

DA VINCH -- ASME Code
Rules for CWD Vessels
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DA VINCH Vessel Design Features

- Two close-fitting vessels to provide containment
- Inner vessel removable, high-strength, low alloy steel
- Outer vessel fixed, laminated carbon steel cylindrical wall welded to carbon steel top and bottom ellipsoidal heads
- Complete circumferential gap in inner vessel provides a measure of overpressure protection for the inner vessel, and obviates the need for an expansion chamber
- Combined vessel system has vacuum capability, enabling the detonation pressures in the inner vessel to be substantially reduced

External View of DAVINCH Vessel



Vessel with Top Heads Removed



DA VINCH Inner Vessel

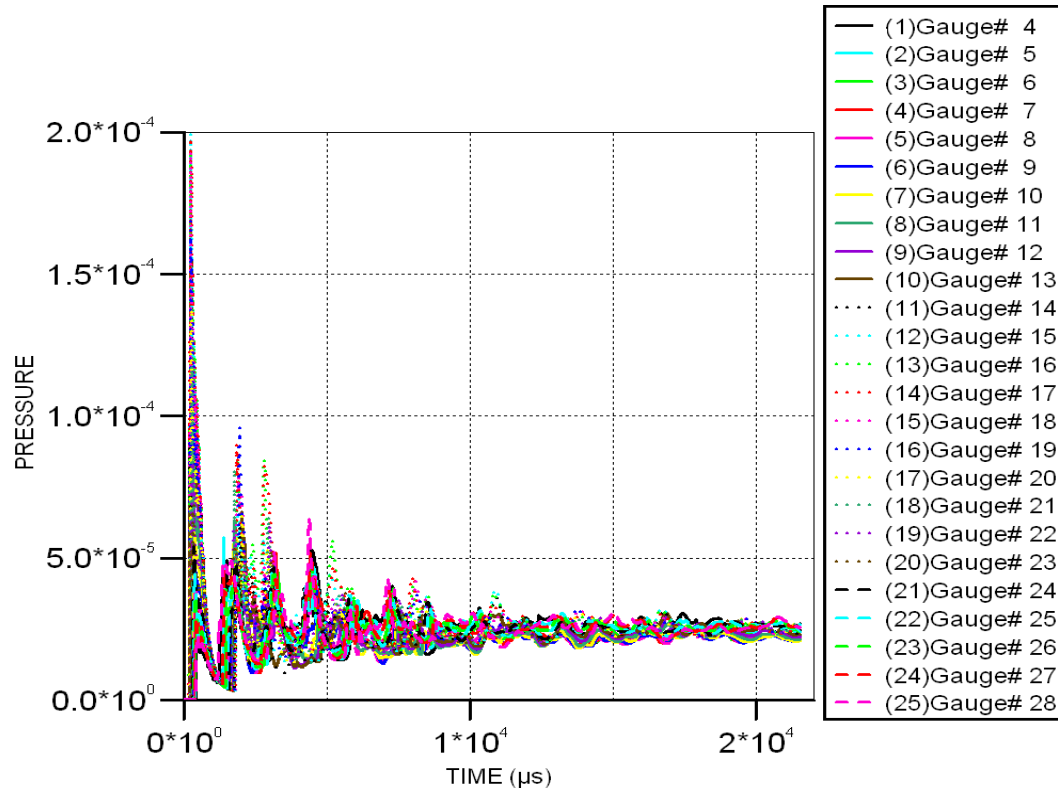


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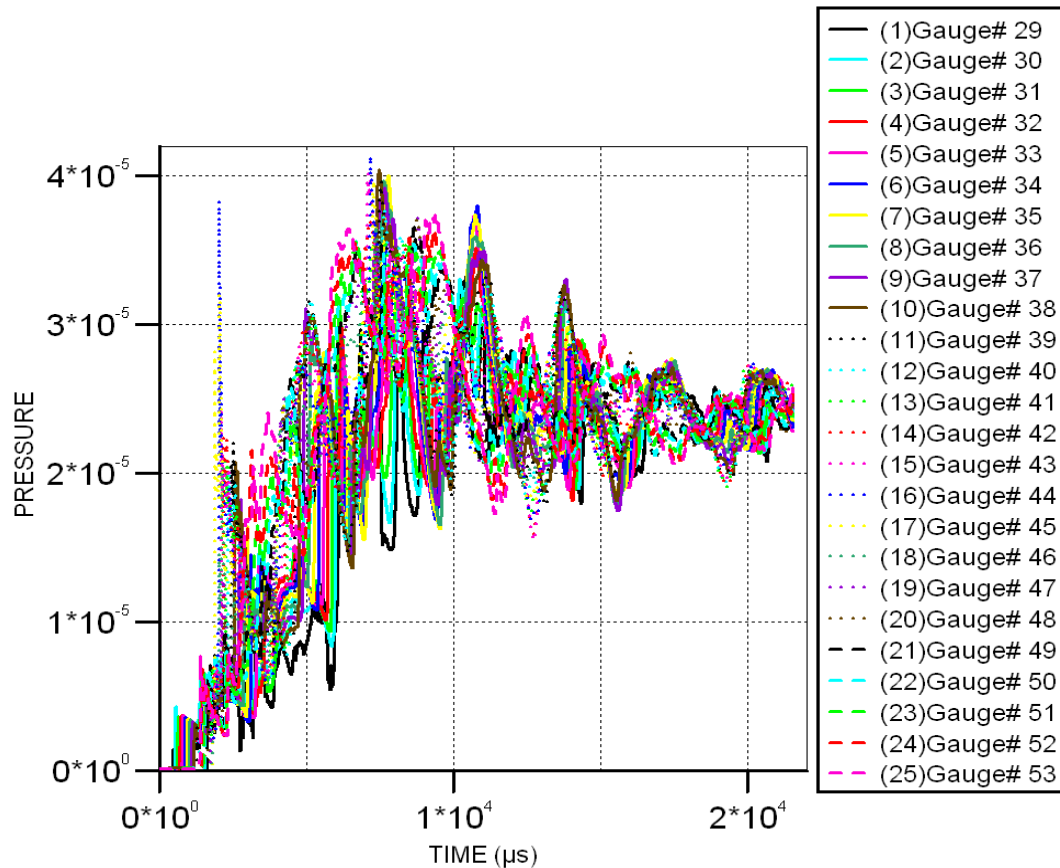
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Calculated Detonation Pressures Inner Vessel, Outer Surface

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Detonation Pressure Calculations

- AUTODYN® used for the calculations
- Pressure-time histories and integrated impulse agree well with spherical vessel detonation experiments (20 lb to 120 lb HE equivalent) carried out at Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Circumferential gap in inner vessel enables pressure to equilibrate on inside and outside surfaces of inner vessel, reducing dynamic stresses to relatively low values
- Outer vessel is subject to pressure-time ramp, not impulsive pressure

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ASME Code Section VIII, Division 3

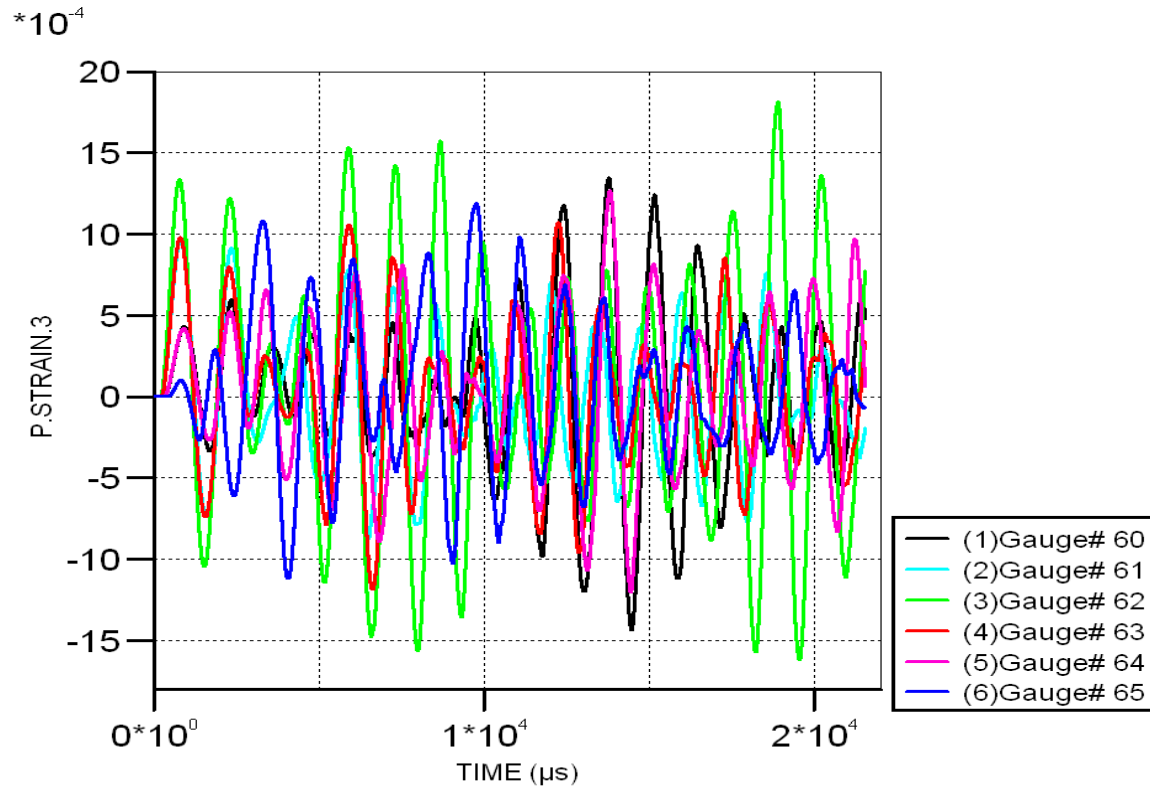
- Alternative rules for the design of vessels subjected to high pressure
- Two methods permitted – one based on elastic stress analysis, one based on elastic-plastic analysis
- Includes requirements for demonstrating leak-before-burst
 - If leak-before-burst demonstrated, standard fatigue methods for cyclic loading
 - If leak-before-burst cannot be demonstrated, fracture mechanics and crack growth methods

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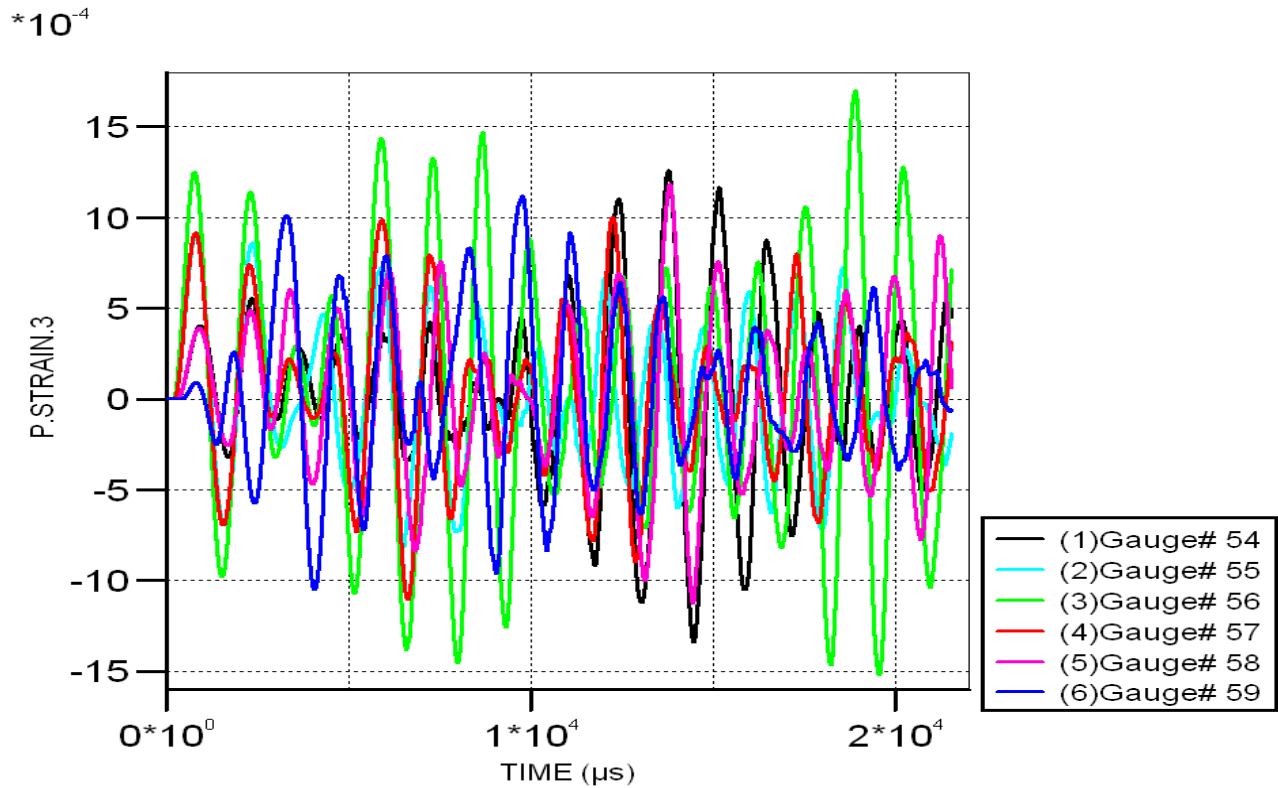
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Single Detonation Response

- Multiple strain cycles with gradually decreasing peak amplitude
- Two significant modes of dynamic response with frequencies that are far apart
 - Radial “breathing” mode of moderately high frequency
 - Axial “push-pull” mode, heads pushing and pulling on cylindrical section
- In-phase “beating” and out-of-phase “nullification” taken into account for cyclic crack growth calculations
- Number of cycles per detonation doubled to account for response from 20 msec to 40 msec

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Multiple Detonation Response

- Initial flaws of various depths postulated at inner surface of inner vessel, based on pre-service inspection capability (1.5 mm to 25 mm)
- Crack propagation calculated for single detonation, with new crack depth calculated and crack growth during subsequent detonations accumulated
- Calculations continued and propagated flaw compared after each sequential detonation to critical flaw size
- In-service inspection schedule for inner vessel determined (200 to 650 detonations)

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- All three ASME Section VIII, Division 3 leak-before-burst criteria are met
- Critical axial flaw depth is larger than the vessel thickness
- Applied fracture mechanics stress intensity factor at worst location is less than fracture toughness
- Remaining ligament is much less than the square of fracture toughness/yield strength
- Results confirm Kobe Steel experience with other DA VINCH inner vessels