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ABSTRACT

Conventionally, welding control has been used to assure that the quality of the weld itself is maintained. Residual stresses and distortion result from the non-uniform temperature distribution from the weld process. In this thesis, an investigation into the reduction of residual stresses and distortion is performed. Potential benefits of reducing these include prevention of stress corrosion cracking, fatigue failure, brittle fracture and collapse strength, are discussed.

In an attempt to reduce residual stresses and distortion, a hydraulic restraining device was designed, constructed and tested. It was then compared to several other methods being investigated. This hydraulic restraining device is very effective in reducing the radial contraction. And although it also reduces the residual stresses, it does not change them from tensile to compressive as some of the other methods do. Future considerations are also discussed.

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Welding is a complicated process. It is preferred over other joining processes because of its high joining efficiency, water and air tightness and mechanical properties over a wide range of temperatures. However, it creates thermal strains and stresses.

These strains and stresses are due to the localized heat of the welding source and the non-uniform temperature distribution from the weld process. Accompanying stress and strain is plastic upsetting. As a result residual stresses, shrinkage, distortion, stress corrosion cracking and buckling may be produced. [1]

In circumferential butt welds of pipes, localized residual stresses and distortion are generated. The presence of these residual stresses can be detrimental to the integrity of the pipe, such as causing failure and stress corrosion cracking. [2] The biggest concern of circumferential welding is in nuclear piping and submersible vessels. This is because residual stresses and distortion can greatly affect fatigue and collapse strength. [3]

Residual stresses due to welding and thermal/mechanical loadings contribute to tensile stress. Conventional circumferential girth welding produces tensile residual stresses on the inner surface on the pipe near the weld. Therefore, it is advantageous to be able to control and reduce these tensile residual stresses. [4]
Determination of residual stresses is complex. It requires an understanding in metallurgy, heat transfer and stress analysis. [2] There have been different methods investigating residual stresses during welding. This thesis is not concerned with the metallurgy or heat transfer but with reducing residual stresses and distortion in girth welded pipe with a restraining device.

1.1. Sources of Residual Stresses

Residual stresses exist internally to the body in the absence of external forces. Therefore, the stress state is in static equilibrium within a body, i.e. internally balanced. [5] In the context of welded structures, residual stresses are confined to the neighborhood of the weld and decrease rapidly on either side of it. [6] Residual stresses also occur when a body is subjected to non-uniform temperature change, i.e. thermal stresses produced during welding.

Figure 1-1 shows the changes of temperature and stresses that occur during welding a bead on a flat plate. Section A-A is ahead of the arc; therefore, the temperature change and stresses are zero. Section B-B is at the arc so that the change in temperature is rapid and uneven. Molten metal will not support a load; therefore, the stresses are small. Near the weld, the stresses are compressive because the surrounding metal is cooler and restrains the expansion of the heated weld area. At section C-C, the area has started
Figure 1-1: Schematic Representation of Changes of Temperature and Stresses During Welding [7]
to cool, thus contracting and causing tensile stresses. Away from the weld, the stresses become compressive to balance the tensile stresses. At section D-D, the temperature has cooled producing high tensile stresses at the weld and compressive stresses away from the weld. [7]

By analogy to a flat plate, when two cylinders are welded along their circumference, one might expect the hoop tensile stresses near the weld, lower hoop compressive stresses away from the weld and negligible axial stresses. However, radial displacements may modify the stress distributions. This mode cannot take place in a flat plate unless it is very thin and can buckle in the regions of residual compressive stresses. This radial displacement is the most critical distortion and is caused from circumferential shrinkage (a form of longitudinal shrinkage). The displacement decreases with the distance from the weld. Figure 1-2 shows that a deflected shape will decrease both hoop tensile and compressive stresses but will introduce bending stresses in the axial direction. [3, 8]

During welding, molten metal is deposited. It is subjected to high temperatures. This hot region cools rapidly and tends to shrink. However, the cooler surrounding metal prevents it from contracting. Thus, tensile stresses are produced near the weld. As temperature goes down, the yield stress increases as does the tensile stress in the weld. The final tensile stresses can be as high as the yield stress. [9, 10]

There's a difference of opinion when it comes to the
Figure 1-2: Radial Deflection to Relieve Residual Hoop Stress [8]
statement that restraint reduces residual stress. Some engineers believe residual stress increases with restraint; while others say it stays about the same. [7]

1.2. Sources of Distortion

Distortion is the change in shape or dimensions, temporary or permanent, of a welded part as a result of welding. The physical expansion and contraction are the principal causes of distortion.

During welding the metal is initially heated and subjected to large temperature gradients. Hence the metal becomes weaker and is more easily deformed. The tendency for distortion is determined by the degree of restraint present at the weld joint. Upon cooling, the metal contracts; however, the surrounding cold metal tends to resist this shrinkage. But if the metal is weakened enough then this resistance is low and the metal shrinks causing distortion. [11]

It has been shown that distortion can be controlled on any given pass by lowering the heat input. However, this most likely requires more passes. The final distortion might not be reduced since it is the sum of all the passes. Therefore, a more selective sequence might be used, i.e. a low heat input on the first pass and increasing heat inputs with each successive pass.

Along with the number of passes goes the amount of weld metal deposited. The strength of the joint is determined by its design. Excess weld metal does nothing for this strength,
but it does increase the effective shrinkage force. By limited this amount, distortion can be reduced. [11, 12]

The amount of distortion depends on the wall thickness to the diameter ratio of the cylinder. As the ratio becomes smaller the distortion is greater. [13] External restraint has been shown to reduce distortion also.

1.3. Objectives

In order to reduce residual stresses and distortion, two tasks are necessary:

1. Development of a control mechanism to exert a continuous force on the inner surface to produce compressive stresses

2. Comparison of a six point hydraulic load source and a two point mechanical load source.
CHAPTER 2
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH
RESIDUAL STRESSES AND DISTORTION

The purpose of this thesis is to reduce distortion and residual stresses in girth welded piping. Before one can attempt to reduce these, it is beneficial to investigate some of the problems caused by distortion and residual stresses. This chapter will discuss stress corrosion cracking (SCC), fatigue failure, brittle fracture, and collapse strength.

2.1. Stress Corrosion Cracking

Stress corrosion cracking is a form of localized failure that is more severe than other types of metal attacks. Therefore, it is a combination of stress and corrosion. SCC is the brittle fracture of a material that is otherwise ductile. [7]

Generally, it is believed that pure metals do not crack as a result of stress corrosion. Some alloys are more resistant to cracking than others, i.e. aluminum, copper, and magnesium. [14]

It has been observed to occur under low applied stress or no stresses at low. Therefore, other factors must be present. [15] Three factors that must be present for stress corrosion cracking to occur: a state of tensile stress, a corrosive environment, and a sensitized material. If one of these factors can be reduced, then cracking may be
eliminated. A corrosive environment can never be eliminated totally; sensitized material cannot always be avoided. Thus removing tensile stress is achievable. [4, 16]

No cracking has been observed when the surfaces are in compression. Tensile stresses result from the presence of internal (residual) stresses or an external (applied) load. Causes may be:

1. deformation near welds
2. unequal cooling of metal
3. phase change
4. differential thermal expansion
5. dead loading
6. pressure differentials.

The environment is the reason for corrosion. Metals react differently according to the type of environment. [14]

The biggest concern of stress corrosion cracking is its susceptibility in the heat affected zone of stainless steel weldments, in particular, pipe weldments in nuclear reactor service. These weldments directly affect the service of boiling-water and pressurized water reactors which have experienced SCC. The weldment is subjected to a complicated strain history imposed by the heating and cooling cycle. The strain history is more complex in a pipe weld than a plate weld. (In a plate stress can be relieved by bending, while circumferential restraint restricts metal movement in a pipe weld.) This strain history increases the susceptibility of SCC. [17]
2.2. Fatigue Failure

The large majority of failures that occur in service, are numerous and in fact are fatigue failures. Many of these fatigue failures involve welded structures. Fatigue is defined as the formation of a crack or cracks as a result of repeated applications or cycles of loads each of which is insufficient by itself. The danger of fatigue failure is that it is difficult to see and can grow slowly. There's no significant dimensional change in a cracked structure so a crack may propagate through the entire structure before it is discovered. [6, 15]

Materials, stress concentration, corrosion and residual stresses contribute to fatigue failure. This thesis is only concerned with the effect of residual stresses on fatigue failure. It has been debated whether or not compressive stresses on the surface increase the fatigue strength. Some believe that crack growth is retarded by compressive stresses and increased by tensile stresses. [14, 18]

Pressure vessels, their associated pipework and other various types of structures may be subjected to a low number of cycles of loads. The stress that is necessary to cause fatigue due to a small number of cycles is considerably greater than those necessary due to a high number of cycles. These stresses are usually large enough to cause considerable plastic deformation. Now the relationship between stress and strain is no longer linear but changes from cycle to cycle. [6]
It is necessary to be able to improve fatigue strength in order to reduce fatigue failure. Some possible methods are to remove or reduce the load which is causing the failures, to improve the design or to reduce the stresses. To reduce or remove the load it is first necessary to know what the load is. Sometimes this still doesn’t reduce fatigue failure. A designer can choose the type and position of a weld joint or make use of some technique in order to improve fatigue strength. However, the designer may be limited. Reducing stresses is one of the purposes of this thesis.

2.3. Brittle Fracture

Brittle fracture means that separation has occurred without plastic flow. Usually brittle refers to a specimen having less than a few percent reduction in area. However, specimen that have been proved to be ductile may fail in a brittle manner. Serious brittle fractures are more likely to occur in welded structures rather than in riveted structures. Carbon steels with high tensile residual stresses have experienced catastrophic brittle fractures although the stresses may be well below the yield stress of the material. [14, 15] Thereby reducing residual stresses will decrease the chance of brittle fracture.
2.4. Collapse Strength

It is well known that initial distortion and residual stresses reduce the collapse or buckling strength of spherical and cylindrical shells subjected to external pressure. Many papers have been written on this subject. Experimental collapse pressures are frequently lower than the pressure calculated from theory. This is due to the failure of the models to meet the idealized geometry and material assumptions of the theory. Factors that decrease collapse strength are distortion, thickness, weld material properties, residual stresses, boundary effects and loadings. [7]

It is almost impossible to weld without introducing some distortion or stress. So there will be a reduction in the collapse strength. But by reducing distortion and residual stresses collapse strength increases.
CHAPTER 3
APPARATUS DESIGN

The PhD Thesis by Andrew DeBiccari, [19] showed that residual stresses and distortion were reduced when an outward force was exerted on the inner wall of the pipe while being welded. The apparatus used was a mechanical turnbuckle (see figure 3-1). The turnbuckle is adjusted by turning rods with a hexagonal nut. Once the weld has been started, the turnbuckle can not be adjusted. So when the pipe expands from the heat of the weld, there is no longer a force being exerted on the inner wall.

Also, there is no conclusive results between the circumferential positioning of the heat source and the residual stresses and distortions. One possible reason could be the fact that the "restraining shoes" attached to the turnbuckle are a two point load source. They loose their effectiveness as the distance from the rod connection increases.

Since the mechanical turnbuckle did show evidence of reducing residual stresses and distortion, then there is a possibility that an improved modification of the turnbuckle will reduce residual stresses and distortion even more. The first modification is to go from a mechanical, uncontrollable turnbuckle to a controllable hydraulic restraining device. The second modification is to determine the number of point sources feasible in the design.
Figure 3-1: Mechanical Turnbuckle [19]
3.1. Criteria

There must be considerations in designing any apparatus. The following are the considerations for the design of the hydraulic restraining device:

a. Employing the concept of the mechanical turnbuckle "restraining shoes"

b. Ability to fit inside the pipe

c. Ability to be controlled during welding

d. Ability to expand and contract

e. Employing the maximum number of point sources feasible

3.2. Concept of "Restraining Shoe"

The mechanical turnbuckle employed the concept of "restraining shoes". These "shoes" are two (2) semicircle pieces of steel. Their dimensions are: 1/4" thick, 4" wide and have the same radius of curvature as the inner wall of the pipe. This allows the entire outer surface of the "shoe" to keep in contact with the inner surface of the pipe. Hence, a constant force is exerted on the inner wall of the pipe. Welded to the midpoint of the inner surface of each "shoe" is a nut. A 1/2" threaded steel rod screws into the nut of one "shoe" while another opposite threaded steel rod screws into the nut on the other "shoe". Both steel rods thread into a common hexagonal nut. Turning this hexagonal nut expands or collapses the mechanical turnbuckle. A gap of
1/16" between the "shoes" is allowed in order for the turnbuckle to collapse.

3.3. Design of the Hydraulic Restraining Device

The concept of the "shoes" is still easily employed. The difficult aspect is to find a hydraulic restraining device small enough to fit inside the pipe yet maximize the number of point sources.

After looking through many equipment catalogs, Gary Abel of Lincoln Controls [20] was contacted. After discussions of the idea behind the experiment, the material and the set up involved, Gary Abel suggested to mount individual hydraulic pistons in a cylindrical ring to fit inside the pipe. Then link the pistons in series with hoses to a hydraulic pump.

Upon receiving a sample of the piston, the aid of Bruce Bailey [21] was employed. Combining the criteria imposed with Gary Abel's suggestions the restraining device in figure 3-2 was designed.

The diameter of the pipe and the type of the point sources physically limit the number of point sources to six (6) for the hydraulic restraining device. Thus, there are six (6) "restraining shoes" of equal dimensions: 4" wide, 1/4" thick and arc length of 6" that has the same radius of curvature as the inner wall of the pipe. A nut is welded at the midpoint of the inner surface of the "shoe". A rod is threaded into
Figure 3-2: Hydraulic Restraining Device [21]
each nut and is the means for the force being exerted. Thus, the concept of the "restraining shoes" is the same whether it is for two (2) or six (6) "shoes". Figure 3-3 is an photograph of the hydraulic restraining device. One of the "shoes" is screwed off to show the nut and threaded piston rod. Figure 3-4 is an photograph showing the placement of the hydraulic restraining device inside a cylindrical pipe.

The force being exerted comes from the pistons. They are equally spaced and screwed into an 8" diameter cylindrical ring. The piston rod is that rod which is threaded into the nut. Each piston has an inlet and outlet port. The outlet port of one piston is connected to the inlet port of the next piston with copper tubing. The first inlet and last outlet ports connect directly to the hydraulic pump: a series connection.

The piston is designed for 150 psi of air. However, it can also residual stresses but for this experiment it is adequate. The intent of this thesis is to show that an outward force exerted on the inner wall will reduce distortion and residual stresses.
Figure 3-3: Photograph of Hydraulic Restraining Device
Figure 3-4: Photograph of Hydraulic Restraining Device Positioned in the Pipe
CHAPTER 4
EXPERIMENT TO REDUCE
RESIDUAL STRESSES AND DISTORTION

The selection of the equipment, conditions and procedure is based on the experiment performed by Andy DeBiccari. [19] Since the hydraulic restraining device is a modification of his mechanical turnbuckle, then a comparison between the two is desired. By including a means of controlling the pressure during the welding and expanding the number of point sources for the load distribution, it is expected that the residual stresses and distortion should be less with the hydraulic restraining device than those with the mechanical turnbuckle.

4.1. Equipment

An automatic tungsten inert gas set up is the welding means for the experiment. The power supply is the MILLER Syncorwave 500, DCSP, GTA/SMA. The JETLINE Engineering Arc Length Control System, Model ALC-201, regulates the water-cooled torch, argon gas and voltage which in turn controls the arc length. The arc length control system is mounted vertically to a horizontal carriage traveler manufactured by Linde of Union Carbide. (It is stationary for the purpose of this experiment.) The filler wire feed system is a product of Airco Heliweld. Since the torch is stationary, the mechanism for rotating the pipe is an ARONSON Positioning Table with a variable speed control and tilt wheel. See
Appendix A for the details of the equipments' settings.

The Daytronic 9000 Data Acquisition System is connected to a Digital Equipment Corporation MINC-23 Laboratory Data Processing System and records the strain changes, through strain gages, exerted on the "shoe" and piston rod during welding. Also through the use of strain gages, the VISHAY P-350A Digital Strain Indicator and SB-1 Switch and Balance Unit (see figure 4-1 [22]) determine the strain (residual stress) changes in the pipe during stress relaxation. (See Appendix B for excerpts from the manuals for the Daytronics Converter and Vishay Strain Indicator and a printout of the MINC's Fortran computer program.) Agapakis [23] gives the fundamentals of the acquisition and the computer programs used in the processing of the data.

4.2. Material

Schedule 80, low carbon steel is used for the cylindrical pipe. Its inside diameter is 12" with a thickness of 5/16". The sections were cut to a length of 9 inches. (This length is chosen so the end effects of the cylinder can be ignored. See Appendix C for calculations.) There are a total of six sections, two per weld.

For the "restraining shoes", schedule 40, low carbon steel, 1/4" thickness, is used. There are six (6) "shoes" having the same radius of curvature as the inner wall of the 12" ID pipe, 4" wide with an arc length of 6".

The cylindrical ring holding the pistons is also
Figure 4-1: VISHAY P350A Strain Indicator and SB-1 Switch and Balance Unit [22]
schedule 40 steel with a 6" diameter.

There are a total of six (6) Air Mite pistons, Model DAV100-1, connected to a Enerpac P-84 hydraulic pump by high pressure hoses.

Three (3) types of strain gages are used. On the "shoes", SR-4 FAE-25-35 S6 EL biaxial strain gages are used during welding. (Biaxial gages measure the strains axially and circumferentially.) This same brand should have been used on the piston rods also, but there wasn't enough in supply so a HBM 3/350LY11 (biaxial) strain gage is used also during welding. The two are very similar but made by different companies. Triaxial rosette strain gages, SR-4 FAER-12B-35 S6 EG are used on the inner and outer wall of the pipe during stress relaxation. (Triaxial gages measure the strains in the axial, circumferential and shear direction.) See Appendix D for more details on the strain gages.

4.3. Procedure

Before performing the welding procedure, two pipe sections are tack welded at four evenly spaced locations [24] and a grid system needed is marked on the inner wall of each of the pipe specimens. Since the "shoe" covers an area in a 60° angle then only one half of the "shoe" is where the data is taken. Two reasons are behind this decision: 1) the force from the "shoe" should be symmetric on either side of the point source, i.e. the piston rod and 2) the limitation on the number of strain gages that can be hooked up to the SB-1
Switch and Balance Unit.

Figure 4-2 is an actual photograph showing the grid system marked on the inner wall by +'s. There are three (3) grid lines, one located at 0°, 15°, and 30°. Each + on the grid line is at a distance from the centerline of the weld: 0.25", 0.5", 0.75", 1.0", 1.5", 2.0", 2.5", 3.0", 4.0", 5.0" and 6.0". The diameter of each of the specimens at these locations are measured with a digital micrometer before welding.

Even though there is a pressure gage on the hydraulic pump, strain gages are placed on the piston rods and the "shoes". They are then hooked up to the Daytronic 9000 Data Acquisition System which is connected to a Digital Equipment Corporation MINC-23 Laboratory Data Processing System so that the strain change is recorded during welding.

To ensure that the set up and welding conditions are correct, a sample weld is made on a specimen that will not be used as data. In order for a comparison to be made with DeBaccari's results, the welding conditions need to be very similar. Through trial and error the welding conditions in Table 4-1 are used. They vary from DeBiccari's [19] but only slightly. Figure 4-3 is a photograph showing the set up of the equipment and pipe. The pipe is clamped onto the Aronson positioner and tilted horizontally. The wire feeder is adjusted properly and the current and voltage are set; all to ensure the feed wire is depositing into a good weld pool.

With this equipment set up and welding conditions, a single pass, gas tungsten arc process, circumferential weld
Figure 4-2: Photograph of Hydraulic Restraining Device in Pipe, with Grid Lines, set up on Aronson Positioner
Table 4-1: Welding Conditions

V = 11.0 volts
I = 250 amps
v = 3 in/min = 0.127 cm/sec
H = 2750 Watts

Feeder wire: diameter = 0.035 in = 0.0889 cm
feed rate = 1.45 in/sec
= 3.68 cm/sec

Argon gas: 12 psi

Tungsten: diameter = 3/32 in = 0.238 cm
Figure 4-3: Photograph of Equipment Set Up
is made on three (3) different specimens of cylindrical pipe. One specimen does not contain the hydraulic restraining device on the inside while the other two (2) do. Pressures of 150 psi and 250 psi are set on the hydraulic pump for the two (2) specimens that contained the hydraulic restraining device. These pressures act as a force on the "shoe", hence a restraint. The strain gages are hooked up to the Daytronic 9000 and MINC-23 while welding. (It was discovered that the strain gages no longer adhered to the metal after welding. This could be due to the heat intensity being too great for the bonding. Therefore, this data is suspect.) The specimens are cooled naturally. The pressure in the hydraulic restraining device remains on the specimens while cooling.

After cooling, the diameter of each of the specimens is measured at the grid points previously described with the same digital micrometer and recorded. Then the rosette strain gages are located on the inner and outer surfaces of the pipes, 0.5" from the weld centerline at the 0°, 15°, and 30° grid lines. (Papazoglou's thesis [25] shows that the temperature distribution is the highest at a distance of 0.5" from the centerline of the weld.) They are coated with silicon for protection. Then the gages are connected to the strain indicator and switch/balance unit which measures the change in the strains.

The residual stresses are determined by the stress relaxation technique [7]. A cylindrical section containing the strain gages is removed from each of the welded specimens
by a sawing method; one cut being on the weld centerline, the
second on the other side of the strain gage the same distance
as that from the strain gage and the weld centerline. The
sawing is performed at a slow rate and is constantly liquid
cooled to avoid any unnecessary changes in the residual
stresses. The strain changes are measured and recorded.

4.4. Distortion Results

The results of the distortion measurements taken on the
specimen without the hydraulic restraining device are shown
in Table 4-2. This table shows shrinkage as a negative
value. Figure 4-4 is a longitudinal profile of half of the
pipe and compares the radius before welding to the radius
after welding, i.e. distortion, at the 15° angular position
only. The vertical axis is adjusted for a clearer
comparison.

The distortion pattern is similar for axial and angular
positions. (Some discrepancies may be due to the inaccuracy
of the micrometer measurements.) This is expected since the
weld started and finished well enough away from the
measurements and allows for an assumption of quasi stationary
state condition.

The distortion measurements for the specimens with the
hydraulic restraining device are shown in Tables 4-3 and 4-4.
Again shrinkage is shown as a negative value. The distortion
patterns are similar as in the specimen without the
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Figure 4-4: Longitudinal Profile of the Upper Half of the Pipe Comparing the Distortion of the Radius Before and After Welding
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from the $0^\circ$ and $15^\circ$ positions. Figures 4-5 and 4-6 are longitudinal profiles of half of the pipe and compare the radius before welding to the radius after welding, i.e. distortion, at the $15^\circ$ angular position only. Again the vertical axis is adjusted for a clearer comparison. There is no explanation why the distortion measurements for the specimen with the $150$ psi restraint are in expansion except that the micrometer may not have been calibrated to the correct reference value.

Figures 4-7, 4-8 and 4-9 compare the distortion of the specimen without the restraint to the specimen with the $250$ psi restraint at the angular positions of $0^\circ$, $15^\circ$ and $30^\circ$, respectively. For each angular position of the specimen with the $250$ psi restraint, the shrinkage next to the weld centerline is considerably less, about $72\%$ - $86\%$, than that of the specimen without any restraint. However, further away from the weld centerline, the $250$ psi restraint specimen expands.
150 psi Restraint

Upper Radius

Distance From Weld Centerline (inches)

- □ before weld
- ○ after weld

Figure 4-5: Longitudinal Profile of the Upper Half of the Pipe Comparing the Distortion of the Radius Before and After Welding
Figure 4-6: Longitudinal Profile of the Upper Half of the Pipe Comparing the Distortion of the Radius Before and After Welding
Angular Position: $0^\circ$

Figure 4-7: Comparison of Distortion Results between specimens with no restraint and 250 psi restraint at $0^\circ$. 

- □ no restraint
- ◇ 250 psi restraint

Distance from Weld Centerline (in.)

Distortion (in.)
Angular Position: 15°

Figure 4-8: Comparison of Distortion Results between specimens with no restraint and 250 psi restraint at 15°
Angular Position: 30°

Figure 4-9: Comparison of Distortion Results between specimens with no restraint and 250 psi restraint at 30°
4.5. Residual Stress Results

The strain changes measured by the relaxation technique for each of the specimens are given in Appendix E. From the strain changes the residual stresses are calculated from [7]:

\[
\sigma_x = \frac{-E}{(1-\nu^2)} (\epsilon_x + \nu \epsilon_\theta) \tag{5.1}
\]

\[
\sigma_\theta = \frac{-E}{(1-\nu^2)} (\epsilon_\theta + \nu \epsilon_x) \tag{5.2}
\]

\[
\gamma = \frac{I}{G} \tag{5.3}
\]

\(\sigma_x, \sigma_\theta\) and \(\gamma\) are the measured strains for the hoop, axial and shear directions, respectively. \(E\) is the modulus of elasticity of \(30 \times 10^6\) psi; \(\nu\) is Poisson's ratio of 0.3. \(G\) is the modulus of rigidity or shear modulus and is calculated from the following equation and the above data:

\[
G = \frac{-E}{2(1+\nu)} = 11.54 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \tag{5.4}
\]

The negative signs in equations (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3) reflect that when tensile residual stresses exist, shrinkage takes place during stress relaxation. The converse is true when compressive residual stresses exist.

Table 4-5 shows a comparison of the residual stresses for the specimens. For each angular position on the inner surface from no restraint to 250 psi, there is a consistent decrease of residual stress with three exceptions. At the
Table 4-5: Comparison of Residual Stresses

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different angular positions, there is a consistent, but small, increase in the stresses with the exception of three. All the stresses on the inner surface are in tension.

The stresses on the outer surface are almost all compressive with the axial stresses being very high. They become more compressive with the use of the restraint. The stresses vary very little with the angular position.

Figures 4-10 through 4-13 show a graph interpretation of this comparison for the hoop and axial stresses for both inner and outer surfaces. There are no graphs for the shear stresses because there is not a significant difference.

The next chapter discusses these results and compares them to other results.
Figure 4-10: A Comparison of Hoop Stress on Inner Surface vs. Angular Position Between Specimens with No Restraint and 250 psi
Figure 4-11: A Comparison of Axial Stress on Inner Surface vs. Angular Position Between Specimens with No Restraint and 250 psi
Figure 4-12: A Comparison of Hoop Stress on Outer Surface vs. Angular Position Between Specimens with No Restraint and 250 psi
Figure 4-13: A Comparison of Axial Stress on Outer Surface vs. Angular Position Between Specimens with No Restraint and 250 psi
CHAPTER 5
DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

This chapter discusses the results of the distortion and residual stresses given in Chapter 4. These results are compared with those from other investigators. Finally, some conclusions are given.

5.1. Discussion: Distortion

Heat sink welding has cool water on the inside of the pipe while welding. This keeps the inner surface relatively cool during most of the welding. Thus there is less shrinkage than in a conventional weld. [26] No figure or numbers are given for a comparison, but the shrinkage in this thesis's experiment due to the hydraulic restraining device is also less than that in the weld without the system.

Rybicki, et. al. [27], developed a finite-element model to predict deflections in girth-butt welded pipes. Figure 5-1 [27] shows a comparison of the computed deflections and the experimental data. The band reflects the ranges of the measurements taken along axial lines at four locations, 90° apart. At 0.5", this range of deflection is more than twice that of this experiment's distortion of the specimen with no restraint.
Figure 5-1: Comparison of Computed Results and Experimental Data for Distortion [27]
When comparing the distortion to DeBiccari's [19] results (see figures 5-2 through 5-5) as originally intended, the only similarity is that the distortion decreases with the distance away from the weld. This thesis's results had expected to be less than those of DeBiccari's. There's only a few data points that are. At the 0° location, both specimens has less distortion than DeBiccari's up to 1.5 inches away from the weld centerline. But at the 30° location it's greater. After the 1.5 inches distance this experiment's specimens expand instead of shrinking. One possible reason might be the fact the hydraulic restraining device provides a continuous pressure while cooling to the extent that it over compensates. Other than the pressure gage on the hydraulic pump, there's no other means to control this pressure.

Figure 5-6 shows the comparison between this thesis and DeBiccari's of the reduction percentage of distortion for the restraint to that without the restraint versus the axial position at the 0° and the 30° angular position. For this thesis, the distortion near the weld centerline, i.e. the 0° position, is reduced by 85%, whereas, in DeBiccari's it is reduced by 75%. As the angular position increases the percentage decreases, but there's still a significant reduction in both. However, DeBiccari's results have more of a reduction. Axially, away from the weld centerline, the reduction percentage increases but remember that the distortion here is less in numerical value. Therefore, the percentage changes rapidly with small numerical value.
Figure 5-2: Distortion Comparison at 0° of Specimens without any restraint from This Thesis and DeBiccari's
No Restraint

Angular Position: 30°

Distance from Weld Centerline (in)

Figure 5-3: Distortion Comparison at 30° of Specimens without any restraint from This Thesis and DeBiccari's
Figure 5-4: Distortion Comparison at 0° of Specimens with 250 psi restraint from This Thesis and DeBiccari's
250 psi Restraint

Angular Position: 30°

Figure 5-5: Distortion Comparison at 30° of Specimens with 250 psi restraint from This Thesis and DeBiccarì's
Figure 5-6: Reduction Percentage Comparison axially and circumferentially between this thesis and DeBiccari's
changes. Note that the end of the "shoe" in this thesis is at 30° and the maximum distortion is reduced by 70% while in DeBiccari’s thesis it is at 90° and the reduction is only 5%. Even though figures 5-2 through 5-5 show that the hydraulic restraining device is not better at some specific locations, the percentage in reduction shows that six (6) "shoes" is more effective than two (2) semicircle "shoe", particularly at the ends.

Using the same curved beam analysis as DeBiccari [19], Castigliano’s Second Theorem [28], the deflection can be predicted. (See Appendix F for calculations.) Figure 5-7 shows that uniform and varying loading are very close in deflection prediction. The measured deflection, &m, of this thesis is between the predicted values and the corrected predicted values.

Figure 5-8 compares the stiffness of the "shoe" to the nondimensionalized deflection (see Appendix F for calculations) at the angular positions 0° and 30° at 0.25 inches away from the weld centerline. The deflections of this thesis are the lines while DeBiccari’s are the *. (His did not change for 0° and 30° positions.) This figure shows that DeBiccari’s "shoe" applies less pressure than this thesis’s "shoe". (The higher pressure is intentional.) However, it also shows that if more pressure is exerted on the inner wall then the deflection is reduced.

So for a cylinder with a given radius, the deflection can be determined and thereby setting the criteria for the stiffness at the end of the "shoe".
Predicted Deflections

Figure 5-7: Deflection Prediction, Empirical and Corrected, for Varying and Uniform Loading
Stiffness Curve

at $x = 0.25\"$ for $0^\circ$ and $30^\circ$

![Graph showing stiffness curve with load factors and nondimensional deflection at 0.25" from weld centerline for Angular Positions of $0^\circ$ and $30^\circ$.]
5.2. Discussion: Residual Stresses

Figure 5-9 [29] shows the axial residual stresses on the inner surface of a pipe at various distances from the weld centerline. Figure 5-10 [7] shows the stresses on both the inner and outer surfaces. Close to the weld on the inner surface, the stresses are in tension and close to the yield strength. It changes very rapidly from tensile to compression within an inch. The results in [24] are similar. Because of this rapid change, this experiment only measured stresses close to the weld centerline and they are in agreement with these figures. The stresses on the outer surface are in compression and this thesis's results are in agreement with this figure.

Heat sink welding is also used to reduce axial tensile stresses or even induce compressive stresses on the inner surface of the pipe. [30] Figure 5-11 [31] compares residual stresses of a conventional weld to the heat sink weld. This experiment does not induce compressive stresses but does reduce the tensile stresses on the inner surface.

A computational model has been developed by Rybicki and McGuire. [4] The procedure that it is used for is Induction Heating for Stress Improvement (IHSI). IHSI process consists of placing an induction coil around a welded pipe to heat the pipe while the interior is cooled by water. In the computational model, IHSI process alters the thermal history through the pipe wall hence producing compressive stresses on the inner surface of the pipe. Rybicki states
Figure 5-9: Inner Surface Residual Stresses in a Stainless Steel Pipe [29]

Figure 5-10: Residual Stresses in a Girth Welded, Low Carbon Steel Pipe [7]
Figure 5-11: A Comparison of Residual Stresses Between a Conventional Weld and a Heat Sink Weld [31]
that these computed values of residual stress agree with experimental data.

Rybicki and Brust [16] uses a computational model to determine residual stresses for backlay welding. Backlay welding is similar to IHSI process but the heating is provided by a series of axial welds deposited along the outer surface of the pipe. It also changes the tensile stresses on the inner surface to compressive stresses. The computed values are in agreement with experimental data.

Table 5-1 compares the residual stresses of this thesis to DeBiccari's [19] thesis at the 0° and end of the "shoe" for no restraint and 250 psi restraint. On the inner surface, the percentage of reduction in this thesis's stresses, both axial and circumferential, is about half that of DeBiccari's. The percentage tends to increase with the angular position.

On the outer surface, the circumferential stresses for this experiment changed from tensile to compressive while DeBiccari's did not. In fact, his values increased.

One might expect that reduction percentage of the stresses would be similar to that of distortion since axial stresses are partially caused by bending stresses resulting from distortion. But that is not the case in this experiment; there's a significant difference. Thus, the reduction of stresses cannot predicted by distortion alone. This thesis does not intend to consider any of these other factors.
Table 5-1: Comparison of Residual Stresses [ksi]
Between This Thesis, *, and
DeBiccari's, + [19]

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There is a similar pattern to the stresses reduction when looking at the angular positions for a particular stress or within the same experiment. There is hardly any change in the shear stress in either way of looking.

The hydraulic restraining device does not change the inner surface's stresses from tensile to compressive but does reduce them. However, the reduction is not as much as expected. Even though the hydraulic restraining device has a pressure gage and the hydraulic pump can be controlled during welding, there's still no way to ensure that there is constant contact and uniform pressure on the inner surface. Therefore, some of the heat sink effect is lost.

There is no analysis on residual stresses with respect to the axial distance. The experiment is limited to 0.5 inches from the weld centerline because of the limitation on the strain gage indicator.

5.3. Conclusions

Distortion and residual stresses are a result of thermal strains and stress. As a result, stress corrosion cracking, fatigue failure, brittle fracture, and reduce in collapse strength may occur. Various procedures to control distortion and residual stresses have been investigated.

The purpose of this thesis is to design a hydraulic restraining device and investigate its effects on distortion and residual stresses. Employing this system, measurements have been taken of the distortion and strains (which residual
stresses are calculated from) on three specimens for a circumferential pipe weld, also known as a girth weld. The following conclusions are made:

1. Distortion is significantly reduced, a maximum of 85% when employing the hydraulic restraining device
2. By increasing the number of point sources, i.e. "restraining shoes", the end of the "shoe" is more effective
3. Distortion is reduced when pressure exerted on the inner wall increases
4. Residual stresses cannot be predicted by distortion alone
5. Residual stresses are reduced, a maximum of 20% on the inner surface and a change from tensile to compressive on the outer circumferential stress.
6. The hydraulic pistons may limit the size of the device thereby limiting the size of the pipe that it can be used in.

5.4. Future Considerations

Since stresses and distortion do not attain their final values until cooling, there is still a need to be able to sense the expansion and contraction of the specimen during welding, otherwise known as in-process control. The hydraulic restraining device design for this thesis can be controlled but it still does not guarantee that the "shoes" keep in contact with the inner surface. It does not have an
in-processing sensor. Thereby, an optimum restraining force is still unknown.

Instead of using a digital micrometer for measuring distortion, another sophisticated method should be used. There is a lot of room for human error with the setting of the micrometer. This could possibly be a reason why one of the specimens showed expansion instead of contraction.

When recording the strain changes on the pistons and "shoes" during the weld process, continue to record the changes throughout the cooling period. Also ensure the strain gages and bonding adhesive can withstand the high temperatures.

To obtain data for more of an in depth analysis, it is necessary to increase the number of strain gages that can be measured simultaneously. This is a function of the equipment that is available to the laboratory.

The hydraulic restraining device, as is, cannot be used on smaller diameter pipes. A more thorough search is necessary for the design, in particular, the various sizes of the pistons. These pistons are also cumbersome for very large pipes, not to mention any pressure vessels. It would be more advantageous to find another means of exerting a continuous force.
1. MILLER Syncrowave 500 Power Supply Settings:
   - Polarity: DCSP
   - Contactor: Remote
   - Current: Panel
   - Hi Freq: Off
   - Craterfill: Out
   - Start Current: Off
   - AC Balance: Ignore
   - Post Flow: Adjust
   - Bottom Right Controls: Ignore

2. JETLINE Engineering Arc Length Control System Settings:
   - Voltage: 11 Volts
   - Up/Down: Manual to position torch
     Auto to control arc length during weld
   - Touch Retract: Broken
   - Start Delay: Adjust accordingly
   - Sensitivity: Midway
   - Stop Retract: Adjust accordingly
   - Torch: Water cooled
   - Argon Gas: 12 psi
3. LINDE J-GOV Traveler
   Levers adjust sideways position
   Handwheel adjusts front/back position
   Toggle switch micro-adjusts torch position, stop
   for stationary position

4. AIRCO Heliweld Wire Feeder
   Connect to stem beside torch
   Range Switch on low
   Feed Switch position accordingly on
   Reverse/Forward/Neutral
   Speed Dial set on A+1.5 units (no operator's manual
   to convert into length per second but from
   timing and measuring this setting converts to
   1.45 inches per second)

5. ARONSON Positioning Table
   Direction Control Box for forward or reverse
   Tilt Control Box for 0-90 degrees positioning
   Speed Controller is a turn gage but a rpm
   controller is attached to convert rpm's to
   distance per minute
   A special brace of threaded rods was made to hold
   the pipe onto the tilt wheel while in the
   horizontal position
APPENDIX B

Operating Manuals for
Daytronics Converter and
Vishay Strain Indicator

The following pages are excerpts out of manuals from references and [22] and [32] and a printout of the MINC's Fortran computer program [23].
The Model 9178A is a signal conditioner for use with resistance strain gage transducers requiring AC excitation. It performs all necessary balancing and calibration functions, and filters and amplifies the input signal to standard 9000 System levels.

With its phase-sensitive carrier-amplifier design, this module is intended for applications involving transformer coupling to the transducer bridge (as with rotary-transformer torque sensors) or for operations that require high sensitivity with optimum signal-to-noise characteristics.
I. Specifications and Significant I/O Connections

Table 1. Specifications, Model 9178A

| Input Transducers: 4-arm bridges, 90 to 2000 ohms, nominally 1 to 5 mV/V, full scale. Internal completion of 2-arm bridges is also possible. |
| Cables: 4-, 6-, or 7-wire, depending on application; 5000 ft. maximum length. |
| Bridge Excitation: Regulated 6 V-AC at 3 kHz. |
| Balance Adjustment: 10-turn Coarse and Fine controls; will balance 0.8 mV/V initial unbalance. |
| Span Adjustment: 10-turn Coarse and Fine controls, 0.5 to 5 mV/V, full scale. |
| Outputs: “Prime” and “Called.” Standard Five-Volt Data Signal (see “Appendix,” 9000 Catalog). Referenced to the Five-Volt Output. and including the combined effects of nonlinearity, line-voltage variations between 105 and 130 V, ambient temperature variations of ±30° F degrees about starting value, and six-months drill of zero and span. Rated accuracy assumes operation with the Model 9530A Digital Indicator (or equivalent), using System Reference Voltage in a ratiometric technique. Possible errors contributed by transducer or cable are not included. |

Common-Mode Rejection: Greater than 120 dB. 
Output Ripple and Noise: 0.15% of full scale (rms), maximum. 
Accuracy*: 0.1% of full scale. 
Dimensions: Standard single-width module. 
Operating Temperature Range: +40° F to +130° F (+44.4° C to +54.4° C). 
Power Requirements: Obtains power from Mainframe Supply. 

II. Installation and Cabling

1. Carefully read the “Initial Instructions” section (IV) of your 9000 System Manual.

2. OSCILLATOR SYNCHRONIZATION: Remove the module from its slot and make sure the Master/Slave Switch (“S1” of Fig. 8) has been properly set. If your system contains only one 9178A and no 9130 or 9132 modules, set the 9178A at “MASTER”; if you have more than one 9178A or a 9178A and one or more 9130 or 9132 modules, set ONE of these modules (either a 9178A, 9130, or 9132) at “MASTER,” and the remaining modules at “SLAVE.” Refer to your Model 9130 or 9132 Instruction Manual for switch location.

3. TRANSDUCER I/O CONNECTION: When connecting a non-Daytronic transducer to the Module I/O Connector at the rear of the 9178A module, use the appropriate cabling as given in Fig. 2. When a Daytronic transducer is used, the necessary cable is normally supplied with the system. Fig. 3 gives the cable for connecting a Lebow 1600 Series Rotary Torque Transducer (only).

NOTE: In all but the shortest four- and six-wire cables, extraneous voltage drops can produce significant errors when a “Shunt Calibration” procedure (described in Section III) is attempted. The seven-wire configuration, however, provides a separate path for “Calibration Current,” thus allowing valid transfer of transducer calibration data, irrespective of cable length. For optimum accuracy, we therefore recommend seven-wire cabling whenever you intend to perform a “Shunt Calibration.”
III. Calibration

DEADWEIGHT CALIBRATION: You can achieve the most accurate results through an overall "Deadweight Calibration," which necessarily takes into account all fixed resistance characteristics of the transducer/cable system.

1A. Turn mainframe power ON. Allow 5 minutes for warm-up.

2A. Check to make certain that the mainframe FAULT indicator is out. If this light is ON, see Part 4 of "Initial Instructions" and also the respective Mainframe Instruction Manual.

3A. Set the front-panel Coarse and Fine SPAN controls fully clockwise (see Fig. 4).

4A. ZERO ADJUSTMENT: Establish a zero input by removing all load from the strain gage transducer. Push the front-panel NULL button and alternately adjust the R and C BALANCE controls to produce a minimum output value for the 9178A (minimum + least positive or most negative). This output may be displayed via a Model 9515A, 9530A, 9590, or 9635.

Release the NULL button and bring the output reading to zero by means of the Coarse and Fine R BALANCE controls.

5A. SPAN ADJUSTMENT: Apply an accurately known value of input loading to the transducer — a value (positive or negative) from 80% to 100% of the transducer's nominal rating. Using the Coarse and Fine SPAN controls, adjust the 9178A output to equal this value.

6A. SYMMETRY ADJUSTMENT: See Step 5B, below.

SHUNT CALIBRATION—an easier though less accurate technique — may be employed when overall "dead-weighting" is impossible or inconvenient, and is good for a general accuracy of 1% to 3%. *

* Greater accuracy is possible, if the transducer manufacturer specifies a precisely known "Equivalent Input."

Amphenol 57-30140
Daytronic 25090
Daytronic 250:10

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10.00 FEET
3.05 METERS

NOTE: Color-coding is for Daytronic factory-wired cable Model 85-5, using four twisted shielded pairs of AWG #24 wire.

Fig. 3 Cabling for Lebow 1600 Series

If a fixed resistor is shunted across one arm of a strain gage bridge, it produces an unbalance equivalent to that of a particular value of mechanical input. ** If this "Equivalent Input" value is accurately known, you can use it as a reference point for calibrating the system.

1B. First determine the "EQUIVALENT INPUT" VALUE for your particular combination of Shunt Calibration Resistance ($R_c$, in ohms)** and transducer.

a. If the transducer manufacturer does not specify an "Equivalent Input" (X), you may easily calculate this value, which depends on the transducer's Bridge Resistance ($R_b$, in ohms) and Full-Range Sensitivity (K, in mV/V full scale) — two variables almost always given by the manufacturer. Use this equation to find X as a percentage of full-scale output:

$$X = \frac{25000 \text{ (mV/V)} \times R_b}{K \times R_c} \%$$

where $R_c = 59000$ ohms, unless a replacement resistor has been installed (see below).

** The Model 9178A is normally shipped with a precision 59-ohm calibration resistor installed for this purpose (indicated 'R65' in Fig. 8).
For example, suppose you have a load cell with a full-scale rating of 1000 lb. The manufacturer specifies a 350-ohm bridge and a full-scale sensitivity of 2 mV/V. Using the 9178A's internal shunt resistor, an "Equivalent Input" would be produced equal to

\[ X = \frac{25000 \text{ (mV/V)} \times 350 \text{ ohms}}{2 \text{ mV/V} \times 59000 \text{ ohms}} = 74.15\% \text{ of a full-scale reading.} \]

Because only nominal values have been used, this is an approximation, but good for general calibration accuracy of 1% to 3%.

To determine the actual input simulated by the shunt, simply multiply X by the rated full-scale capacity of the transducer. In the above example, this would yield 741.5 lb.

b. If the transducer manufacturer specifies an "Equivalent Input" for some \( R_c \) other than 59 kilohms, you can either (1) replace the 59 K shunt in the 9178A with a resistor of the value specified by the manufacturer, and then proceed to use the given "Equivalent Input"; or (2) you can calculate an "Equivalent Input" usable with the installed 59 K calibration resistor:

\[ X_s = X_m \frac{R_c}{59000} \]

where \( X_s \) is the "Equivalent Input" simulated by the shunt; \( X_m \) is the "Equivalent Input" specified by the manufacturer; and \( R_c \) is the calibration resistance specified by the manufacturer.

For example, if the manufacturer has calibrated a 1000-lb load cell using a 39-kilohm shunt resistor, and specifies an "Equivalent Input" of 637 lb., then the input simulated by the 9178A's 59-kilohm resistor will be

\[ X_s = 637 \text{ lb.} \frac{39000 \text{ ohms}}{59000 \text{ ohms}} = 421 \text{ lb}. \]

2B. Follow Steps 2A through 4A of the DEADWEIGHT CALIBRATION procedure, above.

3B. SPAN ADJUSTMENT: Push the +CAL button. Using the Coarse and Fine SPAN controls, adjust the 9178A output to equal the "Equivalent Input" simulated by the shunt (i.e., the value determined in Step 1B).

4B. NEGATIVE CALIBRATION: If a negative "Equivalent Input" is also provided, press the -CAL button, and confirm that the same settings of the Coarse and Fine SPAN controls (from Step 3B) also produce this negative output reading. If not, see Step 5B.

5B. SYMMETRY ADJUSTMENT: If, after Step 5A or 4B, you find that the transducer does not behave symmetrically in both positive and negative directions, first remove the front panel (two screws in upper corners) to access the Symmetry Adjustment at the extreme right. Do not remove the module from its slot. (This adjustment has been factory-set for assumed symmetrical transducer characteristics.)

Repeat the procedure for positive calibration. Then press the -CAL button and adjust the symmetry control to get a reading equal to the negative input applied ("deadweighted") or simulated (by shunt).
IV. Operation

The only required procedure is low-pass FILTER SELECTION, by means of the two graphically coded push buttons on the front panel (see Fig. 4 and the following table):

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Lowering the cutoff frequency means more effective noise elimination — but also an increased time-to-answer ("slew time"). The equations in Fig. 5 give the fundamental relationships.

The front-panel CALL indicator lights when a "Call Input" command is present.

V. Verification of Normal Operation

In the event of a system malfunction, the following procedures should help you determine whether or not the Model 9178A is a possible source of failure. For general troubleshooting strategy, see the section entitled "Malfunction—Diagnosis and Repair" in the "Initial Instructions" section (IV) of your 9000 System Manual.

1. To verify 9178A operation, first arrange to view the module output directly on the system Digital Indicator (or equivalent). Remove from the mainframe any other modules that might unduly load the observed output signal.

2. To check ZERO and SPAN operation,

   a. Establish a zero input by removing all load from the strain gage transducer. Attempt to zero the 9178A output via the front-panel BALANCE controls, as in Step 4A of Section III. Then push the +CAL button and attempt to adjust the output via the SPAN controls, so that it equals the value of the "Equivalent Input" simulated by the shunt resistor (as in Step 3B of Section III). You may also confirm up-scale spanning of the 9178A by means of the Model 9413 Strain Gage Simulator, which connects to the 9178A Module I/O Connector (in place of the transducer) and has a push button for transmission of a step-function input of approximately 12 mV (i.e., 2 mV per V of excitation).

   b. If conditions appear normal, and the 9178A output is stable (free of drift) and quiet (free of excessive noise), then skip to Step 5.

3. If you are unable to ZERO and SPAN correctly, you should ascertain whether the fault lies in the module or in the transducer/cable system. To do so, you may

   a. Substitute a transducer/cable known to be in good condition, and repeat Step 2; or

   b. Connect to the 9178A I/O Connector a star bridge circuit in an exact condition of balance and repeat Step 2.

   The Model 9413 constitutes such a star bridge. Also, you may easily construct the necessary circuit yourself, following the diagram in Fig. 6. (Use 180-ohm, 10%-carbon resistors for a 350-ohm bridge, and 56-ohm resistors for a 120-ohm bridge. Solder pairs of resistors separately, and then connect the two junctions by a separate jumper wire. Use a short 4-wire cable, as shown.)

   c. If the abnormal conditions observed in Step 2 have now disappeared, your original transducer and cable are suspect. However, if you are still unable to ZERO and SPAN correctly, the 9178A module is probably faulty.

4. In the event of excessive output noise, you can easily check low-pass filter operation. Arrange to view the module output directly on a DC-coupled oscilloscope. For proper terminals, consult the System Block Diagram and Mainframe Patch-Wire Connections Drawing included in Section III of your 9000 System Manual.

   a. Select the 500-Hz cutoff frequency (both buttons OUT). Press the +CAL button, and observe the square-wave response of the output.*

   b. Then select the 0.2-Hz cutoff (both buttons IN). Again press the +CAL button. The response should now be very slow, requiring about seven seconds to reach final value.

   c. If the FILTER buttons have no effect on the square-wave response, the module is probably faulty. If, however, you see the response described in Step b, then the noise probably originates from pickup in the test leads or from common-mode effects of ground loops or other sources.

5. Output nonlinearity can result from a damaged transducer, an excessive signal level, or a faulty condition. If you suspect a nonlinear output,

   a. Establish a zero input by removing all load from the transducer, and adjust the BALANCE controls for zero output, as in Step 4A of Section III (You may also use the Model 9413 or a similar star-bridge circuit to simulate a transducer in an exact condition of balance — see Step 3b). Push the +CAL button and note the displayed output signal value (y1).

   b. Remove the module and replace the installed calibration resistor (Ri, labelled "R86" in Fig. 8) with

   *You may also use the Model 9413 Strain Gage Simulator to provide this up-scale step-function input.
another \( (r_2) \) of approximately 50% greater value. The 9178A is normally shipped with an \( r_1 \) of 59 kilohms (indicating an \( r_2 \) of about 88.5 K). Do not use an \( r_2 \) lower than \( r_1 \); this might produce an off-scale output outside the module’s linear range.

c. Reinsert the module, push the +CAL button again, and note the new output-signal value \( (y_2) \).

d. The observed output values should bear an inverse relation to the corresponding resistances: \( y_1/y_2 = r_2/r_1 \), so that an \( r_2 \) value about 50% greater than \( r_1 \) should yield a \( y_2 \) value about 66.6% of \( y_1 \). This check will confirm the essential linearity of the module.

VI. Circuitry and Parts

Fig. 7 Simplified Block Diagram
MODEL
P-359A

DIGITAL STRAIN INDICATOR

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

VISHAY INSTRUMENTS
MEASUREMENTS GROUP

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF CONTROLS

3.1 CALIB Switch
Shunts both the 120Ω and 350Ω internal dummies to read 5000µΩ at GF=2. Thus can be used either to verify instrument accuracy or to compensate for lead-wire desensitization on quarter bridge operation.

3.2 OUTPUT Jack
Two DC outputs available: requires 3-circuit plug (provided). "Shank" connection used as ground return for both. Disconnects Null Meter when used.
Scope output ("ring" connection):
Provides filtered DC for observing dynamic signals with high-impedance scope or recorder (source impedance 7,000Ω). Linear range 0±250 millivolts with sensitivity variable (using SENSITIVITY Control) from approx. 0.2 to 20 mv/µε. Noise and ripple approx. 3µε + 1mv. Flat ±5% DC to 60 Hz.
Galvo output ("tip" connection):
Provides unfiltered DC current to an external null meter or oscilloscope galvanometer. (Meter must highly reject 1kHz carrier components.) Suggested external meter: ±1/2 ma, 100Ω resistance. SENSITIVITY control adjusts sensitivity from approx. 0.08 to 8µε/µa.
3.3 115 VAC Receptacle

Receives the female end of the detachable 3-wire line cord. (Not used on BAT operation.)

3.4 POWER Switch

The only On-Off switch on the instrument. Pushed to the left, the instrument will operate on the internal battery. Pushed to the right, it will operate on the AC power supply. On battery operation, the unit is automatically shut off when the lid is closed.

3.5 BAT TEST Pushbutton

With the POWER switch on BAT, depressing this pushbutton will deflect the Null Meter to indicate battery condition. Although a weak battery does not directly affect accuracy, the Null Meter may become somewhat insensitive.

3.6 SENSITIVITY Control

A gain control for the amplifier driving the Null Meter. The control can vary the sensitivity of the meter by a factor of approx. 100:1. Normally this control is turned fully clockwise to yield a Null Meter sensitivity of approximately 40 micro-strain full-scale in either direction.

At lower settings of the control the Null Meter itself can be used for direct strain readout of static or dynamic signals up to 1 Hz.

The SENSITIVITY Control is also used in conjunction with the OUTPUT jack for true dynamic measurements.

Used to disconnect the initial BALANCE circuit if desired. Usually kept in ON position.

3.7 BALANCE Switch

Used to compensate for the initial imbalance in a gage circuit (up to 2000µe) to read 0000 at no load. Subsequent readings then are direct-reading "Indicated Strain". The control should be locked after adjusting on a given strain gage installation.

3.8 BALANCE Control

Used to change sign (for tension or compression readings) and to extend the range of the STRAIN counter in increments of 10,000µe.

3.9 RANGE EXTENDER

A zero-center galvanometer used to determine instrument balance in adjusting the BALANCE and Pebalance knobs. Normally all readings are taken with the pointer on "0", although other applications exist (see paragraph 3.6). It is also used to check the condition of the internal battery.
3.11 Rebalance Knob & STRAIN Counter
Used to bring the Null Meter to "0" in making a strain measurement - the Counter then displays the strain in micro-inches per inch (microstrain or µε). The knob mechanism has a range of 10,000 microstrain. The basic calibration assumes a single active strain gage.

3.12 GAGE FACTOR Dial
A 10-turn locking control used to set the appropriate Gage Factor. This control can be varied from nominally 0.10 to 10.00.

3.13 BRIDGE Selector
Used to switch the internal dummy half bridge into the circuit for quarter and half bridge applications.

3.14 Binding Posts
For attachment of leads-wires to the strain gage(s) or transducer. The hook-up for a single gage is marked on the panel. Other typical arrangements are shown on a brief instruction plate attached to the inside of the instrument cover.

4.0 OPERATING PROCEDURE

4.1 Static Measurements ("Null Balance"):
4.1.1 Connect the gage(s) as shown on the plate inside the lid.
4.1.2 Select the proper position of the BRIDGE selector, FULL or HALF QUARTER.
4.1.3 Set the GAGE FACTOR dial as desired for the particular gage and/or application and lock. (On quarter bridge operation, the CALIB switch use as described in Section 4.4.)
4.1.4 Turn the SENSITIVITY knob fully clockwise (for maximum meter sensitivity).
4.1.5 Turn the large rebalance knob counterclockwise to a STRAIN counter reading of "0000".
4.1.6 Turn the RANGE EXTENDER knob to "±" (without digit).
4.1.7 Turn the POWER switch to BAT or AC. The latter will require installation of the 115 Vac line cord.
4.1.8 Turn single switch above the BALANCE Control to ON.
4.1.9 With a no-load condition on the test specimen turn the BALANCE knob to null (zero) the Null Meter (left twice to move the pointer to the right), lock the knob.

If it is impossible to null the meter using the BALANCE control, lock the control in any position and use the large Rebalance knob to obtain the null in accordance with paragraph 4.1.11. Record the STRAIN Counter sign and reading of this NO-LOAD condition. Resume instructions with paragraph 4.1.10.

4.1.10 Load the test specimen as desired.

For the procedures that follow it is assumed that the Null Meter has been null'd with the strain counter at 0000 prior to the application of a load.

4.1.11 Meter deflects left: Rotate the large Rebalance
knob clockwise until the Meter comes to null.
Read the STRAIN counter and sign.

If the Meter remains to the left at full counter reading, rotate the RANGE EXTENDER knob clockwise until the Meter pointer moves to the right, then rotate the large Rebalance knob counterclockwise to null.

Meter deflect right: turn the RANGE EXTENDER switch counterclockwise until the Meter pointer moves to the left. Then rotate the large Rebalance knob clockwise to obtain a Meter null. Read the STRAIN counter and sign.

4.1.12 The STRAIN Counter reading (meter nulled) is the "Indicated Strain." A "+" quantity indicates tension in the "Active" gages, a "-" quantity indicates compression.

For those No-Load cases where the Null Meter could be nulled only by use of the large Rebalance knob, a pretest STRAIN counter sign and reading were obtained for zero load. The test load should now be applied and the Meter nulling procedures repeated using the Rebalance knob. Under these conditions, the "Indicated Strain" is determined from the following with due regard to signs:

\[
\text{Indicated Strain} = (\text{Final Reading}) - (\text{No-Load Reading})
\]

4.2 Low-Frequency Measurements (Static to 1 Hz)

Occasionally there are situations in which a strain level is fluctuating at a slow rate, but too rapidly for an operator to maintain null on the Null Meter. In these cases a simple technique is available to obtain data without additional equipment. (Accuracy better than 5 percent.)

4.2.1 Under static conditions (by use of a separate gage installation, if static output of active gage cannot be achieved), turn the SENSITIVITY Control to approximately 10 o'clock position.

4.2.2 Bring the Null Meter to exact null with the initial BALANCE and/or large Rebalance knobs. Note the STRAIN reading and sign.

4.2.3 Rotate the Rebalance knob (in either direction) that number of microstrain from the noted reading which you desire to represent full scale on the Meter (usually a round number, such as 500).

4.2.4 Adjust the SENSITIVITY Control so that the Meter deflects precisely to the full scale mark.

4.2.5 Return to the original STRAIN Counter setting and re-zero using the BALANCE Control, if necessary.

4.2.6 If readjustment was necessary in 4.2.5, return to the full scale setting and refine the SENSITIVITY Control to give an exact full scale indication.

4.2.7 The Null Meter is now calibrated so that strain readings can be taken directly from the Null Meter (in the example, each meter division now represents 50 microstrain). The strain level representing zero meter deflection (needle pointing at "0") can be adjusted with the Rebalance knob.

This system is limited to frequencies of less than 1 Hz because of meter damping and visual limitations.

4.3 Dynamic Measurements (Static to 60 Hz)

For higher frequency dynamic measurements the Portable Strain Indicator is used in conjunction with an oscilloscope or high-input-impedance oscillograph.

The approximate frequency response of the scope OUTPUT is shown on the following page. Note that the indicated output is about one-half the true strain at about 150 Hz; the general usefulness of this output for frequencies above 100 Hz will depend on the nature of the test.

Since the source impedance of the scope OUTPUT is approximately 7,000 ohms, it is recommended that the oscilloscope or oscillograph input impedance be above 100K, preferably 1 megohm.
Connections: Using the standard j-circuit plug provided, connect the scope ground to the "shunt" connection and the signal input to the "hairpin" connection.

While the maximum output of the scope OUTPUT is approximately ±500 millivolts, it preferably should be used to only ±250 millivolts to maintain good linearity (approx. ±2%).

Depending on the setting of the SENSITIVITY control, the scale factor for the scope OUTPUT can be varied from approximately 0.2 to 20 microstrain per millivolt. This range provides adequate flexibility for measuring low or high amplitude dynamic strains.

The output can be used for measuring small dynamic strains superimposed on large static strains. In this case the static level is balanced out with the Indicator using the large Rebalance knob and RANGE EXTENDER until the dynamic trace of the strain is displayed symmetrically about the zero DC output level of the scope OUTPUT.

Calibration of the scope OUTPUT can be achieved with either shunt calibration across the active strain gage(s) or by use of the large Rebalance knob on the Indicator. Shunt calibration is somewhat more accurate but not as convenient.

4.4 CALIBRATOR

The internal calibration circuit only functions when using the internal dummy on 120Ω or 350Ω on quarter bridge operation.

It can be used to (1) verify instrument calibration, (2) accurately set the GAGE FACTOR Control over a range of 0.2 to 10.0, and (3) compensate for leadwire demagnetization on quarter bridge operation, even when the lead resistance is not known.

4.4.1 Instrument Calibration

a. Connect any accurate (±0.1% or better) non-inductive 120Ω or 350Ω strain gage or resistor in standard quarter-bridge manner. Lead resistance must be negligible (less than 0.05Ω, 0.02%, preferable).

b. Set GAGE FACTOR at exactly 2,000.

c. With STRAIN counter at +0000, adjust initial BALANCE Control as usual.

d. Turn CALIBR Switch On.

e. Turn large Rebalance Knob to obtain null. Reading should be +5000 ± 5 at 75°F.

Note: With a perfect external circuit, the tolerance of internal components should yield a reading of +10. However, the span of the P-350A is adjusted to "bracket" errors as best as possible over the range of the instrument. Conceivably it could have been set to read +500 at 500Ω, because other readings tended to be negative up to 0.1%. Thus a relatively large error at +500Ω does not necessarily mean that the instrument is not properly calibrated.

4.4.2 To accurately set GAGE FACTOR:

Due to inherent linearity limitations on the GAGE FACTOR control, settings other than 2,000 cannot be
guaranteed very precisely; this is especially true below 1.500. The following procedure is independent of potentiometer linearity.

a. Connect any accurate (10.1% or better) non-inductive 120Ω or 350Ω strain gage or resistor in standard quarter bridge manner. Lead resistance must be negligible (unless the circuit is the one to be tested - in which case this procedure eliminates the effect of this lead resistance).

b. Set GAGE FACTOR at approximately the desired value.

c. With the STRAIN counter at +0000, adjust initial BALANCE Control as usual.

d. Turn CALIB Switch On.

e. Set STRAIN counter at calculated value:

\[
\text{STRAIN} = \frac{10,000}{\text{GF}}
\]

(4-1)

f. If Null Meter is not at "0", adjust GAGE FACTOR Control slightly to get "0". Lock GAGE FACTOR.

g. Turn CALIB Switch OFF.

4.4.3 To compensate for lead wire resistance:

As discussed in paragraph 6.2.1, even modestly long lead wires can affect the accuracy of strain measurements. The traditional solution is, knowing the lead-wire resistance, to calculate a special "Gage Factor" for the instrument. The unique CALIB circuit in the P-350A provides a variant of this procedure for which the lead-wire resistance need not be known: it is only applicable on quarter bridge circuits using the internal dummies provided.

a. Connect the gage to the P-350A as usual (3-lead circuit).

b. With the STRAIN counter at +0000, adjust initial BALANCE as usual.

e. Turn CALIB Switch On.

d. Set STRAIN counter at exactly +5000μ.

e. Adjust GAGE FACTOR CONTROL to center the Null Meter.

f. Read GAGE FACTOR Control and calculate deviation from 2.000.

g. Apply this calculated deviation to the Gage Factor on the strain gage package; set this new value into the GAGE FACTOR control and perform the desired tests.

Example: In (f) above, reading was 1.965, or a deviation of -0.035.

Suppose GF from package was 2.080;
Set GAGE FACTOR at:

\[
2.080 - 0.035 = 2.045
\]

4.5 Detachable Cover:

The instrument as supplied is equipped with hinges which will allow removal of the cover. To effect removal, bend the open-ended portion of the cover hinge outward far enough to clear the center section of the body hinge. If you prefer a permanently attached cover, please disregard these instructions.
The P-350A readily adapts to various bridge circuits, but it is important to note that a basic condition for proper operation requires that the instrument must always have a four-arm bridge (internal or external) at the input and this bridge must have certain symmetry. Some forms of this bridge are theoretically linear but most are non-linear, although the non-linearity can usually be neglected.

The most common forms of bridge hook-up for strain measurements are shown in Figure 1.

In quarter bridge (single gage) operation good strain gage practice dictates the use of the three-wire circuit. However, the P-350A can be used with two-wire circuits: Short together terminals S- and B at the Indicator.

Due to the high temperature coefficient of resistance of copper wire, ambient temperature changes on the lead wires can give a large false indication of strain when only two lead wires are used. (Using 10 feet [3 meters] of twisted-pair AWG #30 [0.25 mm dia.] wire to a 1200 gage, the apparent zero could shift almost 200 microstrain for a 10°F [5.6°C] change. Even using AWG #20 [0.81 mm dia.] wire in this situation, the shift would be about 1800.)

The recommended three-wire system puts half of the temperature-induced lead wire resistance change in series with the dummy gage while the other half remains in series with the active gage. Equal changes in lead resistances in these adjacent arms then do not affect the strain measurement.

The best approach is to get in the habit of ALWAYS using three leads -- don't guess it doesn't matter in a particular test and then get erratic data.
5.3 For quarter bridge operation it is suggested that the Strain Indicator be at approximately the same ambient temperature as the active gage and test structure. This is because the "dummy" gage in the Indicator is also a standard strain gage and produces the normal apparent strain (due to non-ideal temperature compensation.) For "room temperature" testing between 60° and 100°F [15° and 40°C], the residual apparent strain caused by a temperature difference between the "active" and "dummy" gages can generally be neglected, but where either gage is below 60°F [15°C], best zero stability will be achieved by either (1) being certain that both the active gage and Indicator are close to the same temperature or, (2) use of a true unstrained "compensating" gage in the environment of the active gage.
PROGRAM PARALL.FOR

PROGRAM TO TRANSFER ASCII DATA PARALLELLY BETWEEN
MNC-23 AND DAYTRONIC 9635 COMPUTER INTERFACE MODULE
THROUGH THE IEEE-488 INSTRUMENT INTERFACE BUS

HOW SET TO SAMPLE ONLY 10 CHANNELS :
$01$ TO $04$ FOR STRAIN GAGES
$20$ TO $24$ FOR T/C's

CHANGE IX VALUES ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU SAMPLE

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0001 LOGICAL*1 FNANE(15), BUF(20)
0002 LOGICAL*1 BUF1(4), BUF2(6), BUF3(4), BUF4(7)

If a different number of channels (NCHAN not 10) are sampled,
change the DIMENSIONS of the following arrays accordingly:
IX(2*NCHAN), EOUT(9*NCHAN), BIT(9*NCHAN), VAL(9*NCHAN)

0003 LOGICAL*1 IX(2,10), OUT(90)
0004 LOGICAL*1 OUT(9,10), VAL(9,10)
0005 LOGICAL*1 YN, YNST, YNFL
0006 DIMENSION T(3000)
0007 EQUIVALENCE (OUT(1), VAL(1,1))
0008 INTEGER*4 ITX1, ITX0

ASCII commands to be send to the 9635

0009 DATA BUF1/'L','O','C','15/
0010 DATA BUF2/'C','H','N','I','X','15/
0011 DATA BUF3/'U','N','L','15/
0012 DATA BUF4/'D','L','Y','0','0','15/

Array IX contains the numbers of the channels to be sampled.
If different channels are sampled it should be changed accordingly.

0013 DATA IX/0',1',0',2',0',3',0',4',2',0'/

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NCHAN should be set to the number of channels that you sample.
C Output file initialization
C
0021 TYPE *, ' WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE OUTPUT FILE ?'
0022 ACCEPT 701,(FNAME(I),I=1,14)
0023 701 FORMAT(14A1)
0024 FNAME(15)=O
0025 OPEN(UNIT=15,NAMt=FNAME,TYPE='NEW',ACCESS='SEQUENTIAL',
'IORM='FORMATTED')
0026 TYPE *, ' DO YOU WANT AN INFORMATION FILE TO BE CREATED (Y/N) ?'
0027 ACCEPT 70,YN
0028 70 FORMAT(A1)
0029 IF (YN.NE.'Y') GO TO 100
0030 CALL INFO
C
0031 TYPE *, ' HOW MANY CHANNELS DO YOU WANT TO SAMPLE ?'
0032 ACCEPT *,NCHAN
C
C Time steps definition
C
0034 100 TYPE *, ' ENTER TIME LIMITS FOR EVERY INTERVAL '
0035 TYPE *, ' ( ENTER T1,T2,T3 IN 1/10 SECONDS ) '
0036 ACCEPT *,T1,T2,T3
0037 TYPE *, ' ENTER TIME STEP SIZE FOR EVERY INTERVAL '
0038 TYPE *, ' ( T11,T12,T13 IN 1/10 SECONDS ) '
0039 TYPE *, ' NOTE THAT THE TIME STEPS MUST BE '
0040 TYPE *, ' GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.1 SEC ! '
0041 TYPE *, ' ( FOR 5 STRAIN GAGES AND 5 THERMOCOUPLES ) '
0042 ACCEPT *,T11,T12,T13
0043 N=1
0044 TI=TI1
0045 T(1)=0.0
0046 40 IF(T(N).GE.Ti) TI=TI2
0048 IF(T(N).GE.T2) TI=TI3
0050 IF(T(N).GE.T3) GO TO 41
0052 T(N+1)=T(N)+TI
0053 N=N+1
0054 GO TO 40
0055 41 CONTINUE
C
0056 TYPE 702 ,(T(IJK),IJK=1,N)
0057 702 FORMAT(1H15,1X,8F10.2)
0058 TYPE *, '**** ARE TIME STEPS OK ? (Y/N) ****'
0059 ACCEPT 70,YNST
0060 IF (YNST.EQ.'N') GO TO 100
C
C Set the 9635 response time to 0 (Default is 334 msecs)
C
0062 CALL IBSEND (BUF4,NCHR4,INSTR)
0063 CALL IBTERM
C
C Sampling Phase
C
0064 PAUSE *, ' TYPE A CARRIAGE RETURN TO START SAMPLING '!
0065 TYPE *, ' TYPE A SECOND CARRIAGE RETURN TO STOP '!
CALL GTIM(ITM0)
CALL CVTTIM(ITM0, IH0, IM0, ISO, IT0)

Loop for all time steps

DO 121 JJ=1,N
CALL GTIM(ITM1)
CALL CVTTIM(ITM1, IH1, IM1, IS1, IT1)
TIM=(IH1-IH0)*3600.0+(IM1-IM0)*600.0+(IS1-IS0)*10.0+(IT1-IT0)/6.
IF (TIM.LT.T(JJ)) GO TO 1
CALL GTIM(ITM1)
CALL CVTTIM(ITM1, IH1, IM1, IS1, IT1)
TIM=(IH1-IH0)*3600.0+(IM1-IM0)*600.0+(IS1-IS0)*10.0+(IT1-IT0)/6.

Send "LOC" (9635 memory freeze) command

CALL IBSEND (BUF1,NCHR1,INSTR)
JJ1=JJ-1
QQQ=TIM/10.
TYPE 718;JJ1,QQQ
FORMAT(3X,IS,F10.3)

Loop for all channels

DO 103 JL=1,NCHAN
DO 104 J=1,20
BUF(J)=' '
BUF2(4)=IX(1,JL)
BUF2(5)=IX(2,JL)

Send "CHN X" (channel sampling) command

CALL IBSEND (BUF2,NCHR2,INSTR)

Input parallel data from the 9635

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CALL IBRECV (BUF,NCHR,INSTR)

Get rid of LF,CR or unreadable characters

DO 111 I=4,12
JLI=(JL-1)*9+I-3
IF (BUF(I).NE.*15) GO TO 112
BUF(I)='
112 IF (BUF(I).NE.*0) GO TO 11
BUF(I)='
11 IF (BUF(I).NE.*12) GO TO 111
BUF(I)='
111 BOUT(JLI)=BUF(I)
111 CONTINUE

Send "UNL" (9635 memory unfreeze) command

CALL IBSEND (BUF3,NCHR3,INSTR)

Set data to proper format

DO 93 I=1,NCHAN
J9=9
DO 92 IL=1,9
IL1=9-IL+1
J9 = J9 - 1
CONTINUE
DO 94 J1 = 1, J9
BOT(J1, I) = ", / " 
CONTINUE 
C 
C Write the data to the disc and display some on the terminal
C If NCHAN is changed, FORMAT 703 must be changed accordingly 
C 
WRITE (15, 703) QQQ, ((BOT(IL, I), IL=1, 9), I=1, NCHAN)
FORMAT (1X, F10.3, 4X, 4X, 1X, 9.1) 
C TYPE 704, ((BOT(IL, I), IL=1, 9), I=1, 3), ((BOT(ML, M), ML=1, 9), M=0, 8) 
C 
C Check if a carriage return has been typed to stop sampling
C 
IY = IITYINR()
IF (IY .GE. 0) GO TO 122
CONTINUE
I22 CONTINUE
C 
C End of time steps loop
C 
GO TO 125
C 
124 122 TYPE *, 'DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE SAMPLING IN THE SAME FILE (Y/N
ACCEPt 70, YNFL 
126 IF (YNFL .NE. 'N') GO TO 120
C 
WRITE (15, 710) T1, T2, T3, TI1, TI2, TI3, N
710 FORMAT (/5X, 'TIME LIMITS FOR EACH INTERVAL :', 3F10.3/
25X, 'TIME STEP SIZES FOR EACH INTERVAL :', 3F10.3/
15X, 'TOTAL NUMBER OF TIME STEPS :', 15)
CLOSE (UNIT=15)
C 
STOP
END 
C 
Store sampling information on the disk and close output file
C 
WRITE (15, 710) T1, T2, T3, TI1, TI2, TI3, N
710 FORMAT (/5X, 'TIME LIMITS FOR EACH INTERVAL :', 3F10.3/
25X, 'TIME STEP SIZES FOR EACH INTERVAL :', 3F10.3/
15X, 'TOTAL NUMBER OF TIME STEPS :', 15)
CLOSE (UNIT=15)
C 
STOP
END 
F ORTRAN IV V02.5 Fri 11-Apr-86 09:40:32 
F ORTRAN IV Storage Map for Program Unit .MAIN.
C 
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BOOT UP MINC

Step 1: Insert SYSTEM DISK in the left drive (SY:).
Step 2: Insert PROGRAM DISK in the right drive (DK:).
Step 3: Turn on the power switch.
Step 4: Enter date and time
   ex. 12-Jan-87 (return)
        14:00 (return)

EDIT FILE

Step 1: Type R KED (return)
Step 2: * appears on the screen, then type FILE NAME which you want edit.
Step 3: Edit file using cursor key.
Step 4: When you finish editing, hit (gold key) (command key) EXIT (enter key). Then * appears on the screen, please hit ctrl-C.

COMPILE AND LINK SOURCE FILE

MINC has only FORTRAN COMPILER.

Step 1: Make SOURCE FILE following the above steps. SOURCE FILE NAME MUST HAVE .FOR description.
   ex. TEST.FOR
Step 2: Type FORT FILE NAME (return).
   ex. FOR TEST
Step 3: Type LINK FILE NAME,SY:PLTSVK (LIB) ex. LINK TEST,SY:PLTSVK
   note: SY:PLTSVK is object file of plot subroutines

RUN YOUR SOFTWARE (FROM PROGRAM DISK)

Step 1: Type RUN FILE NAME (return).
   ex. RUN TEST

FORMAT INIT

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APPENDIX C
PIPE LENGTH CALCULATIONS

In order for the end effects of the cylinder to be ignored, then the length of the pipe needs to be determined so that the cylinder will behave as one of infinite length. This happens when [33]:

\[
1 > \frac{2\pi b}{l} = 6.86 \text{ inches}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (C.1)

where \( l \) is the half length of the cylinder

and

\[
b^4 = \frac{3(1-v^2)}{(rt)^2} = 0.915 \text{ inches}^4
\]

\[
\pi = 3.14159
\]

where \( v = 0.3 \), Poisson's ratio

\( r = 6.3125'' \), outer radius of pipe

\( t = 0.3125'' \), wall thickness

As long as the half length of the cylinder is greater than 6.86 inches then the cylinder will behave as that of infinite length and end effects can be ignored. The half length of 9 inches ensures the infinite length assumption.
The electrical conductivity of metals is explained from the concepts of quantum mechanics. The theory indicates that a perfectly periodic metallic crystal lattice has perfect conductivity, zero electrical resistance. Resistance to the passage of electrons arises from irregular spacing of the metal ions. Thermal vibrating creates this irregularity. Hence, electrical resistance increases on heating. Residual stresses are a result of heating during, thus contributing to this electrical resistance. [34]

Residual stresses are measured by the elastic strains existing in the body. Strain gages measure these strains by measuring the electrical resistance. A strain gage consists of a thin metallic foil, bonded within insulating backing called a carrier matrix or grid material. Figures D-1 [23] and D-2 [35] show a variety of strain gage configurations. The electrical resistance of this grid material varies linearly with strain. When the specimen is loaded or stress relieved, the strain on its surface is transmitted to the grid material by the adhesive and carrier matrix. The strain of the specimen is determined by measuring the change in the electrical resistance of the grid material. [36]
Figure D-1: Various Strain Gage Configurations [?3]
Figure D-2: Various Strain Gage Configurations [35]
Application of Strain Gages

To apply the strain gages to the surface of the specimen, the surface is roughened with 240 grit sandpaper and cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. When no more contaminants are visible after cleaning with isopropyl alcohol, then the strain gage is bonded to the surface.

Do not touch the gage with hands, use tape or tweezers. To ensure the gage is in the correct position, tape it to the surface with transparent tape. Lift the gage leaving some of the tape adhered, like a hinge, and apply the catalyst to the back of the gage. Then apply the adhesive to the surface where the gage will adhere. Replace the gage on the surface, cover with a teflon film to protect skin from catalyst and adhesive, and press down firmly for approximately one minute. Inspect the gage for full adhesion. If not, repeat the steps with a new gage. If it is fully adhered, then remove the tape and solder leads to the terminal strip. [35]
APPENDIX E

STRAIN/STRESS CALCULATIONS

Stress is related to strain by the following equations [7]:

\[ E \varepsilon_x = \sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_\theta + \sigma_z) \quad (E.1) \]
\[ E \varepsilon_\theta = \sigma_\theta - \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x) \quad (E.2) \]
\[ E \varepsilon_z = \sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_\theta) \quad (E.3) \]
\[ \tau = G \gamma \quad (E.4) \]

Rearranging these equations give:

\[ \sigma_x = E \varepsilon_x + \nu(\sigma_\theta + \sigma_z) \quad (E.1a) \]
\[ \sigma_\theta = E \varepsilon_\theta + \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x) \quad (E.2a) \]
\[ \sigma_z = E \varepsilon_z + \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_\theta) \quad (E.3a) \]
\[ \gamma = \frac{\nu}{G} \quad (E.4a) \]

Substituting above equations into equation (E-1a) gives:

\[ \sigma_x = E \varepsilon_x + \nu(E \varepsilon_\theta + \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x) + \sigma_z) \]
\[ = E \varepsilon_x + \nu E \varepsilon_\theta + \nu^2 \sigma_z + \nu^2 \sigma_x + \nu \sigma_z \quad (E.1b) \]

Grouping the alike terms leave:

\[ (1-\nu^2) \sigma_x = E (\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_\theta) + (\nu^2 + \nu) \sigma_z \quad (E.1c) \]

For this experiment stress in z direction is zero. Therefore:

\[ \sigma_x = \frac{-E}{(1-\nu^2)} (\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_\theta) \quad (E.1d) \]

By the same analogy:

\[ \sigma_\theta = \frac{-E}{(1-\nu^2)} (\varepsilon_\theta + \nu \varepsilon_x) \quad (E.2b) \]
Using equations (E.1d), (E.2b) and (E.4a) the stresses are calculated from the strain change measured from the VISHAY strain indicator while the specimens were cut. Tables E-1, E-2 and E-3 show the strain change measurements and stress calculations for each specimen.
Table E-1: Strain Measurements and Stress Calculations for Specimen without Restraint

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**Table E-2: Strain Measurements and Stress Calculations for Specimen with 150 psi Restrains**

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Table E-3: Strain Measurements and Stress Calculations for Specimen with 250 psi Restraint

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Appendix F

Deflection Prediction and Restraining Factor Calculations

Castigliano’s Second Theorem [28] gives calculations for deflections and restraining factor of a curved beam:

\[
\begin{align*}
&u = \frac{pR^4[1-((\theta/2)-1)\cos(\theta)-0.5\sin(\theta)]}{EI} \\
&v = \frac{wR^4[3\theta-\pi\sin(\theta)+\pi(\theta-\theta^2)\cos(\theta)]}{EI} \\
K_u = \frac{pR^4}{(&u EI)} \\
K_v = \frac{wR^4}{(&v EI)}
\end{align*}
\]

Using this thesis’s data at 30° at \(x = 0.25^\circ\):

\[
&u = &v = 0.004^\circ \\
p = 0.036 \times \frac{EI}{R^4} \\
w = 0.079 \times \frac{EI}{R^4}
\]

Using DeBiccari’s data for same:

\[
&u = &v = 0.003^\circ \\
p = 0.027 \times \frac{EI}{R^4} \\
w = 0.059 \times \frac{EI}{R^4}
\]

Then:

\[
\begin{align*}
&u = 0.036133 \times [1-((\theta/2)-1)\cos(\theta)-0.5\sin(\theta)] \\
&v = 0.009956 \times [(3\theta-\pi\sin(\theta)+\pi(\theta-\theta^2)\cos(\theta)] \\
K_u = 0.036133 \times \frac{1}{&m} \\
K_v = 0.009956 \times \frac{1}{&m}
\end{align*}
\]

where \&m is the measured distortion. However, \&u and \&v are for zero distortion at 0° and in these theses there is distortion at 0°. So there must be a correction factor in the equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
&*u = &u + 0.002\cos(\theta) \\
&*v = &v + 0.002\cos(\theta)
\end{align*}
\]
The following table, Table F-1, gives the results of the above equations.

Table F-1: Calculation Values for Deflections and Restraining Factor

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Theta radians</th>
<th>Theta degrees</th>
<th>&amp;u</th>
<th>&amp;v</th>
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<th>&amp;*v</th>
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For figure 5-8, a nondimensional distortion, &e: the ratio of the measured distortion to the radius, is plotted against the restraining factor, K. The data are at 0.25" away from the weld centerling and for 0° and 30°. The following table, Table F-2, show the calculated values.

Table F-2: Calculated Values for Nondimensional Deflections and Restraining Factor

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