

From these figures, and the corresponding curves of Figs. 212 and 213, it appears that for any given value of β , the maximum efficiency is attained when α is almost exactly equal to $\beta \div 2$. The maximum attainable hydraulic efficiency falls off as β and α are increased; but for values of β between 30° and 60° the effect is not large. The values of the peripheral velocity for entry

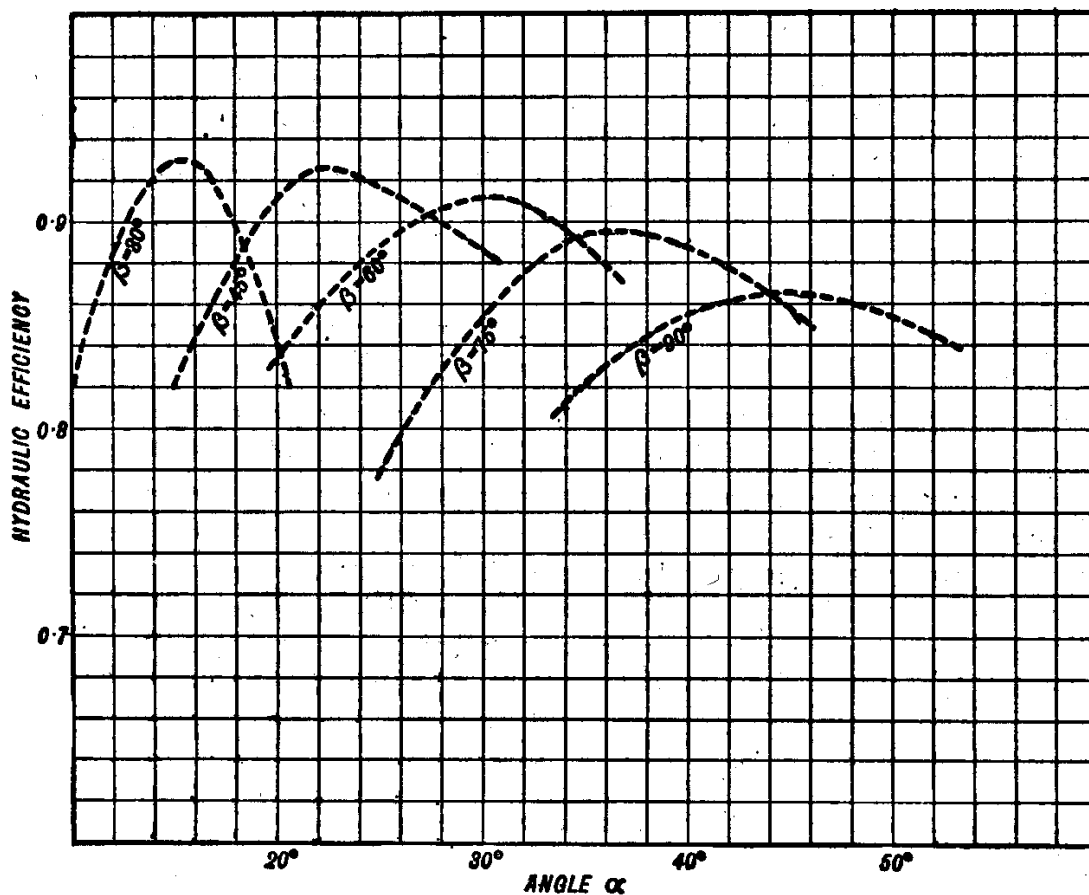


FIG. 212.

without shock for any value of β working in conjunction with the best value for α , are as follows:—

β	30°	45°	60°	75°	90°
u_2/v_1	.52	.55	.58	.63	.71

So that since windage losses increase with the speed of rotation, the overall efficiency with a given size of jet and wheel will tend to fall off somewhat more rapidly than the hydraulic efficiency, with an increase in β .

Moreover, since the effective sectional area of the wheel passages at inlet