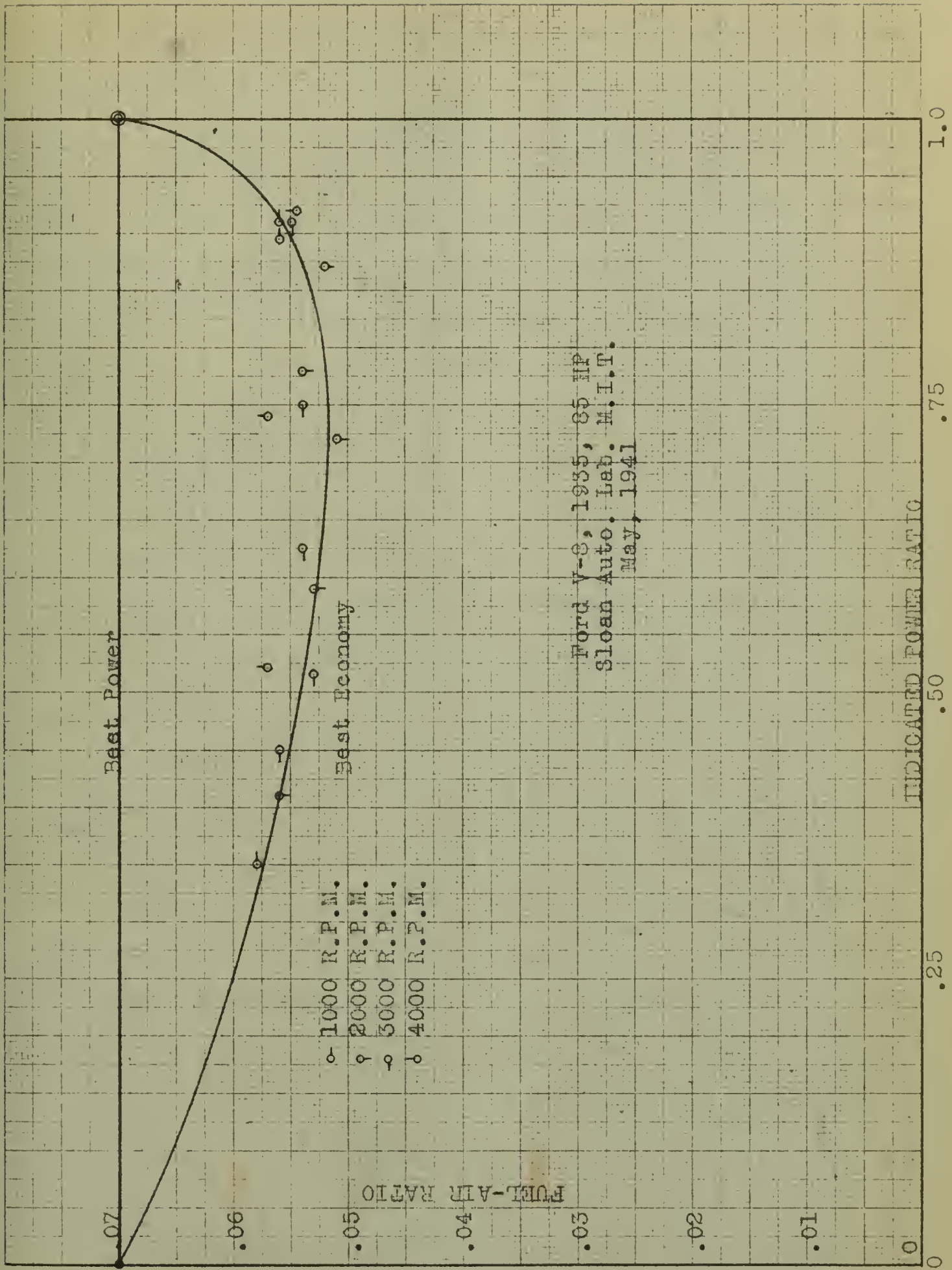


FIGURE 37

Variation of Best Power and Best Economy F/A with Power Ratio
Indicated Power Basis

PART III

APPENDIX

1. Detailed Description of Special Apparatus.

Fuel System. Fuel under pressure was furnished by a Nichols rotary pump capable of pumping more fuel than that consumed at highest powers. The pump, driven by a constant speed electric motor, discharged to an accumulator tank as shown in Fig. 2. From this tank there were direct connections to a three-way valve and to a pressure control valve (Fig. 5), which discharged to the suction side of the fuel pump, and which was set to maintain a constant gage pressure of 10 pounds per square inch. Into the accumulator tank from directly below projected the standpipe of a burette with a series of calibrated bulbs. From the bottom of this burette a line connected to the three-way valve. By this valve fuel to the mixing tank could be drawn from either the accumulator tank or from the burette. Fuel level in the accumulator tank was controlled by varying the volume of air in the tank so that the level of fuel was at all times below the top of the burette standpipe.

Since adjustment of fuel level caused a change in fuel pressure, with consequent change in flow rate and fuel-air ratio, all necessary adjustments of level were made immediately upon completion of a run, and equilibrium obtained before data for a subsequent run was taken.

Only occasional adjustment of this level was required during operation. From the three-way valve fuel to the mixing tank passed through a flow control needle valve, and then through a steam jacketed line approximately one foot long. Continual steam supply to this jacket furnished heat to insure maximum possible vaporization before discharge into the mixing tank below.

In normal operation the three-way valve was turned to interconnect all three lines so that fuel flowed directly from the accumulator tank to the mixing tank, and the fuel level in the burette was the same as that in the accumulator. Excess fuel from the pump flowed through the pressure regulating valve back to the suction side of the pump. To measure fuel flow, the valve was turned to close the direct line to the accumulator, and to take fuel from the burette. The fuel system was most satisfactory in operation. Flow control was accurate, and the pressure remained substantially constant, except as discussed under "Accuracy".

Pressure Control Valve. The sketch of this valve, Fig. 5, is self explanatory. Modification was accomplished by simple machining operations, by substitution of neoprene for rubber throughout, and by use of a control spring which was weaker than the original. The operation of this valve was most satisfactory.

Fuel Flow Control Needle Valve. Hoke and other types of metering valves were found unsatisfactory, so a special valve was designed and made. This valve is shown in Fig. 4. The thread of fifty turns per inch on the valve stem, and the small taper of the needle valve, permitted accurate control of fuel flow for the range desired. The valve seat and guide holder were made separate from the valve body so that different seats might be used. It was originally intended to use various valve stems if necessary, each with a different taper for the needle valve so that different seats might have been required. A steel scale was mounted parallel to the valve stem so that a graduated brass dial on the end of the stem could be used to indicate needle valve settings.

Induction System. The air flow was measured by means of an air barrel, in the end of which was mounted any of a graduated set of orifices whose calibration curves, as furnished by the Bureau of Standards, are appended. Pressure differential between the barrel and the atmosphere was measured by an inclined manometer. In the air line just beyond the barrel was a throttle valve, followed by a check valve to prevent excessive pressures reaching the air barrel, should explosions occur in the mixing tank. The check valve was mounted with the flapper hinge line slightly displaced from the

vertical so that the force of gravity held the valve open against the stop when air was not flowing. The fact that the mixture inlet manometer indicated very steady pressure differences throughout all runs is evidence that the amount of check valve opening did not fluctuate during engine operation.

The mixing tank was surrounded by a water jacket whose temperature was controlled by steam and water so that the fuel-air mixture temperatures could be maintained within very close limits. A manometer to the mixing tank measured inlet pressure. Between the mixing tank and engine manifold were placed two brass wire screens as flame traps to prevent backfires from igniting the contents of the mixing tank. As an additional precaution, in the event of backfires, the mixing tank had a pressure relief valve set to operate at a pressure of four pounds per square inch. The throttle orifices were placed just before the inlet manifold.

Ignition System. The distributor was the standard Ford 1941 model, except for modifications to permit manual control of the spark advance through a range of about 50 degrees. In these modifications the counterweights of the automatic spark control were taped and wired down. No vacuum connection from engine manifold to distributor was made. Slots were cut in the distrib-

utor and counterweight cases so that the disk holding the breaker points could be rotated from the outside, through an angle of about 50 degrees, thus changing the spark advance. A wire connection between the breaker arms and the coil was soldered in place. The disk holding the breaker assembly was moved to and retained at various settings by means of a small locking bolt extending outside the case.

Cooling Water System. The cooling system finally adopted is shown in Fig. 3. Water discharged from each bank passed through an adjustable thermostat and then through a common line to the reservoir tank, where it was cooled by the addition of cold water. The common discharge line was used only to take advantage of equipment available. A line from the bottom of the reservoir tank branched to the water inlets. Excess water, equal in amount to that of the cold water flowing into the reservoir tank, passed to the drain through an overflow line. Connections were also made directly from the cold water lines to the water jacket inlets to permit introduction of cold water to each bank if the thermostats became steam bound or did not operate. In order to relieve any pressure which might build up when the system was not in equilibrium, standpipes were placed between the pumps and the thermostats. The system

was quite satisfactory in operation. When equilibrium was reached the jacket temperatures could be closely controlled. Under these conditions the water circulated much as in the ordinary automobile installations, except that the water was cooled in the reservoir tank instead of by a radiator. By carefully controlling the amount of cold water entering the system, the inlet temperature to the jackets could be held to any desired value so that the thermostats could maintain the jacket temperature at the outlets within very close limits. The cold water supply direct to the jackets, and the standpipe overflows, came into operation only when the system was still warming up or for any other reason was not in equilibrium.

2. Difficulties Encountered.

Fuel Pressure. Control of fuel pressure was the first problem encountered. Several types of pressure relief and control valves were tried and found unsatisfactory before the modified control valve previously described was installed. For the control of fuel flow, Hoke and other available metering valves were tried, but they were found to be too sensitive or of too small capacity for the purpose. This fuel control problem was solved by the construction of the needle valve shown in Fig. 4.

Cooling Water Temperatures. As soon as the engine was operated it became apparent that to maintain constant speed, constant cylinder jacket temperatures were imperative. If these temperatures changed, the speed and power changed accordingly. A number of different cooling systems were tried. The original installation provided cooling by a simple recirculating line with cold water injected directly into the suction side of the pumps, and equivalent overflow from standpipes. This control was not sufficiently accurate so adjustable thermostats were installed in the original system without other change. This arrangement was very unstable and produced large and rapid oscillations of jacket temperatures.

Cooling by use of a reservoir tank was then tried. In the initial installation of this system the discharge lines from the banks led to the bottom of the reservoir tank so that good mixing of the warm discharge and the cold water entering at the top would result. However, convection currents were so great that they overcame the engine water pump pressure and so prevented coolant water circulation. When the discharge lines were changed to enter the top of the tank, satisfactory operation and accurate control of inlet temperature resulted. The discharge lines to the tank and the suction lines from the

tank to the engine pumps were placed as nearly level as possible to closely simulate the actual conditions in an automobile installation. With constant and controllable inlet temperatures, the outlet temperatures remained constant.

Backfires. Despite safety valve, flame traps, and a check valve, the first backfire buckled hose connections and blew fluid from manometers. As a result, flame traps were improved, and the safety valve on the mixing tank was reset to a lifting pressure of four pounds per square inch by use of lighter springs. It was found that careful checking of spark advance prior to starting was most effective in eliminating backfires.

Incompleted Runs at 4000 r.p.m. To save the engine, calibration runs were not made at 4000 r.p.m. as it was originally intended to run at only the lower speeds until all other runs had been completed. When these lower speed runs were completed, a series of runs was made at 4000 r.p.m. full power. Upon their completion, a series at about one-quarter power was made using a throttling orifice of estimated size. From the data of these two series, the orifice calibration curve for 4000 r.p.m. was then faired in to get the orifice sizes necessary for runs at one-half and three-quarter power.

Half power runs were then made. On the next series

of runs, at three-quarter power, four runs had been made when a bearing burned out and the connecting rods on the two rear cylinders broke. This accident damaged the engine beyond repair and terminated the investigation.

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4. Data Sheets.

Summary of Some Engine Conditions.

Laboratory Data Sheets.

Air Measuring Orifices - Calibration Curves.

SUMMARY OF SOME ENGINE CONDITIONS

Approx. Power Ratio	Throttle Orifice		Ave. Oil Temp. °F.	Ave. Water Inlet Temp. °F.	Ave. Water Out Temp. °F.	Max. BMEP Lbs. per sq.in.	Best-Power Ratio
	Diam. in.	Area Sq.in.					
Speed - 1000 r.p.m.							
$\frac{1}{4}$	3/8	0.110	159	150	173	12.08	0.169
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.196	162	149	171	35.25	0.493
$\frac{3}{4}$	5/8	0.307	167	150	176	51.65	0.723
1.0	Full	Full	166	149	180	71.50	1.000
Speed - 2000 r.p.m.							
$\frac{1}{4}$	9/16	0.249	187	150	169	14.34	0.210
$\frac{1}{2}$	11/16	0.371	187	150	168	33.70	0.495
$\frac{3}{4}$	7/8	0.602	191	150	172	51.20	0.751
1.0	Full	Full	196	150	172	68.20	1.000
Speed - 3000 r.p.m.							
$\frac{1}{4}$	23/32	0.406	199	151	173	17.92	0.263
$\frac{1}{2}$	7/8	0.602	196	141	170	36.70	0.538
$\frac{3}{4}$	1-1/16	0.887	197	140	170	52.10	0.765
1.0	Full	Full	198	141	172	68.20	1.000
Speed - 4000 r.p.m.							
$\frac{1}{4}$	13/16	0.518	210	140	151	8.97	0.173
$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0.785	216	140	153	30.00	0.576
$\frac{3}{4}$	1-3/16	1.108	216	140	154	40.00	0.769
1.0	Full	Full	208	140	156	52.00	1.000

Inlet Pressure - 710 mm Hg.

Inlet Temperature - 125 °F.

Exhaust Pressure - 32 in. Hg. at 1000, 2000 and 3000.
35 in. Hg. at 4000 r.p.m.

CONSTANTS B.M.E.P. = B.L. x 1.195 B.H.P. = $\frac{B.L. \times R.P.M.}{3000}$ B.S.F.C. = $\frac{\text{SECS.} \times B.H.P.}{\text{SECS.} \times B.H.P.}$

REMARKS	TIME	RUN	R.P.M.	BRAKE #	B.M.E.P. #/sq	B.H.P.	B.S.F.C.	TIME FOR 250 cc	TEMP.		OIL PRES.	F/A	FUEL #/sec	AIR #/sec	LAB TEMP	AIR CARREL % Alcohol	FUEL TEMP	AIR IN TEMP.	WATER IN TEMP.	SPARK ADV. °	I.H.P.	IMEP	ISFC
									WATER	OIL													
10 APRIL, 1941	1424	77	3000	12.6	15.06	12.6	2.278	101.88	172	197	55	.0918	7.97	8.69	74	2.11	78	125	150	22	43.6	52.1	.658
	1429	78		14.0	16.73	14.0	1.932	107.26	172	197	54	.0862	7.51	8.71	74	2.13	78	125	149	23	45.0	53.8	.601
	1437	79		14.6	17.45	14.6	1.743	114.88	173	198	55	.0811	7.07	8.71	72	2.13	78	124	152	21	45.6	54.5	.558
	1447	80		14.55	17.40	14.55	1.652	121.35	172	198	55	.0766	6.68	8.71	75	2.13	78	127	150	23	45.55	54.45	.527
	1510	81		15.0	17.92	15.0	1.483	131.40	174	199	57	.0709	6.18	8.71	73	2.13	79	125	153	25	46.0	55.0	.483
	1518	82		15.0	17.92	15.0	1.416	137.73	172	200	57	.0674	5.90	8.75	73	2.14	79	125	148	27	46.0	55.0	.462
	1526	83		14.6	17.45	14.6	1.385	144.89	173	200	57	.0639	5.61	8.77	73	2.15	79	125	152	23	45.6	54.5	.443
	1539	84		12.1	14.47	12.1	1.555	155.38	172	200	57	.0594	5.225	8.80	73	2.16	79	124	150	26	43.1	51.5	.436
	1548	85		8.4	10.04	8.4	2.178	42.33	172	200	57	.0561	4.96	8.84	73	2.18	80	125	150	22	39.4	47.1	.453
	1559	86		11.3	13.51	11.3	2.650	25.28	172	200	57	.0955	8.31	8.70	73	2.12	80	124	151	22	42.3	50.6	.708
	1608	87		14.8	17.69	14.8	1.591	32.11	175	204	57	.0751	6.54	8.70	73	2.12	80	125	156	23	45.8	54.7	.514

FRICITION RUN

31.0 37.06 31.0 $10^{-3} \uparrow$ $10^{-2} \uparrow$

11 APRIL, 1941

								135.8cc															
	1008	88	3000	26.8	32.0	26.8	.889	31.63	169	193	57	.0577	6.61	11.45	72	3.65	75	125	140	23	58.0	69.3	.411
	1015	89		23.5	28.1	23.5	.947	33.93	169	195	56	.0540	6.18	11.47	70	3.67	75	125	140	25	54.7	65.4	.407
	1023	90		21.8	26.1	21.8	1.001	34.56	170	195	55	.0578	6.06	11.48	70	3.68	75	125	144	23	53.0	63.4	.412
	1031	91		26.7	31.9	26.7	.885	31.98	171	195	57	.0573	6.55	11.42	69	3.64	75	125	143	23	57.9	69.2	.407
	1042	92		28.3	33.8	28.3	.856	31.11	171	198	57	.0593	6.73	11.35	69	3.60	75	126	143	27	59.5	71.1	.407
	1048	93		29.6	35.4	29.6	.840	30.30	170	196	57	.0611	6.91	11.33	68	3.58	75	125	141	24	60.8	72.7	.409
	1052	94		30.0	35.8	30.0	.846	29.69	170	195	57	.0623	7.05	11.31	70	3.57	75	125	139	22	61.2	73.15	.414
	1058	95		30.1	36.0	30.1	.865	28.93	171	196	57	.0639	7.24	11.31	70	3.57	76	126	140	22	61.3	73.3	.425
	1106	96		30.7	36.7	30.7	.894	27.52	172	198	57	.0672	7.61	11.31	70	3.57	76	125	143	21	61.9	74.0	.443
	1114	97		30.5	36.4	30.5	.913	27.07	171	197	57	.0683	7.74	11.31	70	3.57	76	126	141	23	61.7	73.75	.451
	1121	98		30.4	36.3	30.4	.963	25.77	170	197	57	.0717	8.13	11.33	70	3.59	76	124	140	24	61.6	73.6	.475
	1128	99		30.0	35.8	30.0	1.135	22.12	170	196	56	.0834	9.46	11.33	69	3.58	76	125	141	24	61.2	73.15	.557
	1134	100		29.2	34.9	29.2	1.272	20.27	169	195	55	.0909	10.31	11.34	69	3.59	76	125	139	23	60.4	72.2	.615
	1148	101		27.8	33.2	27.8	1.425	19.02	168	193	55	.0969	11.00	11.35	71	3.60	76	125	139	21	59.0	70.5	.671

FRICITION RUN

31.2 37.3 31.2 $10^{-3} \uparrow$ $10^{-2} \uparrow$

CONSTANTS B.M.E.P. = B.L. x 1.195 B.H.P. = $\frac{B.L. \times R.P.M.}{3000}$ B.S.F.C. = $\frac{\text{SECS.} \times \text{B.H.P.}}{\text{SECS.} \times \text{B.H.P.}}$

REMARKS	TIME RUN	R.P.M.	BRAKE #	B.M.E.P. #/sq	B.H.P.	B.S.F.C.	TIME FOR 3 CO	TEMP.		OIL PRES	F/A	FUEL #/SEC	AIR #/SEC	LAB. TEMP.	AIR BARREL (Alcohol)	FUEL TEMP	AIR IN TEMP	WATER IN TEMP	SPARK ADV.	IHP	IMEP	ISFC														
								WATER	OIL																											
11 APRIL, 1941	1340	102	3000	43.2	51.6	43.2	.883	19.68	172/172	200	56	.0789	10.61	13.48	72	2.05	76	125	140	24	73.3	87.5	.521													
	1450	103		43.2	51.6	43.2	.854	20.38	172/169	199	56	.0761	10.25	13.48	70	2.05	76	125	140	24	73.3	87.5	.503													
	1400	104		43.6	52.1	43.6	.778	23.19	171/170	196	56	.0699	9.41	13.48	70	2.05	76	126	144	20	73.7	88.0	.460													
	1410	105		43.5	52.0	43.5	.761	22.71	171/171	198	56	.0681	9.19	13.50	70	2.06	77	124	143	20	73.6	87.9	.449													
	1418	106		43.5	52.0	43.5	.742	23.26	172/172	198	56	.0665	8.96	13.48	71	2.05	77	126	143	19	73.6	87.9	.438											BAR = 768.7 m.m. Hg.		
	1424	107		43.0	51.4	43.0	.719	24.28	171/171	197	56	.0637	8.59	13.50	70	2.06	77	123	141	20	73.1	87.3	.423											AIR DRIFICE = 2 1/2"		
	1432	108		40.5	48.4	40.5	.716	25.82	172/170	198	56	.0595	8.07	13.55	70	2.07	77	125	139	23	70.6	84.3	.411											THROTTLE DRIFICE = 1 1/2"		
	1439	109		37.5	44.9	37.5	.728	27.54	169/169	197	57	.0558	7.59	13.61	70	2.10	77	126	140	25	67.6	80.8	.403												FUEL PRESS. = 10 #/in ²	
	1450	110		32.5	38.9	32.5	.786	29.65	169/169	195	54	.0513	7.04	13.71	69	2.14	77	125	143	24	62.6	74.7	.404													
	1456	111		43.4	51.9	43.4	.835	20.72	172/171	195	56	.0748	10.08	13.48	71	2.05	77	125	141	20	73.5	87.8	.493													
	1503	112		43.0	51.4	43.0	.930	18.78	172/170	197	56	.0820	11.11	13.55	72	2.07	77	125	140	21	73.1	87.3	.546													
	1509	113		41.9	50.1	41.9	1.025	17.52	172/169	197	56	.0880	11.91	13.55	70	2.07	77	125	141	21	72.0	86.0	.595													
	1517	114		40.8	48.8	40.8	1.113	16.54	170/169	195	54	.0930	12.61	13.58	69	2.09	77	126	139	23	70.9	84.7	.640													
	1522	115		40.1	48.0	40.1	1.163	16.10	169/167	195	53	.0953	12.98	13.61	69	2.10	77	125	139	23	70.2	83.9	.665													
FRICITION RUN			↓	30.1	35.9	30.1							$\times 10^{-3} \uparrow$	$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$																						
12 APRIL, 1941	0955	116	3000	56.1	67.0	56.1	.823	16.35	171/171	198	55	.0824	12.82	15.6	72	2.77	75	125	140	20	85.9	102.6	.538													
	1003	117		56.9	68.0	56.9	.769	17.28	172/172	198	55	.0781	12.15	15.56	71	2.75	75	125	140	18	86.7	103.6	.505													
	1009	118		57.1	68.2	57.1	.676	19.55	174/172	199	55	.0692	10.73	15.5	70	2.72	76	124	142	18	86.9	103.8	.445													
	1016	119		54.8	65.5	54.8	.620	22.15	174/172	198	55	.0611	9.43	15.43	72	2.70	77	126	145	19	84.6	101.1	.401													BAR = 772.1 m.m. Hg
	1025	120		45.8	54.8	45.8	.644	25.50	172/169	198	56	.0518	8.19	15.8	72	2.83	78	125	139	26	75.6	90.4	.390													AIR DRIFICE = 2 1/2"
	1037	121		52.0	62.1	52.0	.626	23.03	173/172	198	55	.0580	9.05	15.6	72	2.77	79	125	144	20	71.8	97.7	.398													THROTTLE DRIFICE = FULL
	1044	122		56.2	67.2	56.2	.644	20.72	174/173	199	55	.0649	10.07	15.5	72	2.72	79	126	143	19	86.5	102.8	.421													FUEL PRESS. = 10 #/in ²
	1056	123		57.0	68.1	57.0	.709	18.58	176/172	200	55	.0723	11.22	15.52	74	2.73	80	125	143	18	86.8	103.7	.465													
	1104	124		55.4	66.1	55.4	.915	14.80	172/171	199	55	.0891	14.08	15.8	72	2.83	79	126	141	21	85.2	101.7	.595													
	1111	125		54.3	64.9	54.3	1.029	13.43	169/168	197	56	.0974	15.51	15.92	72	2.88	79	125	137	22	84.1	100.5	.664													
	1117	126		52.0	62.1	52.0	1.097	13.16	170/169	196	56	.0994	15.85	15.97	73	2.90	78	126	140	20	81.8	97.7	.698													
	1121	127		53.2	63.6	53.2	1.071	13.19	170/169	196	56	.0994	15.82	15.92	73	2.88	78	126	140	20	83.0	99.2	.686													
	1126	128		55.6	66.5	55.6	.930	14.50	174/174	199	56	.0908	14.38	15.83	72	2.84	78	124	144	21	85.4	102.1	.606													
FRICITION RUN			↓	29.8	35.6	29.8							$\times 10^{-3} \uparrow$	$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$																						

CONSTANTS $B.M.E.P. = B.L. \times$ $B.H.P. = \frac{B.L. \times R.P.M.}{33,000}$ $B.S.F.C. = \frac{W.F. \times 60}{B.H.P.}$

REMARKS	TIME RUN	R.P.M.	BRAKE #	B.M.E.P. #/sq	B.H.P.	B.S.F.C.	TIME FOR & CO	TEMP		OIL PRES	F/A	FUEL #/SEC	AIR #/SEC	LAB TEMP	AIR BARREL (Alcohol)	FUEL TEMP	AIR IN TEMP	WATER IN TEMP	SPARK ADV.	IHP	IMEP	ISFC	
								WATER	OIL														
18 APRIL 1941	13:5	38	4000	30.3	36.2	40.4	1.318	14.87	153	216	43	.0895	14.79	16.51	79	3.27	83	125	140	20	95.9	86.0	.555
	1340	39		32.4	38.7	43.2	1.162	14.88	152	216	44	.0848	13.97	16.46	78	3.24	84	124	140	21	98.7	88.5	.510
	1349	40		33.5	40.0	44.7	.981	17.03	154	216	41	.0738	12.18	16.50	80	3.27	85	124	138	21	100.2	79.8	.438
	1256	41		33.0	39.5	44.0	.911	18.65	157	217	43	.0676	11.13	16.46	79	3.25	85	125	140	21	99.5	89.3	.403
ESTIMATED FRICTION			↓	41.6	49.8	55.5						$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$	$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$										
																							BAR = 765.5 mm Hg
																							AIR ORIFICE = 2 1/2"
																							THRITTLE ORIFICE = 1 3/16"
																							FUEL PRESS = 10 #/in. ²
19 APRIL 1941	1040	203	4000	43.2	51.7	57.6	.890	14.58	153	208	51	.0750	14.26	19.00	81	2.02	84	125	142	26	114.3	102.6	.449
	1047	204		43.5	52.0	58.1	.809	16.00	159	205	52	.0685	13.02	19.00	81	2.02	83	125	140	25	114.8	102.9	.409
	1051	205		43.5	52.0	58.1	.787	16.40	160	204	51	.0665	12.70	19.10	81	2.05	83	124	140	25	114.8	102.9	.398
	1059	206		39.3	47.0	52.5	.735	19.43	157	208	52	.0560	10.70	19.10	82	2.05	84	125	140	26	109.2	97.9	.353
	1108	207		39.5	35.3	39.4	.892	21.32	157	207	56	.0505	9.75	19.3	82	2.10	85	126	140	21	96.1	86.2	.366
	1115	208		43.3	51.8	57.8	.770	16.79	157	202	53	.0647	12.37	19.1	82	2.04	86	125	140	24	114.5	102.7	.389
	1121	209		42.1	50.4	56.2	.751	17.76	160	211	52	.0616	11.70	19.0	81	2.02	87	125	141	25	112.9	101.3	.373
	1129	210		42.5	50.9	56.7	.907	14.52	156	211	53	.0751	14.28	19.0	81	2.03	88	127	139	21	113.4	101.8	.453
	1135	211		42.0	50.3	56.1	.985	13.49	157	212	53	.0805	15.37	19.1	82	2.05	88	125	140	23	112.8	101.2	.491
	1226	212		42.8	51.2	57.1	.767	17.02	157	200	59	.0640	12.18	19.0	82	2.03	89	126	140	24	113.8	102.1	.385
	1241	213		43.2	51.7	57.7	.919	14.09	149	198	51	.0767	14.72	19.2	83	2.07	89	125	143	23	114.4	102.6	.464
	1246	214		39.7	47.5	53.0	1.138	12.42	159	214	50	.0871	16.71	19.2	83	2.07	77	126	140	22	109.7	98.4	.509
FRICTION RUN			↓	42.5	50.9	56.7						$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$	$\times 10^{-2} \uparrow$										

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

$$\text{Correction} = \sqrt{\frac{P_1}{30} \times \frac{520}{T_1}}$$

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0.09

0.08

0.07

0.06

0.05

0.04

Lbs Air per Sec.

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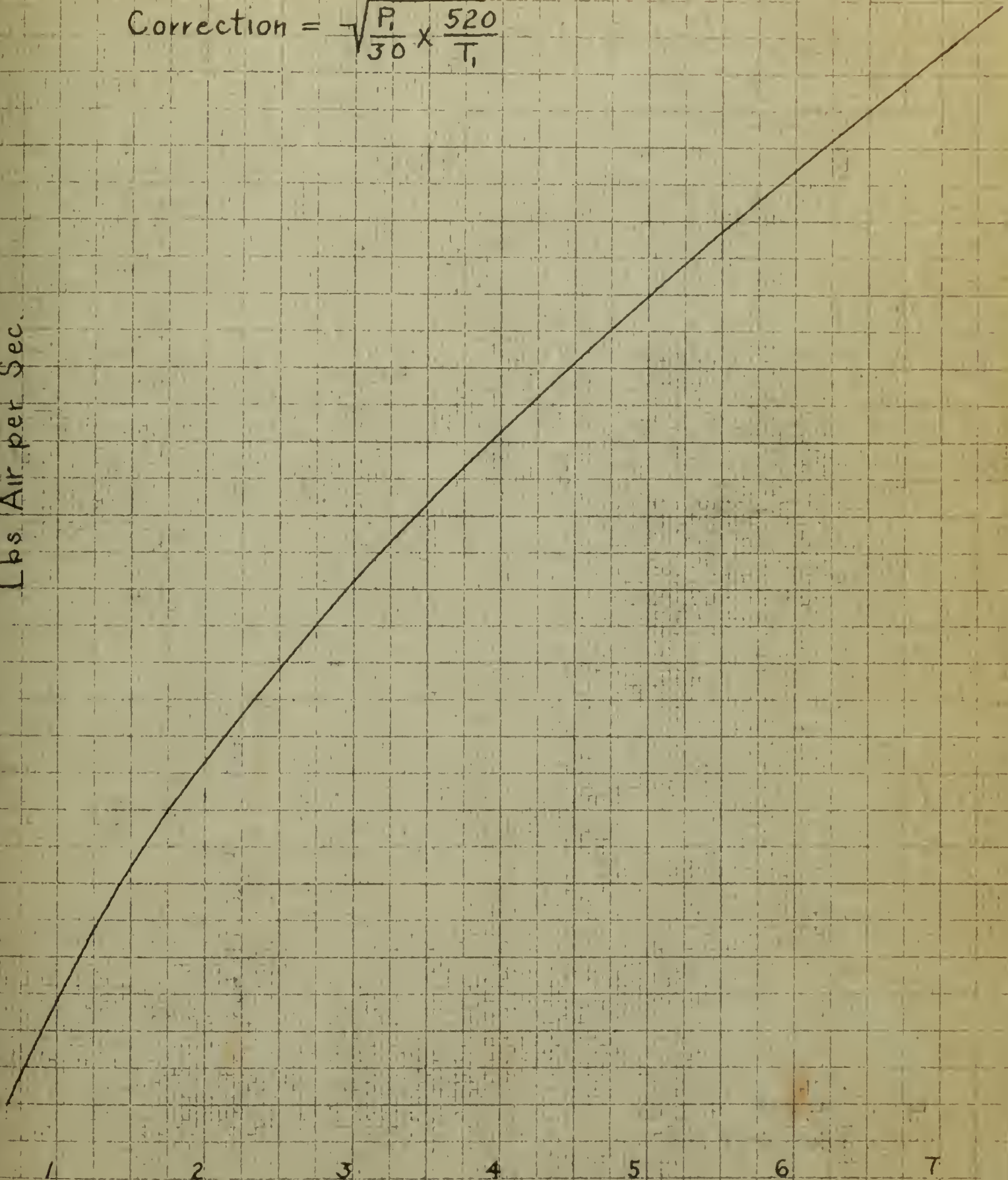
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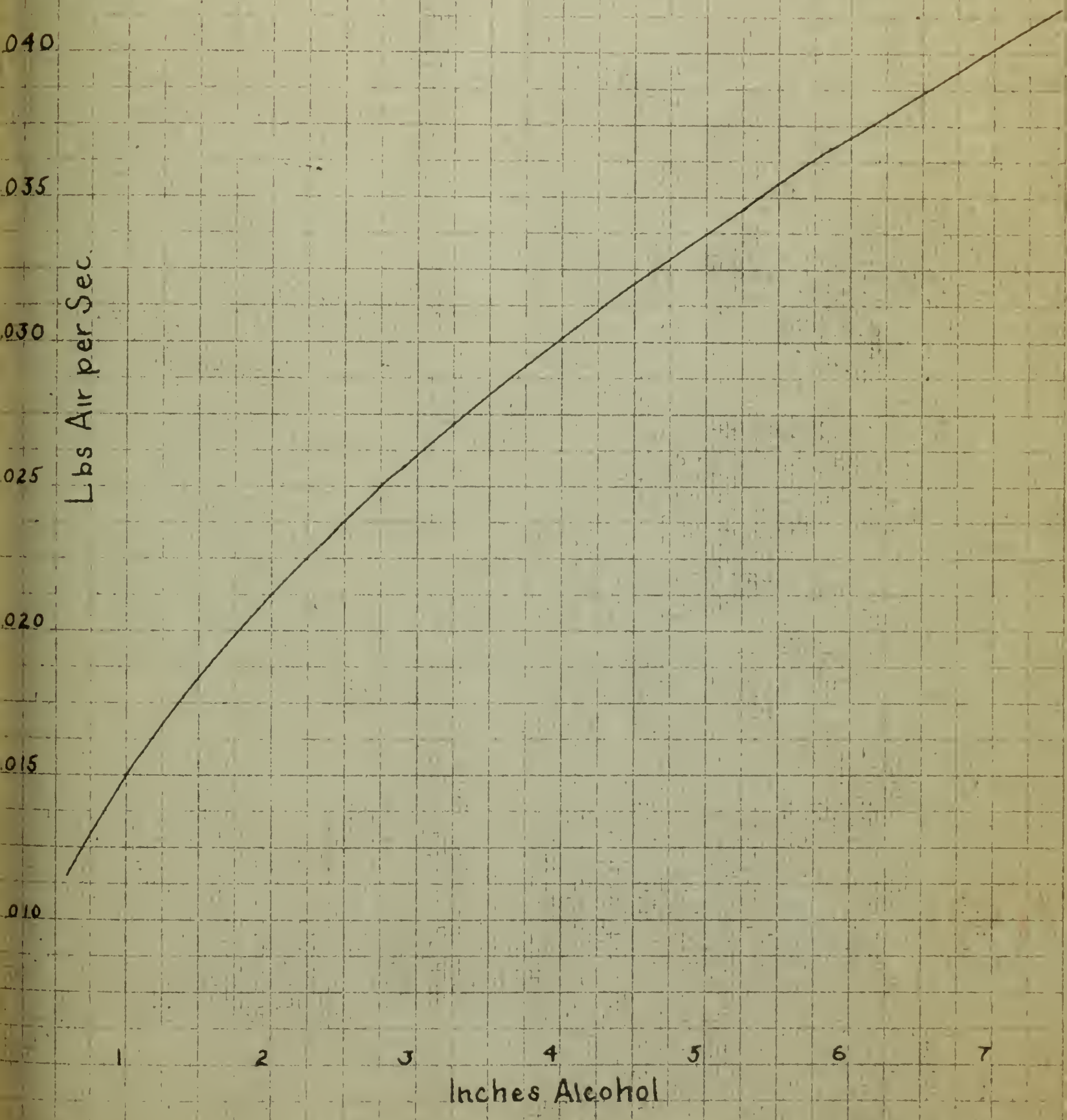
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1" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

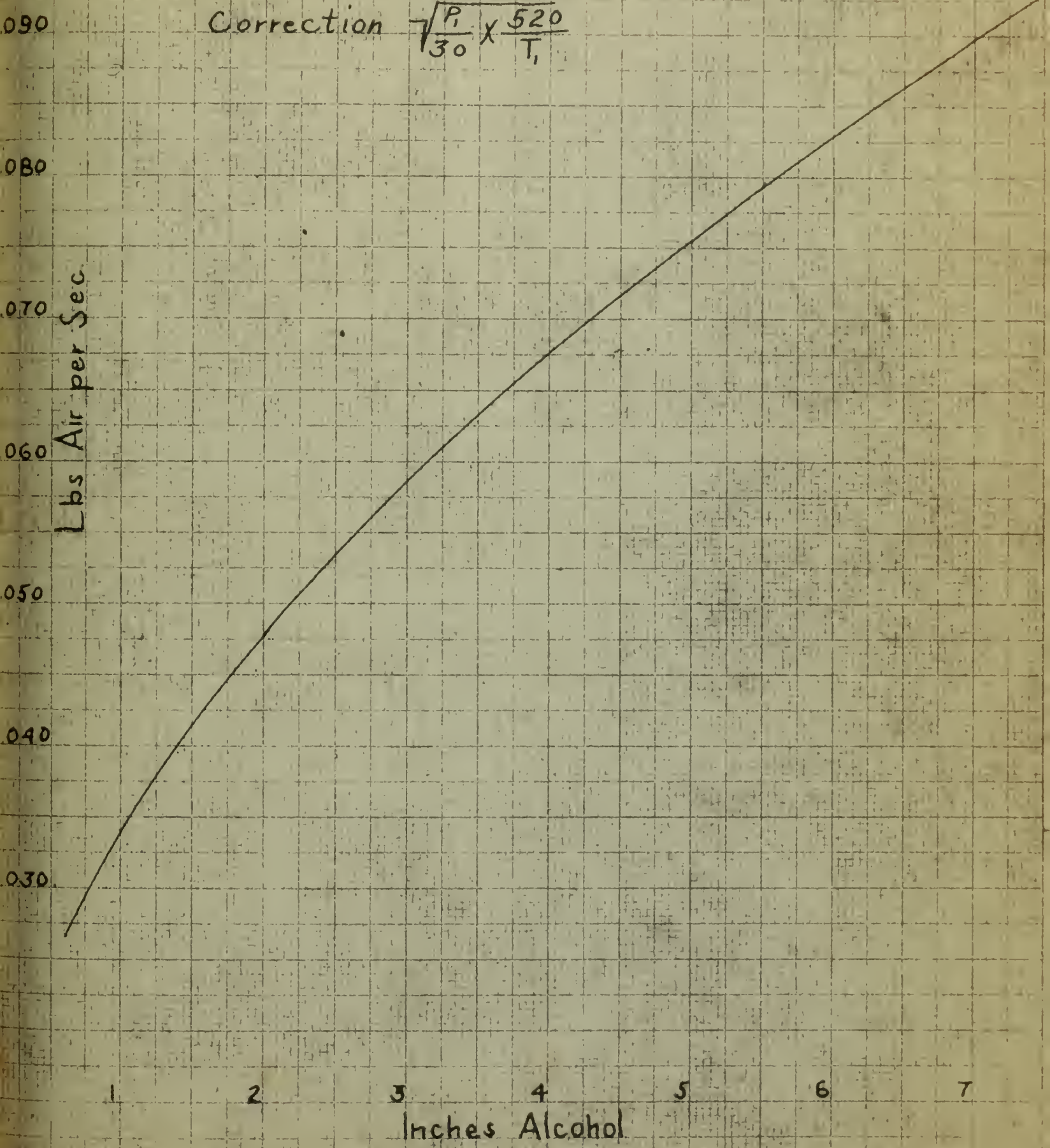
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1/2" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

Correction $\sqrt{\frac{P_1}{30} \times \frac{520}{T_1}}$



2" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

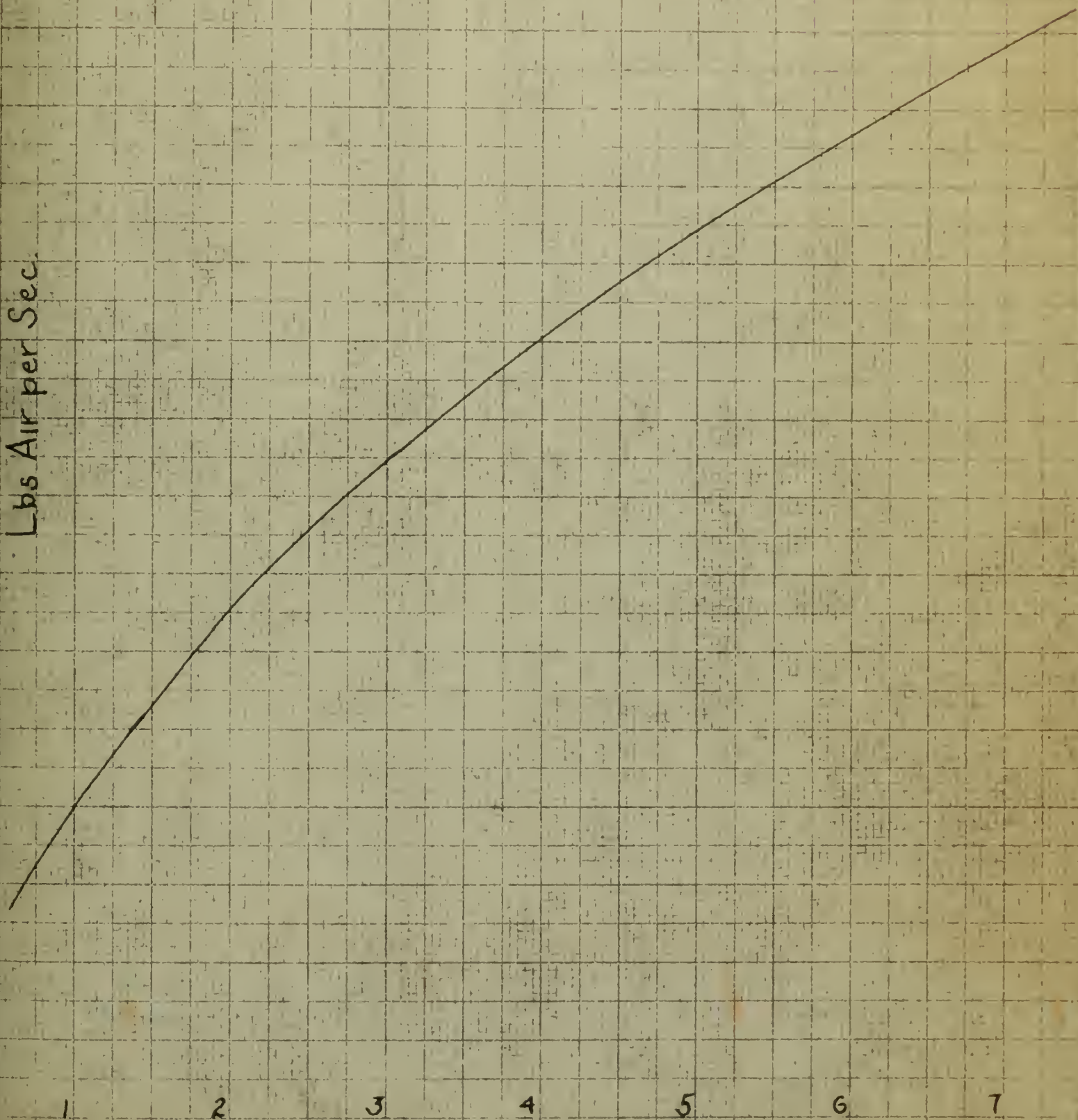
Correction $\sqrt{\frac{P_1}{30} \times \frac{520}{T_1}}$

Lbs Air per Sec

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150
140
130
120
110
100
090
080
070
060
050
040

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

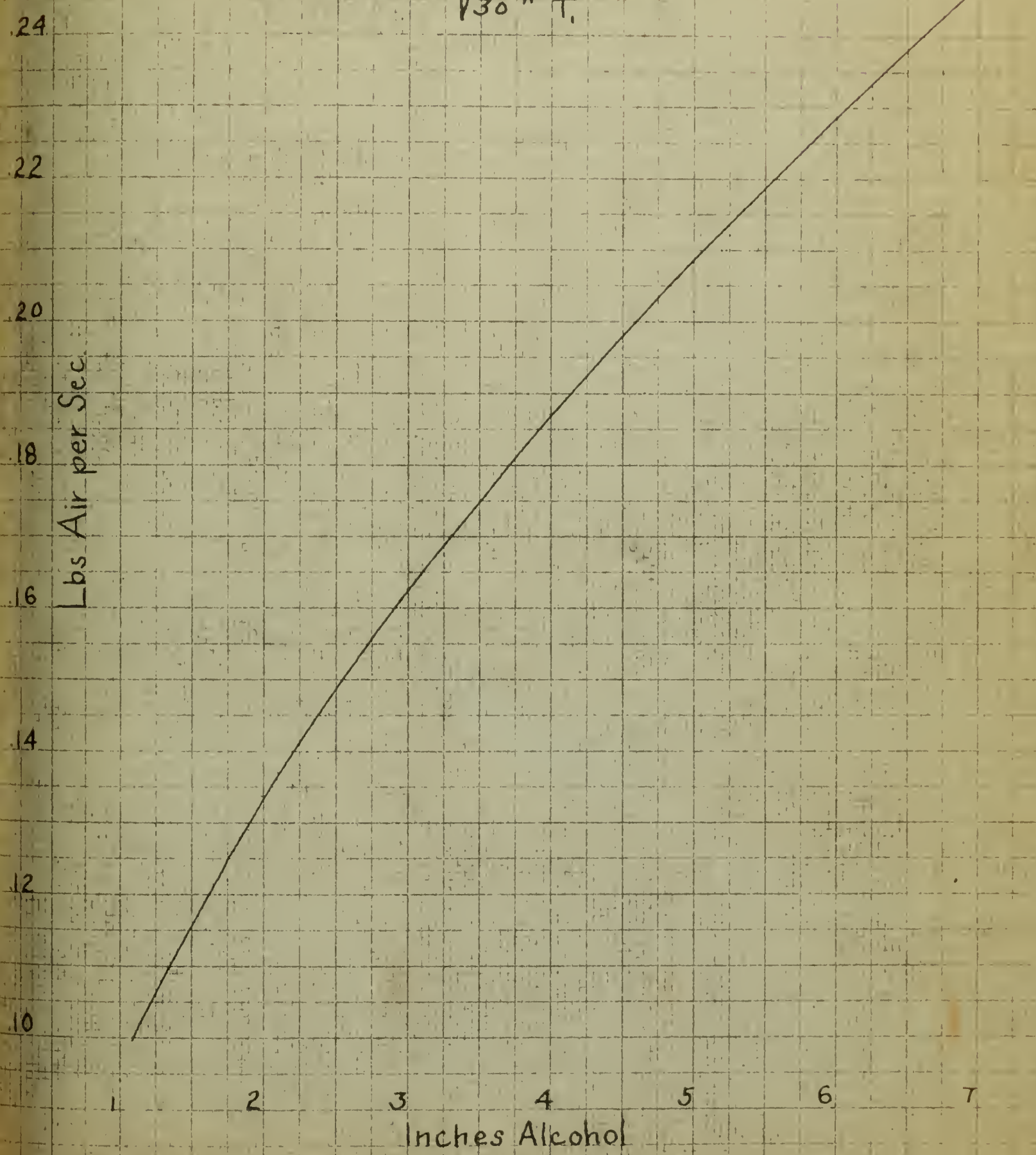
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2 1/2" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

Correction $\sqrt{\frac{P_1}{30} \times \frac{520}{T_1}}$

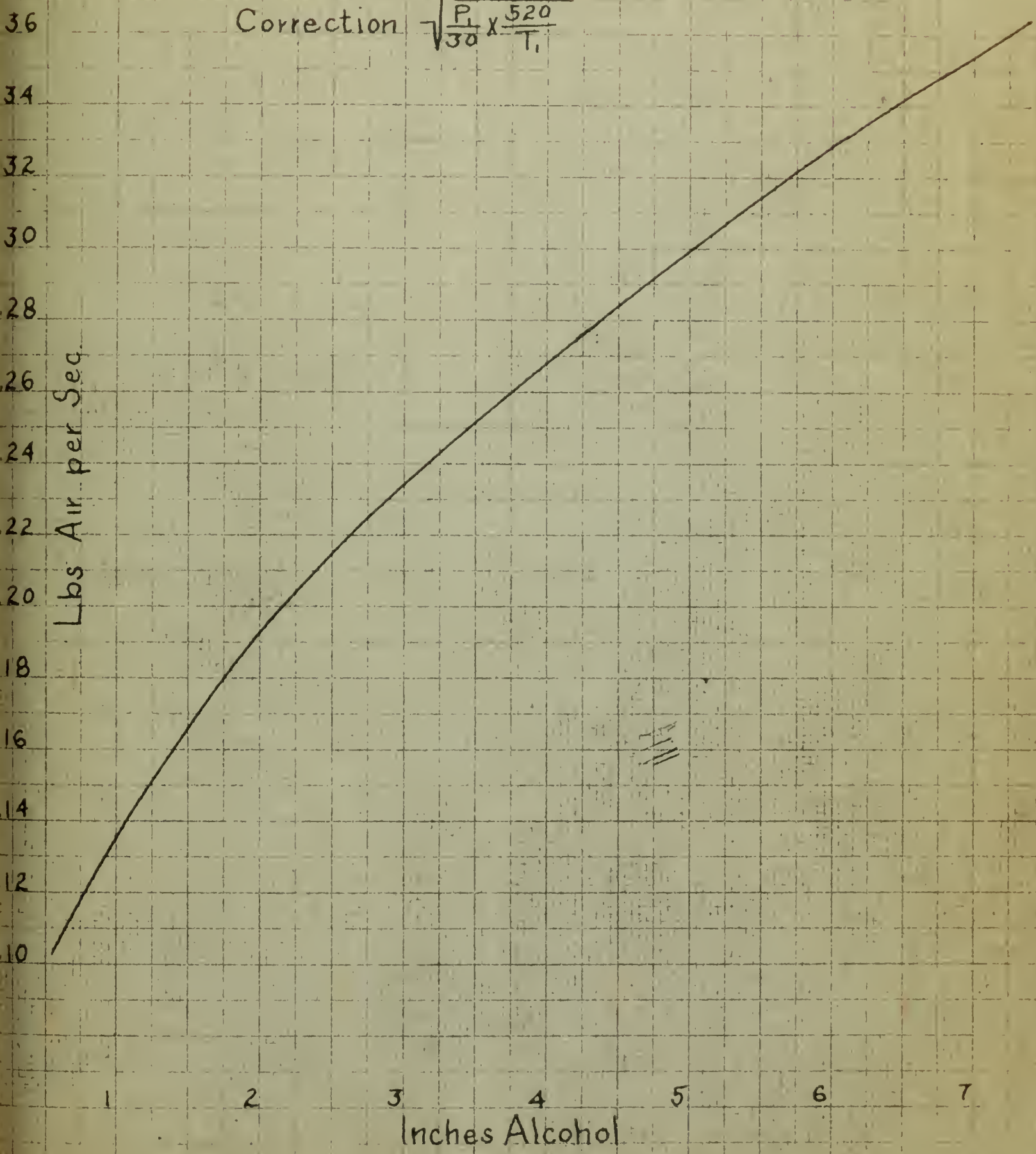


3" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

Correction $\sqrt{\frac{P_1}{30} \times \frac{520}{T_1}}$

Lbs Air per Sec.



3 1/2" Orifice

At 30" Hg 60°F

Correction $\sqrt{\frac{P}{30} \times \frac{520}{T}}$

Lbs. Air per Sec

48
46
44
42
40
38
36
34
32
30
28
26
24
22
20

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Inches Alcohol



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