

C. REACTOR EFFLUENT

In Figures IV and V, pages 11 and 12, the hydrogen, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, water, and methane concentrations have been plotted as mol per cent appearing in the effluent compared with contraction. Some of the data were very erratic, particularly in the case of carbon monoxide, but there were enough consistent points to obtain fairly reliable plots. The ratios of hydrogen to water and of carbon dioxide to carbon mon-

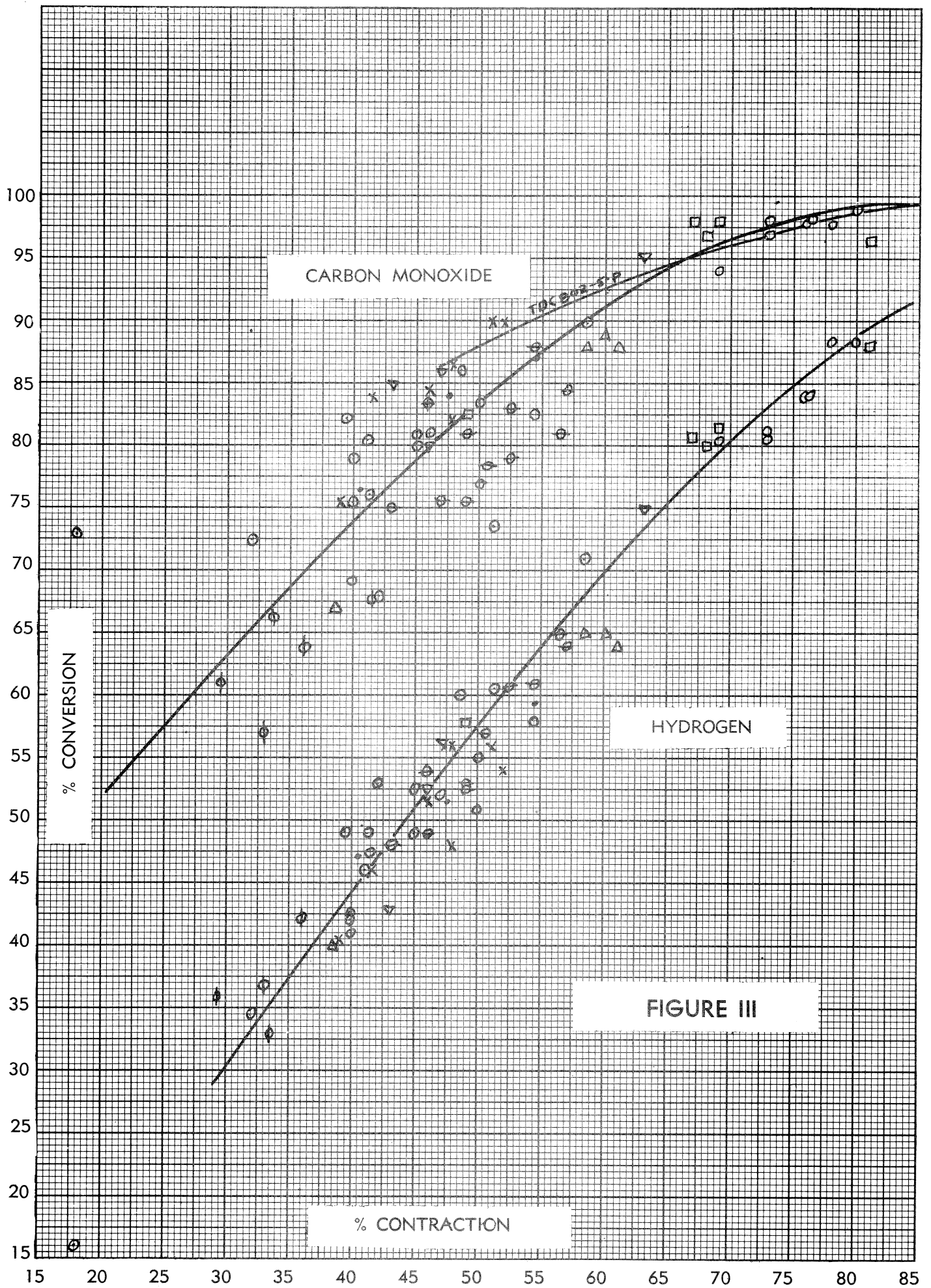
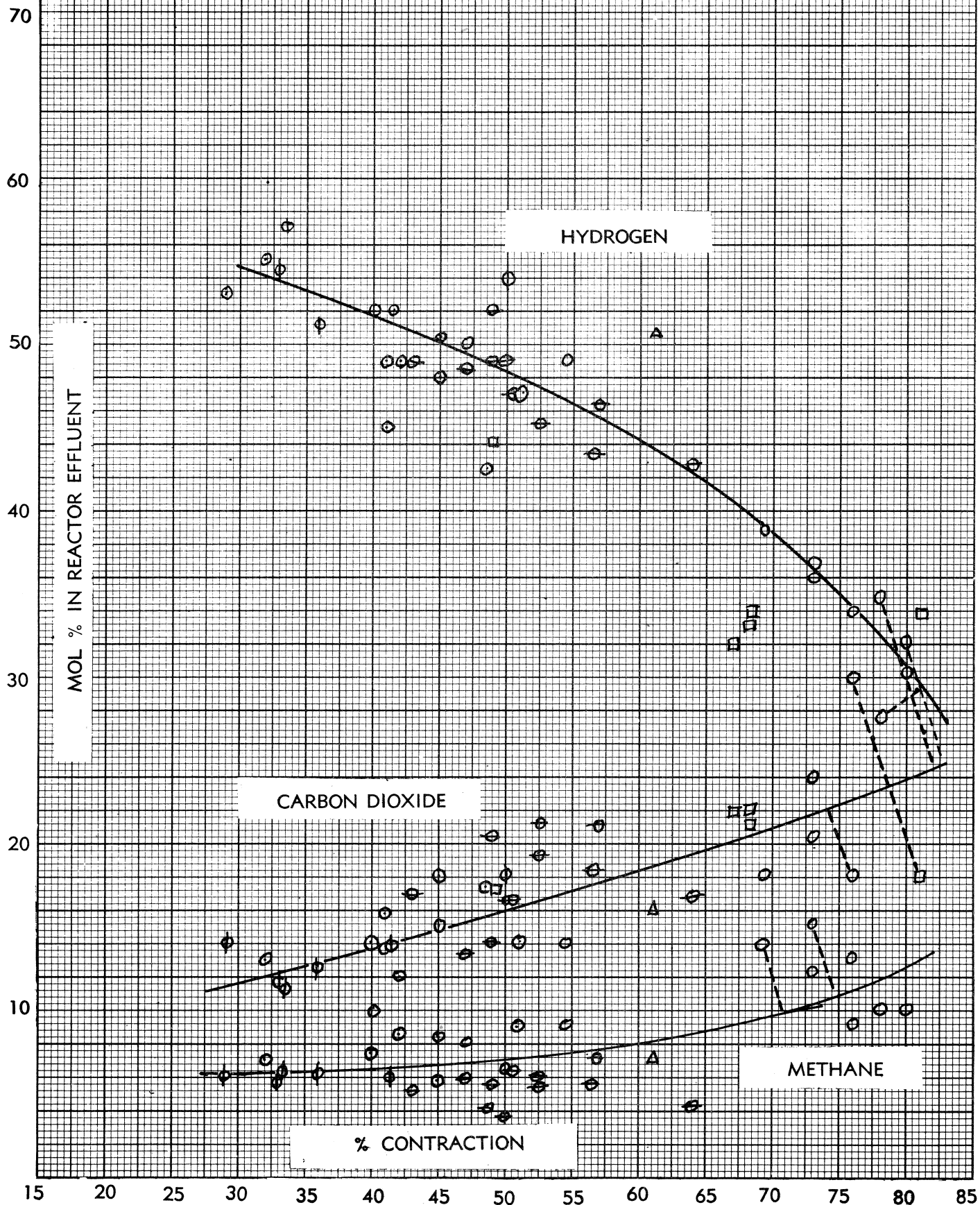


FIGURE IV



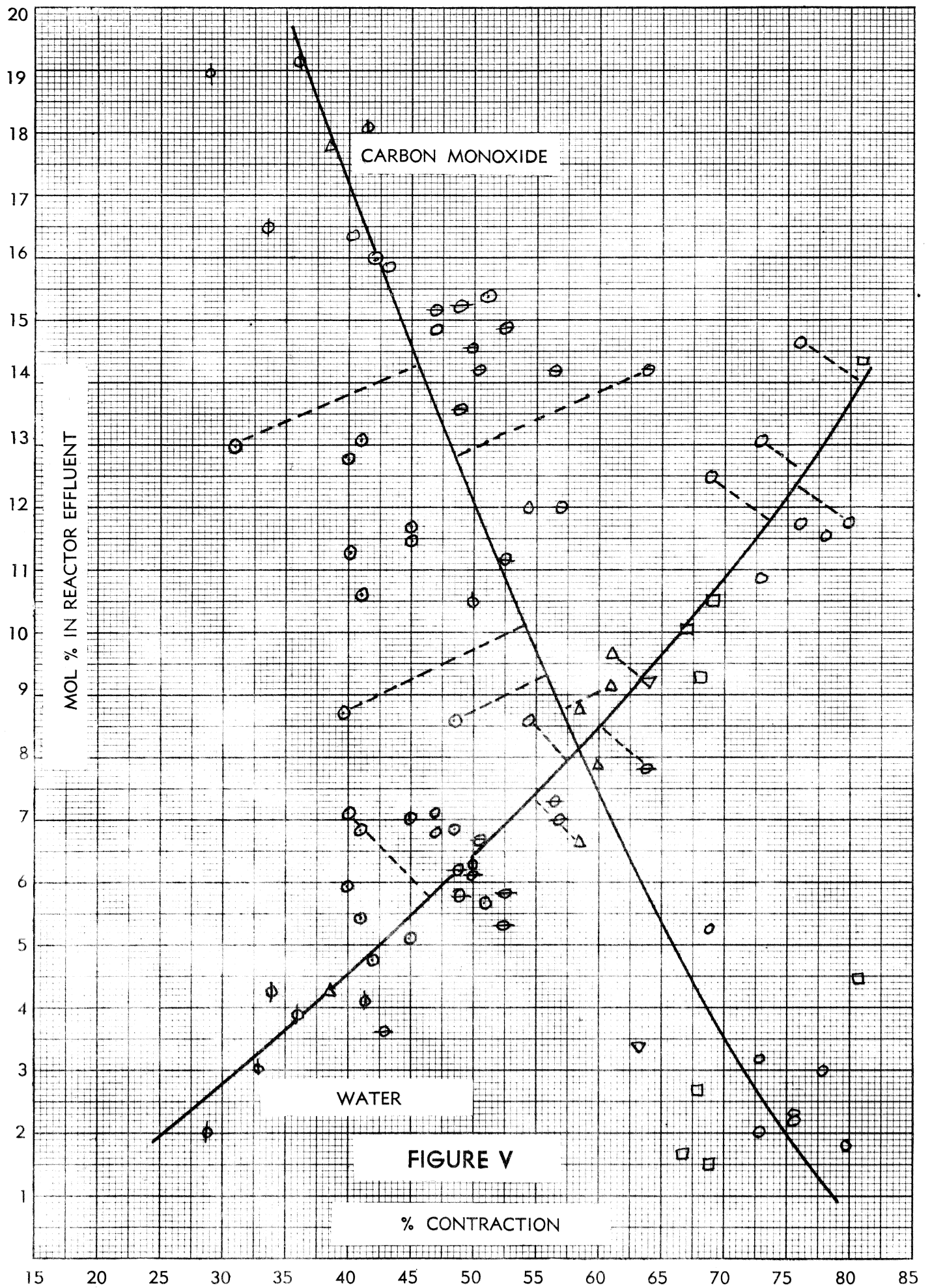
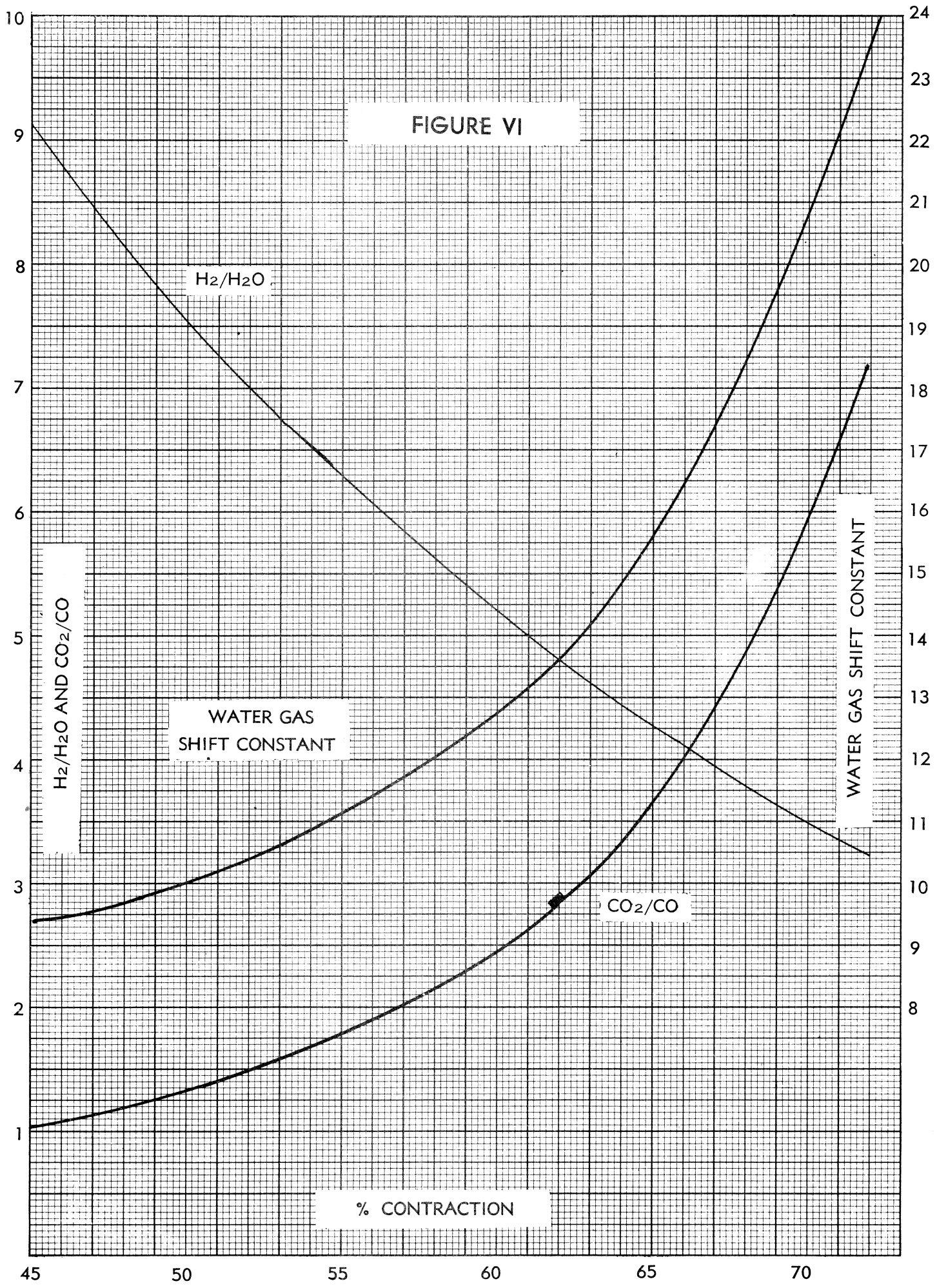


FIGURE VI



H₂/H₂O

CO₂/CO

WATER GAS
SHIFT CONSTANT

% CONTRACTION

H₂/H₂O AND CO₂/CO

WATER GAS SHIFT CONSTANT

oxide were plotted against contraction in the opposite Figure VI. The product of these two ratios represents the water gas shift constant and has been plotted in this same Figure. Since the temperatures in the reactor usually varied between 610°F. and 675°F., the shift constant values should be between 20 and 30; but as can be seen from the plot, the figures actually obtained were between 10 and 23. It appears that equilibrium was approached only under conditions that gave high contractions.