

## 3.3. Thrust affecting rotor blades

### A. Thrust generation mechanism

- Real component (due to gas flow turn)
- Reactive component (due to flow acceleration)

Consequences:

$\rho = 0$  (pure reaction stage)  $\longrightarrow$  No acceleration (convergence is equal to 1).

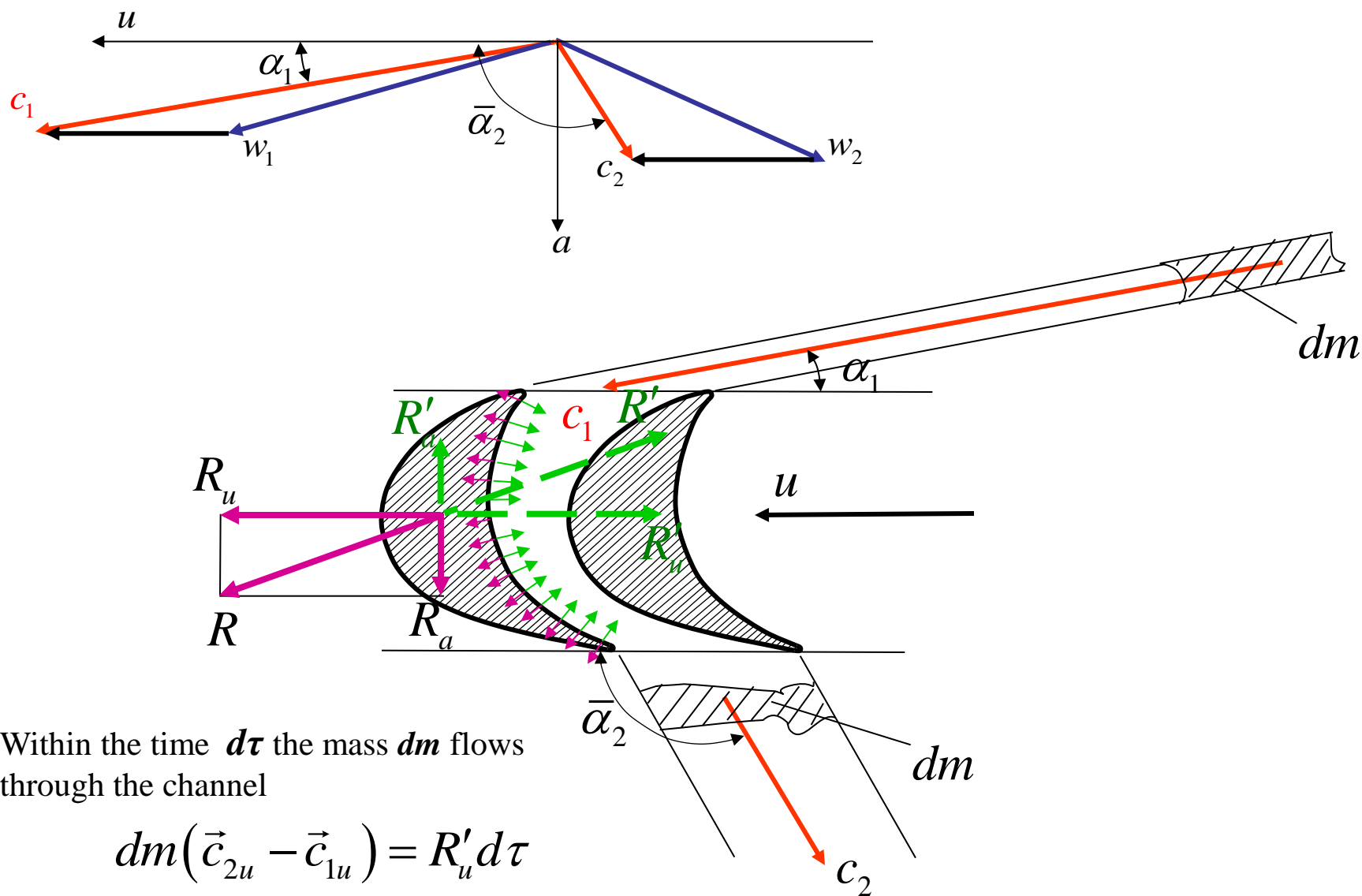
$$\beta_2 = \beta_1$$

$\rho > 0$   $\longrightarrow$  The flow across rotor blades is accelerated (convergence is greater than 1).

$$\beta_2 < \beta_1$$

Conclusion: the angle chosen for the flow leaving rotor blades depends on stage reactivity

## B. Determination of thrust acting on the rotor blades by the equation of momentum



Within the time  $d\tau$  the mass  $dm$  flows through the channel

$$dm(\vec{c}_{2u} - \vec{c}_{1u}) = R'_u d\tau$$

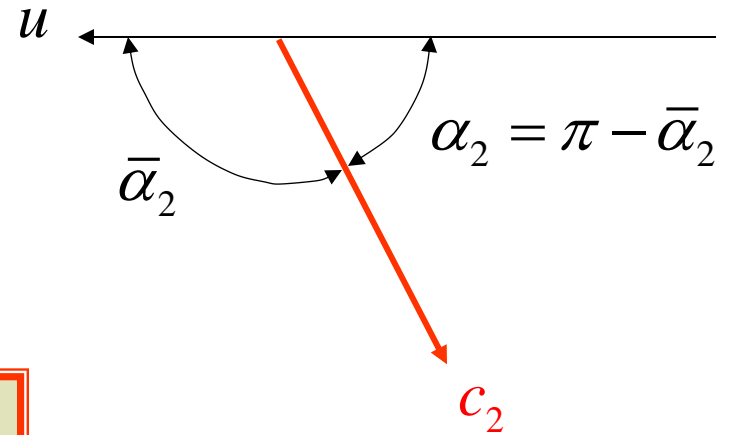
$$R'_u = \frac{dm}{d\tau} (c_2 \cos \bar{\alpha}_2 - c_1 \cos \alpha_1)$$

$$\frac{dm}{d\tau} = G \left[ \frac{\kappa z}{c} \right]$$

**Circumferential thrust :**

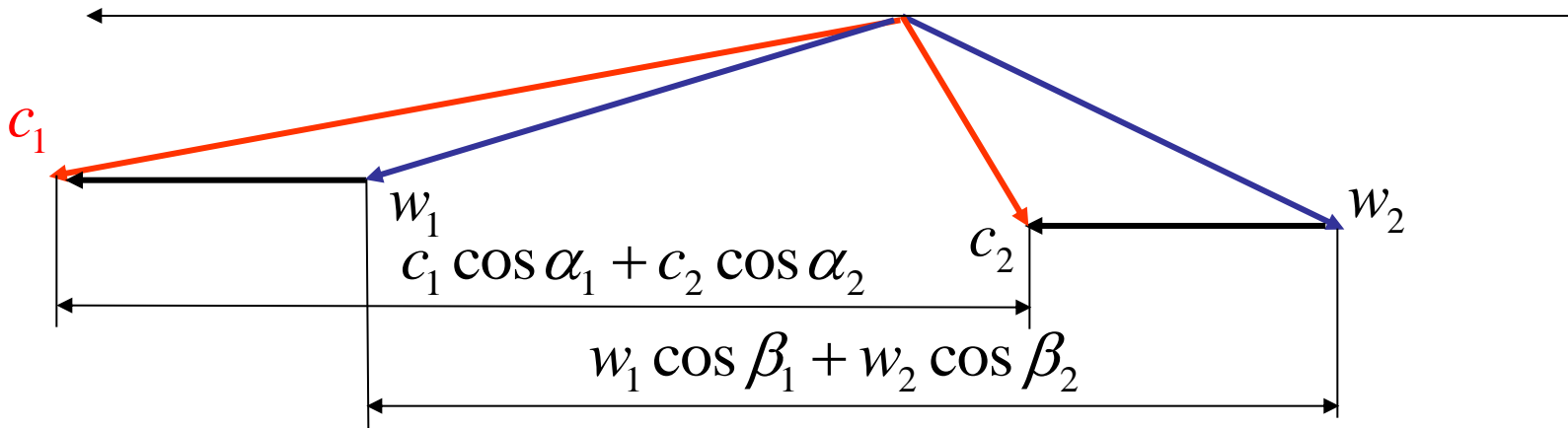
$$R_u = -R'_u = G(c_1 \cos \alpha_1 - c_2 \cos \bar{\alpha}_2)$$

$$\cos \bar{\alpha}_2 = \cos(\pi - \alpha_2) = -\cos \alpha_2$$



$$R_u = G(c_1 \cos \alpha_1 + c_2 \cos \alpha_2)$$

$$R_u = G(w_1 \cos \beta_1 + w_2 \cos \beta_2)$$



## Axial thrust:

$$R_a = G(c_1 \sin \alpha_1 - c_2 \sin \alpha_2) + \Omega(p_1 - p_2) = \\ = G(w_1 \sin \beta_1 - w_2 \sin \beta_2) + \Omega(p_1 - p_2)$$

where  $\Omega = \pi dl$  - rotor blade-swept area

**Full thrust** of the steam, which acts on rotor blades

$$R = \sqrt{R_u^2 + R_a^2}$$

**Thrust affecting one blade:**

$$r = \frac{R}{z}$$

where  $z$  - is the number of blades

### 3.4. Work (power) produced by the blades of a turbine stage (according to the equation of momentum)

Typically it is work produced per minute – **power**

Stage power:  $N_u = R_u u$   
Work (power) transferred to blades by 1 kg of gas

$$L_u = \frac{N_u}{G} = u(c_1 \cos \alpha_1 + c_2 \cos \alpha_2) = u(w_1 \cos \beta_1 + w_2 \cos \beta_2)$$

For inlet velocity diagram

$$w_1^2 = c_1^2 + u^2 - 2uc_1 \cos \alpha_1 \Rightarrow c_1 \cos \alpha_1 = \frac{c_1^2 + u^2 - w_1^2}{2u}$$

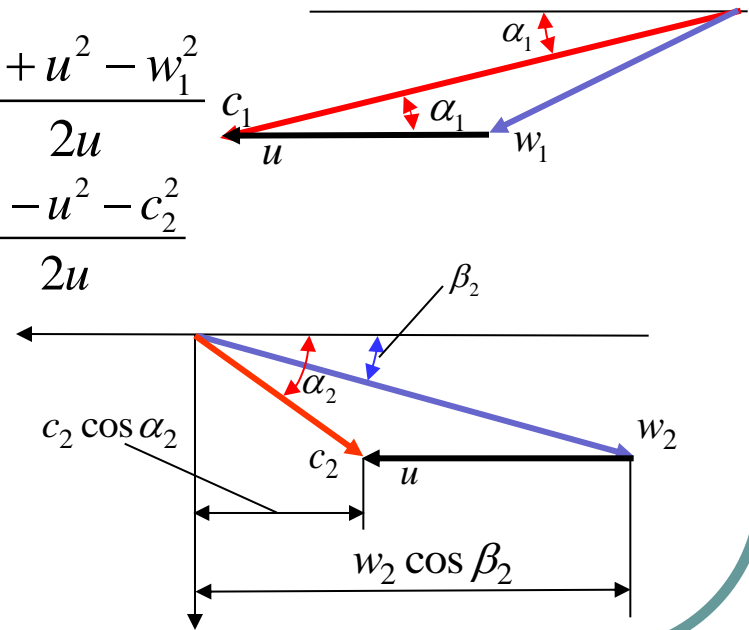
For outlet velocity diagram

$$c_2^2 = w_2^2 + u^2 - 2uw_2 \cos \beta_2 \quad c_2 \cos \alpha_2 = \frac{w_2^2 - u^2 - c_2^2}{2u}$$

$$w_2 \cos \beta_2 = c_2 \cos \alpha_2 + u$$

$$c_2^2 = w_2^2 - u^2 - 2uc_2 \cos \alpha_2$$

$$L_u = \frac{c_1^2 - c_2^2 + w_2^2 - w_1^2}{2}$$



Trigonometric ratios for an oblique-angled triangle:

For inlet velocity diagram:

$$w_1^2 = c_1^2 + u^2 - 2uc_1 \cos \alpha_1$$

$$\beta_1 = \arctg \left( \frac{\sin \alpha_1}{\cos \alpha_1 - \frac{u}{c_1}} \right)$$

For outlet velocity diagram:

$$c_2^2 = w_2^2 + u^2 - 2uw_2 \cos \beta_2$$

$$\alpha_2 = \arctg \left( \frac{\sin \beta_2}{\cos \beta_2 - \frac{u}{w_2}} \right)$$

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Power generated by centrifugal motion

$$L_u = \frac{N_u}{G} = u(c_1 \cos \alpha_1 + c_2 \cos \alpha_2) = u(w_1 \cos \beta_1 + w_2 \cos \beta_2)$$

$$N_u = uG(c_1 \cos \alpha_1 + c_2 \cos \alpha_2) = uR_u = \pi dnR_u = 2\pi rnR_u$$

$$\omega = 2\pi n \quad \text{- angular velocity of rotation}$$

$$M_u = rR_u \quad \text{- torque generated by the steam for rotor blades}$$

$$N_u = \omega M_u$$