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PRESSURE ANALYSIS OF CORRECTION COIL CRYOSTAT

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The maximum working pressure of welded pressure vessels is commonly confirmed by test pressurizing to 125% and 150% of maximum working pressure in pneumatic and hydrostatic tests respectively. This demonstrates operation is possible at the MWP, but gives no measure of the maximum pressure the vessel can withstand without permanent deformation. By measuring the system bulk modulus, β_s , of a fluid-filled vessel, the elastic limit can be explored without endangering the integrity of the vessel. The onset of non-linearity in β_s is a direct measure of the yield pressure of the weakest vessel component.

This procedure can be applied to vessels of unknown design origin and give comparisons between actual and calculated strain when designing vessels. As will be shown, vessels which experience high pulsed pressures can also be tested in this fashion. In order to measure the bulk modulus of a vessel the volume expansion must be known as a function of pressure. One way to accomplish this with high resolution is to attach a sight gauge in series with the vessel and measure the fluid level as a function of pressure during a hydrostatic pressure test. The vessel must be free of gas which has a bulk modulus that varies with pressure, and can yield a correction factor which exceeds the measurement.

Small quantities of gas can be removed from the vessel after it is relatively full of water by drawing vacuum through the sight gauge and noting any gas bubbles which may appear. A change in the fluid level in the sight gauge shows the volume of gas displaced. The amount of trapped gas depends on the geometry of the vessel and the dissolved gases in the water.

Following this procedure the system may be pressurized at low pressures and a pressure vs volume plot recorded. Figure 1 shows a P vs V plot for a hypothetical pressure vessel. Curve #1 shows a small volume of air being pressurized. Curve #2 shows the elas-

ticity of a hypothetical vessel. Curve #3 shows the summation of the curves. The gas volume shows up as the ΔV between Curve #2 and Curve #3. Figure 2 shows a plot of a vessel whose gas content is unknown. A line parallel to the linear portion of the curve which intersects the origin is shown dotted. The dotted line represents the P vs V plot for the vessel if there were no gas. Repeating the vacuum and pressurization techniques until the plot approaches linearity ensures the vessel is filled with water. The error that gas causes depends on the percentage of gas in the system, and the pressure range of the measurement.

Two smaller correction factors should be considered, the elasticity of the sight gauge, and the compressibility of water. The water correction becomes important only in large volume systems.

The bulk modulus of elasticity, β , for water is 3.2×10^5 psi at 60°F and 1 atm. Over the pressure range 0-3,000 psi β is constant.

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta P}{\frac{\Delta V}{V}}$$

where ΔP is a pressure change, V is the total system volume, and ΔV is the associated volume change. Four thousand cubic inches of water pressurized to 100 psia would compress 1.25 cubic inches.

The elasticity of the sight gauge can be measured by pressurizing it alone and plotting P vs V. Figure 3 shows a plot for the sight gauge used to test the cryostat on a correction spool piece. The gauge consists of an 8 ft long Lexan tube 1-3/4 in. o.d., 0.125 in. wall sealed with "O" ring caps constrained by aluminum channel.

By subtracting the gas, water, and sight gauge correction factors from the measurement, the true elasticity of the vessel can be determined.

This procedure was performed on a spool piece cryostat without a correction coil or beam tube. The cryostat was constrained to simulate a vacuum shield enclosure. The 1Ø relief line was constrained at its end in a manner similar to an assembled spool piece. The flange at the base of the vacuum jacket for the power lead assembly was constrained as it would be when attached to the outer vacuum can of a spool. The ends of the 7-1/2 in. cryostat tube were closed with 1/8 in. thick plate and reinforced with steel chan-

nel for rigidity. This was done to eliminate the end caps as a factor in the study.

The spacer bellows inside the power lead assembly was filled with water and sealed. It was noted that during pressurization the bellows would contract and cause volume changes which were not associated with the cryostat alone. By making the bellows essentially incompressible, the expansion of the cryostat could be studied alone.

Steps were then taken to ensure that all the gas was removed from the system before pressurization. Figure 4 and Table I show the data from the test. At pressures above 100 psig the cryostat begins to experience permanent deformation. After pressurizing the cryostat to 200 psig 25 cubic inches of permanent displacement was measured. Photos #1 and #2 show the cryostat bending due to the moment applied by the 1 in. o.d., .049 in. wall 2 ϕ tube which runs parallel to the cryostat. The 2 ϕ tube is welded to both end plates on the 1 ϕ box and stiffens the box asymmetrically, causing a bending moment to occur as the opposite side of the box expands during pressurization. The moment leads to severe distortion at pressures above 220 psig and eventually contributed to the failure of the 1 ϕ box. Failure eventually occurred at the weld connecting the upstream end plate to the top plate at 340 psig. The crack propagated over three sides quickly and completely separated the top plate from the lower front plate.

A second test was made with a fully assembled cryostat to measure the effect pressurization might have on the beam tube alignment. The 1 ϕ bellows were constrained in a manner similar to tunnel installation and the power lead connections were closed with solder. Four alignment fixtures were placed inside the beam tube to monitor motion. The spool piece was set up for a hydrostatic test similar to the first test and cycled through several pressure ranges. Figure 5 and Table II show the P vs V data for this system. The location of the four fixtures and the direction of motion are shown in Table III. The motions of the alignment fixtures are shown referenced to their initial position. The important differences to note are the motions of the fixtures in relation to each other since their initial positions are arbitrary. To illustrate the motions of the alignment fixtures graphically the positions of the fixtures

have been plotted against one another at various pressures, on Figure 6. All fixtures were initially referenced at 0,0. 1,80 indicates the position of alignment of fixture #1 at 80 psig; all units of motion are in mils. Fixtures #1, 2 and 4 seem to move predominantly along particular planes of motion.

Permanent deformation first occurs at 80 psig. At pressures above 130 psig creep deformation sets in as the plates on the 1Ø box attempt to form a more spherical shape. The beam tube was very stable, showing little motion and only slight hysteretic behavior at pressures below 100 psig.

The cryostat is supported at the four corners of the 1Ø bottom plate, and the G-10 spacer ring on the cryostat tube in normal installation. The tested cryostat was supported at two corners of the bottom plate and the G-10 spacer ring, as shown in Figure 7. This configuration facilitated leveling the cryostat and guaranteed contact at all three supports. The deformation of the bottom plate may have caused the vertical lifting seen in fixtures #3 and #4 at pressures above 100 psig. This could also explain the fact that all fixtures moved up from their initial positions.

An independent study of the deformation of the plates of the 1Ø box was made during these pressure tests. A rigid platform was established to reference a dial indicator so the maximum plate deflection could be measured. The bottom plate was monitored on the cryostat without beam tube and the top plate was monitored on the fully assembled cryostat. Tables IV and V show the data taken and compare it to theoretical deflections in two idealized cases. Case 36 for flat plates, from R.J.Roark's "Formulas for Stress and Strain", assumes the plate is simply supported on all edges. Case 41 assumes all edges of the plate are fixed. The plates on the 1Ø box are neither of these two extremes, but instead a combination of the two cases. The larger the plate thickness is in relation to the weld cross section the more the plates act like the simply supported case. The maximum stress on each plate can be calculated and compared for each plate on the 1Ø box, using Roark. The stress is a function of plate geometry, and the size of the applied load. Table VI shows a comparison of stresses on the six rectangular plates of the 1Ø box. The end plates do not lend themselves to a simple stress analysis. The top and back plates have the highest stress concentrations,

which explains the large deformations these plates experience in relation to the others. The stress factor can be cut to $2/3$ and the deflection almost in half if the thickness was $5/16$ in. instead of $1/4$ in.

Following the tests up to 240 psig the cryostat was pressurized to failure. The $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. o.d. tube which runs parallel to the beam tube separated from the upstream end plate on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ box at 370 psig. The top, back and bottom plates on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ box deformed considerably. The end flange on the $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. o.d. cryostat tube showed no visible deformation. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ bellows and its squirm protectors were not deformed. The top plate on the power lead connectors and the soldered connections themselves showed no visible deformation. There was no other obvious weakness which could be concluded through visual inspection.

There did seem to be some pattern to the motion of the beam tube, but the exact cause of the motion is not determined. Certainly the asymmetric moment of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ line was a contributing factor to these movements, but the extent to which it is responsible is as yet unknown. Other factors may contribute to, cancel, or dominate the motions detected. A great deal of effort was put into immobilizing and isolating the cryostat during measurement, but accuracy can only be claimed within ± 2 mils of the data.

Since the cryostat experiences peak pressures of 150 psi with 200 millisecond duration, a static test can only be used to give an indication of the cryostats performance under dynamic loading. In order to make a correlation between static and dynamic loading, further testing which simulates quench loads needs to be done. A quench might be simulated through two solenoid valves which could deliver and relieve pressure with a time function similar to a quench. Varying the magnitude of the pulse and noting if any permanent deformation occurred in the cryostat would establish a basis for comparing the two cases.

Hypothetical Vessel with Gas

Figure 1

Determination of Gas Volume

Figure 2

Elasticity of Lexan Sight Gauge

Bulk Modulus of Cryo. 't without Beam Tube

Bulk Modulus of Cryostat with Beam Tube

Figure 5

Location of Supports

Figure 7

Bulk Modulus Cryostat with out beam tube

<i>Psig</i>	<i>Total ΔV in³</i>	<i>Sight Gauge & Water Correction in³</i>	<i>Cryostat ΔV in³</i>
0	0	0	0
50	10.6	0.9	10
60	12.8	1.1	12
80	17.0	1.5	16
100	21.4	1.9	20
0	0.9	0.0	1
100	21.5	1.9	20
0	1.1	0.0	1
120	26.9	2.3	25
140	34.2	2.6	32
160	42.8	3.0	40
180	53.0	3.4	50
192	59.0	3.6	55
200	62.3	3.8	59
207	65.0	3.8	61
0	24.7	0.0	25
200	65.3	3.8	62
220	78.4	4.1	74
243	91.9	4.6	87
253	96.7	4.7	92
263	105.1	4.9	100
271	110	5.1	105
281	115	5.3	110
292	123	5.5	118
300	129	5.6	123
0	80	0	80

Bulk Modulus Cryostat with beam tube

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TABLE II

P_{sig}	Cryostat ΔV in 3
0	0
5	1.3
10	2.4
15	3.3
20	4.2
25	5.1
0	0.1
10	2.3
20	4.2
30	6.0
40	7.7
50	9.5
60	11.3
70	13.3
80	15.5
0	1.3
90	20.2
100	22.0
0	4.0
110	23.0
120	25.6
Creep - 130	28
140	32
150	35
160	38
0	11
170	40
180	45
0	16
190	49
200	54
0	23

Psig	Horizontal				Vertical				Fixture #
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	1	1	2	4	4	0	1	-1	
20	1	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	
30	1	2	1	4	4	1	2	2	
40	1	2	2	6	5	0	2	3	
50	2	3	2	7	4	4	4	5	
60	2	4	5	7	5	4	4	6	
70	2	5	3	11	6	4	6	8	
80	3	6	6	11	7	4	7	10	
0	1	1	1	5	4	1	1	-2	
90	3	9	5	17	9	6	10	12	
100	4	10	5	19	9	7	12	14	
0	1	1	1	17	4	1	0	-1	
110	4	10	5	20	10	8	12	16	
120	4	12	6	24	10	8	13	18	
130	5	13	8	24	10	9	16	21	
140	6	15	8	29	11	10	17	24	
150	7	18	8	31	9	12	20	27	
160	8	17	8	37	10	13	22	30	
0	3	6	1	13	3	3	4	3	
170	7	19	8	39	9	13	24	34	
180	7	20	8	41	8	14	28	41	
0	3	5	2	15	1	3	7	8	
190	6	21	11	41	5	14	30	46	
200	6	23	10	48	4	16	35	50	
0	3	7	5	17	0	5	14	17	
220	5	25	12	52	8	24	46	69	
0	1	8	7	21	0	11	23	29	
240	3	29	14	61	6	27	58	88	
0	0	9	6	17	0	15	33	42	
	E	E	E	W	UP	UP	UP	UP	

Position
Change
Inches $\times 10^{-3}$

Direction
of
Motion

Table IV

Psig	Maximum Top Plate Deflection in $\times 10^{-3}$		
	0	0	0
5	4	6	2
10	8	11	3
15	12	17	5
20	16	22	7
25	20	28	9
0	0	0	0
10	8	11	3
20	16	22	7
30	24	33	10
40	33	45	14
50	42	56	17
60	51	67	20
70	60	78	24
80	71	89	27
0	5	0	0
90	94	100	31
100	102	112	34
0	15	0	0
	Spool Piece	Case 36 Rear H	Case 41 Rear H

Top Plate Deflection 10 Box on
Spool Cryostat Coil inside of
cryostat.

Psig	Maximum Plate Deflection in $\times 10^{-3}$		
	Measured	Case 36	Case 41
0	0	0	0
10	6	6	2
20	11	13	4
30	17	19	6
40	23	25	8
50	28	32	10
60	34	38	12
80	45	51	16
100	57	63	20

Deflections measured on bottom plate of 1" $\varnothing$ bon on spool cryostat as compared to deflections calculated for AJ Marks Cases 36 and 41 for flat plates

Case 36 Assumes Simply Supported Plate All Edges

Case 41 Assumes Fixed Plate All Edges

Note: No beam tube in cryostat

Plate Name	Dimensions (inches)	A
Top	$12 \frac{1}{4} \times 9 \frac{23}{32} \times \frac{1}{4}$	569
Back	$12 \frac{1}{4} \times 9 \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{1}{4}$	550
Bottom	$13 \frac{1}{8} \times 12 \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$	307
Lower Front	$12 \frac{1}{4} \times 5 \frac{5}{16} \times \frac{1}{4}$	270
Upper Front	$12 \frac{1}{4} \times 4 \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$	207
Power Lead	$12 \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}$	137

$$\text{Let } A = \frac{\beta b^2}{t^2}$$

$$\text{Max stress} = \beta \frac{w b^2}{t^2}$$

where w is applied load (psi)

t is plate thickness

b is plate width

β is a function of $\frac{a}{b}$

$$\text{Therefore } \boxed{\text{Max stress} = A \cdot w}$$

Photo #1

Neg. #82-222-7
5/4/82

Photo #2

Neg. #82-222-5
5/4/82