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INTRODUCTION

Design rationale for the mechanical design (shapes, mass properties, and materials) of the Earth Penetrator Weapon (EPW) is discussed. The major subsystems are defined; the major factors affecting the mechanical design of the EPW system, such as target and delivery system considerations, terradynamic stability, and structural survivability, are examined. Two EPW designs are presented. An overview of the EPW field test program is provided. Finally, EPW weight reduction, including lighter weight materials, is also discussed.

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EARTH PENETRATOR WEAPON SYSTEM DESIGN

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MAJOR EPW SUBSYSTEMS

The EPW design consists of three major subsystems: (1) nuclear package, (2) weapon electrical system (WES), and (3) EPW case. The nuclear laboratories (Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) are responsible for the design of the nuclear package and Sandia National Laboratories are responsible for the design of the WES and EPW case.

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MAJOR EPW SUBSYSTEMS

EPW CASE

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FIGURE OF GENERIC EPW SYSTEM DESIGN

This figure illustrates a typical EPW system design where the nuclear and WES assemblies are packaged in the EPW case. The WES is typically located in the aft section to simplify assembly. The physical properties of an EPW are typically characterized by its overall length, average diameter, weight, and center of gravity (CG) location.

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EPW SYSTEM DESIGN RATIONALE

The EPW design was based on an evolutionary process which consisted of:

(1) a concept study to generate a preliminary EPW design including size and shape estimates of the nuclear and WES assemblies,

(2) a design of an EPW case based on these estimates and present earth penetration/terradynamic technology,

(3) an evaluation of the EPW case design through a coupled experimental/analytical program utilizing most recent understanding of target characteristics,

Note: A "bona fide" EPW case must be designed prior to the development and test evaluation of the nuclear and WES assemblies.

(4) an assessment of nuclear system packaging/interface requirements, and

(5) a WES design to meet the necessary requirements.

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EPW SYSTEM DESIGN RATIONALE

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- TARGET CHARACTERISTICS THAT IMPACT EPW SURVIVABILITY

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WARHEAD ELECTRICAL SYSTEM CONCERNS

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REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR FIRST DESIGN ITERATION

Information required for the first design iteration includes a definition of the targets, type of delivery systems available, and estimate of nuclear yield required to destroy the targets. The target definition must describe the underground structures (for nuclear yield study) and surrounding geologies (for nuclear yield and penetrator survivability studies). The delivery systems presently under consideration are ICBMs (with MaRV to tailor the impact conditions to EPW survivability limits), cruise missiles, and gravity bombs. This information is then used, by system analysts, to determine the nuclear yield required to destroy the targets of interest. Once the required yield range is established, the design begins by integrating the EPW case and WES with the nuclear package.

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REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR FIRST DESIGN ITERATION

TARGET SET DEFINITION

- LOCATION, DEPTH, SIZE AND HARDNESS OF STRUCTURES
- SITE GEOLOGY, SOIL AND ROCK MATERIAL PROPERTIES, TOPOLOGY,

POTENTIAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS

- ICBM, CRUISE MISSILE, OR GRAVITY BOMB

ESTIMATE OF NUCLEAR YIELD REQUIRED TO DESTROY TARGETS

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EPW CASE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The EPW case design consists of defining the internal and external contours and selecting the appropriate case material. The internal definition is driven by the dimensions and load bearing requirements of the nuclear and WES assemblies. The external definition, though somewhat reflective of the inner contour, is driven by minimizing the length, diameter, and weight while considering its terradynamic stability and structural survivability. Candidate EPW case materials must have high strength combined with high fracture toughness such

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EPW CASE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

INTERNAL CASE SIZING

DIMENSIONS DEPENDENT ON NUCLEAR SYSTEM AND WARHEAD ELECTRICAL SYSTEM (WES) DESIGNS

EXTERNAL CASE SIZING

DIMENSIONS OPTIMIZED FOR MINIMUM LENGTH, DIAMETER AND WEIGHT BUT MUST CONSIDER:

- TERRADYNAMIC STABILITY
- WORST CASE STRUCTURAL LOADING
- DELIVERY SYSTEM ACHIEVABLE IMPACT CONDITIONS

CASE MATERIAL

HIGH STRENGTH STEEL WITH HIGH FRACTURE TOUGHNESS

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TERRADYNAMIC CONSIDERATIONS

The EPW design must consider two primary terradynamic issues which affect survivability of the WES and nuclear system: stability and structural loading. The EPW stability is strongly influenced by its nose shape, CG location, and length-to-diameter ratio (L/D). The EPW structural loading (i.e., deceleration loads) is strongly dependent also on its nose shape and on its weight-to-cross sectional area ratio (W/A).

Factors, other than those associated directly with the EPW design, which also influence stability and structural loading include target properties, surface features, and impact conditions.

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EARTH PENETRATOR WEAPON SYSTEM DESIGN

TERRADYNAMIC CONSIDERATIONS

EPW STABILITY STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY:

EPW STRUCTURAL LOADING PRIMARILY INFLUENCED BY:

- NOSE SHAPE (SHARPER NOSED EPW RESULTS IN LOWER LOADS)
- WEIGHT TO CROSS SECTIONAL RATIO, W/A

STABILITY AND STRUCTURAL LOADING ALSO STRONGLY DEPENDENT ON:

- TARGET PROPERTIES
- SURFACE FEATURES
- IMPACT CONDITIONS

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TARGET CHARACTERISTICS THAT IMPACT EPW SURVIVABILITY

The principal properties of a homogeneous target which greatly affect the structural loading (i.e., penetration g-loads) of an EPW are the confined shear strength (pressure dependent curve, which is dependent on moisture content), volumetric compressibility, and density. Nonhomogeneous targets and irregular target surface features (such as buildings, rubble, boulders, etc.) can cause unavoidable oblique impact conditions that induce large lateral loads. Trees are also a concern since they may cause an angle of attack on the EPW prior to ground impact.

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EARTH PENETRATOR WEAPON SYSTEM DESIGN

TARGET CHARACTERISTICS THAT IMPACT EPW SURVIVABILITY

HARDNESS

- CONFINED SHEAR STRENGTH (PRESSURE DEPENDENT)
- VOLUMETRIC COMPRESSIBILITY
- DENSITY
- MOISTURE CONTENT

IRREGULARITIES (INDUCE LARGE LATERAL LOADS)

- BUILDINGS
- RUBBLE
- BOULDERS
- TREES
- TARGET NON HOMOGENEITY

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WES DRIVERS

The primary function of the WES is to provide arming, fuzing, and firing functions with high reliability and a very high degree of nuclear safety. The WES design must also consider compatibility with the delivery system (DOD interface), and the fuzing options (including airburst, contact, and time-delay). However, there are two unique issues that could make designing and packaging a WES for EPW applications extremely difficult.

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WARHEAD ELECTRICAL SYSTEM DRIVERS

NUCLEAR SAFETY

DELIVERY SYSTEM INTERFACE

RUGGED, RELIABLE, FLEXIBLE PACKAGING

MULTIPLE FUZING OPTIONS

AIRBURST, CONTACT, AFTER PENETRATION, SYNCHRONOUS

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TAPERED AFTERBODY EPW DESIGN

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[redacted] factors that may necessitate changes to the baseline design (e.g., physical properties, nuclear yield) include a redefinition or refinement of targets, delivery conditions, and fuzing options. In addition, improved analytical modeling capabilities for design optimization may also warrant a change to the present design.

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CYLINDRICAL AFTERBODY/AFT FLARE EPW DESIGN

This figure shows the general configuration of the SEPW and gives the major dimensions, weight, and yield class.

In order to obtain maximum structural capability from the EP case, no joints are allowed. All components are inserted through the rear of the case. The forward cross-hatched section represents the nuclear system and ballast. The warhead electrical system is in the aft section.

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TEST PROGRAM

Since current computational tools for modeling EPW phenomena are quite limited, an extensive test program has been underway to assist in the development of the EPW. These tests--which have provided information on penetrator stability, penetration environment, and component survival--utilize launch devices (Davis or gas gun, rocket system, rocket sled track) which are capable of launching test vehicles into various targets with various impact conditions (velocity, angle of incidence, angle of attack). Onboard digital data recording packages were utilized for tests requiring strain and/or acceleration time history data.

TEST PROGRAM

TEST PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- DEMONSTRATE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
- DEMONSTRATE STABILITY OF PENETRATOR DESIGN
- PROVIDE STRAIN AND ACCELERATION DATA FOR CODE VERIFICATION
- EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS OF COUNTERMEASURES
- EVALUATE NEW EPW CASE MATERIALS
- DEMONSTRATE FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY OF WES COMPONENTS

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EARTH PENETRATOR TEST DEVICE

This figure illustrates a typical EPW test device containing an on-board data package. Scaled models were fabricated to represent the physical properties of the baseline design. Typically, the nuclear system was replaced by ballast and WES components were added to test their structural integrity. Some tests included portions of the nuclear package. All EPW test devices launched from the Davis or gas guns included either an integrated or detachable pusher plate at the aft end which was designed to withstand the high base pressure during launch. Onboard data packages were utilized either to record strain and/or acceleration data for code verification, measuring penetration environment, or for evaluating the response of nuclear or WES components.

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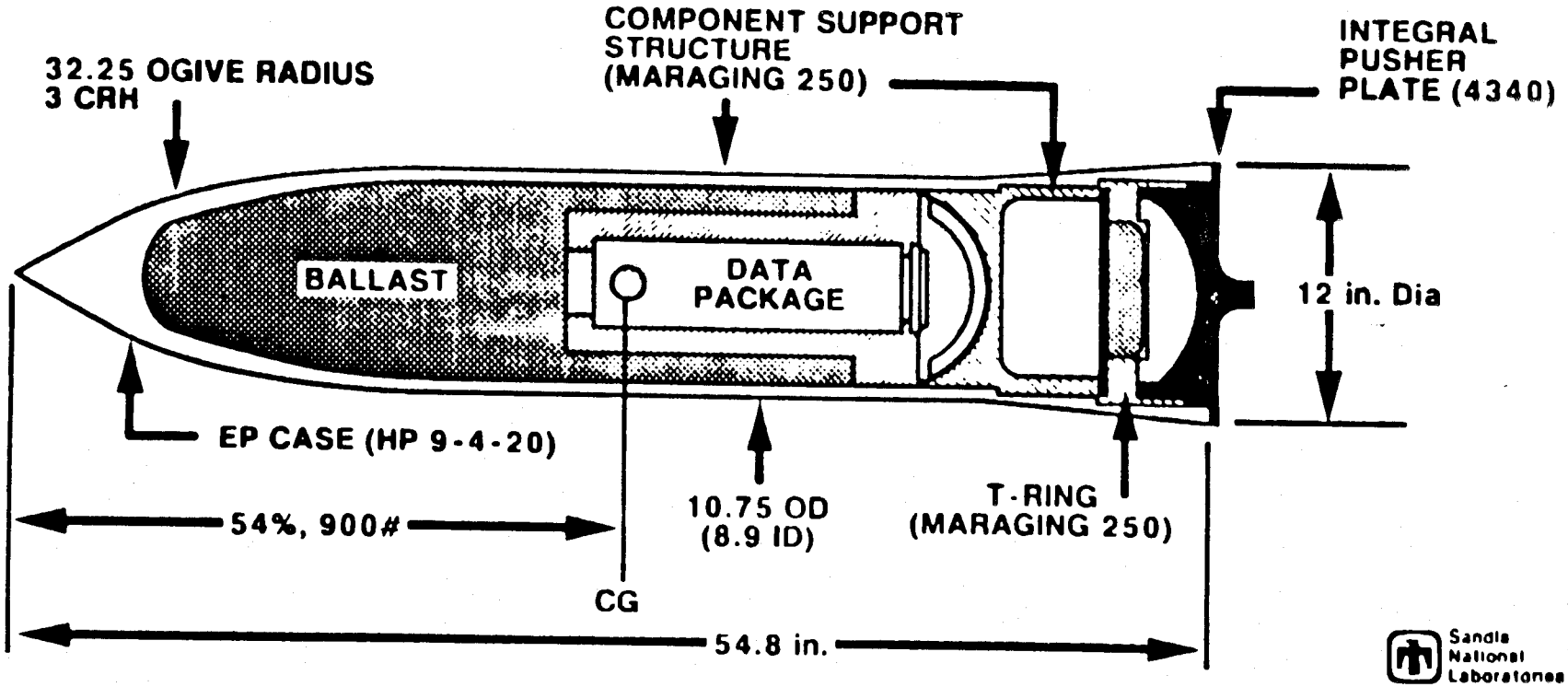
EARTH PENETRATOR TEST DEVICE

PROPERTIES

- L/D = 5.1
- W/A = 9.9
- Wt = 900 lb
- CG = 29.6 in.
- PITCH = 2.1×10^5 lb-in.^{2}



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SYSTEMS USED IN EPW STRUCTURAL TESTING

SYSTEMS USED IN EPW STRUCTURAL TESTING

12 INCH DAVIS GUN

16 INCH DAVIS GUN (EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL EARLY FY 89)

6 INCH GAS GUN (EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL EARLY FY 89)

4 INCH GAS GUN

2-STAGE ROCKET SYSTEM, FIREUP - FIRE DOWN

ROCKET SLED TRACK

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Summary of EPW Davis Gun Tests

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SEPW TEST SUMMARY

NUMBER OF TESTS	OBJECTIVES	RESULTS

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SEPW PARAMETRIC STUDY

This figure illustrates that four criteria are used to evaluate an EPW design for a given set of impact conditions. Three criteria are used for examining the maximum velocity a system can survive.

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For the impact conditions shown, the EPW survivability is bounded above by the lateral acceleration limit and below by the minimum velocity curve. Curves such as these are used to generate velocity-gamma maps.

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EPW CASE WEIGHT REDUCTION/RATIONALE AND PENALTIES

Several DOD-related issues may warrant the need of a lighter-weight EPW (compared with the baseline weight of approximately . Possible benefits of a light-weight EPW are (1) extending delivery vehicle range, (2) minimizing degree of modifications to current delivery vehicles, and (3) maximizing the total number of EPWs that can be installed on a given delivery vehicle. However, there are several disadvantages of a lighter-weight EPW. Based on terradynamics, this will reduce the depth of penetration and increase the penetration loads. Other penalties include a possible reduction of the EPW structural capability and a possible increase in EPW material and fabrication costs.

EPW WEIGHT REDUCTION

RATIONALE

- OPTIMIZE DELIVERY SYSTEM RANGE
- MINIMIZE DELIVERY SYSTEM INTERFACE MODIFICATIONS
- MAXIMIZE TOTAL NUMBER OF MaRVs FOR A GIVEN DELIVERY VEHICLE

PENALTIES

- DECREASES DEPTH OF PENETRATION AND INCREASES LOADS
- COULD DECREASE STRUCTURAL CAPABILITY
- COULD INCREASE MATERIAL AND FABRICATION COSTS

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EPW CASE WEIGHT REDUCTION/METHODS

Decreasing the weight of the baseline EPW design will only be achieved by modifying the EPW case design. The nuclear and WES assemblies do not offer much potential for weight reduction. The

greater strength-to-weight ratio) such as titanium, composites, or bi-metallics.

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EPW CASE WEIGHT REDUCTION METHODS

REDUCE WEIGHT OF BASELINE STEEL CASE BY RESTRICTING:

- DELIVERY CONDITIONS
- TARGET TYPES

USE LIGHTER WEIGHT MATERIALS

- TITANIUM
- HYBRID COMPOSITE (e.g. METAL PLUS GRAPHITE/RESIN)
- BI–METALIC (e.g. STEEL + TITANIUM)

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EPW CASE-WEIGHT LIMIT CURVES

These curves illustrate the point that weight savings can be achieved by restricting the impact conditions.

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Similarly, case weight reduction could be achieved if the EPW survivability was restricted to "softer" targets.

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Digital LPF: none

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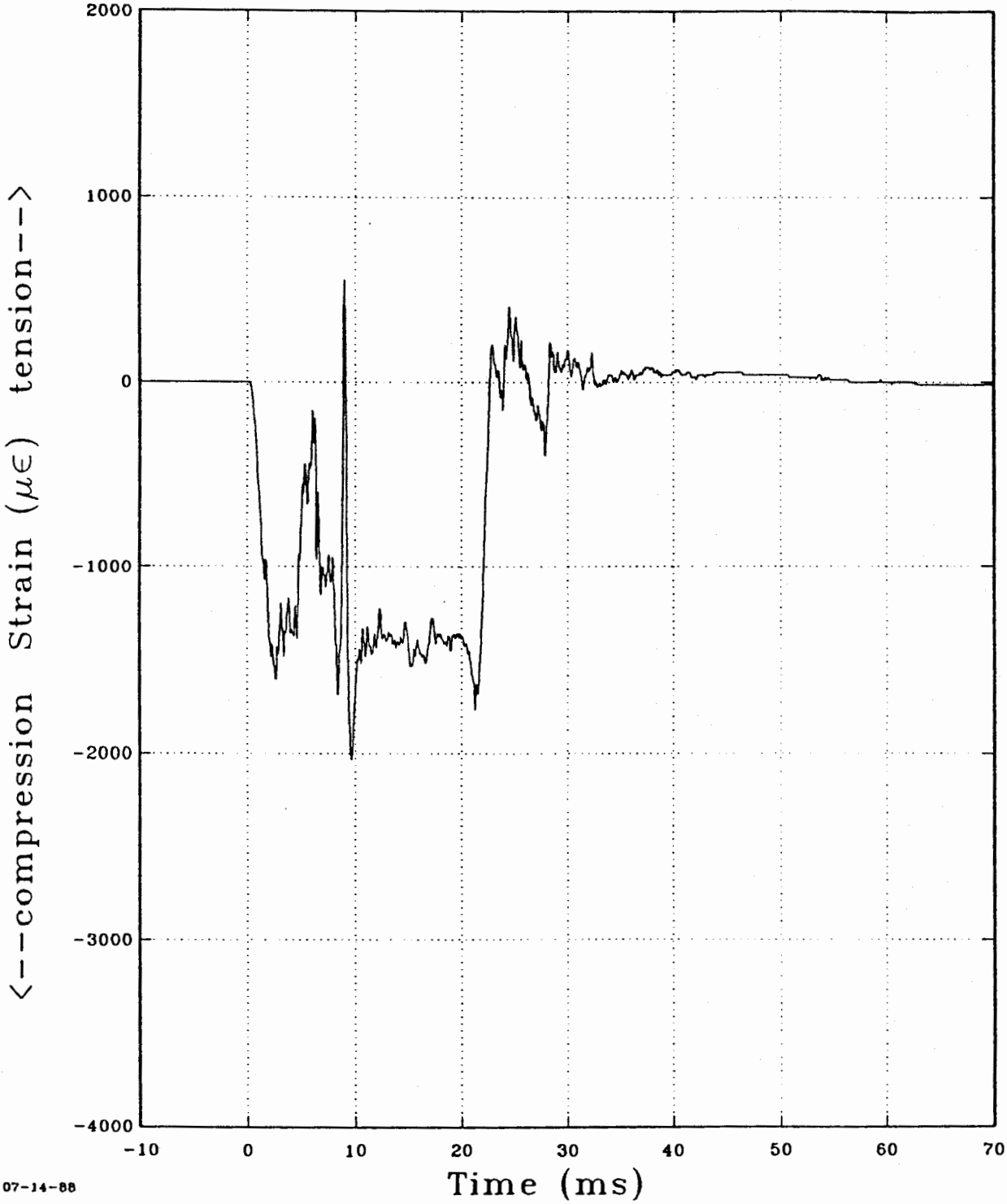

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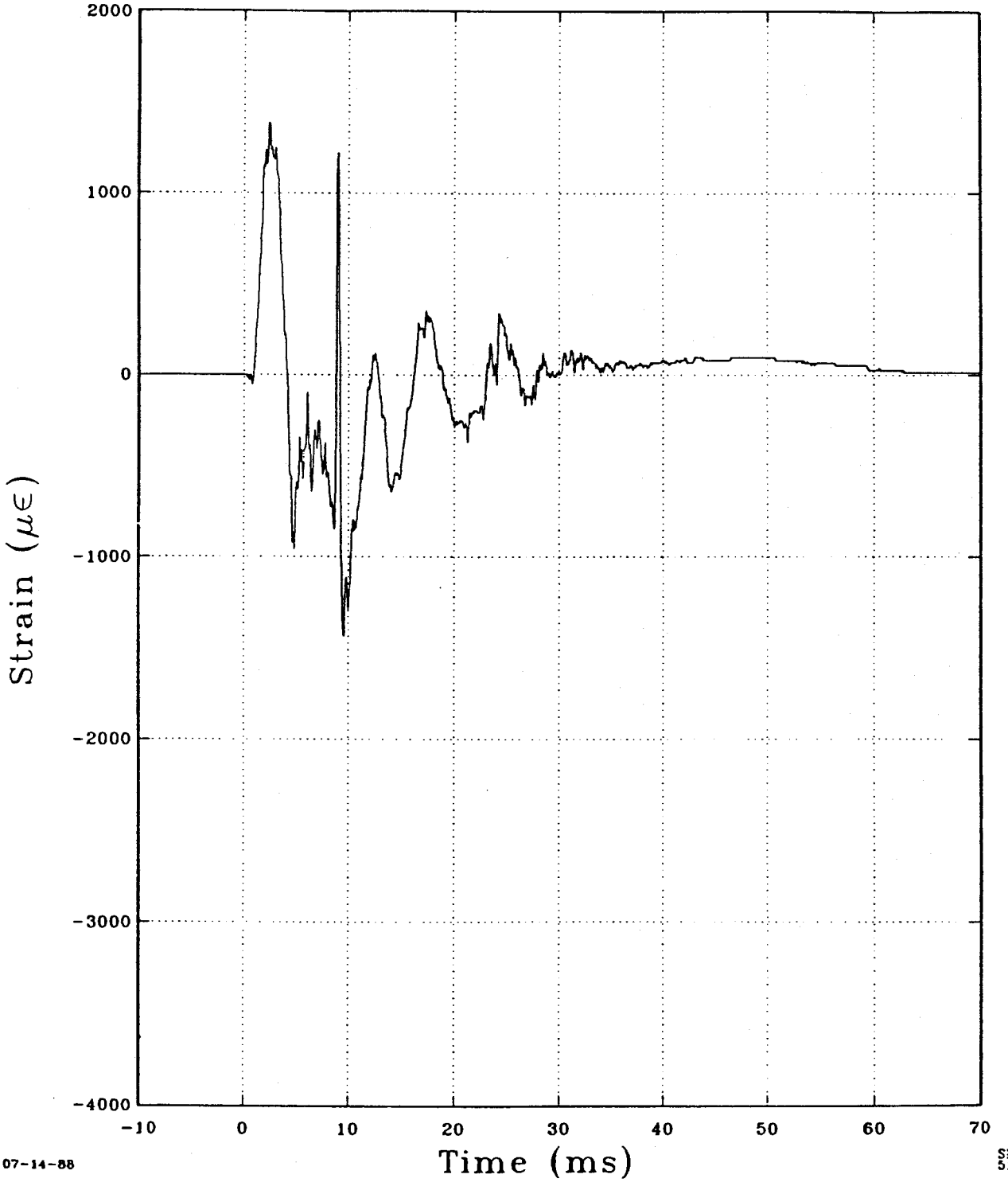

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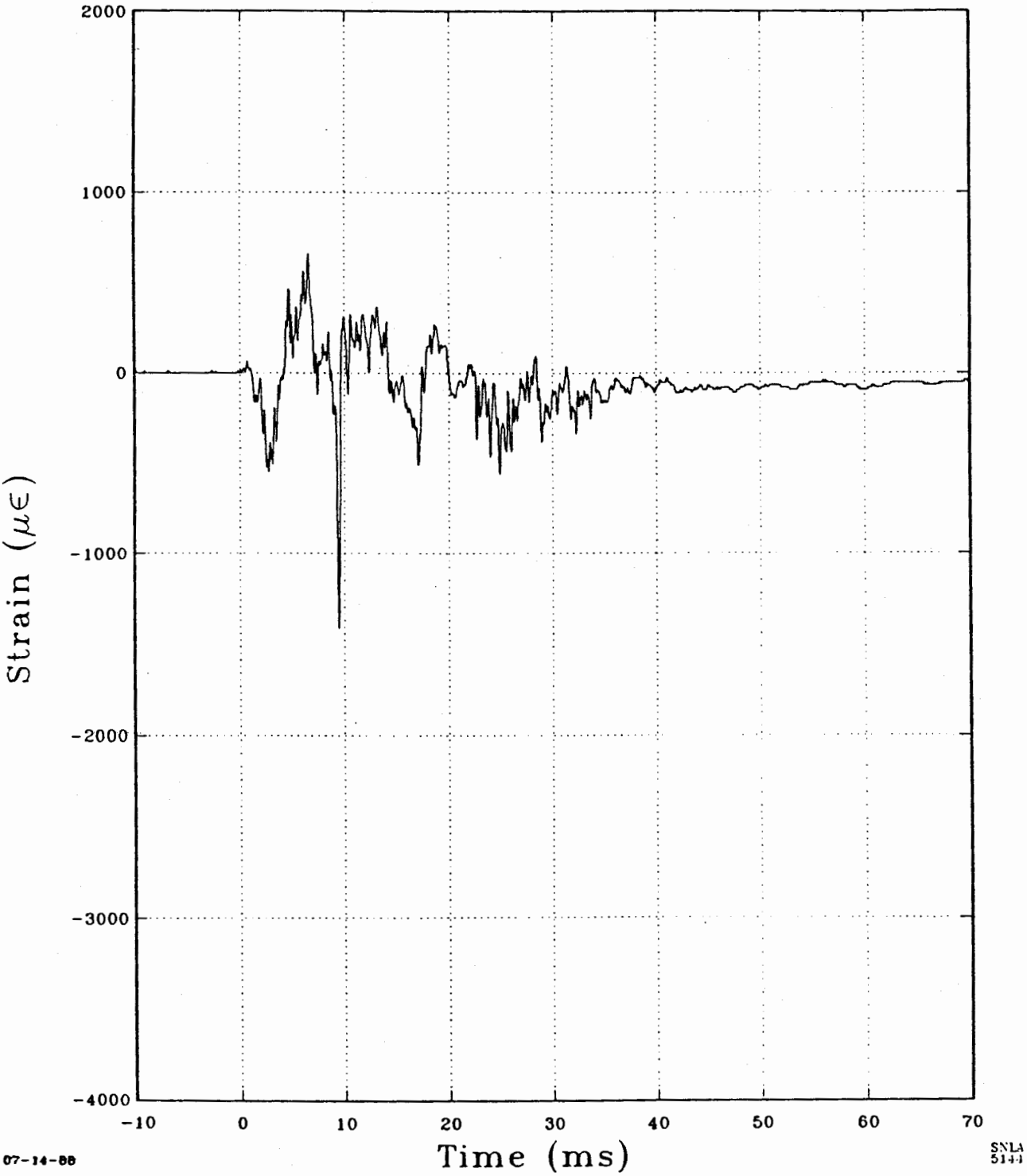

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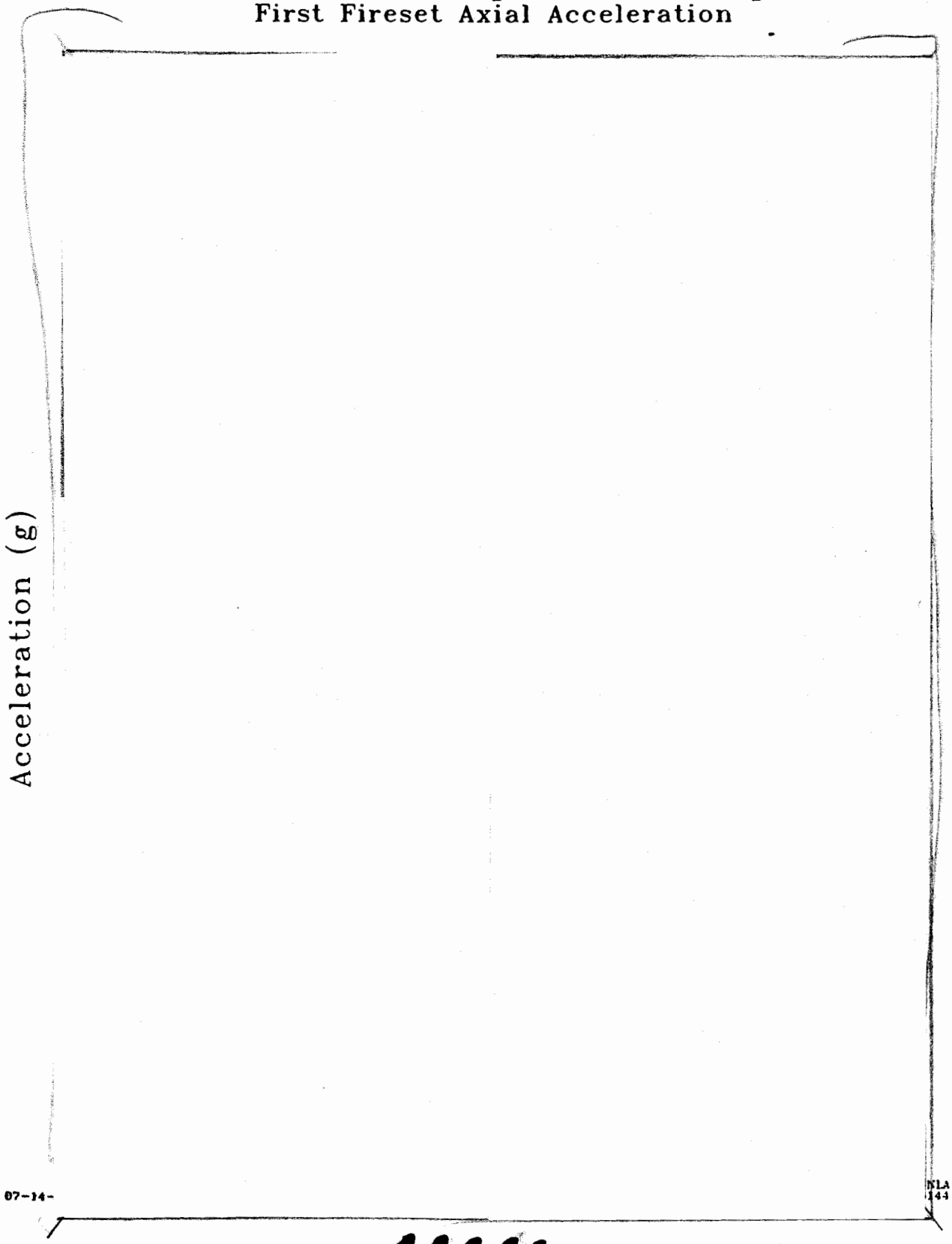

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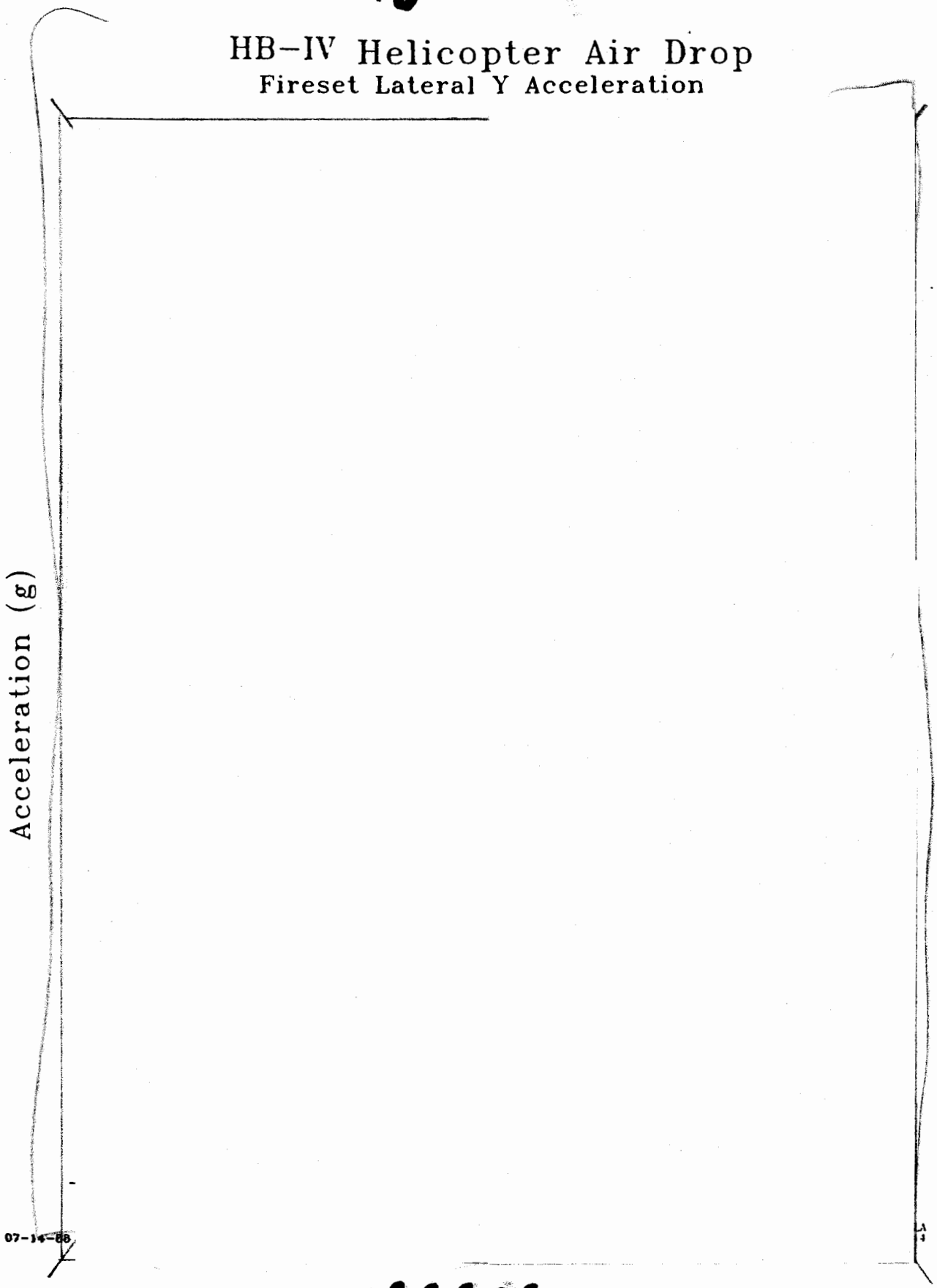

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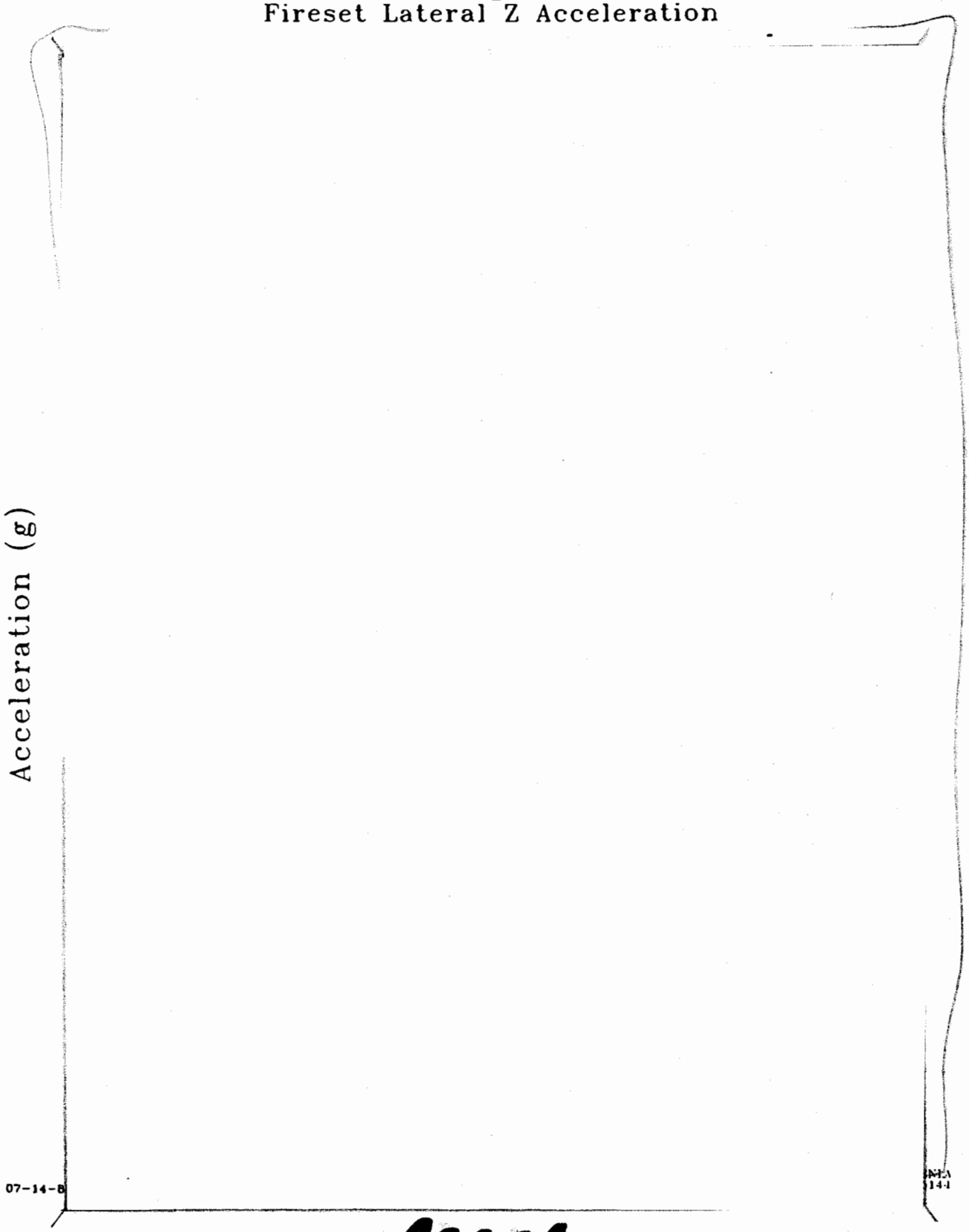

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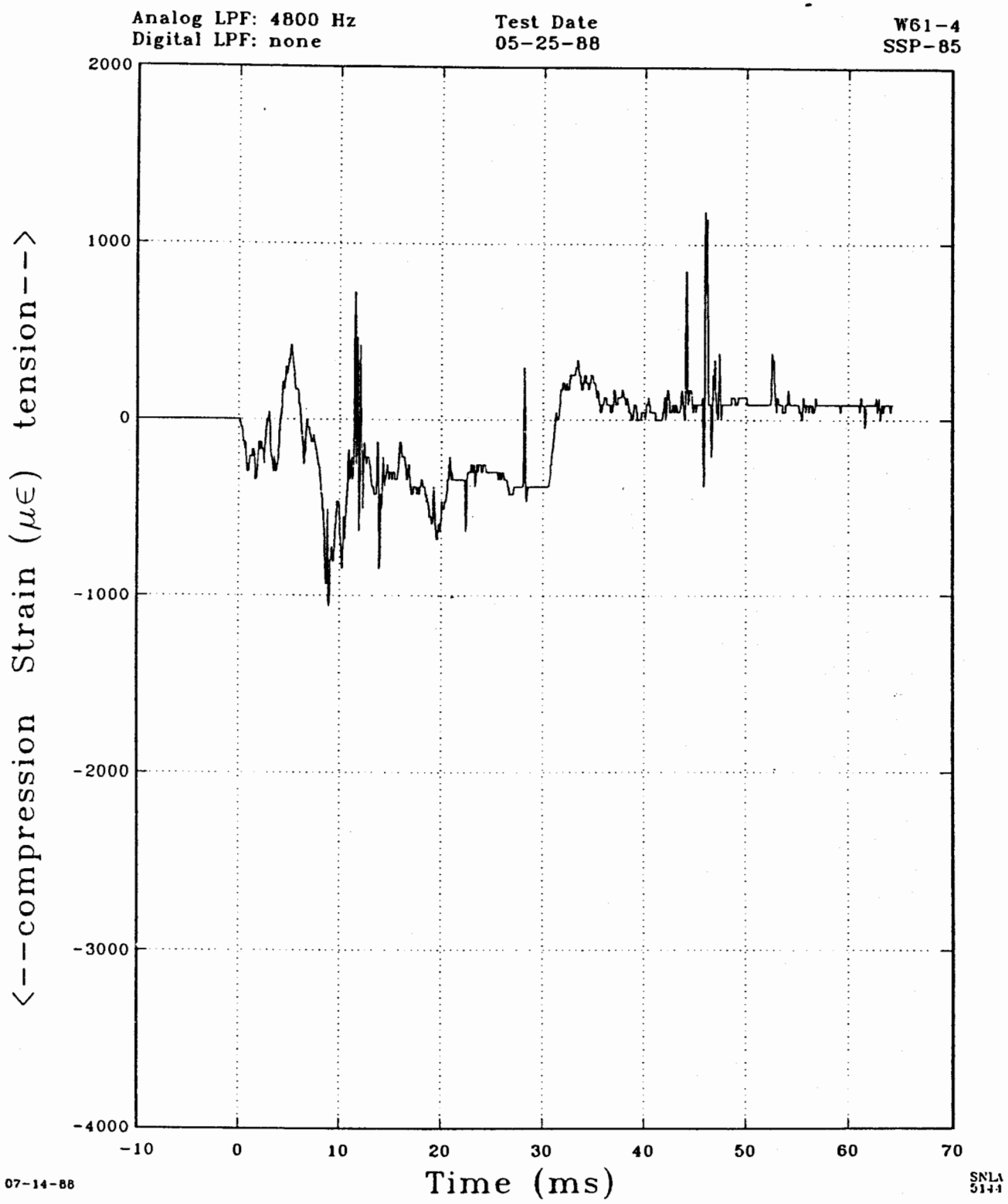

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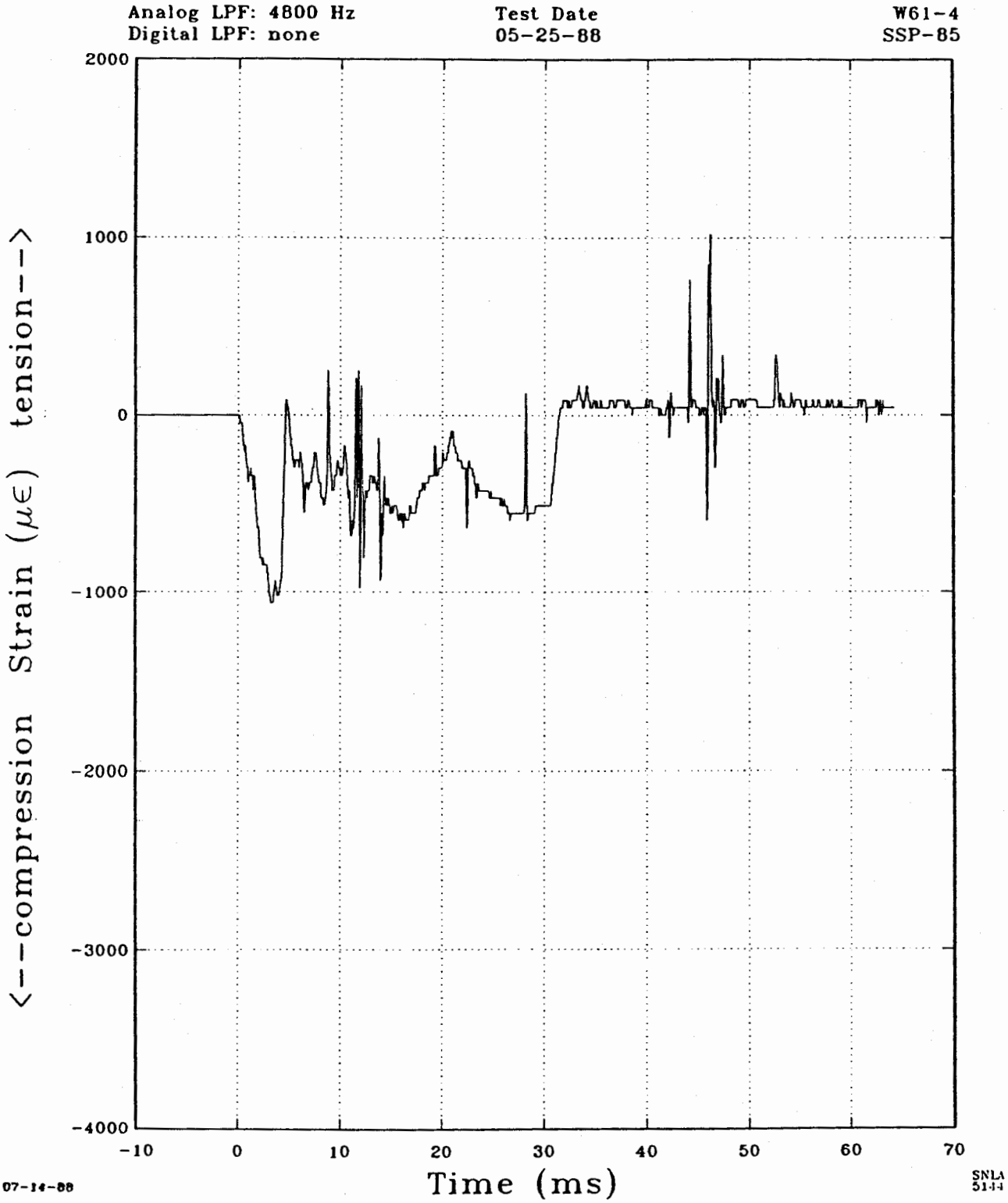

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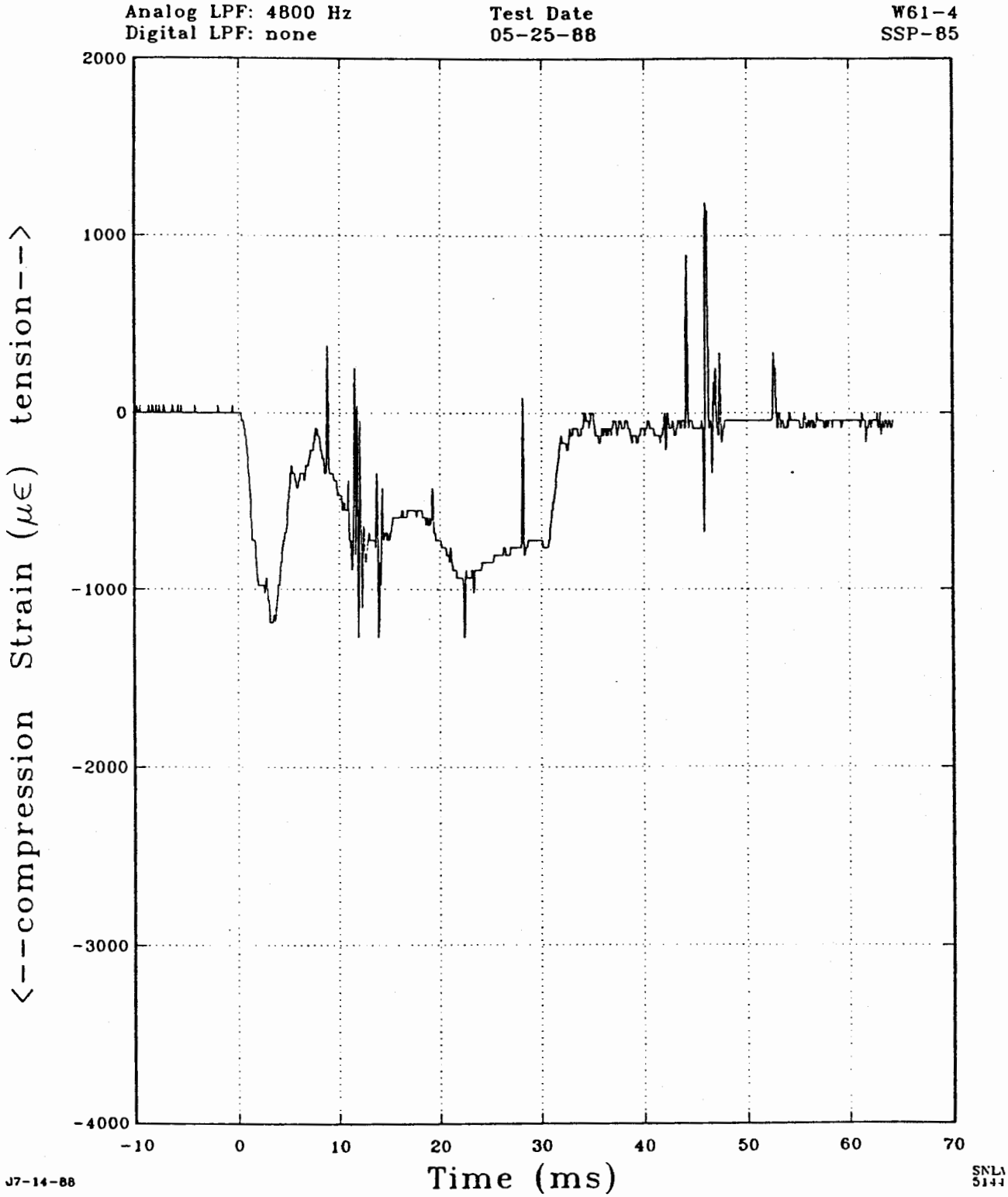

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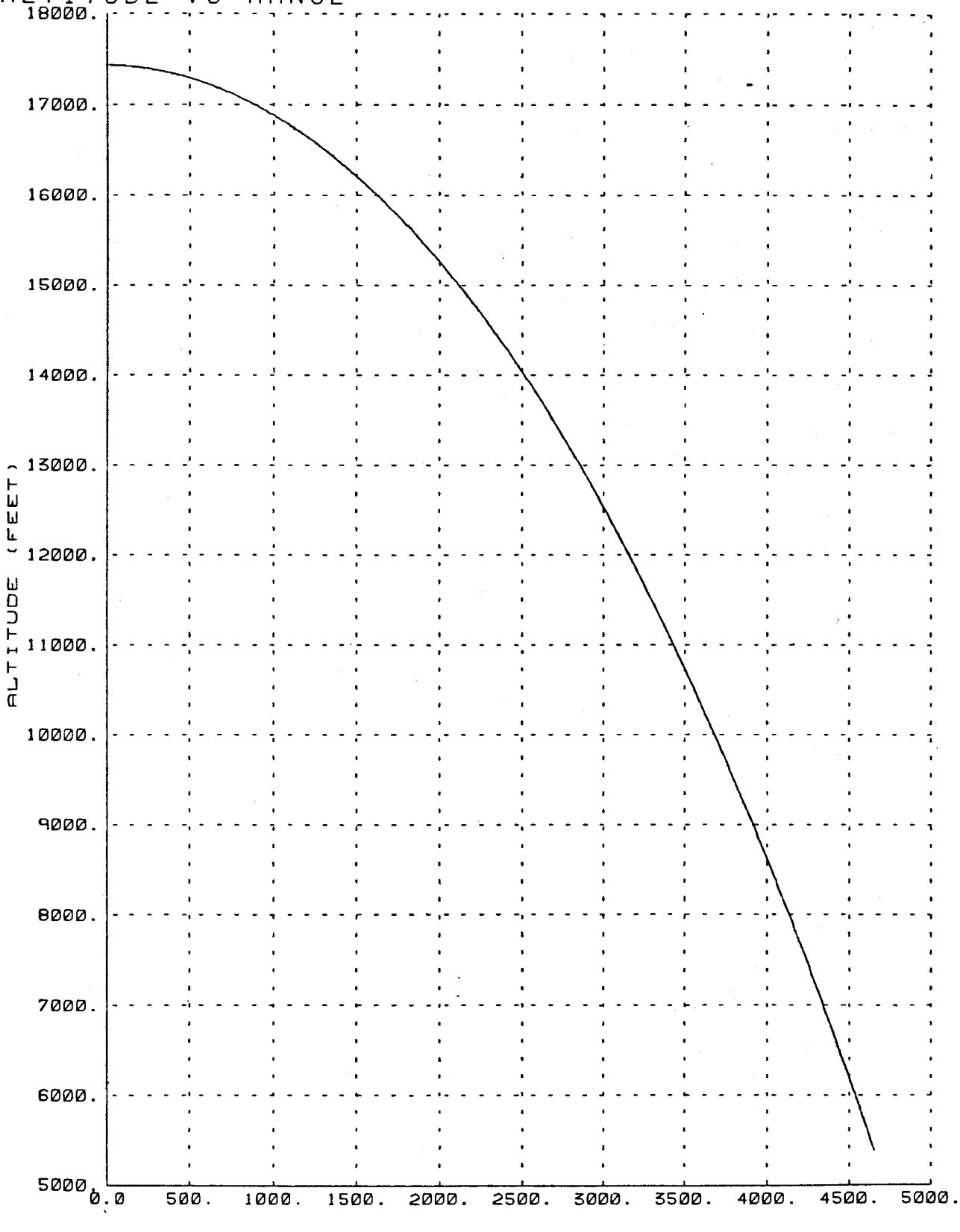

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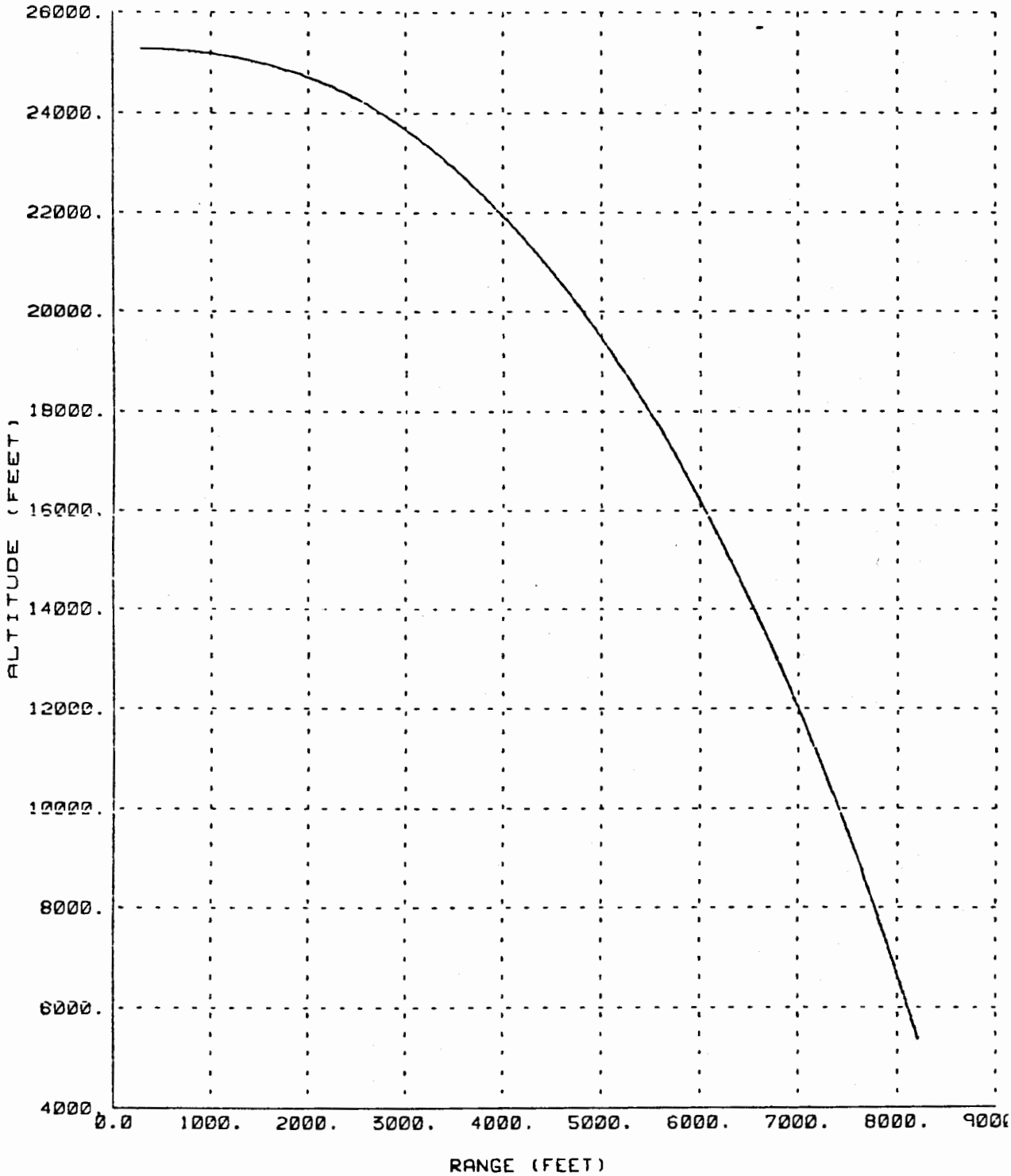

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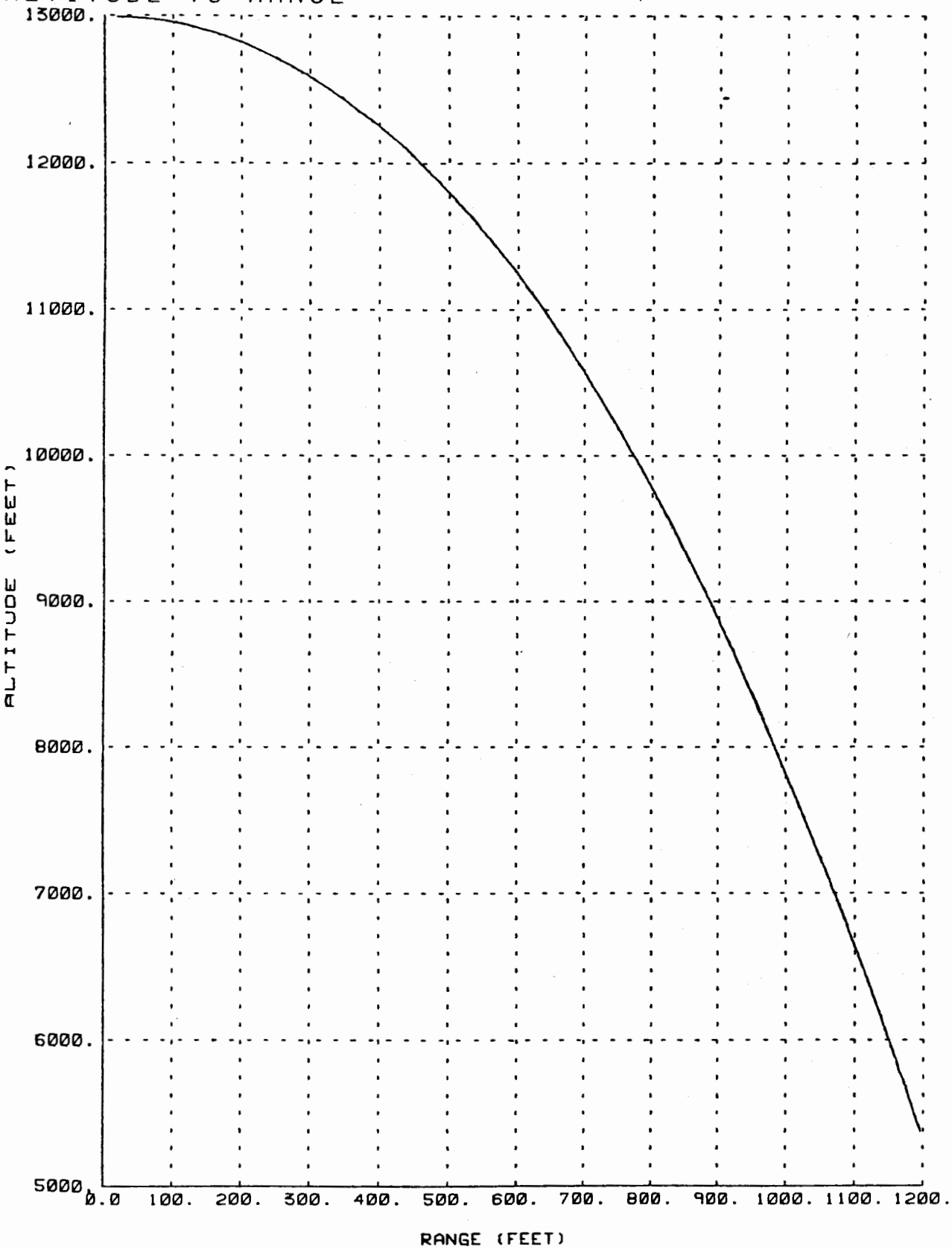

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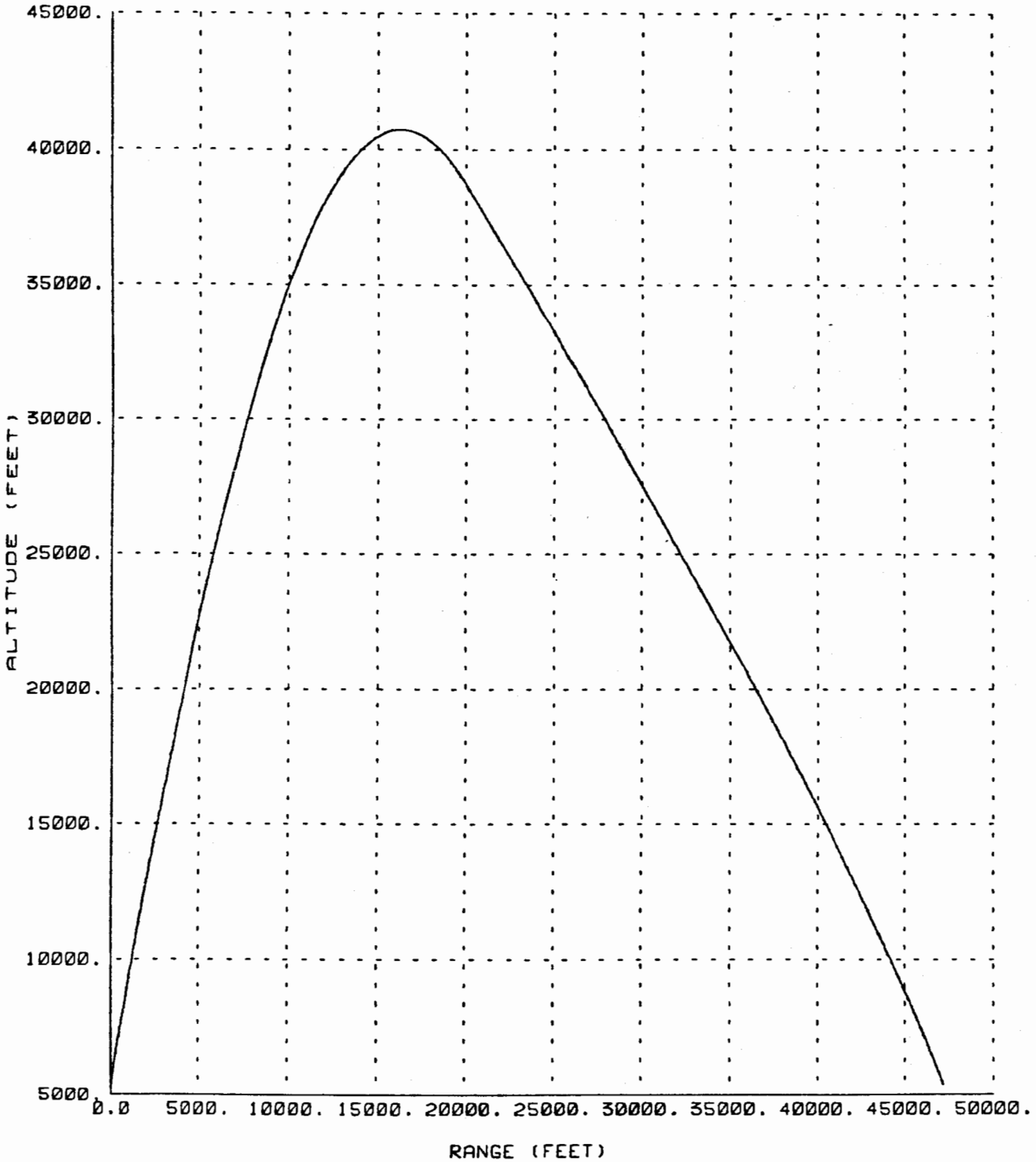

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APPENDIX E

JTA Readouts

Data Processor Data List
End Event Data

T	=	Td (SA3167)
1	=	TR1
2	=	TR2
5	=	Neutrons in Window A
6	=	Neutrons in Window B
7	=	A Occurred (SA3167)
8	=	B Occurred (SA3167)
78	=	A Before B (SA3167)
87	=	B Before A (SA3167)
3D	=	DT [TR1 to Neutron Current Pulse (I1)]
3A	=	Fault Current (I1)
3B	=	PW [Neutron Current Pulse (I1)]
3C	=	Number of Crossings (I1)
4D	=	DT [TR2 to Neutron Current Pulse (I2)]
4A	=	Fault Current (I2)
4B	=	PW [Neutron Current Pulse (I2)]
4C	=	Number of Crossings (I2)
5I	=	Integral of ND1 (Total Neutrons)
6I	=	Integral of ND2 (Total Neutrons)

1T to 16I Decoded Same as Above
Self-Check Data

HELLBENDER II
6-29-87

MC	3801	S/N	BBN-X009-B85
MC	3802	S/N	BBN-X010-A85

Self-Check Data

T = 001
1 = 1
2 = 1
5 = 1
6 = 1
7 = 1
8 = 1
78 = 1
87 = 0
3D = 064
3A = 0
3B = 007
3C = 1
4D = 064
4A = 0
4B = 007
4C = 1
5I = 182
6I = 217
1T = 118
11 = 1
12 = 1
15 = 1
16 = 1
17 = 1
18 = 1
178 = 1
187 = 1
13D = 065.5
13A = 0
13B = 007.5
13C = 1
14D = 060.5
14A = 0
14B = 005.5
14C = 2
15I = 064
16I = 054

DOE
b(3)

HELLBENDER III
3-3-88

MC 3801 S/N BBN-X009-B85
MC 3802 S/N BBN-X010-A85

Self-Check Data

T = 000
1 = 1
2 = 1
5 = 1
6 = 1
7 = 0
8 = 0
78 = 0
87 = 0
3D = 064
3A = 0
3B = 007.5
3C = 1
4D = 064
4A = 0
4B = 007
4C = 1
5I = 208
6I = 130
1T = 117
11 = 1
12 = 1
15 = 1
16 = 0
17 = 1
18 = 1
178 = 0
187 = 1
13D = 065.5
13A = 0
13B = 007.5
13C = 1
14D = 060.5
14A = 0
14B = 005.5
14C = 2
15I = 060
16I = 036

DOE
b(3)

HELLBENDER IV
6-14-88

MC 3801 S/N BBN-X1012-A87
MC 3802 S/N BBN-X1014-C88

DOE
b(3)

Self-Check Data

T = 000
1 = 1
2 = 1
5 = 1
6 = 1
7 = 0
8 = 0
78 = 0
87 = 0
3D = 063
3A = 0
3B = 007.5
3C = 1
4D = 063.5
4A = 0
4B = 007
4C = 1
5I = 195
6I = 228
1T = 118
11 = 1
12 = 1
15 = 1
16 = 1
17 = 1
18 = 1
178 = 0
187 = 1
13D = 065.5
13A = 0
13B = 007.5
13C = 1
14D = 060.5
14A = 0
14B = 005.5
15I = 057
16I = 052

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1-12-88

MC 3801 S/N BBN-X008-B85
MC 3802 S/N L-85

Self-Check Data

T = 000
1 = 1
2 = 1
5 = 1
6 = 1
7 = 0
8 = 0
78 = 0
87 = 0
3D = 064
3A = 0
3B = 006.5
3C = 1
4D = 064
4A = 0
4B = 006.5
4C = 1
5I = 160
6I = 205
1T = 118
11 = 1
12 = 1
15 = 1
16 = 1
17 = 1
18 = 1
178 = 0
187 = 1
13D = 065.5
13A = 0
13B = 007.5
13C = 1
14D = 060.5
14A = 0
14B = 005.5
14C = 2
15I = 051
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DOE
b(3)

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APPENDIX F

Mk-11 Rocket Test Specifications

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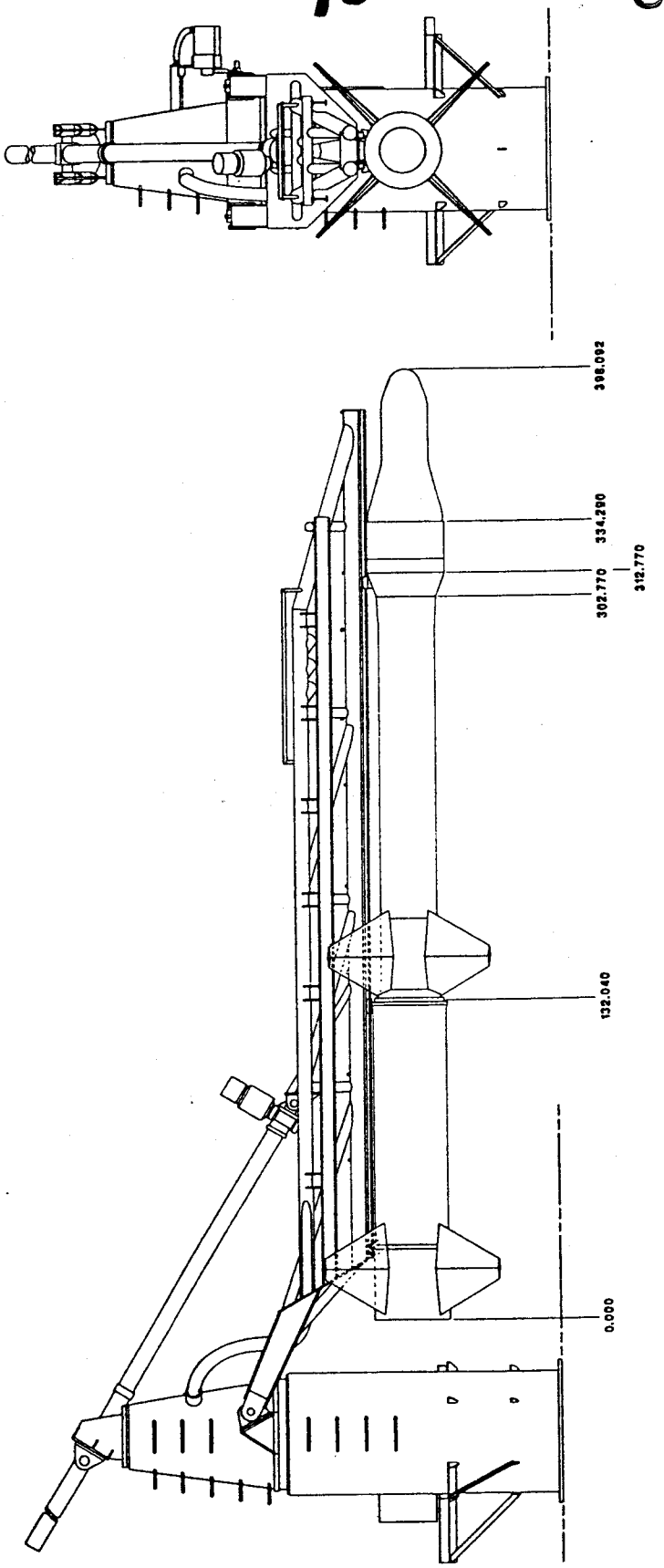

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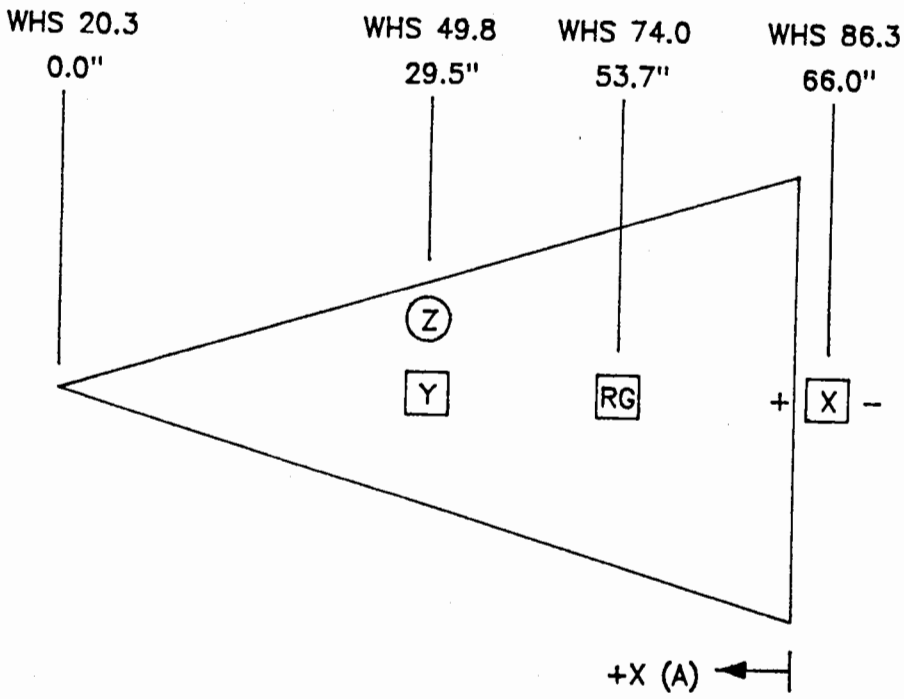
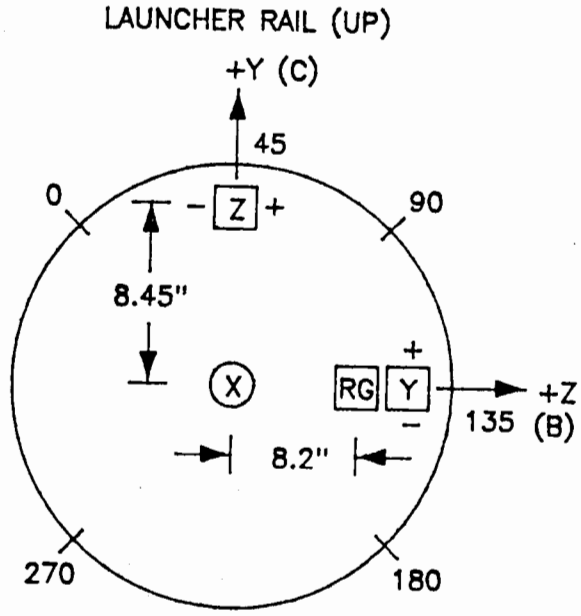


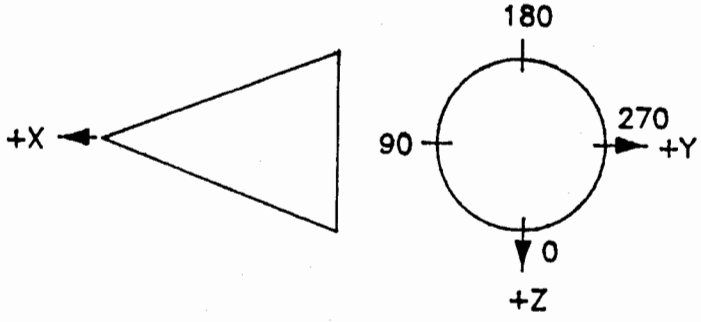


NOTE: ALL ROTATIONS (A,B,C) ARE POSITIVE IN THE CLOCKWISE DIRECTION LOOKING IN THE POSITIVE (X,Y,Z) AXIS

MASS PROPERTIES

WT: 1314.2 LBS
XBAR: 30.37 IN (WHS 50.67)
YBAR: .0008 IN
ZBAR: .0025 IN
RBAR: .0026 IN
PAT: .130 DEG

IXX: 38575 IN-LB2
IYY: 466847 LB-IN2
IZZ: 468524 LB-IN2
IXY: 802.7 LB-IN2
IXZ: 546.5 LB-IN2
IYZ: -721.9 LB-IN2



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MK11 ROCKET TEST SPECIFICATIONS

	FIRST STAGE	SECOND STAGE
MOTOR TYPE	TALOS	IMPROVED HONEST JOHN
LENGTH (IN)	133	164.5
DIAMETER (IN)	31	24.5
WEIGHT (LBS) FULL	4278	2890
EMPTY	1475	1227
SPEC IMPULSE (LBF-SEC/LBM)	213	215
BURN TIME (SEC)	5.75	3.4
AVERAGE THRUST (LBF)	109800	100000

TOTAL SYSTEM WEIGHT AT LAUNCH: 9353.5 LBS (MEASURED)

TOTAL SYSTEM LENGTH AT LAUNCH: 398 IN = 33.2 FT

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