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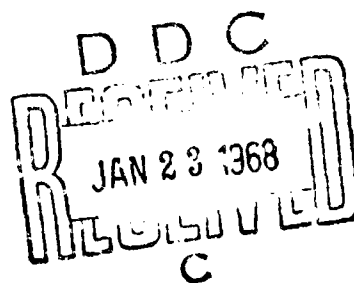
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*Results of a round-robin test program conducted by National Association of Corrosion Engineers Technical Committee T-3L for Anodic Protection.

Background

At the March 1965 meeting of National Association of Corrosion Engineers (N.A.C.E.) Technical Committee T-3L for Anodic Protection a large number of attendees expressed an interest in participating in a round-robin potentiostatic anodic polarization test program. Since a large amount of data have been reported in the technical literature on the anodic behavior of nickel in sulfuric acid solutions, it was decided that the T-3L Program should consist of conducting a potentiostatic anodic polarization curve for pure nickel in hydrogen-saturated, 1N H_2SO_4 at 25°C using the experimental technique usually used in each participant's laboratory. Each participant was requested to submit a potentiostatic anodic polarization curve and supplemental data which were to include values for: (1) corrosion potential (E_{corr}), (2) cathode potential, (3) critical current density (i_{cr}), (4) critical potential (E_{cr}), (5) passive current density (i_{p}), and (6) Tafel slopes for anodic dissolution and transpassive behavior. All data were to be reported in accordance with the generalized potentiostatic anodic polarization curve (Figure 1) which was tentatively agreed upon at the March 1965 T-3L Committee Meeting.

Since it is well known that experimental procedure can strongly affect the potentiostatic anodic polarization curve, it was anticipated that widely different results would be reported. However, it was believed that the completion of such a round-robin test program would permit a more meaningful comparison of the data reported by various investigators and focus attention to the need for a standardized technique for conducting potentiostatic anodic polarization studies.

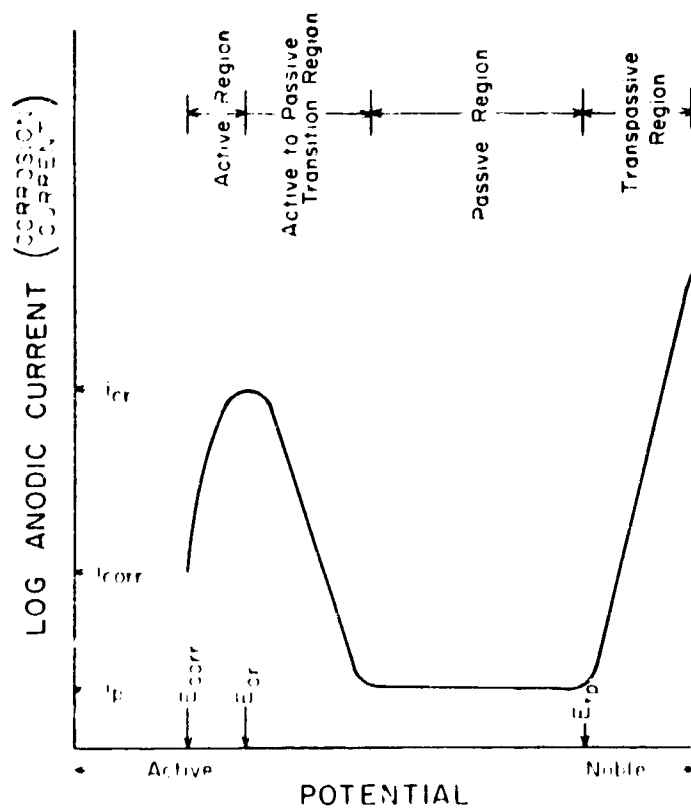


Figure 1 - Generalized Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curve Tentatively Agreed upon at March 1965 T-3L Meeting.

Subsequent to the 1965 T-3L Committee Meeting, specimens of pure nickel (Nickel 270) were provided the twenty-five investigators expressing a desire to actively participate in the round-robin test program. Of these twenty-five participants, fifteen (Table I) submitted results. These data were collected and compiled at the AFIT Corrosion Research Laboratory.

Table I
Participants in T-3L Round-Robin Test Program

Investigator	Affiliation
James R. Myers	Air Force Institute of Technology
Richard L. Martin	Monsanto Company
Olen L. Riggs	Continental Oil Company
Howard A. Porte	U. S. Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory
R. F. Steigerwald	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Howard Vaeth	Republic Steel Corporation
John D. Hatfield	TVA National Fertilizer Development Center
George Economy & G. A. DiBari	The International Nickel Company, Inc.
Edward L. Wiehe	Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation
G. A. Saltzman	Crucible Steel Company of America
C. E. Locke	Continental Oil Company
Monte S. Walker	General Motors Technical Center
G. J. Biefer	Mines Branch of Canada
Inq. M. Prazak CSc.	State Institute for Material (Czechoslovakia)
James W. Johnson	University of Missouri at Rolla

Test Material

Because of the large number of investigators expressing an interest in participating in the T-3L test program, it was necessary to use Nickel 270 rod (furnished by The International Nickel Company) from two different heats. Since the test materials were produced using the same mill practice and had nearly the same chemistry (Table II), it was not expected that this possible variable would affect the anodic polarization curve. This was verified by tests conducted in the AFIT Corrosion Research Laboratory (see results reported by J. R. Myers in Appendix A).

Table II
Chemical Analysis of Nickel 270 Used in T-3L Round-Robin
Test Program (values expressed in weight percent)

Heat	C	Mn	Fe	S	Si	Cu	Cr	Co
NP-327-H	0.002	<0.001	0.0006	0.001	0.0005	<0.001	0.0001	0.0004
NP-385-H	0.006	<0.001	0.0005	<0.001	0.0007	<0.001	0.0001	0.0003

Results

Anodic polarization data were submitted by the fifteen active participants of the T-3L Round-Robin Test Program. Of these fifteen: (1) eleven conducted their studies using a potentiostatic technique with H_2 -saturated, 1N H_2SO_4 ; (2) two used a potentiostatic technique with N_2 -saturated, 1N H_2SO_4 ; (3) one used a potentiostatic technique with air-saturated, 1N H_2SO_4 ; (4) one used a potentiostatic technique with 1N H_2SO_4 containing no saturating gas; and (5) one used a galvanostatic technique with H_2 -saturated, 1N H_2SO_4 . A compilation of the important polarization data reported by the fourteen participants using a potentiostatic technique is given in Tables IIIa and IIIb. (The data sheets and anodic polarization curves submitted by all fifteen investigators are included in Appendix A.) Examination of Tables IIIa and IIIb revealed that the reported polarization data are within the following limits:

Cathode Potential	-0.240 to -0.269 Volt vs. S.C.E.
Corrosion Potential (E_{corr})	-0.200 to -0.300 Volt vs. S.C.E.
Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope	0.044 to 0.089 Volt/decade
Critical Current Density (i_{cr})	6.8 to 190 ma/cm^2
Critical Potential (E_{cr})	-0.100 to +0.400 Volt vs. S.C.E.
Passive Current Density (i_p)	0.0022 to 0.3 ma/cm^2
Early Transpassive Tafel Slope	0.040 to 0.185 Volt/decade
Oxygen Evolution Tafel Slope	0.08 to 0.485 Volt/decade

Conclusions

It has been established that experimental technique strongly affects the potentiostatic anodic polarization data for Nickel 270 in 1N H_2SO_4 . However, as a result of this round-robin test program, it should be possible for the active participants to more meaningfully compare future data.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a statistical study be made (by an appointed committee) of the data contained in this report to quantitatively evaluate the effect of experimental technique on the potentiostatic anodic polarization curve.

Table IIIa

Comparison of Data Reported by Various Investigators for
Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Behavior of Nickel 270 in 1N H₂SO₄.

Investigator	Specimen Heat No.	Sat. Gas	Polarization Technique	Cathode Potential, Volt vs. S.C.E.	Corrosion Potential (E _{corr}), Volt vs. S.C.E.	Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope, volt/decade	Critical Current Density (i _{cr}), ma/cm ²
Myers	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.269	-0.280	0.050 to 0.070	51
	NP-327-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.266	-0.271	0.060 to 0.080	67
Martin	NP-385-H	H ₂	Scan (- to +)	-0.267	-0.293	0.050	190
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Scan (+ to -)	-0.267	-0.300	0.080	38.12
Riggs	NP-385-H	H ₂	Scan	-0.245	-0.263	-	60
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.245	-0.263	0.054	29
Porte	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-	-0.263	-	-
Steigerwald	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.263	-0.262	0.05	8.37
Vaeth	NP-327-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-	-0.260	0.089	140
Hatfield	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-0.262	-0.265	0.06	27
Economy & DiBari	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.253	-0.253	0.044	34
Wiene	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.264	-0.200	-	140
Saltzman	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-0.259	-0.272	0.063	77.5
Locke	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.240	-0.220	0.050	28
Walker	NP-385-H	H ₂	Slow Scan	-	-0.22	0.050	24
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Fast Scan	-	-0.22	Not Linear	18
Bieffer	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-	-0.280	0.054	6.8
Prazak	NP-327-H	Air	Scan	-	-	-	14.5

Table IIb
Comparison of Data Reported by Various Investigators for
Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Behavior of Nickel 270 in 1N H₂SO₄.

Investigator	Specimen Heat No.	Sat. Gas	Polarization Technique	Critical Potential (E _{cr}), Volt vs. S.C.E.	Passive Current Density (i _p), ma/cm ²	Early Transpassive Tafel Slope, volt/decade	Oxygen Evolution Tafel Slope, volt/decade
Myers	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	+0.100 (+0.100 to +0.160)	0.019	0.14 to 0.15	0.09 to 0.10
Martin	NP-327-H	H ₂	Stepwise	+0.120 (+0.120 to +0.200)	0.015	0.13 to 0.14	0.08 to 0.09
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Scan (- to +)	+0.400	0.016	0.040	-
Riggs	NP-335-H	H ₂	Scan (+ to -)	-0.040	0.0022	0.040	-
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Scan	+0.250	0.30	-	-
	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	+0.150	0.019	0.107	0.485
Porte	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-	-	-	-
Steigerwald	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.050	0.005	0.140	-
Vaeth	NP-327-H	H ₂	Stepwise	+0.300	0.0198	0.182	-
Hatfield	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	-0.025	0.05 to 0.18	0.17	0.37
	NP-305-H	H ₂	Stepwise	+0.140 (+0.088 at i _{cr})	0.005	0.160	-
Economy & Gajari	NP-385-H	H ₂	Stepwise	-0.050	0.003	-	-
Wiene	NP-327-H	H ₂	Scan	0.055	0.003	-	-
Saltzman	NP-385-H	None	Stepwise	-0.100	0.06	0.140	-
Locke	NP-385-H	H ₂	Slow Scan	+0.11	0.02 to 0.2	0.185	-
Walker	NP-385-H	H ₂	Fast Scan	-0.05	about 0.1	Not Linear	-
	NP-327-H	N ₂	Scan	+0.185	0.032	0.111	-
Bieffer	NP-327-H	Air	Scan	-0.041	-	-	-
Prazak	NP-327-H						

Appendix A

Data Sheets and Anodic Polarization Curves for the Fifteen
Active Participants in T-3L Round Robin Test Program.

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T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (inP-385-II)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 22 ± 1 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Purified Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Ground through 4/0 emery paper, cleaned
in boiling benzene, and rinsed in distilled water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Cathodically activated at -1.5
volts for 5 minutes.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.269 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.280 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 20 mv in active region, 40 mv
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... in passive and transpassive
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 3 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 51 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... +0.100 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.019 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.050 to 0.070 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... a. Early transpassive: 0.140 to 0.150 volt/decade
(identify each)

b. Oxygen evolution: 0.090 to 0.100 volt/decade

R. Additional Comments..... Critical potential reported was
potential associated with the critical current density. Passi-
vation actually occurred over the potential range +0.100 to +0.160
volt vs. S.C.E.

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- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-II)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 22 ± 1 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Purified Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Ground through 4/0 emery paper, cleaned in
boiling benzene, and rinsed in distilled water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Cathodically activated at -1.5
volts for 5 minutes.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.266 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.271 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 10 mv in active region, 40 mv in
passive and 20 mv in transpassive
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... passive and 20 mv in transpassive
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 3 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 67 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... +0.120 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.015 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.060 to 0.080 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... a. Early transpassive: 0.130 to 0.140 volt/decade
(identify each) b. Oxygen evolution: 0.080 to 0.090 volt/decade

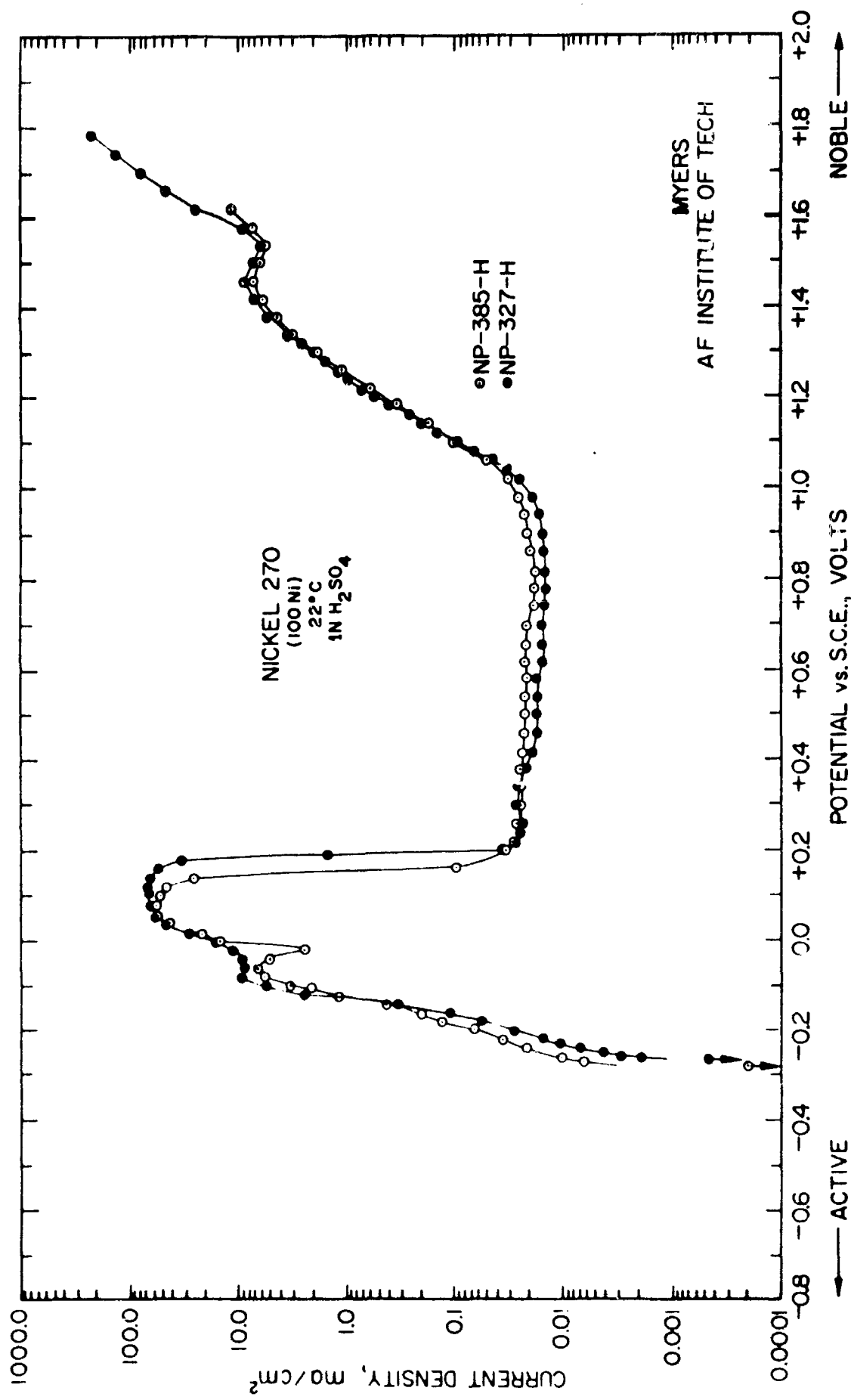
R. Additional Comments..... Critical potential reported was
potential associated with the critical current density. Passi-
vation actually occurred over the potential range +0.120 to +0.200
volt vs. S.C.E.

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Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curves for Nickel 270 (Heats NP-385-H and NP-327-H) in H₂-Saturated, 1N H₂SO₄ at 22 ± 1 °C.

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CURVE NO. 1

T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Ultrapure Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Polished through 0000 emery paper, washed
with soap and water, degreased with hot benzene, washed three times
with distilled water, dried at 65°C for 15 minutes and cooled to
room temperature (25°C) in desiccator.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... -0.300 volt cathodic for 15
minutes.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.267 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.293 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 0.4 volt/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 190.0 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... +0.400 volt
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.016 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.050 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.040 volt/decade
(identify each)

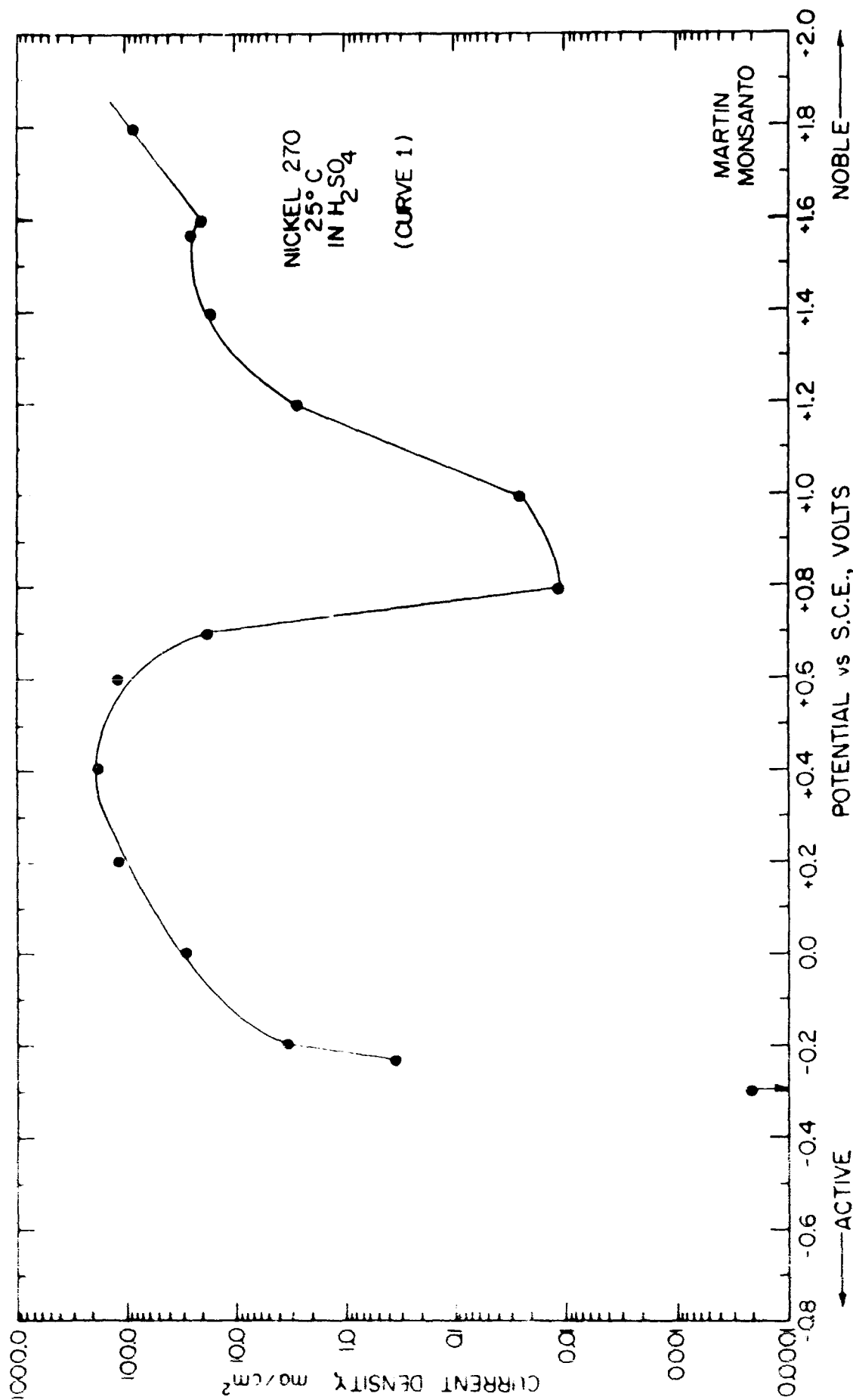
R. Additional Comments..... Curve No. 1 was obtained by
traversing at 0.40 volt/hour from -0.30 volt to +1.40 volts.

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Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curve for Nickel 270
(Heat NP-385-H) in H_2SO_4 at 25 °C.

CURVE NO. 2

T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Ultrapure Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Polished through 0000 emery paper, washed with soap and water, degreased with hot benzene, washed three times with distilled water, dried at 65°C for 15 minutes and cooled to room temperature (25°C) in desiccator.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... none
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.267 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.300 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 0.4 volt/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 38.12 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -0.040 volt
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p) 0.0022 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.080 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.040 volt/decade
(identify each) _____

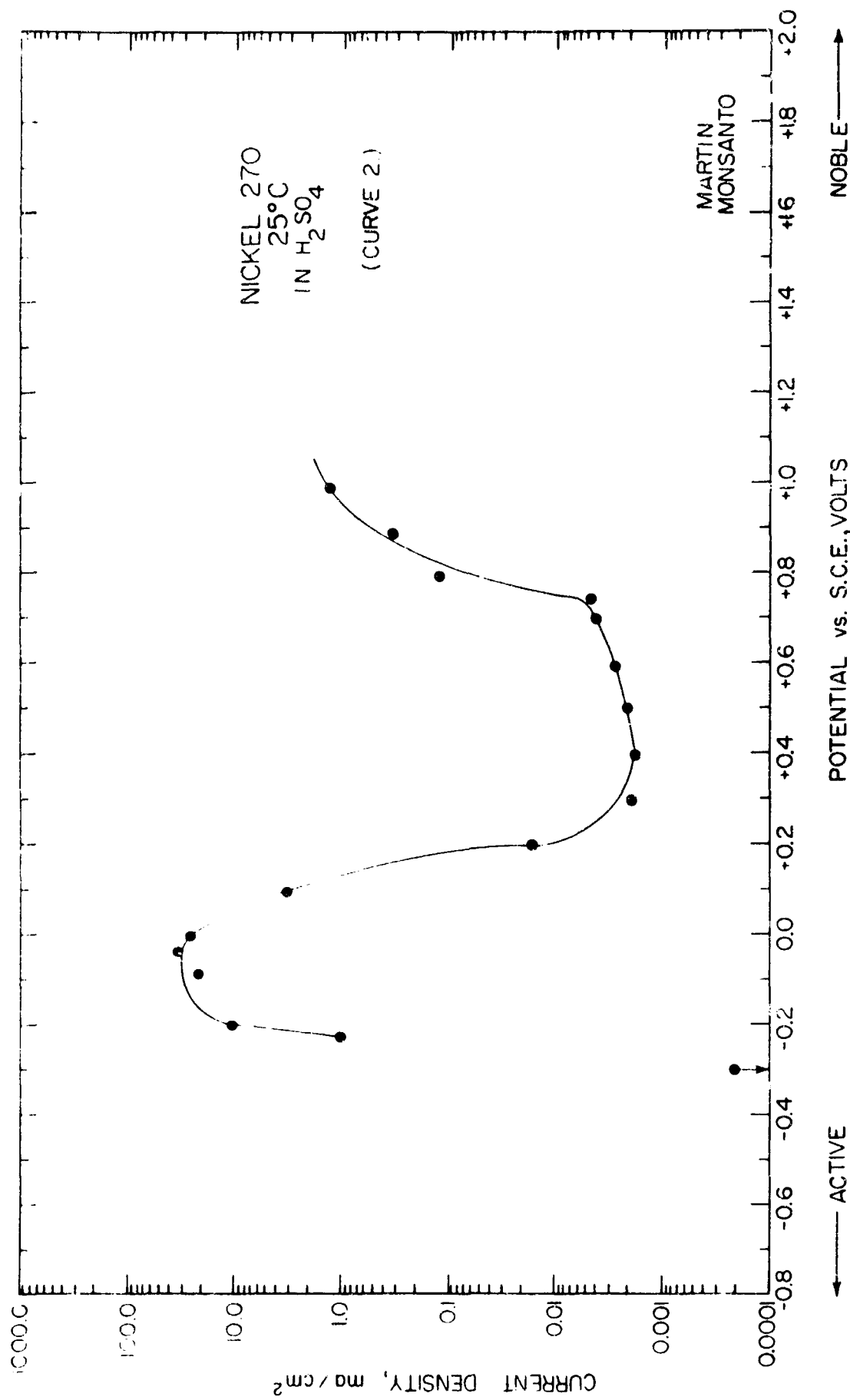
R. Additional Comments..... Curve No. 2 was obtained by
traversing 0.40 volt/hour from 1.0 volt noble to -0.350 volt active.

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Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curve for Nickel 270
(Heat NP-385-H) in H₂SO₄ at 25 °C.

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T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Machine polished; the exposed portion
of the specimen remained cylindrical (1/2" diameter, 1" length).
A long (1 1/2") flat handle extended from center of top for
electrical connection. The approximate surface area was calculated
to be 10.7 cm².
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Cathodically activated at 50 ma/cm²
for 30 minutes.
- _____
- _____
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.245 ± .001 volt (active)
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.263 ± .003 volt (active)
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 20 second scan
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... 50 mv
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 2 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (*i_{cr}*)..... 60.2 ma/cm² (scan) 29.0 ma/cm² (stepwise)
- N. Critical Potential (*E_{cr}*)..... +0.250 volt (scan) +0.150 volt (stepwise)
- O. Passive Current Density (*i_p*)..... 0.30 ma/cm² (scan) 0.019 ma/cm² (stepwise)
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.054 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s).....1. Prior to secondary passivation:
(identify each)

0.107 volt/decade

2. After secondary passivation:

R. Additional Comments..... 0.485 volt/decade

(1) In my opinion, tafel slopes should traverse a minimum of 2 log
decades preferably 3 or 4 to render the researcher meaningful
information.

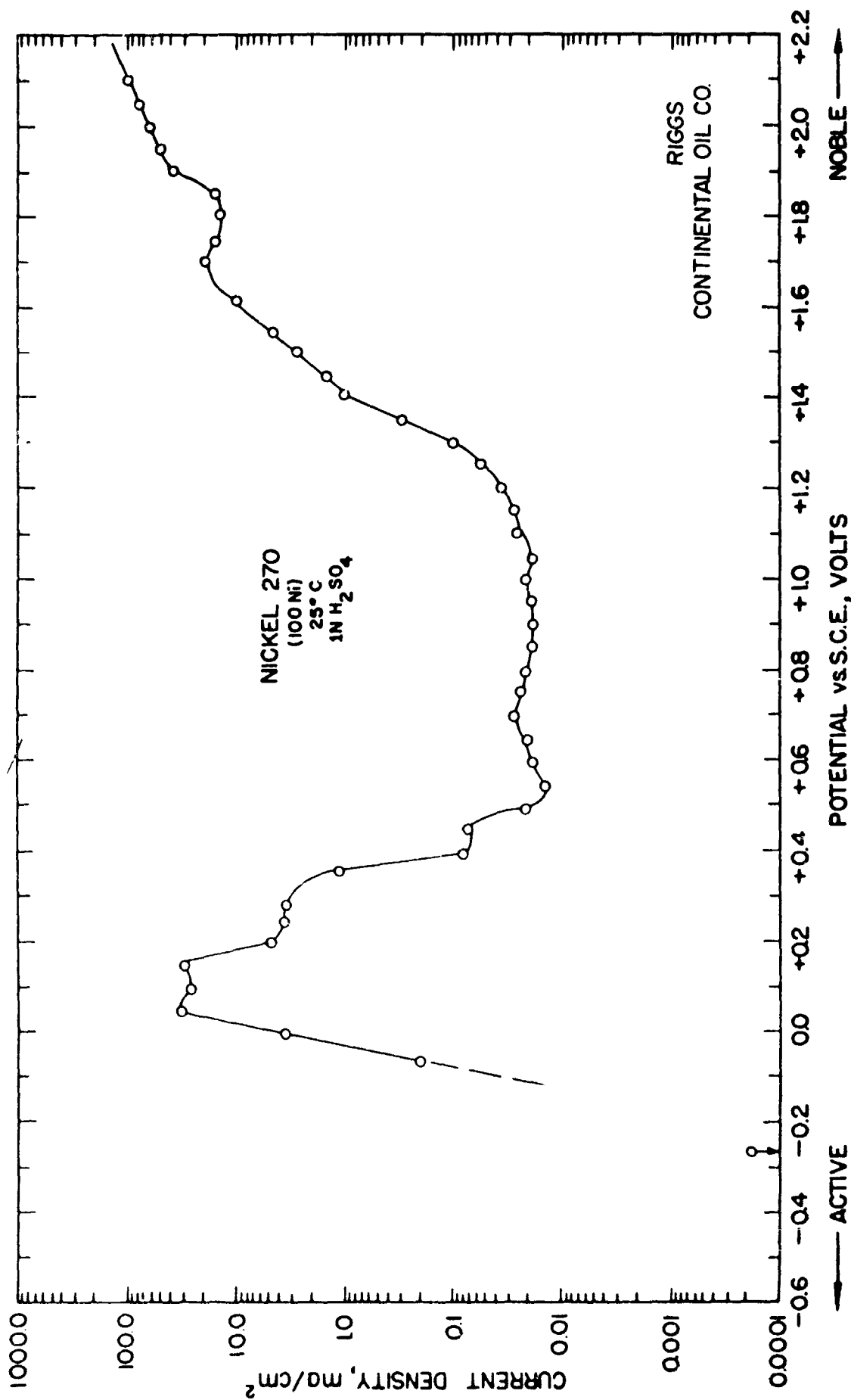
(2) Curve submitted was obtained stepwise.

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(Heat NP-385-H) in H₂-Saturated, 1N H₂SO₄ at 25°C.

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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Electrode was wet-polished (demineralized
water as lubricant) with succeeding finer grades of silicon-carbide
paper through No. 400, rinsed with demineralized water and inserted
in cell.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Left in solution overnight prior
to polarization.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... _____
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.263 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 2 volts/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... _____
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... _____
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... _____
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... _____
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... _____
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... _____

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s).....
(identify each)

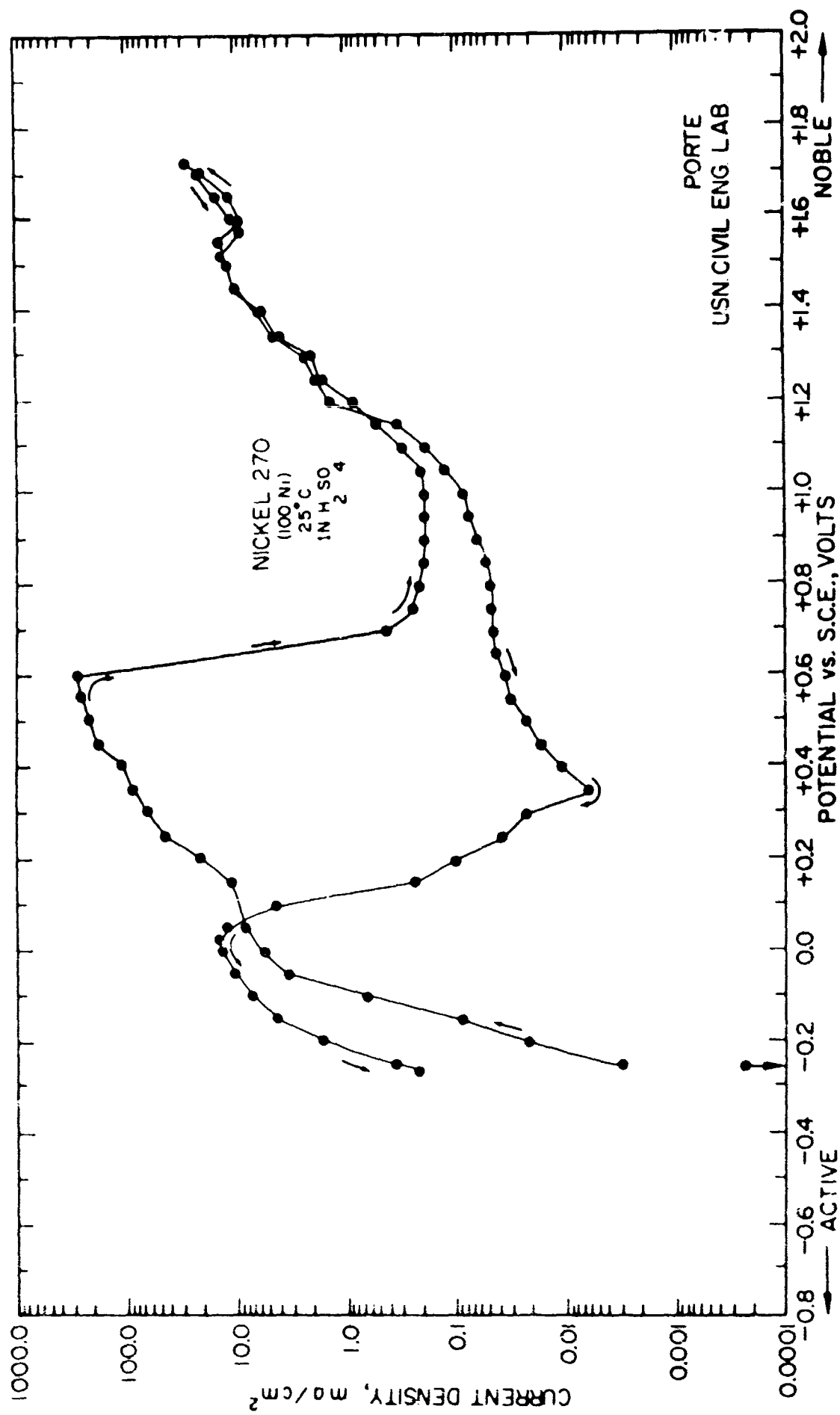
R. Additional Comments..... Polarization was conducted from
corrosion potential in noble direction. After the transpassive
region was reached, the potential sweep was reversed and polariza-
tion was conducted in the active direction.

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Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curve for Nickel 270
(Heat NP-327-H) in H₂SO₄ at 25 °C.

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T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 26°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Ground on 400 grit emery; rinsed;
etched in 10 parts formic acid - 10 parts hydrogen peroxide
(30%) - 80 parts water at 80°C for 2 minutes; rinsed in distilled
water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... ~ 1 min at -0.6 volt vs. S.C.E.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... E = -0.2630 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.2615 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... _____
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... Variable.
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... "steady-state" or 5 min.
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 8.37 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -0.05 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... minimum i_p = 0.005 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.05 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.14 volt/decade
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

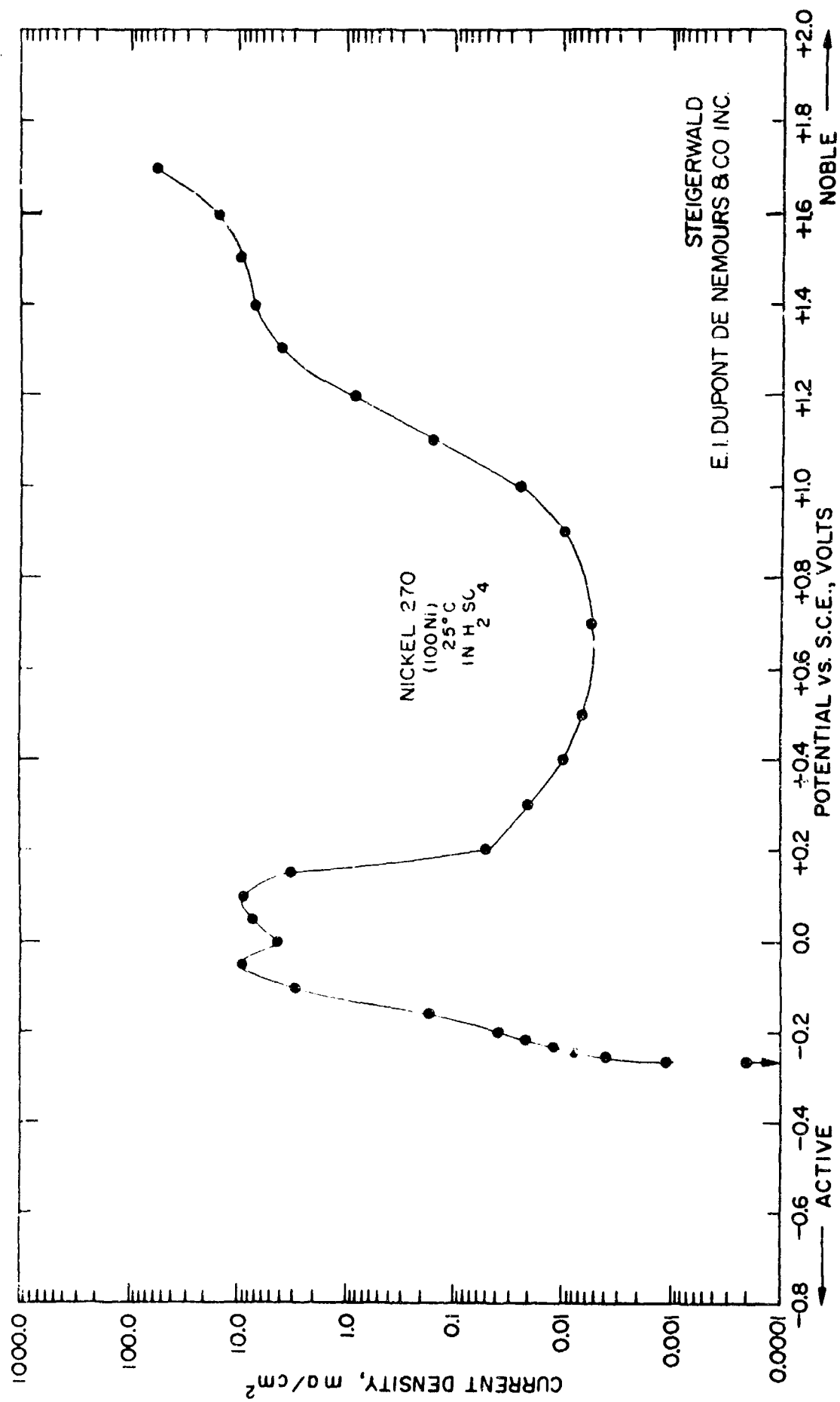
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... _____
- C. Temperature, °C..... 24 + 1 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Cross section of sample mounted in plastic
(Quickmount) and polished metallographically, finishing with 0.05
micron alumina.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... One hour age in electrolyte
followed by one minute at -0.500 volt followed by a one minute
period after which the polarization run was started.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... _____
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.260 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... _____
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... 20 mv
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 2 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 140 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... 0.3 volt vs. S.C.E. See reverse side
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 19.8 μ a/sq cm
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.089 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.182 volt/decade
(identify each)

This is before the transpassive
inflection.

R. Additional Comments.....

1. Critical Potential. No distinct "nose" was observed. Rather a
range of potentials over which the current remained at a con-
stant maximum value was observed. The approximate middle of this
potential range is at 0.3 volt and is the value reported on the
reverse side. The current density through this range is taken
as the critical current density.

2. General. Four runs were made using four cross sections cut from
the original sample.

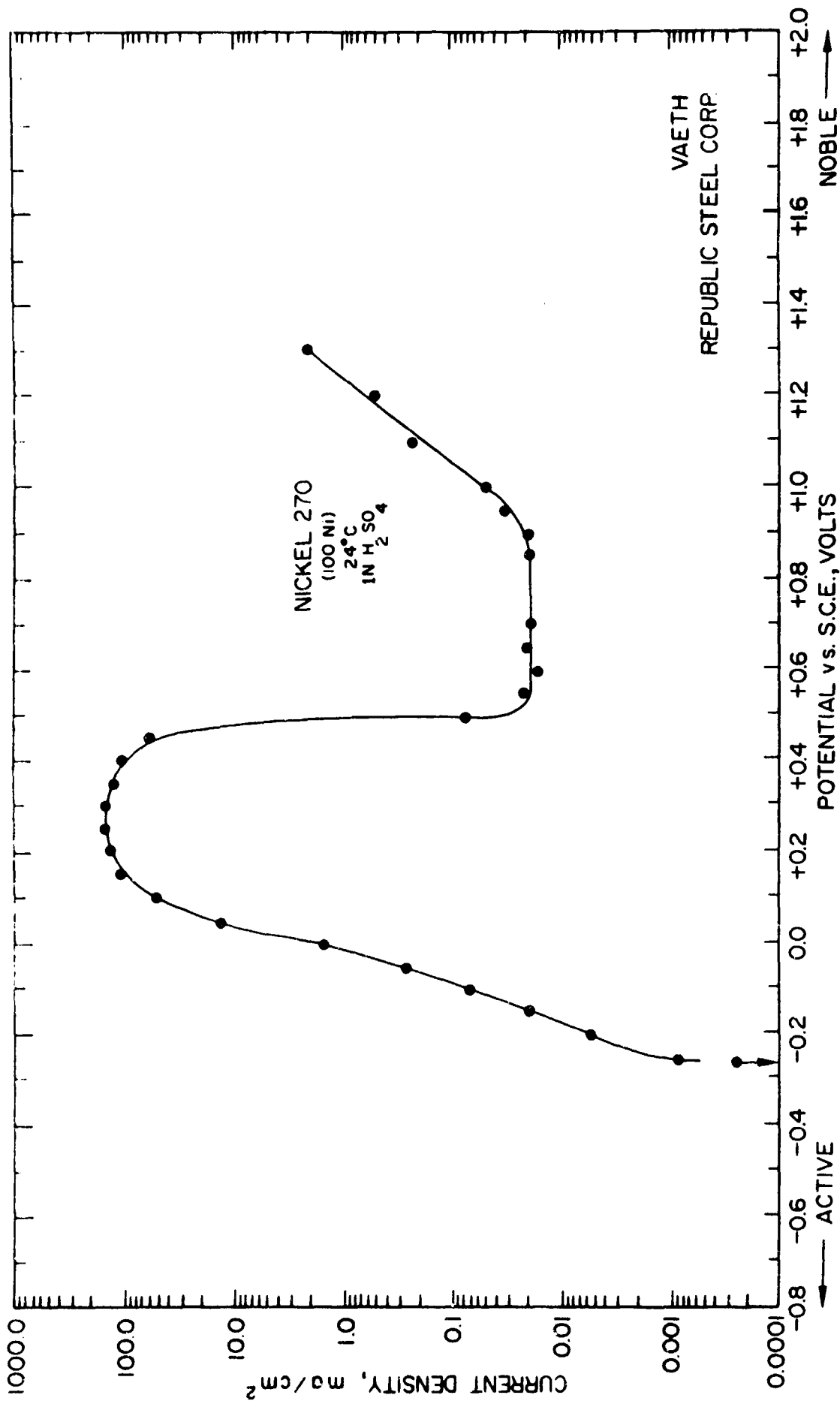
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Potentiostatic Anodic Polarization Curve for Nickel 270
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1.0N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25.0 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Hydrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Ground with Nos. 2, 1, 0, 2/0, 3/0 and 4/0
emery paper in kerosene. Washed at 25 °C in acetone. Dried 20 minutes
at 60 °C and desiccated overnight at room temperature.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Cathodized in 1N H₂SO₄ immediately
prior to measurements at approximately 1 ampere for 5 minutes.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... Initially -0.262 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.265 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 2.50 mv/min
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 27 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -0.025 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.05 to 0.18 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.06 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... No oxygen evolution: 0.17 volt/decade
(identify each)

With oxygen evolution: 0.37 volt/decade

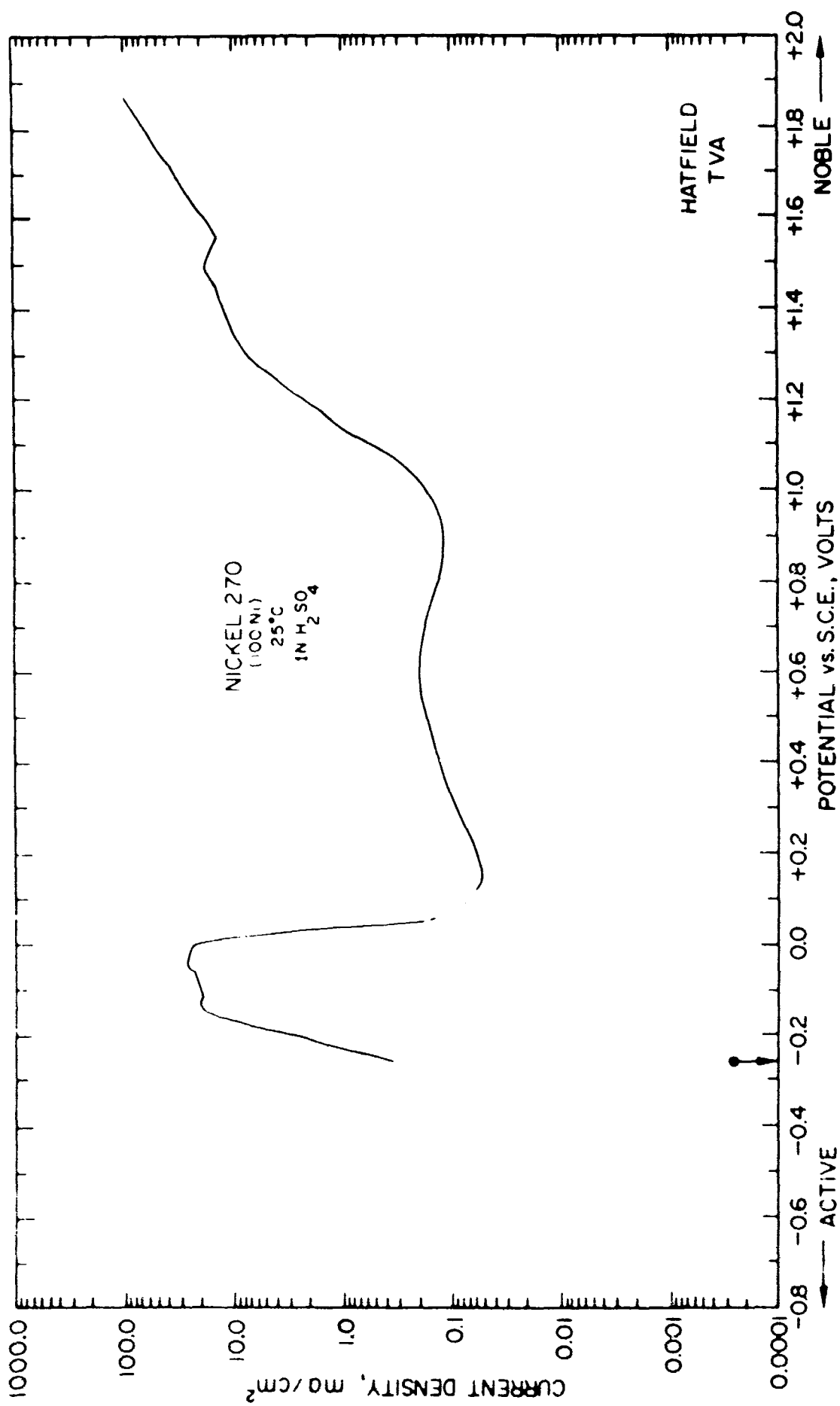
R. Additional Comments..... The attached curve is a composite of
two runs. Although anodic dissolution and transpassive dissolution
slopes, as well as passivation currents of each run, were essentially
identical, the first specimen (not subjected to an activation treat-
ment) failed to passivate until a current density of 150 ma/cm² at a
potential of +0.32 volt vs. SCE had been attained.

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(Heat NP-327-H) in H₂-Saturated, 1N H₂SO₄ at 25 °C.

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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (WP-385-II)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1.0005N H_2SO_4
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25 ± 0.5 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... hydrogen (Dewo Purified)
- E. Specimen Preparation.... exposed surface given mirror polish.
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- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... cleaned in acetone, rinsed in distilled water, immersed in 1 to 1 nitric-acetic acid solution, rinsed in distilled water, and held in H_2SO_4 until placed in cell.
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- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel
- H. Cathode Potential..... +0.10 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... +0.253 ± 0.01 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... ..
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... Irregular
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... .. 5 minutes to 16 hours
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{CR})..... 31 mA/cm^2
- N. Critical Potential (E_{CR})..... +0.140 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.000 mA/cm^2
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... .. 0.014 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.150 volt/decade
(identify each) _____

R. Additional Comments..... E_{cr} would be +0.088 volt vs. S.C.E.
if taken at i_{cr}.

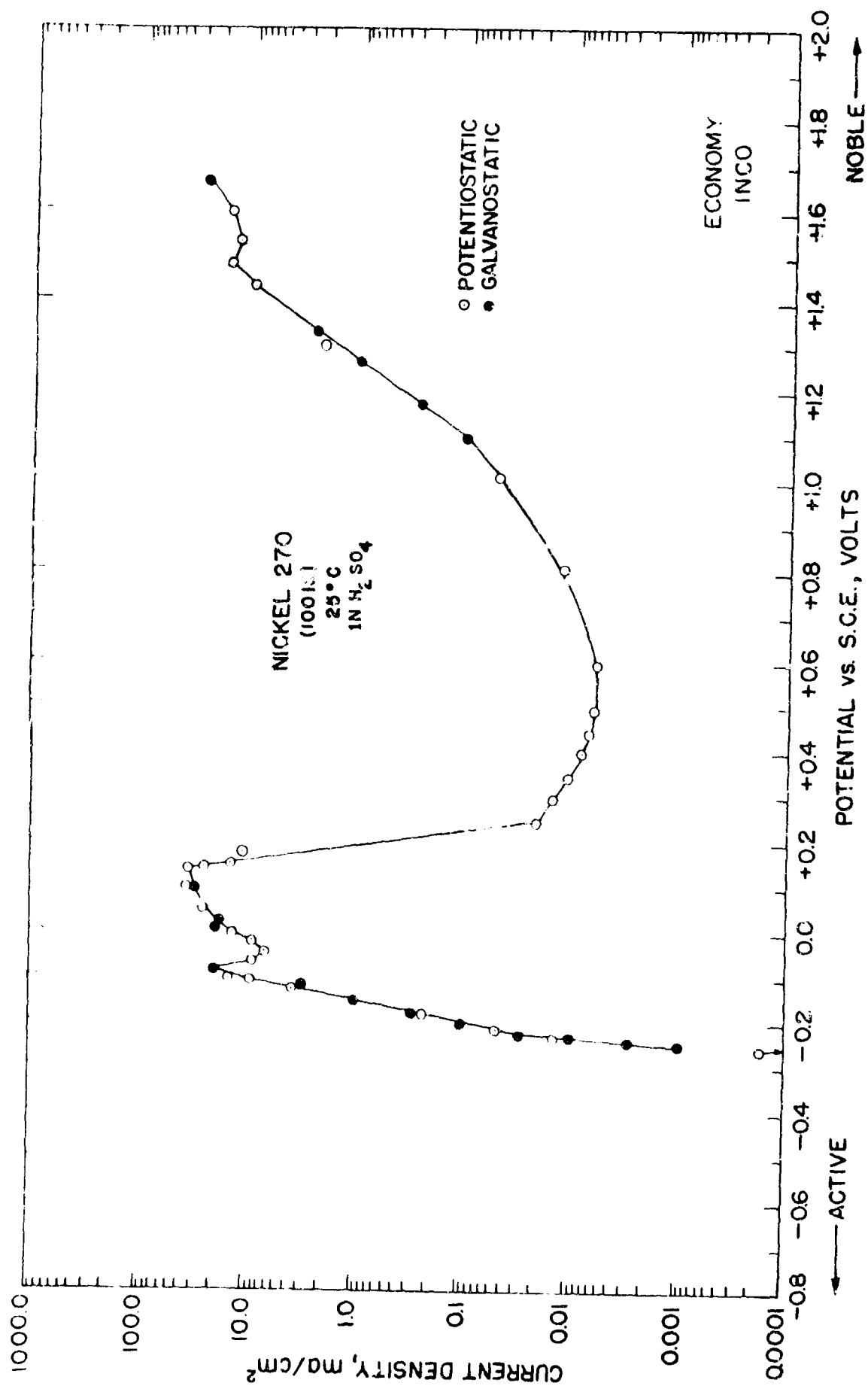
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... Start 23°C Finish 24°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Finished with 120 grit paper and then
degreased in an ultrasonic cleaner.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Electrode immersed overnight in
H₂ - saturated cell prior to polarization studies.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -.2646 volt vs. S.C.E. (start);
-.2640 volt vs. S.C.E. (finish)
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -.2000 volt vs. S.C.E. (time dependent)
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)...
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... 25 mv to i_{cr} then 50 mv
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 5 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 140,000 μ amp/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -.0500 volt
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 3 μ amp/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... not determined

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... Not determined.
(identify each)

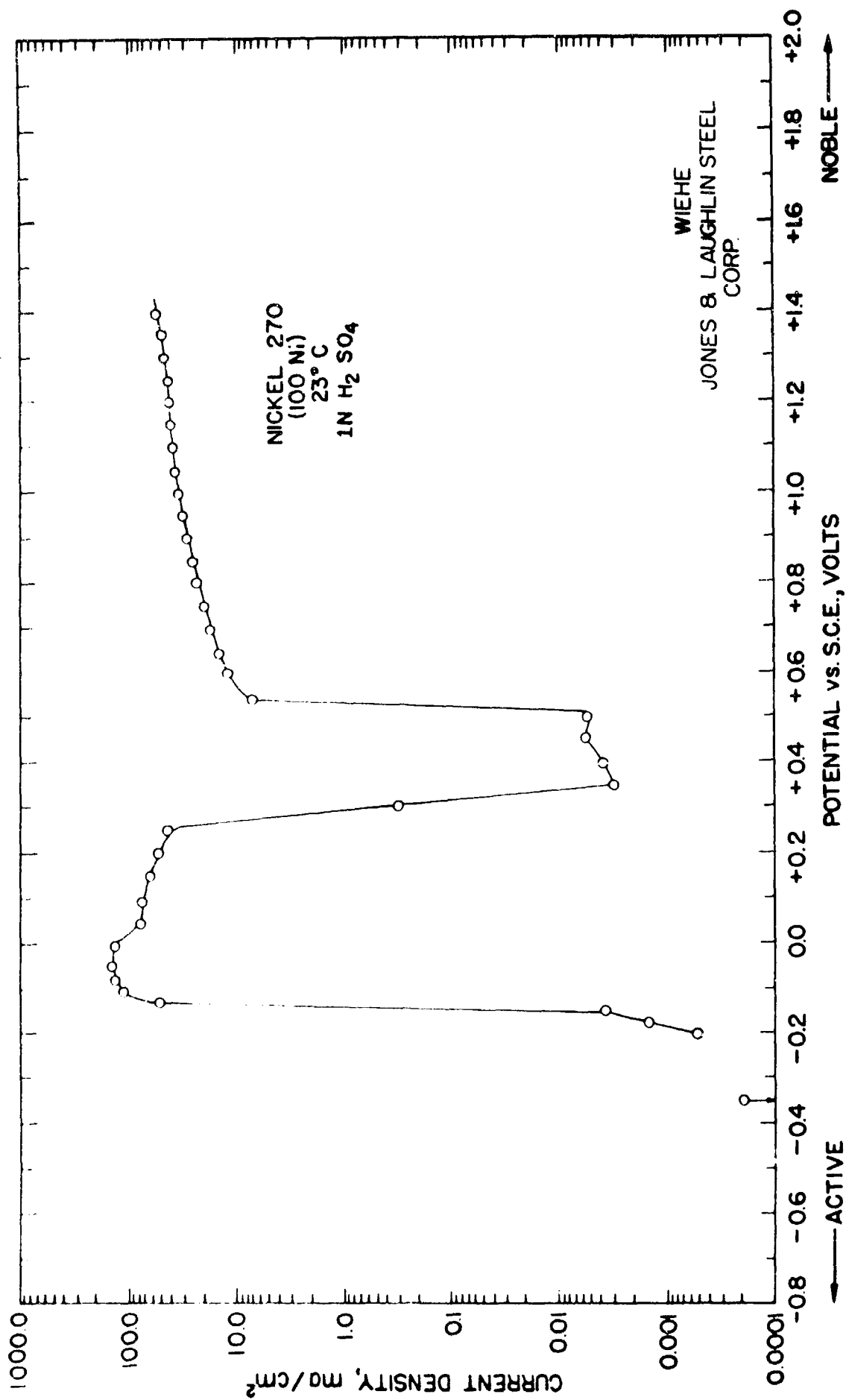
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25 ± 1 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Surface abraded with 500 grit silicon carbide paper, scrubbed with an alkaline cleaner, degreased in hot chloroform, rinsed with distilled water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Pre-exposure to test solution for 1 hour prior to beginning potentiostatic polarization.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.259 volt vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.272 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 0.64 volt/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... $7.75 \times 10^4 \mu \text{ a/cm}^2$
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... 0.055 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... $3 \mu \text{ a/cm}^2$ (minimum)
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.063 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... Not determined
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

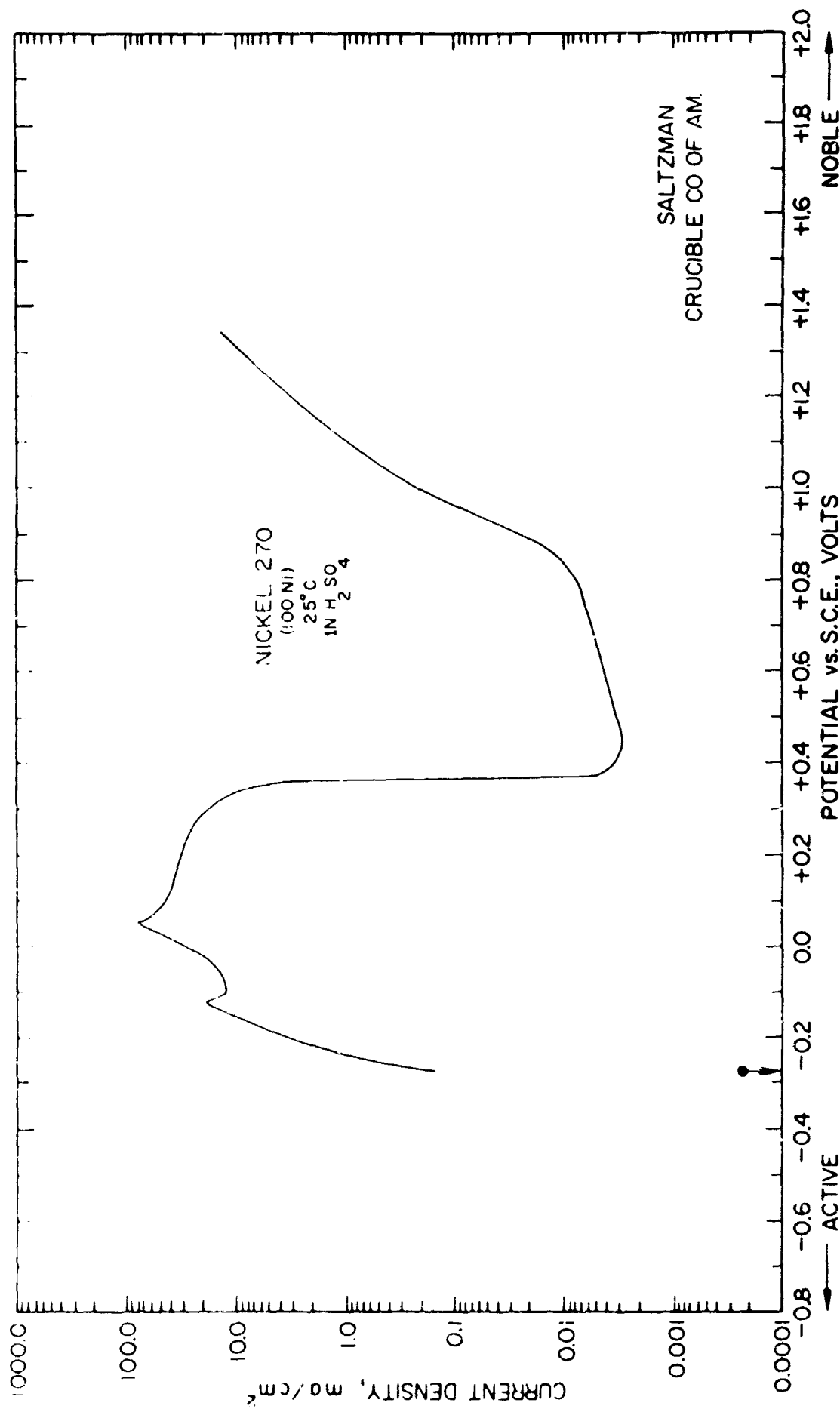
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... None
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Abraded on a disc sander (medium grit)
followed by silicon carbide sanding disc. Washed with H₂O, acetone,
and dried.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Cathodically activated at 15 ma/in²
for three minutes in test solution.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel Electrode (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -240 mv (active) vs. S.C.E.
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -220 mv (active) vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)....
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... 100 mv
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise).... 3 minutes
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 28 ma/in²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -100 mv (active)
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.06 ma/in²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 50 mv/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 140 mv/decade
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

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T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

SLOW SWEEP RATE

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Nitrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... The specimen was polished with emery
paper, finishing with a 0000 grade. It was then stored in a
desiccator. Just prior to use, it was repolished with 0000 emery
paper and rinsed in alcohol and distilled water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Cathodically activated at -1.85 volt
for 5 minutes.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential.....
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.22 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 1/3 volt hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 24 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... +0.11 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 0.02 to 0.2 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.050 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 0.185 volt/decade
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

- (1) The electrolyte was mechanically stirred at the rate of
250 rpm.
- (2) Initially, the test specimen was prepared using the full
1/2-inch bar of Inconel 270. This specimen would not passivate.
Preferential attack of the outer edge of the specimen occurred
during a controlled potential sweep. By machining the specimen
down to 0.50 cm², the edge suffering preferential attack was
eliminated.

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T-3L ROUND-ROBIN ANODIC POLARIZATION
TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

FAST SWEEP RATE

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Nitrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... The specimen was polished with emery
paper, finishing with 0000 grade. It was then stored in a
desiccator. Just prior to use, it was repolished with 0000
emery paper and rinsed in alcohol and distilled water.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Cathodically activated at -1.85
volt for 5 minutes
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential.....
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -0.22 volt vs. S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 30 volts/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 18 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -0.05 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... ~ 1 ma/cm²
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... Not linear

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... Not linear
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

(1) The electrolyte was mechanically stirred at the rate of 250 rpm.

(2) At the fast scan rate (30 volt/hour), the second current maximum does not have time to develop.

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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 23.5 °C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Purified Nitrogen
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Surface-ground by hand on 120 grit silicon
carbide paper under water cooling, rinsed in water, cleaned in
ultrasonically agitated carbon tetrachloride, then alcohol, then
dried in a blast of hot air.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment.... Specimen immersed in test solution
(1.6 litres) for 1 hour prior to measurements.
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated Calomel (S.C.E.)
- H. Cathode Potential.....
- I. Corrosion Potential..... -280 mv vs S.C.E.
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... 7 volts/hour
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 6.8 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... +185 mv vs S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... 32 μ a/cm² (minimum)
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... .054 volt/decade
(from ~ 0.2 ma/cm² to ~ 2 ma/cm²)

G. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 111 mv/decade (from ~ 0.2 ma/cm² to
(identify each) ~ 2 ma/cm²)

R. Additional Comments..... H₂- purifier at present under repair.
N₂ has been used in the past, at this laboratory, for this kind of run.

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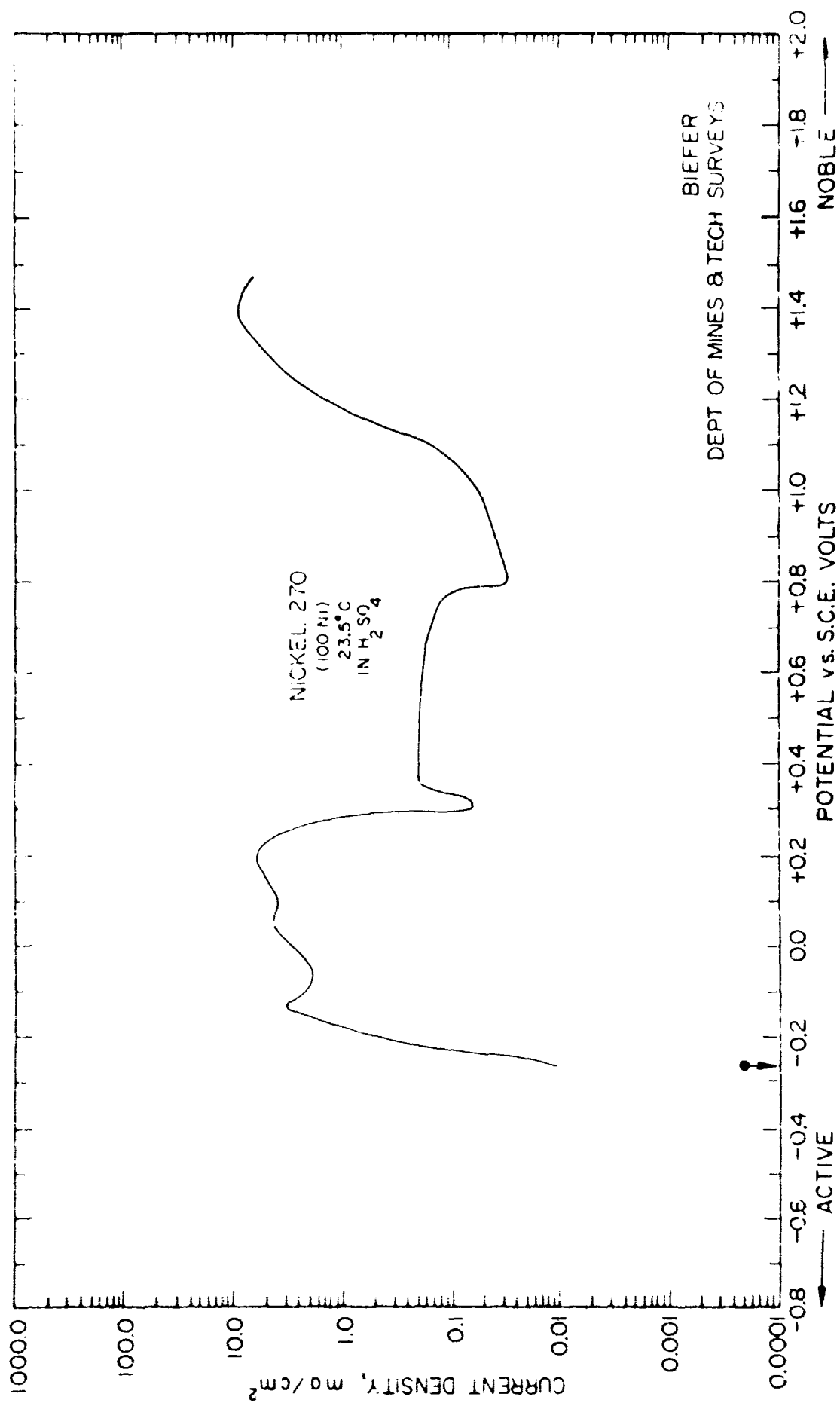
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-327-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 20°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... Air
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Mechanically polished, followed by
registration of the curve 2 times from -0.6 to +1.6 volts vs. S.C.E.
(i.e., electrochemically etched, before final registration; final
registration = Curve No. 3.
- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... at -0.6 volt (see above)
- G. Reference Electrode..... Saturated calomel (S.C.E.) with satd. NH₄NO₃ junction
- H. Cathode Potential.....
- I. Corrosion Potential.....
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... +0.010 volt/sec.
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise).....
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)...
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 14.5 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... -0.041 volt vs. S.C.E.
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... cannot be determined
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope...

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s).....
(identify each)

R. Additional Comments.....

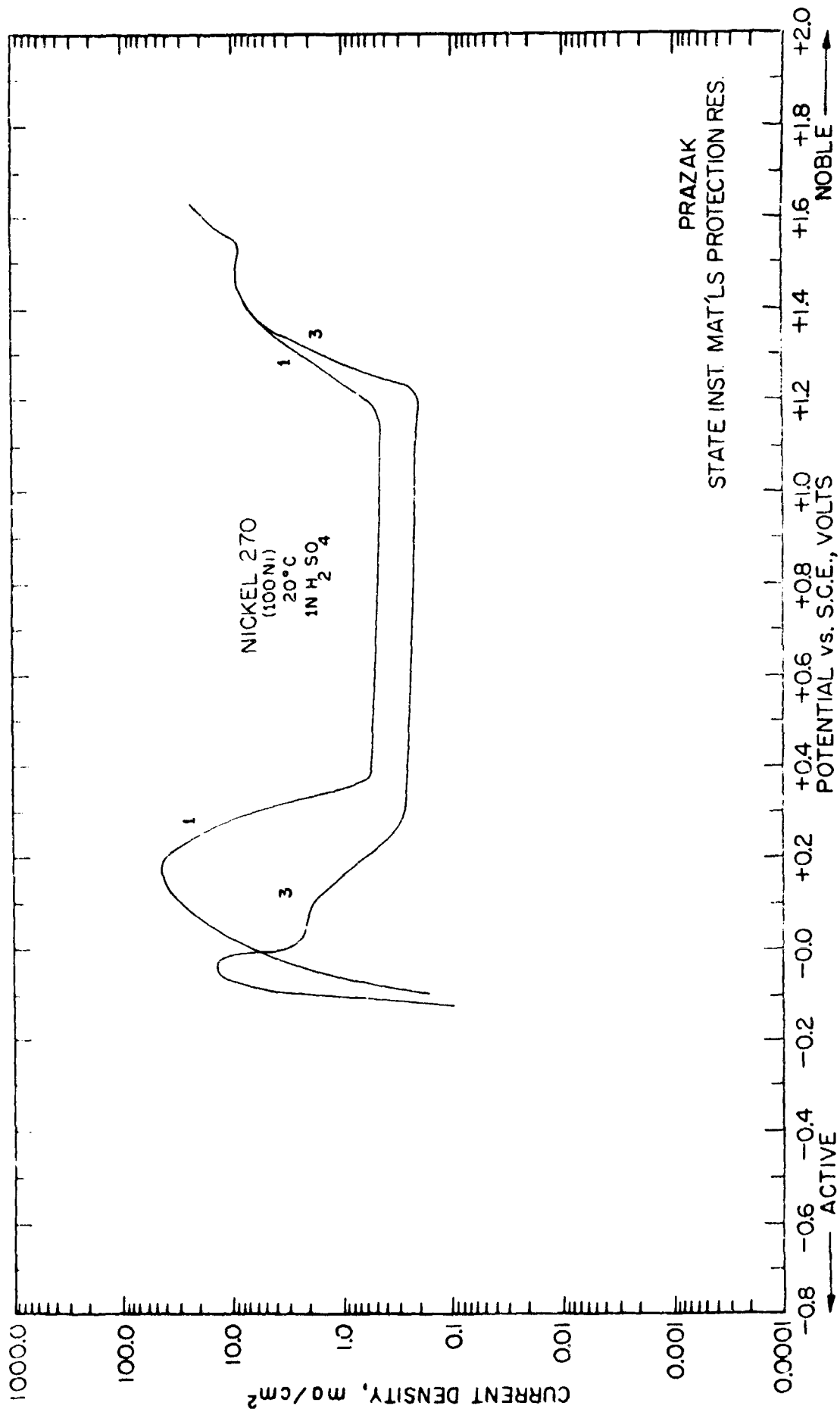
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TEST PROGRAM DATA SHEET

- A. Specimen..... Nickel 270 (NP-385-H)
- B. Electrolyte..... 1N H₂SO₄
- C. Temperature, °C..... 25°C
- D. Saturating Gas..... H₂
- E. Specimen Preparation.... Mounted in Teflon holder, smoothed with
belt sander (wet), final polished with No. 600 grit wet hand grinder.

- F. Specimen Activation Treatment..... Etched 30 seconds in 1N H₂SO₄

- G. Reference Electrode..... Mercurous sulfate (1N H₂SO₄)
- H. Cathode Potential..... -0.011 volt (rest pot. of Ni)
- I. Corrosion Potential..... <0.087 volt
- J. Anodic Potential Sweep Rate (if continuous)... _____
- K. Anodic Potential Increment (if stepwise)..... galvanostatic measurement
- L. Time at Each Anodic Potential (if stepwise)... 1 hour
- M. Critical Current Density (i_{cr})..... 4 to 5 ma/cm²
- N. Critical Potential (E_{cr})..... 0.2 volt (NHS)
- O. Passive Current Density (i_p)..... Not determined
- P. Anodic Dissolution Tafel Slope... 0.062 volt/decade

Q. Transpassive Tafel Slope(s)..... 1st: about 0.120 volt/decade
(identify each)

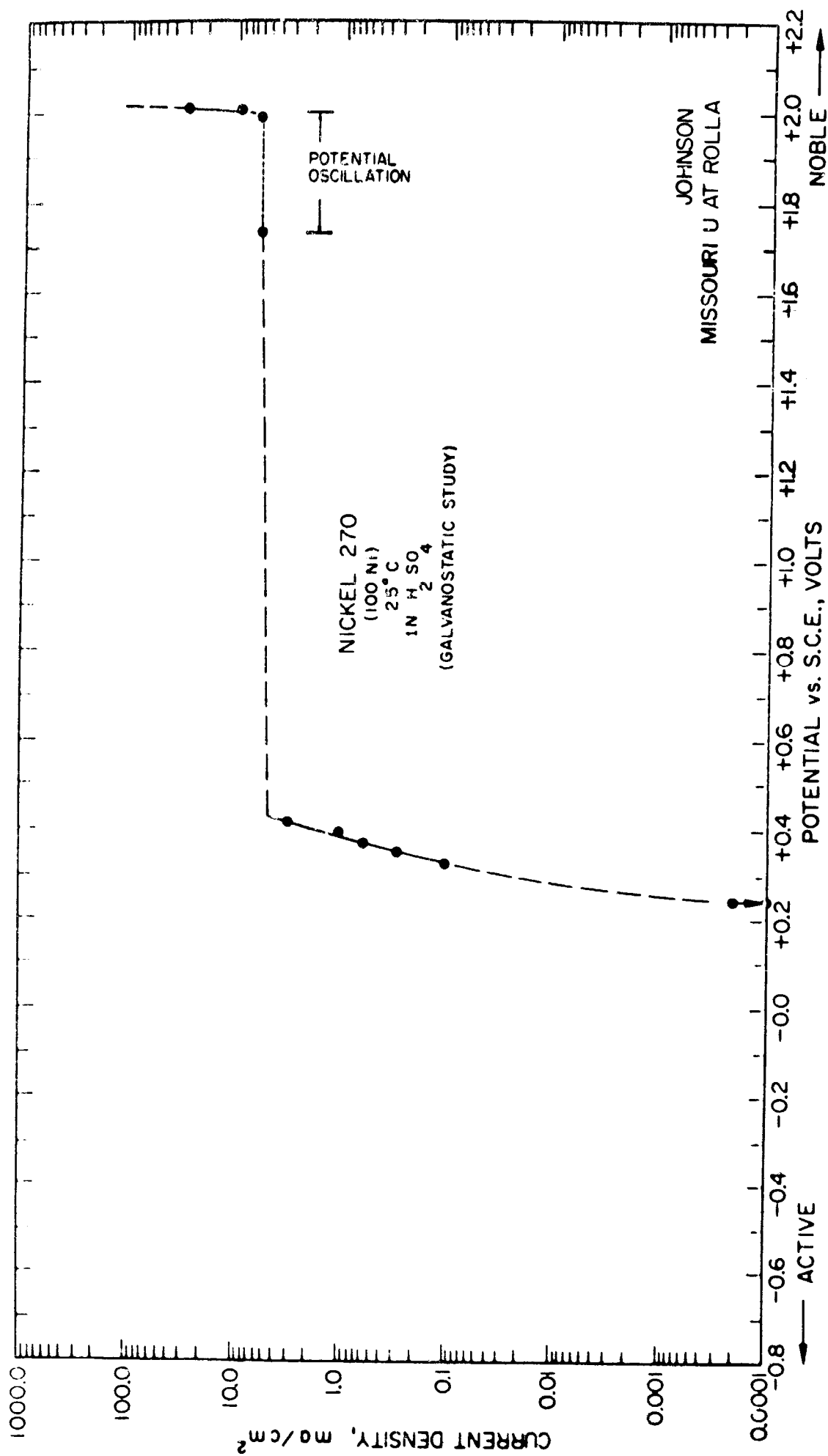
R. Additional Comments..... Experiments were made
galvanostatically, so that "active-to-passive" and
"passive" region could not be determined.

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