

## PROGRAMA DEL SEMINARIO

Febrero 26, 1999

8:00-8:30	<b>Registro de Asistentes</b>
8:30-8:45	<b>Bienvenida</b> Ing. Alejandro Villalobos Hiriart IMP <b>Inauguración del evento</b> Ing. Rafael Vega Monter PEMEX
9:00-9:15	<b>Introducción</b> Dr. Charles Smith –MMS
9:15-10:45	<b>Fundamentos de Soldadura Húmeda</b> Dr. Stephen Liu – CSM
10:45-12:15	<b>Casos Prácticos</b> Tom Reynolds– Global
12:15-12:30	<b>Receso</b>
12:30-14:00	<b>Diseño de Soldadura Húmeda</b> Rodger Holdsworth – RRS Engineering
14:00-16:00	<b>Receso</b>
16:00-17:00	<b>Regulación</b> Tommy Laurendine– MMS
17:00-17:15	<b>Receso</b>
17:15-18:15	<b>Certificación y Aseguramiento de Calidad</b> Bill Hanzalek – ABS
18:15-18:45	<b>Necesidades de PEMEX</b> Roberto Ortega, Faustino Pérez – IMP
18:45-19:15	<b>Panel preguntas y respuestas</b>
19:15-19:30	<b>Clausura</b> Ing. José B. De León Pérez PEMEX

## CONTENIDO

### **Introducción.**

### **Presentaciones:**

- 1. Fundamentos de Soldadura Húmeda**  
Dr. Stephen Liu – CSM
- 2. Casos Prácticos**  
Tom Reynolds– Global
- 3. Diseño de Soldadura Húmeda**  
Rodger Holdsworth – RRS Engineering
- 4. Regulación**  
Tommy Laurendine– MMS
- 5. Certificación y Aseguramiento de Calidad**  
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- 6. Necesidades de PEMEX**  
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## **INTRODUCCION**

Las instalaciones marinas de Petróleos Mexicanos, particularmente las plataformas, están expuestas a varios riesgos de origen ambiental y operacional que pueden dañar los componentes estructurales o poner en riesgo la integridad de dichas instalaciones.

PEMEX ha venido efectuando inspecciones submarinas a las plataformas desde 1982, aplicando una filosofía desarrollada en el Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo (IMP) con asistencia técnica de la compañía Det Norske Veritas (DNV). Como resultado de dichas inspecciones se han detectado una gran variedad de daños, causados por las actividades de operación que en las plataformas se realizan y por efectos del oleaje de operación y de huracanes. Algunos de los daños han sido reparados, a otros únicamente se les ha monitoreado su crecimiento y el resto se han considerado sin importancia por sus dimensiones.

Por la ubicación de los daños, su costo y sus limitaciones, las alternativas de reparación existentes son pocas, entre ellas tenemos:

- Abrazaderas cementadas
- Abrazaderas mecánicas
- Remoción de grietas por esmerilado
- Soldadura hiperbárica
- Soldadura húmeda

Esta última ha sido empleada con éxito en la sustitución de elementos estructurales de plataformas del Golfo de México y del Mar del Norte, de acuerdo con la literatura técnica existente. Sin embargo, en México ha tenido poca aplicación, en donde se ha aplicado no se han obtenido los resultados esperados, por ello el IMP con PEMEX Exploración y Producción Región Marina Noreste realizan un proyecto para identificar el estado del arte de la Soldadura Submarina, las instituciones y compañías que emplean esta tecnología, los requerimientos, etc., de tal manera que PEMEX pueda adquirir y aplicar la tecnología en la reparación de daños en elementos estructurales de plataformas.

Con el propósito de conocer el estado del arte de la soldadura húmeda y difundirlo entre personal de PEMEX y del IMP, el IMP conjuntamente con la Escuela de Minas de Colorado (CSM) organizaron el Seminario de Soldadura Húmeda, el cual fue patrocinado por PEMEX Exploración y Producción Región Marina Noreste y por el Minerals Management Service (MMS) de los Estados Unidos.

## **CHARLES E. SMITH**

Nació el 11 de Octubre de 1942 en Waynesville Carolina del Norte.

Curso la carrera de Ingeniero Civil en el Instituto Militar de Virginia en 1965.

Cuenta con dos maestrías la primera en Ingeniería de Estructuras cursada en el Instituto de Tecnología de Georgia en 1967 y la segunda en Mecánica Aplicada cursada en la Universidad de Virginia en 1972.

Realizó sus estudios de Doctorado en Estructuras y Dinámica en la Universidad George Washington en 1994.

Actualmente es Gerente de Programas de Investigación del área de Ingeniería e Investigación en el Minerals Management Service Department of the Interior.

El Dr. Smith se incorporó al Minerals Management Service (MMS) (antiguamente la División de Conservación, Prospección Geológica de los Estados Unidos), en 1991 fue colaborador del Gerente del Programa de Investigación y Desarrollo, en las Operaciones de Minerales Costafuera, en 1993 el Dr. Smith asumió el cargo de Gerente de Programas de Investigación del Programa de Evaluación de Tecnología e Investigación el cual realiza estudios generales con universidades, compañías privadas y laboratorios gubernamentales para evaluar la integridad estructural de plataformas y líneas costafuera, métodos de monitoreo adecuados, factores humanos y administrativos y contención de derrames de aceite y procedimientos de limpieza total para asegurar las operaciones libres de contaminantes.

Antes de incorporarse al MMS el Dr. Smith fue Capitán de la Sección de Ingeniería (División de Ingeniería Civil) de los Cuarteles Generales de la Guardia Costera de los Estados Unidos (USCG), donde trabajo como asesor y consejero del personal de la USCG en cuestiones técnicas relacionadas a problemas de Ingeniería Civil y Estructuras. Sus principales áreas de interés fueron en análisis y diseño de torres atirantadas, ingeniería en sismo y viento, plataformas costafuera y ayuda para resistir el hielo en la navegación.

Esta registrado como Ingeniero Profesional y es miembro de muchas sociedades profesionales, particularmente del Instituto Americano del Concreto (ACI) donde fue el presidente anterior del Comité 301 (Especificaciones para Concreto Estructural), de la Sociedad Americana de Ingenieros Civiles (ASCE) donde es miembro del comité en confiabilidad de estructuras costafuera y del consejo técnico de Ingeniería en las regiones frías, del comité de diseño y construcción. El Dr. Smith es miembro de honor de la sociedad Thu Beta Pi y ha publicado muchos artículos técnicos relacionados a estructuras costafuera.

## **DR. STEPHEN LIU**

El Dr. Liu se recibió como Ingeniero Químico Industrial en 1971, de la Escuela Técnica Federal de Minas Gerais en Brasil. Mientras colaboraba como Químico Analista y catedrático obtuvo el grado de Ingeniero en Metalurgia en 1976 en la Escuela de Ingeniería de la Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais.

Trabajó varios años como investigador en metalurgia con la compañía Acesita Specialty Steels Corporation. Durante el mismo periodo recibió el grado de Maestro en Ciencias en Metalurgia en la misma universidad.

En 1984, el Dr. Liu completó su Doctorado en Ingeniería Metalúrgica en la Escuela de Minas de Colorado, y se incorporó al Departamento de Ingeniería Industrial de la Universidad Estatal de Pennsylvania, como Asistente de Profesor en Manufactura y Procesos de Fabricación

Regresó a la Escuela de Minas de Colorado en 1987, en donde actualmente es Profesor Asociado y Profesor de Ingeniería Metalúrgica y de Materiales. El Dr. Liu ha enseñado y conducido áreas de investigación en metalurgia de los aceros, soldadura y recubrimientos.

Dr. Liu es Autor y Coautor de más de 170 publicaciones técnicas. Ha recibido varios reconocimientos de la Sociedad Americana de Soldadura (AWS), entre los que están el Premio McKay-Helm (1986), Adams Memorial Membership (1988), Miembro Distinguido (1993), Robert L. Peaslee (1994), District Meritorious (1994), y Miembro Honorario (1996). Dr. Liu fue elegido miembro del AWS en 1996. Por su trabajo de investigación en consumibles de soldadura húmeda la prestigiada Engineering New-Record seleccionó al Dr. Liu como uno de los 25 más novedosos en la industria de la construcción en 1996. También recibió el premio al desempeño que otorga ASME-OMAE en 1991 y el premio SAE Teetor (1986). El Dr. Liu es actualmente Jefe de Editores de la revista Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering de la Sociedad Americana de Ingenieros Mecánicos ASME.

Activo en varias sociedades profesionales entre las que están la Sociedad Americana de la Soldadura (AWS), ASM Internacional, Sociedad de Metalurgia y Materiales, Sociedad Americana de Ingenieros Mecánicos, Sociedad de Soldadura de Japón, y del Instituto de Materiales (Miembro Profesional). El Dr. Liu también es un Ingeniero Profesional Registrado ante el Consejo de Ingeniería del Reino Unido.

**RODGER D. HOLDSWORTH**  
**Director of Management Systems**  
**RRS Engineering**

Rodger Holdsworth es Director de Sistemas Administrativos de la Compañía RRS Engineering, localizada en Nueva Orleans, Louisiana

Tiene mas de 27 años de experiencia en la solución de problemas, toma de decisiones en el manejo de proyectos, programas y sistemas sirviendo a la industria costafuera y terrestre, incluyendo los 4 años anteriores en la administración del proceso de seguridad y certificación.

Ha ocupado varias posiciones de administración técnica y de negocios relacionadas con la revisión de diseño de equipo, integración de sistemas mecánicos, construcción costafuera, sistemas de calidad y desarrollo de administración PSM.

Además de servir como un auditor dirigente y calificado de ISO 9000 y PSM y líder de grupo de trabajo para la certificación de Integridad mecánica. Rodger Holdsworth ha fungido como jefe de proyecto en varios proyectos que requirieron el desarrollo de sistemas de manejo independiente de integridad mecánica, programas para identificación de riesgos, análisis de confiabilidad y riesgo para instalaciones terrestres y marinas.

Proporciona también capacitación para manejo de software, servicios de consultoría en auditorías PSM, análisis de procesos de riesgo, Integridad mecánica PSM, RPM y desarrollo de sistemas de calidad y su implantación.

Antes de integrarse a RRS Engineering, Rodger Holdsworth colaboró con Primatech Inc., como gerente de servicios de consultoría y con American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) en el grupo de Verificación Industrial como gerente de distrito de los estados del Golfo, sus responsabilidades incluían manejo de servicios técnicos para la industria relacionados con calidad, seguridad, riesgo, inspección y certificación de equipo y sistemas de ingeniería

El Sr. Holdsworth es miembro de ASQC, TC 207 (ISO 14000) en manejo de sistemas y funcionamiento, preside el comité D3 de Soldadura en la Construcción Marina, y el D3b. para Soldadura Húmeda, y miembro del Comité Técnico del AWS.

## **THOMAS T. LAURENDINE, P.E.**

Curso la carrera de Ingeniero Civil y una Maestría en Ciencias en la Universidad de Nueva Orleans

Por lo que Respecta a su experiencia profesional, desde septiembre de 1996 trabaja como Ingeniero Estructural en el Minerals Management Service (MMS) en Nueva Orleans.

Es responsable de las modificaciones, reparaciones e inspecciones de las plataformas localizadas en la Placa Continental del Golfo de México

Está registrado como Ingeniero Civil en el Estado de Louisiana

Es miembro de la Sociedad Americana de Ingenieros Civiles (ASCE)

En 1998 recibió el premio MOISSEIFF de la Sociedad Americana de Ingenieros Civiles (ASCE) por el artículo titulado "Efecto de la Presión Externa en la Resistencia de Miembros Tubulares Cortos"

**ROBERTO ORTEGA R.**

Curso la Carrera de Ingeniero Civil y es candidato a Maestro en Ciencias de la Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura del Instituto Politécnico Nacional.

Actualmente es Jefe de la División de Plataformas Marinas del Instituto Mexicano del Pétroleo y Coordinador de Proyectos de Diseños Especiales.

Tiene más de 23 años de experiencia en el área de plataformas marinas y fue profesor de estructuras de la Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura.

**FAUSTINO PEREZ G.**

Curso la Carrera de Ingeniero Civil en la Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura del Instituto Politécnico Nacional.

Actualmente es Jefe del Departamento de Inspección y Mantenimiento de Plataformas del Instituto Mexicano del Pétroleo y Coordinador de Proyectos de Inspección de Plataformas Marinas.

Ha participado en un proyecto de fatiga en aceros de alta resistencia en la Universidad de Londres.

Tiene más de 11 años de experiencia en el área de plataformas marinas.



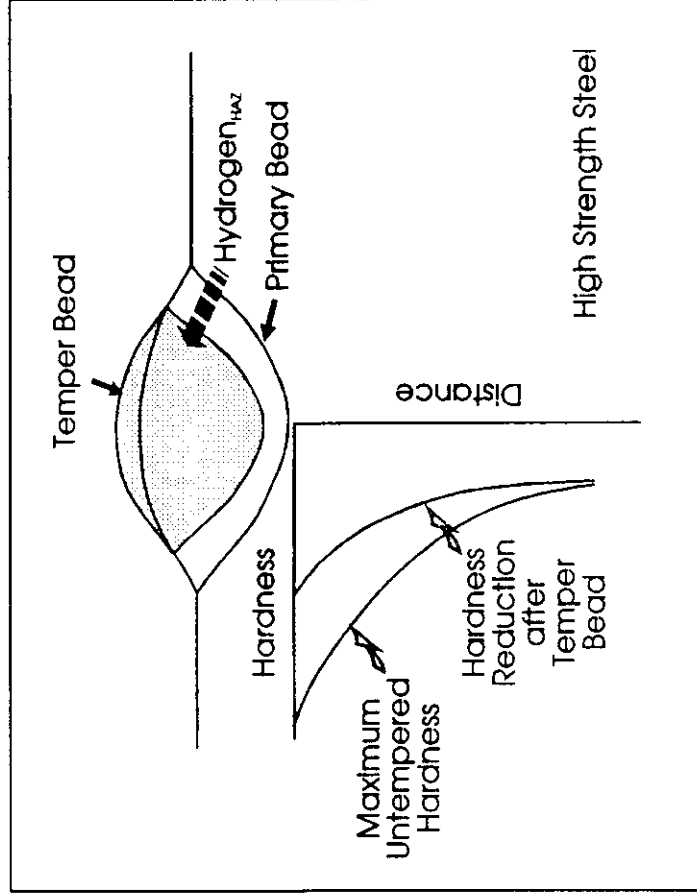
# Underwater Wet Welding Electrodes

## Special Waterproofing Preparations

- Coatings Reported
  - Organic Coatings
    - ▶ Varnish
    - ▶ Vinyl
  - Mineral Coatings
    - ▶ Rutile Powder
    - ▶ Alumina-Silica
    - ▶ Aluminum-Silica
  - Metal Powder Coatings
    - ▶ Aluminum Powder

## UWT - Recent Advances

- Hydrogen & Cracking Control
  - Temper Bead Technique



# Advances in Underwater Wet Welding

## Chemistry and Materials Related Enhancements

- Improvement in Welding Electrode Design
  - ▶ Coating with Specific Functions
    - Thermal Experience Control
      - Exothermic Properties
    - Oxygen Potential Control
      - H-O and C-O Shift
    - Oxide Formation
    - Alloying Element Control
      - Acicular Ferrite Optimization
    - Shielding Gas Control
      - CO/CO<sub>2</sub> Ratio and Volume
    - Arc Stability

# Welding Consumables and Weldability

## R&D Needs in Wet Welding Consumables Development

- Process
  - SMAW, FCAW
- Type
  - E6013, E7024
  - Oxidizing
  - Nickel-Based
  - Overcoating
- Minimum Porosity
  - ▶ H<sub>2</sub>, CO/CO<sub>2</sub>
- Controlled Alloy Composition
- Selected Microstructure
  - ▶ Acicular Ferrite
- Designed Mechanical Properties
  - ▶ Toughness, Elongation and Strength
- Deep/Shallow Water Application

# **Welding Consumables and Weldability**

## **R&D Needs in Structural Steel Underwater Weldability**

- HAZ Hydrogen Cracking
  - Base Metal Hardenability (CE)
  - Electrode Coating/Flux Conditioning
  - Stress Intensity
- Weld Metal Hydrogen Fissuring
  - "Hardened" Microstructure
  - Electrode Coating/Flux Conditioning
  - Stress Intensity
- Weld Metal Porosity
  - Water Depth
  - Electrode Coating/Flux Conditioning
  - Arc Stability
- Chemical Composition Variation
  - Water Depth
  - Controlling Mechanism
- Solidification Cracking
  - Weld Pool Geometry
  - Solidification Rate

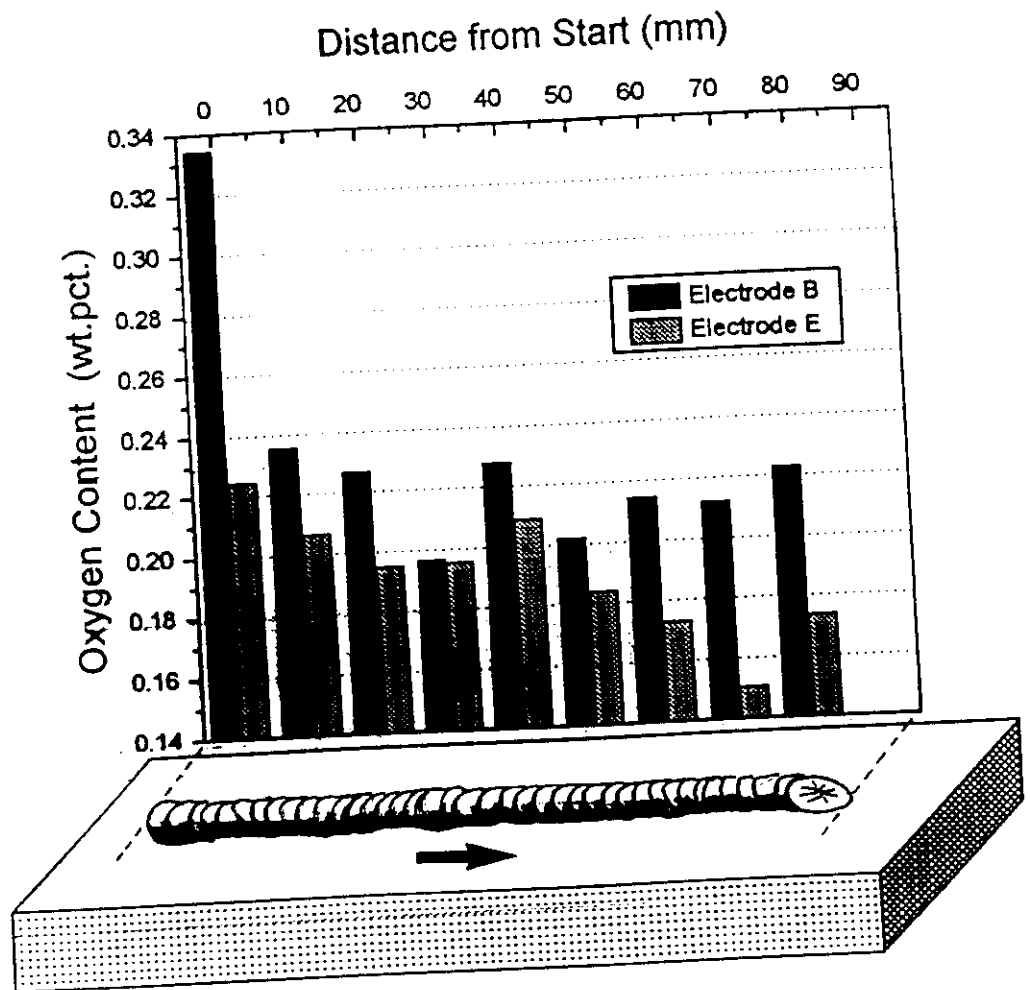


Figure 4.11 Variation of the oxygen content along the length of weld beads deposited by electrodes B and E.

# Fundamental Developments in Underwater Wet Welding

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# Underwater Wet Welding Research at CSM

- *Recent Research Collaborators*
  - Dr. Alberto Sanchez - Ecoexel, Mexico
  - Dr. Alexandre Pope - Petrobras, Brazil
  - Dr. Raimundo Medeiros - FBTS, Brazil
  - Mr. Mark Rowe - CSM-CWJCR, USA
  - Mr. Charles Lenfest - Armco, USA
  - Dr. Wesley Wang - Lincoln, USA
  - Dr. David L. Olson - CSM-CWJCR, USA
  - Dr. Santiago Ibarra - BP/Amoco, USA
  - Mr. Tom Reynolds - Global Divers, USA
  - Mr. Whitey Grubbs - Global Divers, USA
- *Research Collaborators*
  - Prof. Nils Christensen - SINTEF, Norway
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  - Dr. Glen R. Edwards - CSM-CWJCR, USA
  - Dr. David K. Matlock - CSM-ASP/PRC, USA

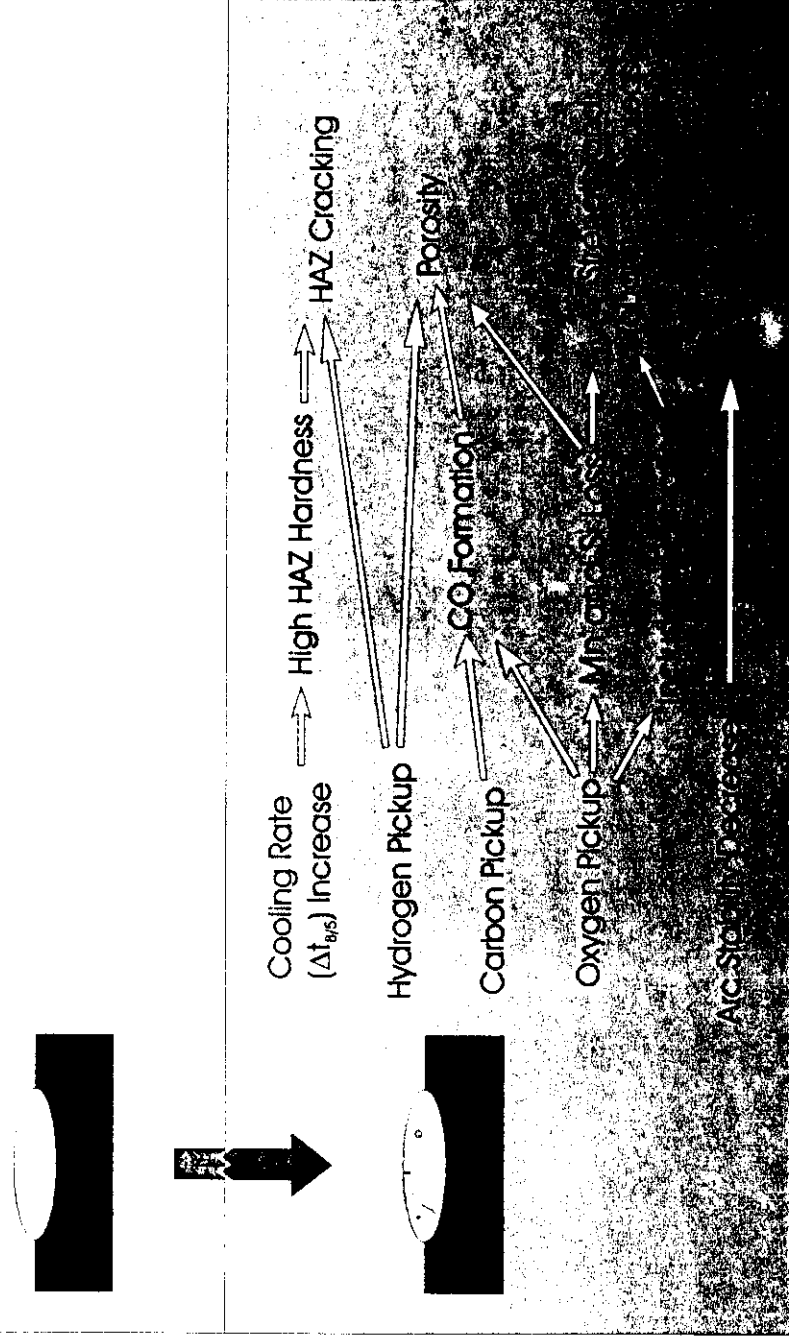


# Fundamental Developments in Underwater Wet Welding

- Underwater Wet Welding
- Weld Composition Variation
- Weld Porosity Formation
- Fe-O versus H-O Control
- Hydrogen Mitigation
- Solidification Mechanism
- Weld Metal Toughness Improvement
- Summary

# Underwater Wet Welding: Background Process and Metallurgical Problems

Problems in Underwater Wet Welding



# Underwater Wet Welds - Quality Criteria

- AWS D3.6 Specification
  - Type A Welds - Dry Habitat
    - ▶ Structural Applications
    - ▶ Customer Requirements
  - Type B Welds - Wet Welds
    - ▶ Limited Structural Applications
    - ▶ Customer Requirements
  - Type C Welds
    - ▶ Non-Structural Applications
    - ▶ Crack-Free Welds
  - Type O Welds - Dry Habitat
    - ▶ Compliance with Code/Specification
    - ▶ Customer Requirements

## AWS D3.6 Specification - Minimum Requirement for Class A (Dry) Welds

- Base Metal Strength - 51 to 89 ksi
  - All Weld Metal Elongation - 14%
- Base Metal Strength - 70 ksi
  - CVN Impact Energy - 15 ft-lb (@ 32°F)
- Ductility
  - Bend Test Radii - 2T

# AWS D3.6 Specification - Minimum Requirement for Class B (Wet) Welds

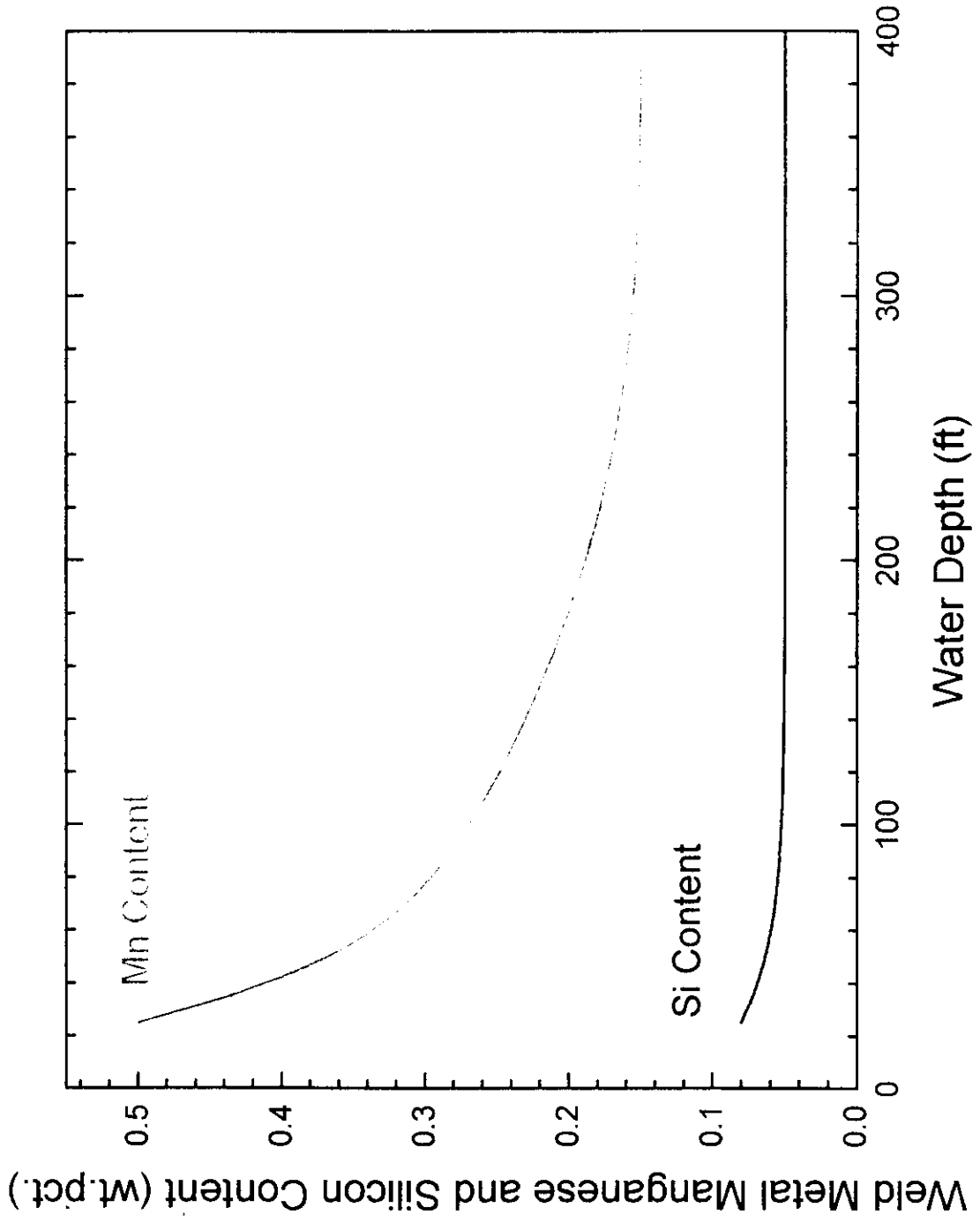
- Porosity Based on Number and Diameter
  - 1.6 mm (1/16 in.)  $< d < 5$  mm (3/16 in.)
    - ▶ 7 per inch (Weld) per inch (Plate Thickness) Maximum
  - $d > 5$  mm (3/16 in.)
    - ▶ Not Allowed
  - $d < 1.6$  mm (1/16 in.)
    - ▶ Unrestricted

# Common Underwater Wet Weld Problems

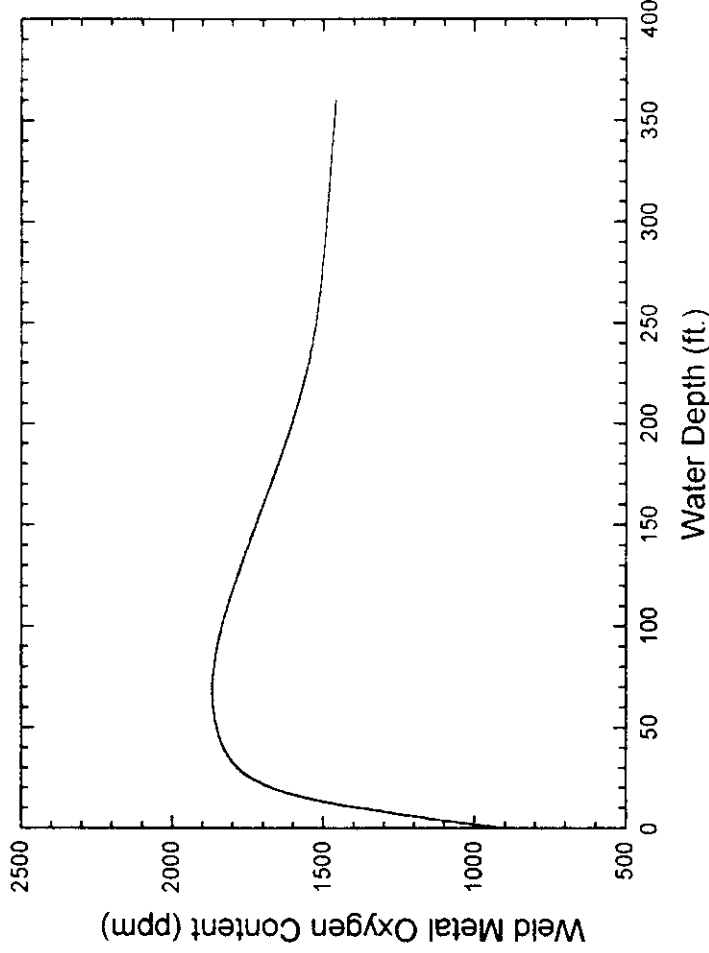
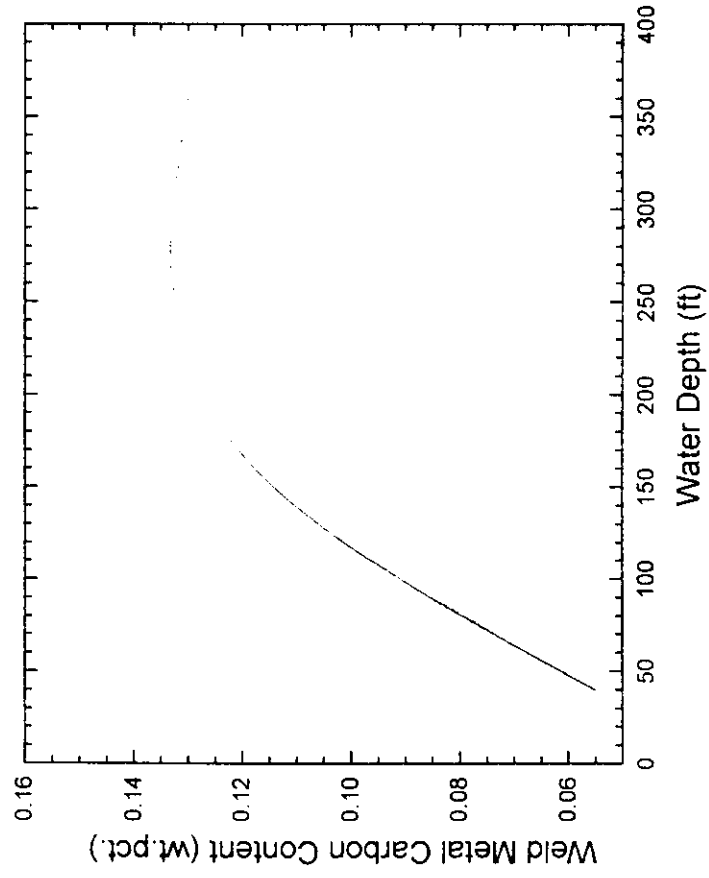
- Alloying Element Loss
- Weld Metal Porosity
- Carbon and Oxygen Pickup
- Hardened Microstructure
- HAZ Cracking
- Slag Entrapment

# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Hardenability Element Loss



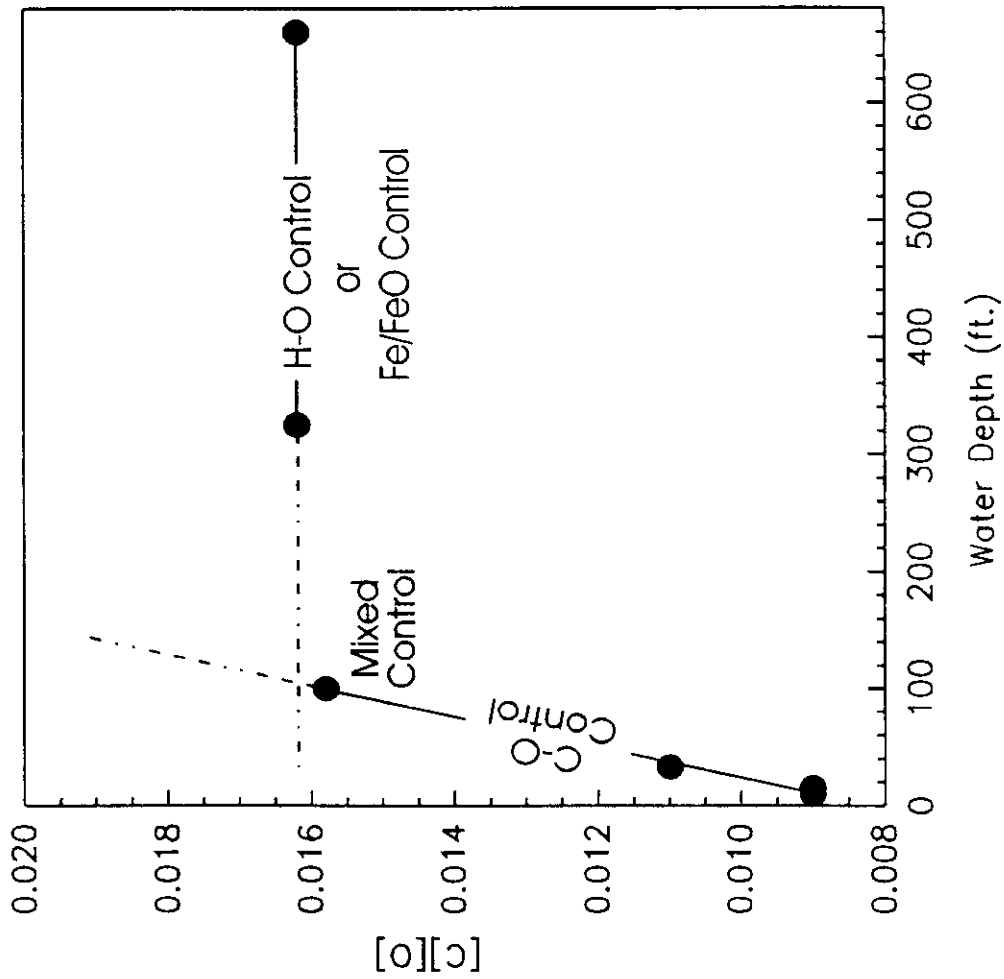
# Weld Pool Phenomena Carbon and Oxygen Pickup





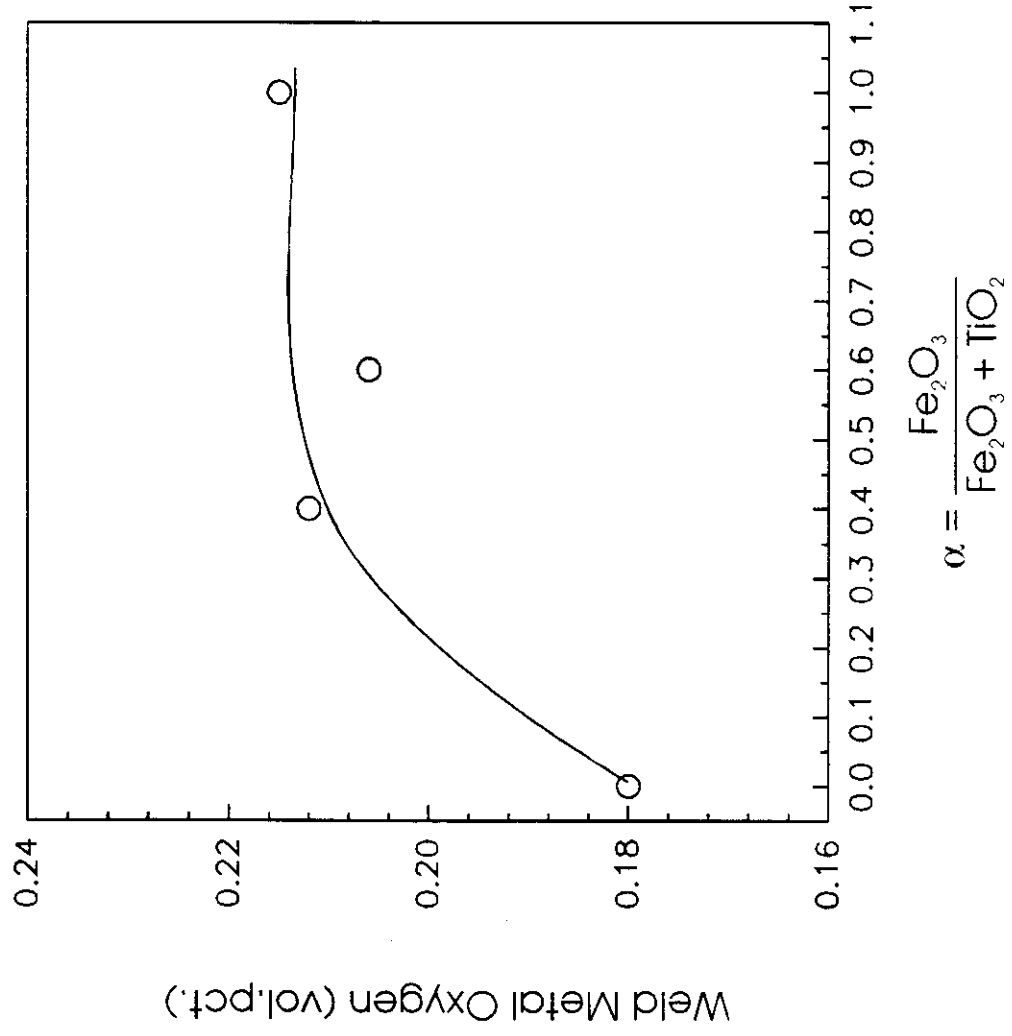
# Weld Pool Phenomena

## C-O vs H-O Control

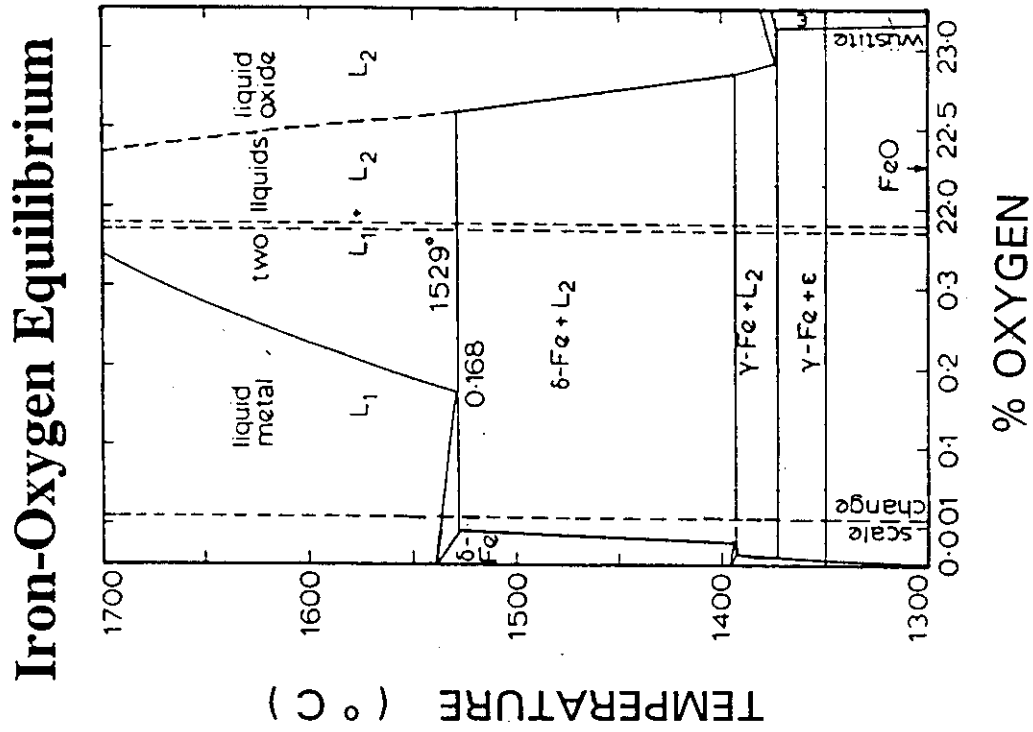


# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Oxygen Pickup - Fe-FeO Control

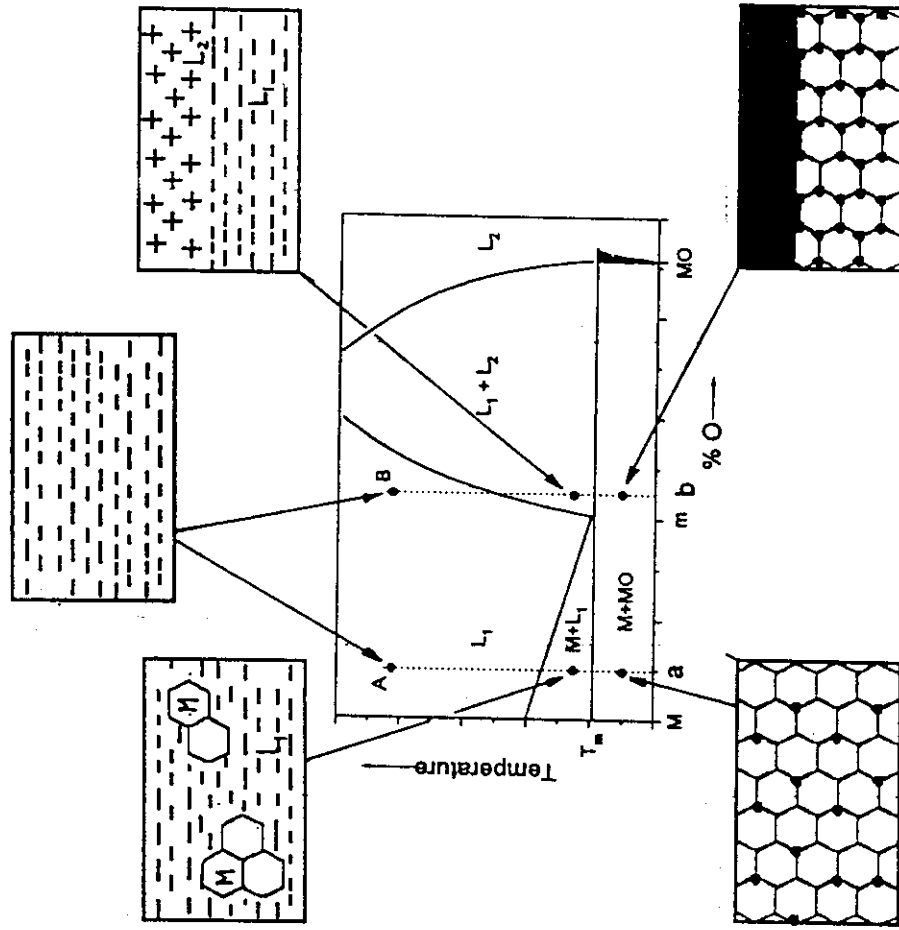


# Background: Oxygen in Liquid Iron



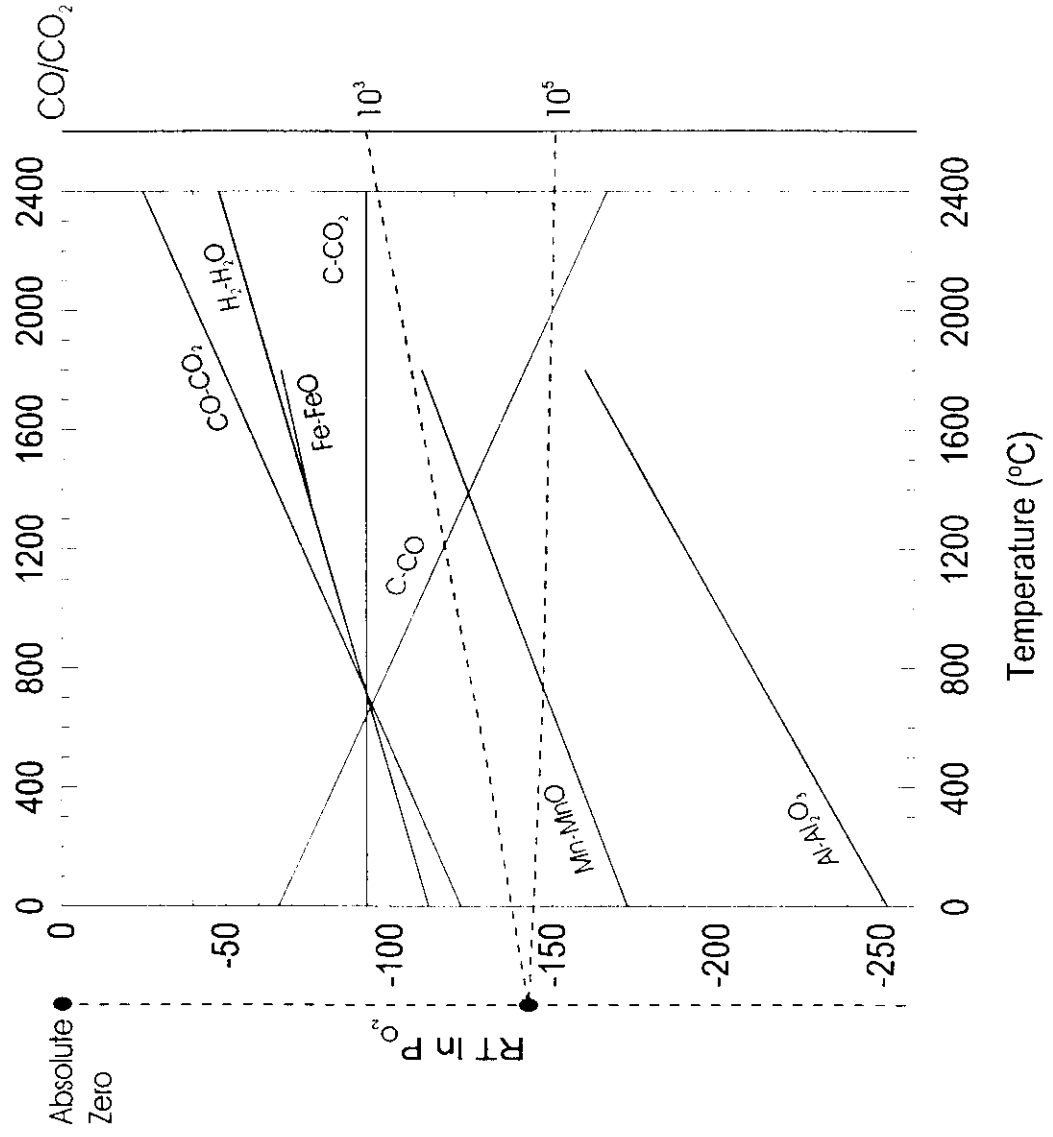
# Results and Discussion

## Solidification in a Hypothetical M-O System



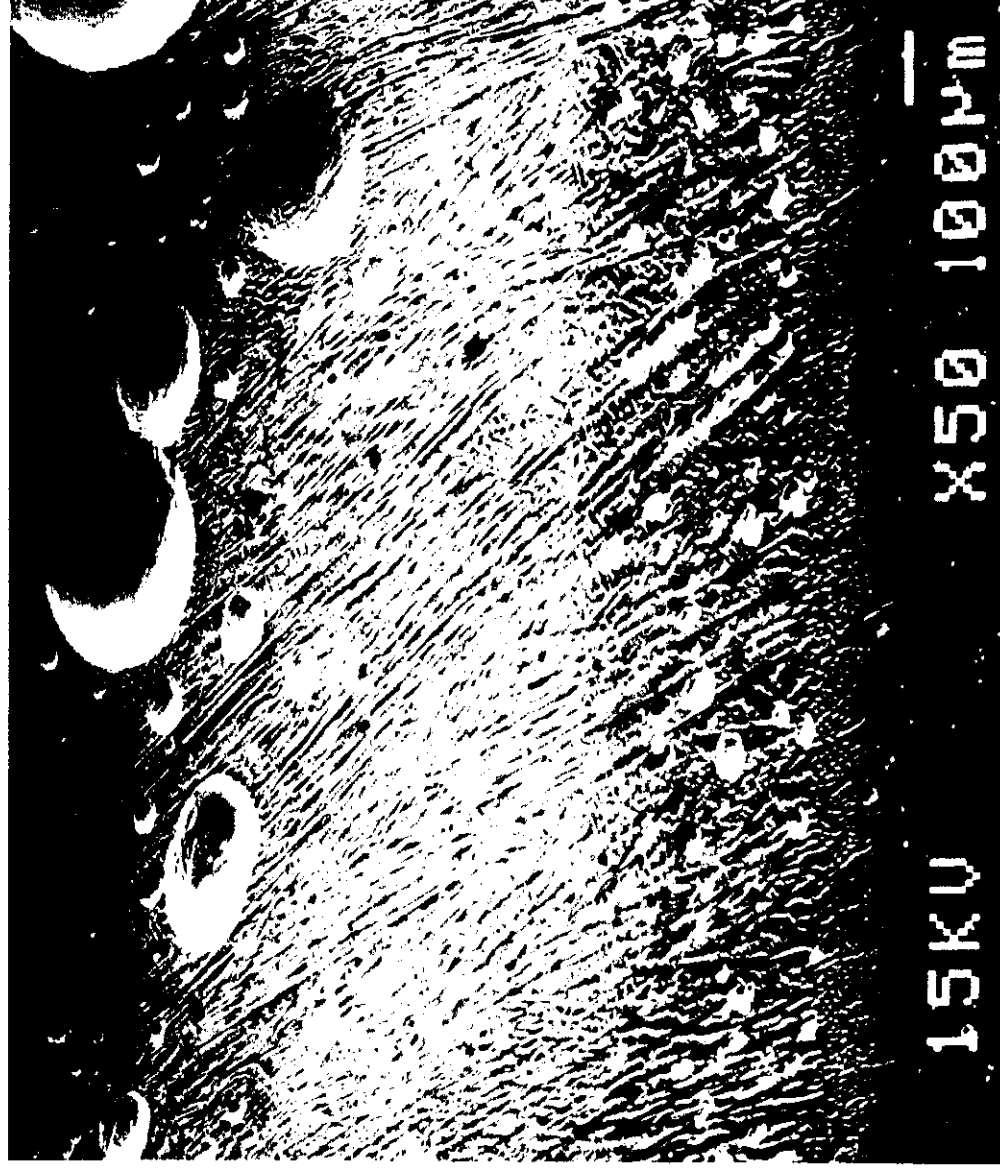
# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Relative Oxide Stability



# Underwater Wet Weld Defects

## Weld Metal Porosity



# Underwater Wet Weld Defects

Weld Metal Porosity Composition (vol.pct.)

	H <sub>2</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	Others
Suga & Hasui	96	0.4	0.06	--
Silva	62/82	11/24	4/6	--
Gooch	45	8	4	4

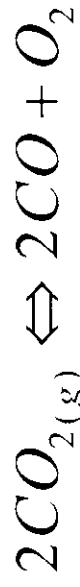
# Weld Pool Porosity Formation

## Gas Producing Chemical Reactions

### Hydrogen - Oxygen System



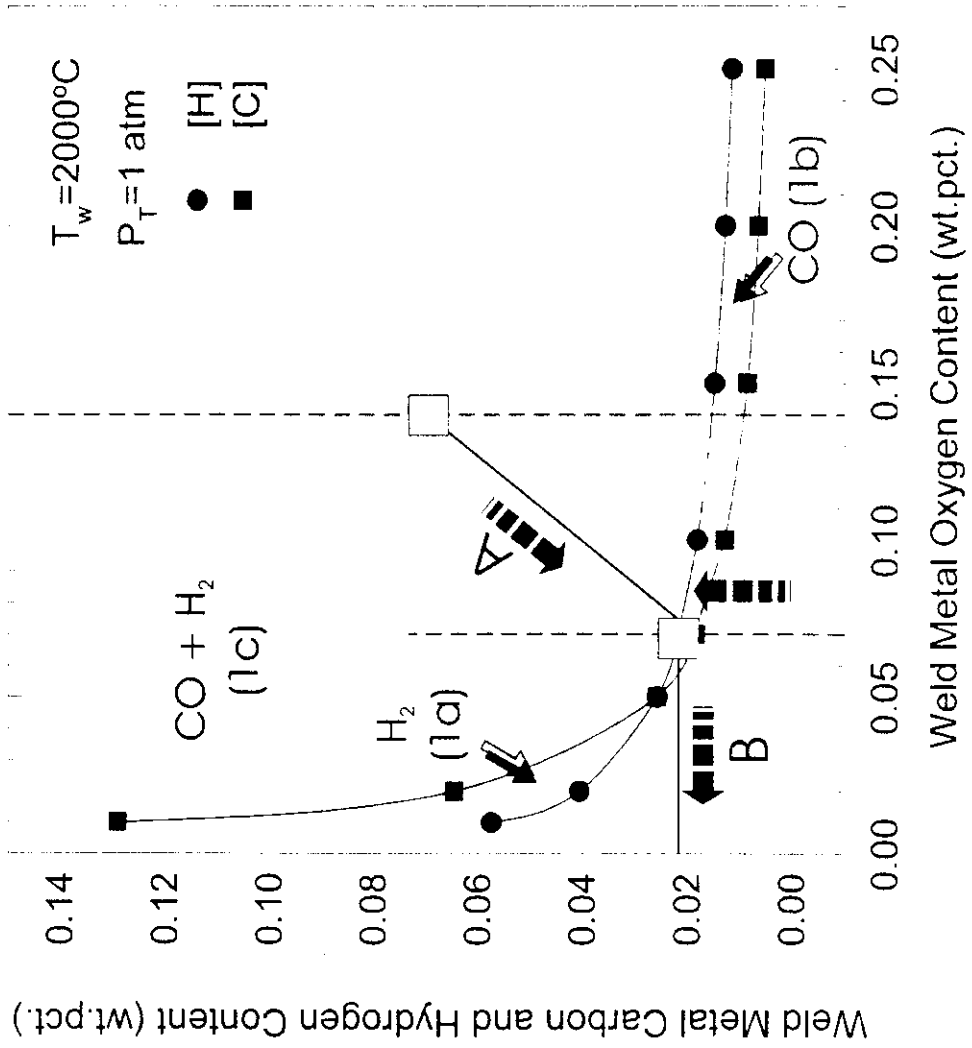
### Carbon - Oxygen System





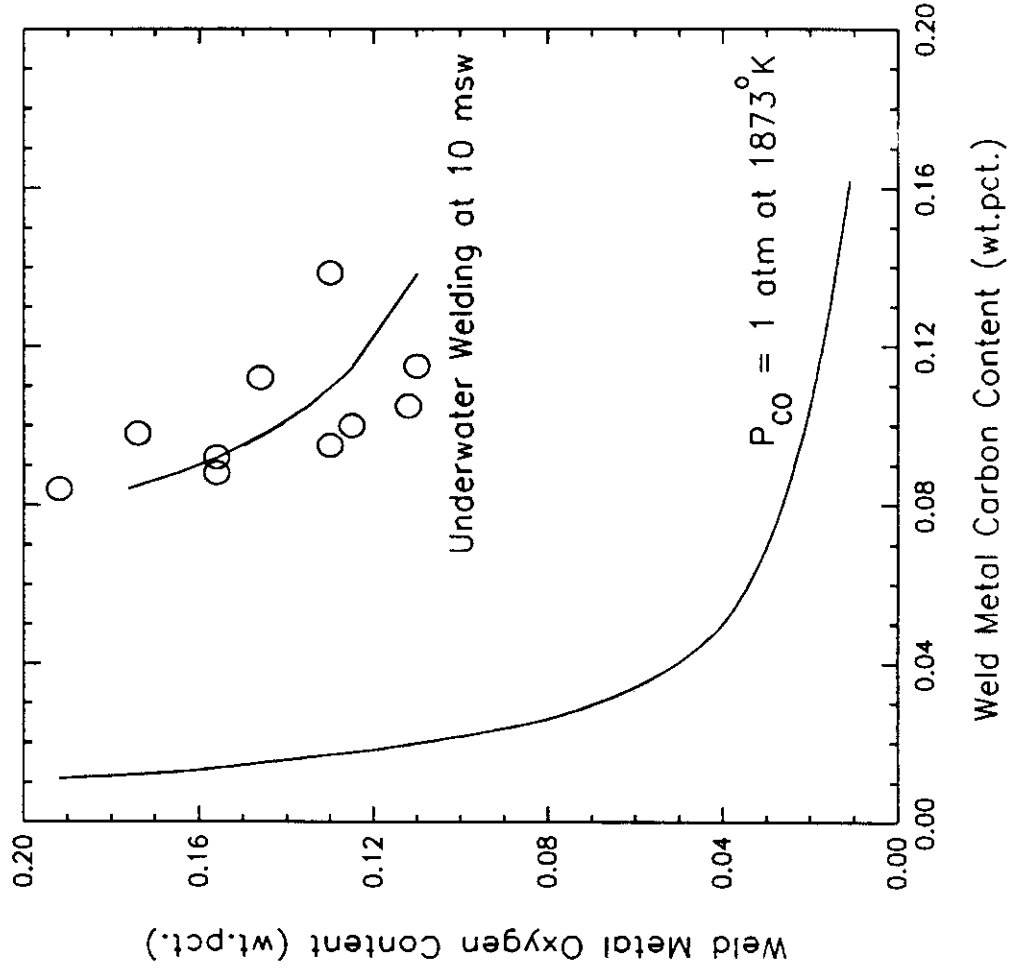
# Weld Pool Porosity Formation

Origin of Porosity - Liu et al.



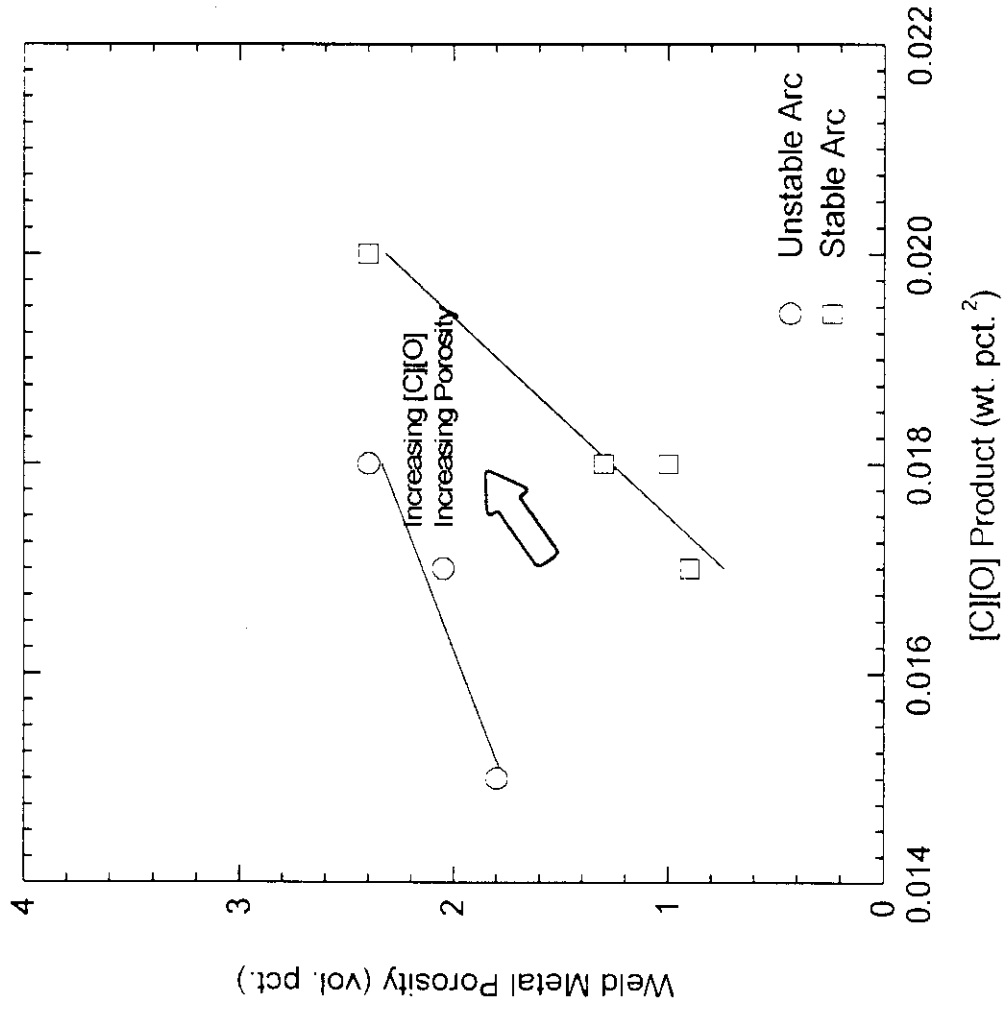
# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Carbon-Oxygen "Equilibrium"



# Weld Pool Porosity Formation

Origin of Porosity - Sanchez et al.

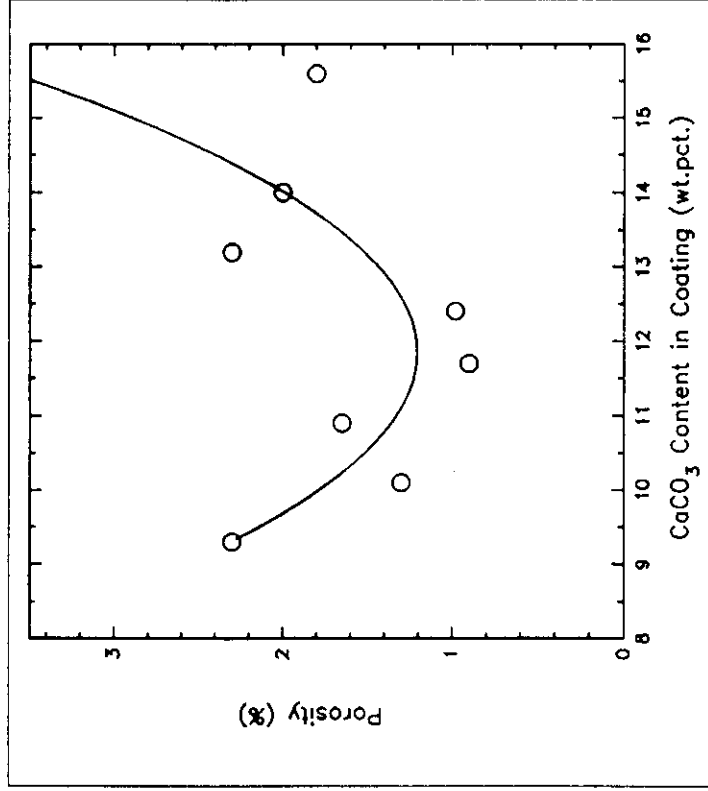


## Trends in Underwater Wet Welding Consumables Research

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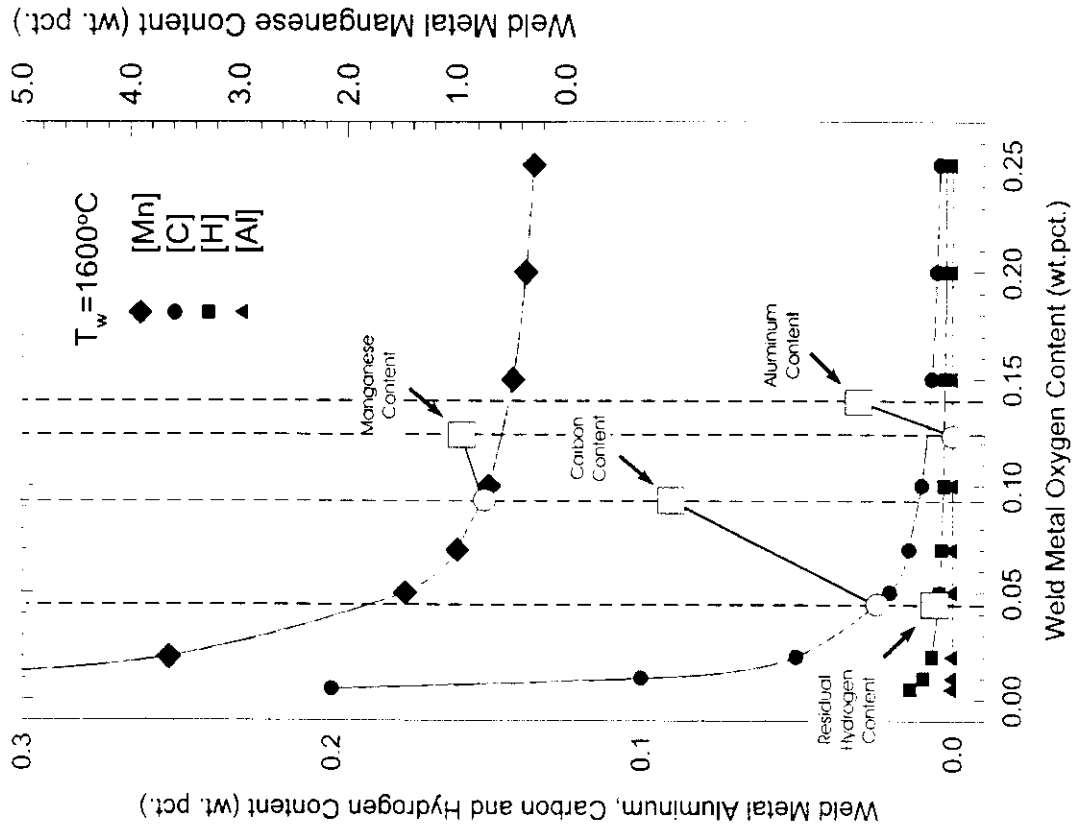
□ Effect of  $\text{CaCO}_3$

○ Weld Metal Porosity



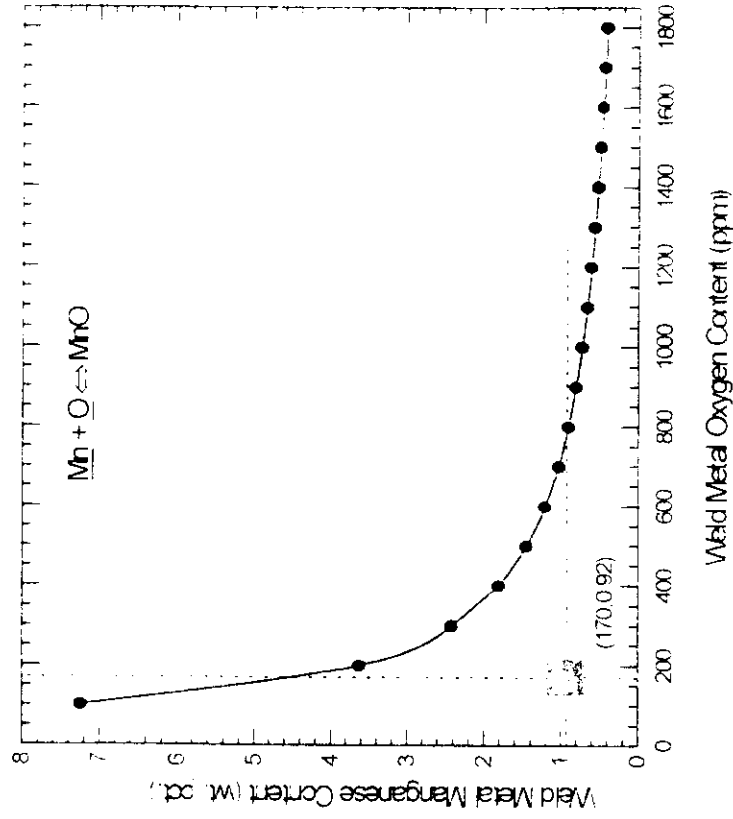
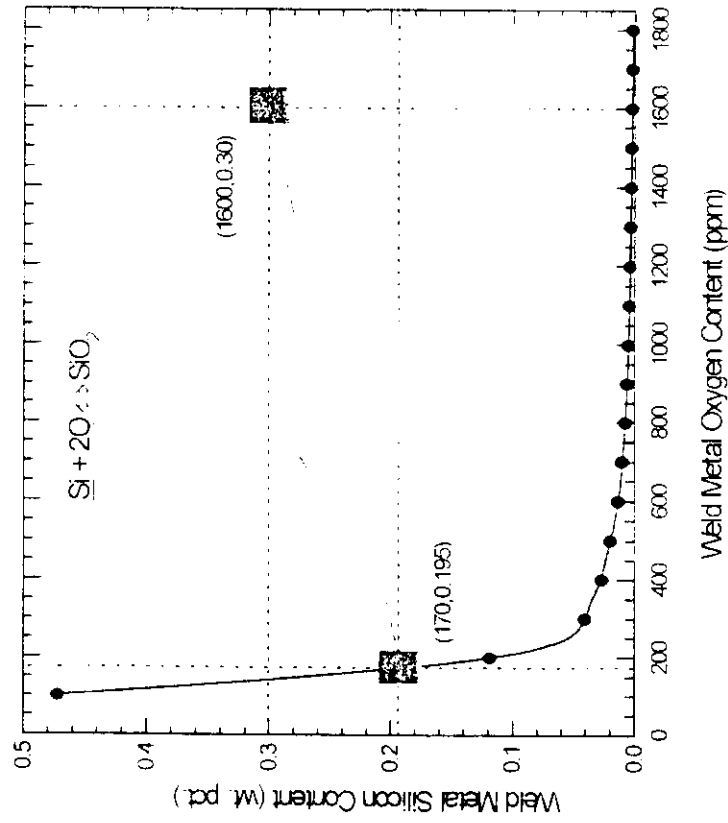
# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Porosity Prediction



# [Si]-[O] and [Mn]-[O] Diagrams - III

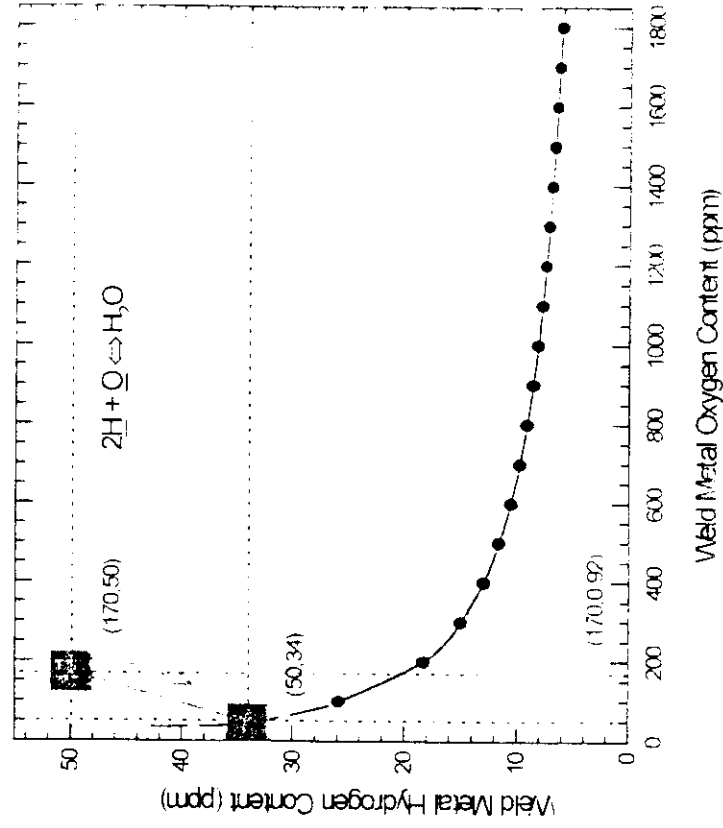
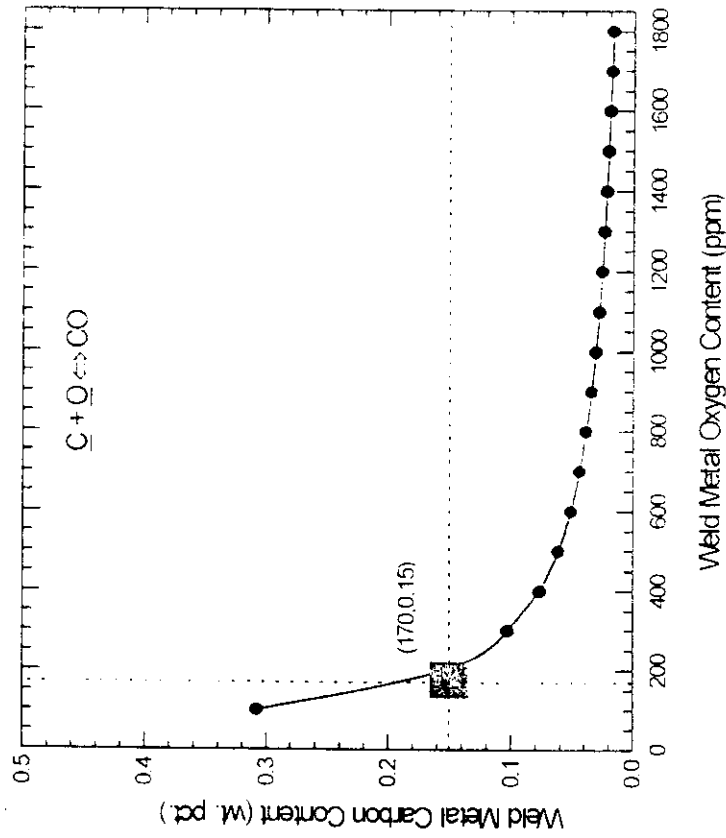
## SMAW - Anderson Data



Initial Composition: C - 0.15 wt. pct., Mn - 0.92 wt. pct., Si - 0.30 wt. pct., O - 1600 ppm, H - 50 ppm

# [C]-[O] and [H]-[O] Diagrams - III

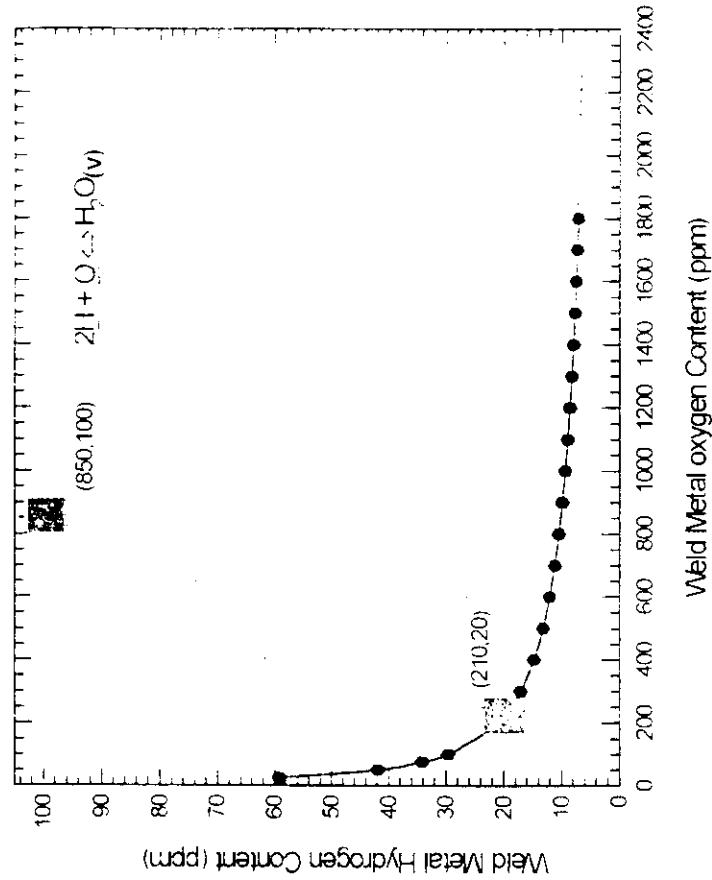
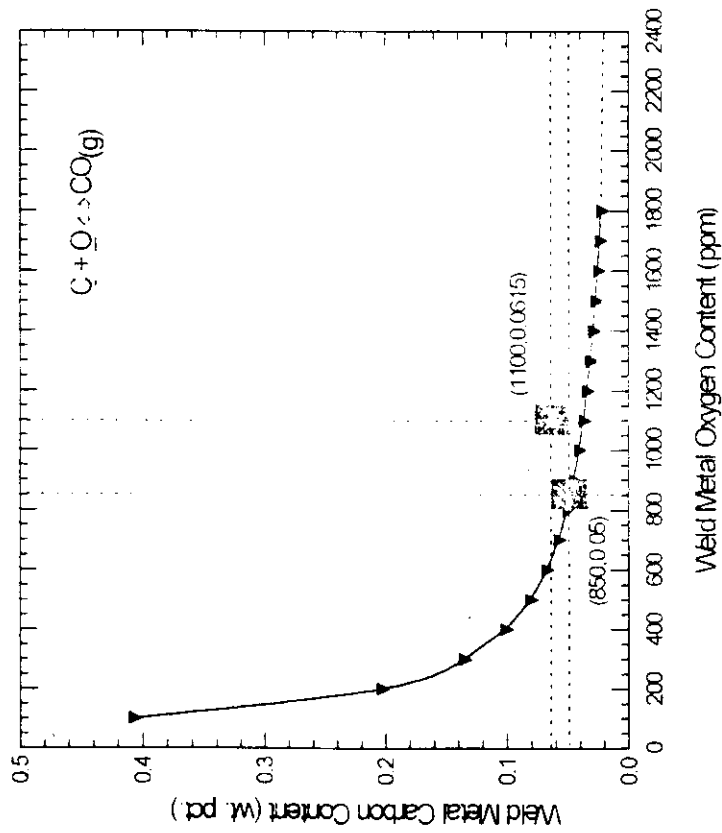
## SMAW - Anderson Data



Initial Composition: C = 0.15 wt. pct., Mn = 0.9 wt. pct., Si = 0.30 wt. pct., O = 1600 ppm, H = 50 ppm

# [C]-[O] and [H]-[O] Diagrams - II

## SMAW - UWW - Pope Data

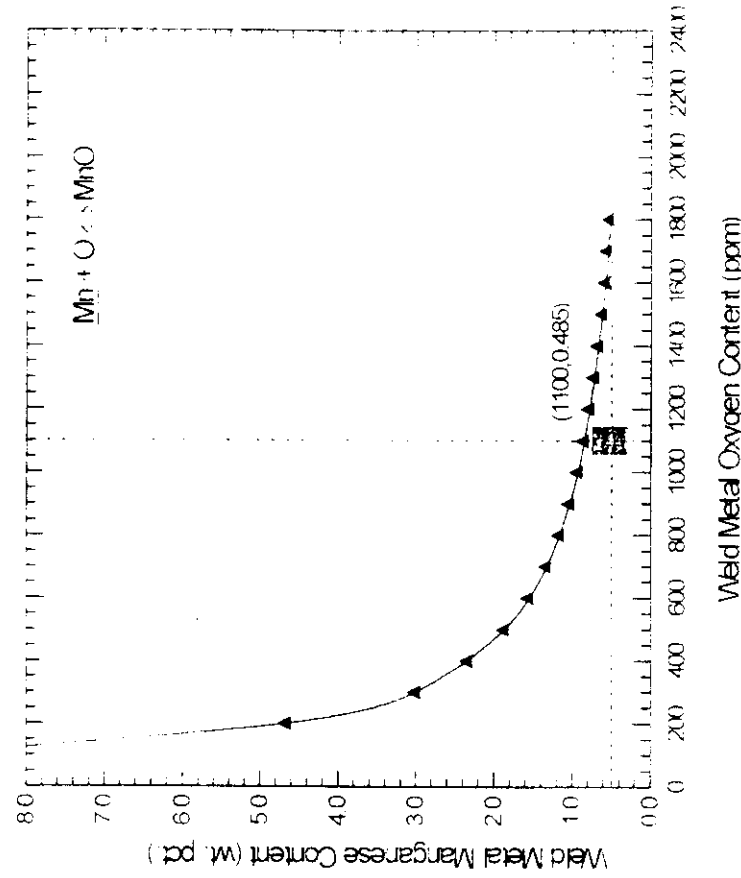
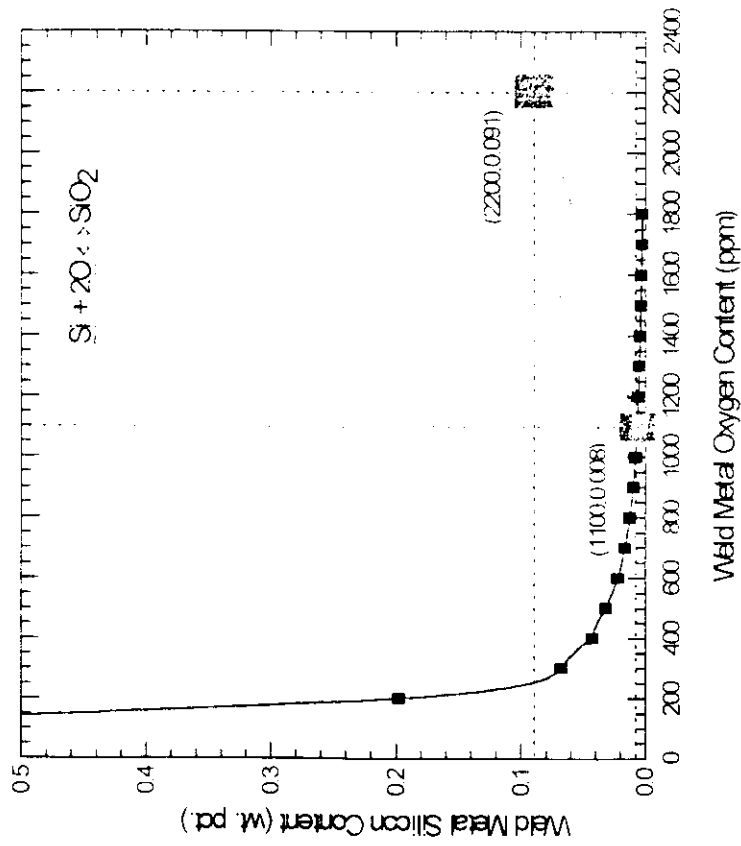


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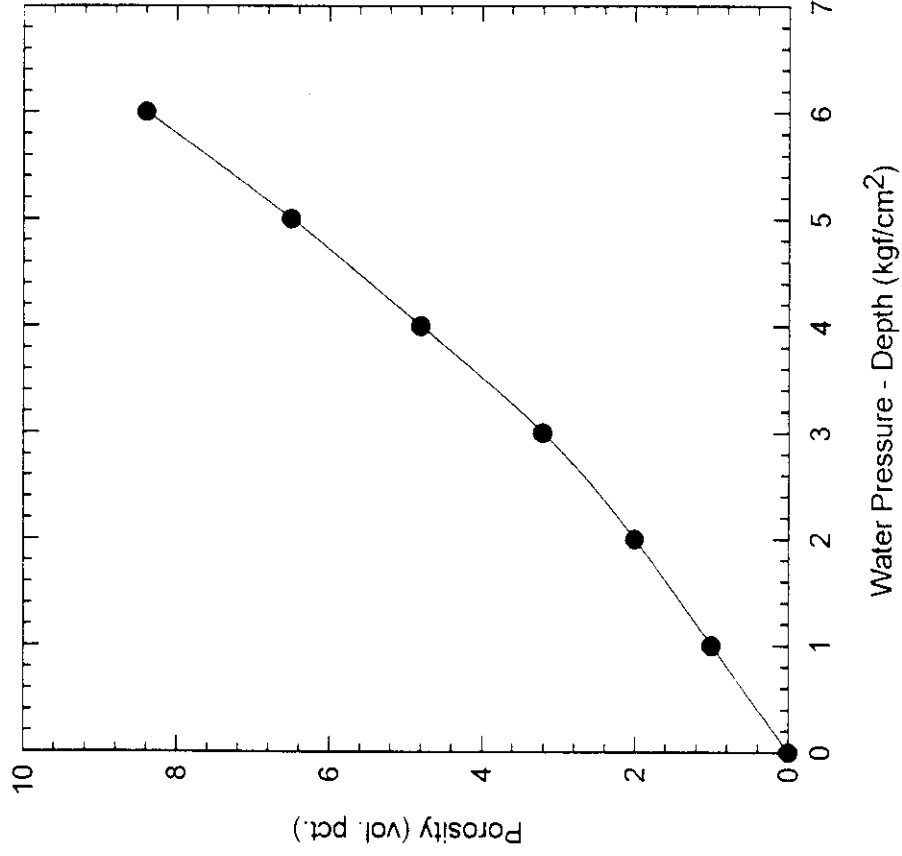
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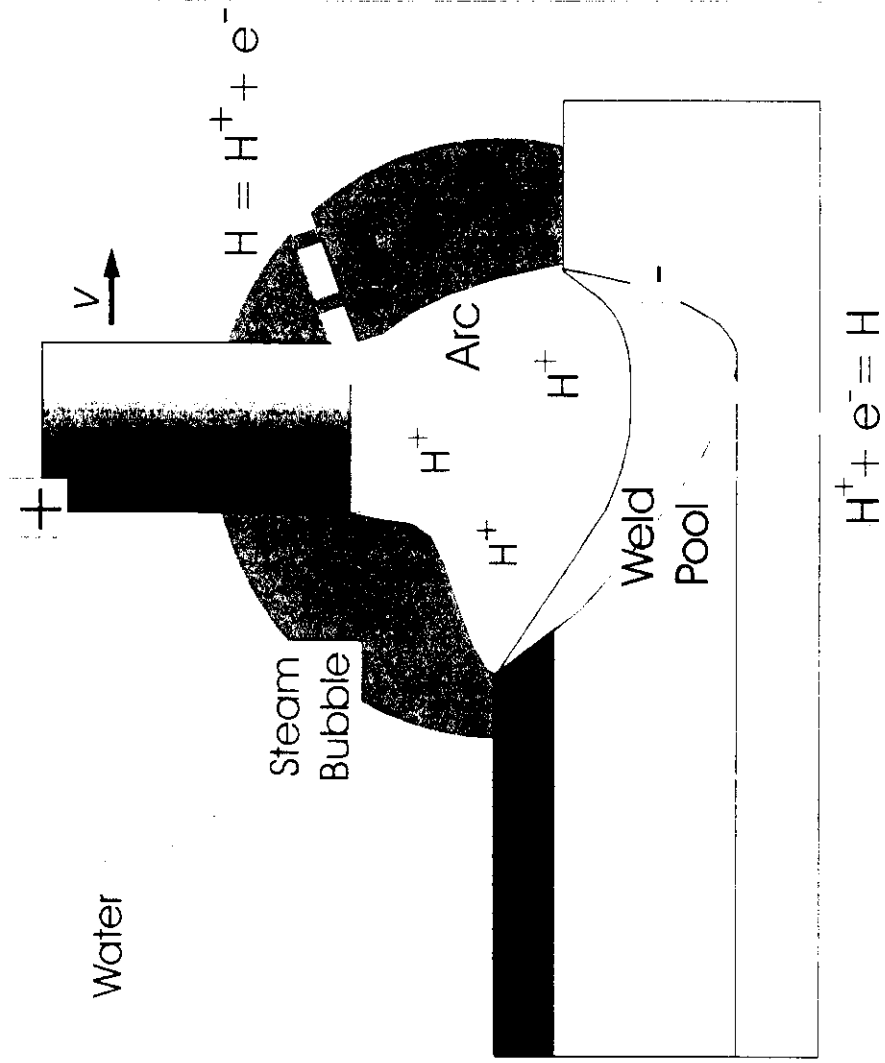
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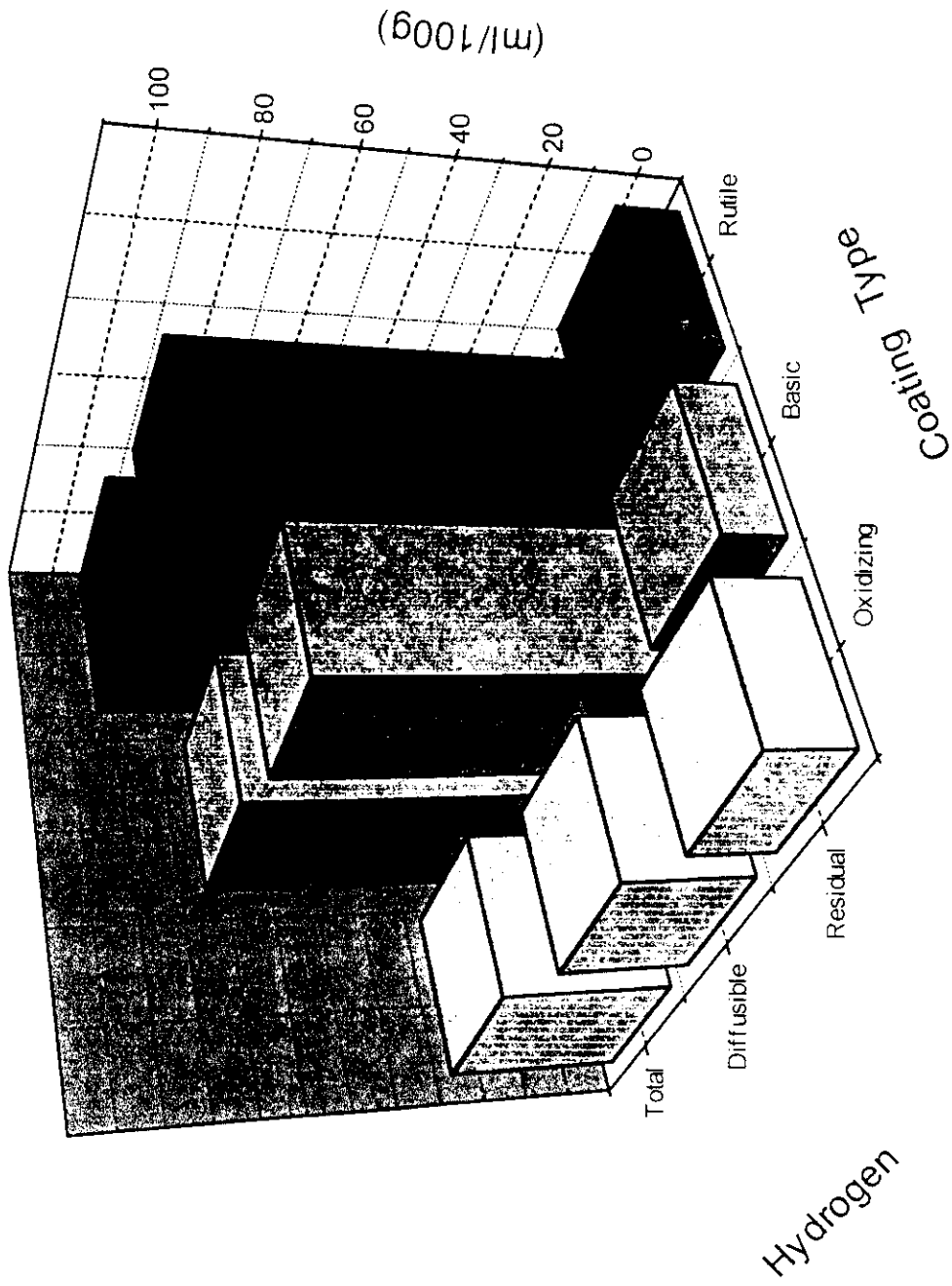


# Underwater Wet Welding

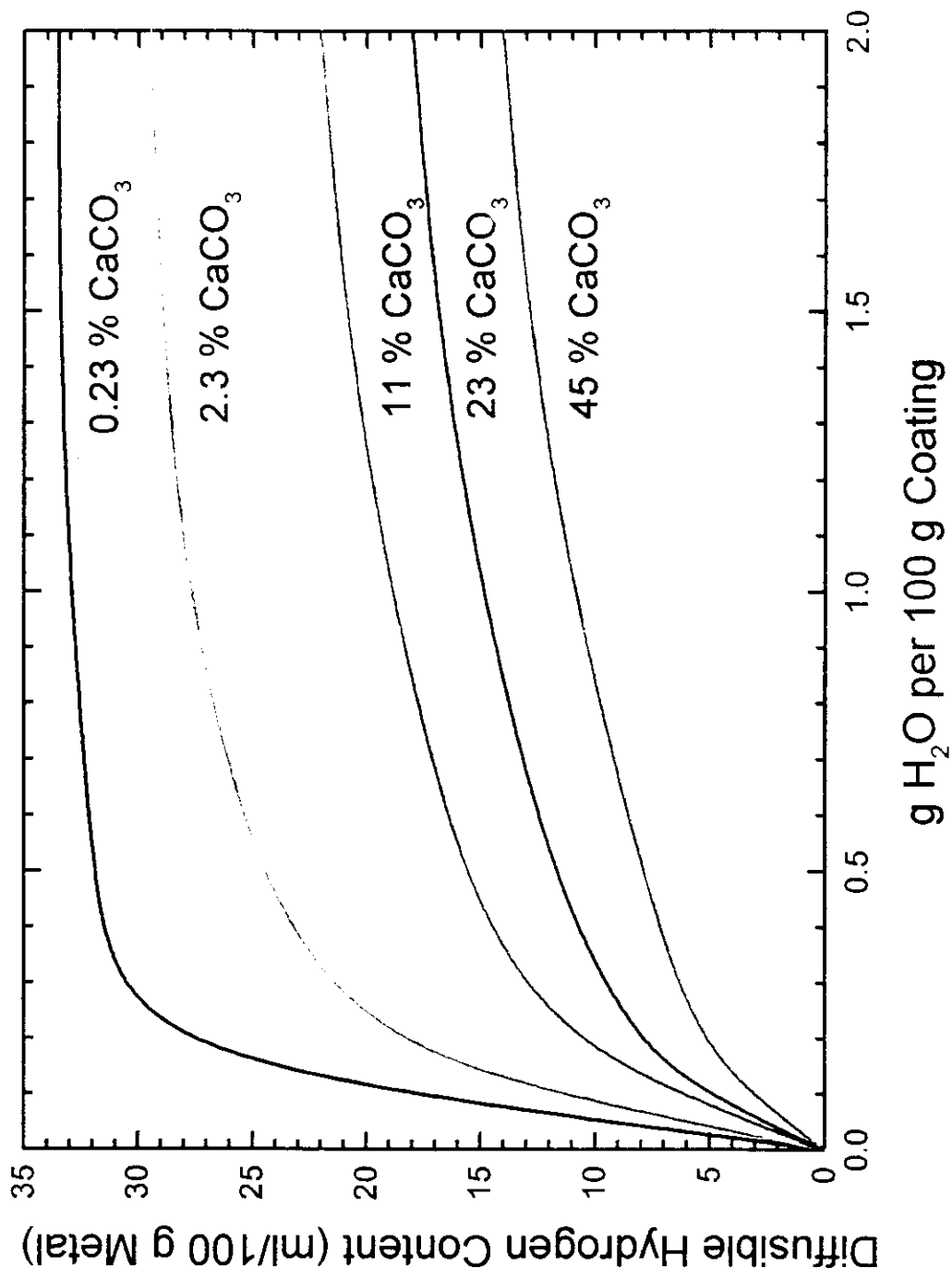
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# Oxidizing Electrodes and Polarity: Hydrogen Mitigation in Underwater Wet Welding Underwater Weld Metal Hydrogen Content (Gooch, 83)

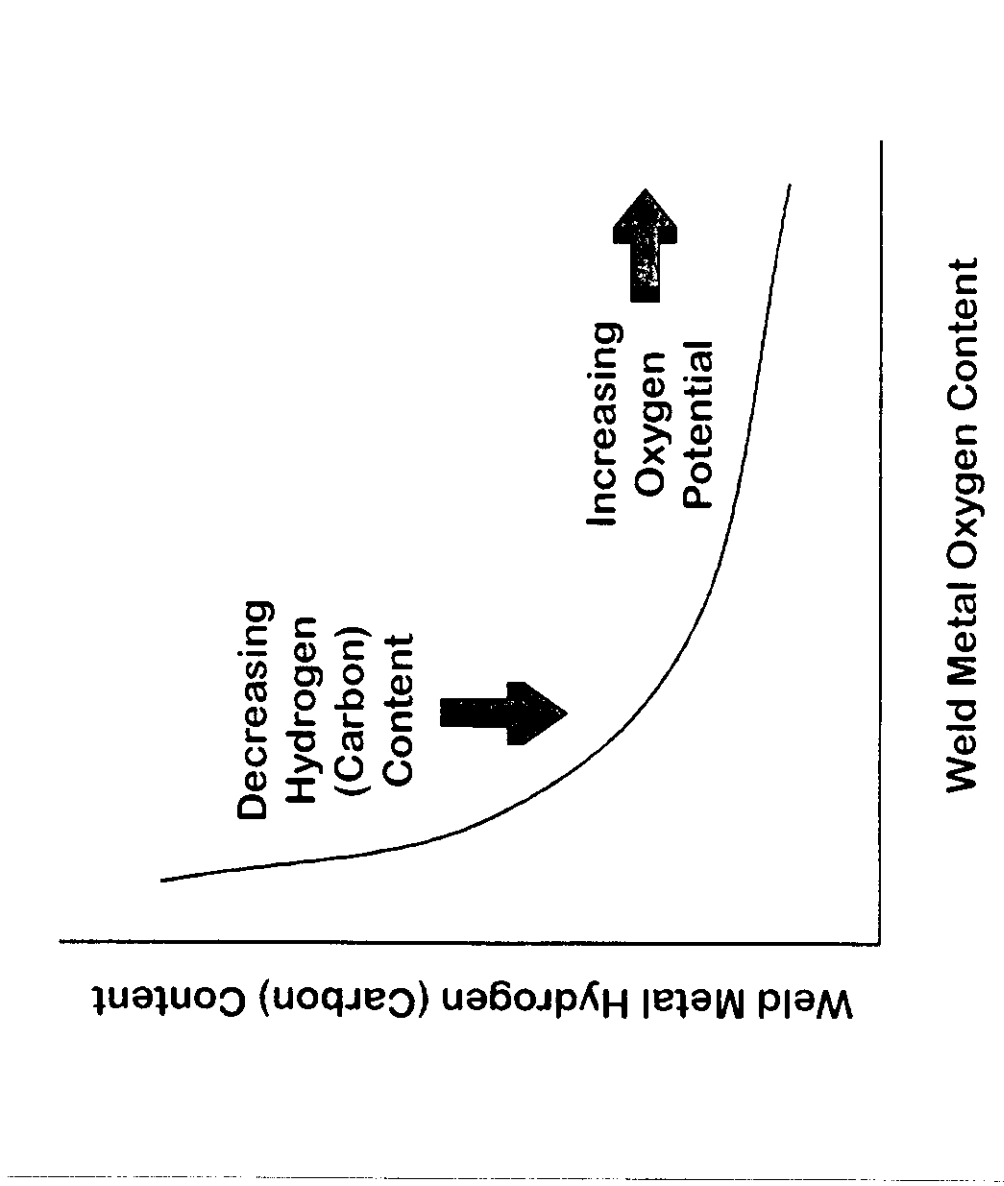


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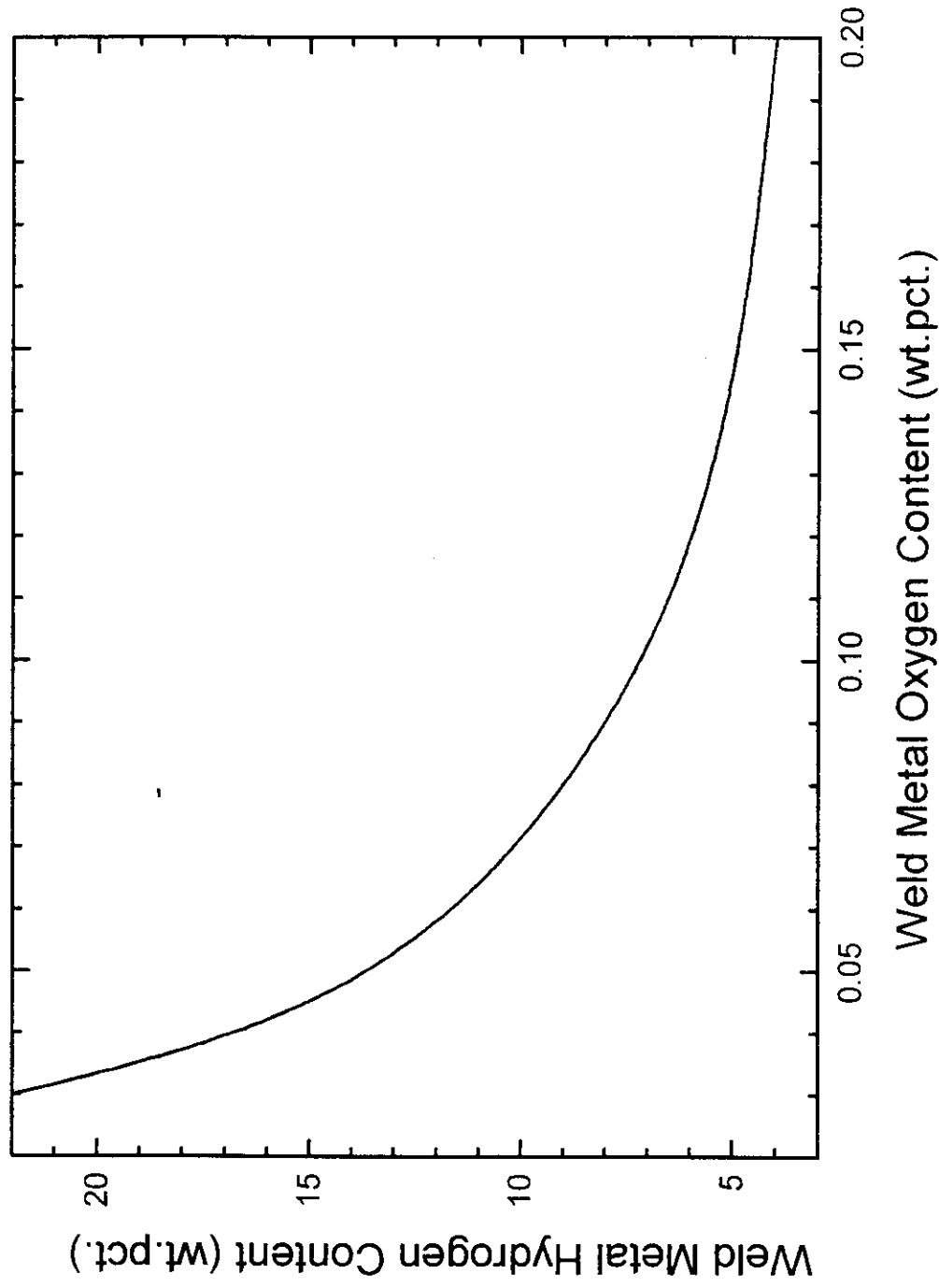


# Underwater Wet Welding: Oxidizing Electrodes

## Hydrogen-Oxygen Relationship

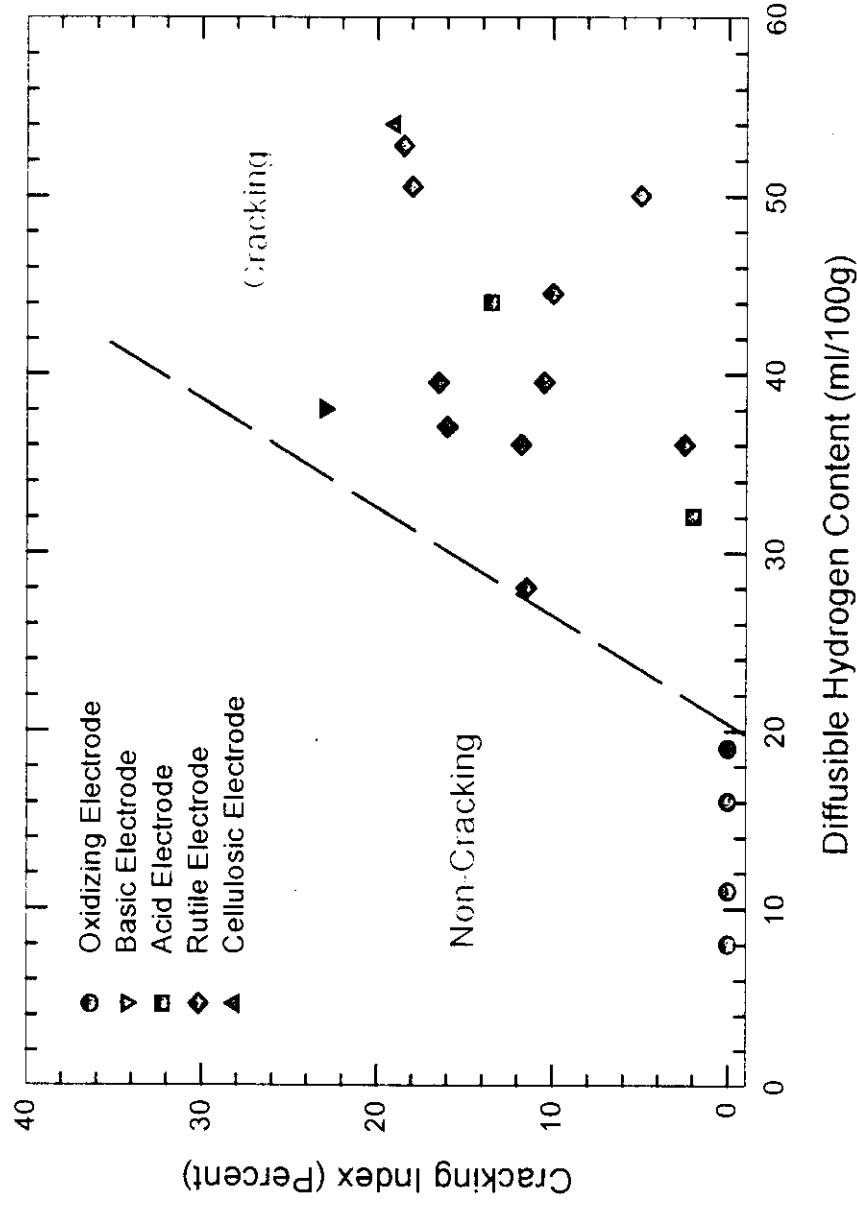


# Hydrogen-Oxygen Relationship as a Strategy of Hydrogen Control



# Underwater Wet Weld Quality: Controlling Factors

## Weld Cracking Susceptibility



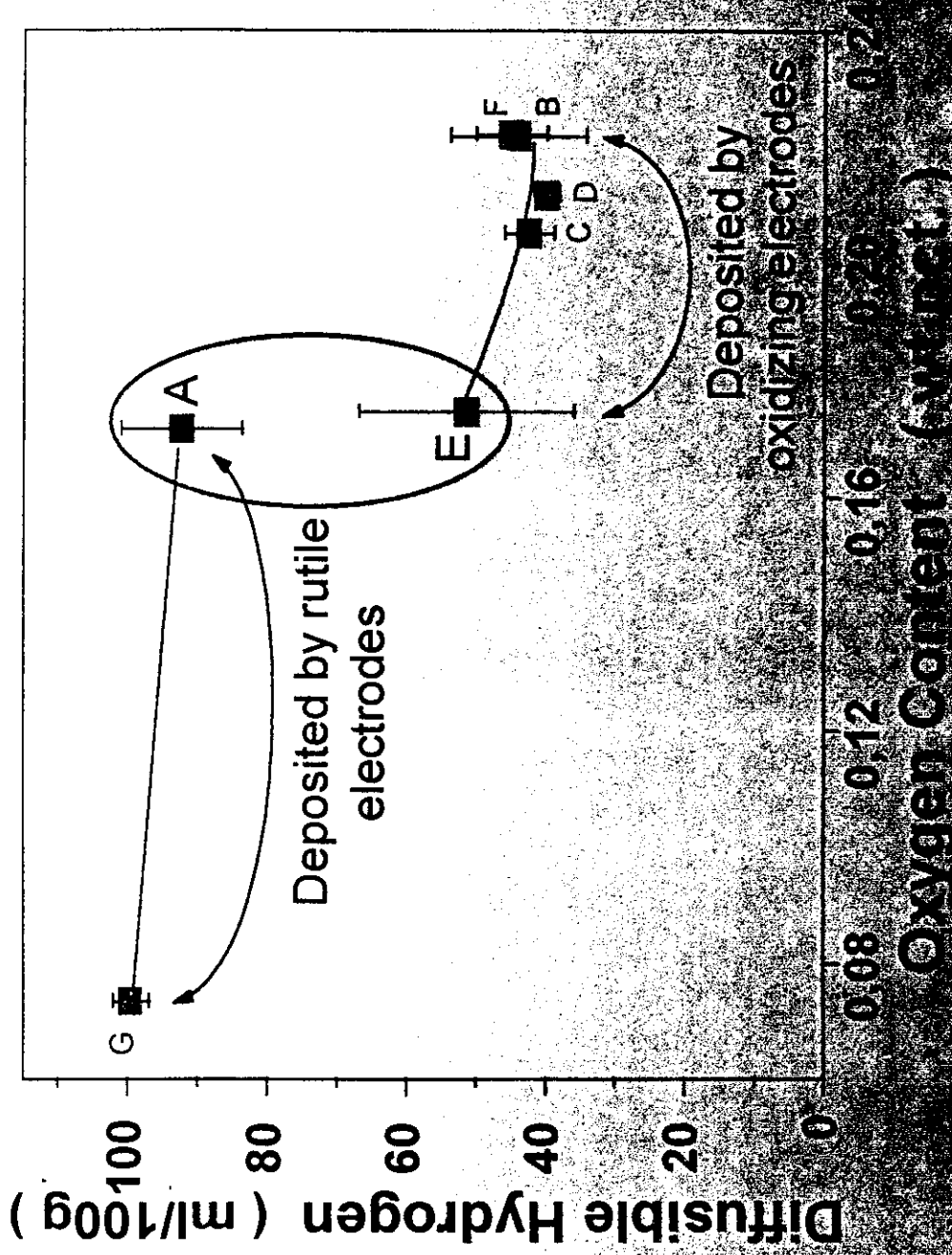
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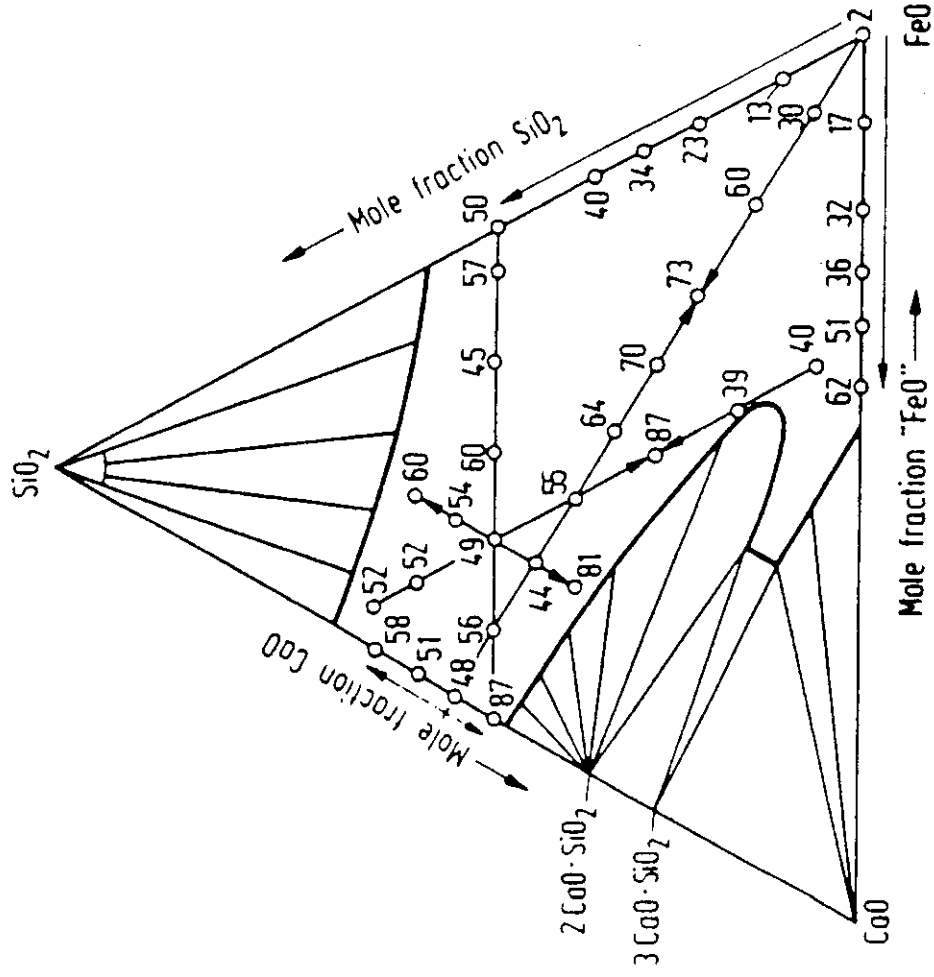
# Results and Discussion:

## Diffusible Hydrogen Content



- Welds deposited by electrodes A and E have quite different diffusible hydrogen

# Oxidizing Electrodes and Polarity: Hydrogen Mitigation in Underwater Wet Welding Solubility of Hydrogen in Slags (Schlackenatlas, 81)



# Results and Discussion:

## Micrography of the slag at the electrode tip

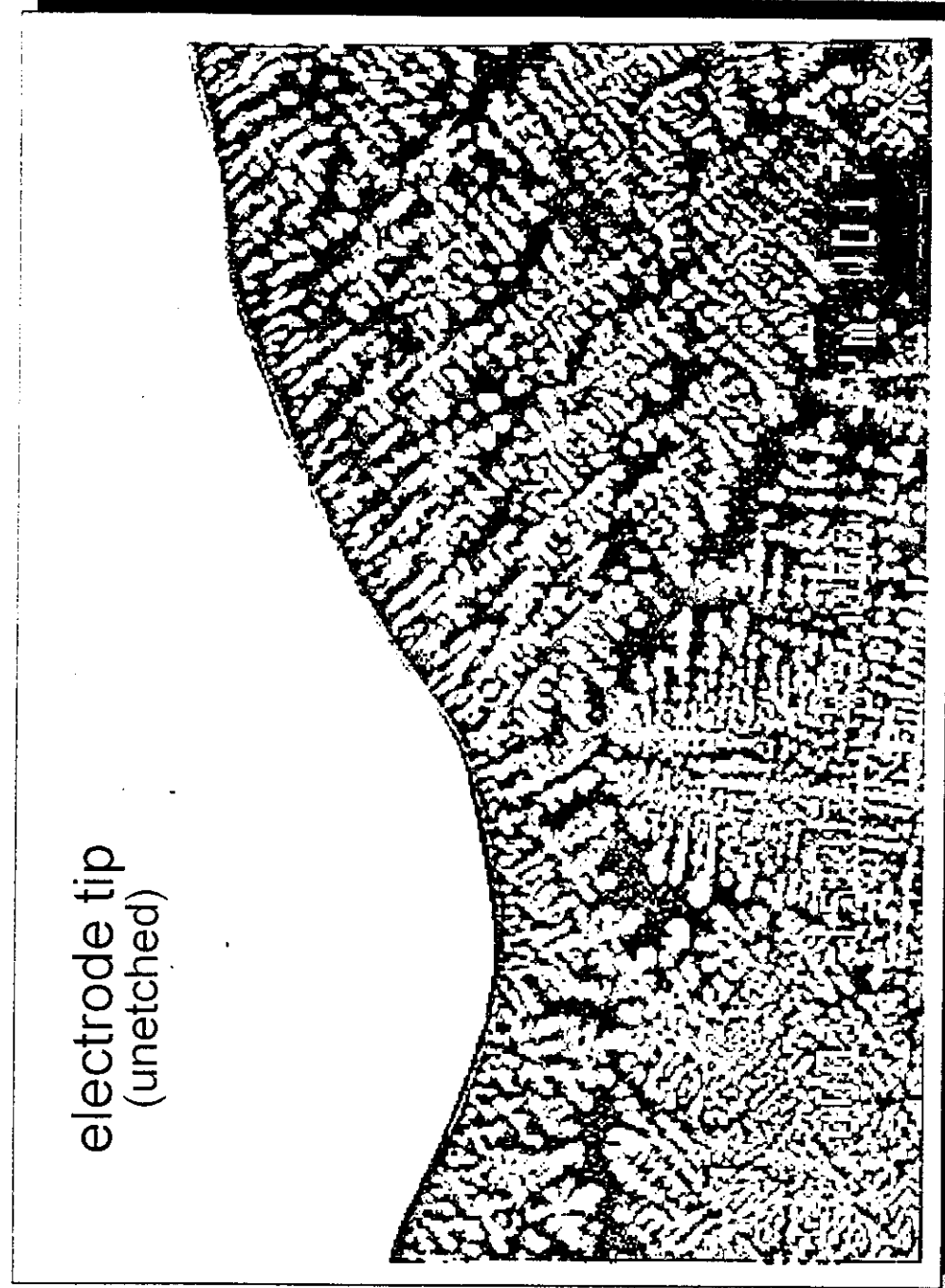
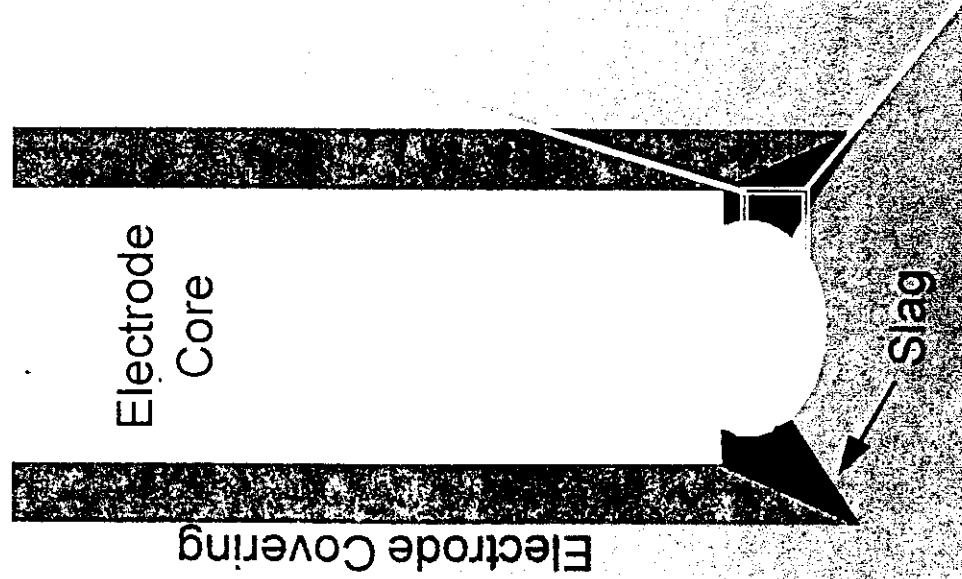
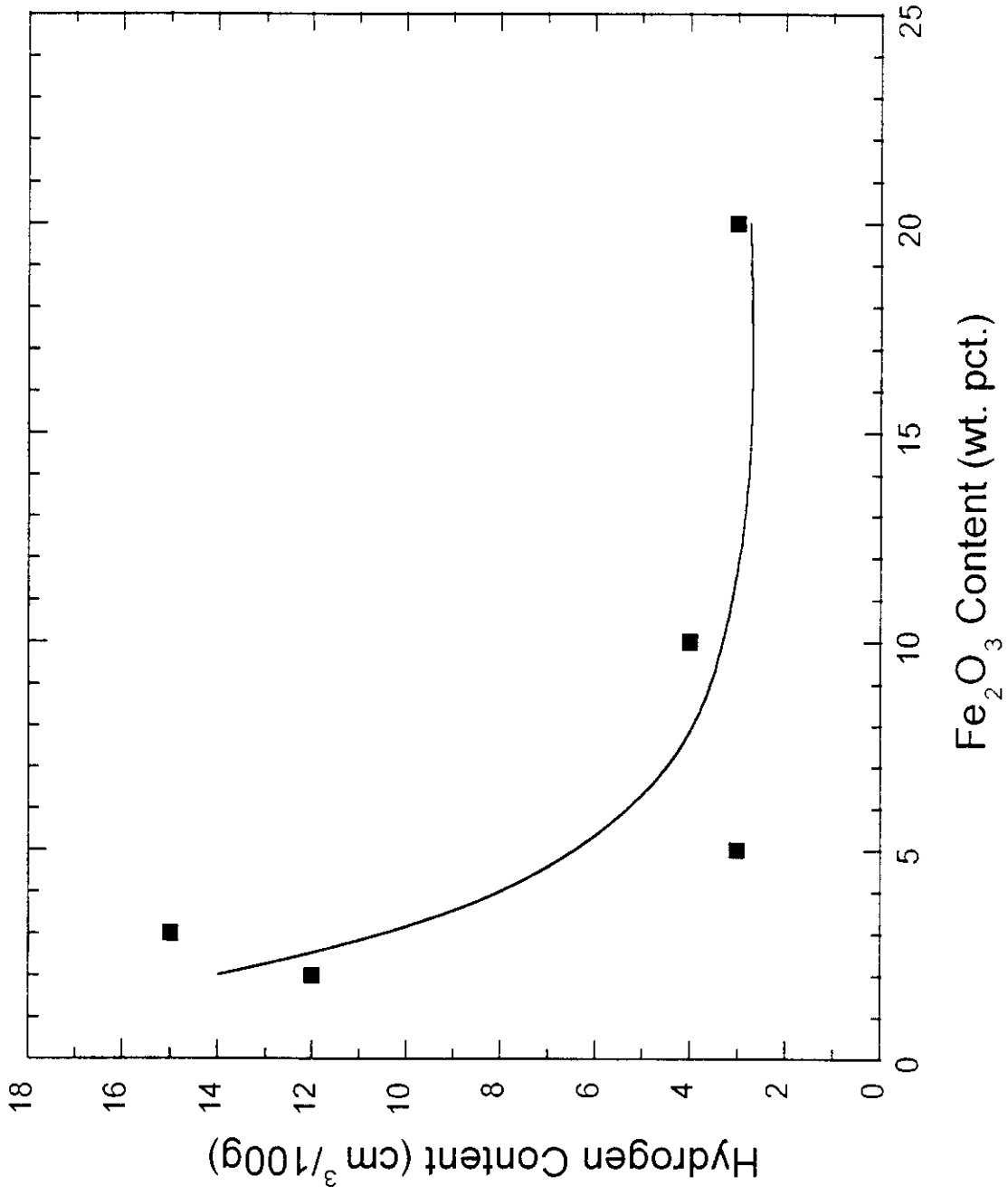


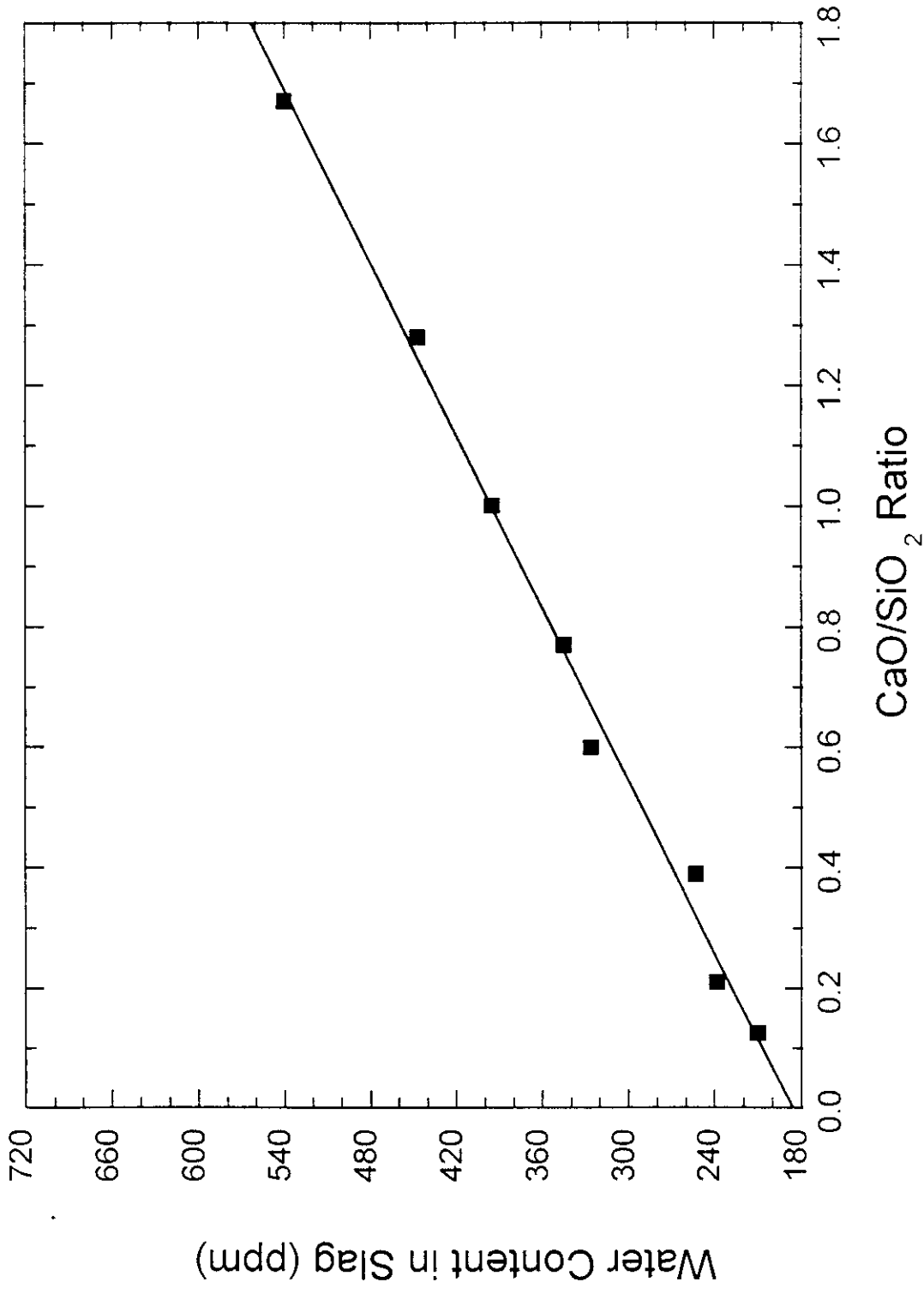
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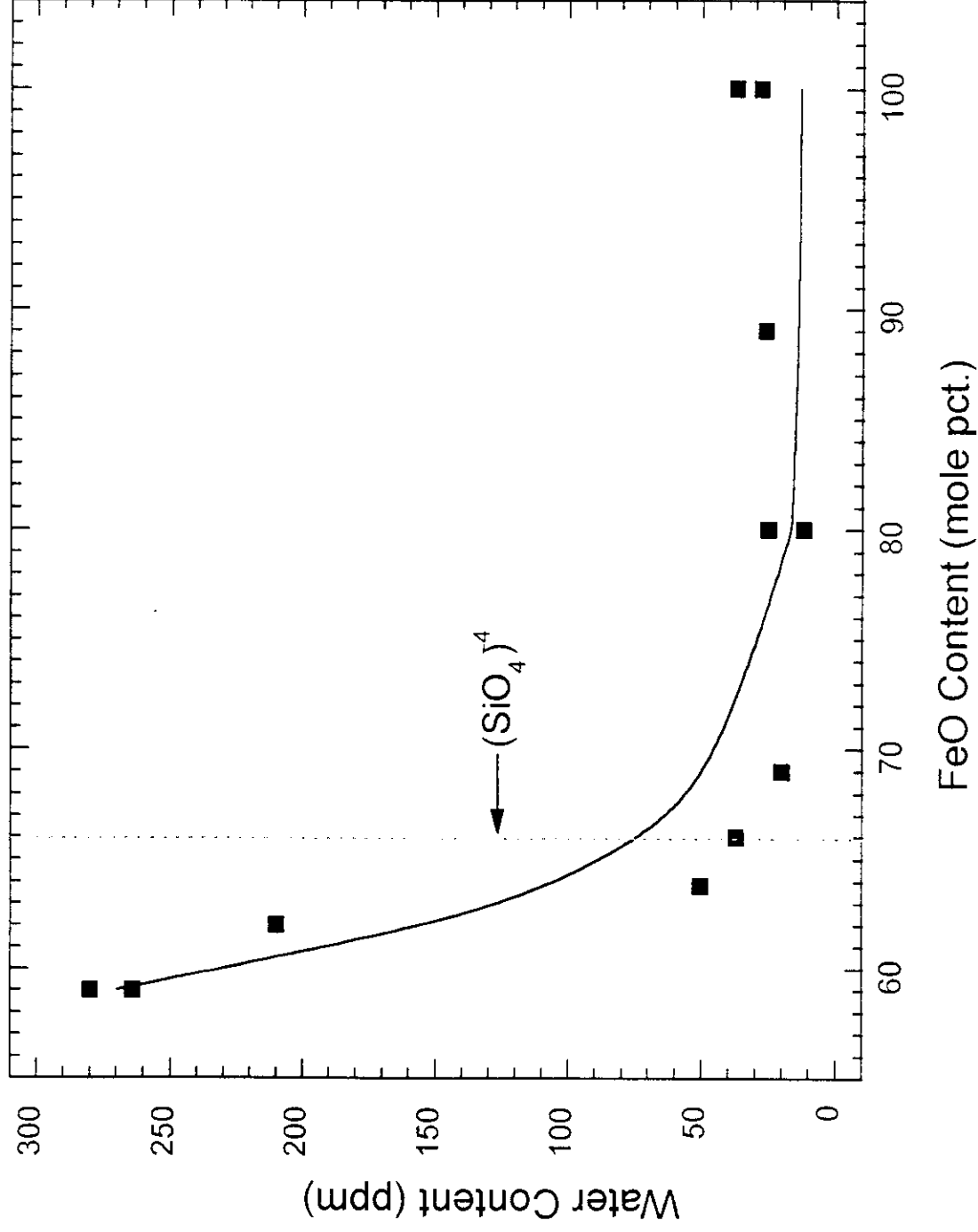
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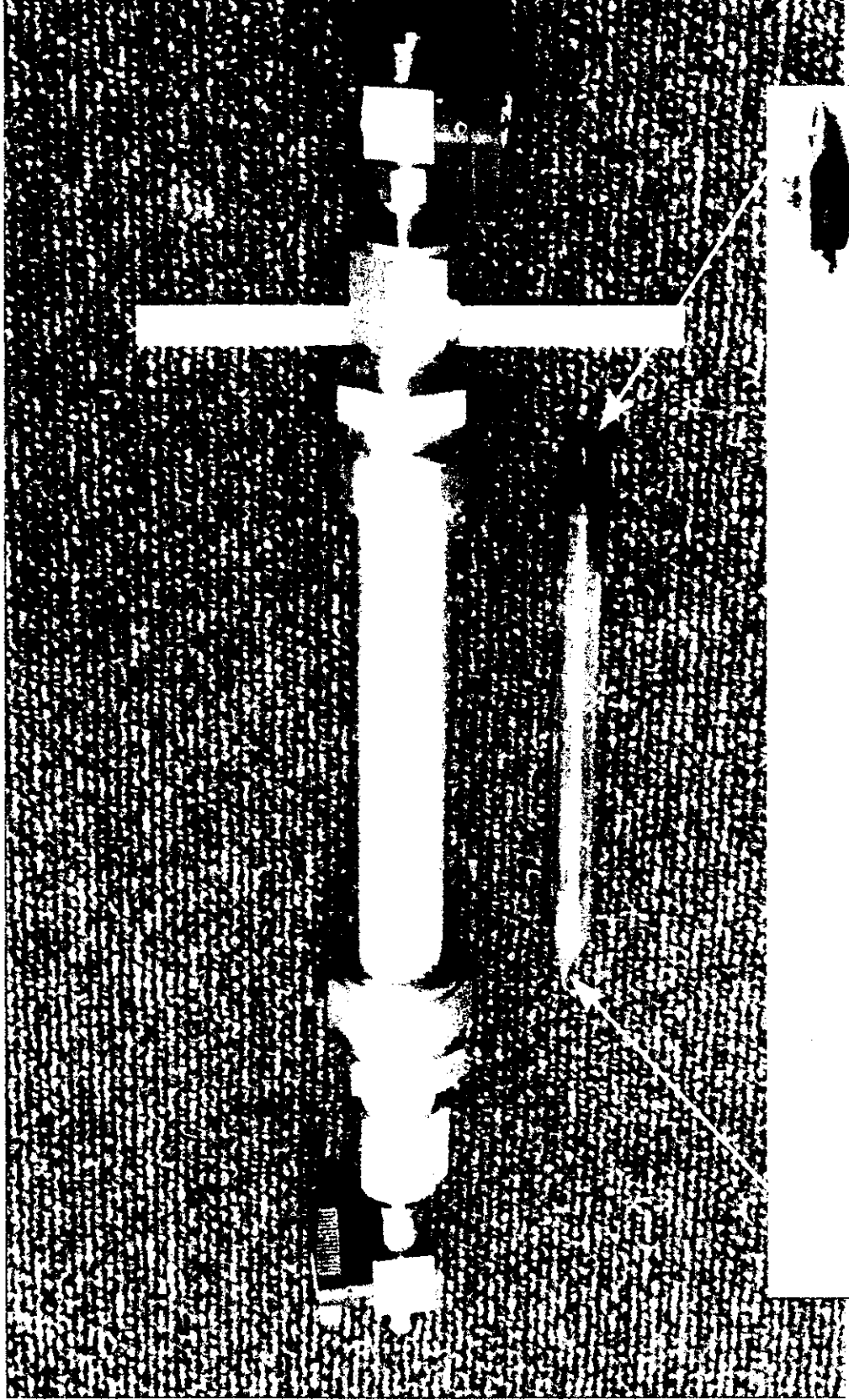
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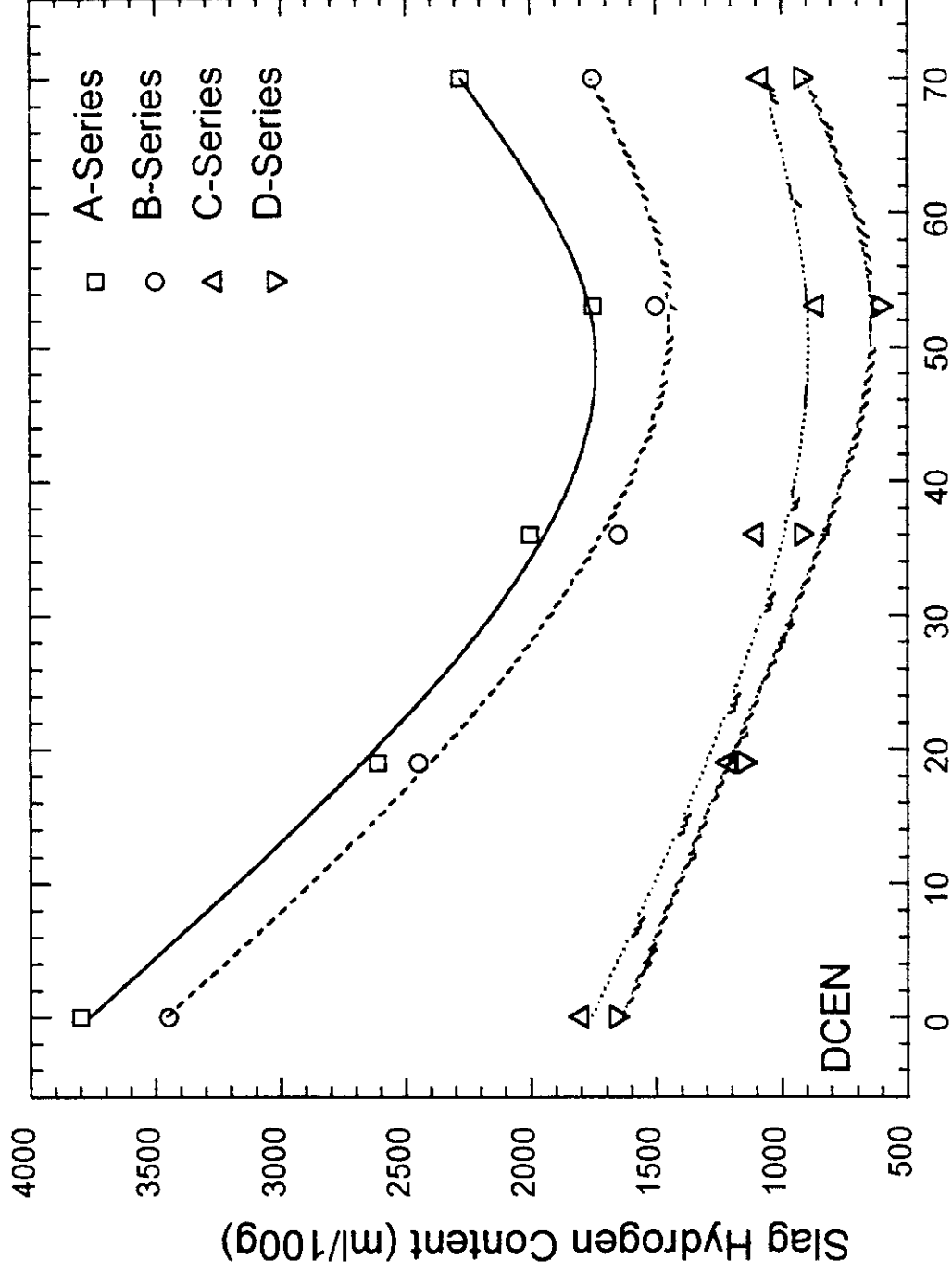


# Procedure of Slag Moisture and Hydrogen Analysis - Slag Encapsulation



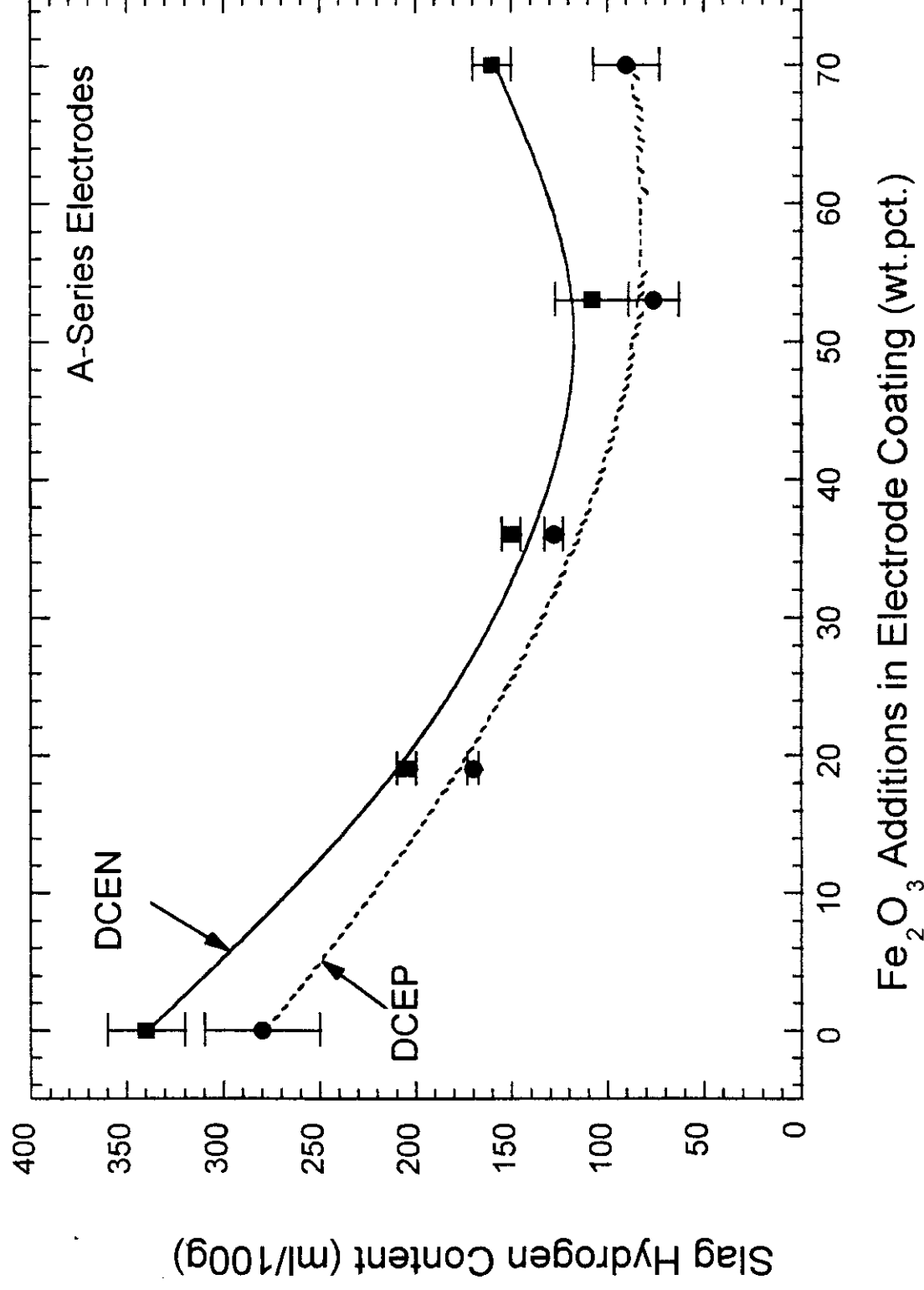


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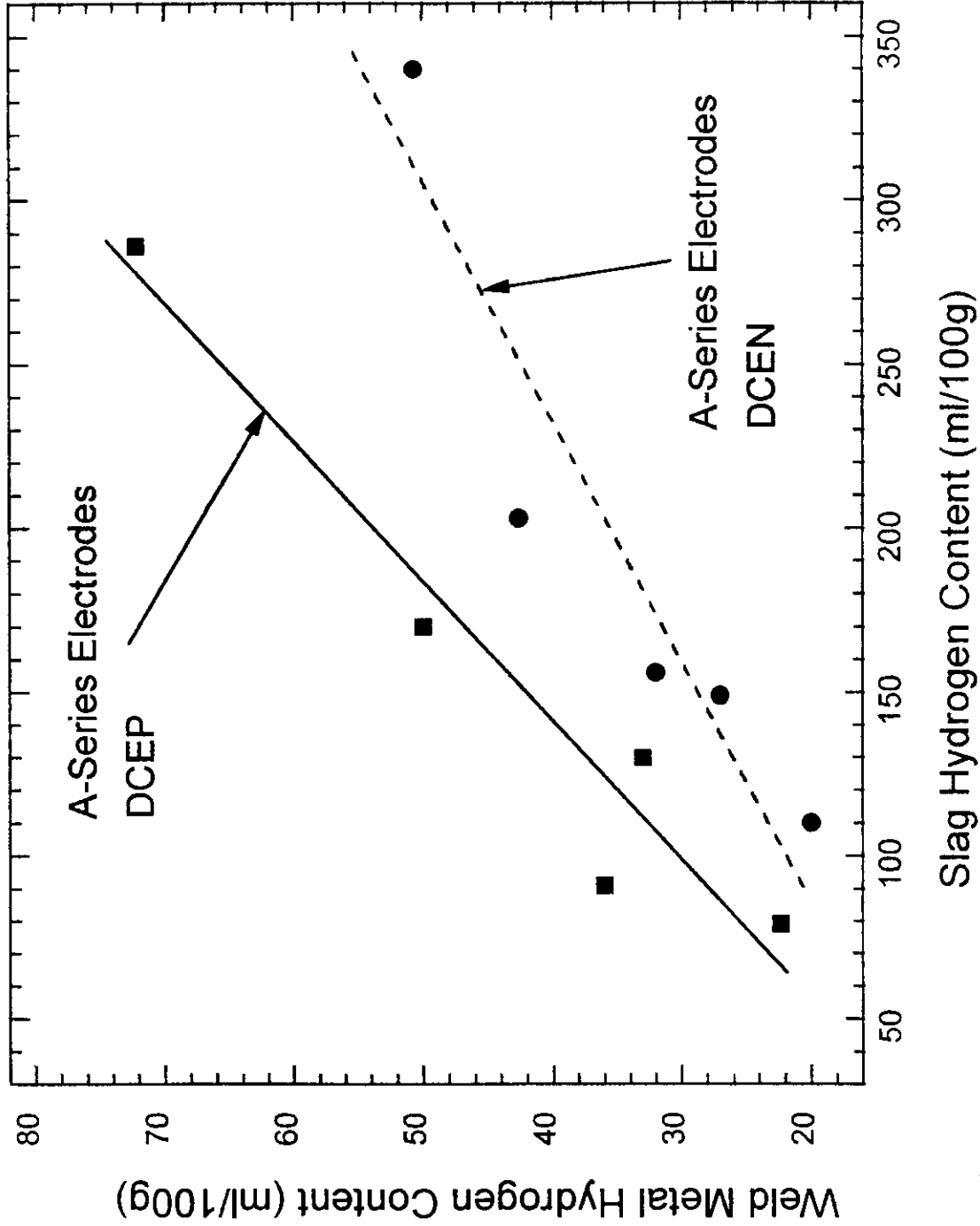


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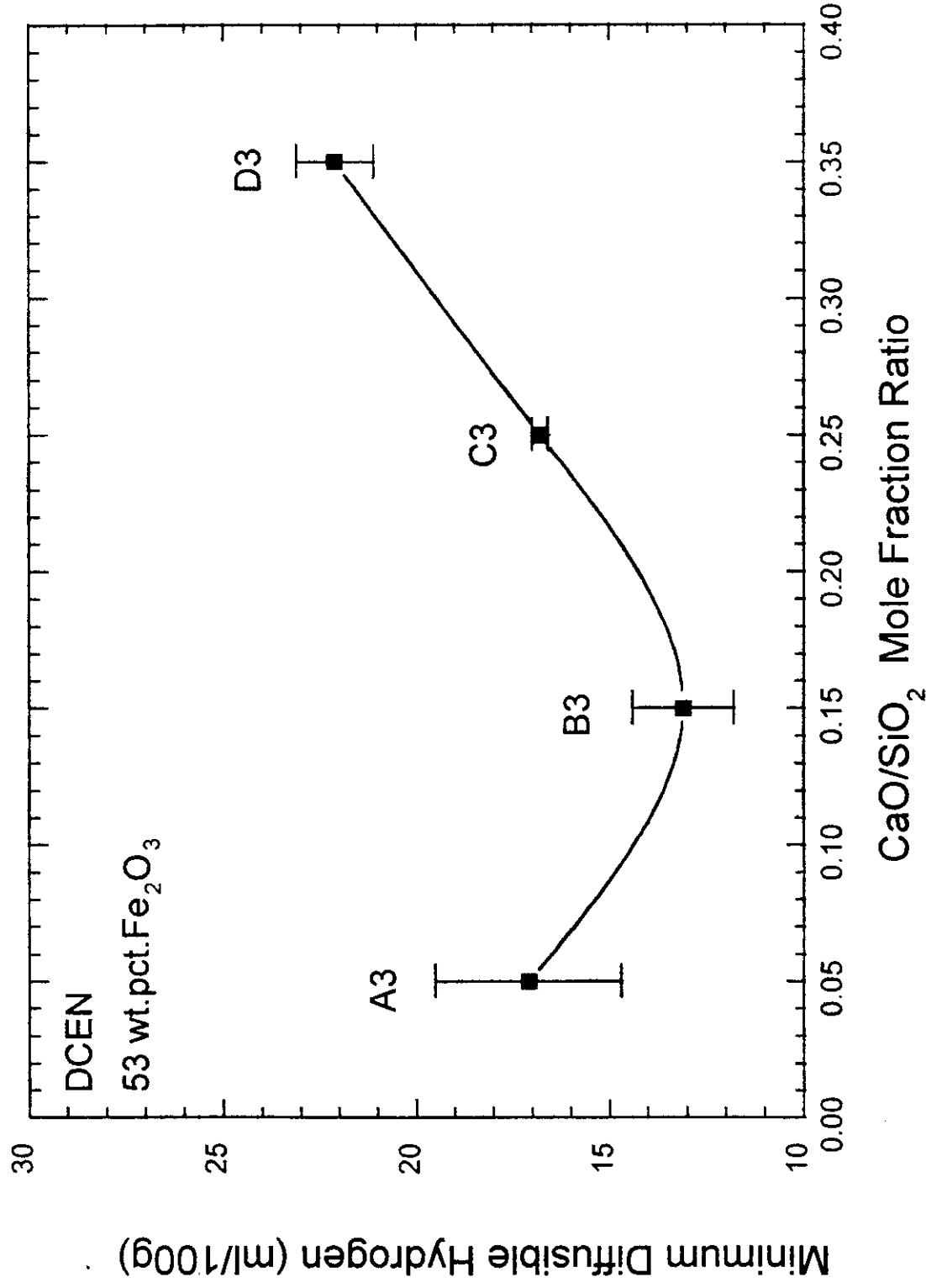
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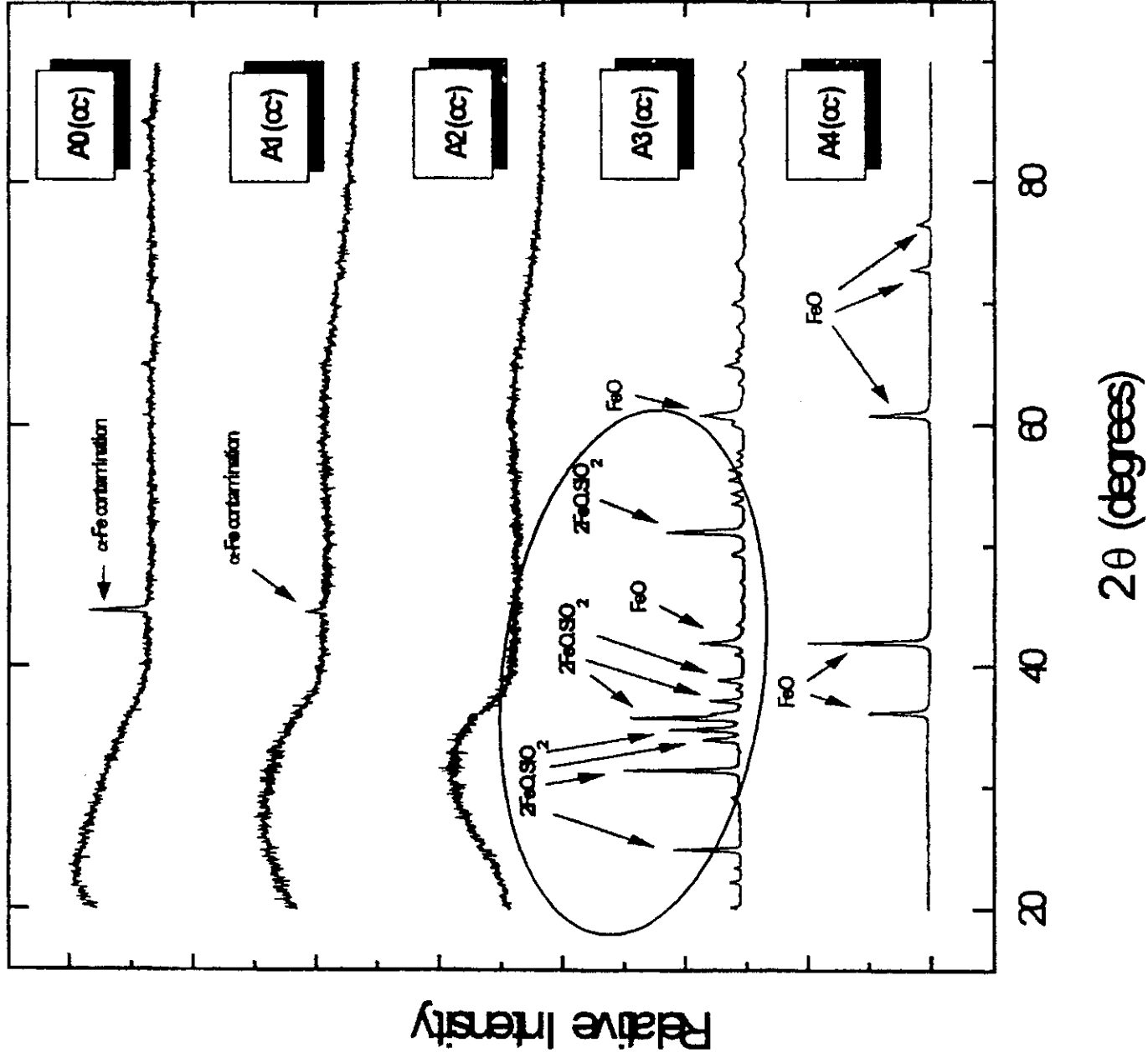
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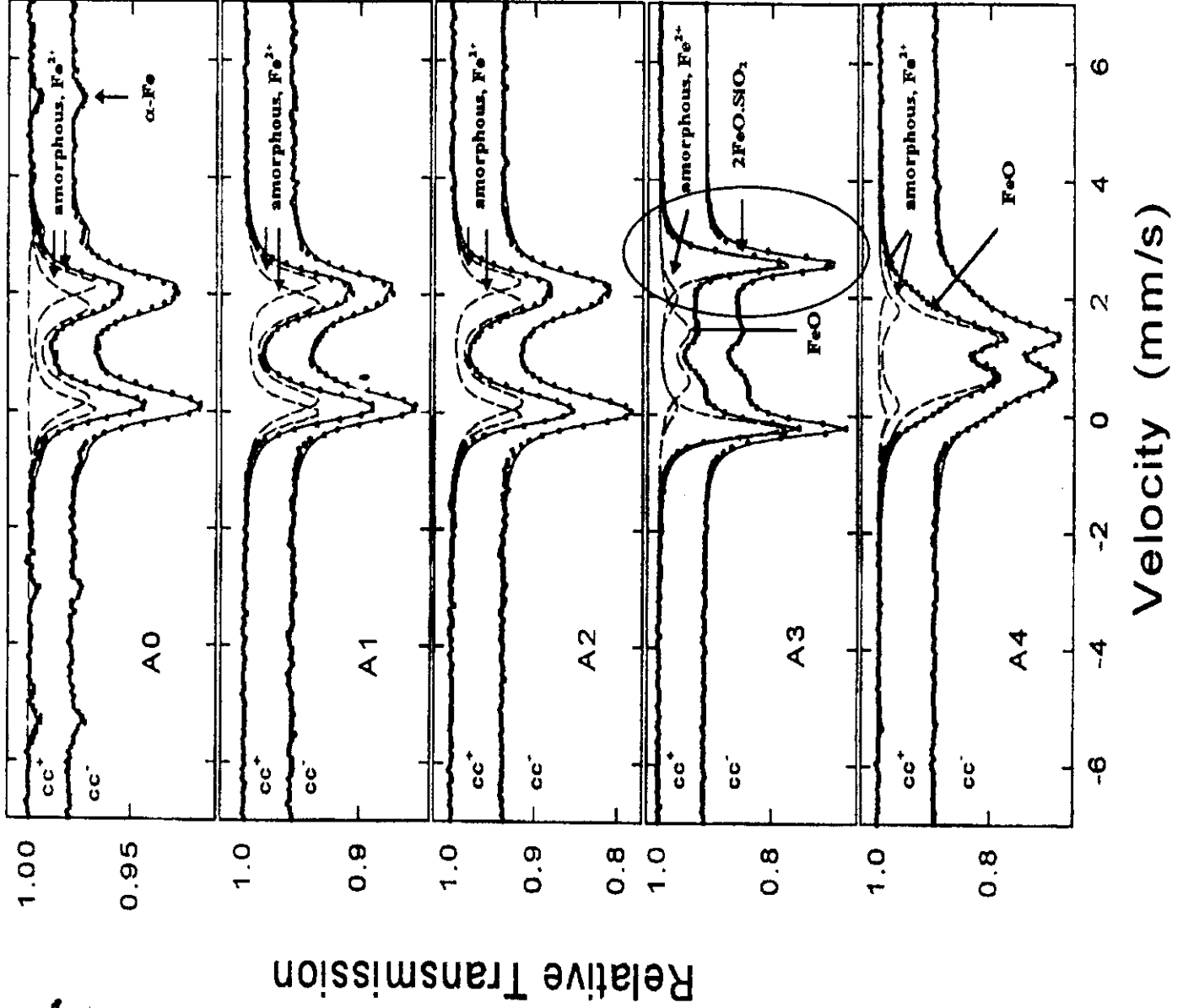
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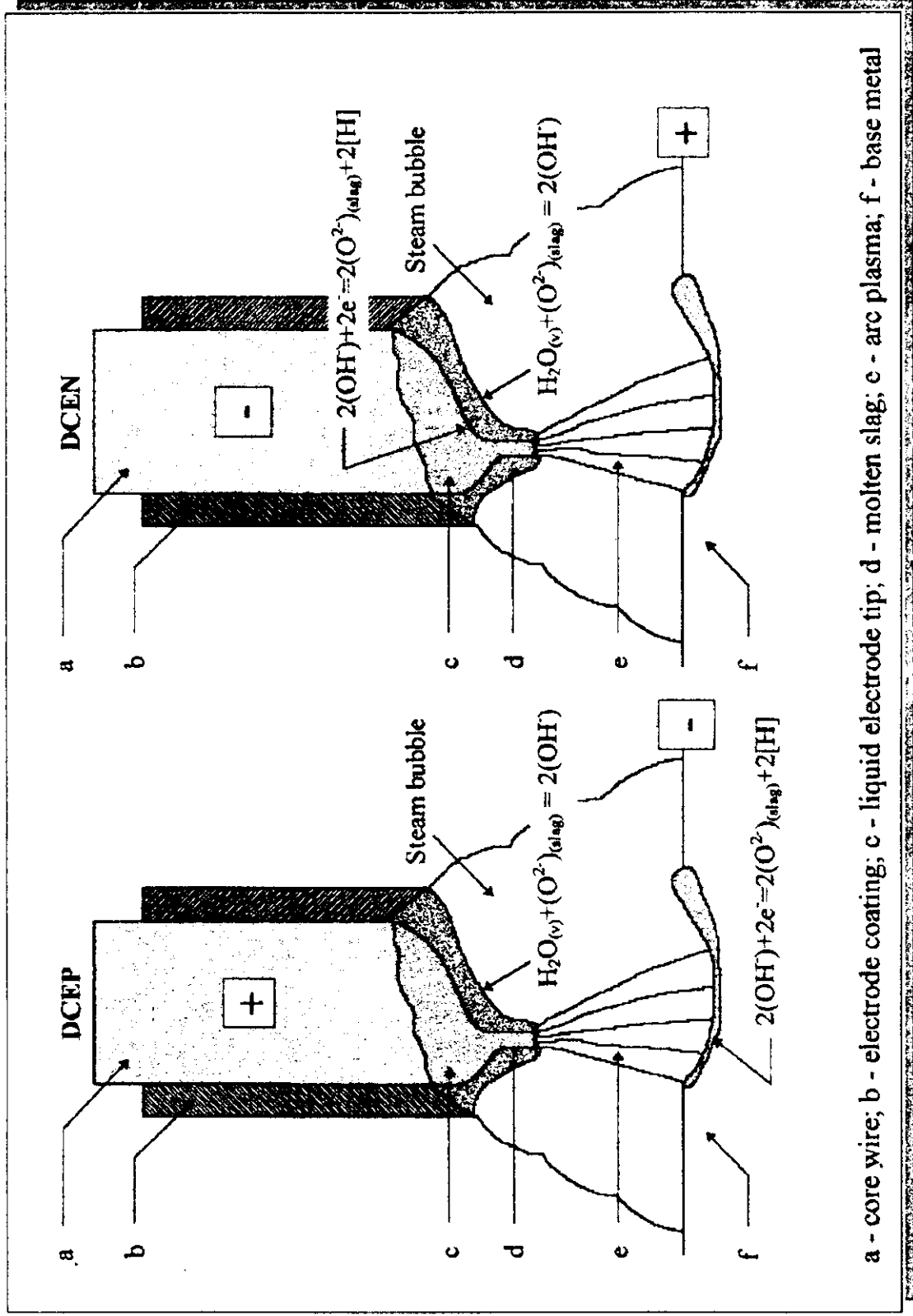
# X-Ray Diffraction Analysis of Slag



# Mössbauer Analysis of Slag



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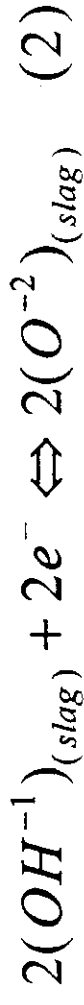


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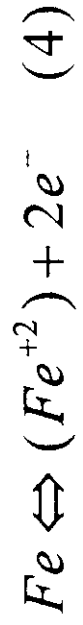
- A Possible Reaction at the Slag/Environment Interface



- Possible Cathodic Reactions at the Slag/Metal Interface



- Possible Anodic Reaction



- Overall Slag/Metal Reaction





# Electrochemical Method correlating Total Weld Metal Hydrogen Content with $P_{H_2O}$ and $a_{FeO}$

- Calculation of Reaction Constants

$$K_1 = \frac{(a_{OH^-})^2}{a_{O^{2-}}} \cdot \frac{1}{P_{H_2O}}$$

$$K_5 = \frac{a_{Fe^{+2}} \cdot (a_{O^{2-}})^2 \cdot [H]}{(a_{OH^-})^2 \cdot a_{Fe}}$$

$$K_{FeO} = \frac{a_{Fe^{+2}} \cdot a_{O^{2-}}}{a_{FeO}}$$

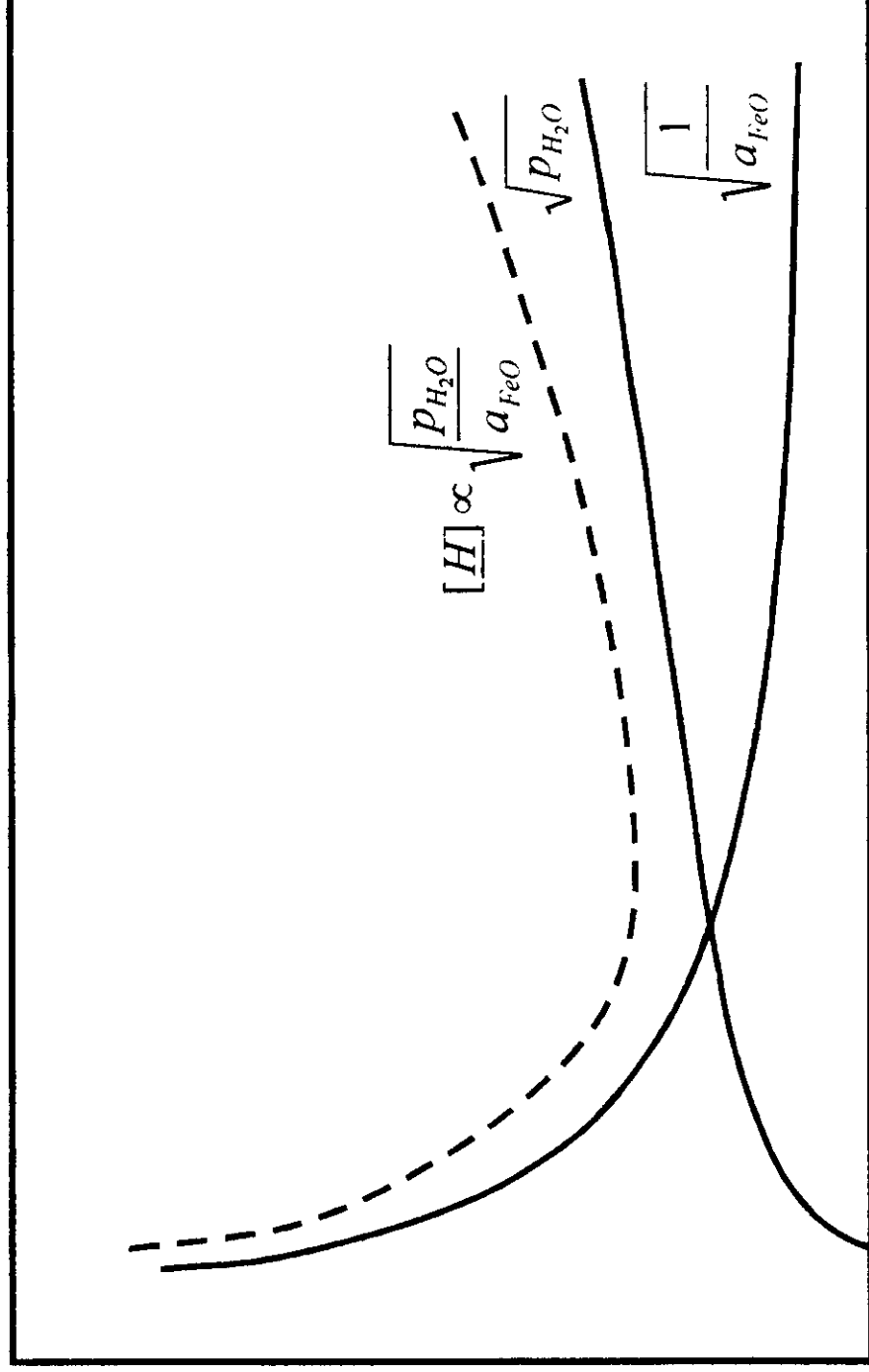
- Substituting  $K_5$  and  $K_{FeO}$  into  $K_1$

$$[H] = \sqrt{\frac{K_1 \cdot K_2 \cdot P_{H_2O}}{K_3 \cdot a_{FeO}}}$$

# Combined Effect of $a_{\text{FeO}}$ and $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$

Weld Metal Hydrogen Content (ml/1.00g)

Partial Pressure of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ )

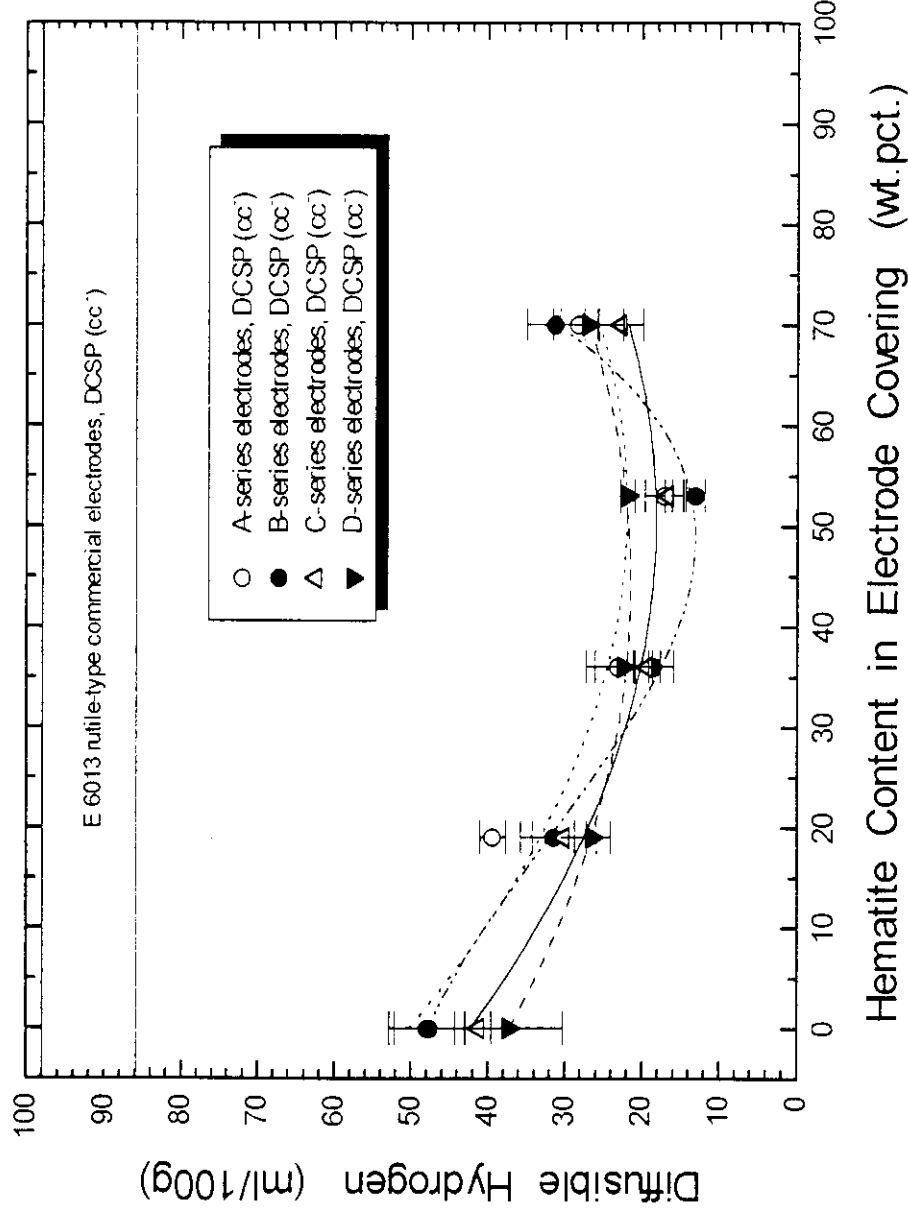


activity of  $\text{FeO}$  ( $a_{\text{FeO}}$ )

# Oxidizing Electrodes and Polarity: Hydrogen Mitigation in Underwater Wet Welding

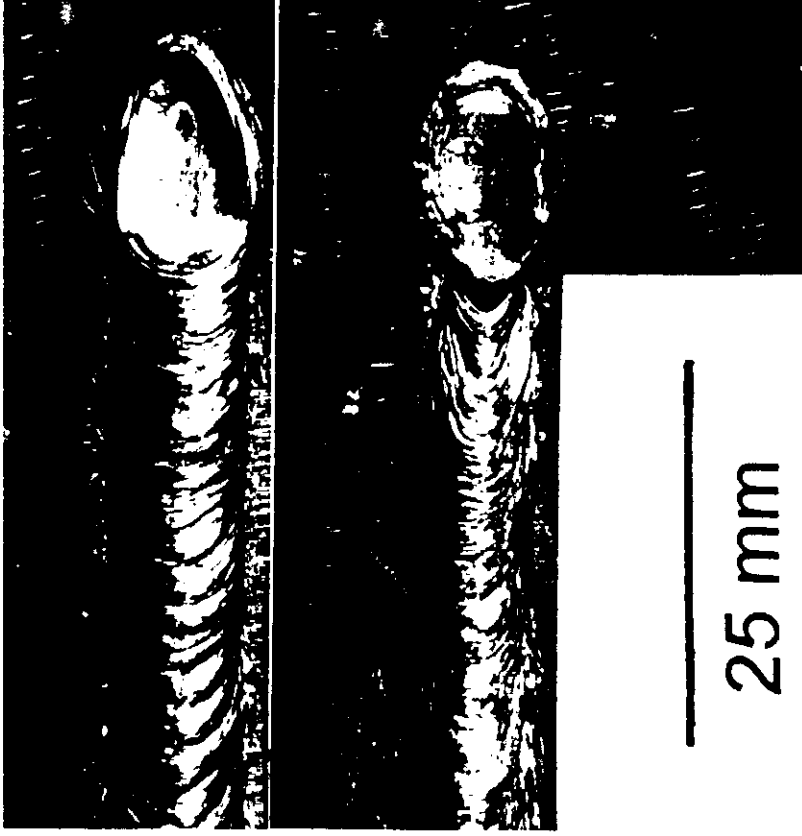
## Results and Discussion

- Diffusible H Content vs Flux Coating Hematite Content - DCSP



# *Results and Discussion*

## Comparison of Weld Crater Shapes

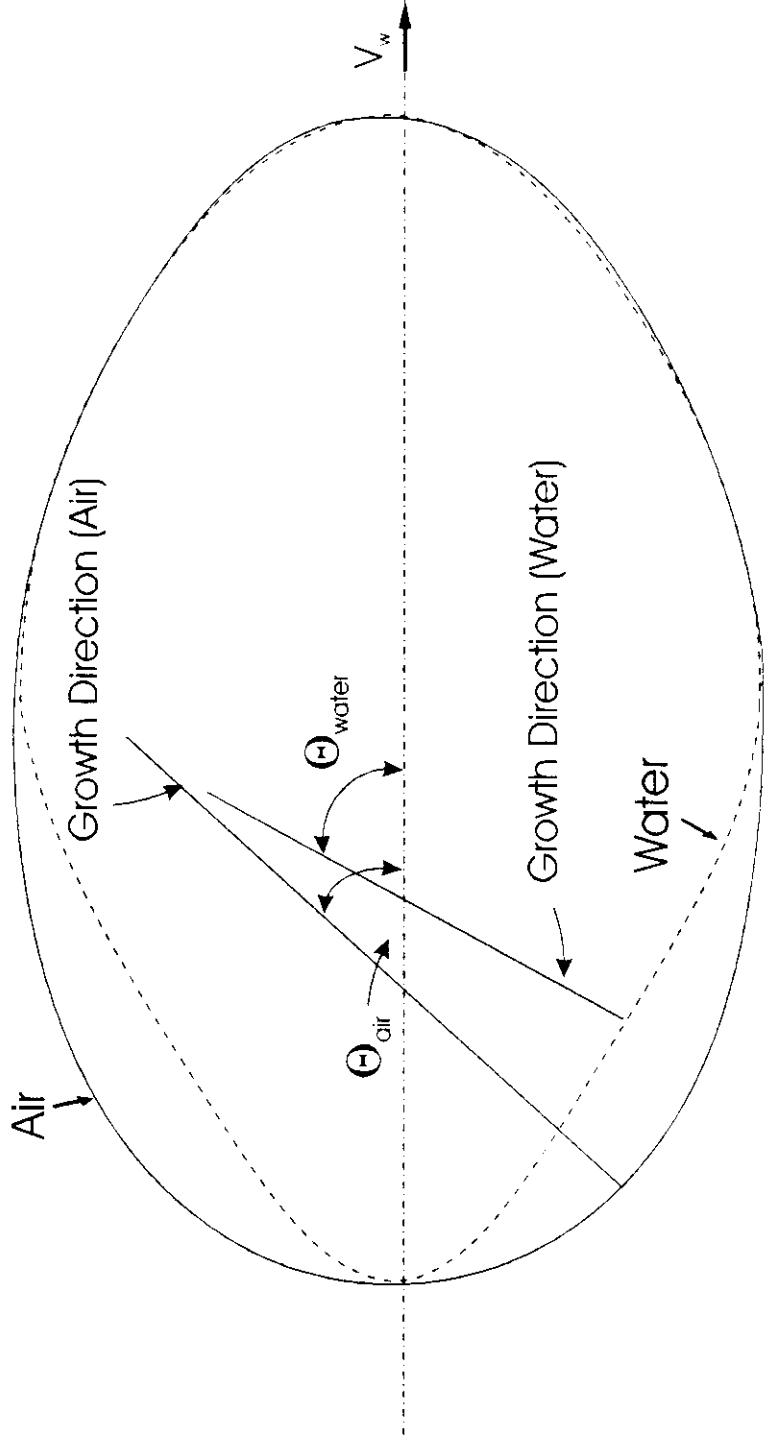


- ✓ Air-deposited welds showed an elliptical crater
- ✓ Wet weld showed a tear-drop geometry
- ✓ Both crater have the same length

# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Solidification Rate Change

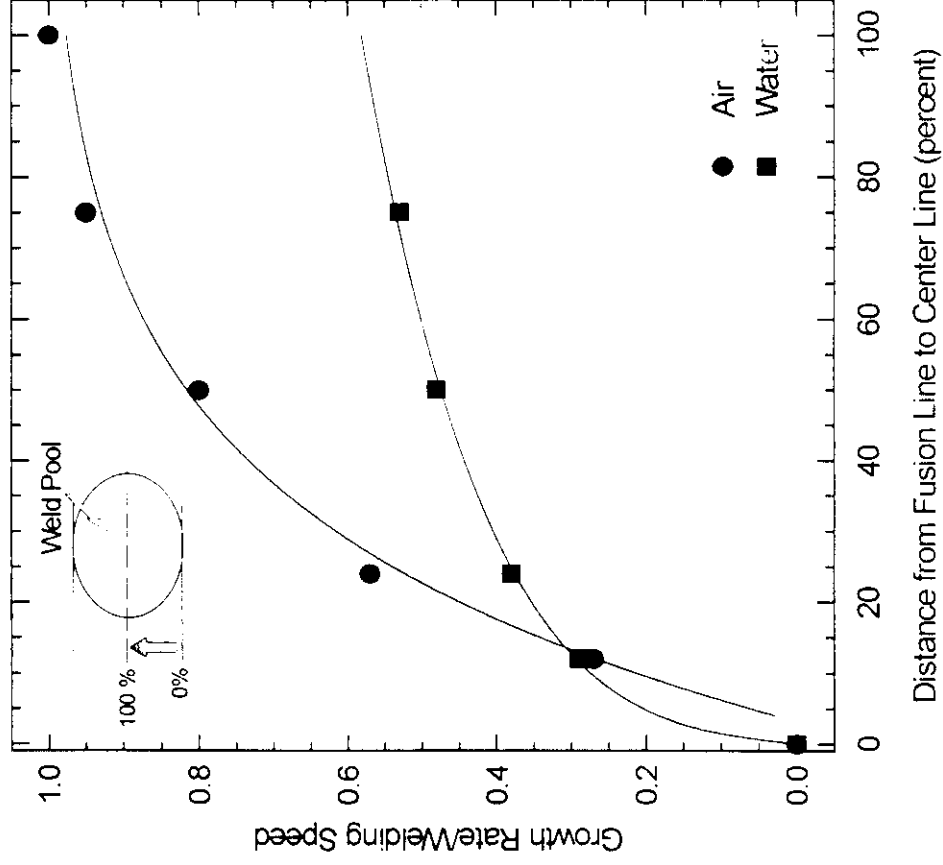
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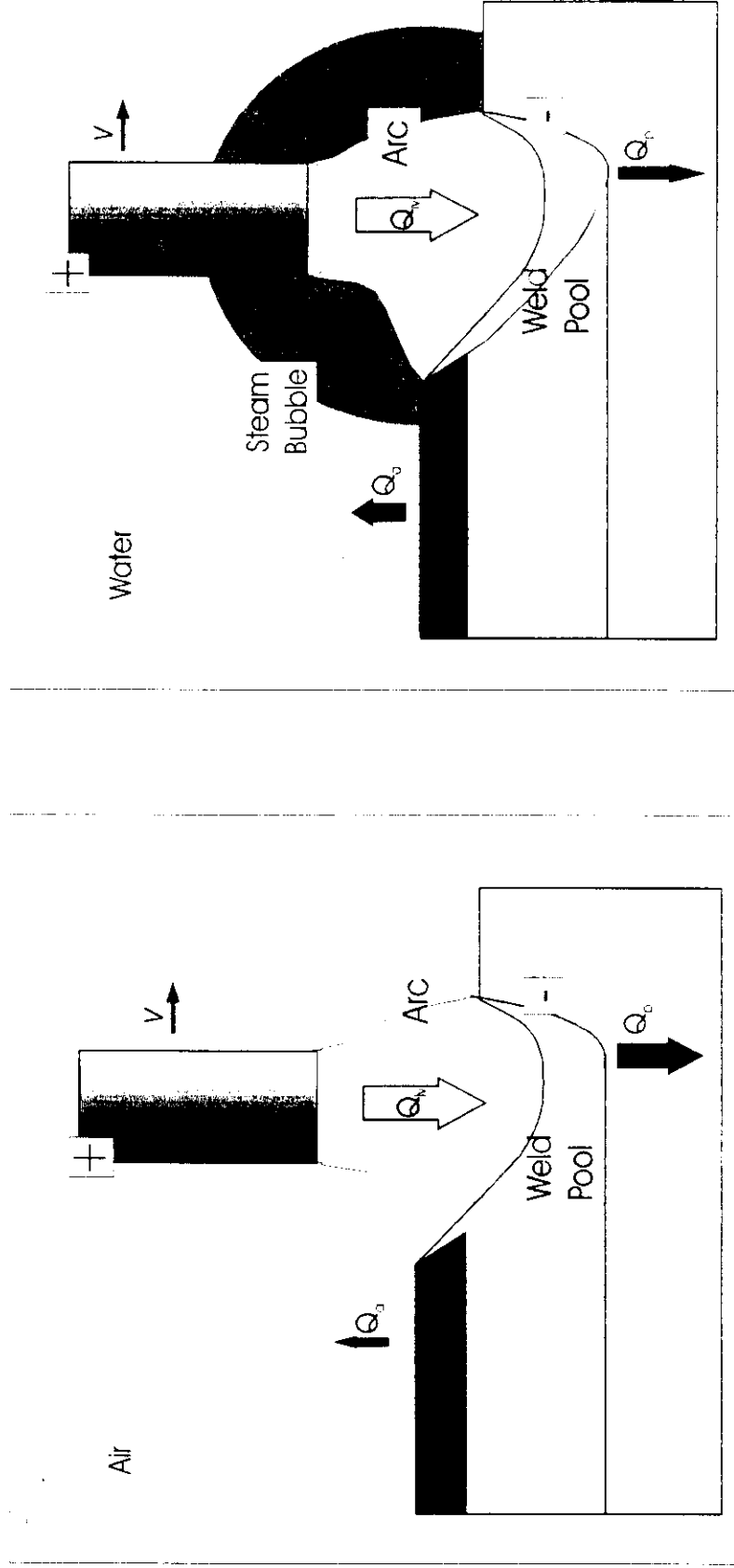
- Normalized Growth Rate



# Weld Pool Phenomena

## Solidification Rate Change

- Heat Transfer Conditions



# Weld Pool Phenomena

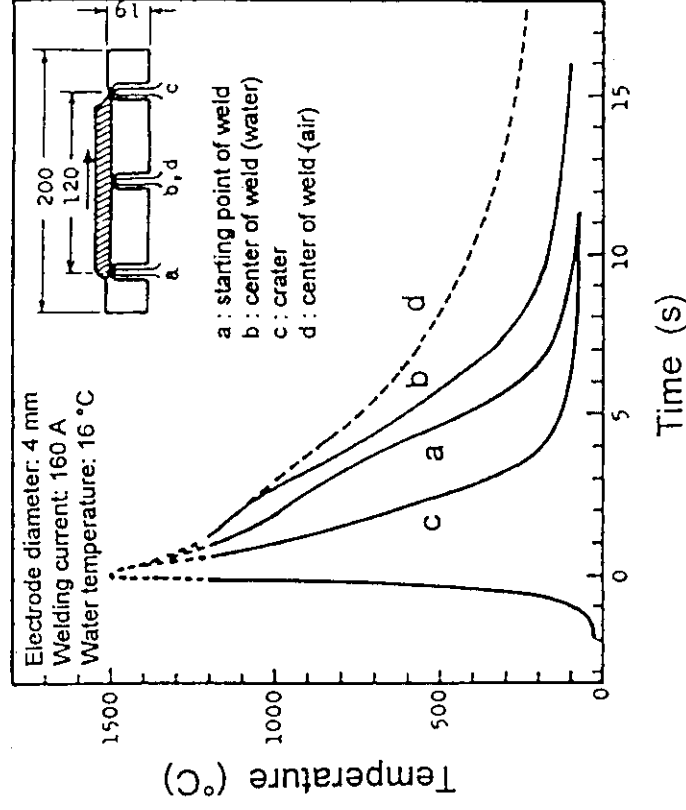
## Solidification Rate Change

- Stage 1: Solidification
    - ▶ Lower Weld Pool Heat Loss
    - ▶ Lower Solidification Rate
      - Larger Columnar Grains
  - Stage 2: Solid-State Transformations
    - ▶ High Quench Rate
    - ▶ Faster  $\gamma$ -to- $\alpha$  Transformation Rate
      - Finer Microstructures
- FS(B), Microconstituents



# Introduction

## Thermal Cycles of Points in the Heat Affected Zone

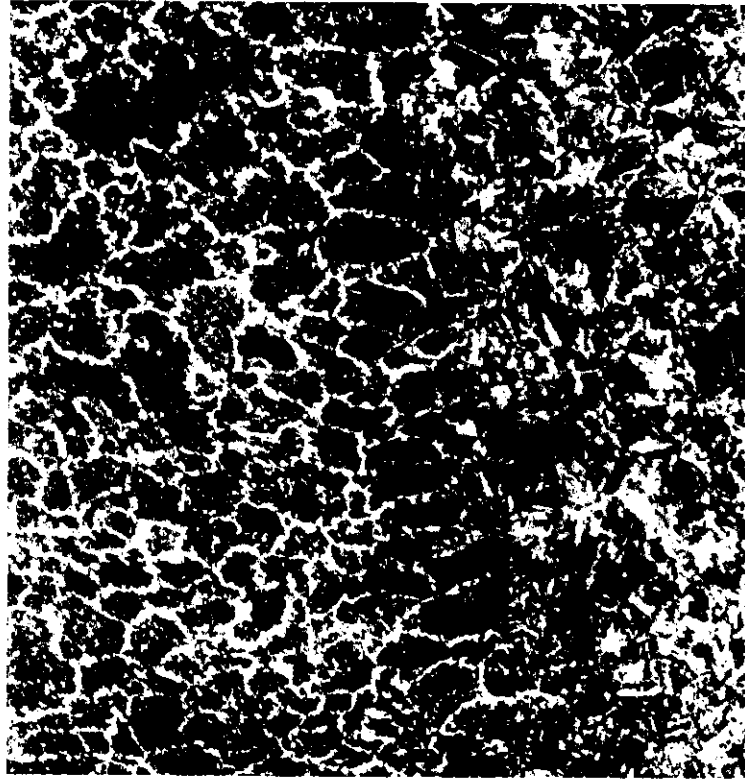


(Hasui and Suga, 1980)

- ✓ For  $T < 1000^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $t > 3$  sec) cooling rates of underwater wet welds are higher than air-deposited welds (curves b and d)
- ✓ At high temperatures ( $T > 1000^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) cooling rates seem to be similar

# UWW Welding Electrodes Formulation

## Concept III - Columnar Grain Size Control

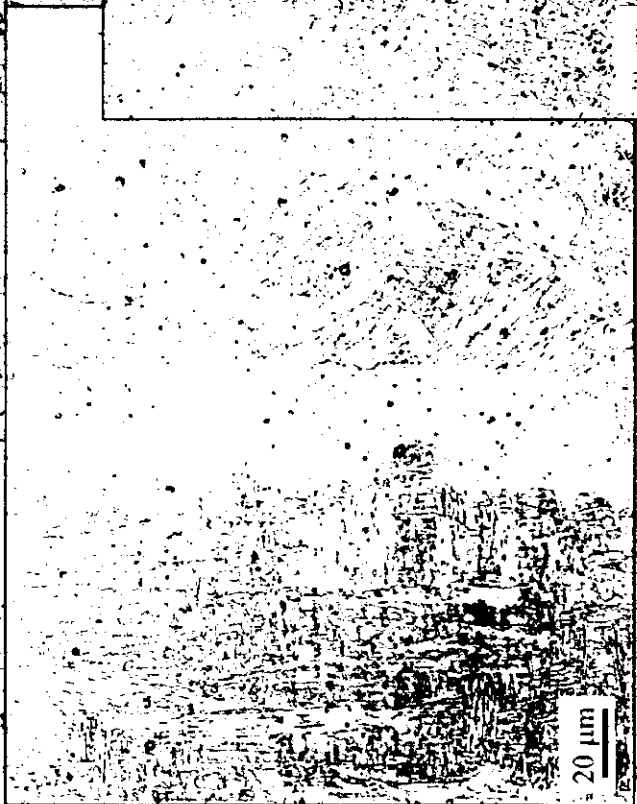
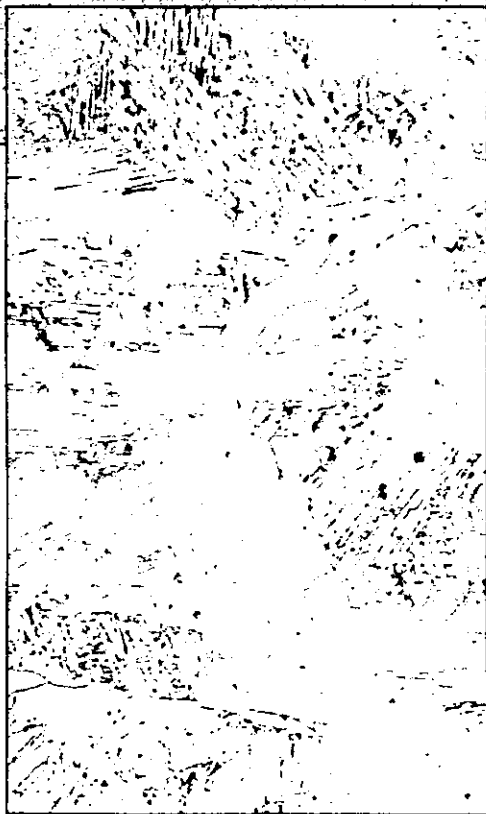


Surface Weld

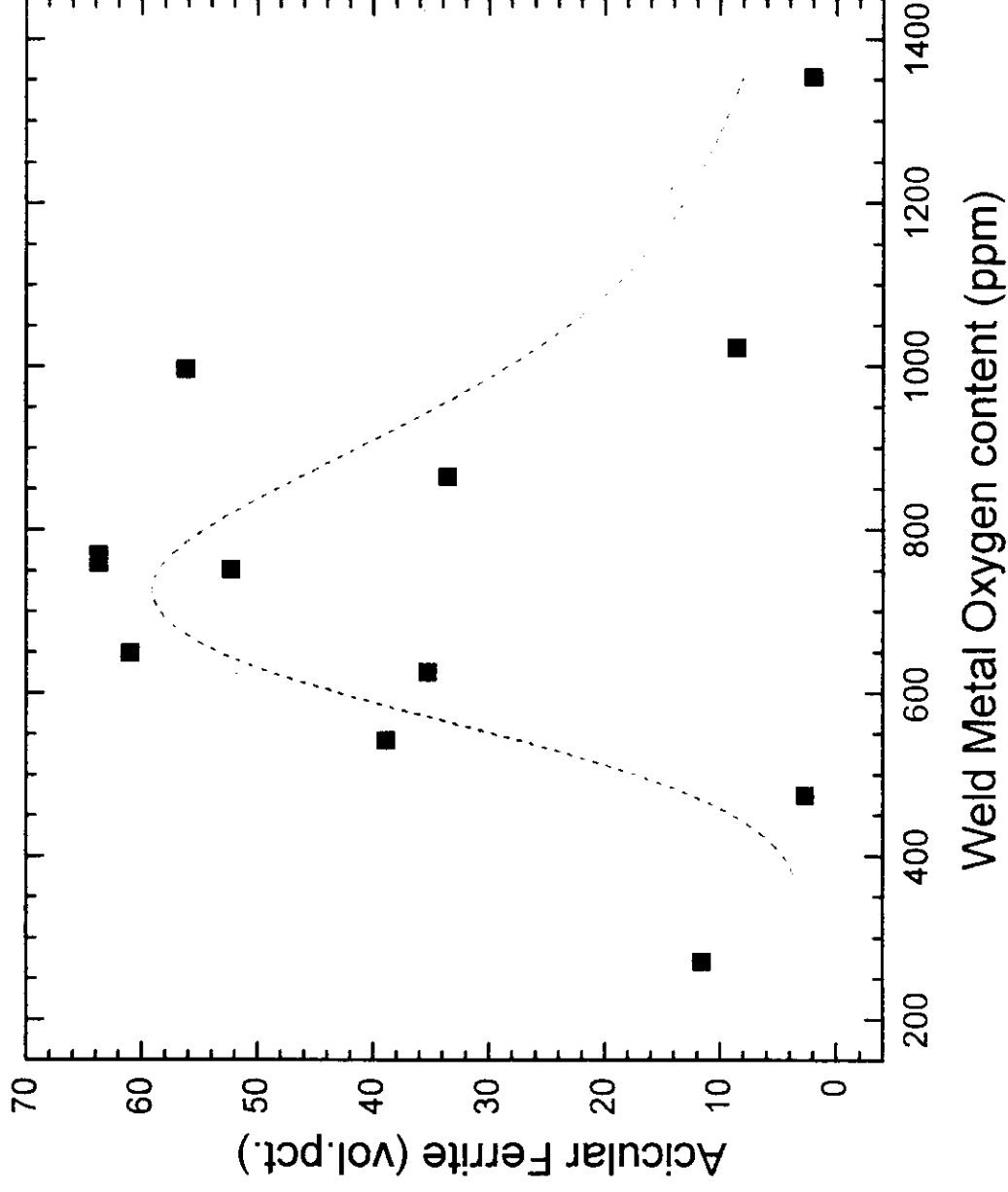


UWW Weld

# Underwater Wet Weld Microstructure



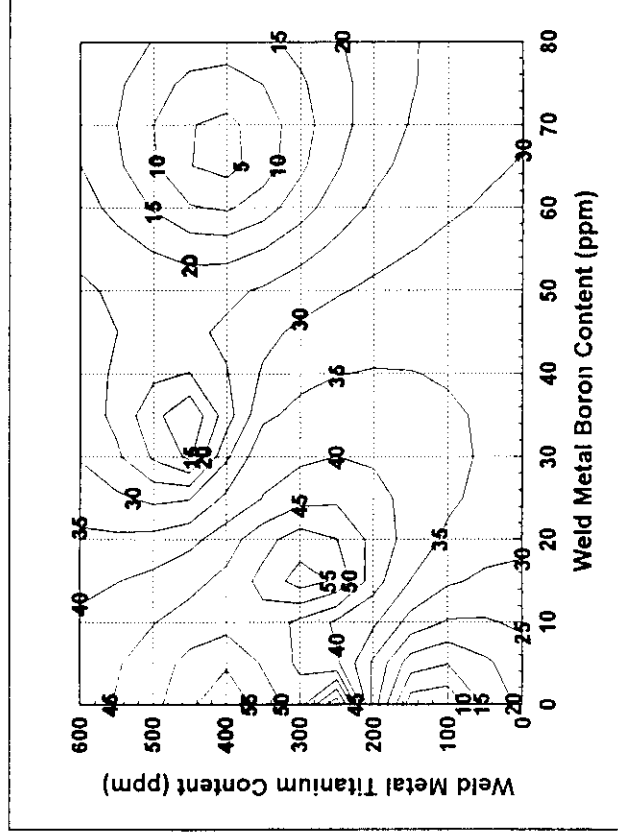
# Microstructure as a Function of Weld Metal Oxygen Content



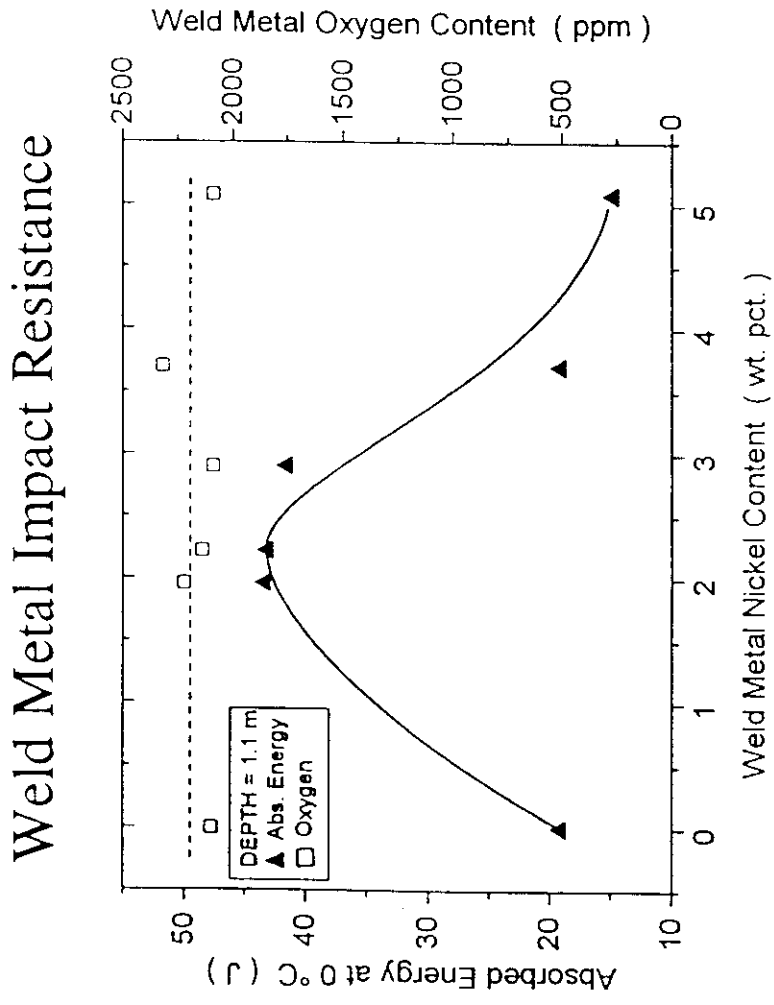
## Trends in Underwater Wet Welding Consumables Research

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- Effect of Titanium and Boron
- Weld Metal Microstructure Map - Acicular Ferrite



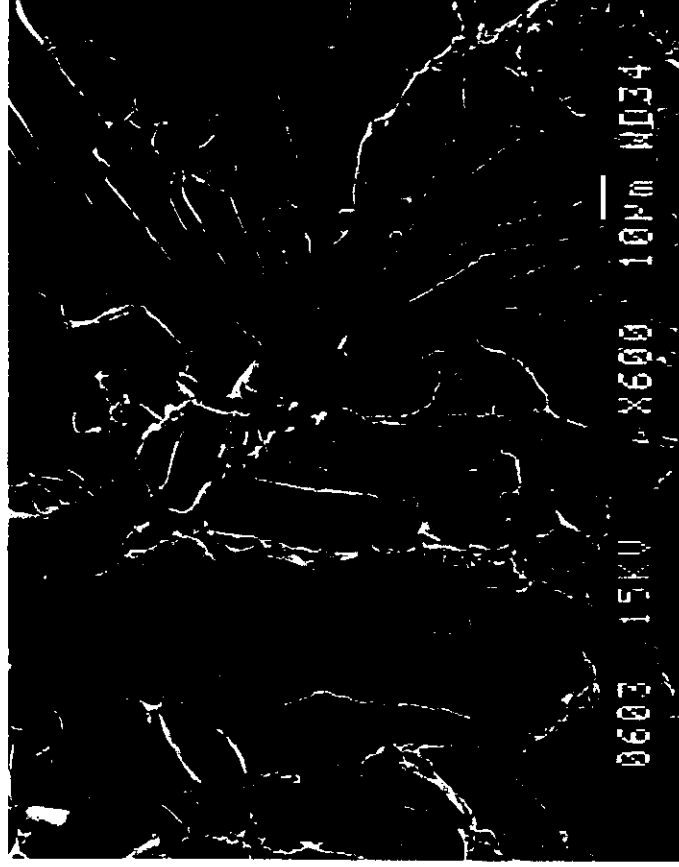
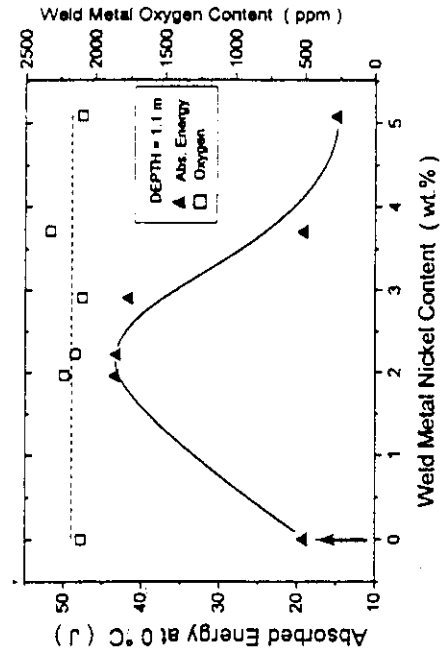
## *Results and Discussion*



- ✓ Oxygen content remains constant at approximately 2200 ppm for any nickel content
- ✓ A maximum in the absorbed energy occurs for nickel contents between 2 and 3 wt.pct.

# Results and Discussion

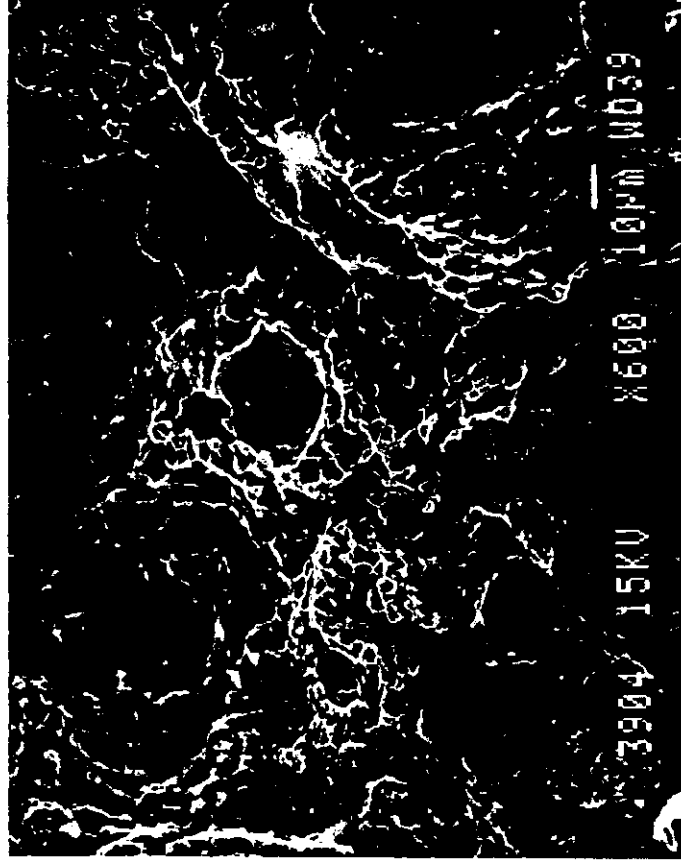
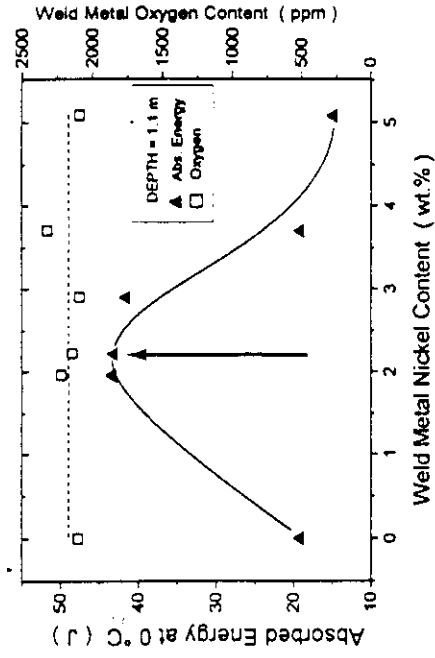
## Fractographic Analysis of Charpy Specimens



✓ Welds without nickel fractured by cleavage

# Results and Discussion

## Fractographic Analysis of Charpy Specimens

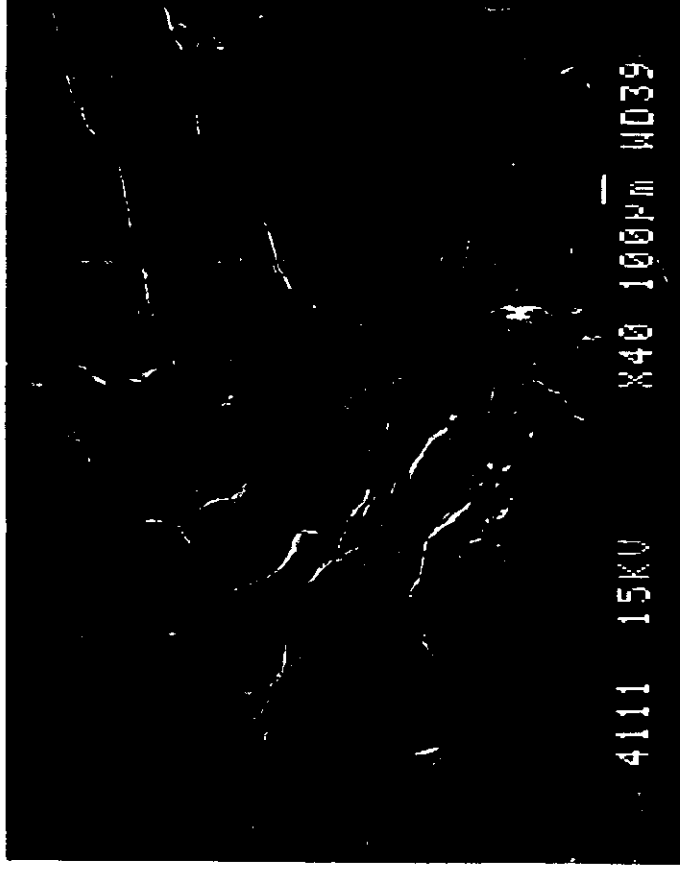
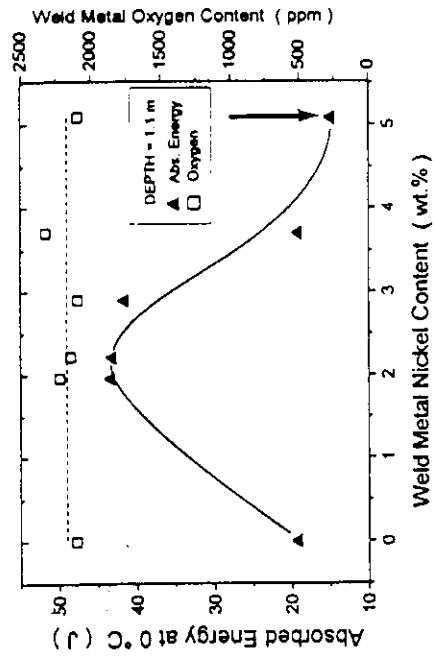


- ✓ Welds with 2.2 wt.pct. of nickel fractured by rupture (microvoid coalescence)



# Results and Discussion

## Fractographic Analysis of Charpy Specimens



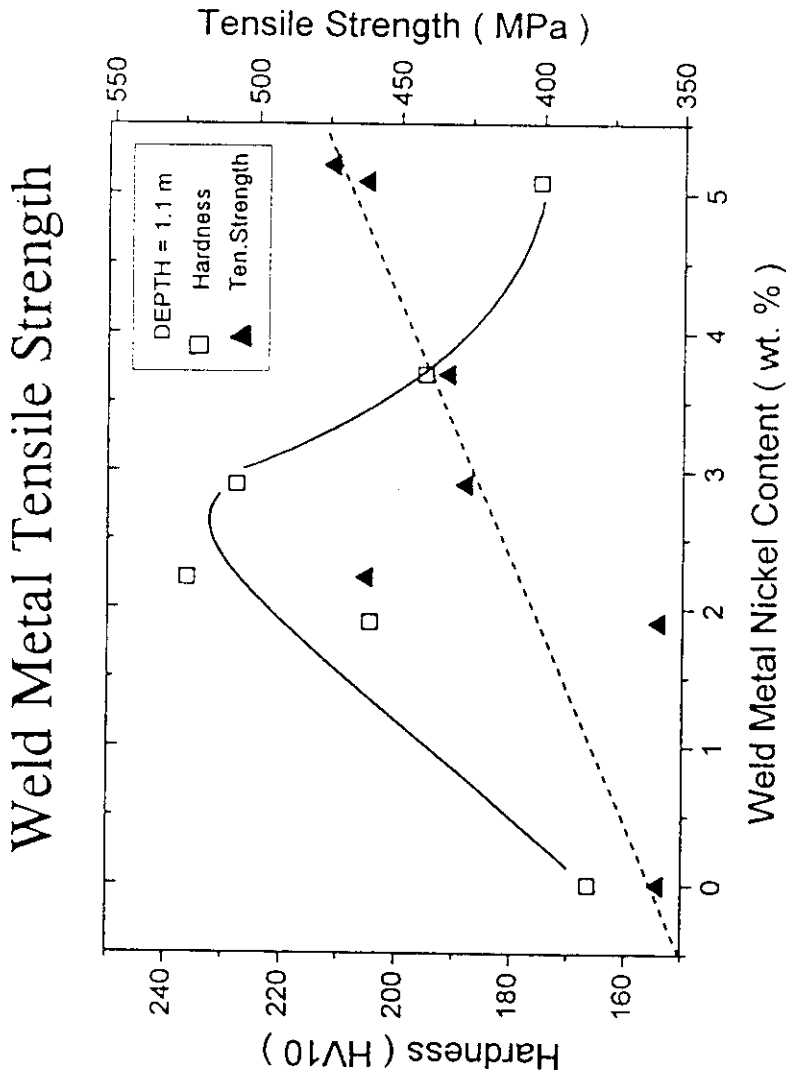
- ✓ Welds with 5 wt.pct. of nickel presented extensive areas with solidification cracks

## Results and Discussion

### Influence of Nickel on Impact Resistance

- The increase in impact resistance that occurred from 0 to 2.2 wt. pct. nickel can be attributed to:
  1. Grain size refinement, and
  2. Increase in the stacking fault energy which facilitates cross slip of dislocations.
  
- The drop in impact resistance is explained by the presence of solidification cracks which act as stress raisers and reduce the effective cross-sectional area of the specimen.

# Results and Discussion



- ✓ Tensile strength presents a maximum value for nickel contents between 2 and 3 wt.pct.
- ✓ Weld metal hardness increases constantly with nickel contents up to 5 wt.pct.

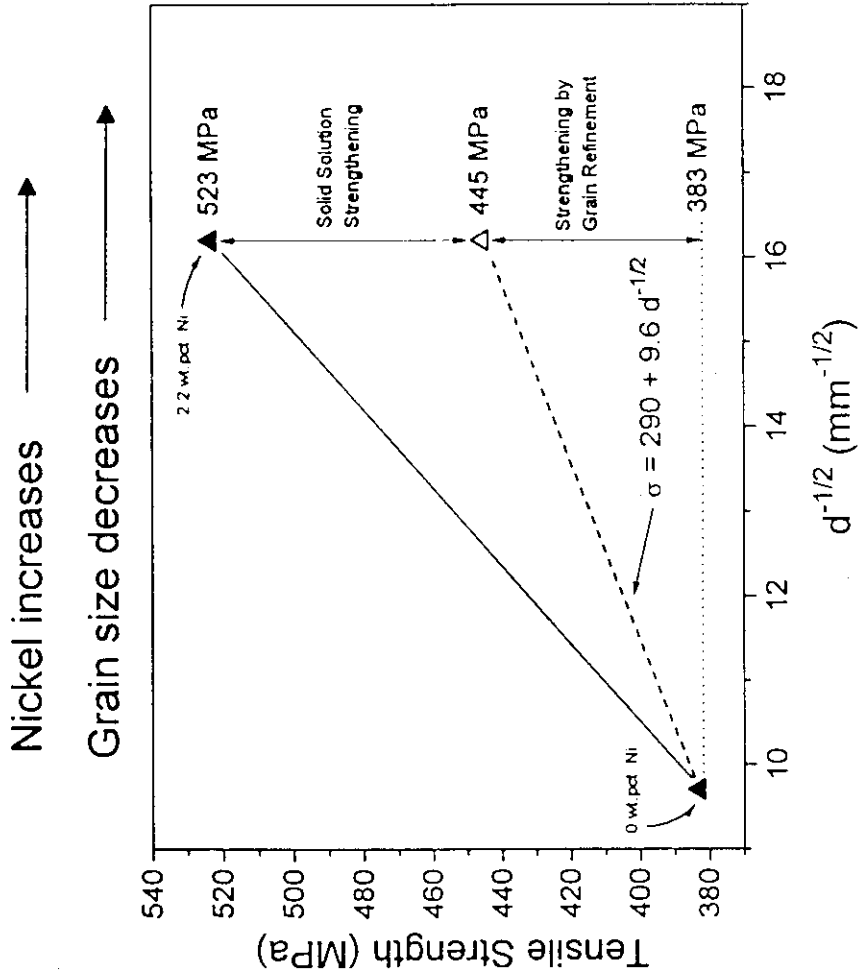
## **Results and Discussion**

### **Influence of Nickel on Tensile Strength**

- The increase in tensile strength that occurred from 0 to 2.2 wt. pct. nickel can be attributed to:
  1. Grain size refinement, and
  2. Solid solution strengthening.
- The drop in tensile strength is explained by the presence of solidification cracks which act as stress raisers and reduce the effective cross-sectional area of the specimen.

# Results and Discussion

## Influence of Nickel on Tensile Strength



# Underwater Wet Welding: Hydrogen Mitigation

## Other Techniques

- In-Situ Postweld Treatment
  - Heating Underwater Wet Weld with an Oxy-Fuel/Plasma Arc Torch Immediately after Its Completion.
  - Temperature Increase decreases HAZ Hardness and Diffusible Hydrogen Content.
- Temper Bead
  - Depositing a Bead in a Controlled Fashion (Location from Toe Line) over a Previous Weld.
  - Local Temperature Increase decreases HAZ Hardness and Diffusible Hydrogen Content.



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# **Practical Case Studies of Underwater Wet Welding**

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## **Presentation Overview**

- Applications of Underwater Wet Welding/Case Studies
- Designing for Wet Welded Repairs
- Joint Industry Underwater Development Program
- Underwater Welding and Pipeline Modifications and Repairs





# **Applications of Underwater Wet Welding**

- Corrosion
- Storm Loads
- Vessel Impacts
- Installation Mishaps
- Fatigue
- Structural Modifications

## **Applications of Wet Welding: Corrosion**

### **Corrosion Protection Systems – Cathodic Protection**

- **Passive Systems – Sacrificial Anodes**
  - ◆ **High Up Front Costs/Low Maintenance Cost**
  
- **Active Systems – Impressed Current**
  - ◆ **Low Up Front Costs/Moderate Operating Cost**
  
- **Both Systems Required Several Weeks to become fully polarized**



## **Applications of Wet Welding: Corrosion**

### **Corrosion Protection System Failure**

- **Passive Systems**
  - ◆ Debris Loads on Structure
  - ◆ Pipelines Continuity with the Jacket
  - ◆ Anodes with greater than 50% depletion
  - ◆ Potential difference less than  $-800$  to  $-850$  mv
- **Active Systems**
  - ◆ Intermittent Activation of System, Jacket never becomes fully polarized

## **Applications of Wet Welding: Storm Loads**

- Hurricane Season *July - November*
  - Winter Storms *December - March*
- 9 Months of the year



## Applications of Wet Welding: Vessel Impacts

### Material Barge Collides with Jacket Leg at Waterline

- 8 Pile Jacket used to drill and keep open pressure relief wells for the Caminada Sulfur Mine, Grand Isle Field
- Significant damage to corner jacket leg and pile
- An underwater vertical K brace failed due to collision loads
- Structure constantly discharged water with dissolved sulfur, high H<sub>2</sub>S risk

## **Applications of Wet Welding: Vessel Impacts**

### **Material Barge Collides with Jacket Leg at Waterline**

- Structure supports a permanently mounted workover rig used to reopen relief wells as they became scaled up
- Due to the collision damage, structure could not support loads imposed by workover rig
- Every 4 to 6 weeks, all of the relief wells required some kind of workover
- If the pressure built of too high in the underground sulfur mine, the formation could become damaged

## **Applications of Wet Welding: Vessel Impacts Material Barge Collides with Jacket Leg at Waterline**

- Wet welding provided the fastest, least costly repair options
- Hyperbaric welding (habitat) was not considered do to the high risk of H<sub>2</sub>S gas contaminating the habitat
- Required fabrication of repair member could be accomplished at site
- Wet Welding for repairing the damaged leg was avoided in the splash by installing a grouted leg clamp that was dry welded at the +10' and wet welded at the -15' elevation

## **Designing for Wet Welded Repairs**

### **Suggested Weld Allowable (in Shear)**

**P = Unit Stress in pounds per linear inch**

**F = Fillet Leg Size (inches)**

**G = Root Gap (inches)**

**E = Tensile Strength of Weld Metal, 70 ksi**

**.226E = Allowable Unit Stress**



## **Designing for Wet Welded Repairs**

### **Suggested Weld Allowable (in Shear)**

$$P=(0.707(F-G))0.226E$$

Example: 3/8 in. Fillet Weld, with a 1/16 in Root Gap

$$P=(0.707(.375 \text{ in.} - .0625 \text{ in.})) (.266)(70,000 \text{ lb.}/\text{in}^2)$$

$$P=((0.707)(.3125 \text{ in.}))(18,620 \text{ lb.}/\text{in}^2)$$

P=4,114 pounds force per linear inch of fillet weld

## **Joint Industry Underwater Development Program**

- **Strategic Alliance Developed between The Colorado School of Mines (The Center for Joining and Welding Research at CSM) and Global Divers & Contractors in 1992**
- **Phase 1 of the Joint Industry Underwater Welding Development Program initiated in 1993**



## **Joint Industry Underwater Development Program**

- **Phase 1 Accomplishments**
  - ♦ Developed Wet Welding Procedures Suitable for Welding Highly Crack Susceptible Material ( $CE_{IIW}=0.462$ , with  $C=0.20$  wt. Pct.) utilizing the Multiple Temper Bead Technique with no HAZ cracks and an improved electrode formulation that reduced porosity and improved toughness



## **Joint Industry Underwater Development Program**

### **• Phase 1 Accomplishments**

Through the use of MTB and the reduction of porosity, wet welds met and/or exceeded the AWS D3.6 “Class A” Requirements in:

Visual Examination

Radiography

Fillet Weld Shear Strength

All Weld Metal Tensile and Yield Strength

Vickers 10 kg Hardness, max 325 HV10

Charpy V-Notch Impact Energy



## **Joint Industry Underwater Development Program**

### **Phase 2 Test Matrix, Experimental Depth to 400 FSW (122MSW)**

**Task 1** Ferro-manganese additions were made to the Phase 1 formulation to evaluate the changes in the chemical composition, porosity, and microstructure with depth

**Task 2** Titanium and boron additions are made to the Fe-Mn optimized formulations from Task 1 to evaluate the changes in mechanical properties, chemical compositions, porosity, and microstructure

## **Joint Industry Underwater Development Program**

### **Phase 2 Test Matrix, Experimental Depth to 400 FSW (122MSW)**

**Task 3** For optimum columnar grain size control, experimental fluxes will be formulated with three levels of rare earth elements

**Task 4** Microstructure Evaluations of the Reheated Weld Metal, plus Correlation of chemical composition, tensile and impact properties



## **Underwater Welding, Pipeline Modifications and Repairs**

- **Hyperbaric Dry Welding on Pipelines**
- **Wet Welding on Pipelines**



## **Underwater Welding, Pipeline Modifications and Repairs**

- **Hyperbaric Dry Welding on Pipelines**
  - ♦ Hot Tapping into trunklines
  - ♦ Installing Emergency Shutdown Valves (ESV)
  - ♦ Removing Damaged Pipe Due to Corrosion or Impact
  - ♦ Tying in Pipelines to Risers or Existing Lines



## **Underwater Welding, Pipeline Modifications and Repairs**

- **Wet Welding on Pipelines**

United States Department of Transportation  
requires that all Pipeline Welding in OCS waters  
and in the Continental U.S. be in Accordance  
with API Standard 1104

The state-of-the-art Wet welds meet all the  
mechanical requirements except for the bend test  
and porosity requirements



## **Research Program: Underwater Wet Welding of Pipeline Steels**

- **Underwater Wet Welding of Pipeline Steels**

With the Edison Welding Institute under contract with the Pipeline Research Council  
Program Objectives:

- To investigate and develop underwater wet welding techniques suitable for pipeline tie-in and repair welds
- Significantly reduce the cost of pipeline tie-in and repair operations
- Reduced response time
- Reduced production shut-in time
- Minimized pollution risk



## **Research Program: Underwater Wet Welding of Pipeline Steels**

- **Program Tasks**
  - ◆ Task 1. Produce and Evaluate Sleeve Fillet Welds
  - ◆ Task 2. Pressure Test Sleeve Repair Assembly
  - ◆ Task 3. Produce and Evaluate Open-Root Butt Welds



## **Summary:**

### **Wet Welding has many applications:**

Corrosion

Vessel Impacts

Storm Loads

Installation Mishaps

Fatigue

Structural Modifications

### **Designing applications is Straightforward**

Scalloped Sleeves

Shear Pups

Doubler Plates

Minimize Overhead Welding

### **Continued Research**

Joint Industry Underwater Development Program

Strategic Alliance between CSM and Global Divers



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UNDERWATER WET WELDING  
SEMINAR

February 26, 1999  
Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico  
Rodger D. Holdsworth  
AWS D3b Subcommittee

# PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- To provide a overview of the American Welding Society (AWS) D3 Committee on Welding and Marine Construction and the D3b Sub Committee on Underwater Welding.
- To provide some insights on the history of underwater welding and Standards evolution.

# PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- To provide information on the the latest D3.6 Specification for U/W Welding scheduled for distribution May 1999 and ISO Standards related to U/W Welding.
- To provide the status of the 2003 edition of the AWS D3.6 Specification presently under development.

## AWS D3 Committee

- During the first World War, a committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of constructing welded ships vs riveted construction methods to increase production and improve ship structures.
- The committee advocated the use of unit prefabrication, and an experimental welded mid section assembly was ready for welding by the end of WWI.



## AWS D3 Committee (*continued*)

- Between the two World Wars there was not much welding research in the shipbuilding industry. However, some all-welded ships were being constructed prior to Pearl Harbor.
- During WWII new shipyards designed for all-welded construction of ships.
- The Liberty ship was one of the first mass-produced ships to utilize welded construction.

## AWS D3 Committee (*continued*)

- The beginning of intensive ship structure research was prompted by unexpected major failures.
- Factors which cause a normally ductile material to act in a brittle manner were not understood at that time.

## AWS D3 Committee (*continued*)

- Welded ships were then designed and built with more consideration given to material behavior under load and to provide for the smooth flow of stresses from one member to another.
- Competent overall supervision for welded construction was emphasized.

## AWS D3 Committee (*continued*)

- The AWS D3 Committee for Welding in Marine Construction in cooperation with the American Bureau of Shipping, Regulatory Agencies and other Organizations, has issued guides, specifications, codes on hull construction for over 50 years.

## **AWS D3b Sub-Committee**

- **The AWS Sub-Committee for U/W Welding was formed in 1971 by the AWS D3 Committee for Welding in Marine Construction in recognition of the need for guidance in U/W welding to specify and produce welds of a predictable performance level for U/W Welding applications.**
- **The first edition of the Specification for U/W Welding was published in 1979.**

## AWS D3b Sub-Committee

*(continued)*

- Over the years the AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W Welding gained International recognition as the guiding standard for both dry and wet U/W Welding.
- The Specification in these few short years gained broad acceptance, not only in Ship Husbandry, but other industries to include: Offshore Oil, Ports and Harbors, Nuclear Power, Mining and other applications.

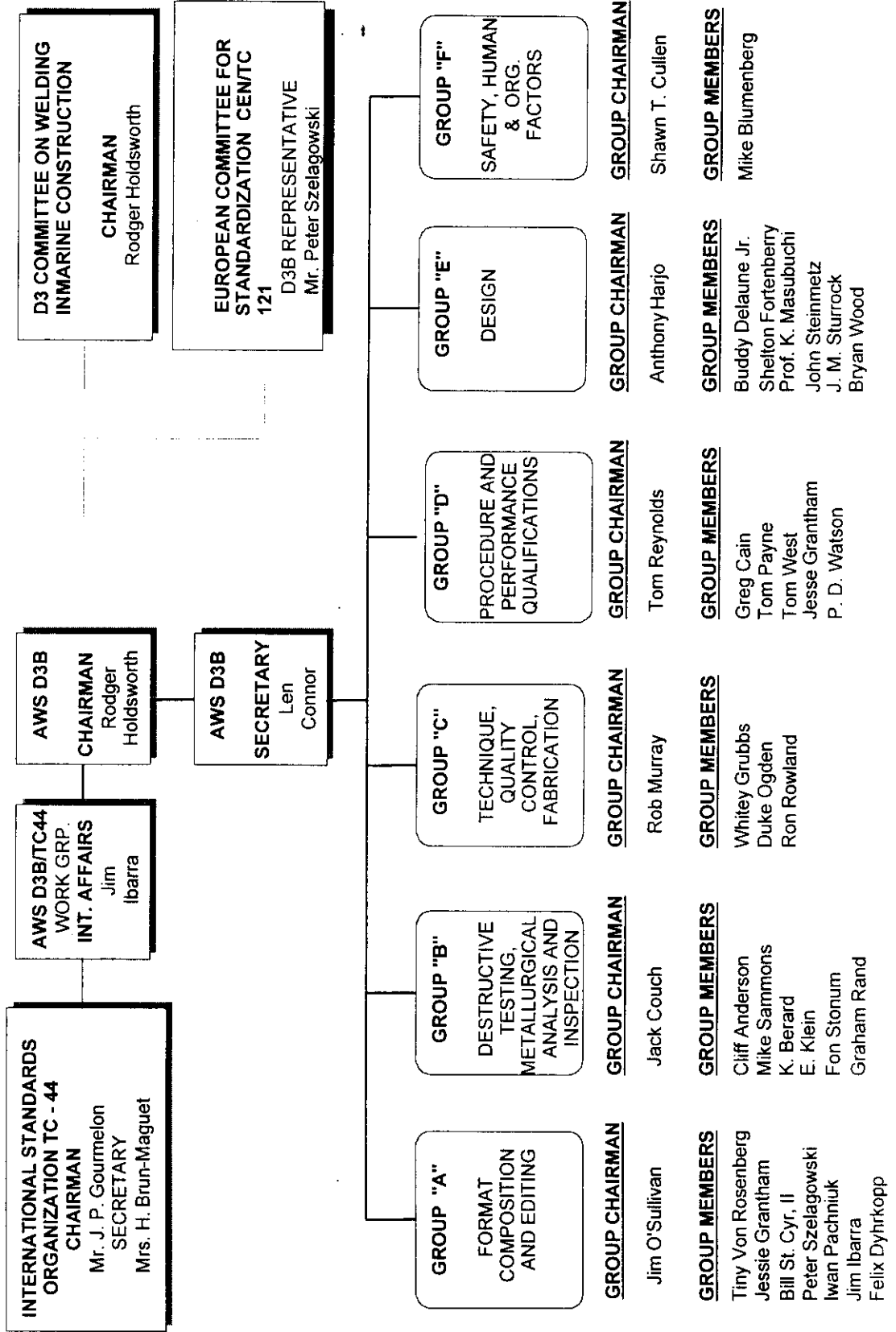
## AWS D3b Sub-Committee

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- The AWS D3b Sub-Committee is made up of a balanced group of members representing Operators (Owners, U.S. Navy, Oil / Gas, Nuclear), Contractors (Diving / Equipment / Suppliers), Inspection / Testing (Laboratories, Inspection, 3rd Party), Government (Regulatory Agencies), and Institutions (Universities, Education/ Training).

# AWS D3b Sub-Committee

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY D3B SUBCOMMITTEE ON UNDERWATER WELDING





# AWS D3b Sub-Committee

*(continued)*

- The science, technology and applications of U/W Welding have come a long way since the World Wars.
- The demand for more comprehensive standards covering all forms of U/W Welding has grown significantly since the publication of the first Specification in 1979.

# AWS D3b Sub-Committee

*(continued)*

- The Sub-Committee has worked hard to meet industry demands with each new publication of the Specification published in 1983, 1987 and 1993 respectively. The latest edition, currently in publication, will be made available in May of this year.

# AWS D3b Sub-Committee

*(continued)*

- The Subcommittee has also worked hard to align the Specification with other underwater welding standards produced by organizations such as: ASME, U.S. Navy, International Institute of Welding, American Bureau of Shipping, Det Norske Veritas, Bureau Veritas and CEN.

## AWS D3b Sub-Committee

*(continued)*

- Presently the Sub-Committee is actively working with the International Standards Organization (ISO) to ensure that requirements are consistent and uniform worldwide and that metric units of measure are readily available.

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W Welding

- The Specification for U/W Welding includes:
  - General Provisions
  - Design
  - Workmanship
  - Technique
  - Qualification
  - Inspection, Testing and Quality

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### Welding (*continued*)

- The 1999 edition of the Specification will offer the user a wealth of information, technical updates, forms and an easier to use format to include:
  - A commentary on all sections of the documents describing the basis for technical data, how some provisions evolved and useful guidelines.
  - Procedure and Welder Qualification example forms correlated to applicable sections of the Specification for ready access are also available.

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### *Welding (continued)*

- The 2003 edition presently under development will offer still another leap forward in meeting industry needs going into the next Century.
- A non-mandatory appendix will be added on Human and Organizational Factors, as applied to U/W Welding operations, designed to aid in reducing inherent risks and improving safety.

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### *Welding (continued)*

- Inspection and testing methods will be expanded to include new and special application testing, and inspection techniques.
- Processes will be expanded to include automatic and friction welding processes.



## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### *Welding (continued)*

- More provisions will be added to facilitate aligning criteria and technical requirements to International and other Standards such as ASME.
- The design section will be expanded to meet ANSI/AWS requirements to elevate the current Specification to a Code Standard.

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### Welding (*continued*)

- A Specification is a standard that clearly and accurately describes the essential technical requirements for a material, product, system, or service. It indicates the procedures, methods, qualifications, or equipment by which it can be determined that the requirements have been met. A specification is intended to be mandatory when referenced by other mandatory documents.

## AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W

### *Welding (continued)*

- A Code is a standard consisting of a set of conditions and requirements relating to a particular subject, and indicating appropriate procedures by which it can be determined that the requirements have been met. It is a standard that is suitable for adoption by a governmental authority as a part of a law or regulation, or as specified by other mandatory documents.

# ISSUES

- Welder / Diver pre-screening qualification requirements
- Marine Welding Inspector qualifications
- U/W Welding Supervisor Qualifications
- International Standards Alignment

## ISSUES

- Much of the Sub-Committee success to date is due in great part to industry input received through various committee presentations, domestic and international workshops, roundtables, publications and direct phone, mail or E-mail communication.

## ISSUES

- The D3b Sub-Committee welcomes any input, concerns, questions, recommendations from a variety of Industries, Government Agencies, Owners, Contractors, Institutes, etc.

# APPROACHES FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Review and evaluate the Specification and compare to industry needs.
- Redesign, update, add and delete items as needed
- Stay abreast of regulatory and international requirements and as they evolve and establish criteria
- Measure performance and audit for accuracy and completeness

# SUMMARY

- Owner and Regulatory requirements for U/W Welding is a moving target
- Knowledge of U/W Welding Standard expectations is critical for compliance to specified requirements.
- Achieving compliance is a challenge.
- Considerable information is available to assist in compliance through the ANSI / AWS D3.6 Specification for U/W Welding.
- Aligning criteria with the International Standards can prove valuable to avoid common pitfalls when working in different parts of the world.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have a question or wish to provide input to the D3 or D3b Committees you may contact the American Welding Society at:

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  - E-Mail: [info@aws.org](mailto:info@aws.org)
  - Website: <http://www.aws.org>
- Attn: Mr. Len Connor - Secretary D3 & D3b Committees
- Rodger Holdsworth - Chairman
- Tele: 504-263-8700    Fax: 504-263-8701

# Underwater Wet Welding

## Regulatory Concerns

Tommy Laurendine, P.E.

# Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

## Title 30

### Subpart I - Platforms and Structures

Underwater wet welding is not included.

# ANSI / AWS D3.6-93

MMS requires all underwater welding  
(wet or dry)  
comply with the D3.6-93 specification.

# Regulatory Concerns

- ◆ EXISTING STEEL
- ◆ QUALIFIED WELDERS
- ◆ QUALIFIED PROCEDURES
- ◆ TEST SPECIMENS
- ◆ DUCTILITY
- ◆ FATIGUE
- ◆ FRACTURE

# Existing Steel

What is the carbon equivalent (CE)?

Take sample send to lab.

**If the steel is suitable for wet welding the MMS encourages the use of wet welding.**

# Qualified Wet Welders Qualified Procedures

Personnel and procedures should meet or  
exceed the requirements of

ANSI /AWS D3.6-93

“Specification for Underwater Welding”



# Regulatory Concerns?

Are the same as any other engineered product. Show me with math and science that the solution is going to work.

# Test Specimens

Underwater welding (wet or dry)  
requires fabrication of test  
specimens.

# Ductility / Fatigue / Fracture

Wet welding has had a reputation of having problems with cracking due to brittleness.

# Use the proper welding procedure.

**Class A -** Comparable to above-water welding

**Class B -** For less critical applications

**Class C -** Where load bearing is not a primary consideration

**Class O -** To meet the requirements of another designated code or specification

**PEMEX - IMP**  
**UNDERWATER WET WELDING SEMINAR**  
**26 FEBRUARY 1999**



**CERTIFICATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**



# **CERTIFICATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- **REVIEW OF EXISTING CERTIFICATION SCHEMES**
- **DISCUSSION OF QC/QA ASPECTS**
- **SUMMARY**

# **CERTIFICATION SCHEMES**

- **ABS**
  - ◆ **GUIDE FOR UNDERWATER WELDING**
- **AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY**
  - ◆ **ANIS/AWS D3.6, SPECIFICATION FOR UNDERWATER WELDING**
- **BUREAU VERITAS**
  - ◆ **UNDERWATER WELDING, GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

# **CERTIFICATION SCHEMES**

- **DET NORSKKE VERITAS**
  - ◆ **RP B604, UNDERWATER WELDING**
- **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
  - ◆ **MIL-STD-1692, UNDERWATER WELDING REQUIREMENTS FOR NAVAL FACILITIES**
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**
  - ◆ **TECH MANUAL: S9086-CH-STM-010, CHAPTER 074, WELDING AND ALLIED PROCESSES**



# **CERTIFICATION SCHEME BASIS**

## **● INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WELDING**

- ◆ IIW DOC SCUW 124, STANDARD GUIDELINES  
FOR SPECIFICATION FOR UNDERWATER  
FUSION WELDING**

# **CERTIFICATION SCHEME BASIC ELEMENTS - IIW**

- **APPROVAL OF WELDING  
PROCEDURE**
  - ◆ **ESSENTIAL VARIABLES**
  - ◆ **QUALIFICATION TESTING**
- **APPROVAL OF JOB PARAMETERS**
- **QUALIFICATION OF WELDERS**
  - ◆ **TRAINING**
  - ◆ **TESTING**

# **EXPANDED ELEMENTS**

- **QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- **CONTROL OF WELDING PROCEDURES**
- **CONTROL OF WELDERS**
- **UNDERSTANDING THE JOB**
- **INSPECTION OF THE WORK**

# SCHEME COMPARISON - QA

<u>DOC</u>	<u>SYSTEM</u>
ABS	X
AWS	O
BV	O
DNV	O
DOD	X
NAVY	O

# SCHEME COMPARISON - WELDING

<u>DOC</u>	<u>WPS</u>	<u>WELD</u>	<u>TRAIN</u>
ABS	X	X	X
AWS	X	X	X
BV	X	X	O
DNV	X	X	O
DOD	X	X	X
NAVY	X	X	O

# SCHEME COMPARISON - JOB

<u>DOC</u>	<u>GUIDE</u>	<u>LIMITS</u>	<u>CONF</u>
ABS	X	X	X
AWS	O	O	X
BV	X	O	X
DNV	O	X	X
DOD	X	O	O
NAVY	X	X	X

# **SCHEME COMPARISON - NDT**

<u>DOC</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>NDT</u>	<u>TRAIN</u>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>AWS</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>BV</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>DNV</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>DOD</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>NAVY</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

# **CERTIFICATION ELEMENTS**

- **QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- **CONTROL OF WELDING PROCEDURES**
- **CONTROL OF WELDERS**
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# **QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

- **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**
- **CORPORATE QUALITY POLICIES**
- **INTERNAL AUDITING PRACTICES**
- **NCR & CORRECTIVE ACTION PRACTICES**
- **PURCHASING PRACTICES**
- **RECORD RETENTION**

# **QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

- **SPECIAL PROCESS CONTROL**
- **CALIBRATION PRACTICES**
- **INSPECTION PRACTICES**
- **TESTING PRACTICES**
- **PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS**
- **SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES**
- **DESIGN PRACTICES**

# **WELDING PROCEDURES**

- **CLASS OF WELD**
- **WELDING PROCESS**
- **JOINT DESIGN**
- **BASE METAL & CE**
- **FILLER METAL**
- **POSITION OF WELDING**

# **WELDING PROCEDURES**

- **HEAT TREATMENT**
- **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
- **TECHNIQUE & SEQUENCE**
- **ENVIRONMENT**
- **INTERMEDIATE INSPECTIONS**
- **FINAL INSPECTIONS**

# **CONTROL OF WELDERS**

- **TRAINING**
  - ◆ **FORMALIZED AND DOCUMENTED**
- **EXPERIENCE**
  - ◆ **WORK RECORDS**
- **WELDER QUALIFICATION**

# **WELDER QUALIFICATION**

- **WELDING PROCESS**
- **ELECTRODE CLASSIFICATION**
- **STEEL HEAT TREATMENT**
- **SHIELDING GAS**
- **WELDING POSITION**
- **PIPE DIAMETER, WALL THICKNESS**
- **DIRECTION OF VERTICAL TRAVEL**

# **WELDER QUALIFICATION**

- **OMISSION OF BACKING**
- **DEPTH**
- **DIVER FACTORS**
  - ◆ **DIVING SUIT**
  - ◆ **DEPTH**
  - ◆ **VISIBILITY**
  - ◆ **THERMAL ENVIRONMENT**
  - ◆ **DIVER SUPPORT**

# **UNDERSTANDING THE JOB**

- **TYPE OF REPAIR**
  - ◆ **ACCESS, TIMING, JOINT FITUP**
  - ◆ **REDESIGN**
- **LIMITS ON CLASS/PROCESS**
- **BASE METAL IDENTIFICATION**
- **CONFIRMATION TESTS**
- **FEEDBACK**



# **INSPECTION OF THE WORK**

- **SELECTION OF NDT METHOD**

  - ◆ **SURFACE, INTERNAL**

- **APPROVED PROCEDURES**

- **QUALIFIED INSPECTORS**

- **EXTENT OF INSPECTION**


  - ◆ **TIMING OF INSPECTION**

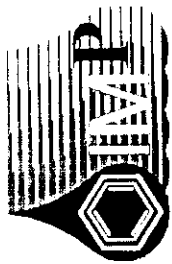
- **DESIGN RELATED CRITERIA**

  - ◆ **CODES, ANALYSIS**

# **SUMMARY**

- **EXISTING CERTIFICATION SCHEMES**
- **QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**
- **PERSONNEL**
- **UNDERSTANDING THE JOB**

 **PEMEX**  
EXPLORACION Y PRODUCCION



## **PARTICIPACION DEL IMP**

El Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo en apoyo a Petróleos Mexicanos, desde 1982 viene participando activamente en las actividades de inspección y mantenimiento de plataformas de la siguiente forma:

- Emite manuales de inspección
- Realiza la evaluación y retroalimentación de los reportes de inspección
- Realiza la evaluación estructural de plataformas dañadas
- Emite recomendaciones de reparación y reforzamiento

## **PARTICIPACION DEL IMP**

Actualmente el IMP desarrolla para PEP RMNE los proyectos siguientes:

- Actualización de la filosofía de inspección
- Proyectos de desarrollo tecnológico
  - **Detección, evaluación y reparación de grietas por fatiga en nodos de subestructuras y superestructuras de plataformas marinas.**
  - **Técnicas de aplicación de soldadura submarina en instalaciones marinas**

El Seminario de Soldadura Húmeda ha sido considerado como parte de este último proyecto

## **PARTICIPACION DEL IMP**

Para ofrecer los servicios antes mencionados PEMEX y el IMP han participado en proyecto de copatrocinio con universidades y compañías extranjeras, entre las que destaca:

### **Universidad de Londres (1987 - 1999)**

- FATIGA (1987-1994)
- RISC (1991 - 1997)
- ACFM (1994)
- LEADIR (1995 -1999)
- EDICS (1995 -1999)

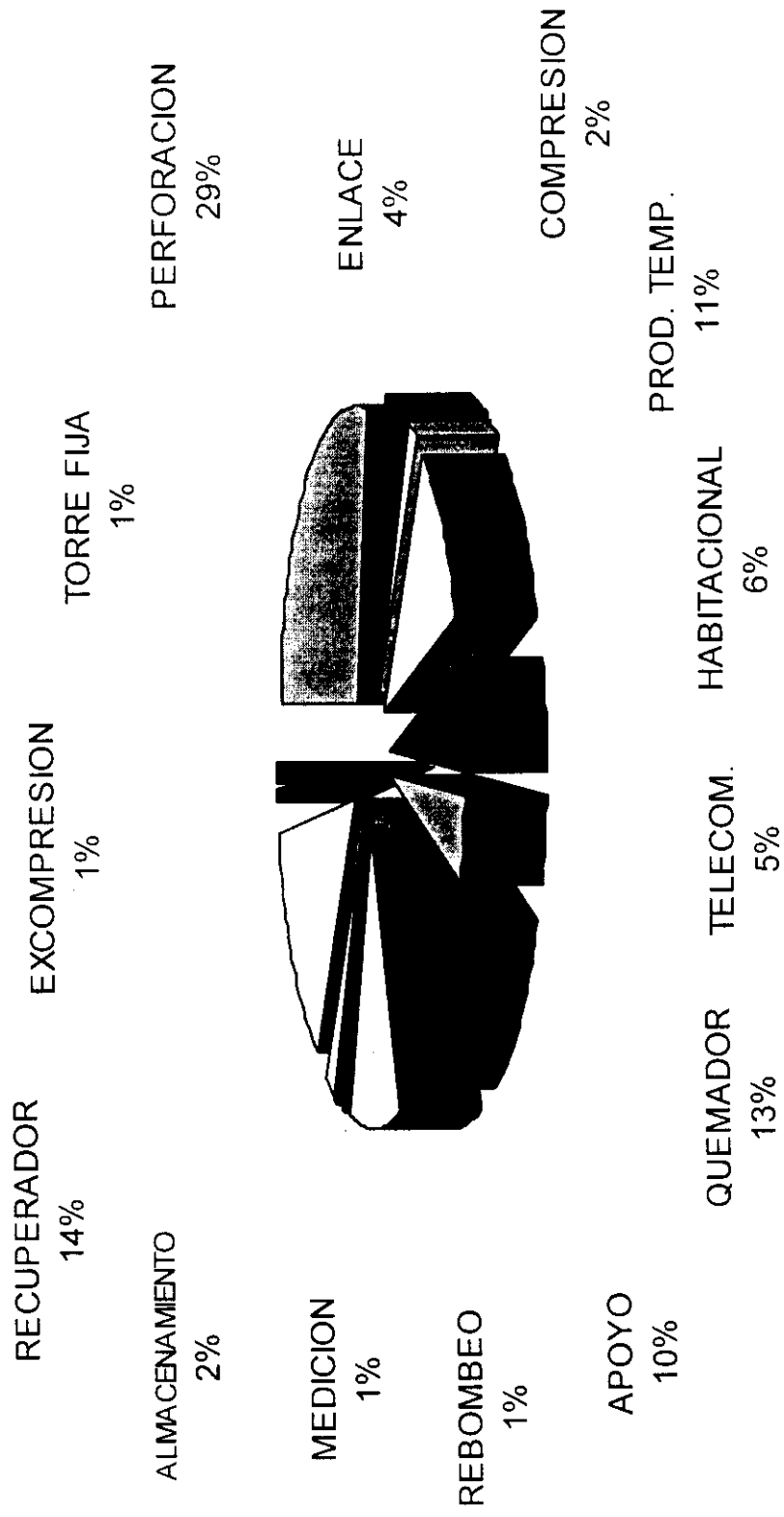
# PLATAFORMAS DE PEMEX RMNE

100 Plataformas para los servicios:

- Perforación
- Enlace
- Compresión
- Producción
- Habitacional
- Rebombear
- Medición
- Telecom
- Apoyo
- Recuperadores

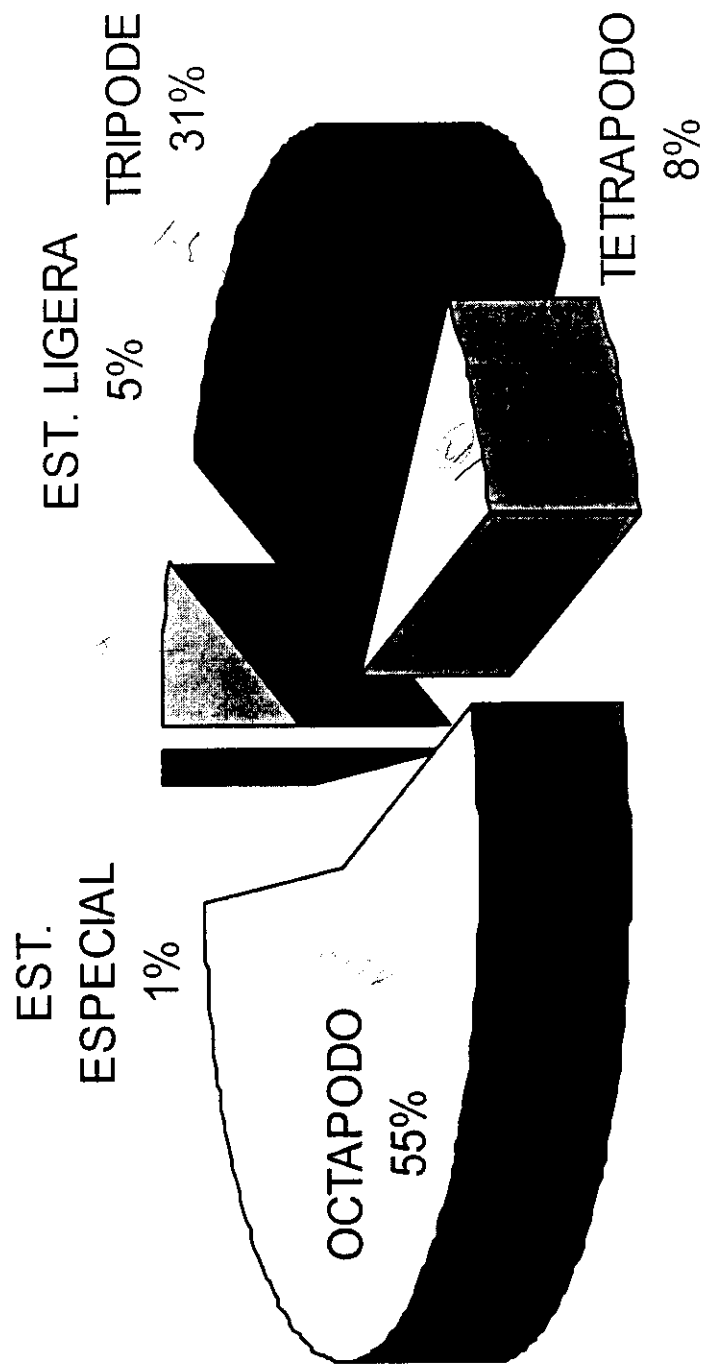


# SERVICIOS DE LAS PLATAFORMAS

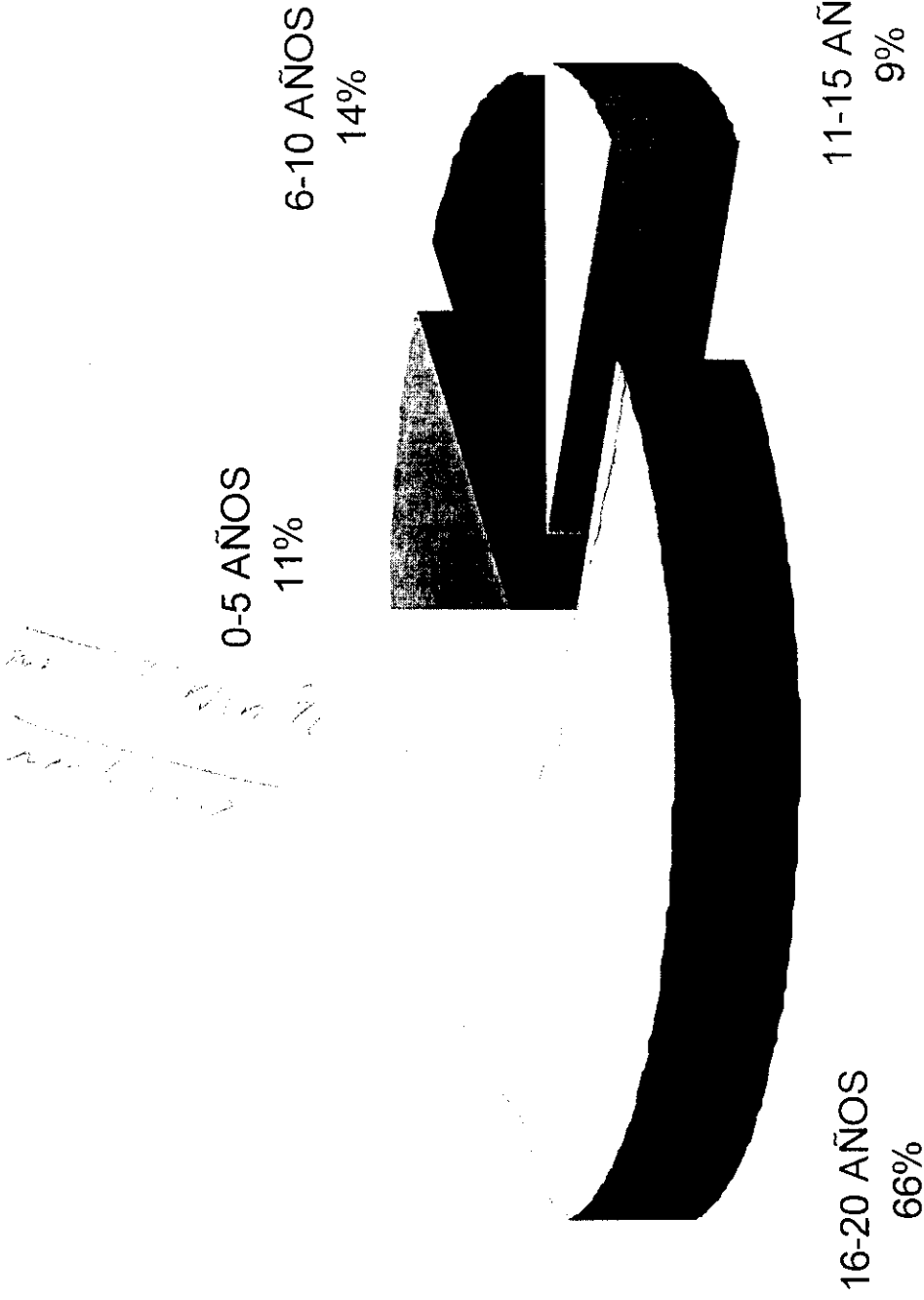




# TIPO DE PLATAFORMAS



# EDAD DE LAS PLATAFORMAS



## **RIESGOS DE LAS PLATAFORMAS**

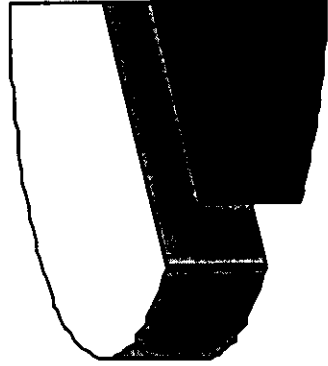
Por el medio en están instaladas, por el servicio que prestan y por las operaciones marinas las plataformas son susceptibles de los daños siguientes:

- **Grietas**
- **Fracturas**
- **Desprendimientos**
- **Corrosión**
- **Abolladuras**
- **Pandeos**
- **Tallones**
- **Cortes**
- **Orificios**

# CATEGORIAS DE EXPOSICION

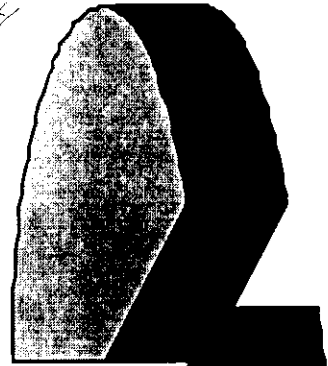
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MUY ALTA

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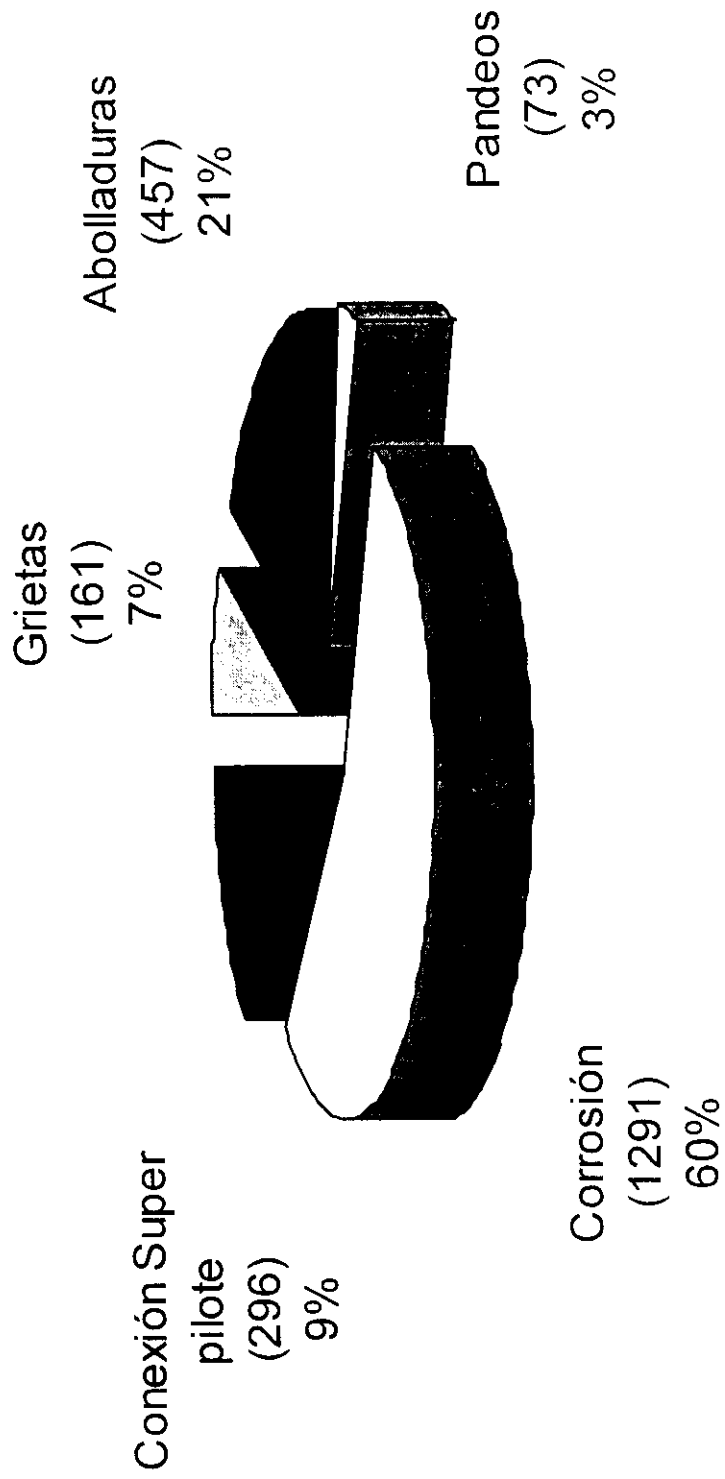
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## **RIESGOS DE LAS PLATAFORMAS**

Los daños puede ser causados por:

- **Impactos de embarcaciones**
- **Caída de objetos**
- **Equipo de corte**
- **Fatiga**
- **Corrosión**
- **Sobrecargas de oleaje**
- **Crecimiento marino**

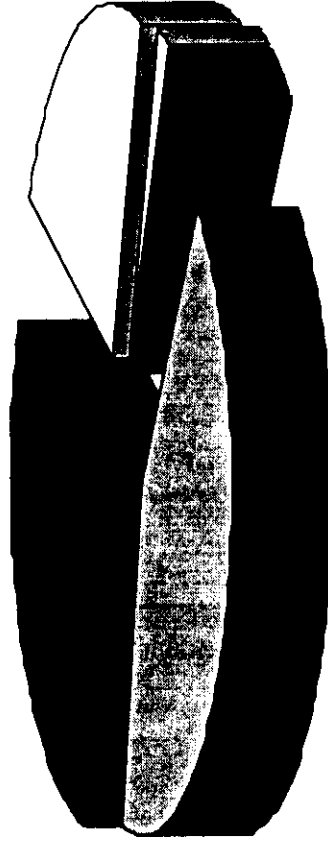
# DAÑOS GENERALES EN LAS PLATAFORMAS



# DAÑOS MECÁNICOS

Daños calientes  
(310)  
28.86%

Tallones  
(247)  
23.00%



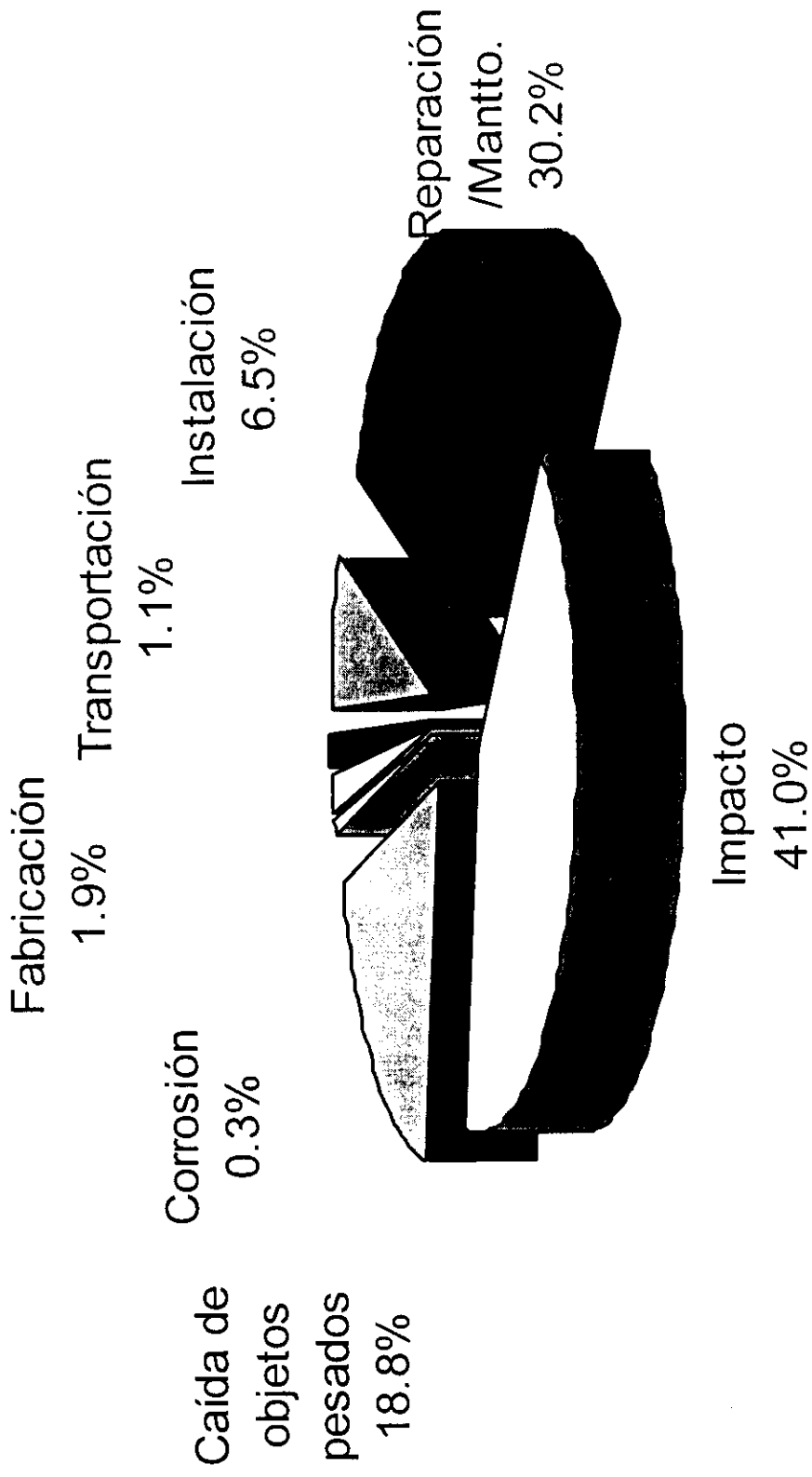
Abolladura y  
pandeo (20)  
1.86%

Abolladuras  
(457)  
43%

Perforaciones  
(4)  
0.37%

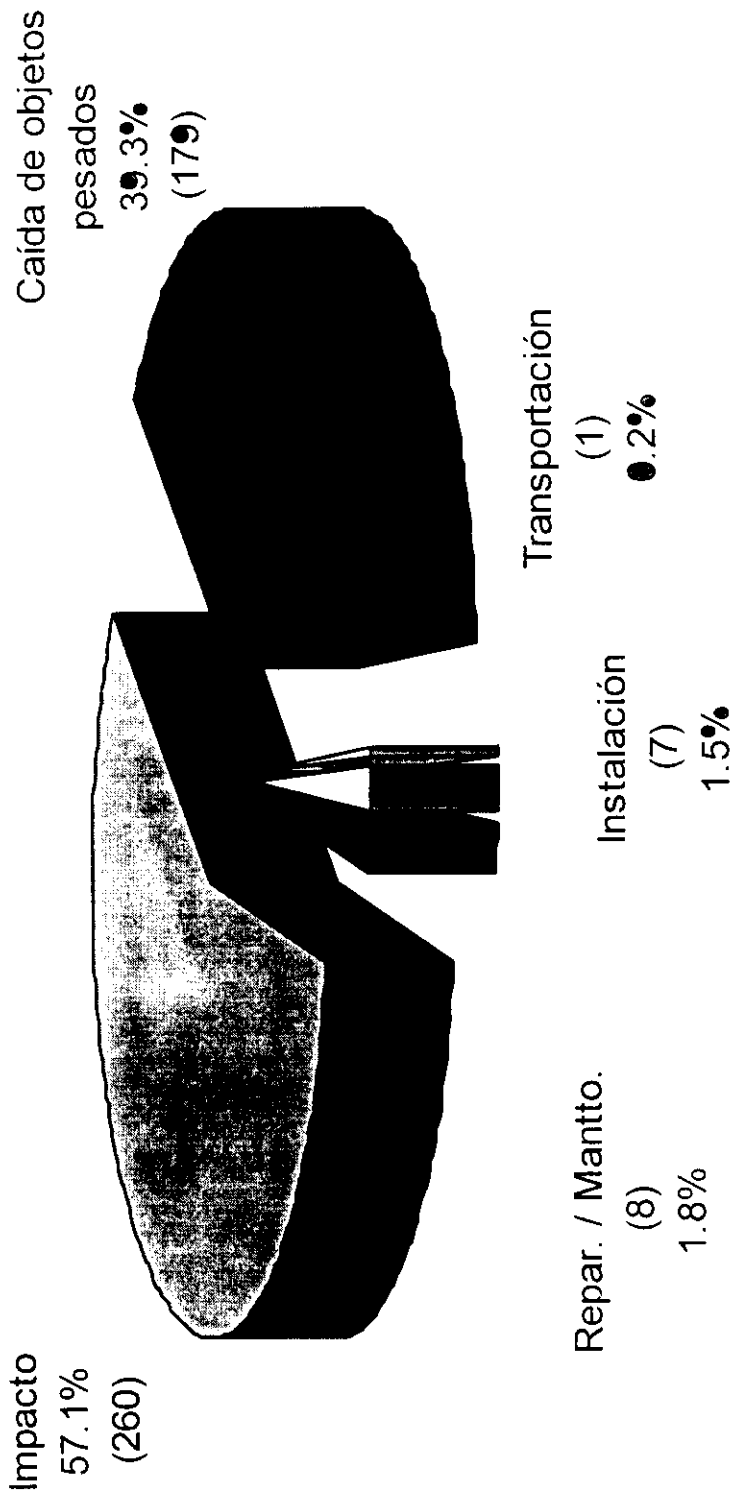
Combinado  
(36)  
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# CAUSAS DE LOS DAÑOS MECÁNICOS





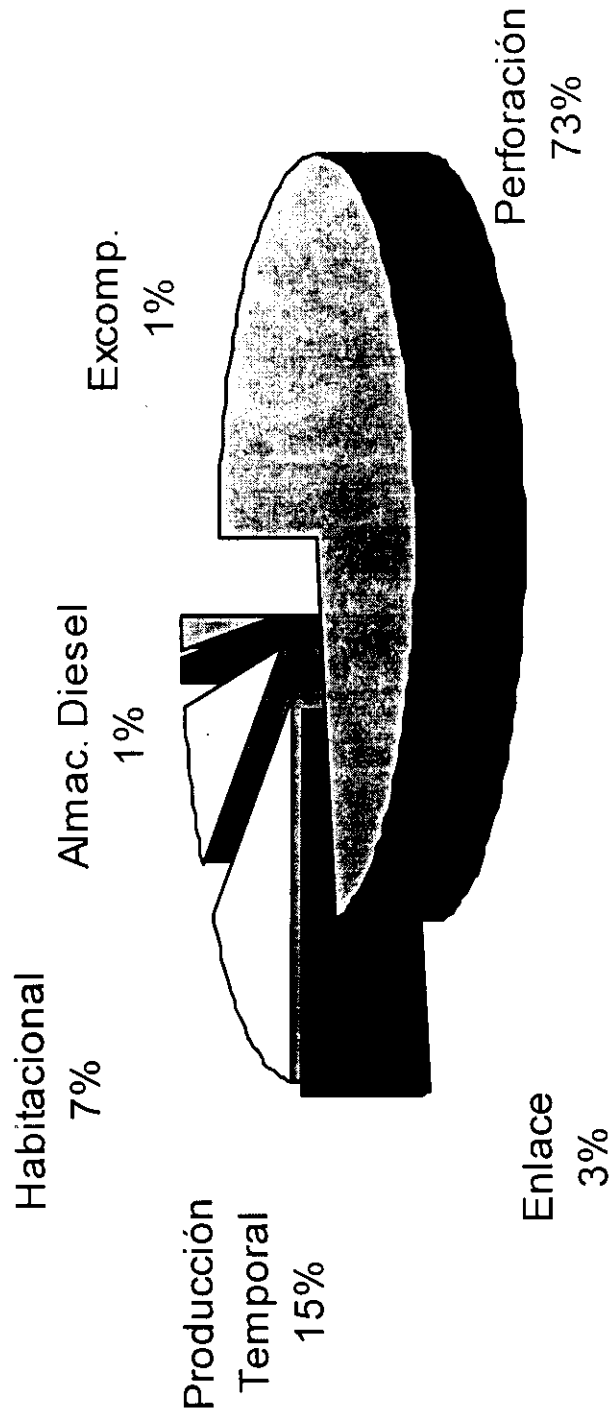
# CAUSAS DE LAS ABOLLADURAS



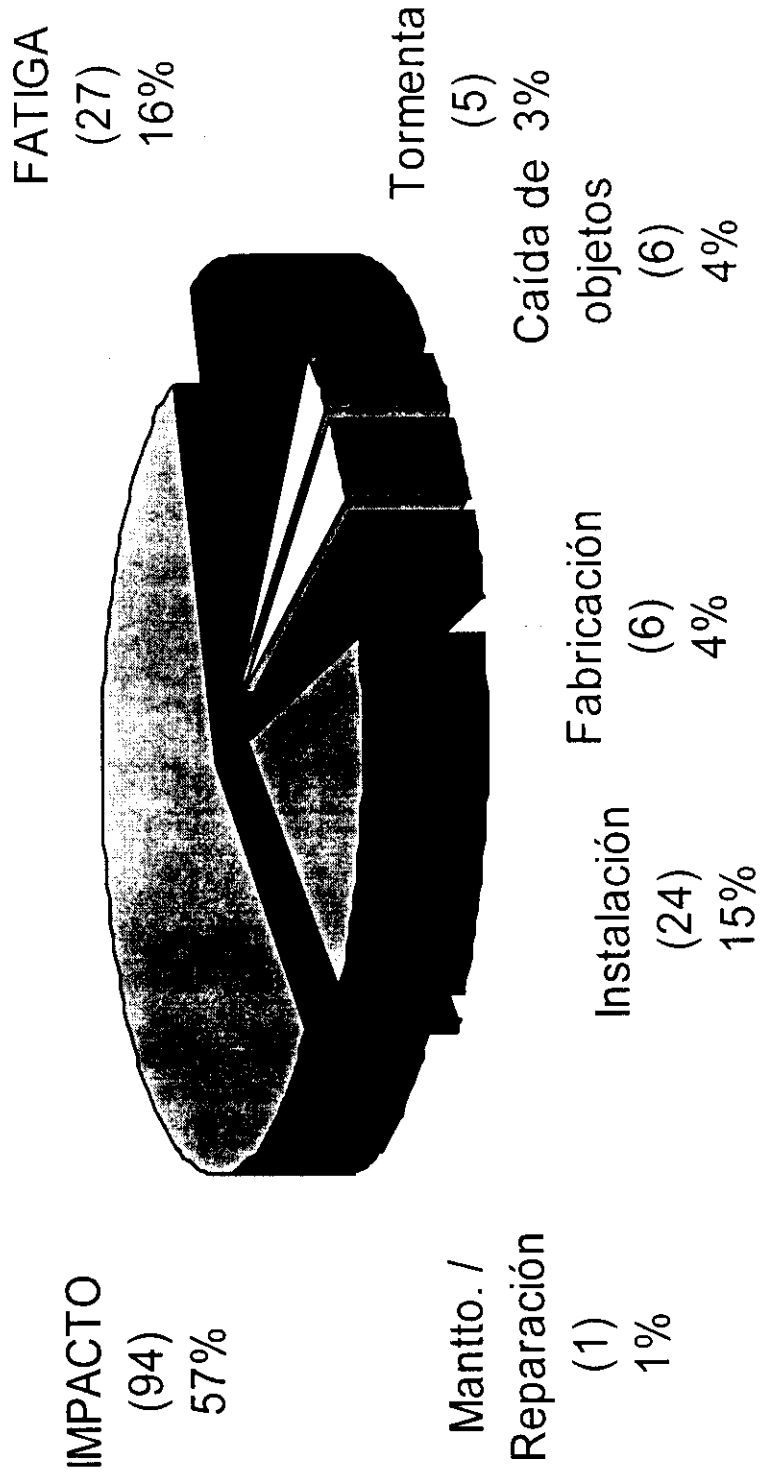
# ABOLLADURA POR IMPACTO DE EMBARCACION



# GRIETAS POR TIPO DE SERVICIO



# CAUSAS DE LA GRIETAS



# DAÑOS POR IMPACTO DE EMBARCACIONES



## DAÑOS POR FATIGA



# DAÑOS POR SOBRECARGAS

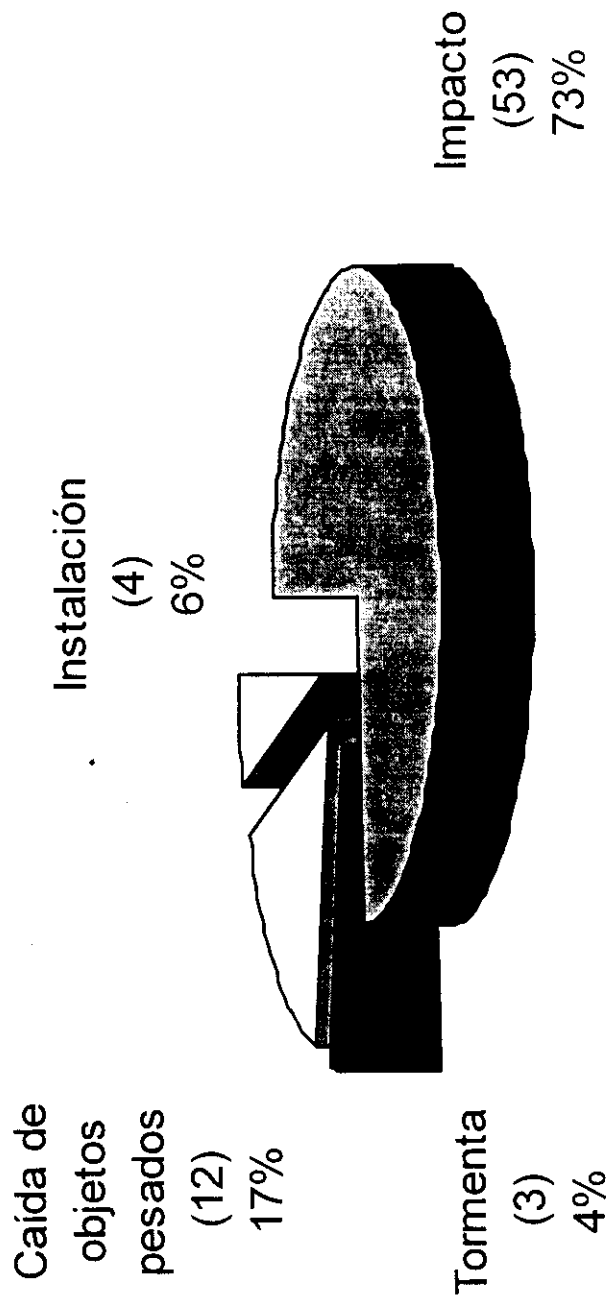


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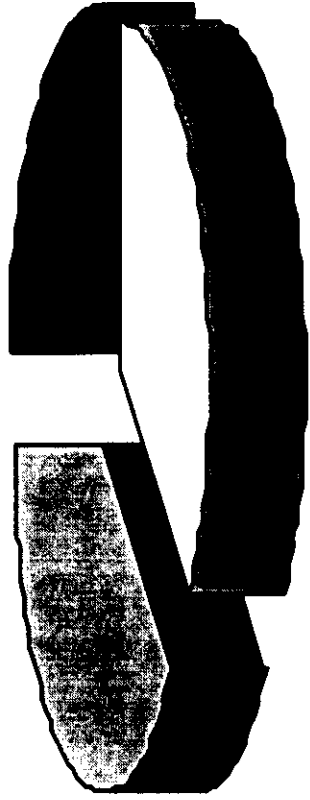


# CAUSAS DE LOS PANDEOS



# TIPOS DE ELEMENTOS CON PANDEOS

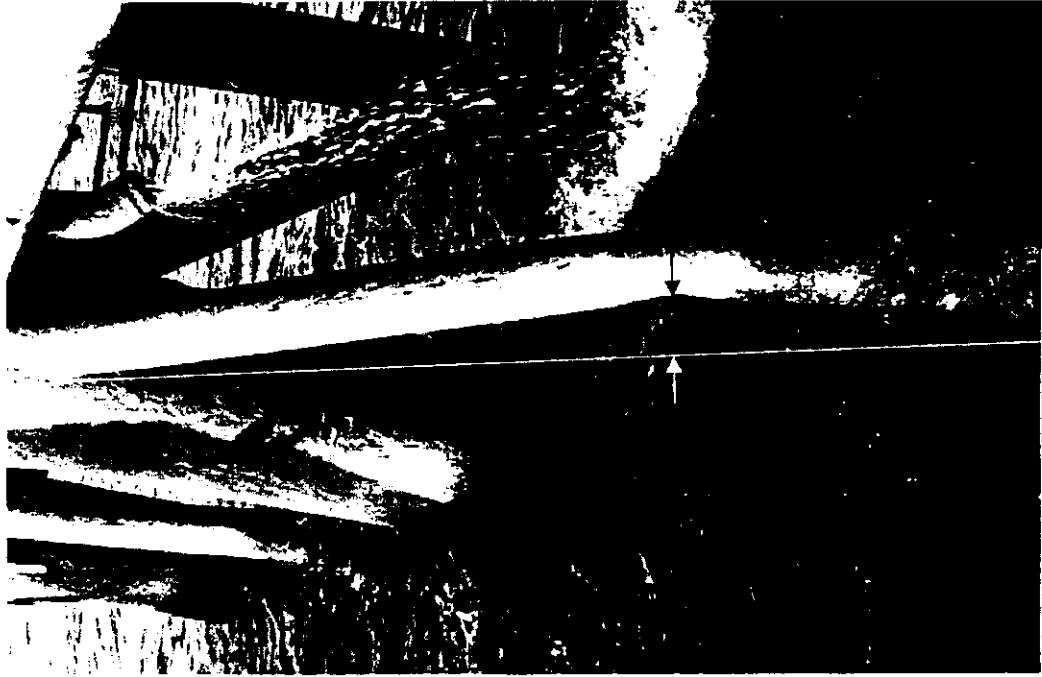
Diagonal  
Vertical  
(principal)  
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Elem.  
Secundario  
(plantas)  
25%

Terciario  
36%

# PANDEO POR IMPACTO DE EMBARCACION



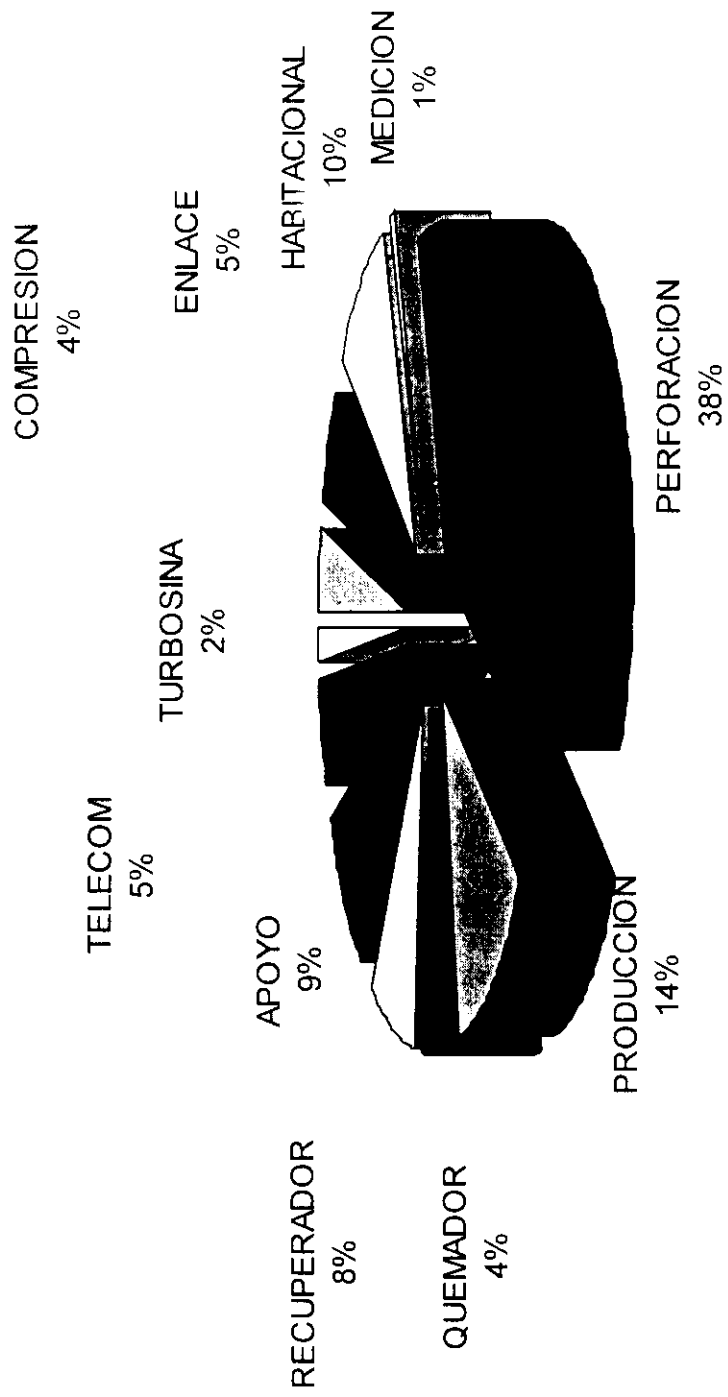
## **INSPECCION DE PLATAFORMAS**

Para detectar los daños se realizan inspecciones periódicas bajo el agua a elementos estructurales y accesorios

- **Visual general**
- **Visual detallada**
- **Pruebas no destructivas**
  - Partículas magnéticas
  - Ultrasonido
  - ACFM

Por medio de buzos y ROV para trípodes de quemador

# MAS DE 500 INSPECCIONES REALIZADAS





# DAÑOS POR SOBRECARGAS



## ¿COMO CORREGIR LOS DAÑOS?



- Abrazaderas mecánicas
- Abrazaderas Cementadas
- Remoción
- Soldadura hiperbárica
- Remoción de grietas
- Soldadura húmeda

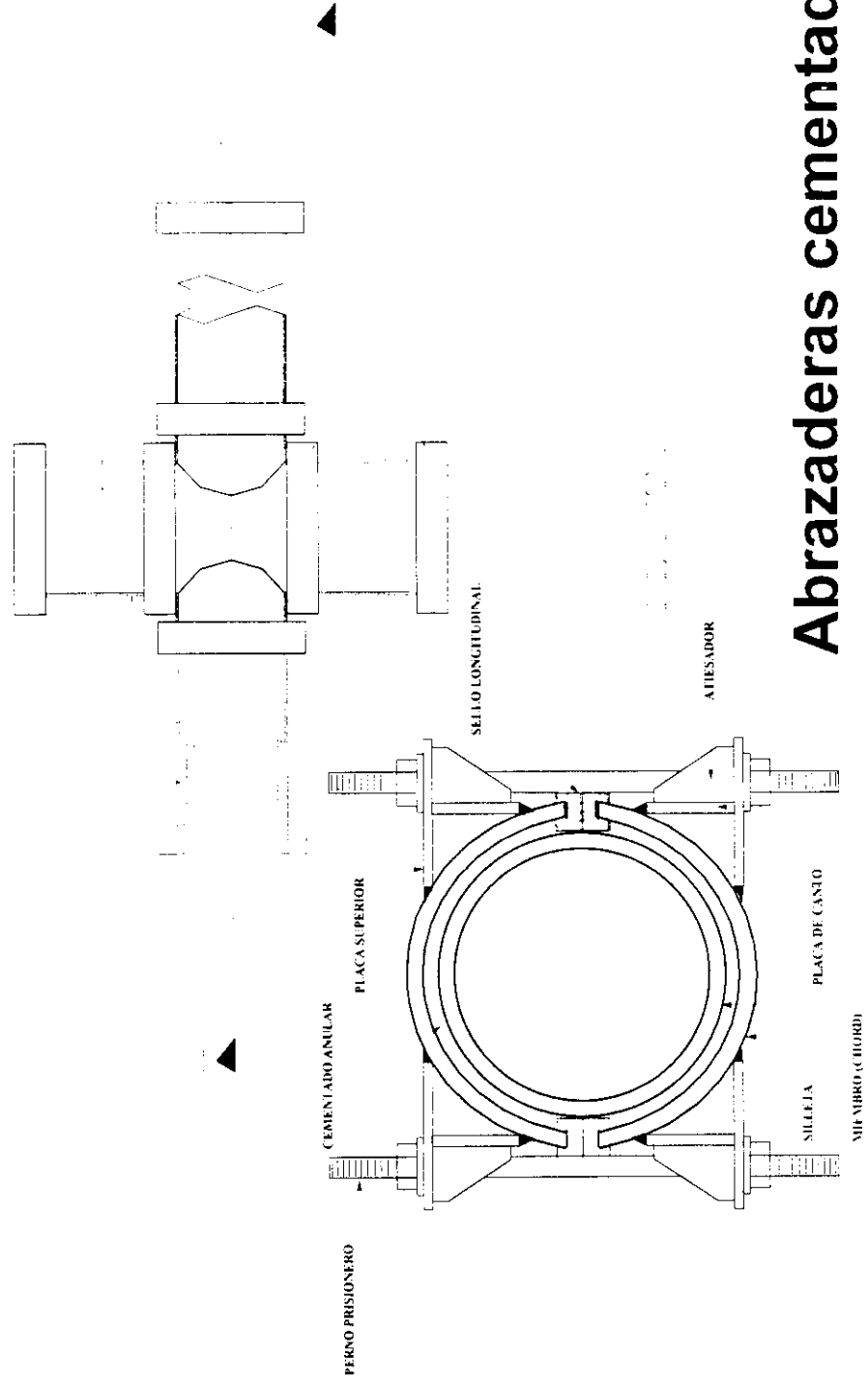


## **CORRECCION DE DAÑOS**

### **Abrazaderas**

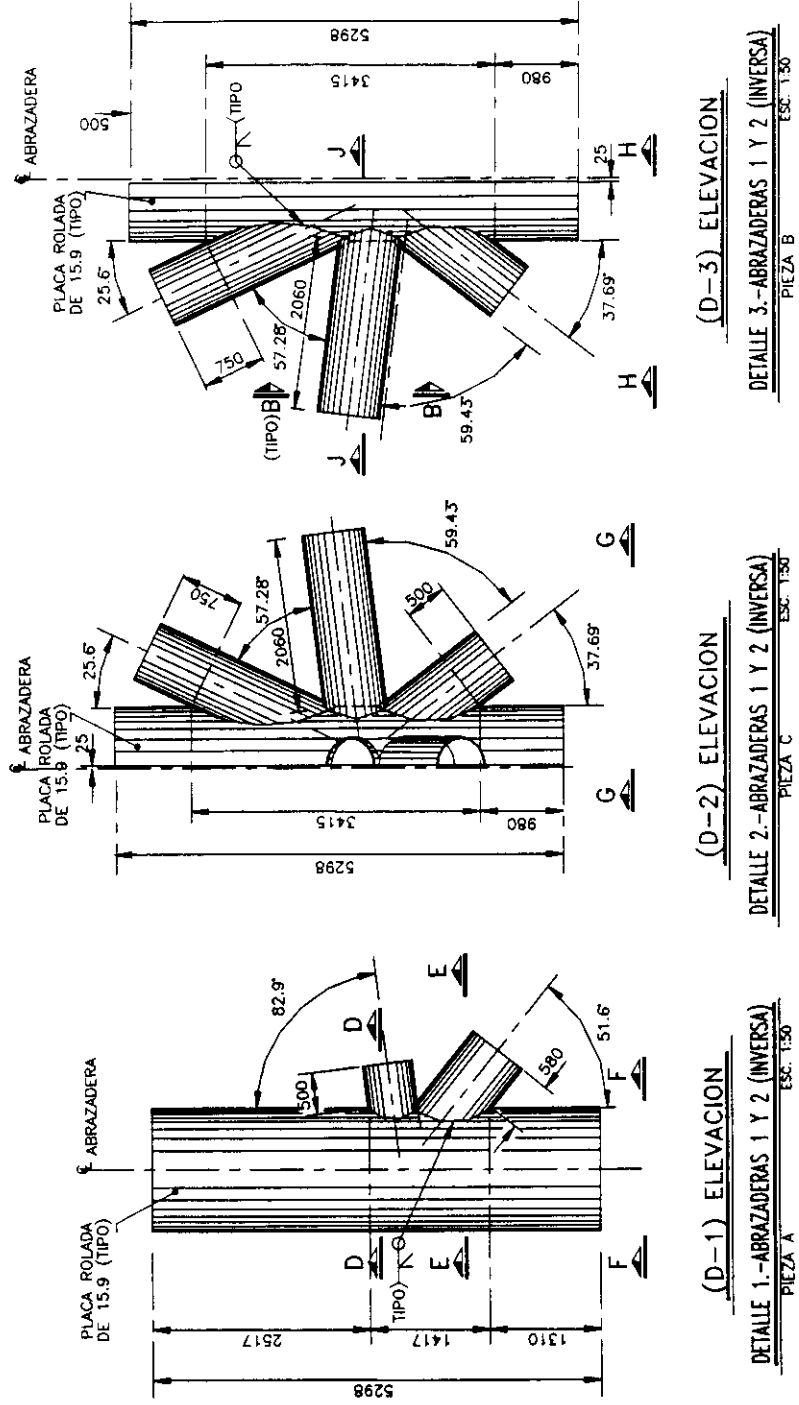
- Desventajas
  - No son funcionales en juntas complejas
  - Pueden resultar muy pesadas
  - Presentan problemas de ajuste
  - Requieren control de temperatura para evitar deformaciones
- Ventajas
  - Son funcionales en juntas simples (T e Y)
  - Son económicas en juntas simples
  - Fácil instalación en juntas simples

# CORRECCION DE DAÑOS



# Abrazaderas cementadas

# CORRECCION DE DAÑOS



# Abrazaderas cementadas

## **CORRECCION DE DAÑOS**

### **Remoción de elementos**

Cuando los elementos estructurales son secundarios y tienen daños se han removido

Ejemplo, el arreglo estructural para guías de conductores de la primera planta bajo el nivel medio del mar en plataformas de perforación

## **CORRECCION DE DAÑOS**

### **Soldadura hiperbarica**

- Es costosa
- Es difícil su aplicación en juntas tubulares
- El habitat puede causar otros daños

## **CORRECCION DE DAÑOS**

### **Remoción de grietas por esmerilado**

Se aplica a grietas causadas por fatiga con profundidades menores al 50% del espesor del elemento

- Requiere de personal de buceo capacitado
- Una reparación inadecuada puede acelerar el crecimiento de la grieta
- No se ha empleado esta técnica en PEMEX

## **CORRECCION DE DAÑOS**

### **Soldadura húmeda**

La soldadura húmeda se ha aplicado en:

La fijación de ánodos

- La reparación de grietas

Problemas:

- No se logra la continuidad estructural fácilmente
- Personal altamente calificado
- Porosidad
- Agrietamiento
- Etc.



## **CONCLUSIONES**

- **Existen varios daños en elementos estructurales y accesorios que deben repararse**
- **La soldadura húmeda es una alternativa viable para varios casos**
- **La soldadura húmeda ha sido aplicada con éxito en el Golfo de México y en el Mar del Norte**
- **Para una aplicación exitosa de la soldadura húmeda en la Sonda de Campeche hay que seguir las recomendaciones de los expertos aquí presentadas**