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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document presents the piping strain criteria and stress-strain correlation methodology proposed for the piping qualification at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 (SONGS-1) under the Long Term Service (LTS) Seismic Reevaluation Program. The purpose of this document is to present and justify the strain limit criteria and the stress-strain correlation methodology for use in the LTS piping qualification.

The criteria and methodology for the SONGS-1 LTS piping qualification have been discussed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the past few months. Based on the technical information presented for the SONGS-1 LTS work and on the NRC's technical comments, an overall approach is being developed for use on the project.

Figure 1-1 shows the overall piping analysis approach for SONGS-1 LTS piping qualification. Both linear and non-linear piping analysis techniques will be used. Linear piping analysis techniques include applications of enveloped response spectra method, multiple-level response spectra method, linear time-history analysis method and similarity method. In lieu of linear piping analysis techniques, non-linear analysis techniques may be used for some piping systems on a case-by-case basis. Nonlinear piping analysis techniques include applications of nonlinear time-history analysis method, energy balance method and secant stiffness method. For small bore piping and tubing, walkdown and chart method may also be used. Detailed descriptions of these analysis methods are presented in earlier submittals to the NRC [2,3] and in the NRC's Safety Evaluation Report for SONGS-1 LTS seismic reevaluation criteria and methodology [4].

When linear piping analysis techniques are used, the resulting piping stresses will be compared to the Systematic Evaluation Program (SEP) criteria, as shown below:

$$\sigma_e = \frac{PD_o}{4t} + 0.75 i \frac{M_a + M_b}{Z} \leq kS_h$$

where

- P = Maximum internal operating pressure, psig
- D_o = Outside diameter of pipe, in
- t = Nominal wall thickness of pipe, in
- Z = Section modulus of pipe, in³
- i = Stress intensification factor as listed in Fig. NC-3673.2(b)-1 of ASME B&PV Code, Section III, Subsection NC, 1980 Edition, Winter 1980 Addenda [1]. The product of 0.75i shall never be taken as less than 1.0
- M_a = Resultant moment due to gravity loads, in-lbs
- M_b = Resultant moment due to inertia from a 0.67g Modified Housner Earthquake, as calculated by linear elastic methods, in-lbs
(Resultant moment due to Modified Housner Earthquake anchor



movements may be combined with inertia moments by Square-Root-of-the-Sum-of-the-Square (SRSS) method, if omitted in the secondary stress check as defined by ASME Code Class 2 piping Equations 11 and 13 in NC-3652.3[1] (since Summer 1981 Addenda, Class 2 piping Equations 11 and 13 have been changed back to Equations 10 and 11, respectively).



S_h = Piping material allowable stress at maximum operating temperature, psi (obtain S_h from Appendix I of the Code [1]).
 k = 2.4 for Class 2 and 3 piping
= 1.8 for Class 1 piping

In cases where the elastically-calculated primary piping stresses exceed the SEP allowables, the primary stress σ_e , as defined above, may be correlated to a piping strain and then compared to an allowable strain. Figure 1-2 shows a flow chart for piping stress-strain correlation.

This document describes the conversion of the linear elastically-calculated stresses to strains. Section 2.0 presents the piping strain limits and Section 3.0 presents the stress-strain correlation methodology. Section 4.0 presents the justifications of the proposed methodology. Section 5.0 presents the application limitations.

Revision 1 of this report incorporated responses and resolutions to the comments raised by NRC consultants (Mr. E.C. Rodabaugh, et al.) at the November 26, 1985, NRC meeting [13].



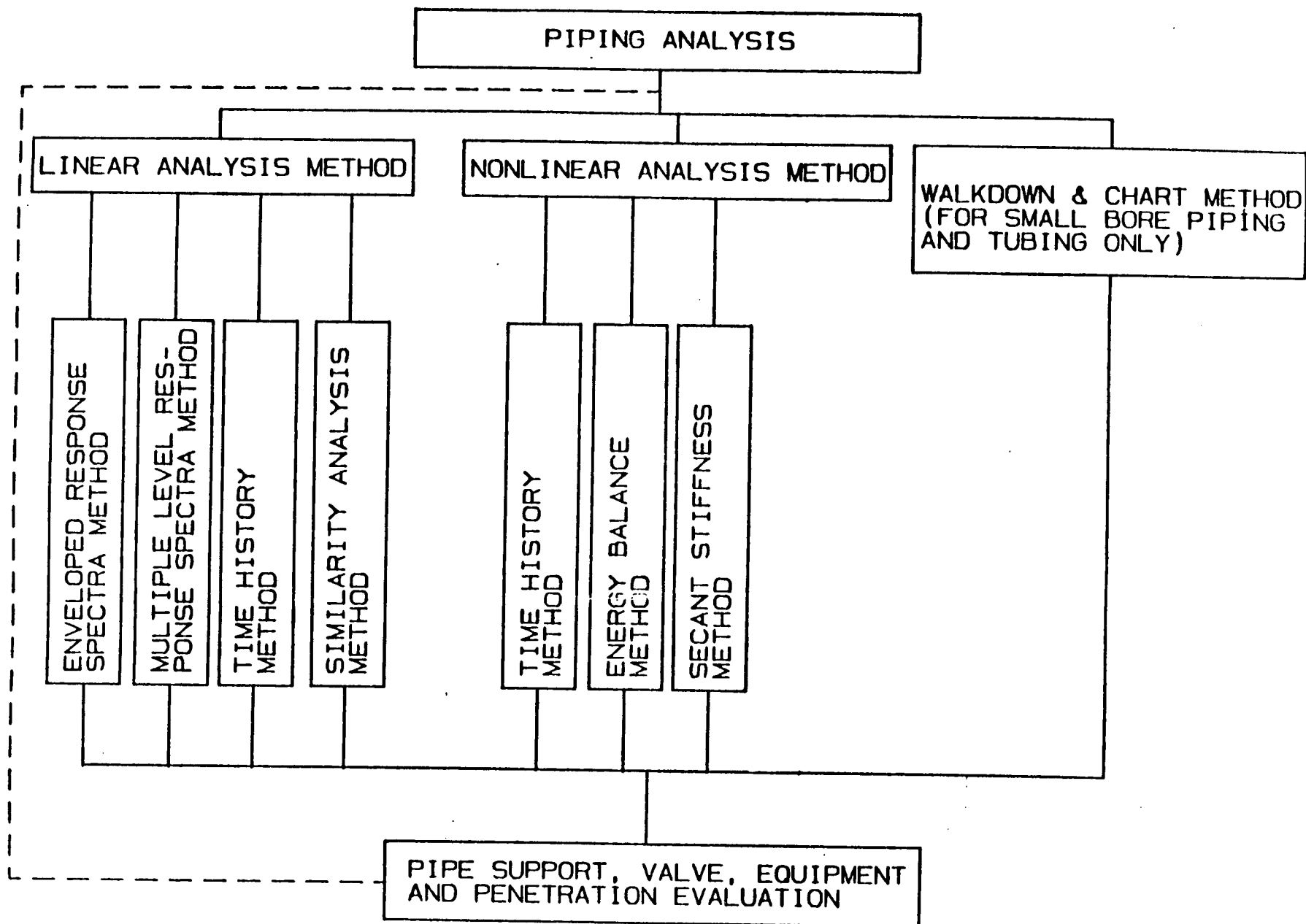


Figure 1-1: Overall Piping Analysis Approach

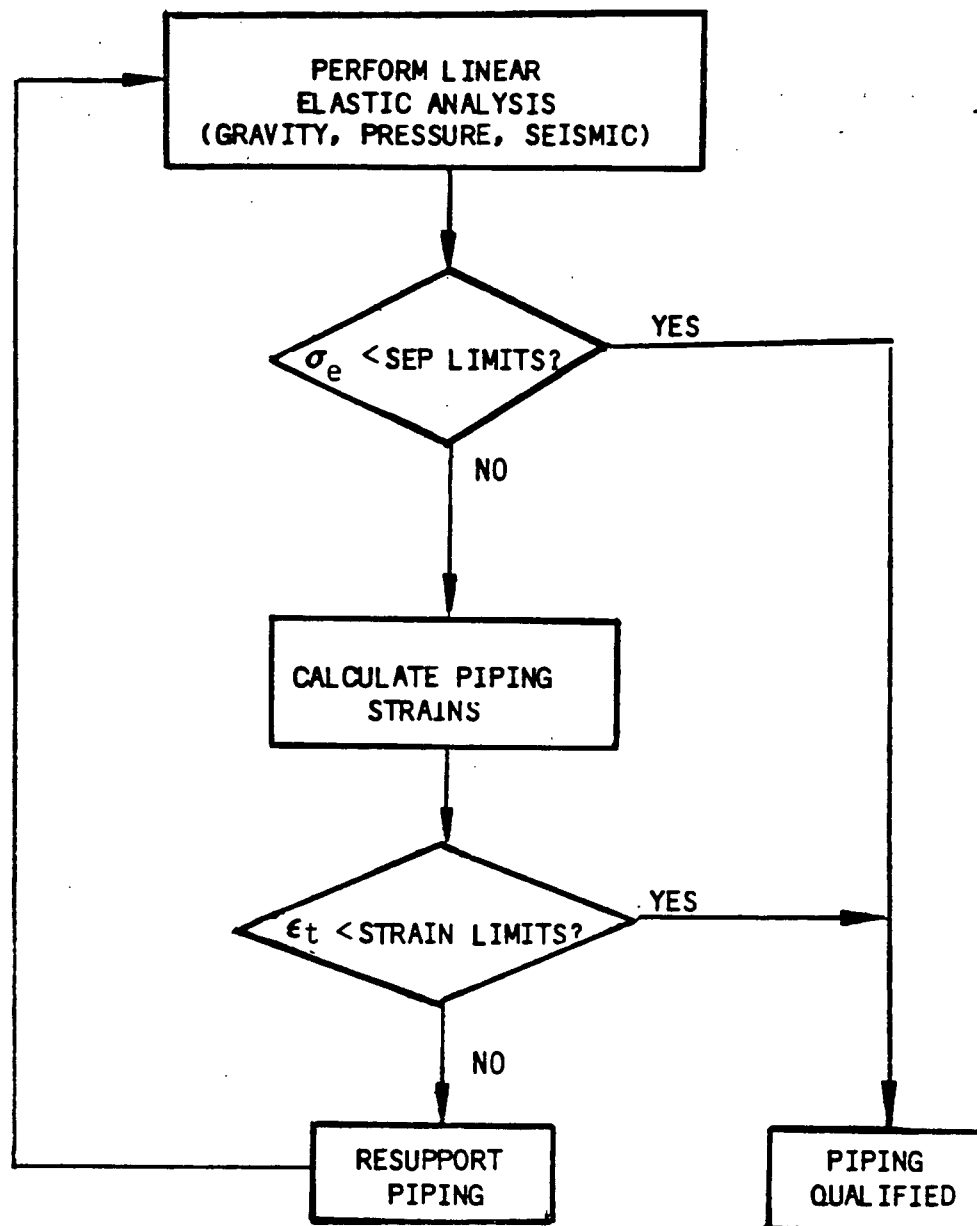


Figure 1-2: Flow Chart for Piping Stress-Strain Correlation

2.0 PIPING STRAIN CRITERIA

The piping strain criteria proposed for the SONGS-1 LTS are based on the criteria presented in the ASME Code for faulted (Level D) conditions. The piping qualification criteria are based on limiting piping strain levels to ensure that the piping maintains its structural integrity under the earthquake loadings.

The basis of the ASME Code, Section III, Appendix F for faulted conditions [1] is that the piping will remain structurally integral and that the pressure boundary will remain intact. The Code recognizes that the Appendix F rules allow for large deformations of the piping system. The SONGS-1 criteria augments the ASME Code, Appendix F, criteria because the SONGS-1 limits also ensure piping integrity. "Piping integrity" is defined herein as piping which maintains structural integrity and shows no significant decrease in rated flow capacity.

Piping integrity can be defined by the establishment of limits on material strains to ensure the limitation of deformation and to provide a suitable margin to rupture. The strain limits established for the LTS piping evaluation are:

$$\epsilon_t \begin{cases} \leq 1 \text{ percent for carbon steel} \\ \leq 2 \text{ percent for stainless steel} \end{cases}$$

where

ϵ_t = Maximum piping membrane plus bending strain

In cases where stainless steel strain exceeds 1 percent, the effects on the following items, as discussed in [4], will be reviewed and, if necessary, further limitations will be imposed:

- Compressive wrinkling (local buckling)
- Low-cycle fatigue (5 full cycles or less)
- Plastic tensile instability (tensile necking)
- Excessive deformation resulting in more than a 15 percent reduction in pipe cross-section flow area
- Pipe-mounted equipment qualification

Justifications of the above strain limits were presented in an earlier submittal to the NRC [5]. A detailed discussion of its application limitations and other concerns are presented in Section 5.0.



3.0 STRESS-STRAIN CORRELATION METHODOLOGY

To calculate the piping strains up to the limits specified in Section 2.0 requires inelastic or nonlinear analysis methods. However, the performance of nonlinear analysis is expensive and time-consuming. Therefore, an approach which allows the use of standard linear elastic analysis techniques and conservatively converts the elastically-calculated stresses to strains is desirable. The evaluation methodology to be used for LTS will provide for standard piping evaluations, but will correlate conservatively with the specified strain limits. The proposed conversion is as follows:

$$\text{For carbon steel:} \quad \epsilon_t = K_S \frac{\sigma_e}{E}$$

$$\text{For stainless steel:} \quad \epsilon_t = K_S \frac{2.0 \sigma_e}{E}$$

where

ϵ_t = Maximum piping membrane plus bending strain

σ_e = Elastically-calculated stress for pressure, gravity and seismic loadings, based on stress intensification factor approach, psi (See Section 1.0 for definition)

E = Young's modulus, psi (obtain E from Appendix I of the Code [1])

K_S = Strain correlation factor.

The factor of 2.0 multiplied to $K_S \sigma_e/E$ for stainless steel material is an empirically determined value, as discussed in Section 4.2.

The strain correlation factor K_S is defined as follows:

$$K_S = 1.0 \quad \text{When } 3.4 \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y} \leq 1.0$$

$$K_S = 1.0 + \frac{1-n}{n(m-1)} \left(3.4 \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y} - 1 \right) \quad \text{When } 1.0 < 3.4 \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y} \leq m$$

$$K_S = 1/n \quad \text{When } m < 3.4 \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y}$$

where

S_y = Piping material yield strength at maximum operating temperature, psi (obtain S_y from Appendix I of the Code [1]).

n = Strain hardening exponent

m = Code-defined parameter to produce correct correlation

The material parameters n and m used on SONGS-1 piping are defined in Table NB-3228.3(b)-1 of the Code [1] and are summarized below:

Material	m	n
Stainless Steel	1.7	0.3
Carbon Steel	3.0	0.2

4.0 JUSTIFICATION OF METHODOLOGY

The stress-strain correlation methodology is based on the fatigue evaluation procedure of the ASME Code [1] and is verified by comparison with test results, particularly the Greenstreet elbow test results [6]. Both bases are described below.

4.1 ASME Code Fatigue Evaluation Procedure

As discussed in Section 3.0, several approaches have been identified to determine strains in piping systems from elastically-calculated stresses. Based on a review of the alternatives, the approach selected is based on the fatigue evaluation procedures of the ASME Code [1]. This approach is chosen because the ASME Code fatigue evaluation is a strain-based methodology (i.e., the Code design fatigue curves are developed from strain-controlled fatigue data and are converted to representative stresses which are not the actual stresses applied but have the advantage of being directly comparable to stresses calculated on the assumption of elastic behavior). Also, the Code fatigue evaluation contains a procedure for the simplified elastic-plastic evaluation of piping components. By reviewing the background behind these procedures, it is concluded that this philosophy and approach provides a method for conservatively calculating strains from elastically-calculated stresses.

The ASME Code simplified elastic-plastic methodology was developed to account for the effects of the strain concentration phenomenon which occurs when stresses are greater than the yield stress. This is shown in Figure 4-1. When the stress exceeds the yield stress, the actual strain, ϵ_t , exceeds the elastically-calculated strain, ϵ_e , which is simply the elastically-calculated stress divided by the Young's modulus (σ_e/E). The Code defines the strain concentration factor, K_e , to measure the differences between the elastically-calculated strain and the actual strain beyond the yield point. As shown from Figure 4-2a, the strain concentration factor is constant and equal to elastic stress concentration factor between Points A and B, when the material behavior is perfectly elastic. The strain concentration factor increases steadily above yield stresses until a maximum value is reached (Point C in Figure 4-2a). The strain concentration decreases after this as the deflection increases.

The Code idealizes the above material behavior by introducing the strain concentration factor K_e and approximates the strain concentration factor by the following formula:

$$K_e = 1.0$$

$$\text{when } S_n \leq 3S_m \text{ (or } 2 S_y)$$

$$K_e = 1.0 + \frac{1-n}{n(m-1)} \left(\frac{S_n}{3S_m} - 1 \right)$$

$$\text{When } 3S_m < S_n \leq 3m S_m$$

$$K_e = 1/n$$

$$\text{when } 3m S_m < S_n$$

where -

S_n = Primary plus secondary stress intensity range, psi, as calculated in NB-3653.1 of the Code [1]

S_m = Allowable design stress intensity value at maximum operating temperature, psi (obtain S_m from Appendix I of the Code [1]).

S_y , m and n = As defined in Section 3.0.

The terms m and n are material properties developed from experimental data. As shown from Figure 4-2b, the maximum strain concentration is defined by the inverse of the material parameter n and the slope of the strain concentration in the transition region (between 1.0 and $1/n$) is defined by $(1-n)/n(m-1)$. Figure 4-3 shows the relationship between the strain concentration and stress for the Code and several tests on 304 Stainless Steel.

The K_e factor developed for the Code fatigue evaluation correlates the elastically-calculated stresses to actual strains for use in the Code fatigue curves. For the SONGS-1 Seismic Reevaluation Program, the K_e methodology will be used to determine strains in the piping associated with the seismic loading.

The strain correlation developed by the Code is modified slightly herein to account for the half-range stresses calculated by the Class 2 Code approach for the SONGS-1 LTS evaluation. The term $3.4 \sigma_e/S_y$ of the strain correlation factor K_s for SONGS-1 is equivalent to $S_n/3S_m$ of the strain concentration factor K_e in the Code. A factor of 3.4 is derived as follows:

- The ratio of full range stresses vs. one-half range stresses is 2.0
- The Class 1 stress index C_2 vs. the Class 2 stress intensification factor 0.75i for butt-welded elbow* is:

$$\frac{C_2}{0.75i} = \frac{1.95/h^{2/3}}{0.75 \times 0.9/h^{2/3}} = 2.9$$

where

h = Elbow flexibility factor, as defined in NB-3683.7 of the Code [1] (Same as Class 2).

- minimum ratio of material allowable $3S_m/S_y$ is 1.71 for carbon steel A-106 Grade B at room temperature.

Note * Elbows are of particular importance because they are often the most flexible components in a piping system. Elbows are forced to accommodate disproportionate displacements arising from various loadings including earthquake. Therefore, in general, the integrity of elbows will govern the integrity of a piping system.

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{S_n}{3S_m} = \frac{2.9 \times 2.0}{1.71} \times \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y} = 3.4 \frac{\sigma_e}{S_y}$$

4.2 Comparison with Greenstreet Elbow Test Results

Description of Tests

The experimental work performed by Greenstreet [6] determined load-deflection and load-strain responses for sixteen 6-inch (nominal) commercial carbon steel pipe elbows and four 6-inch stainless steel elbows. The material for carbon steel elbows is ASTM A-106, Grade B and the material for stainless steel elbows is ASTM A-312, Type 304L. These material properties closely match with those used on SONGS-1 piping. Each specimen was loaded with an external static force of sufficient magnitude to produce predominantly plastic response. The influences of elbow bend radius (long radius and short radius) and wall thickness (Sch. 40 and Sch. 80), as well as the effect of internal pressure (five specimens were loaded with internal pressure) were studied. The load-deflection curves and load-strain curves obtained in the tests were limited by the test apparatus. As a result, the test results used in the comparison do not represent the maximum capacity of the elbows.

Greenstreet plotted ten load-strain curves, all without internal pressure. A detailed breakdown of these tests is summarized below:

<u>Figure Number</u>		<u>Loading Condition</u>				
<u>For This Report</u>	<u>For Greenstreet Report</u>	<u>Specimens</u>	<u>Descrip.</u>	<u>Material</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Moment</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Pressure</u>
A-1	22	PE-1	Sch.40-LR	C.S.	in-plane(+)	No
A-2	23	PE-2	Sch.40-LR	C.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-3	24	PE-3	Sch.40-LR	C.S.	out-of-plane	No
A-4	25	PE-8	Sch.80-LR	C.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-5	26	PE-11	Sch.40-SR	C.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-6	33	PE-19	Sch.40-SR	C.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-7	34	PE-20	Sch.80-SR	C.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-8	27	PE-15	Sch.40-LR	S.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-9	31	PE-17	Sch.40-SR	S.S.	in-plane(-)	No
A-10	32	PE-18	Sch.80-LR	S.S.	in-plane(-)	No

Note: (1) A positive in-plane moment causes the elbow to open; a negative in-plane moment causes the elbow to close.

(2) C.S.: Carbon Steel ASTM A-106, Grade B
S.S.: Stainless Steel ASTM A-312, Type 304L.

Intepretation of Comparison

Appendix A shows load-strain curves reported by Greenstreet together with load-strain curves calculated by SONGS-1 stress-strain correlation methodology. A factor of 2.0 is multiplied to $K_S \sigma_e/E$ for stain-less steel material in order to conservatively derive a satisfactory comparison with test results. In reviewing these load-strain curves, the following observations are made:

1. The SONGS-1 stress-strain correlation methodology will overpredict the strains, when compared with the Greenstreet test results. The overprediction is in the range of 25 percent to 100 percent for nine out of ten load-strain curves (excluding specimen PE-19).
2. For specimen PE-19, test-recorded strains are approximately 10 percent higher than the calculated strains in the vicinity of the test cut-off region.
3. With extrapolation, it appears that the calculated strains and test-recorded strains will converge at higher strain levels.

The 10 percent exceedance for specimen PE-19 (observation 2) and the potential convergence at higher strain levels for other specimens (observation 3) are not a concern because of the very conservative comparison made. Major conservatisms in the comparison are discussed as follows:

- The calculated strains based on SONGS-1 stress-strain correlation methodology are intended to predict membrane-plus-bending strains, i.e. strain averaged through the wall thickness plus strains at the surface due to an equivalent linear distribution of strain through the wall thickness. As stated in the Greenstreet test report [6], the test load-strain curves were plotted for locations with strain gages mounted at or near the "maximum" or "principal" strains on elbow surfaces.

Figure 4-4 shows an elbow crotch section under in-plane bending. In-plane bending was applied to all tests with load-strain curves plotted, except PE-3. Strain gages at 90°, 270° and the near vicinity (0° is at extrados and 180° at intrados) would pick up predominant circumferential strains because the axis crossing 90° and 270° is a major axis of ovality for the deformed cross section, as well as a neutral axis under in-plane bending. Strain gages at 0°, 180° and the near vicinity would pick up both axial and circumferential strains, with the axial strain at its maximum. Figure 4-5 shows the maximum axial and the maximum circumferential strain distribution through the wall thickness under in-plane bending. The axial strain is more or less linearly distributed through the wall thickness and is therefore a membrane-plus-bending type strain. However, the circumferential strain contains local or peak effect (local strains at any point). This is particularly evident for the elbow's inside surface at or near the major axis of

the crotch section. Greenstreet plotted the circumferential strain versus angular location (from 0° to 180°) as function of load for specimens PE-18 and PE-19 (Figures 29 and 30 in [6]). Near the 90° location, where the maximum circumferential strain appears, the test-recorded strain on the inside surface is much higher than the test-recorded strain on the outside surface. Since the tests were performed without internal pressure, the membrane part of the circumferential strain should be small. This indicates that the test-recorded circumferential strain is not linearly distributed through the wall thickness and therefore contains local or peak effects, particularly on the inside surface.

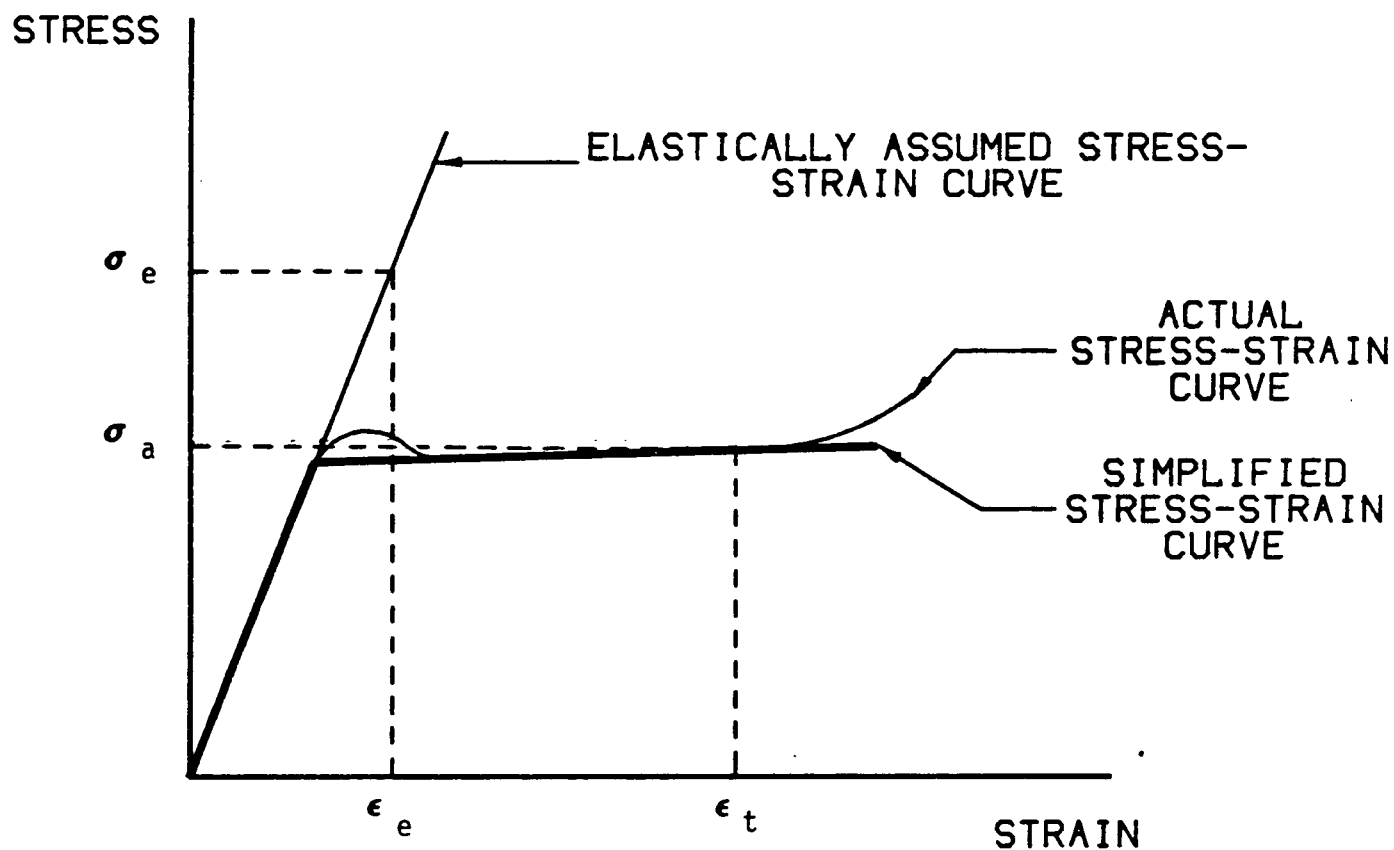
A review of the Greenstreet test load-strain curves indicates that the gage locations for the maximum strains are, for most cases, at or near 90° and 270° . For Specimen PE-19, the load-strain curve was plotted for the maximum strains located on inside surface at the 90° location (strain gage number A+2 as shown in Figure 4-4). At this location, the local strain effect is at its maximum.

As a conclusion, it is conservative to compare the calculated membrane-plus-bending strains with test-recorded maximum strains which contain local or peak effect.

- All load-strain curves reported by Greenstreet are from tests where the elbows were not pressurized. In actual cases, elbows are typically pressurized and the internal pressure will improve the integrity and stability of elbows. This is because by reducing the elbow flexibility with its internal pressure, the measured strains, both the axial and the circumferential, would be reduced.
- The test load-strain curves beyond the test cut-off points were extrapolated by straight lines which are tangent to the test cut-off regions as shown by dotted lines on several load-strain curves. These extrapolated straight lines are relatively flat. In actual cases, the test load-strain curves should be skewed upward beyond the test cut-off points due to the strain hardening phenomenon.
- The loads in the Greenstreet tests were applied statically. Studies [7] show that the margin against failure of piping systems is significantly greater for dynamic loads, such as an earthquake, than for static loads when piping responses are held to the same allowable level. Also, in establishing the allowable strains for SONGS-1, the material overstrength and strain rate effects under dynamic loads were not credited.

Conclusion

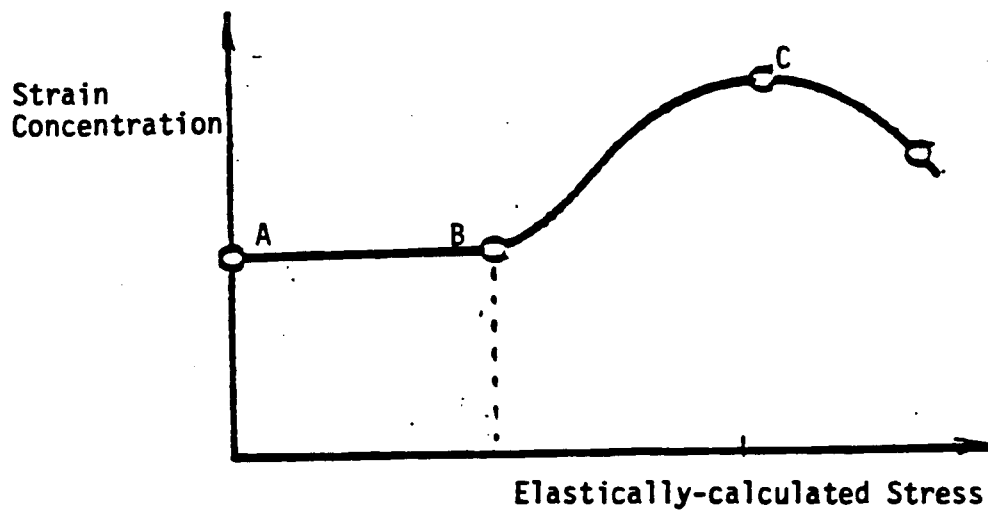
The calculated strains based on SONGS-1 stress-strain correlation methodology are conservative, when compared with experimentally determined strains.



- σ_e = ELASTICALLY CALCULATED STRESS
 ϵ_e = ELASTICALLY CALCULATED STRAIN ($\epsilon_e = \sigma_e / E$)
 ϵ_t = TOTAL OR ACTUAL STRAIN
 σ_a = ACTUAL STRESS

FIGURE 4-1
ELASTIC STRAIN VS. ACTUAL STRAIN

a. Actual Case



b. Code Idealized Approach

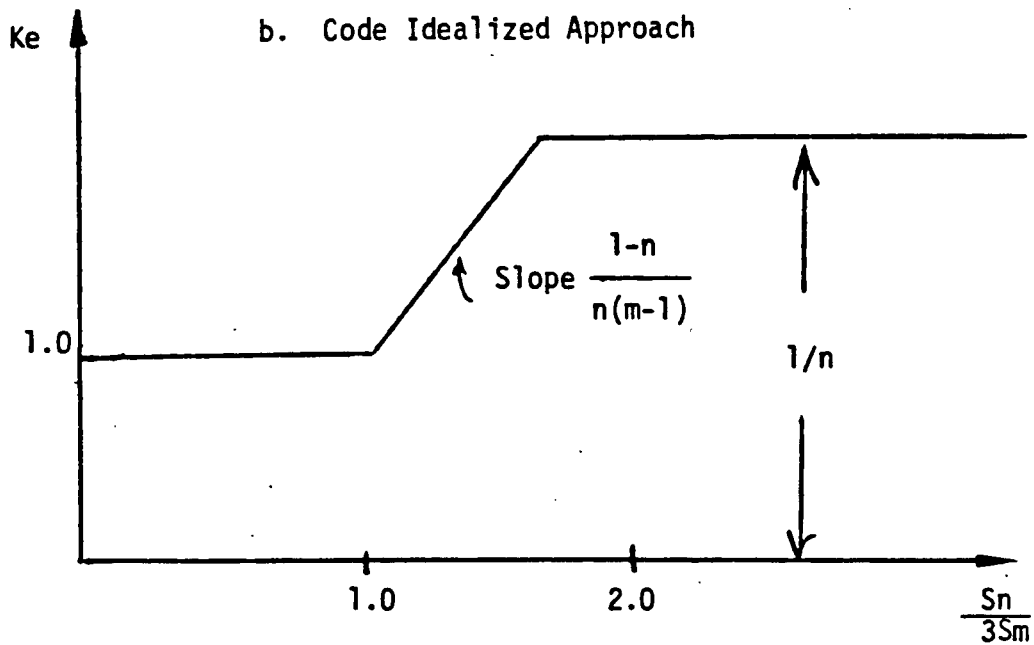


FIGURE 4-2 CODE STRAIN VS. STRESS RELATION

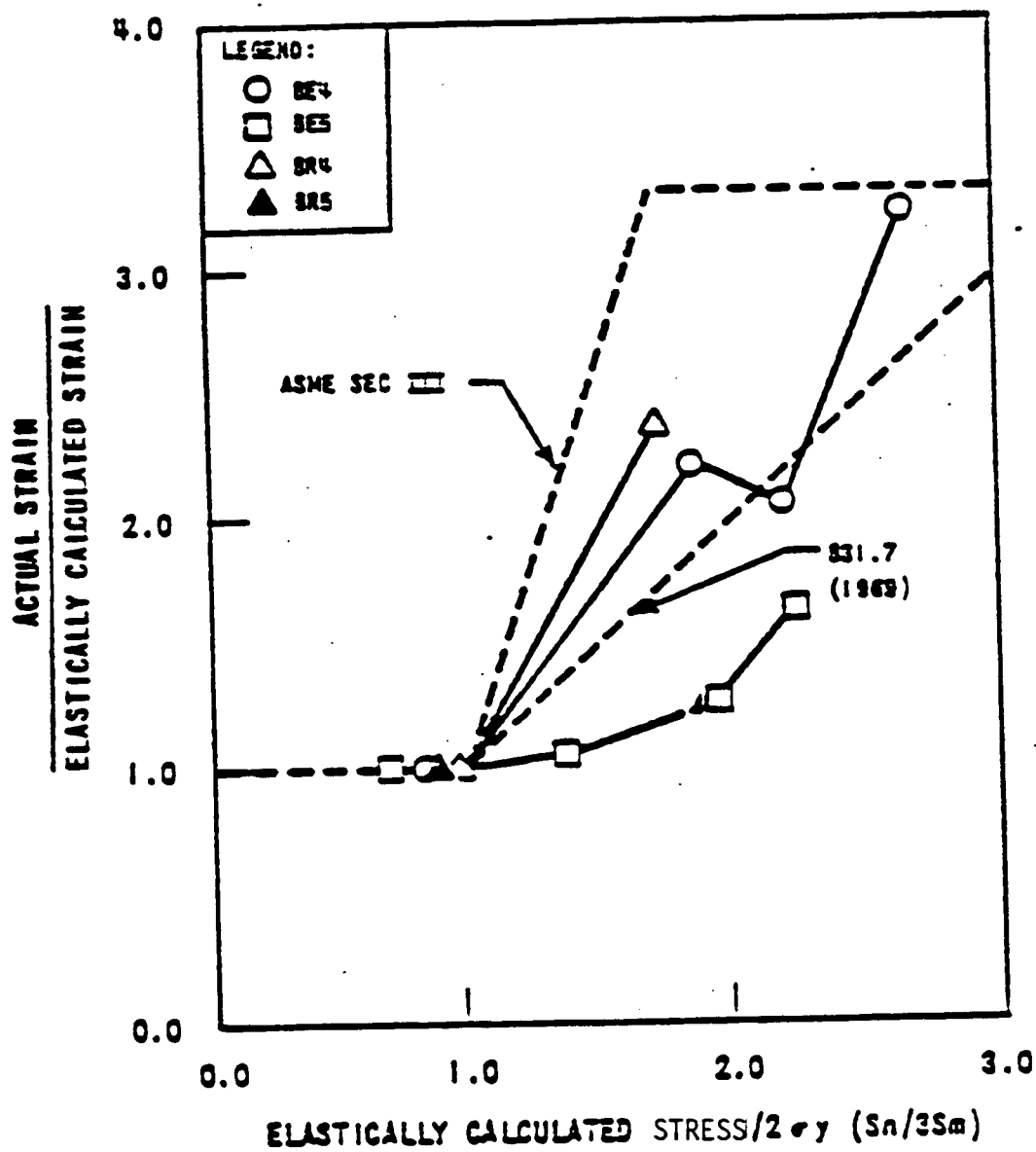


FIGURE 4-3 CODE VS. TEST STRAIN-STRESS RELATION

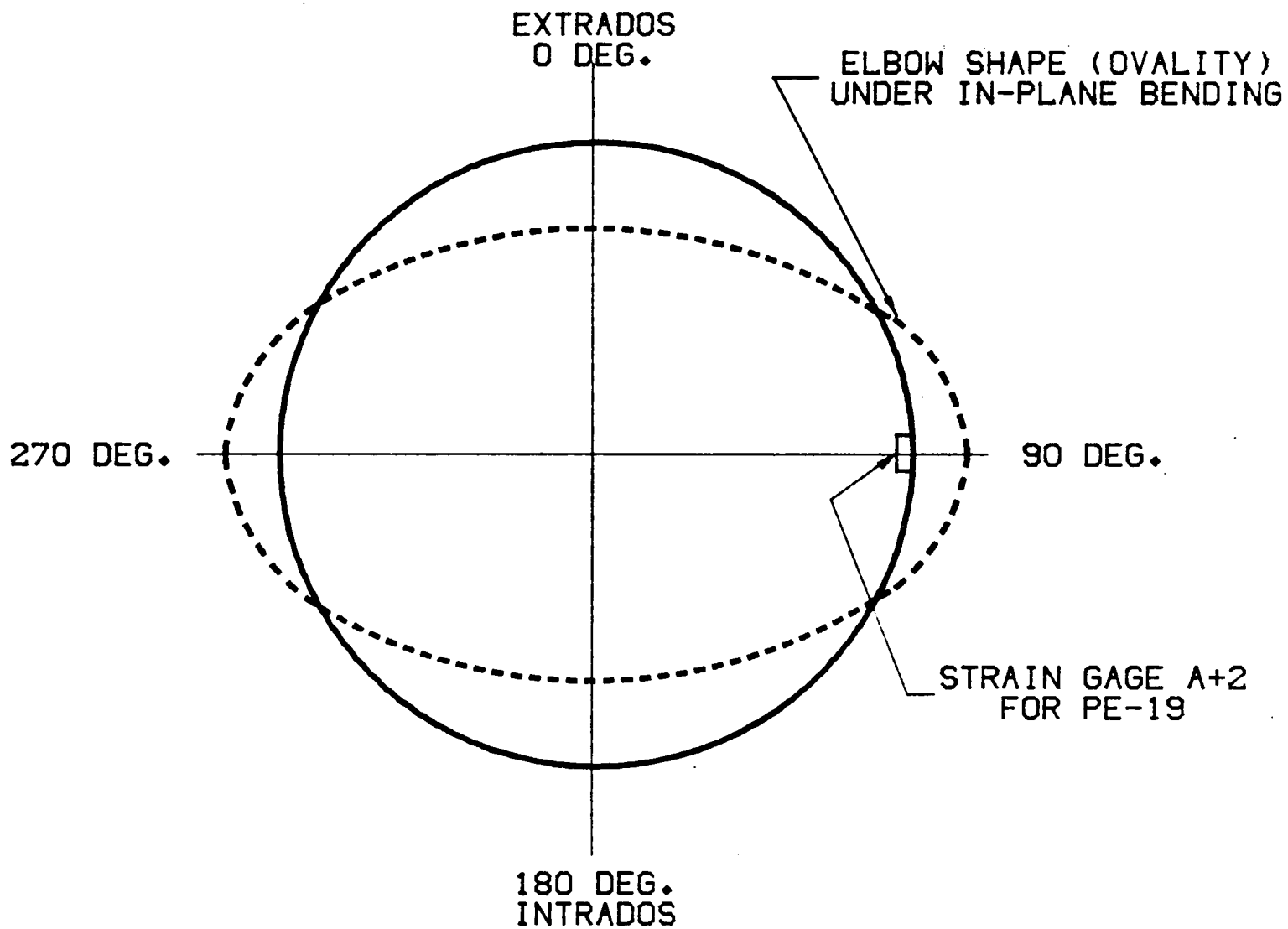
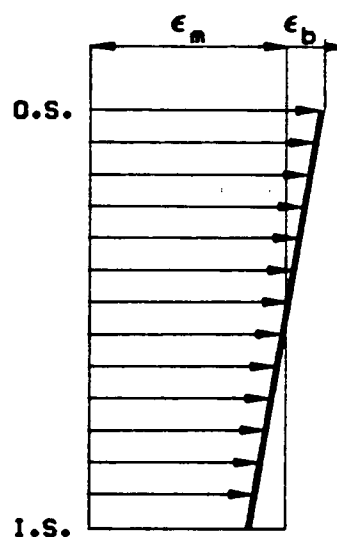
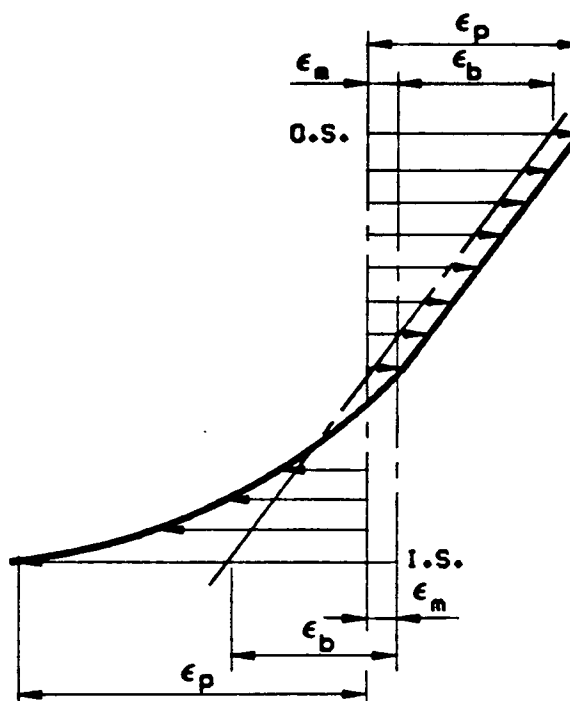


FIGURE 4-4
ELBOW CROTCH SECTION
UNDER IN-PLANE BENDING

MAX. AXIAL STRAIN
AT 0° OR 180°



MAX. CIRCUMFERENTIAL
STRAIN AT 90° OR 270°



LEGEND:
 ϵ_m - MEMBRANE STRAIN
 ϵ_b - BENDING STRAIN
 ϵ_p - LOCAL OR PEAK STRAIN
 O.S. - OUTSIDE SURFACE
 I.S. - INSIDE SURFACE

FIGURE 4-5
 MAXIMUM STRAIN DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE
 WALL THICKNESS UNDER INPLANE BENDING

5.0 APPLICATION LIMITATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Generic Application Limitations

For both carbon steel and stainless steel piping, the stress-strain correlation as described in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 may be applied to piping exceeding the SEP limits providing that the following limitations are satisfied:

- Pipe diameter/wall thickness ratio, D_o/t , does not exceed 50.
- A response spectra method is used to calculate the inertia moments due to Modified Housner Earthquake. Piping damping values should not exceed PVRC recommendations as specified in Code Case N-411.
- At least 50 percent of the stress σ_e as calculated by the equation shown in Section 1.0 is due to Modified Housner Earthquake loading.
- Piping joints are butt welded or girth fillet welded. Bolted-flanged joints are qualified per the requirements of NC-3658 (Analysis of Flanged Joints) of the Code [1].
- Weldments as well as piping base materials are ductile (No quenched and tempered ferritic steel or cold worked austenitic stainless steel).

5.2 Specific Application Limitations for Stainless Steel Exceeding 1 Percent Strain

Additional two checks will be performed for stainless steel piping if the calculated strains using the stress-strain correlation methodology is in the range of 1 to 2 percent. These two checks are to address concerns on compressive wrinkling and low-cycle fatigue failure and both checks need to be satisfied.

- To avoid compressive wrinkling, the strain will be limited by

$$\epsilon_t \leq 0.2 \frac{t}{R}$$

where

ϵ_t = Strain as calculated in Section 3.0
 t = Nominal wall thickness of pipe, in
 R = Mean radius of pipe, in

This check is recommended in [8] as a simple and conservative means of preventing compressive wrinkling failure in straight pipe.

- To avoid low-cycle fatigue, the elastically-calculated stress, $0.75i \frac{M}{Z}$, due to Modified Housner Earthquake loading will be

limited by a simplified fatigue check based on Markl's correlations on moment-loading fatigue tests [10]

$$\frac{n}{N} \leq U_a$$

where

n = Number of significant cycles for Modified Housner Earthquake

N = Number of allowable cycles for Modified Housner Earthquake

U_a = Allowable usage factor for Modified Housner Earthquake

N will be calculated as follows:

$$N = \left[\frac{91.875}{0.75i \frac{M}{Z}} \right]^5$$

where

i and z = As defined in Section 1.0. The product of 0.75i shall never be taken as less than 1.0

M = Resultant elastically-calculated moment amplitude due to Modified Housner Earthquake inertia and anchor movements, in-kips. The inertia moment may be combined with the seismic anchor movement moment by SRSS method.

The number of significant cycles for Modified Housner Earthquake (n) will be assumed to be 5. This assumption is reasonable because:

- (1) With an assumed number of 5 significant cycles for Modified Housner Earthquake and at the 2 percent strain limit for stainless steel (the actual limit is less than 2 percent because of the two additional checks imposed), the cumulative usage factor based on the ASME design fatigue curve for stainless steel is approximately 0.31 (less than 1/3). This value represents less than 0.02 "cycle-to-failure" cumulative usage factor.**

Note ** Based on the design fatigue curve for stainless steel, Figure I-9.2 of the Code [1], the number of allowable cycles at 2 percent strain is 16. With the assumption of 5 significant cycles for the Modified Housner Earthquake, the cumulative usage factor is 0.31 (n/N = 5/16). Since the design fatigue curves in the Code have applied a factor of safety of 20 on cycles [11], the "cycle-to-failure" cumulative usage factor for 5 cycles at 2 percent strain is, therefore, only 0.016 (0.31/20)



- (2) A fatigue evaluation based on the ASME design fatigue curve for stainless steel was performed for the most critical stainless steel elbow element (Elbow 4 of Piping Problem MW-11) identified in the SONGS-1 specific piping nonlinear analysis [9]. Figure 5-1 shows the strain values at all peaks and the corresponding usage factors. Only two cycles are with peak strain at 2 percent. The remaining cycles are with peak strains less than 2 percent. The cumulative usage factor is 0.27, which is less than 0.31 for assumed 5 significant cycles at 2 percent strain. This demonstrated that the assumption for 5 significant cycles is conservative.

The allowable usage factor for the Modified Housner Earthquake (U_a) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the operating conditions of a particular piping system under review. The value of U_a is highly dependent on the cumulative usage factor from other cyclic loadings, i.e., thermal expansion cycling in conjunction with thermal transient cycling and other dynamic load cycling.

In addition, all piping qualification calculations will be identified to the NRC for review on a case-by-case basis where the calculated strains for stainless steel exceed 1 percent and/or deviations from the stated stress-strain correlation methodology are applied.

5.3 Discussions of Other Concerns

For stainless steel exceeding 1 percent strain, three remaining concerns from [4], as well as a concern on the accuracy of elastic piping response analysis, when calculated stress exceeds the code limits, are discussed below.

- Concern on Plastic Tensile Instability: To avoid plastic tensile instability, only ductile pipe materials, as used at SONGS-1, will be considered for the stress-strain correlation application (a generic application limitation stated in Section 5.1). These materials can withstand tensile strain much higher than 2 percent. At the tensile (or ultimate) strength, mild carbon steel (0.25 carbon) exhibits approximately 20 percent strain and stainless steel (Type 304) exhibits approximately 60 percent strain [5]. The maximum design tensile strain limits as recommended in [8] are on the order of 2 percent to 5 percent. Therefore, the plastic tensile instability check is readily satisfied.

- Concern on Excessive Deformation: To avoid excessive deformation, strains will be limited to 2 percent. Studies [9] show that, the maximum ovalization and flow rate reductions were considered to be acceptable (less than 5 percent flow area reduction) at the maximum 2 percent strain level for stainless steel. The Greenstreet tests [6] illustrated that the maximum test strain level, as limited by the test apparatus (less than 1 percent), would produce a maximum ovality of 9 to 15 percent. A 15 percent ovality corresponds to less than 1 percent of flow area reduction. These studies and tests indicate that, the flow area reduction would be much less than the 15 percent flow area reduction (recommended as a flow area reduction limit in [8]) at 2 percent strain level for stainless stress elbows. Therefore, the excessive deformation check is readily satisfied.
- Concern on Pipe-Mounted Equipment Qualification: For the pipe-mounted equipment qualification, all nozzle loads and mechanical equipment in the LTS scope will be qualified to the Code allowables, regardless of whether the connecting pipe is qualified by the SEP guidelines or by the stress-strain correlation approach [2,3,4].
- Concern on the Accuracy of Elastic Piping Response Analysis: Elastic piping response analysis is adequate when the calculated stress exceeds the Code limits because:
 - (1) Piping component and system tests, as summarized in [5] (piping component tests by Imazu, Greenstreet, Teidoguchi and piping system tests by EPRI/ANCO) show that elastically correlated piping stresses to test results were significantly higher than Code allowables (typically 2-4 times level D) and there was no indication of pipe failure or gross structural instability. For the stress-strain correlation approach presented in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of this report, the exceedance from the Code Level D limit of 2.4Sh is much less than this. Further, the exceedance from the Code Level D limit is for limited piping systems and at isolated locations. Therefore, it can be safely concluded that, at the stress levels corresponding to the strain limits as presented in this report, there should only be local piping yielding. The piping system as a whole remains essentially elastic.
 - (2) Elastic piping response analysis will predict conservative piping boundary loads, even when the elastically-calculated stresses exceed the Code limit. Reference [12] recommended that the piping stresses be factored down to reduce the excessive conservatism in the piping design practice, if the elastic piping response analysis by current method is performed. The boundary loads are not to be factored. This approach is equivalent to increasing the stress limit while using the same elastically-calculated boundary loads in the qualification of supports, equipment, valves, penetrations as recommended in this report.



- (3) Piping displacements are not a concern under seismic loading because the controlling factor is usually thermal loading. Further, at the stress levels allowed by the stress-strain correlation method, large displacements are prohibited by the limits placed on excessive deformation of piping components (one of the five concerns from [4]). During plant hot functional and power ascension tests, visual inspection guidelines will be provided to identify potential pipe interferences under seismic loading.



ϵ	n	$\epsilon E^{(1)}$	N ⁽²⁾	n/N
Peak Strain Amplitude (Percent)	No. of Cycles	Corresponding Alternate Stress (Ksi)	Allowable Cycle	Usage Factor
2.0	2	560	16	0.125
1.4	2	390	37	0.054
1.3	1	365	50	0.020
1.2	3	335	60	0.050
1.0	1	280	90	0.011
0.7	1	195	220	0.005
0.5	1	140	700	0.001
0.4	2	110	1,500	0.001
0.2 & Below	22	60	14,000	0.002
Total	35			0.269 ⁽³⁾

Note: (1) Assume $E = 28 \times 10^3$ Ksi

(2) From Figure I-9.2 of the ASME Code [1]

(3) If assuming 5 cycles at 2 percent strain, the cumulative usage factor is $5/16 = 0.313$.



Figure 5-1: Fatigue Evaluation for Elbow 4, Problem MW-11 [8]

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APPENDIX A: Comparison of Load-Strain Curves Between Greenstreet
Tests and SONGS-1 Stress-Strain Correlation
Methodology

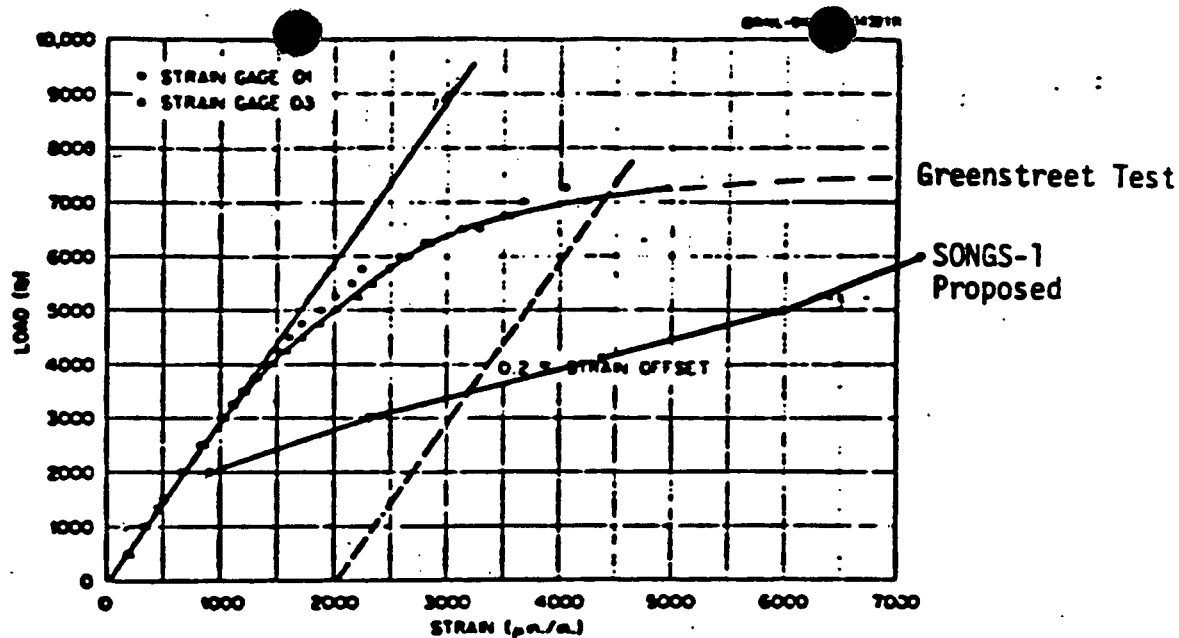


Fig. 22. Load-strain data for in-plane bending (+M_z) of specimen PE-1 ($1 I_b = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-1

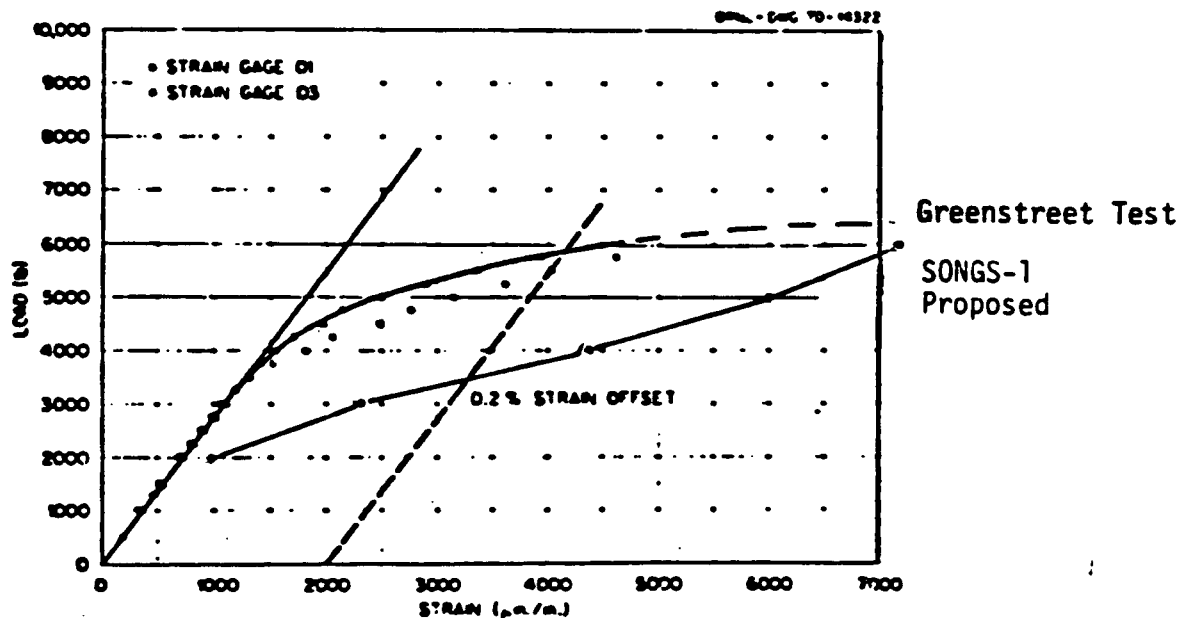


Fig. 23. Load-strain data for in-plane bending (-M_z) of specimen PE-2 ($1 I_b = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-2

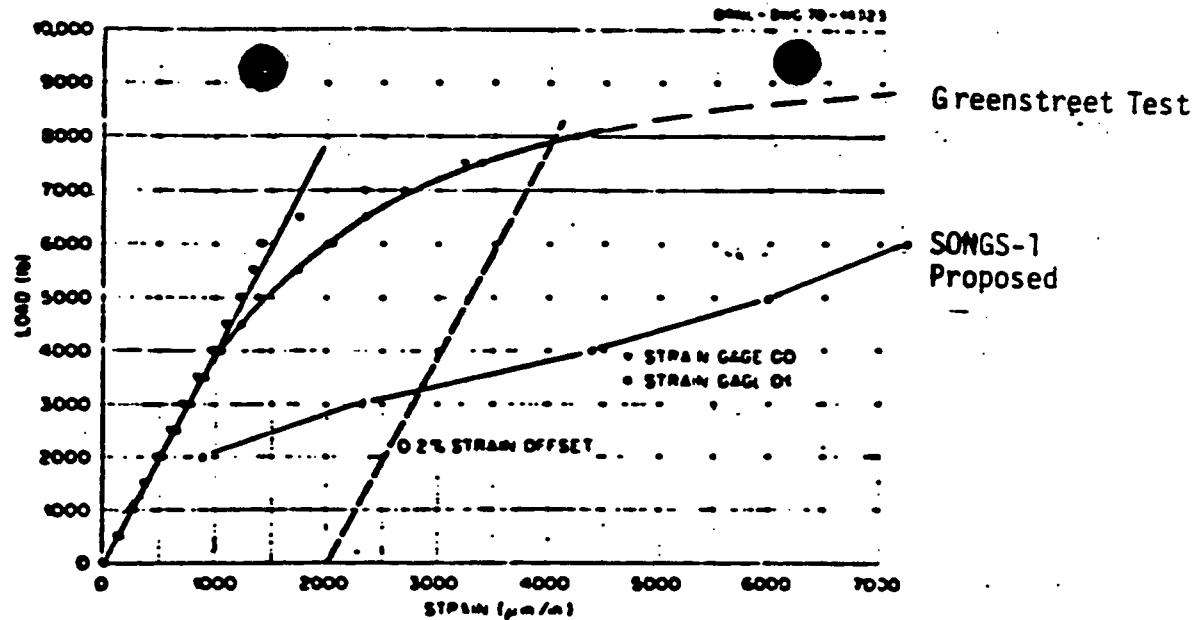


Fig. 24. Load-strain data for out-of-plane bending (M_y) of specimen PE-3 ($1 \text{ lb}_f = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-3

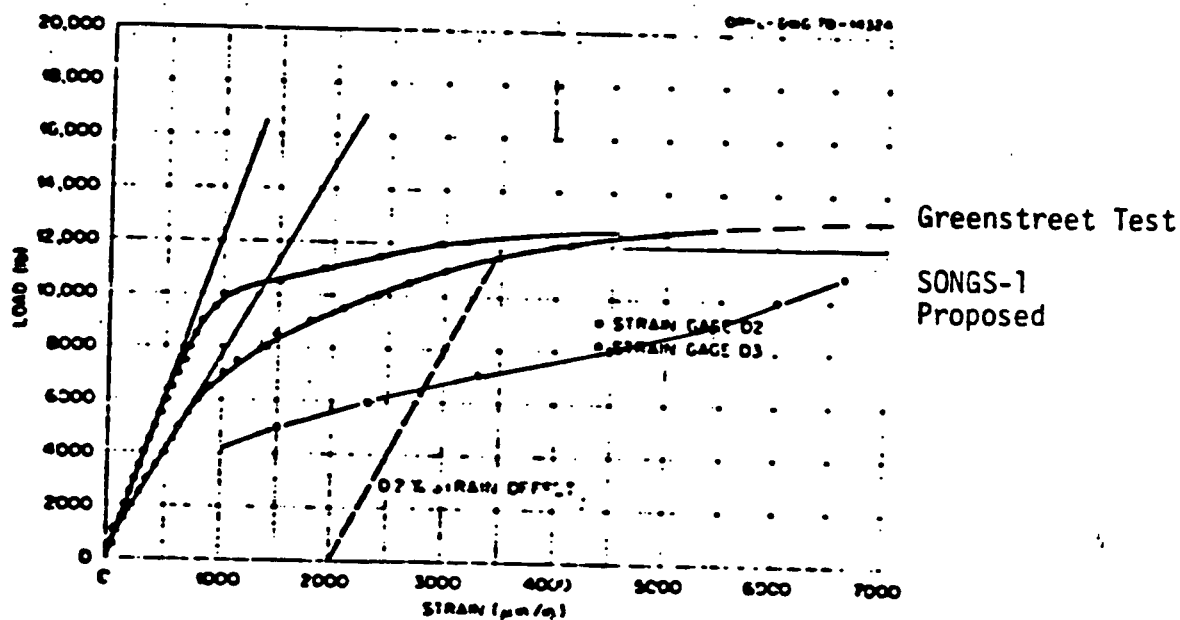


Fig. 25. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_z$) of specimen PE-8 ($1 \text{ lb}_f = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-4

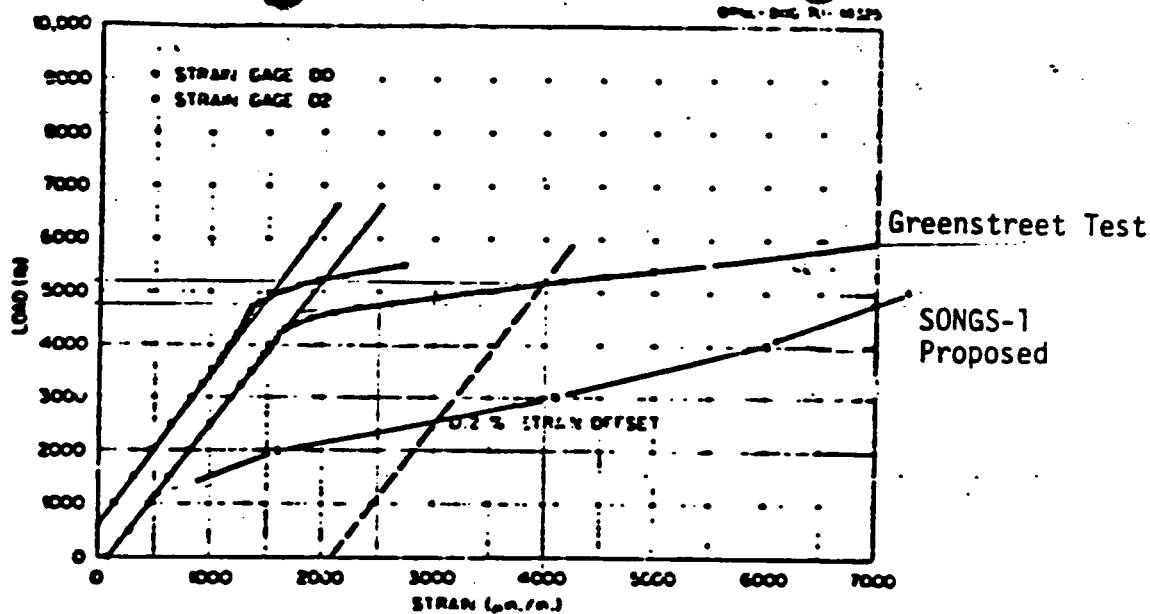


Fig. 26. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_z$) of specimen PE-11 ($1 \text{ lb}_f = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-5

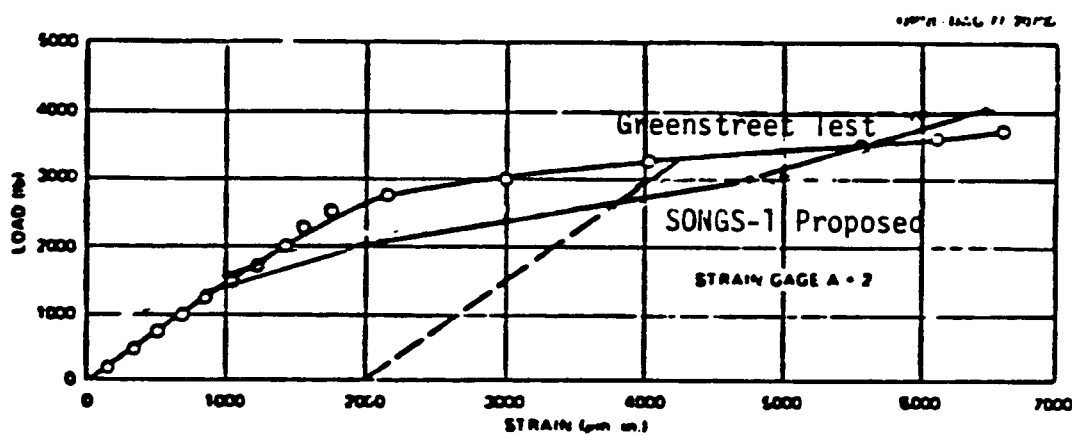


Fig. 33. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_z$) of specimen PE-19 ($1 \text{ in.} = 25.4 \text{ mm}$; $1 \text{ lb}_f = 4.448 \text{ N}$).

FIGURE A-6

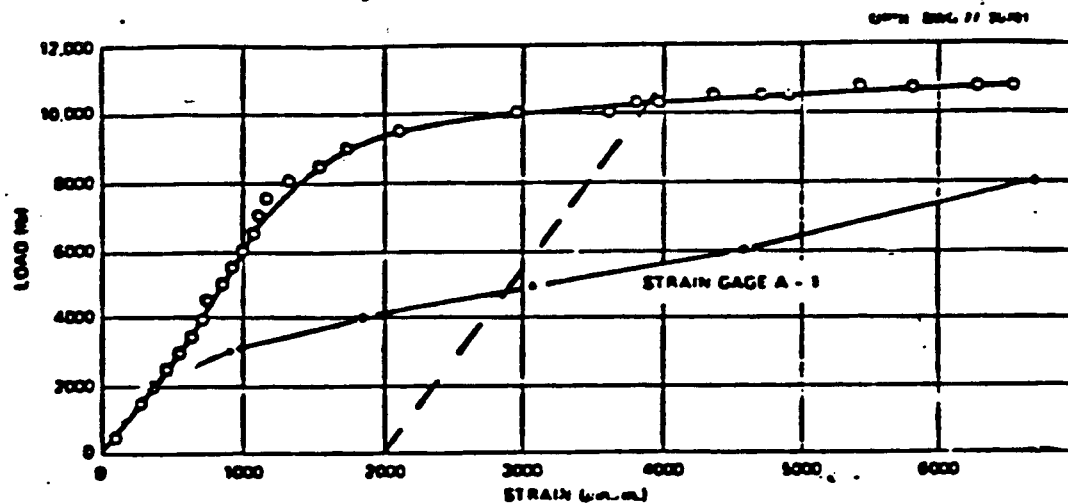


Fig. 34. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_x$) of specimen PE-20 (1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 lb_f = 4.448 N).

FIGURE A-7

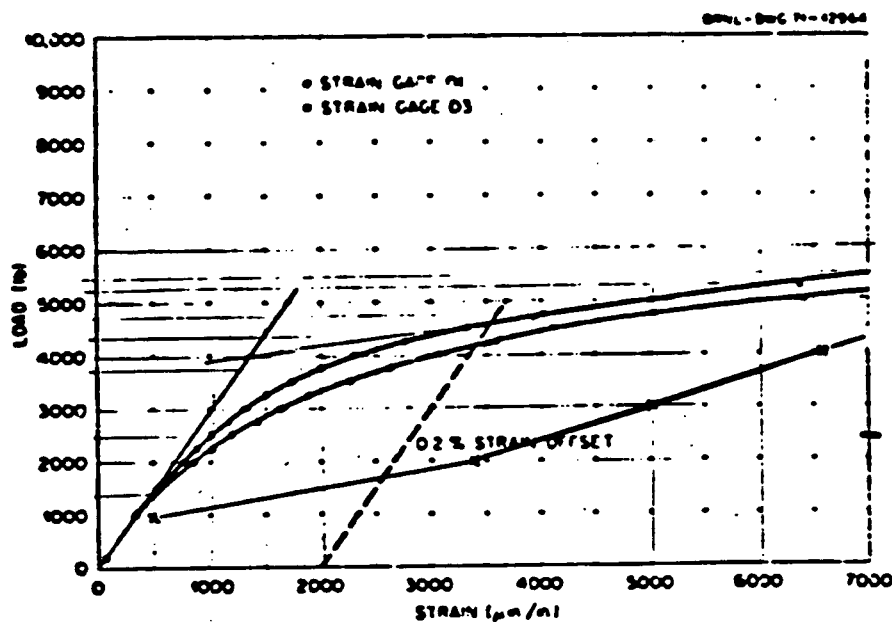


Fig. 27. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_x$) of specimen PE-15 (1 lb_f = 4.448 N).

FIGURE A-8

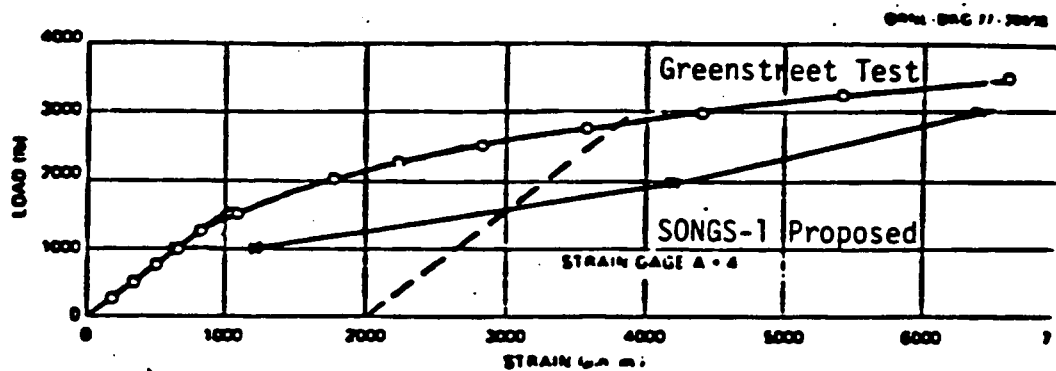


Fig. 31. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_z$) of specimen PE-17 (1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 lb_f = 4.448 N).

FIGURE A-9

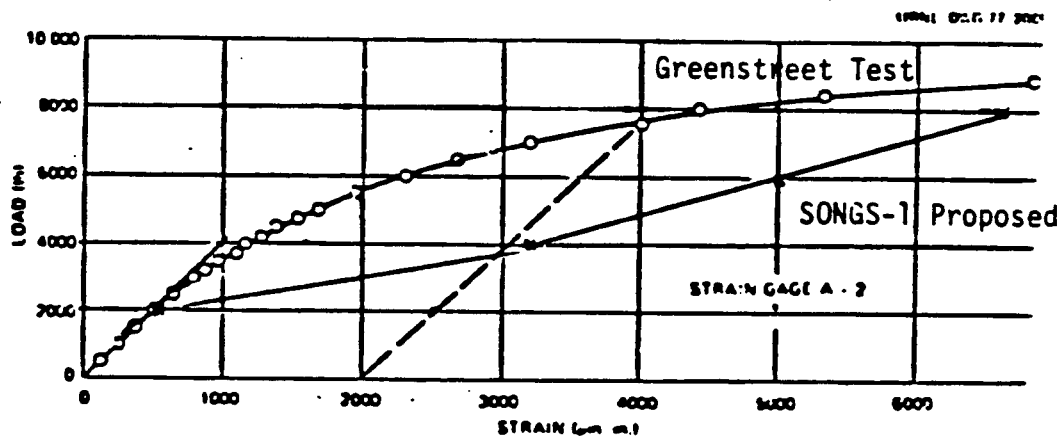


Fig. 32. Load-strain data for in-plane bending ($-M_z$) of specimen PE-18 (1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 lb_f = 4.448 N).

FIGURE A-10