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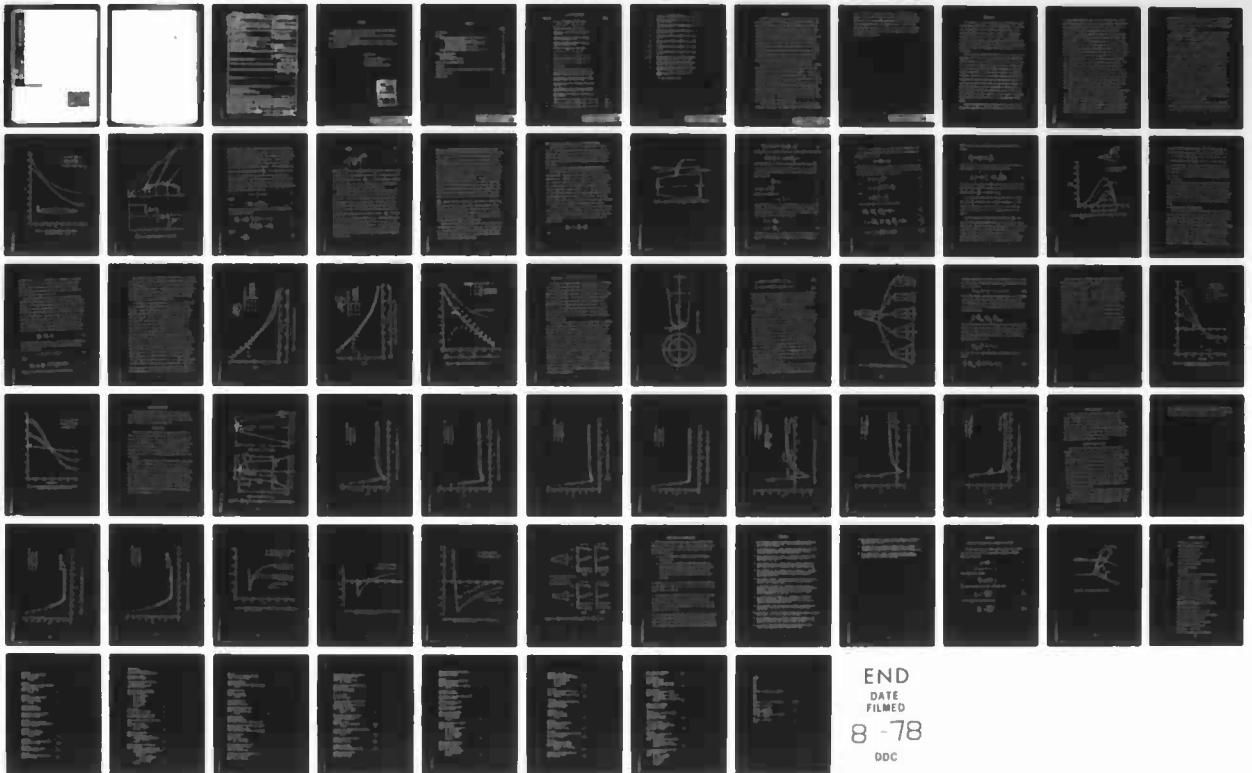
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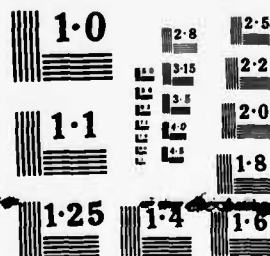
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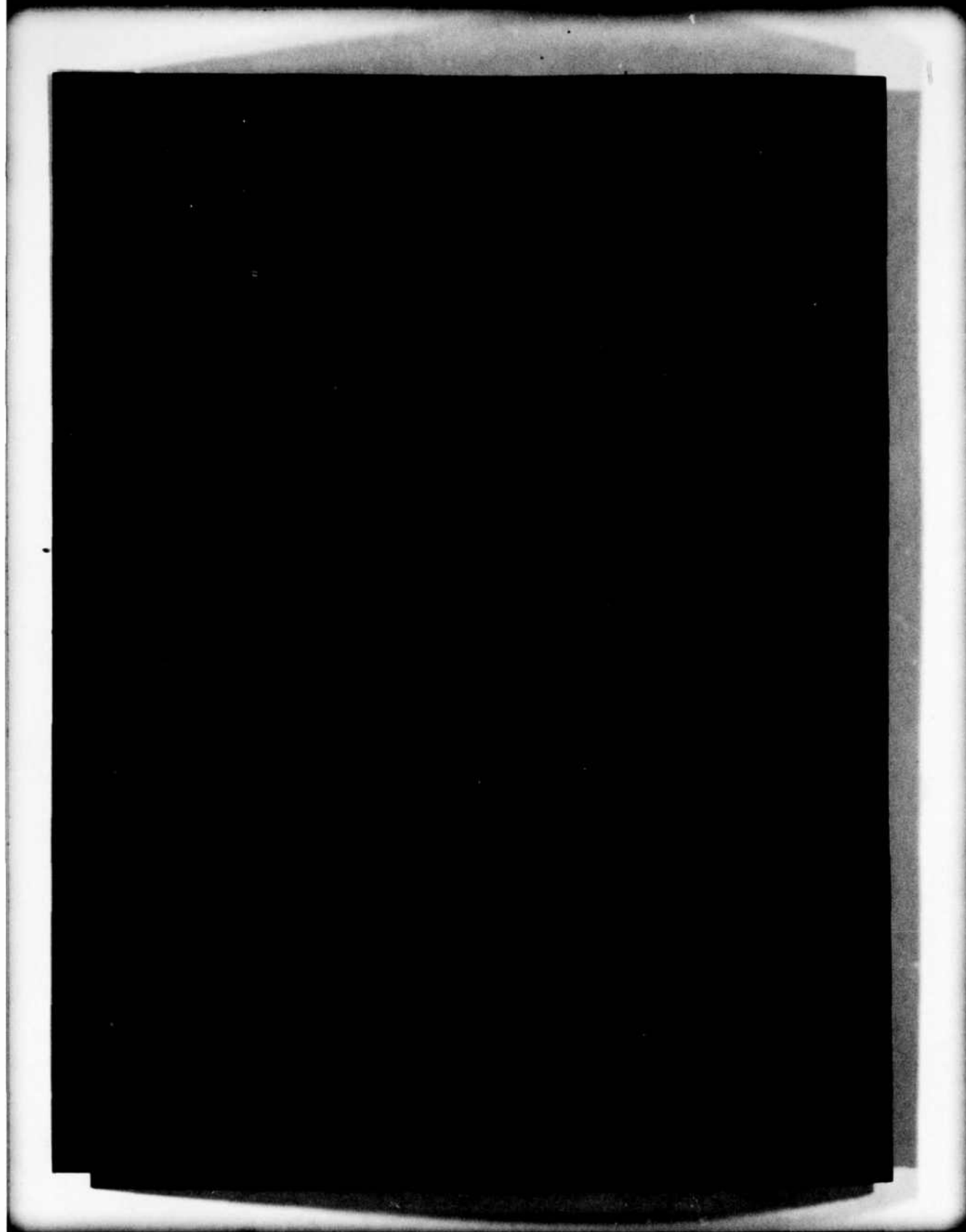
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## SUMMARY

The optimal aerodynamic design of new configurations requires computer programs which will calculate surface pressure distributions efficiently and reasonably accurately. Numerical methods which calculate the entire inviscid flow field require computational times and storage too large to use in design optimization processes. Therefore, a new method has been developed for calculating an approximate surface pressure distribution over axisymmetric bodies, with pointed or blunted noses, at angle of attack in supersonic flow. This method is an extension and modification to the second-order shock-expansion method which was originally developed for pointed bodies near zero angle of attack. The modified Newtonian pressure distribution is used in the nose region back to a "matching" point where the local Mach number is slightly supersonic. Then the new method is applied downstream of the matching point.

In the late 60's Jackson, et al, of NASA Langley determined a different matching point, but it did not pick up the overexpansion near the juncture at sphere-cones at low supersonic Mach numbers. The use of the new matching point predicts this overexpansion quite well. One modification made to the basic second-order shock-expansion method was the development of an "exact" method for calculating the pressure gradient at corners to replace the approximate method normally used. Another modification made was the development of a new method to calculate the effective cone pressure to replace the tangent cone pressure typically used for bodies at an angle of attack. This effective cone pressure was found to be much more accurate than the tangent cone pressure.

The new method has been applied to sphere-cones and sphere-tangent ogive-cone-flare bodies. Mach numbers ranged from 1.5 to 4.63 and angles

of attack up to  $12^\circ$ . Surface pressure distributions were found to compare well with experimental data. In addition, the resulting axial force, normal force, and pitching moment coefficients were also found to compare well with experimental data. The computer program is relatively fast, requiring about 15 seconds for a typical case on the IBM 370/165 computer. The accuracy and simplicity of this computer program makes it attractive for engineering applications.

## INTRODUCTION

Present and future mission requirements of the Navy dictate a need for methods to design optimum aerodynamic configurations. Of particular interest are methods which will predict the static and dynamic aerodynamic characteristics of wings, bodies, and wing-body combinations throughout the speed regimes of subsonic, transonic, and supersonic flow and at angles of attack. Since a number of configurations must be analyzed in an optimization process, it is imperative that the techniques employed to calculate the aerodynamic coefficients be efficient as well as accurate.

There are generally three approaches which could be used to estimate aerodynamic coefficients. First, wind tunnel and ballistic range tests could be employed, but they are expensive, time-consuming, and additional tests are required for new configurational innovations. Secondly, hand calculations can be performed using handbook techniques, but they also require a large number of man hours and their accuracy is questionable or unknown. The third method is to develop a computer program based on a combination of analytical techniques and semi-empirical methods. Although the third method is also costly and time-consuming initially, it allows the designer to calculate a large number of configurations and flight conditions accurately and expeditiously, and it is ideal for design optimization techniques. Therefore, the third method is considered the best approach for long-term use and it is the method used in this report.

A number of computer programs have been developed to calculate the aerodynamic characteristics of flight vehicles, but none of them covers

the range of Mach numbers ( $0 < M_\infty < 6$ ), angles of attack ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 15^\circ$ ), and complete configurations which are of present concern. Quite general body and wing geometries are of current interest, and they include spin stabilized bodies and guided and unguided fin stabilized bodies. Woodward<sup>1</sup> used a perturbation method to compute the pressure distribution on wing-body combinations at subsonic and supersonic speeds. However, his method does not include blunted bodies, transonic flow, skin friction drag, base drag, and nonlinear angle of attack effects. Jackson and Smith<sup>2</sup> used the second-order shock-expansion theory<sup>3</sup> to calculate the drag on pointed bodies of revolution at zero angle of attack in supersonic flow. They also calculated the pressure and skin-friction drag but did not include the base drag. Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> modified the second-order shock expansion method for blunt-nosed bodies and angle of attack. This method was found to predict the pressure distribution and force and moment coefficients on blunted cones and blunted-cones with flares at Mach numbers from about 1.5 to 5 and angles of attack to  $12^\circ$ . Of particular importance was the fact that their adaptation of the second-order shock expansion method predicted some of the over expansion near the sphere-cone juncture at Mach numbers greater than about 2.0. However, below Mach 2 the pressure prediction near the shoulder was poor.

Another method for calculating aerodynamics of wing-body combinations is that due to Saffell et al<sup>5</sup>. It is only applicable to low aspect-ratio configurations, and the drag calculations are inaccurate at small angles of attack. An empirical method called the "Spinner" program<sup>6</sup> was developed by the General Electric Company for spin-stabilized bodies, however it will not handle guided vehicles. There are several computer programs, e.g., Solomon et al<sup>7</sup>, which use finite-difference methods to

calculate the entire flow field around a body. However, these techniques are generally limited to inviscid supersonic flow over bodies without wings or fins, and they require computational times much too large to use in design optimization processes.

The best computer program which is currently available to compute static aerodynamic characteristics of general wing-body geometries is the one by Moore<sup>8</sup>. This program predicts the pressure distribution, lift, drag, and center of pressure for Mach numbers from zero to three and angles of attack to fifteen degrees. The results compare well with experimental data and other analytical results. Also, a typical computation costs only about five dollars per Mach number to compute the static aerodynamic characteristics of wing-body configurations on the CDC 6700 computer. For the pressure distribution over the body alone, Moore employed Van Dyke's second-order perturbation method<sup>9</sup>. Since this method is designed for pointed bodies, Moore used the modified Newtonian pressure distribution near the nose of blunted bodies and then matched it with Van Dyke's second order perturbation method for the region downstream of the nose. This procedure was shown to yield surface pressures which compared well with experimental data on blunted cones at Mach numbers less than about 2.5 or 3.0. In particular, it picked up the over-expansion of the pressure near the shoulder, whereas the second-order shock-expansion method was found to be more accurate at Mach numbers greater than about 2.5 to 3.0. At these Mach numbers there is no over-expansion near the shoulder.

A two-year contract was initiated in December 1976 at the North Carolina State University to extend Moore's method to Mach numbers from 2.5 to 6 at angles of attack from zero to 15°. This report describes

the work completed during the first year of this contract which is restricted to body-alone aerodynamics. Modifications are made to the second-order shock-expansion method to calculate the pressure distributions over blunted or pointed nose bodies with flared or boattailed bodies. The skin-friction and base drag are computed from the same techniques used by Moore. The resulting pressure distribution, skin friction, and base drag are integrated to yield force and moment coefficients.

## ANALYSIS

### Method for Predicting Pressure Distribution at $\alpha = 0$

Modified Maslen Method - The first method considered for calculating the pressure distribution over axisymmetric bodies was Maslen's method<sup>10</sup>. This method was modified for  $\alpha = 0$  and used by the first author<sup>11</sup> for blunt-nosed bodies in hypersonic flows. Figure 1 compares the pressure distribution computed by Maslen's method with that of Solomon's method<sup>7</sup> for  $M_\infty = 3$  and  $\alpha = 0$ . This figure illustrates the inability of Maslen's method to pick up the over-expansion near the shoulder at the lower supersonic Mach numbers. At hypersonic speeds the over-expansion does not occur and Maslen's method predicts the pressure distribution very well. It is apparent that the approximations used in Maslen's method are not accurate at the lower supersonic Mach numbers, and therefore this technique was discarded for the applications considered in this project.

Second-Order Shock-Expansion Method - The basic second-order shock-expansion method was developed by Syvertson and Dennis<sup>3</sup> for pointed bodies near  $\alpha = 0$  at supersonic speeds. In order to apply this method, the actual body is replaced by a tangent body which is a series of conical frustrums tangent to the actual body at a selected number of positions. Figure 2 illustrates a typical pointed body and the corresponding tangent body. The pressure on the initial cone is obtained from a cone solution, e.g., the method of Sims<sup>12</sup>. The pressure along that initial cone is constant, but the pressure drops discontinuously across the juncture of the initial cone and the following conical frustrum. This pressure drop can be calculated from the standard Prandtl-Meyer expansion. In the



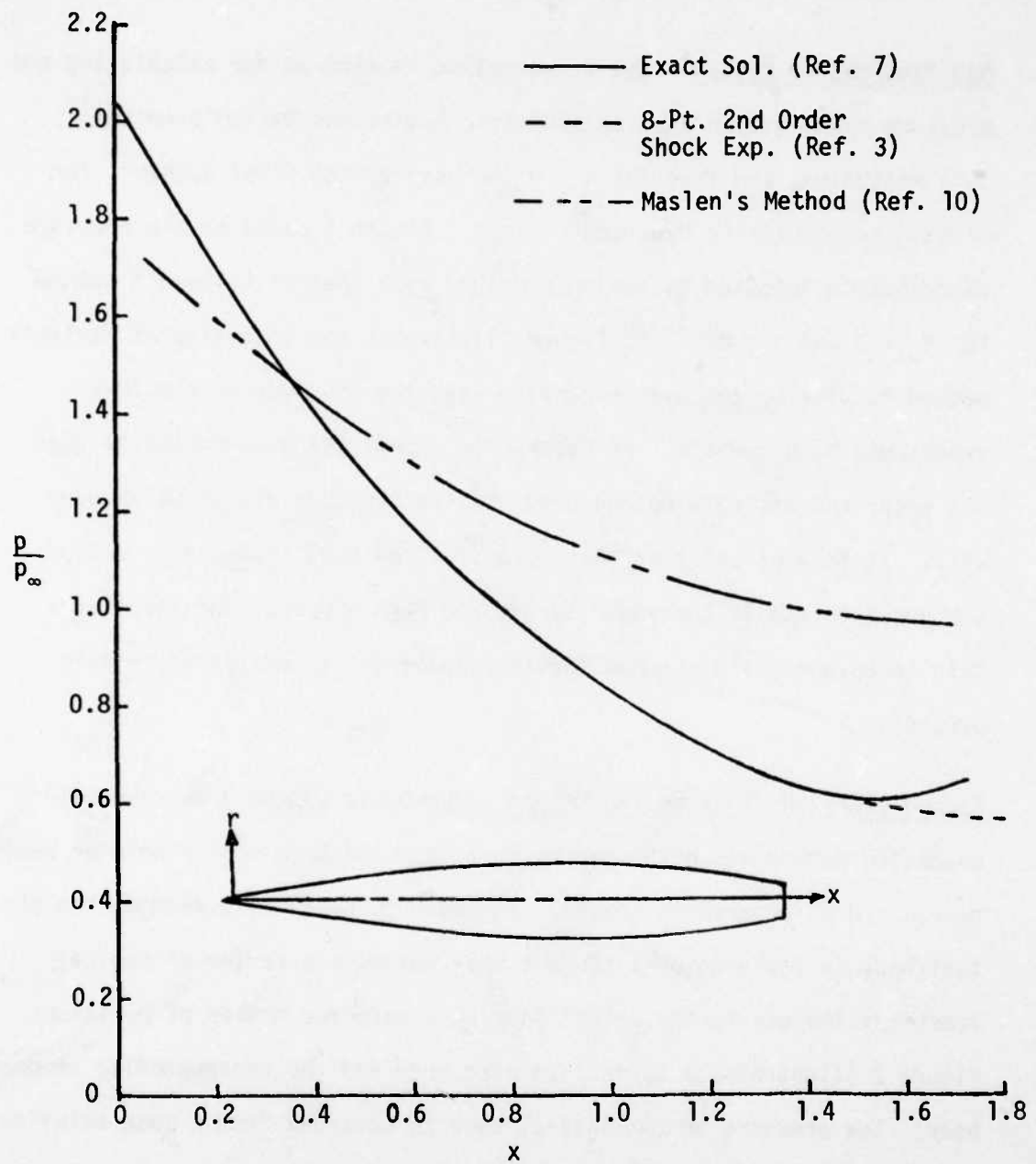


Figure 1. Pressure Distribution on Body Shape  
 $r = (15 + 2x - x^2)^{1/2} - \sqrt{15}$ ,  $M_\infty = 3$

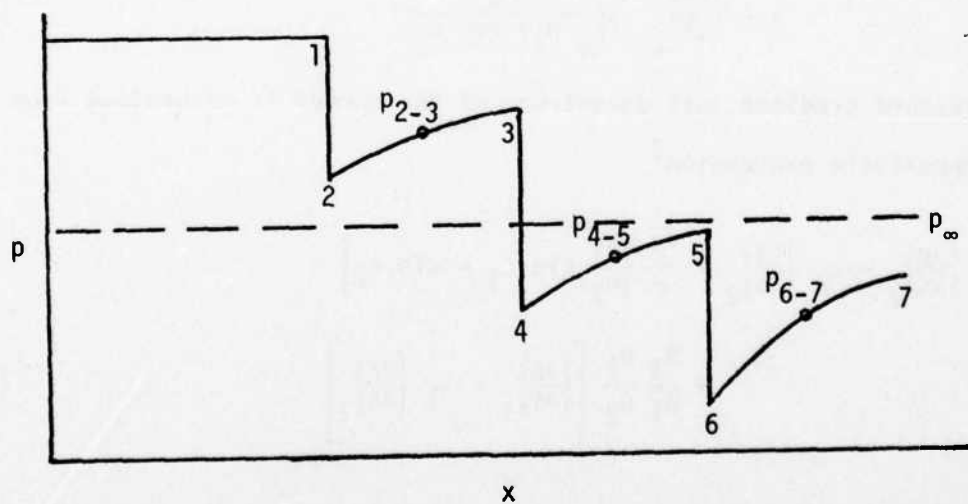
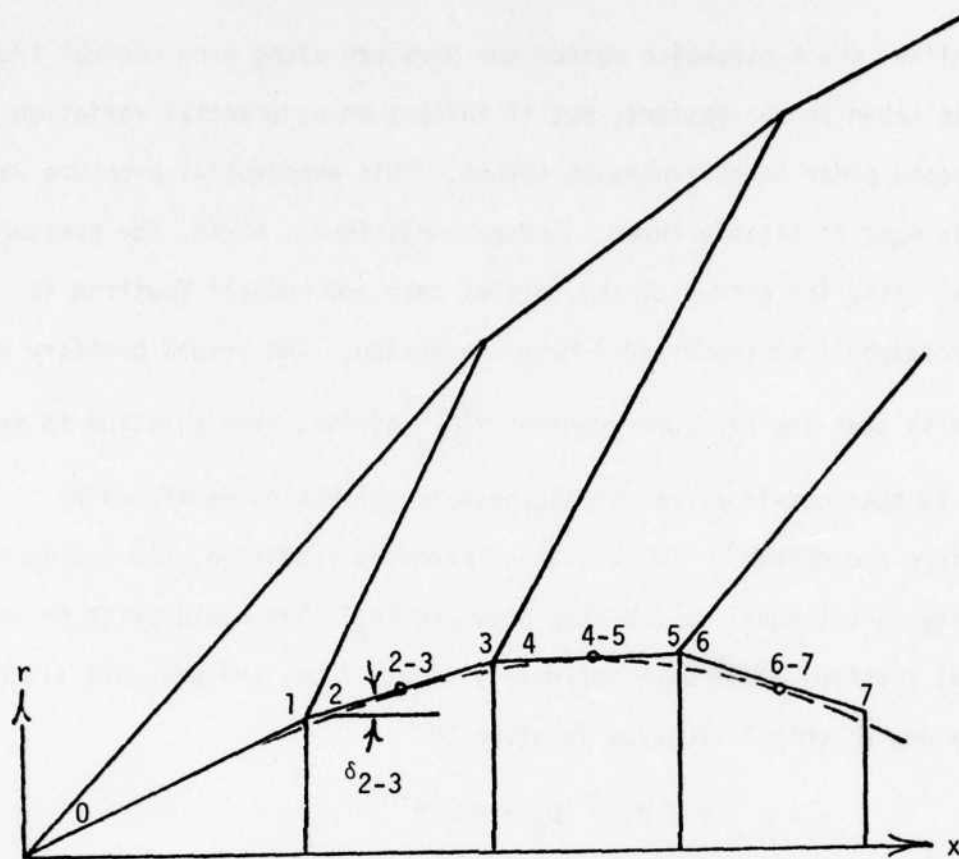


Figure 2. Tangent Body Geometry and Pressure

generalized shock-expansion method the pressure along each conical frustrum is taken to be constant, but it follows an exponential variation in the second-order shock-expansion method. This exponential pressure variation is made to satisfy three boundary conditions. First, the pressure  $p_2$  just after the corner of the initial cone and conical frustrum is that obtained from the Prandtl-Meyer expansion. The second boundary condition is that the pressure gradient  $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2$  at this same position is set equal to that obtained from an approximate expression developed by Syvertson and Dennis<sup>3</sup>. For the third boundary condition, the pressure at infinity is set equal to the cone pressure ( $p_c$ ) that would exist on this conical frustrum if it were infinitely long. Thus, the pressure distribution along a conical frustrum is given by

$$p \approx p_c - (p_c - p_2) e^{-\eta} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2 \frac{(x-x_2)}{(p_c - p_2) \cos \delta_2} \quad (2)$$

The pressure gradient just downstream of the corner is determined from the approximate expression<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2 - \lambda_2 \left(\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s}\right)_2 &= \frac{B_2}{r} \left(\frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega_2} \sin \delta_1 - \sin \delta_2\right) \\ &+ \frac{B_2}{B_1} \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega_2} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_1 - \lambda_1 \left(\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s}\right)_1 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$$B = \frac{\gamma p M^2}{2(M^2 - 1)} \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\gamma p}{\sin 2\mu} \quad (5)$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} M^2}{\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)} \right]^{\frac{(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}} \quad (6)$$

Note that  $\left(-\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s}\right)$  is the curvature of the surface which is zero on conical frustrums, and  $\Omega$  is the one-dimensional area ratio. For the first conical frustrum after the initial cone,  $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_1 = 0$  since the pressure is constant on the initial cone. The pressure gradient ahead of subsequent conical frustrums is obtained from the derivative of Equation (1).

As illustrated in Figure 2, the pressure obtained from Equation (1) is used only at the position where the conical frustrum is tangent to the actual body. If the conical frustrum has a negative cone angle, Reference 3 suggests using  $p_c = p_\infty$  on that segment. Reference 3 also gives an expression for the pressure gradient downstream of a sharp concave corner such as a flare. One restriction on the method described here is that the pressure gradient just downstream of a corner,  $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2$  must have the same sign as the pressure difference  $(p_c - p_2)$ . Otherwise, Equation (1) will not yield the third boundary condition that  $p = p_c$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . For more details of this technique, see Reference 3. In the generalized shock-expansion method, the pressure along each conical frustrum is taken to be constant and equal to the value obtained from the Prandtl-Meyer expansion at the corner,  $p_2$ .

#### Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> Modifications to Second-Order Shock-Expansion Method

The original second-order shock-expansion method was developed for pointed noses. Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> modified it for blunt nosed bodies by using the modified Newtonian pressure distribution up to a "matching-point" and then applying the second-order shock-expansion method downstream of that point. They found that the best matching point corresponded to the point on the blunted nose where the body slope is the same as the maximum wedge angle for an attached shockwave. A tangent body is used to replace the actual body downstream of the matching point. The pressure on the first conical frustrum tangent to the matching point is taken to be constant and equal to the modified Newtonian pressure for that body angle. The pressure distribution downstream of the first conical frustrum is calculated by the original second-order shock-expansion method<sup>3</sup>. For those conical frustrums which have the sign of the initial pressure gradient

$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2$  opposite from the sign of  $(p_c - p_2)$ , the pressure is taken to be  $p_2$ .

This makes the technique on those conical frustrums identical to the generalized shock expansion method. Reference 4 found this condition to occur on the nose of spherically blunted cones at  $M_\infty \geq 3.0$  and also on the flares of blunted cone-flare bodies. The modifications made for bodies at an angle of attack are discussed below.

Results for blunted cones and blunted cones with flares were found to compare well with experimental data for  $M_\infty \geq 3.0$ . For the range  $1.5 \leq M_\infty \leq 3$  the method predicted only part of the pressure over-expansion at the shoulder. However, this inaccuracy was found to have only a small effect on the force and moment coefficients.

### New Modifications to the Second-Order Shock-Expansion Method

Two modifications are made here to the modified form of Jackson, et al.<sup>4</sup>. The approximate equation for the pressure gradient given by Equation (3) is compared to an "exact" pressure gradient downstream of a corner, and a new matching-point is determined for matching the second-order shock-expansion method with modified Newtonian theory on blunt-nosed bodies.

#### A. Derivation of "Exact" Pressure Gradient Downstream of a Corner

As mentioned above, the pressure gradient given by Equation (3) is only approximate. Therefore, an "exact" expression is derived here to compare with it. Although an "exact" expression is derived in Reference 13, it is not in a form comparable to Equation (3). For the analysis below, refer to Figure 3 for the nomenclature and geometry. Consider a surface streamtube as it passes around a corner. The stream surface (A) is close to the body surface, and the distance along a Mach line between the two stream surfaces is "a" (where a is very small). As the flow turns around the corner the distance "a" will increase because M increases and hence the distance between the stream surfaces will increase.

Define  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  as characteristics coordinates and s and n as coordinates along and normal to a streamline. At a corner only the  $C_1$  family of characteristics (left-running characteristics) is present. The analytical development here is based on two equations from the method of characteristics<sup>3</sup>:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} = \cos \mu \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \lambda \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s} \right) \quad (7)$$

and

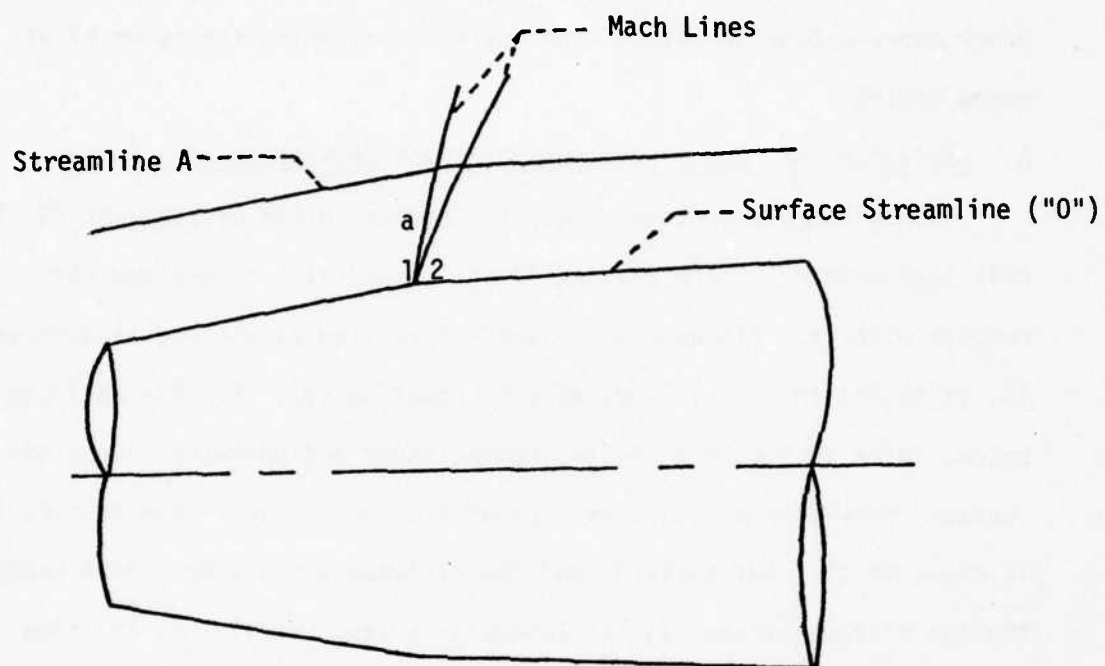


Figure 3. Flow About a Convex Corner on a Body of Revolution

$$\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial C_1} = \frac{-\sin \mu \sin \delta}{r} - \frac{\cos \mu}{\lambda} \left[ \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \lambda \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s} \right] \quad (8)$$

When Equation (7) is applied at the corner (on the surface), there results

$$\left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s} \right)_0 ds_0 = \left( \frac{1}{\lambda \cos \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} \right)_0 ds_0$$

where the subscript "o" refers to the surface streamline. Since  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1}$  is finite and the distance around the corner is zero,  $ds_0 = 0$  and the right side of the equation above is zero. The result is the Prandtl-Meyer expression

$$\frac{dp_0}{\lambda_0} = d\delta_0 \quad (9)$$

$$\text{and since } dv_0 = \frac{-dp_0}{\lambda_0} \quad (10)$$

Equation (9) integrates to

$$v_0 - v_{0_1} = \delta_{0_1} - \delta_0 \quad (11)$$

where the subscript "o<sub>1</sub>" refers to the beginning of the expansion on the surface. Now consider the streamline off the surface, A. The pressure and deflection angle along streamline (A) can be represented by a Taylor series expansion about the surface streamline:

$$p_A = p_0 + \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} \right)_0 a + \dots \quad (12)$$

$$\delta_A = \delta_0 + \left( \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial C_1} \right)_0 a + \dots \quad (13)$$

The partial derivatives are evaluated on the surface from Equations (7) and (8). Since the distance "a" changes with  $\delta_0$ , it is convenient to



ratio it to its value when  $M = 1$ ,  $a^*$ . Then it can be related to  $\Omega$ , the ratio of the one-dimensional cross-sectional area of the streamtube to that at  $M = 1$ , as follows:

$$\frac{a}{a^*} = \frac{2\pi r a}{2\pi r a^*} = \frac{\Omega}{\sin \mu} \quad (14)$$

Note that the thickness of the streamtube is  $a/\sin \mu$  and thus the cross-sectional area of the streamtube is  $2\pi r a/\sin \mu$ . Now substitute Equations (7), (8), and (14) into (12) and (13) to obtain

$$p_A = p_0 + \lambda_0 a_0^* \frac{Q_0}{2} + \dots \quad (15)$$

and

$$\delta_A = \delta_0 - a_0^* \left( \frac{\Omega_0 \sin \delta_0}{r} + \frac{Q_0}{2} \right) + \dots \quad (16)$$

where

$$Q_0 \equiv \left( \frac{\Omega}{B} \right)_0 \left[ \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \lambda \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial s} \right]_0 \quad (17)$$

Also, use the Taylor series expansion to write

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} \right)_A = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} \right)_0 + \left( \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial C_1^2} \right)_0 a^* \left( \frac{a}{a^*} \right) + \dots \quad (18)$$

$$\lambda_A = \lambda_0 + \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial p} \right)_{p_t} \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} + \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial p_t} \right)_p \frac{\partial p_t}{\partial C_1} \right]_0 a^* \left( \frac{a}{a^*} \right) + \dots \quad (19)$$

$$\cos \mu_A = \cos \mu_0 + \left( \frac{\partial \cos \mu}{\partial C_1} \right)_0 a^* \left( \frac{a}{a^*} \right) + \dots \quad (20)$$

Appendix A shows that the differential distance along streamline (A) is given by

$$\frac{ds_A}{d\delta_0} = -a^* \left( \frac{a}{a^*} \right) \left( \frac{\gamma+1}{2} \right) \frac{M_0^3}{(M_0^2-1)} \quad (21)$$

Substitute Equations (9) and (15) through (21) into Equation (7) applied along streamline A. The following equation then results:

$$\frac{d}{d\delta_0} \left[ Q + \frac{\Omega \sin \delta}{r} \right]_0 = - \left( \frac{\gamma+1}{4} \right) \frac{M_0^4 Q_0}{(M_0^2-1)^{3/2}} \quad (22)$$

This equation can be integrated numerically around the corner along with the Prandtl-Meyer equation to determine  $Q_0$ , and using Equation (17) the pressure gradient  $\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \right)_0$  is obtained from  $Q_0$ .

It should be noted that Equation (22) neglects the total pressure derivative  $\frac{\partial p_t}{\partial C_1}$  in Equation (19). As noted in Reference 3, this term is generally negligible. To be certain that it is, the accuracy of neglecting this term will be determined during the next year of this project.

Figure 4 compares the pressure gradient parameter  $\frac{r}{p_\infty} \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1}$ , calculated from the approximate method, Equation (3), and the "exact" method, Equation (22). The pressure gradient is presented for different deflection angles downstream of the corner of an initial cone with a  $9^\circ$  half angle for  $M_\infty = 2.5$  and 5. This figure shows that errors in the pressure gradient parameter as high as 35% occur for  $M_\infty = 2.5$ , and this maximum error drops to about 27% at  $M_\infty = 5$ . In both cases the "exact" values

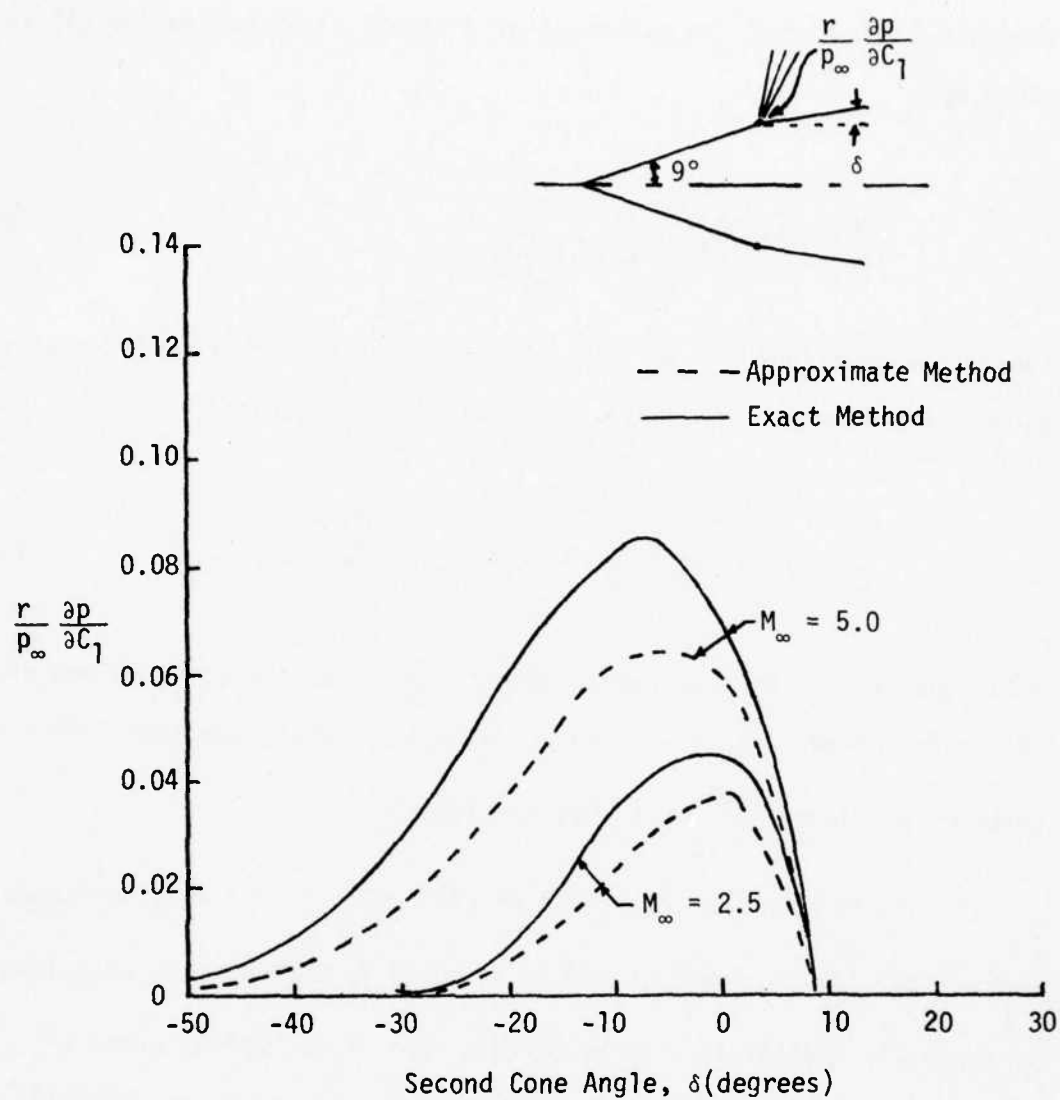


Figure 4. Pressure Gradient at Corner of Biconics, Initial Cone Angle =  $9^\circ$

are larger than the approximate values. Figure 5 gives  $\frac{r}{p_\infty} \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1}$  as a function of deflection angle downstream of a  $40^\circ$  half-angle cone. At  $M_\infty = 2.5$  the error is about 40% at  $\delta = 14^\circ$ . The curve for  $M_\infty = 5$  has a different feature in that  $\frac{r}{p_\infty} \frac{\partial p}{\partial C_1} < 0$  for  $11^\circ \leq \delta < 40^\circ$ , and errors up to about 25% occur. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate that large errors can occur when using the approximate relation for the pressure gradient. Note that since the initial body surfaces are cones with attached shock waves,  $\partial p_t / \partial C_1 = 0$  and Equation (22) is the appropriate "exact" relation for these figures.

For slender bodies, the effect of using the exact pressure gradient rather than the approximate relation is small. Figure 6 compares the results from both techniques with the pressure distribution from Solomon, et al<sup>7</sup> for a pointed ogive with a boattail. The "exact" pressure gradient method gave slightly better results for the boattail, but otherwise both methods were very close. This same statement cannot be made for thick bodies.

#### B. New Matching Point for Blunted Bodies

The location of the point used to match modified Newtonian theory to the second-order shock-expansion method has a large effect on the accuracy of predicting the over-expansion on blunted cones at the lower supersonic Mach numbers. As mentioned above, Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> used the position where the body slope is the same as the maximum wedge angle for an attached shock wave. They found that this location predicted part of the over-expansion at the shoulder. The results compared well with experimental data at  $2.30 \leq M_\infty \leq 4.63$ , where the over-expansion is small, but the comparison was poor at  $M_\infty = 1.5$ , where the over-expansion is large. Although the work statement in the present contract called for a method

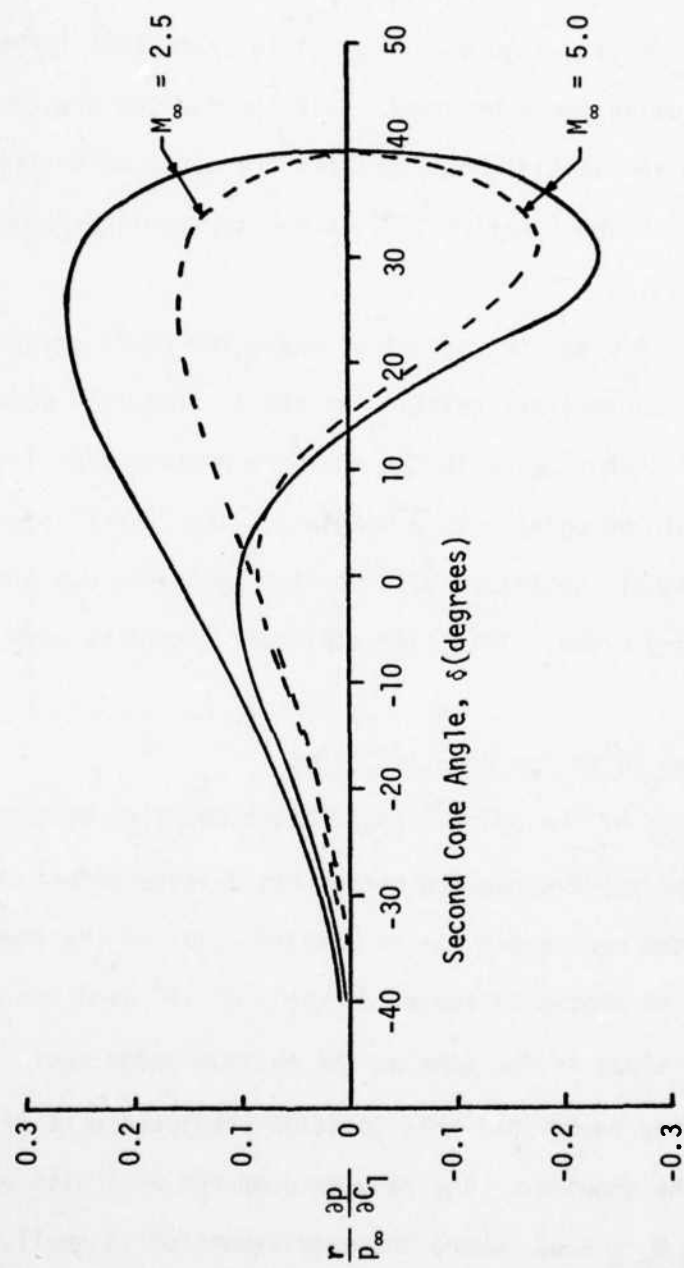


Figure 5. Pressure Gradient at Corner of Biconics, Initial Cone Angle =  $40^\circ$

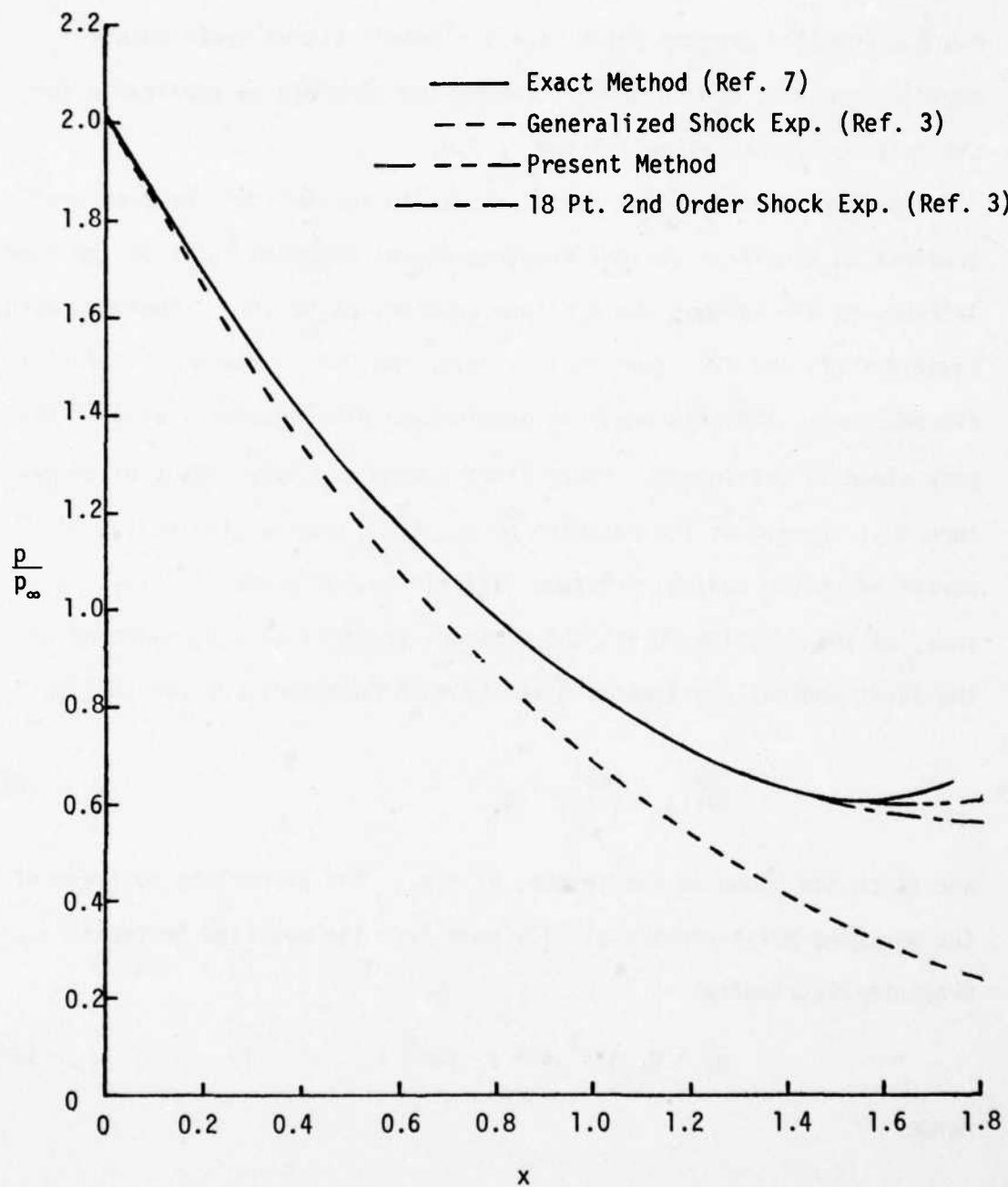


Figure 6. Pressure Distribution on Body Shape

$$r = (15 + 2x - x^2)^{1/2} - \sqrt{15}, \quad M_\infty = 3$$

applicable to the  $2.5 \leq M_\infty \leq 6.0$  range, it was agreed to try to extend it down to  $M_\infty \approx 1.2$ . If this could be done, then the subroutine of Moore's computer program which used Van Dyke's second order theory could be replaced by the present method and it would be applicable for the full supersonic range  $1.2 \leq M_\infty \leq 6.0$ .

The first modification made here was to account for the pressure gradient on the first conical frustrum at the matching point on the nose. Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> assumed the pressure gradient to be zero. However, both Equations (3) and (22) show that whenever the body curvature ( $-\partial\delta/\partial s$ ) is discontinuous, then the pressure gradient is discontinuous, even if the body slope is continuous. For a blunted nose the body radius of curvature just forward of the matching point is  $R_1$ , whereas the radius of curvature on the conical frustrum is infinite and hence  $(\partial\delta/\partial s)_2 = 0$ . Thus, at the matching point, the pressure gradient at the beginning of the first conical frustrum is given by both Equations (3) and (22) as

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_2 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_1 + \frac{\lambda_1}{R_1} \quad (23)$$

and since the slope is continuous,  $p_2 = p_1$ . The properties upstream of the matching point (subscript "1") come from the modified Newtonian pressure distribution

$$p_1 = p_t \sin^2 \delta + p_\infty \cos^2 \delta \quad (24)$$

Hence

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_1 = \frac{-1}{R_1} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \delta}\right)_1 = \frac{-2 \sin \delta_1 \cos \delta_1 (p_t - p_\infty)}{R_1} \quad (25)$$

where  $R_1$  is the radius of curvature at the matching point.

The pressure distribution downstream of the matching point can now be calculated by the second-order shock-expansion method. Equation (23) gives the pressure gradient on the first conical frustrum (which is tangent to the nose at the matching point). A tangent body is then transcribed about the remaining body and the technique described previously can be applied. Note, however, that the pressure gradient at each corner is calculated from the "exact" expression given by Equation (22).

It was found that the matching point used by Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> was not the best one when the pressure gradient is used on the first conical frustrum. Figures 7 and 8 show the pressure distribution over a sphere computed with three different matching points ( $M = 1.1, 1.2,$  and  $1.4$ ) for  $M_\infty = 5$  and  $3.5$ . The results are compared with "exact" inviscid calculations<sup>14</sup>. The pressure distributions with matching points at  $M = 1.2$  and  $1.4$  are very close. Although the distribution for the matching point at  $M = 1.1$  differs initially from the other two, it blends into the other two solutions downstream of the matching point. For the lower supersonic range, Figure 9 gives the distribution of the pressure coefficient over a sphere with matching points at  $M = 1.1, 1.15,$  and  $1.2$  for  $M_\infty = 1.5$ . The results are compared with experimental data<sup>15</sup>. Here the location of the matching point is more critical than that in Figures 7 and 8. It is also evident that the modified Newtonian pressure coefficient is not very accurate near the matching points. Although an optimum matching point cannot be determined from Figures 7 through 9, it appears that it lies in the range  $1.1 < M < 1.2$ . Further investigation is needed to define it more accurately as a function of  $M_\infty$ . Presently the matching point is calculated as the position on the nose where the modified Newtonian pressure distribution gives a local Mach number of  $1.15$ .



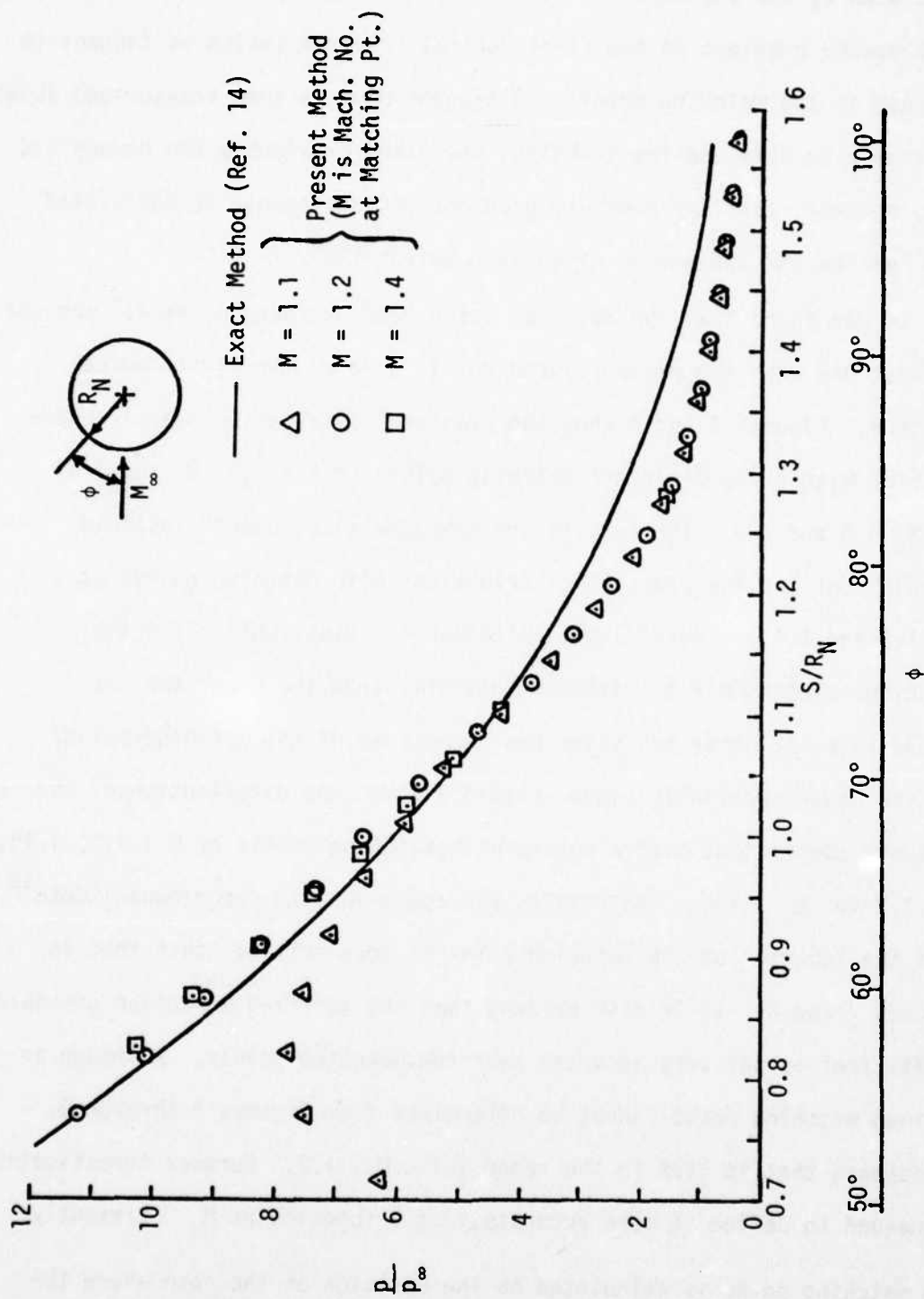


Figure 7. Pressure Distribution on Sphere,  $M_\infty = 5.0$

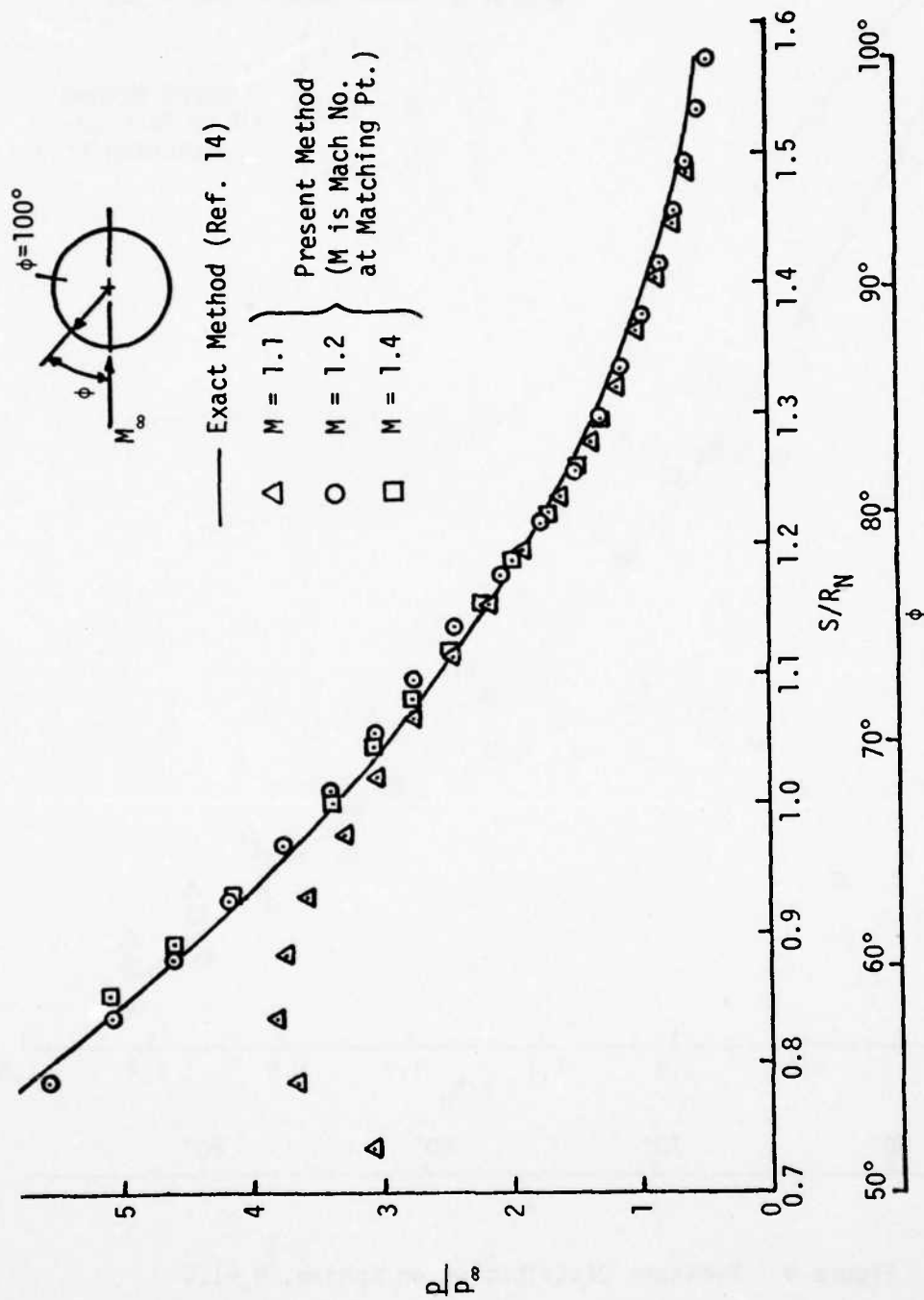


Figure 8. Pressure Distribution on Sphere,  $M_\infty = 3.5$

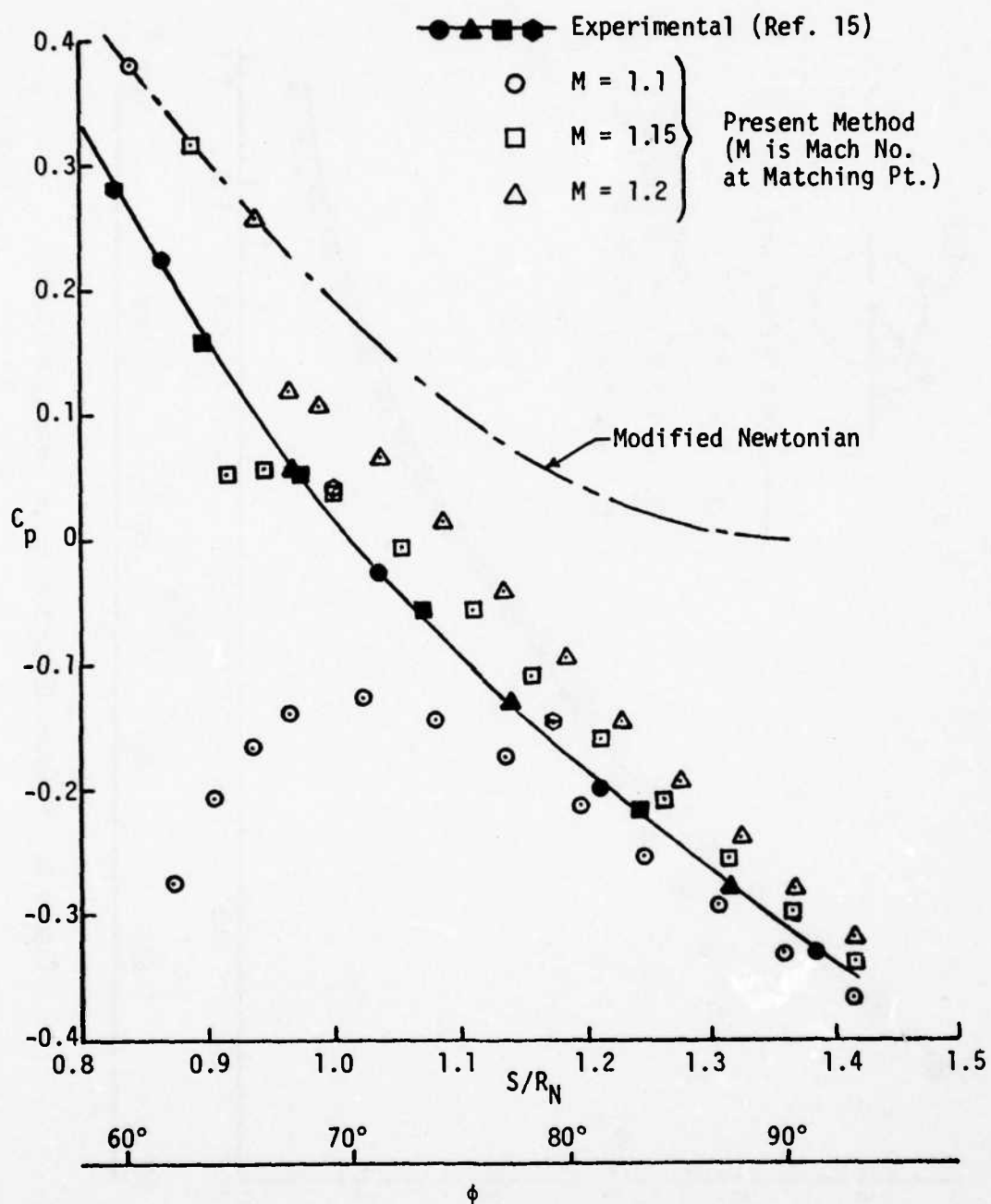


Figure 9. Pressure Distribution on Sphere,  $M_\infty = 1.5$

### Method for Predicting Pressure Distribution at $\alpha > 0$

An accurate calculation of surface pressures on bodies of revolution at  $\alpha > 0$  is much more complicated than that for the body at  $\alpha = 0$ . At  $\alpha = 0$  the meridian lines on the surface are also surface streamlines. However, at incidence the streamlines wrap around the body and no longer follow the meridian lines. If the shape of a streamline can be determined approximately, then an equivalent body of revolution can be generated for that streamline and the method described for  $\alpha = 0$  can be used to calculate the pressure distribution along this equivalent body of revolution representing the streamline. Several streamlines must be used in order to get the circumferential pressure distribution along the actual body.

Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> assumed that the surface streamlines in the windward and leeward planes of symmetry could be approximated by the body shape obtained by transforming the body-axis coordinate into wind-axis coordinates. This transformation is obtained by rotating the body-axis coordinate system in the plane of symmetry clockwise through the angle  $\alpha$  with the center of rotation at the center of the spherical cap, as shown in Figure 10. The windward ( $\theta = -90^\circ$ ) and leeward ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) streamlines are transformed into the equivalent bodies of revolution represented by the body coordinates in the wind-axis system. (See Figure 11). On the other hand, the streamline for  $\theta = 0^\circ$  is approximated by the body-axis coordinates of a meridian of the true body shape. The equivalent body of revolution for this streamline is, therefore, the same as the true body at  $\alpha = 0$ . Between  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ$  and  $\theta = 0^\circ$ , the streamlines for each radial angle  $\theta$  of interest are assumed to follow the equivalent bodies of revolution represented by

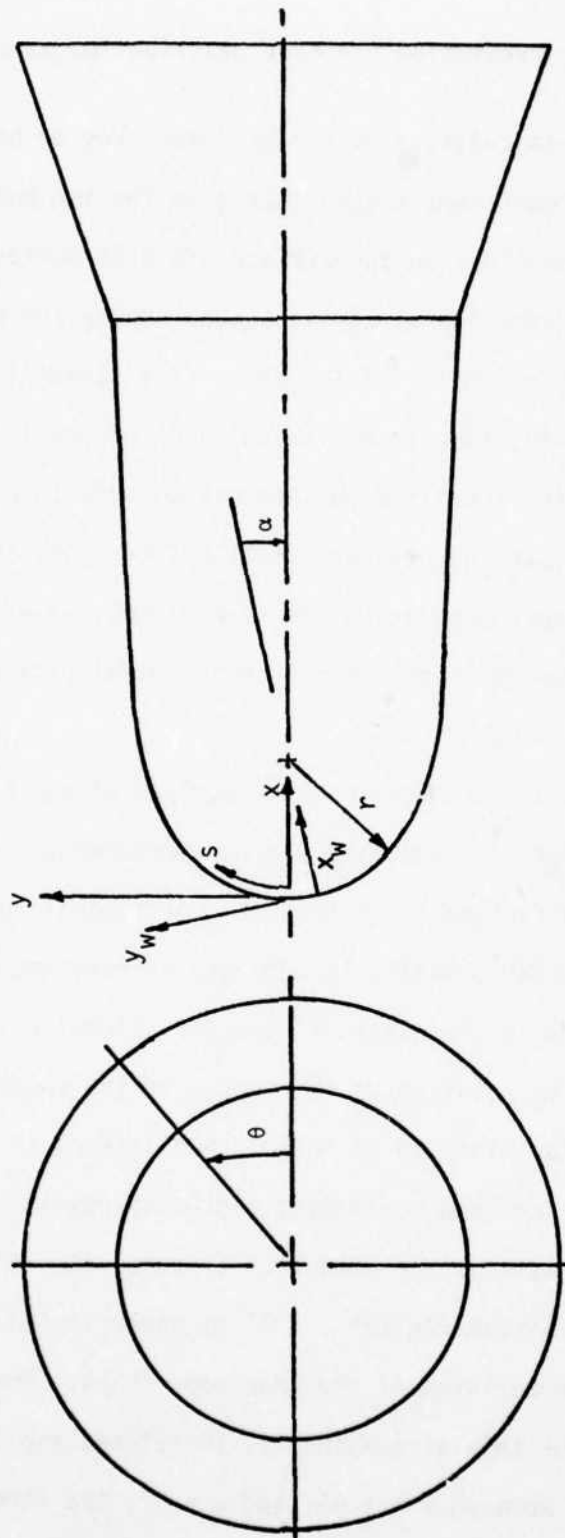


Figure 10. Axis Systems

$$X_w = (R_n - x)(1 - \cos \alpha) \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \sigma} + y \sin \alpha \sin \sigma + x \quad (26)$$

$$Y_w = -y(1 - \cos \alpha) \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \sigma} + (R_n - x) \sin \alpha \sin \sigma + y \quad (27)$$

Figure 11 illustrates these equivalent bodies of revolution representing the streamlines. As noted in Reference 4, this approximation requires  $\alpha$  to be small enough for the stagnation point to remain on the spherical cap, and also  $\alpha$  must be small enough for the coordinates of the equivalent body in the leeward plane ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) to remain positive.

For the analysis here, it was decided to modify the technique described above for  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ , but use the same technique for the windward ( $\theta = -90^\circ$ ) and leeward ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) planes of symmetry. One reason for the modification is that for  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$  the stagnation point on the equivalent bodies of revolution do not correspond to that on the true body. For example, at  $\theta = 0$ , Equations (26) and (27) place the stagnation point at the nose ( $x = 0, y = 0$ ) of the actual body instead of its actual location for  $\alpha > 0$ . Therefore, the method used herein is to assume that the streamlines on the spherical cap follow the meridian lines of the sphere in the wind-axis system up to the sphere-cone juncture. For the region downstream of this juncture, the streamlines are assumed to follow the meridian lines in the body-axis system. Although the approach used here downstream of the sphere-cone juncture is also an approximate method, the streamlines on the spherical cap are the correct ones up to the sonic point.

The cone pressure used in Equation (1) by Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> on each conical frustrum was the tangent cone pressure. For an axisymmetric body at  $\alpha > 0$ , the tangent cone is an equivalent cone whose slope is

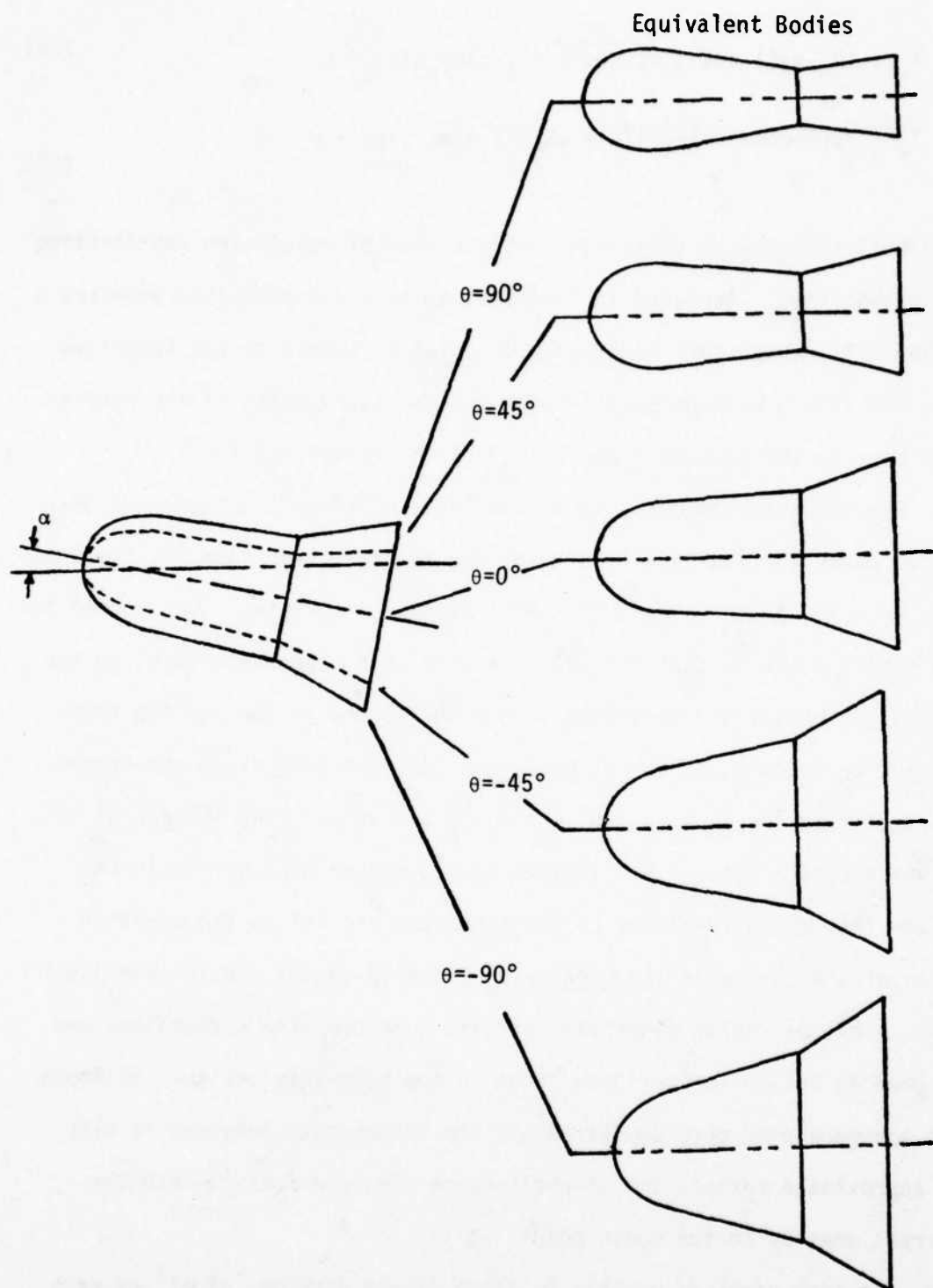


Figure 11. Typical Equivalent Body Shapes from Ref. 4

the same as the slope of the actual conical frustrum with respect to the wind axis system. The equivalent cone angle  $\delta_{eq}$  corresponding to a cone angle  $\delta$  is given by

$$\sin \delta_{eq} = \cos \alpha \sin \delta - \sin \alpha \cos \delta \sin \theta \quad (28)$$

It was found, however, that even for a pointed cone at  $\alpha > 0$ , the tangent cone pressure differed from the actual pressure, particularly at the lower supersonic Mach numbers. In order to get a more accurate pressure on the tangent cone at  $\alpha > 0$ , the tangent cone pressure was replaced by the following relation:

$$\frac{p_c}{p_\infty} - \left( \frac{p_c}{p_\infty} \right)_{\alpha=0} = \left( \frac{p}{p_\infty} \right)_{MN} - \left( \frac{p}{p_\infty} \right)_{MN, \alpha=0}$$

The second term on the left is the cone pressure at  $\alpha = 0$  whereas the two terms on the right are the modified Newtonian pressures at  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ , respectively. This equation gives the change in cone pressure with  $\alpha$  as the change in modified Newtonian pressure with  $\alpha$ . Since the modified Newtonian pressure is given by

$$\left( \frac{p}{p_\infty} \right)_{MN} = \left( \frac{p_t}{p_\infty} - 1 \right) \sin^2 \delta_{eq} + 1$$

and  $\delta_{eq} = \delta$  at  $\alpha = 0$ , then the pressure on the tangent cone at  $\alpha > 0$  becomes

$$\frac{p_c}{p_\infty} = \left( \frac{p_c}{p_\infty} \right)_{\alpha=0} + \left( \frac{p_t}{p_\infty} - 1 \right) \left( \sin^2 \delta_{eq} - \sin^2 \delta \right) \quad (29)$$



To test the accuracy of Equation (29), comparisons were made with "exact" numerical calculations<sup>14</sup> and experimental data<sup>15</sup>. Figure 12 shows the circumferential pressure variation on a pointed  $5^\circ$  cone at  $M_\infty = 3.5$  for  $\alpha = 0, 5^\circ$ , and  $10^\circ$ . At  $\alpha = 10^\circ$  the tangent cone method overpredicts the pressure about 15%, whereas Equation (29) is less than 1% above the "exact" calculation. Figure 13 compares the circumferential pressure coefficient determined from Equation (29) to experimental data for a  $9^\circ$  cone at  $\alpha = 12^\circ$  with  $M_\infty = 1.9$ . In the windward plane the tangent cone method overpredicts  $p/p_\infty$  by 20% while Equation (29) underpredicts it by 3%. Figure 14 compares the present theory and tangent cone method with "exact" numerical results in the windward plane for a  $9^\circ$  cone at  $M_\infty = 3.5$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 10^\circ$ . Here, also, Equation (29) was found to give better results than the tangent cone method. As the Mach number increases, the difference between the results from the two methods decrease. This fact is illustrated in Figure 15 for a  $20^\circ$  cone at  $M_\infty = 10$  for  $\alpha = 1^\circ, 5^\circ$ , and  $10^\circ$ .

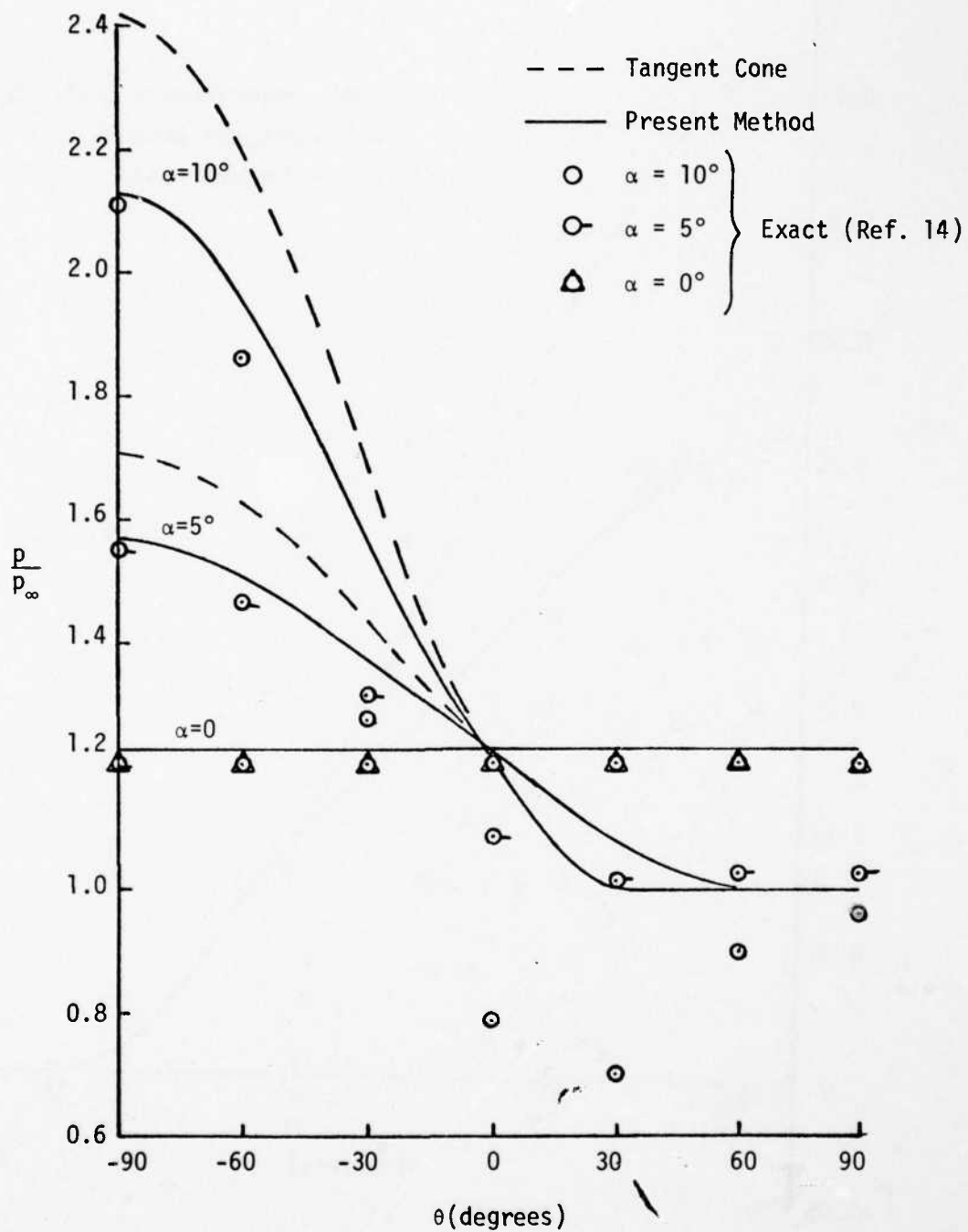


Figure 12. Circumferential Pressure Distribution Around Pointed 5° Cone,  $M_\infty=3.5$ ,  $\alpha=10^\circ$ ,  $5^\circ$ ,  $0^\circ$

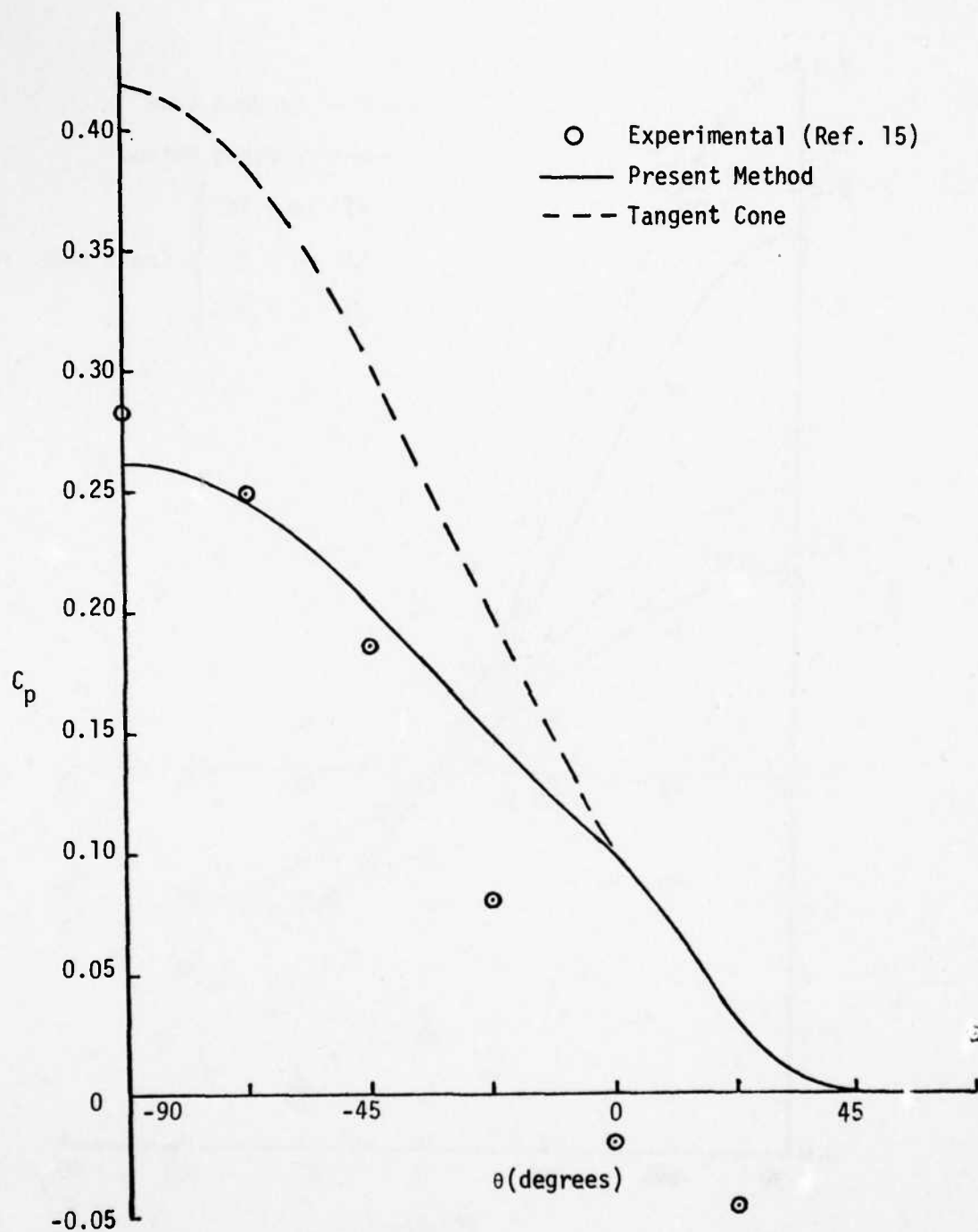


Figure 13. Circumferential Pressure Distribution Around Pointed 9° Cone,  $M_\infty=1.9$ ,  $\alpha=12^\circ$

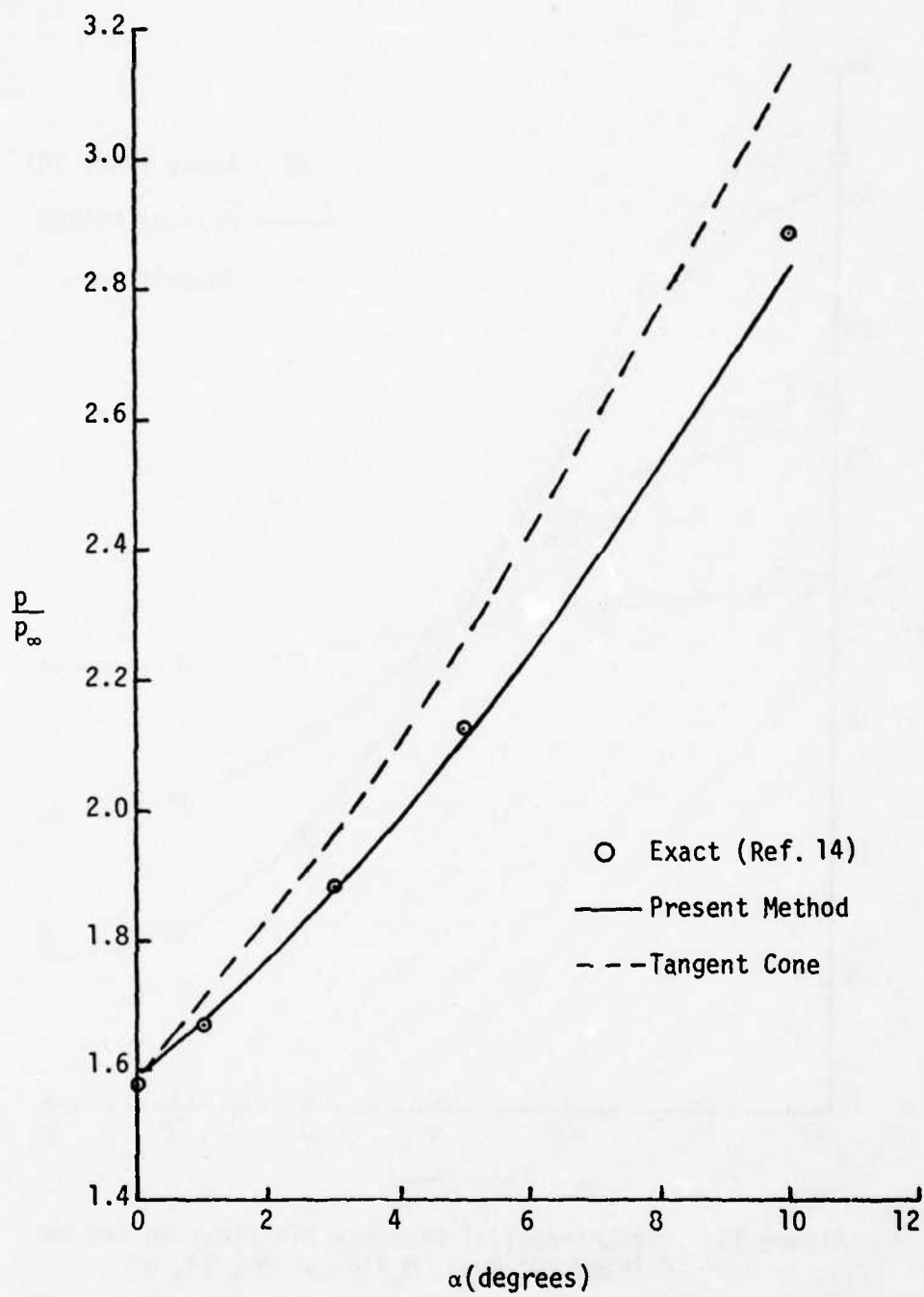


Figure 14. Pressure Distribution in Windward Plane of  $9^\circ$  Cone,  $M_\infty = 3.5$

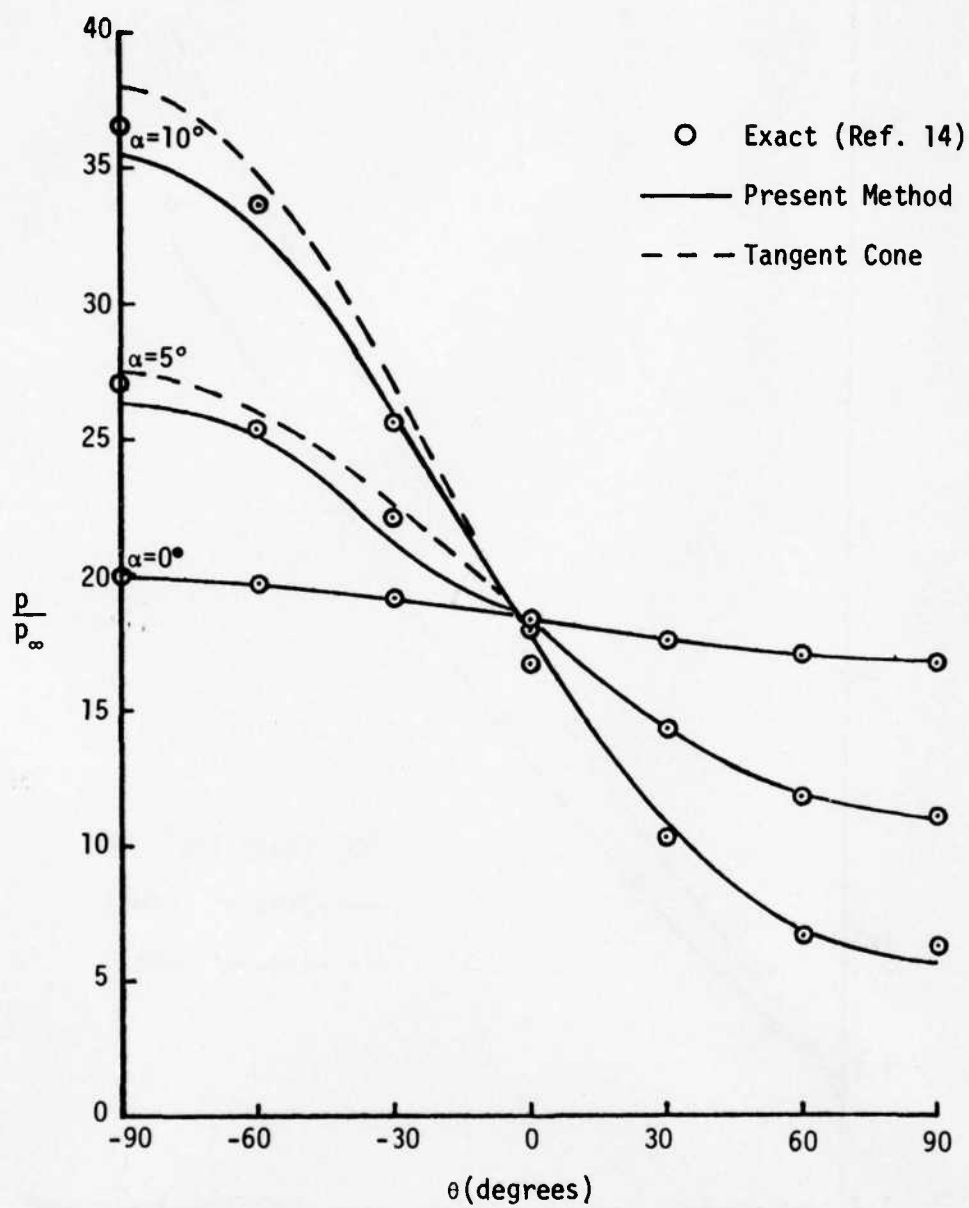


Figure 15. Circumferential Pressure Distribution Around Pointed  $20^\circ$  Cone,  $M_\infty=10$ ,  $\alpha=10^\circ, 5^\circ, 0^\circ$

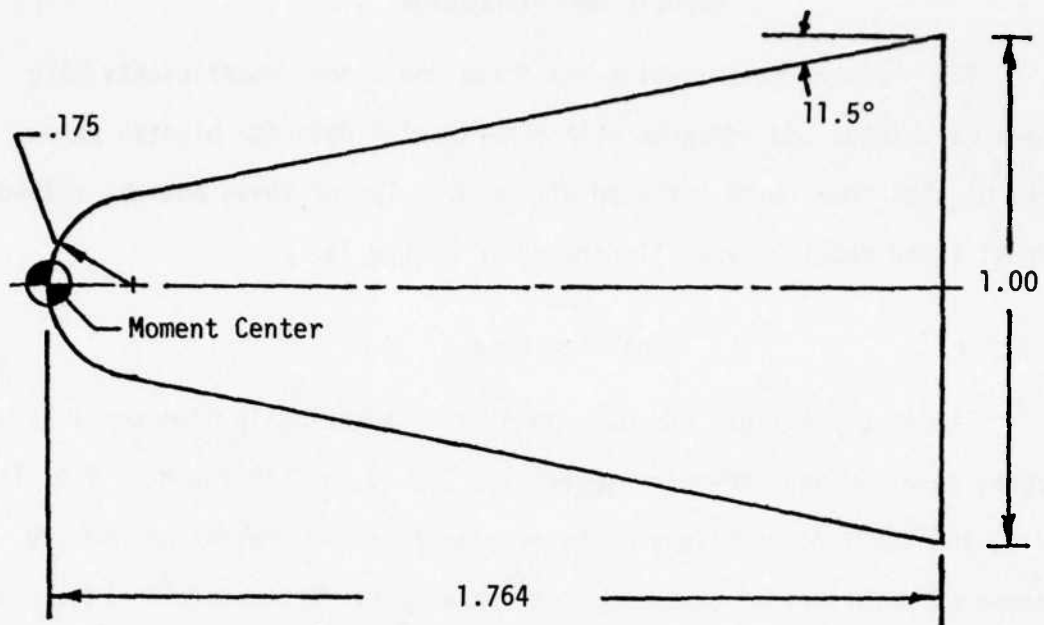
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The pressure distribution and force and moment coefficients have been calculated and compared with experimental data for blunted cones and blunted cones with a flared afterbody. Two of these bodies, called Model 1 and Model 2, are illustrated in Figure 16.

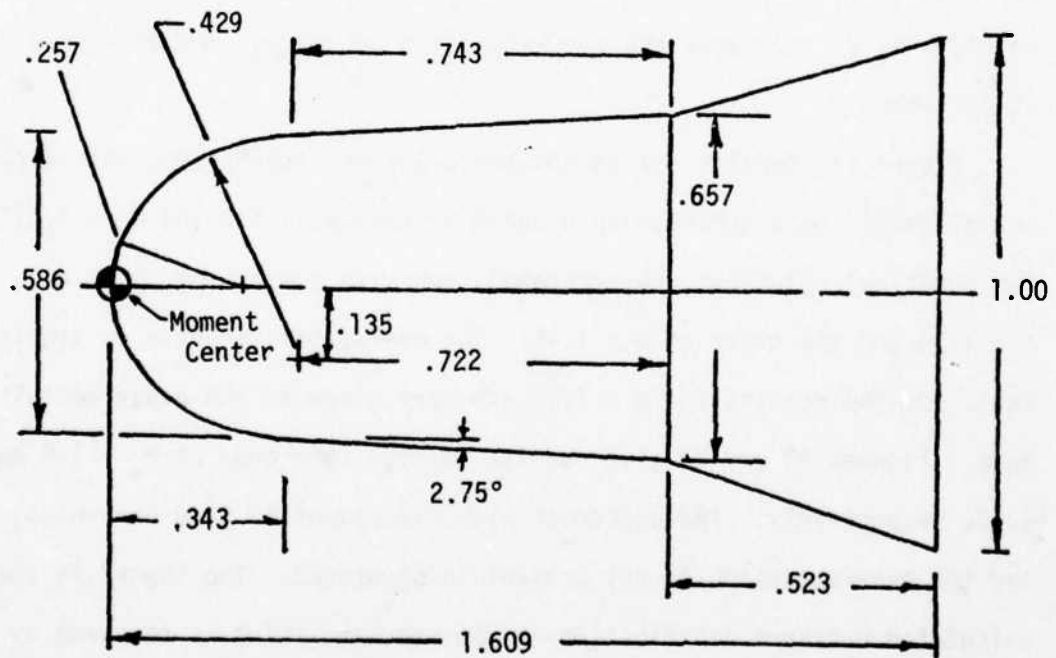
### Blunted Cones

Pressure distributions over Model 1, a spherically blunted  $11.5^\circ$  cone, at  $\alpha = 0$  are shown in Figures 17, 18, 19, and 20 for  $M_\infty = 1.5, 1.9, 2.3,$  and  $4.63$ , respectively. The results from the present method are compared with that of Jackson, et al<sup>4</sup> and experimental data<sup>4</sup>. Figure 17 and 18 indicate the capability of the present method to calculate the pressure over-expansion near the shoulder much better than Jackson's method. As  $M_\infty$  increases the over-expansion decreases, and at  $M_\infty = 4.63$  it vanishes.

Figure 21 compares the calculated pressure distribution with experimental data<sup>15</sup> on a spherically blunted  $9^\circ$  cone at  $\alpha = 0$  and  $M_\infty = 1.5$ . Two numerical solutions are presented, one with a matching point at  $M = 1.10$  and the other at  $M = 1.15$ . The over-expansion here is significant, and the results for  $M = 1.10$  are very close to the experimental data. Figures 22 and 23 give results for the same body at  $M_\infty = 1.9$  and  $4.63$ , respectively. The agreement with experiment is good here also, and the over-expansion is not present in Figure 23. The "hook" in the calculated pressure distribution at the matching point is the same as that observed in Figures 7, 8, and 9.



Model 1;  $d=0.572$  ft (0.174m)



Model 2;  $d=0.583$  ft (0.178 m)

Figure 16. Model Details (All Dimensions are Relative to Base Diameter)

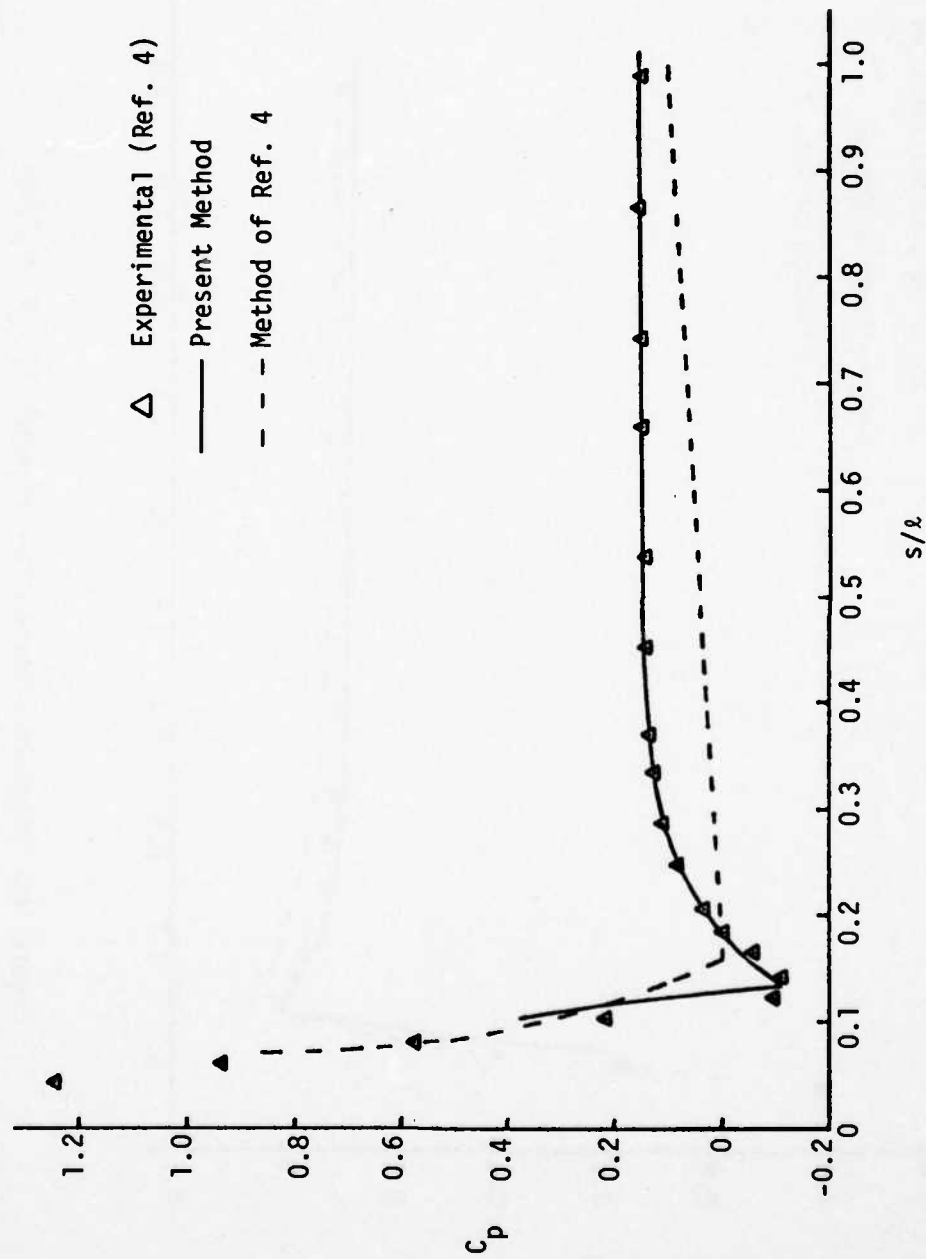


Figure 17. Pressure Distribution on Model 1,  $M_\infty = 1.5$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$



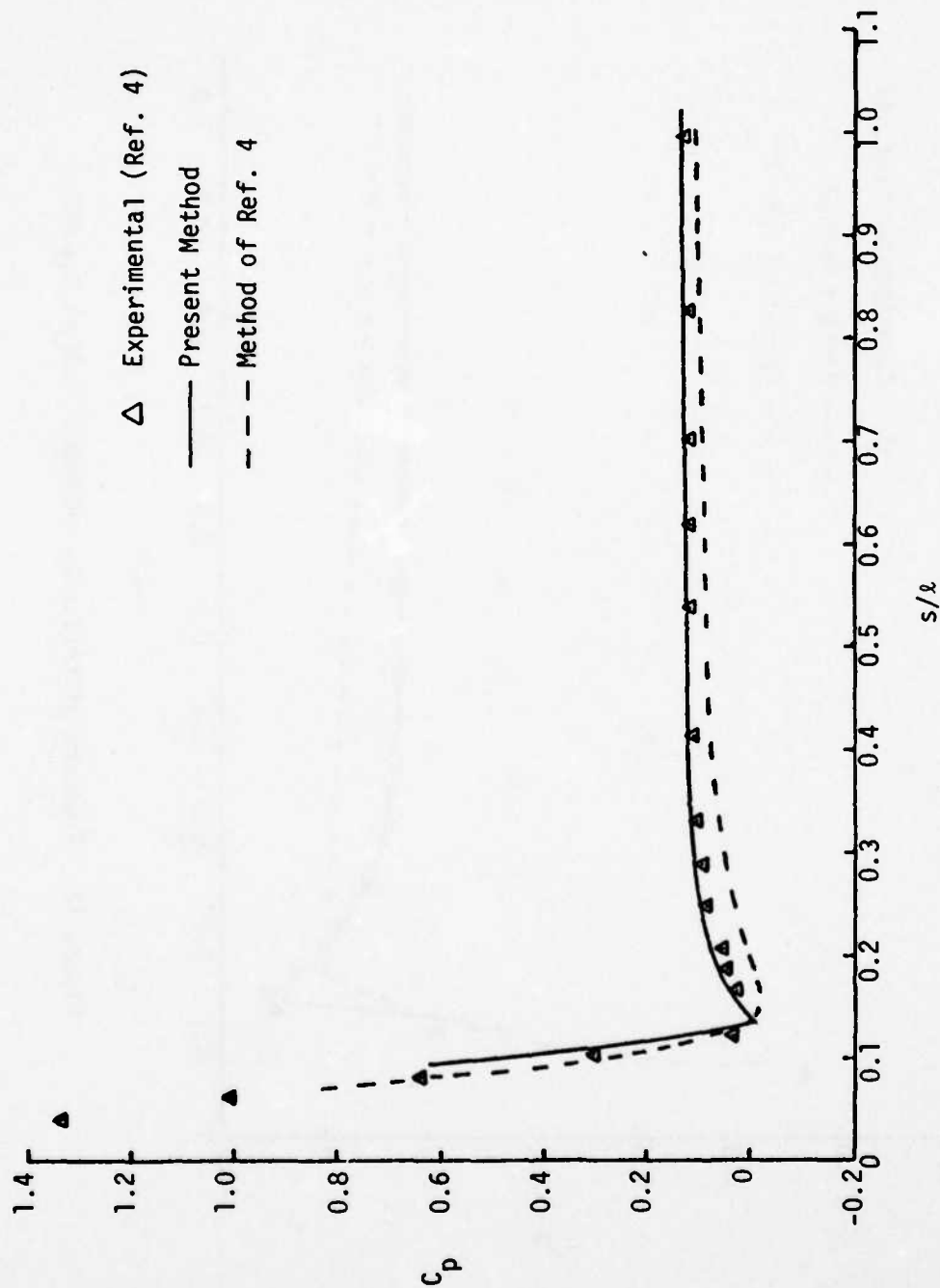


Figure 18. Pressure Distribution on Model 1,  $M_\infty=1.9$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$

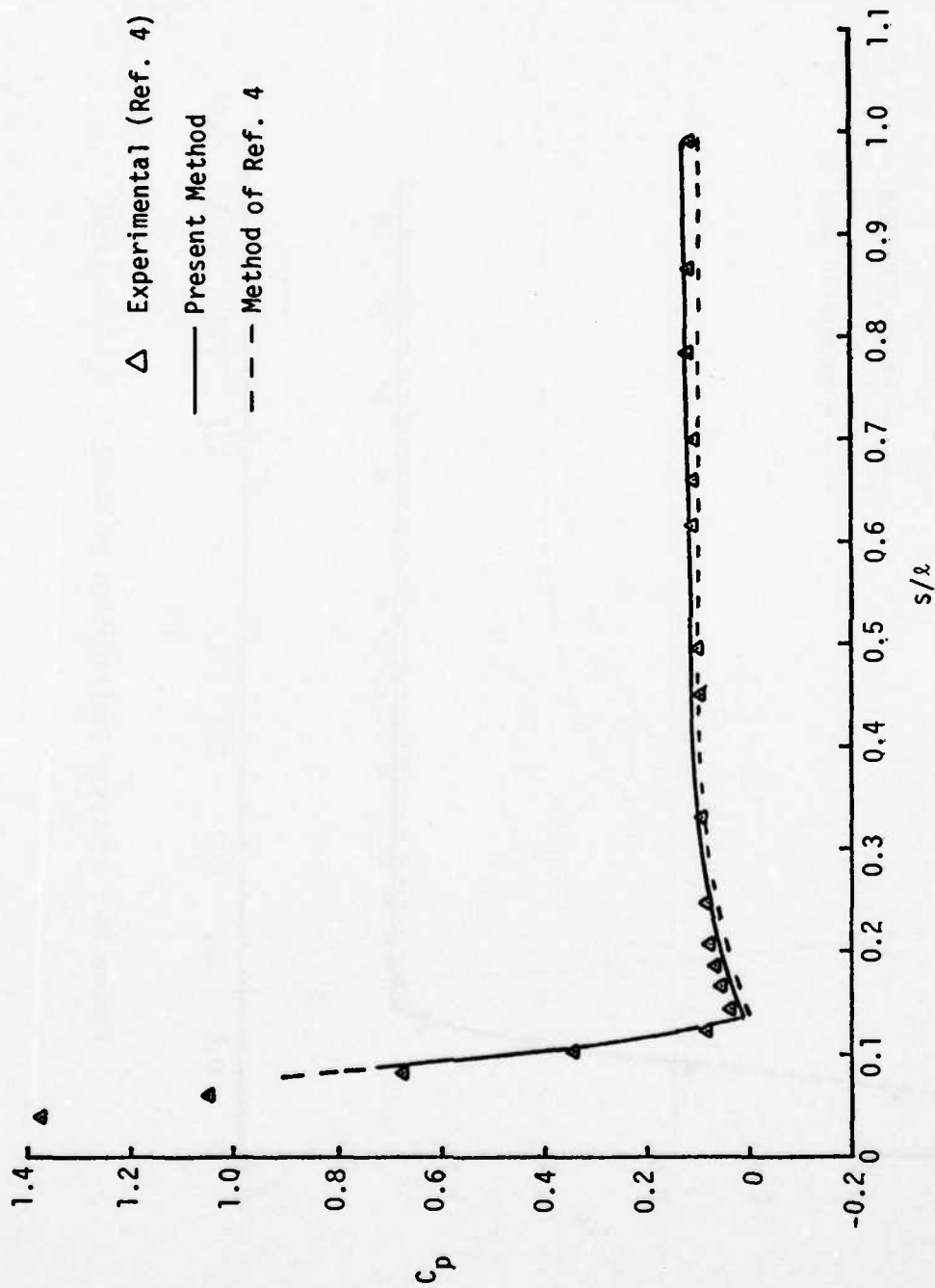


Figure 19. Pressure Distribution on Model 1,  $M_\infty = 2.3$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$

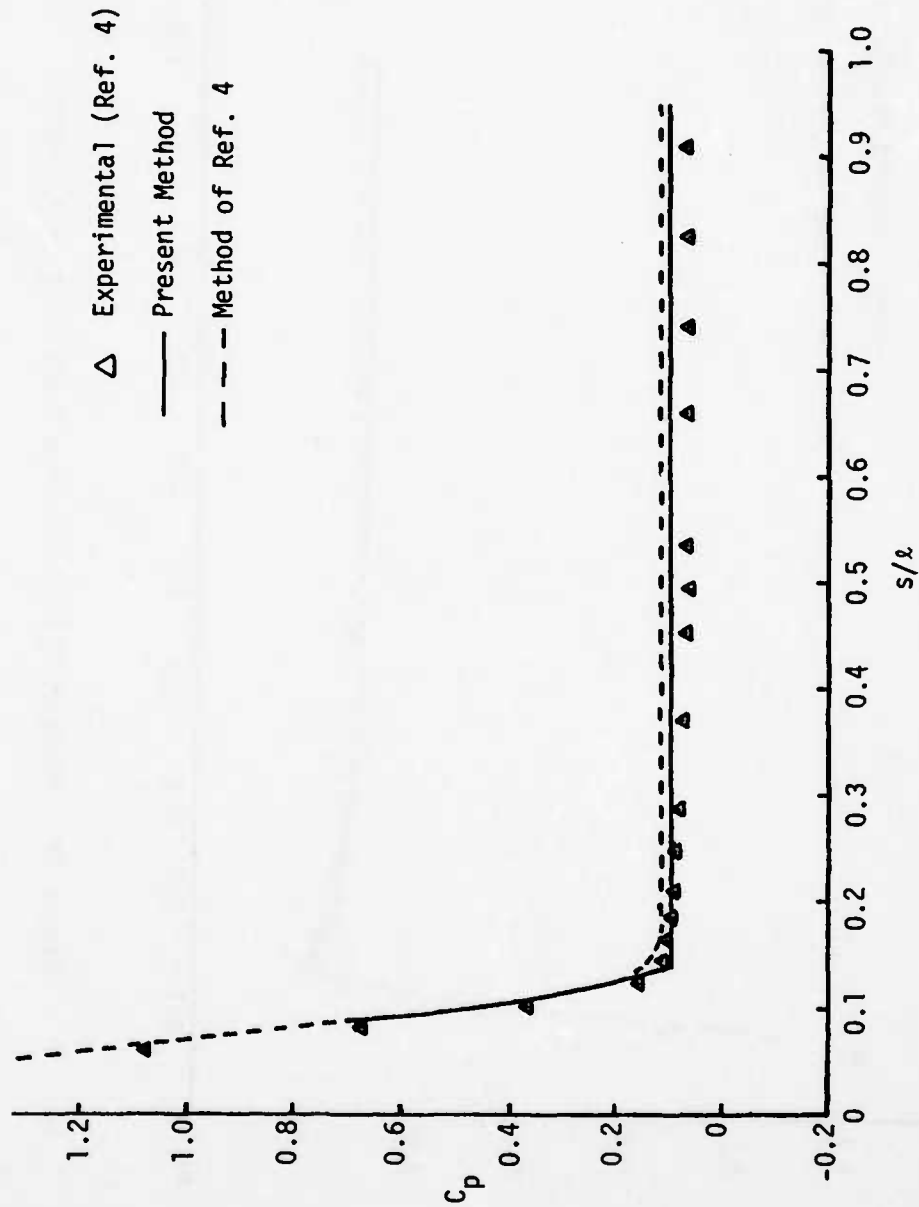


Figure 20. Pressure Distribution on Model 1,  $M_\infty=4.63$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$

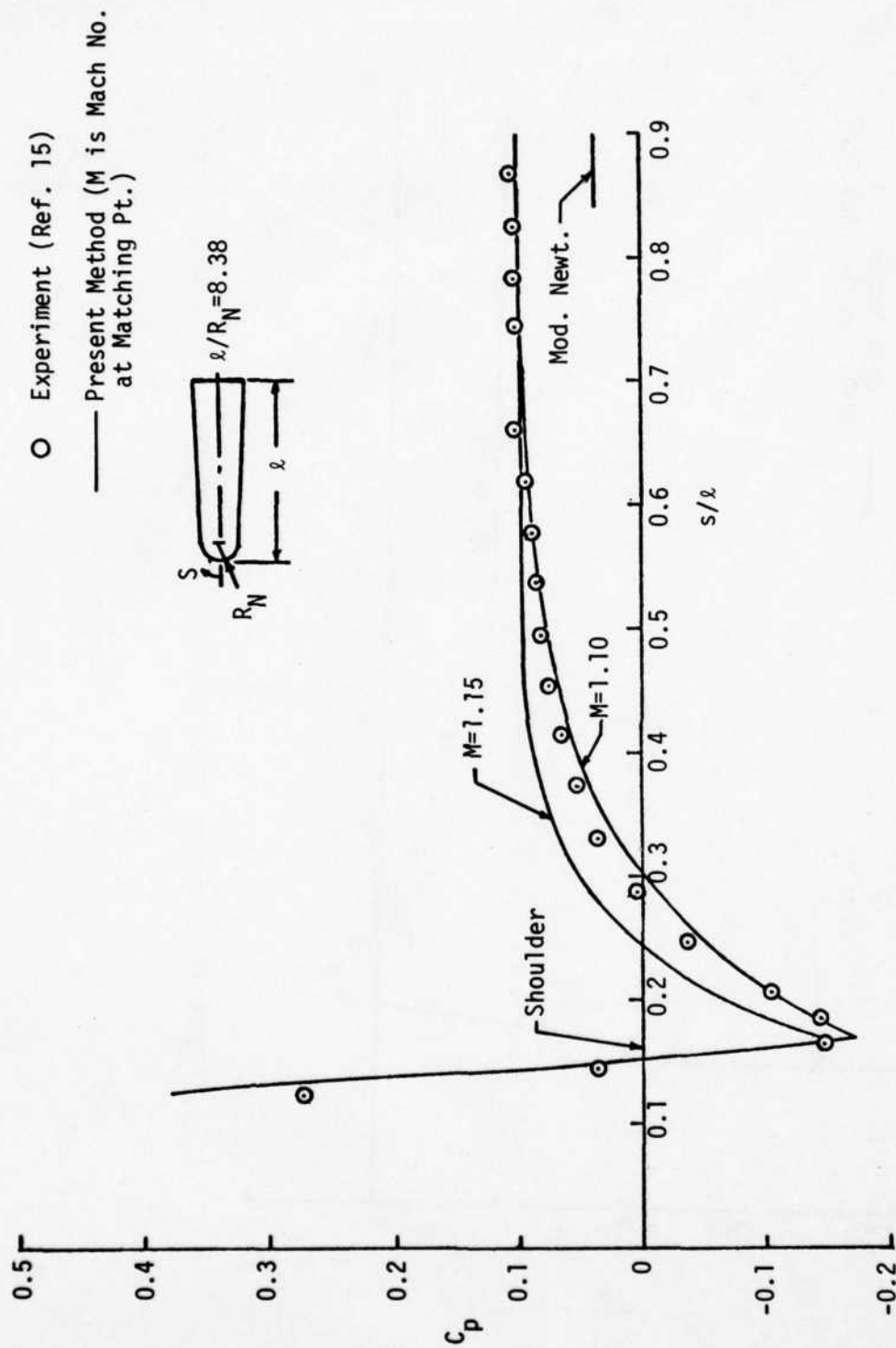


Figure 21. Pressure Distribution on Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c = 9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty = 1.5$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$

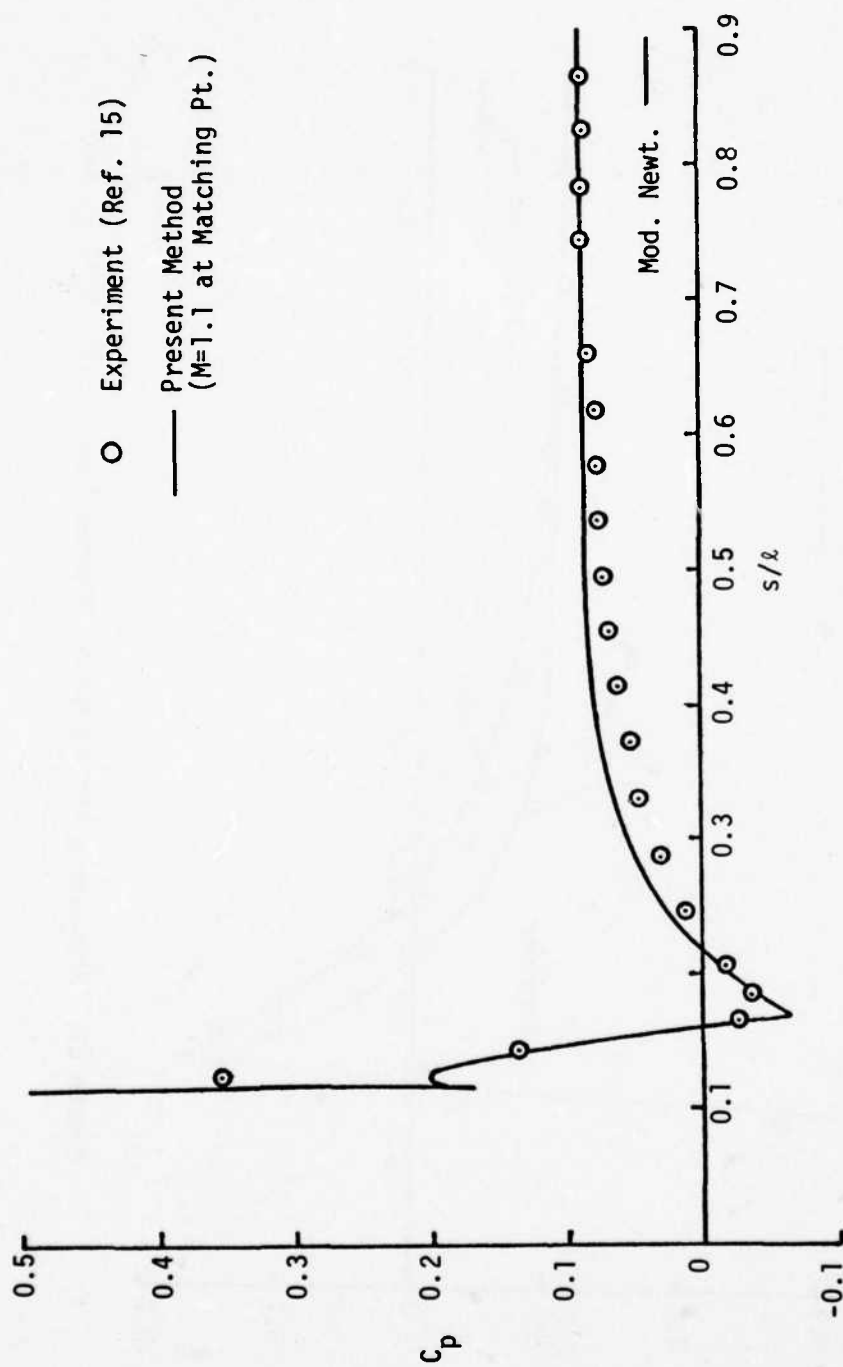


Figure 22. Pressure Distribution on Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c = 9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty = 1.9$ ,  $\alpha = 0$

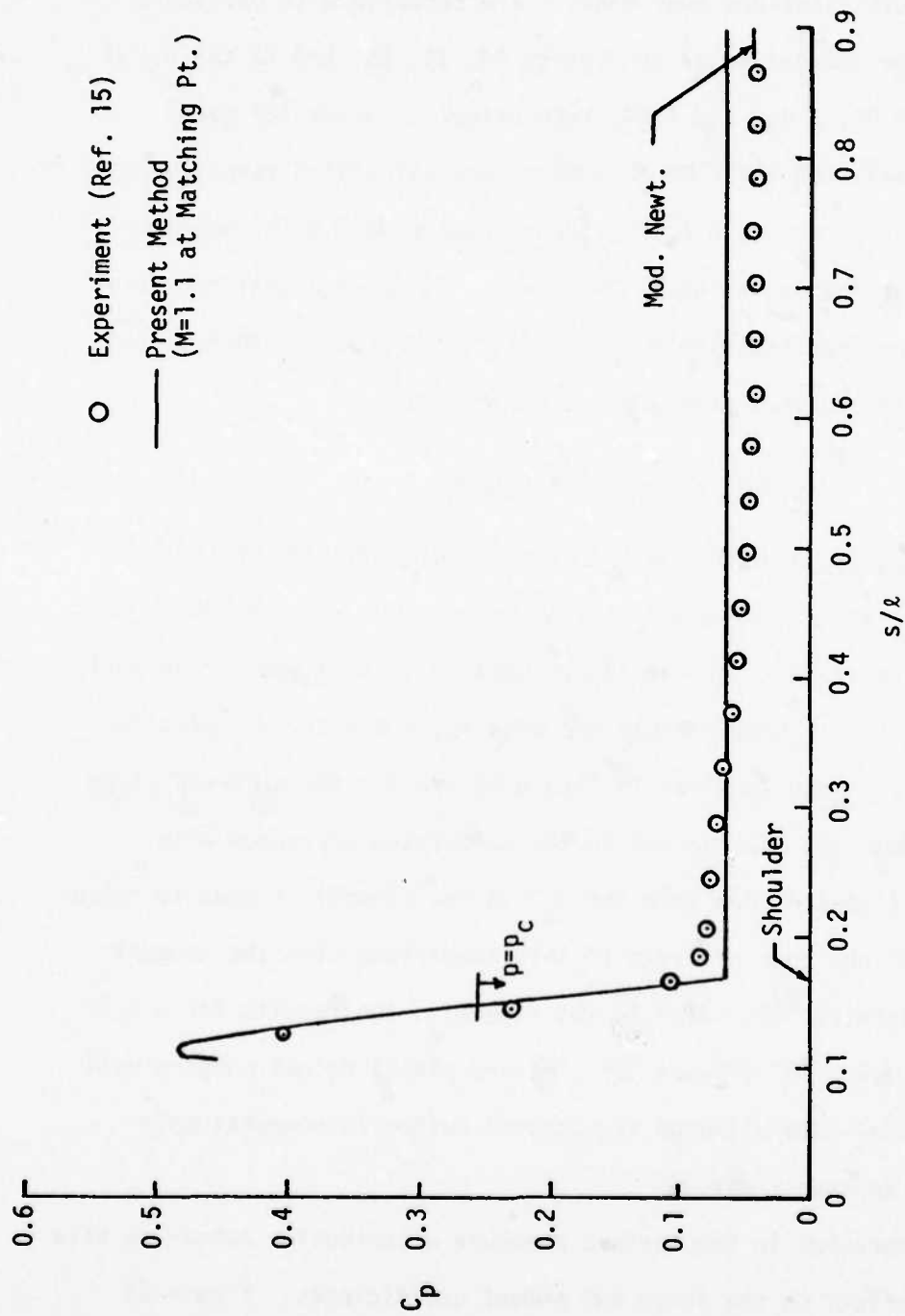


Figure 23. Pressure Distribution on Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c = 9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty = 4.63$ ,  $\alpha = 0$

### Blunted Cone-Flare

Pressure distributions over Model 2 are compared with Jackson's theory<sup>4</sup> and experimental data<sup>4</sup> in Figures 24, 25, 26, and 27 for  $\alpha = 0$  and  $M_\infty = 2.3, 2.96, 3.95, \text{ and } 4.63$ , respectively. Since the over-expansion is small for these Mach numbers, the calculated results are close to Jackson's results. Both methods compare well with experimental data except near the beginning of the flare. It appears that boundary-layer separation occurs upstream of the flare and thus the theory does not calculate the correct pressure in this region.

### Effect of Angle of Attack

Figures 28, 29, and 30 show the pressure distribution on the blunted  $9^\circ$  cone at  $\alpha = 12^\circ$  and  $M_\infty = 1.5$  for  $\theta = -90^\circ, 0^\circ, \text{ and } 90^\circ$ . This example is a severe test for the theory because it is a small cone angle at an angle of attack greater than the cone angle and a low supersonic Mach number. The results given in Figure 28 are for the windward plane ( $\theta = -90^\circ$ ). Note the improvement in the calculated pressures when Equation (29) (labeled "new soln for  $p_c$ " in the figure) is used to calculate the equivalent cone pressure ( $p_c$ ) in comparison with the tangent cone method (labeled "old soln" in the figure). The results for  $\theta = 0^\circ$  (Figure 29) and  $\theta = 90^\circ$  (Figure 30) (leeward plane) do not compare well with experimental data although the present method is somewhat more accurate than Jackson's method.

The inaccuracies in the surface pressure distribution appear to have only a small effect on the force and moment coefficients. Figure 31 gives the coefficients of pitching moment ( $C_M$ ), normal ( $C_N$ ), and axial force ( $C_A$ ) as a function of angle of attack for Models 1 and 2. This

figure, the same results as Jackson's method, and the modified Newtonian theory predicts accurate results. However, this fact cannot, in general, be stated for other bodies over the Mach number range of interest.



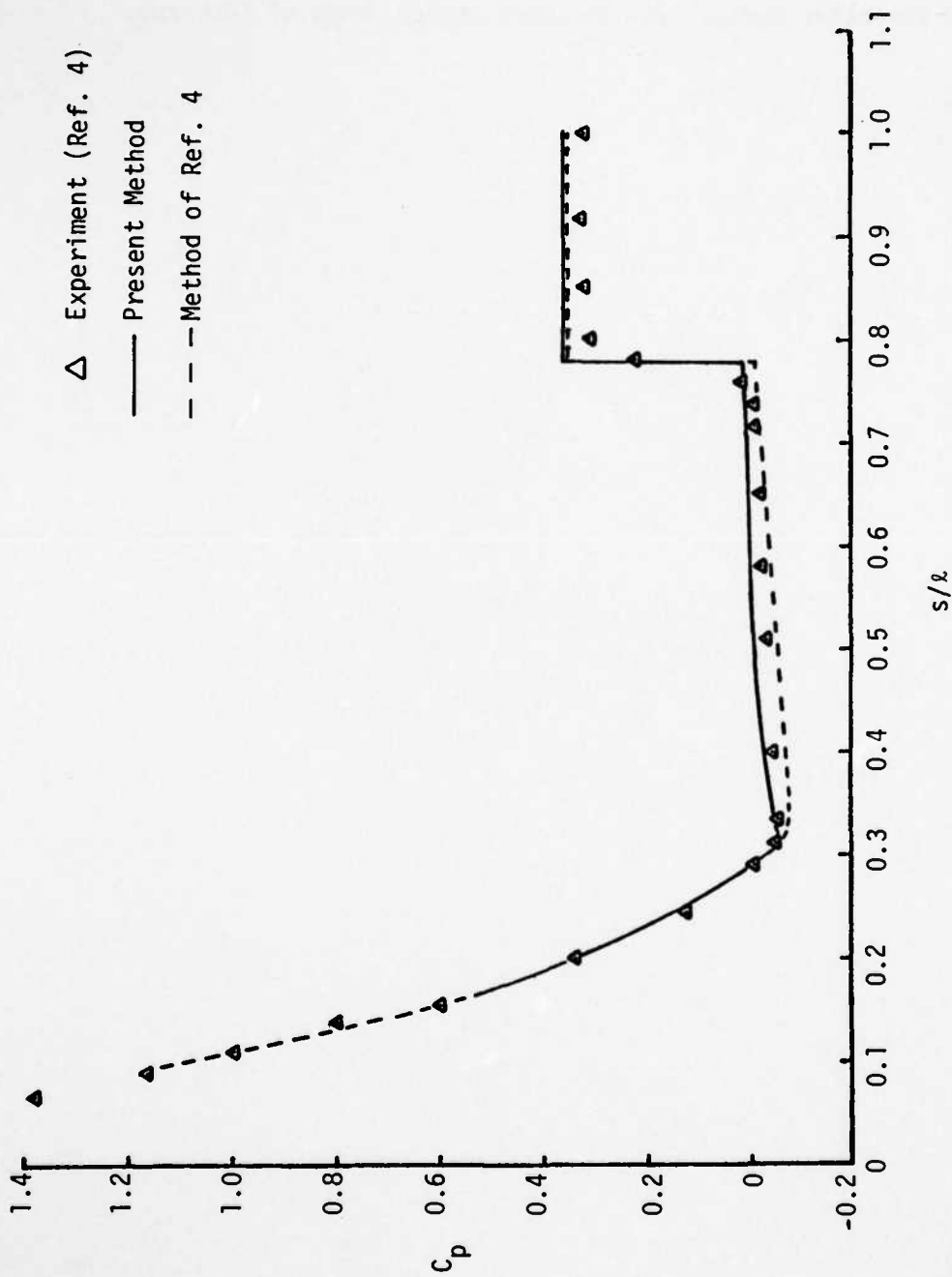


Figure 24. Pressure Distribution on Model 2,  $M_\infty=2.3$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$

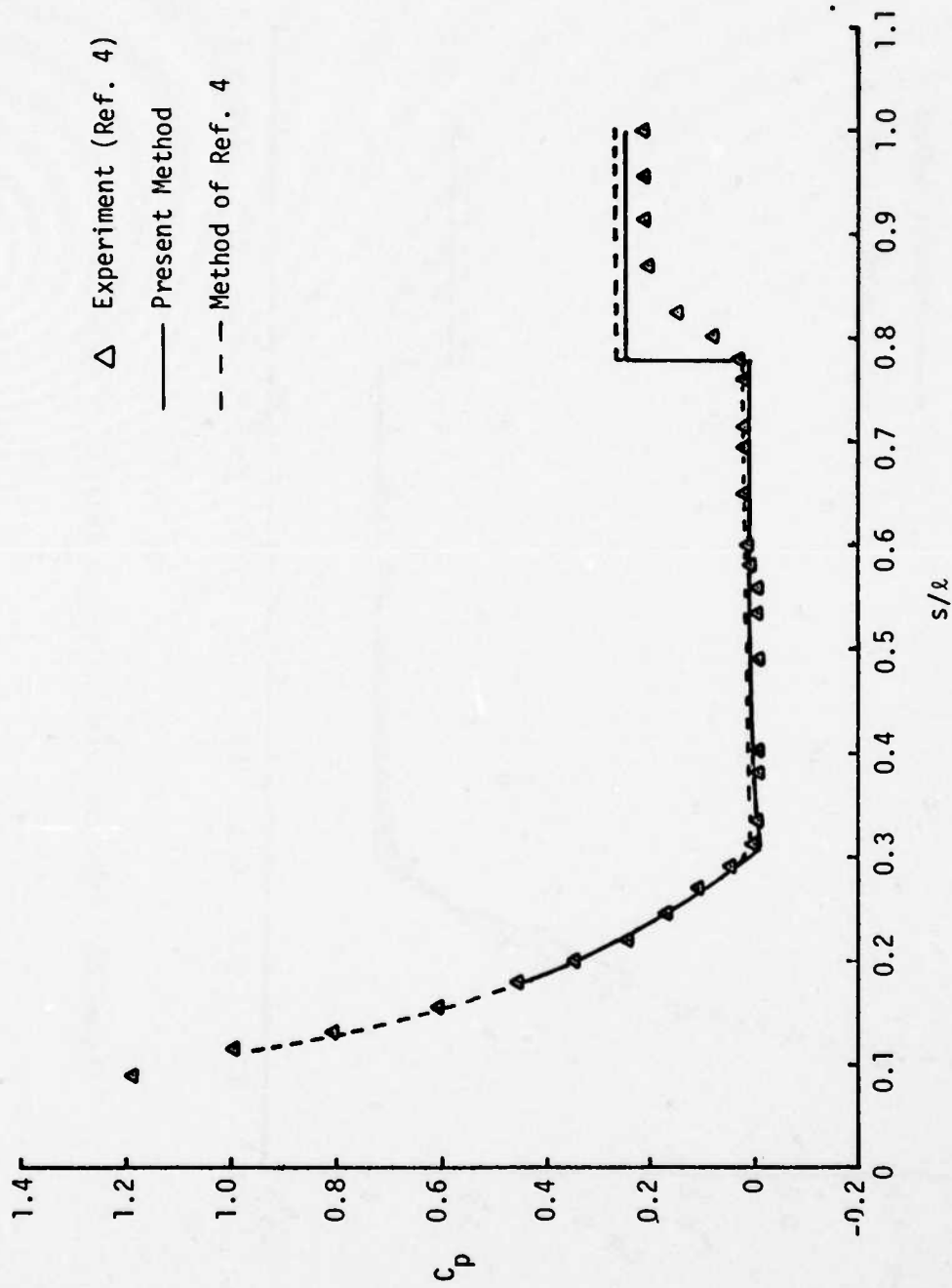


Figure 25. Pressure Distribution on Model 2,  $M_\infty=2.96$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$

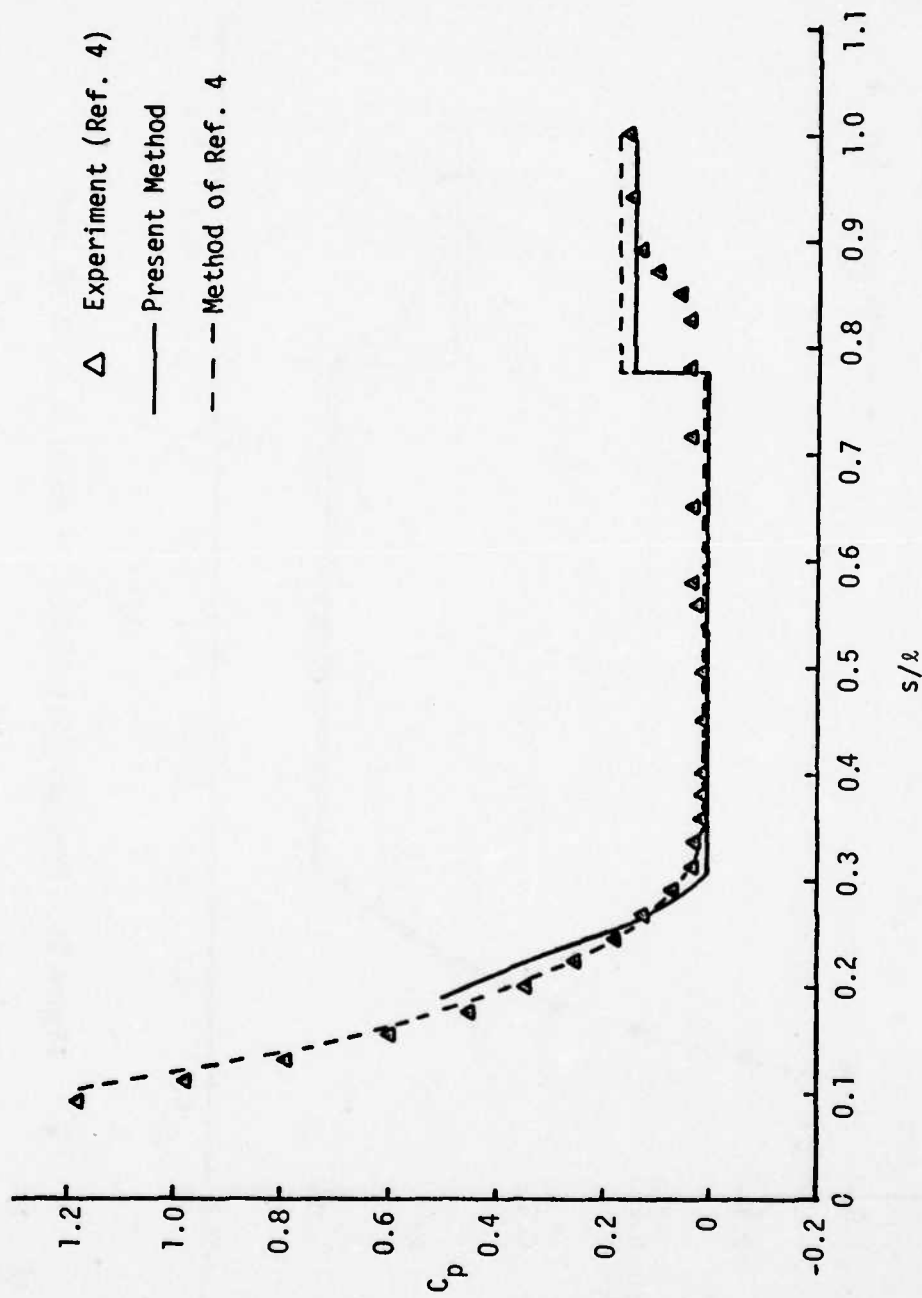


Figure 26. Pressure Distribution on Model 2,  $M_\infty=3.95$ ,  $\alpha=0$

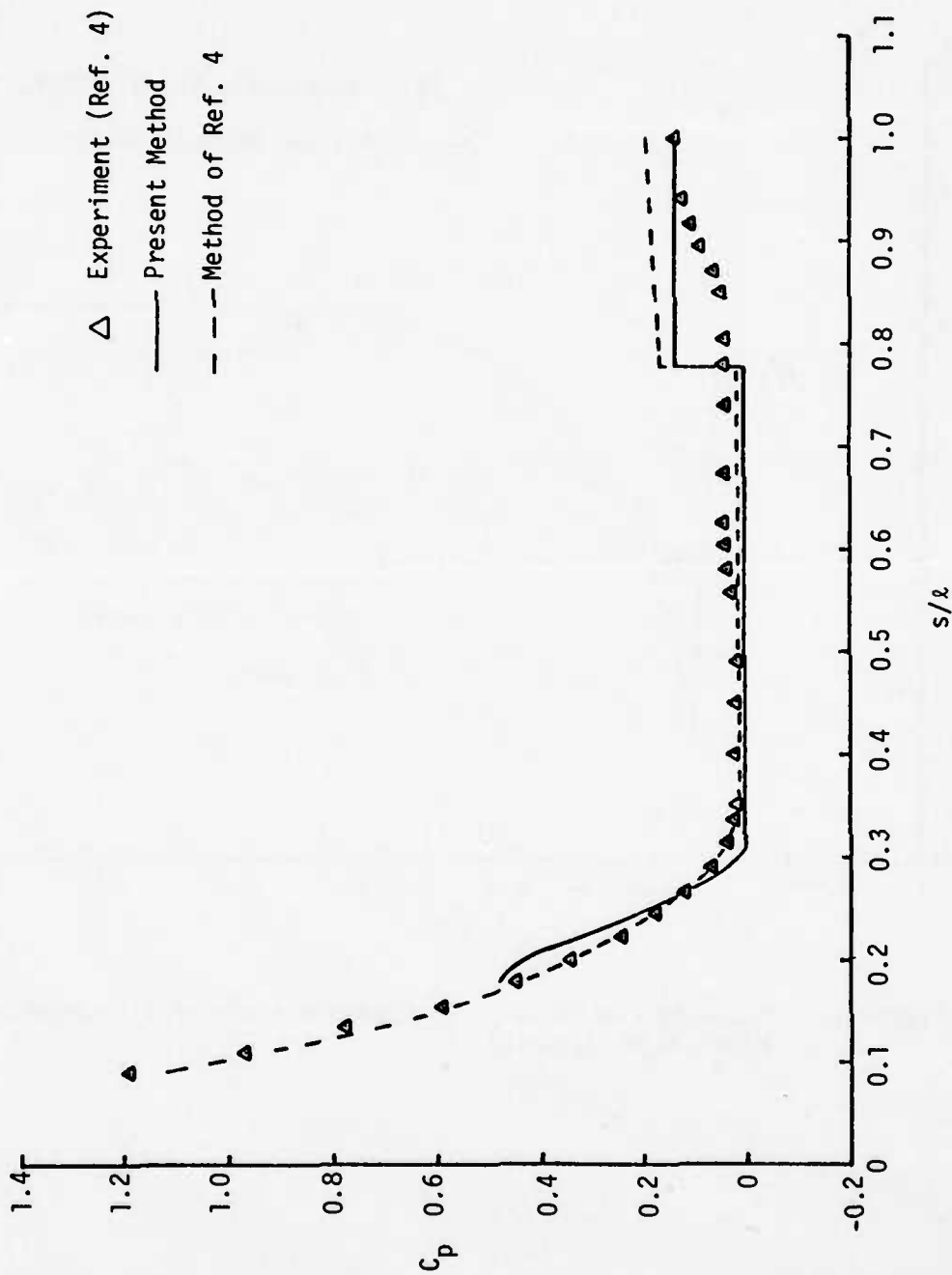


Figure 27. Pressure Distribution on Model 2,  $M_\infty = 4.63$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$

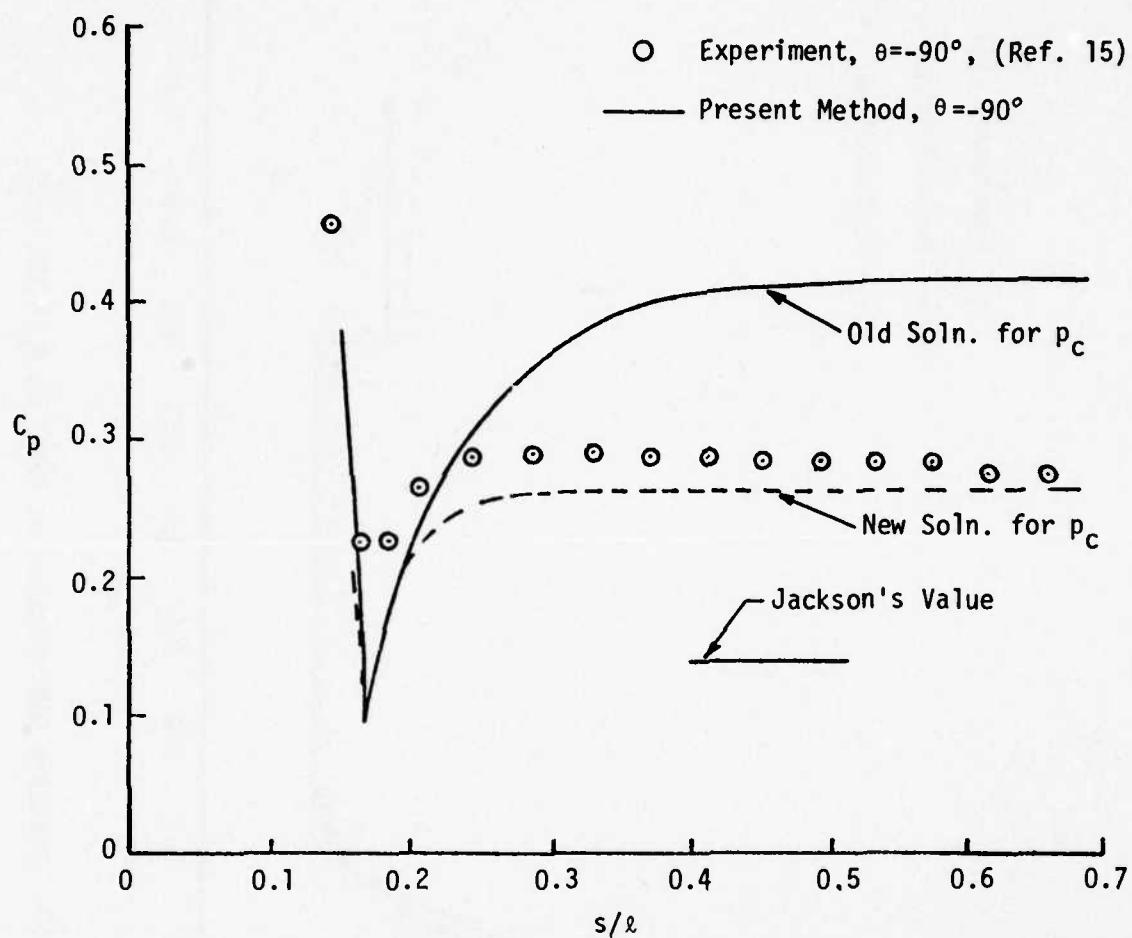


Figure 28. Pressure Distribution in Windward Plane of a Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c = 9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty = 1.5$ ,  $\alpha = 12^\circ$

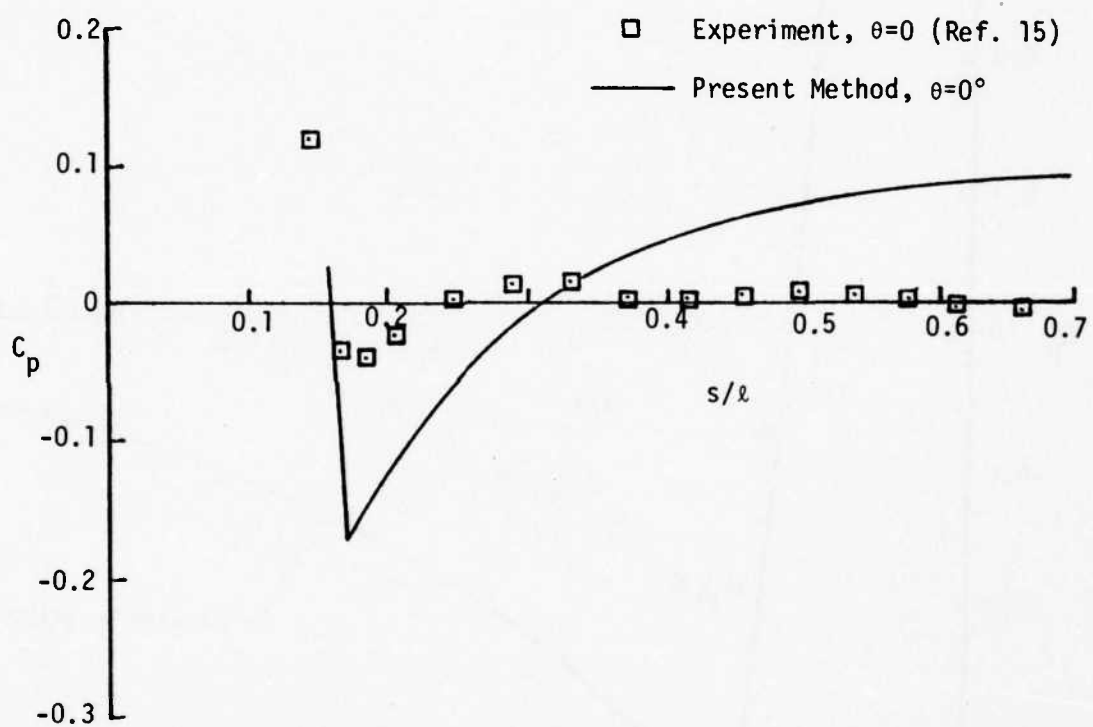


Figure 29. Pressure Distribution on Side Meridian of a Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c=9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty=1.5$ ,  $\alpha=12^\circ$

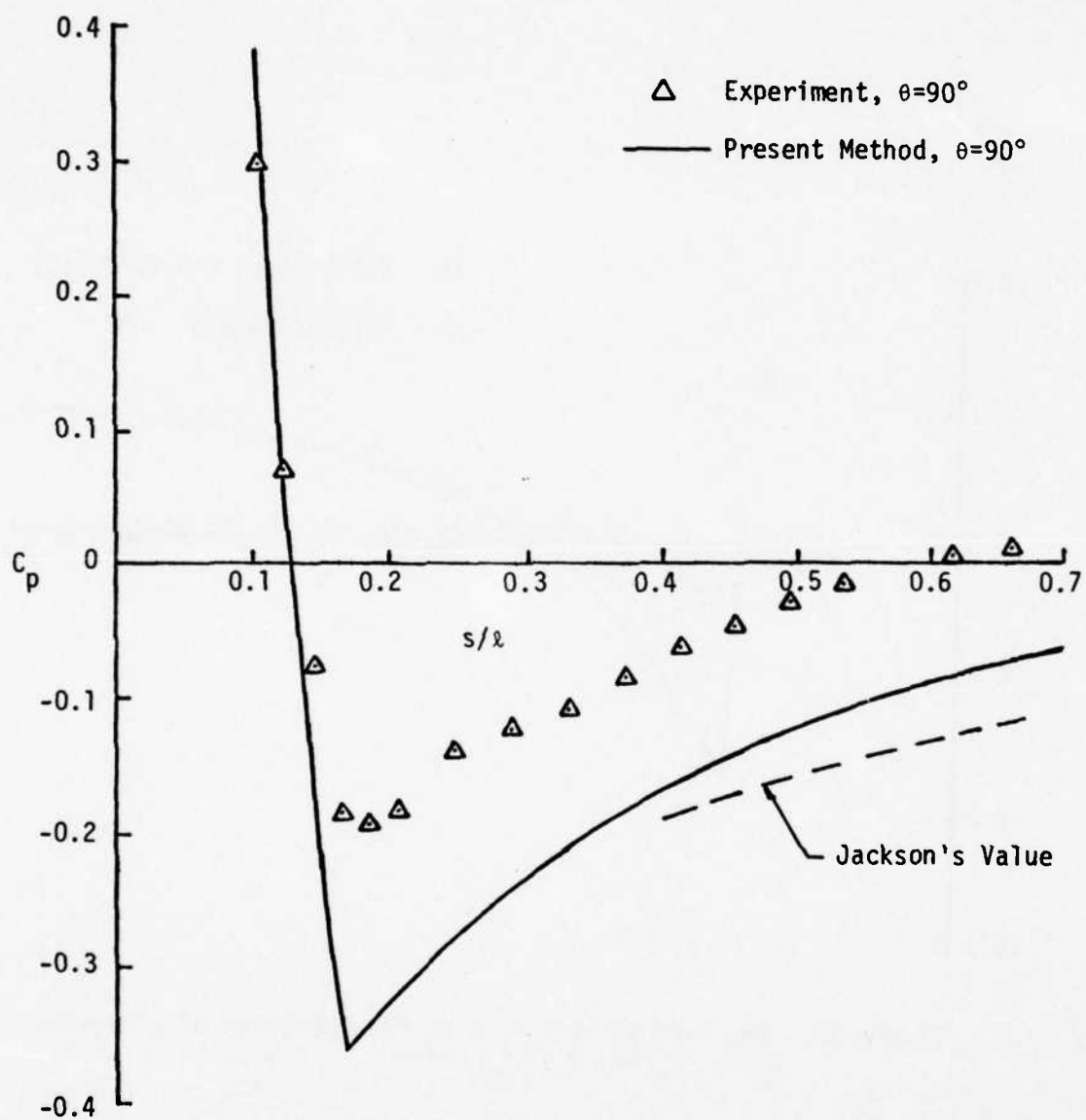


Figure 30. Pressure Distribution in Leeward Plane of a Blunted Cone,  $\delta_c=9^\circ$ ,  $M_\infty=1.5$ ,  $\alpha=12^\circ$

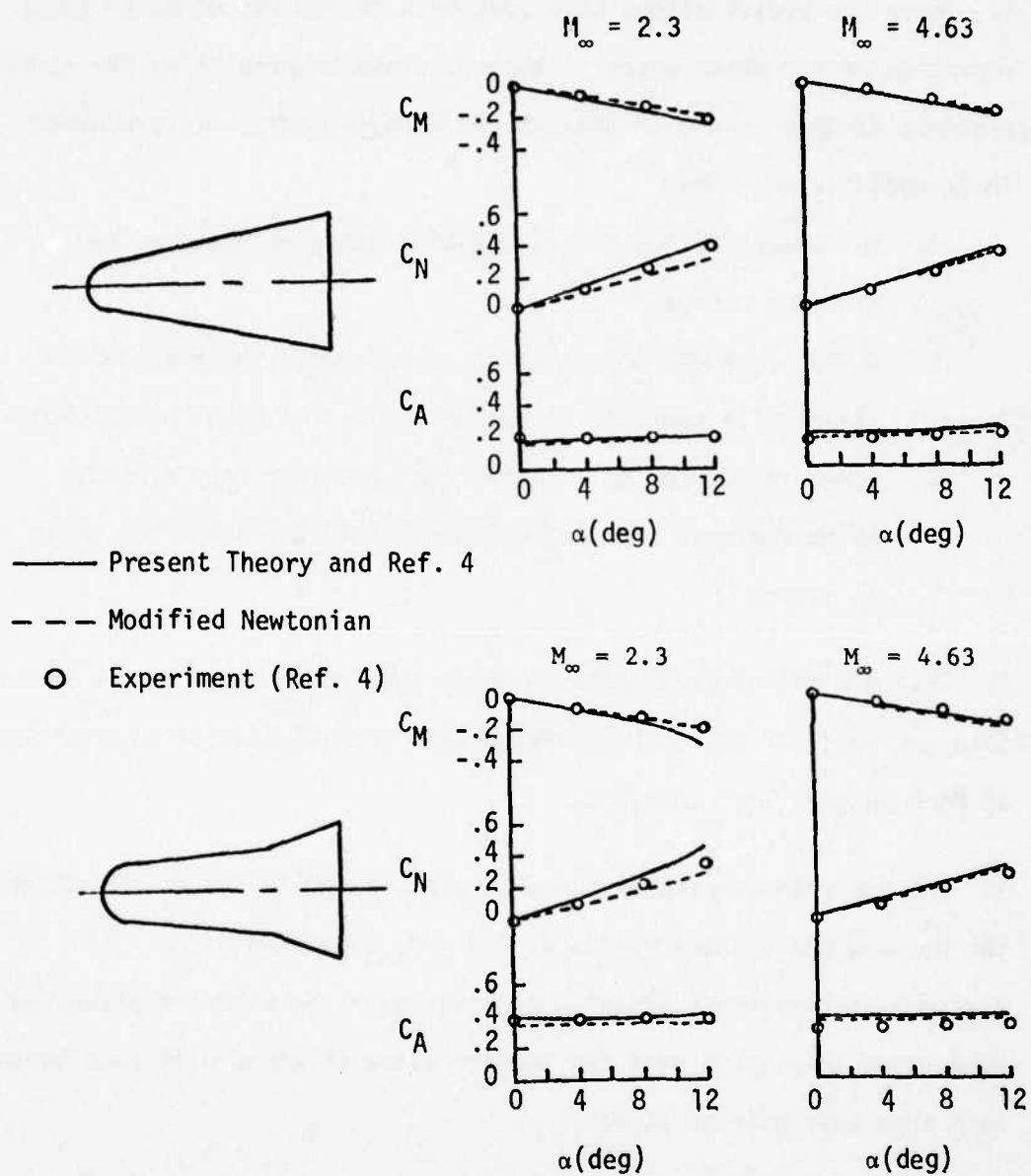


Figure 31. Comparison of Theory and Experiment for Models 1 and 2



## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Three new modifications have been made to the second-order shock-expansion method which makes it more accurate in predicting the surface pressure distribution over pointed and blunted bodies of revolution.

These modifications are:

- A. An "exact" method for calculating the pressure gradient around a corner.
- B. A new procedure for matching second-order shock-expansion theory with modified Newtonian theory for blunt nosed bodies.
- C. A new method for calculating the effective cone pressure which replaces the tangent-cone method for bodies at angle of attack.

2. This new method gives results which compare well with experimental data and predicts the over-expansion near the shoulder of blunted cones at Mach numbers less than 2.0.

3. The new method has been found to yield accurate forces and moments for pointed and blunted bodies at  $1.5 \leq M_\infty \leq 4.63$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 12^\circ$ . Pressure distributions are also accurate near the windward plane, but tend to be inaccurate near the leeward plane of cones with cone angles less than the angle of attack.

4. It is recommended that additional results be calculated and compared with experimental data to determine the accuracy of the method at Mach numbers as low as 1.2. Also, modifications to the angle of attack solution are needed if accurate pressure near the leeward plane are desired.

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## APPENDIX A

### Evaluation of Distance Along a Streamline at a Corner

In order to determine the "exact" pressure gradient downstream of a corner, the differential of length along a streamline is needed. Referring to Figure A1,

$$ds_A = \frac{a \, d\beta}{\sin \mu} \quad (A1)$$

$$d\beta = -d\delta_0 - d\mu = dv - d\mu$$

Thus, Equation (A1) becomes

$$\frac{ds_A}{d\delta_0} = \frac{a}{\sin \mu} \left( \frac{d\mu}{dv} - 1 \right) \quad (A2)$$

But from the definition of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  it follows that

$$\frac{d\mu}{dv} = +1 - \frac{\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right) M^2}{(M^2-1)} \quad (A3)$$

Use this result in Equation (A2) to get

$$\frac{ds_A}{d\delta_0} = -a \frac{\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right) M^3}{(M^2-1)} \quad (A4)$$

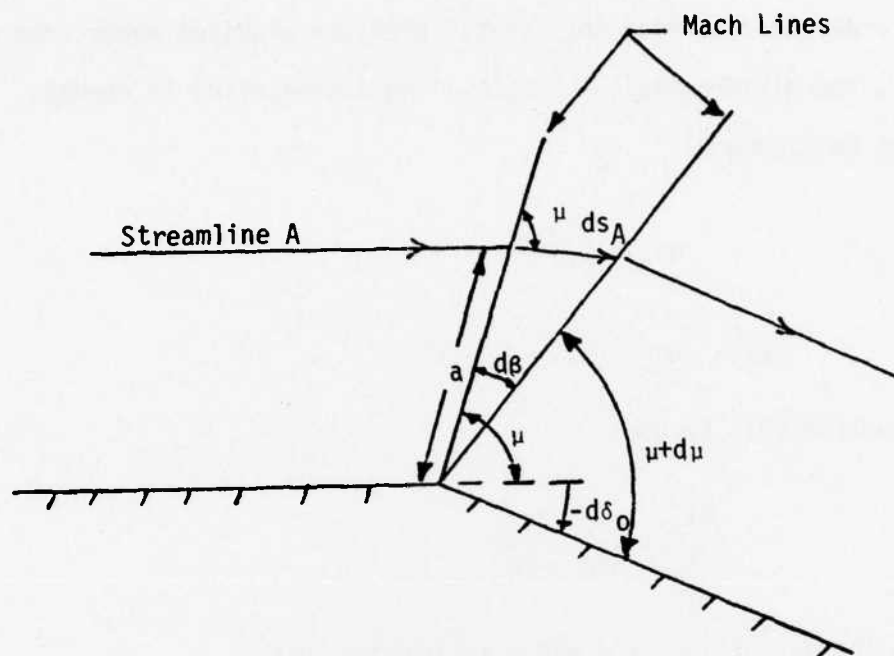


Figure A1. Arc Length Around a Corner

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

a	distance from body to streamline A
B	function defined by Equation (4)
$C_A$	axial-force coefficient
$C_M$	pitching-moment coefficient
$C_N$	normal-force coefficient
$C_p$	pressure coefficient, $C_p = 2(p-p_\infty)/(\rho_\infty v_\infty^2)$
$C_1, C_2$	characteristic coordinate
$l$	body length (calibers)
M	Mach number
n	coordinate normal to a streamline (calibers)
p	static pressure (dyne/cm <sup>2</sup> )
$p_t$	total pressure at stagnation point (dyne/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Q	function defined by Equation (17)
r	radius of body of revolution (calibers)
R	body radius of curvature (calibers)
s	coordinate along a streamline (calibers)
x	coordinate along body axis (calibers)
y	coordinate normal to x in plane of symmetry, see Figure 10 (calibers)
$\alpha$	angle of attack (degrees)
$\gamma$	ratio of specific heats (1.4 for air)
$\delta$	flow inclination angle and cone angle (degrees)
$\eta$	function defined by Equation (2)
$\theta$	meridian angle, see Figure 10 (degrees)
$\lambda$	function defined by Equation (5)
$\mu$	Mach angle, $\mu = \sin^{-1}(1/M)$
$\nu$	Prandtl-Meyer expansion angle (degrees)

$\phi$	angle on sphere measured from nose (degrees), see Figure 7
$\Omega$	ratio of cross-sectional area of streamtube to that at $M=1$ , see Equation (6)

#### Subscripts

1	condition at start of Prandtl-Meyer Expansion
2	condition at end of Prandtl-Meyer Expansion
o	surface streamline
$o_1$	beginning of the expansion on the surface
A	streamline off the surface
c	quantities evaluated for cone tangent to the body
eq	refers to equivalent cone quantities
MN	modified Newtonian value
N	nose
w	refers to wind axes
$\infty$	free stream conditions

#### Superscripts

*	evaluated where $M=1$
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