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INTRODUCTION

If coal-derived liquids are to become important sources of fuel for power turbines, the effects of trace element impurities on the accelerated corrosion of the turbine must be evaluated. The effects of some of these impurities are known to be adverse. For example, sodium, potassium and vanadium have been identified (Refs. 1-3) by many investigators as being sources of accelerated corrosion when petroleum fuels are burned. On the other hand, some impurities are known to reduce corrosion, e.g., calcium, magnesium (Refs. 4-7). However, there are many impurities whose effects are not known and certainly the effects of the interaction of various impurities are largely unknown. There are two potential approaches to determining the effects of the impurities. The first one is to test many real fuels; by testing a broad spectrum of such fuels the effects of the various impurities from the analyses of the fuels combusted can be inferred. The advantages to this approach are that you use real fuels and the data that one obtains are under conditions closely approaching those found in a real gas turbine. The disadvantages of such tests are that the data obtained are relevant only to the fuels actually tested. Also, currently there are very few liquid coal-derived fuels that are available in quantities sufficient for such tests. The second approach would be to start with the clean fuel and dope it with the impurities of interest in a parametric fashion. The advantage of this approach is that such impurity combinations can be carefully controlled and varied in a systematic fashion allowing the prediction of attack due to any composition. The disadvantages to such tests are that they do not burn real fuel under real

turbine operating conditions and that the large number of impurities of interest require many, many tests to be made.

The work described in this report is confined exclusively to the doping approach. The object of this effort is to evaluate the effects of time, temperature, and impurity content on corrosion. The approach used was to burn clean fuels in a burner rig and add aqueous solutions of the impurity combinations required to the combustion gases. The impurities chosen for these tests were sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium and chlorine. The parametric additions of the impurities were statistically designed to minimize the number of tests. While weight change measurements were made, these data cannot be used to satisfactorily evaluate the extent of hot corrosion attack. The types of deposits were evaluated by x-ray diffraction, while the extent of attack was determined by measuring metal consumption.

MATERIALS

The compositions of the alloys used in this program are listed in Table 1. The cobalt base alloy M249 is a typical vane material which is generally considered to have good hot corrosion resistance due to its high chromium content. The three nickel base alloys turbine blade cover a range of hot corrosion resistance: M249 has moderately good hot corrosion resistance, while U-700 has somewhat poorer hot corrosion resistance, and IN 100 has the least resistance to such attack. All of the alloys were cast by a commercial vendor into the shape shown in Figure 1(a). All samples were grit blasted and cleaned with alcohol. Prior to test each sample was measured along a diameter in the center of the expected hot zone (Fig. 1(a)) with a bench micrometer to precision of ± 2 micrometers and weighed to ± 0.2 mg.

PROCEDURE

A burner rig typical of the four used for these tests is shown in Figure 1(b) and has been described in Reference 6. Briefly, each rig is a nominal Mach 0.1 type fired with A-1 jet fuel whose sulfur content was determined to be 0.015 ± 0.015 wt % over the duration of the tests. The fuel-to-air ratio was varied from about 0.015 to 0.055. The dopants were injected into the combustion chamber as an aqueous solution. Eight samples were rotated rapidly in front of the exhaust nozzle and reached the desired temperature in a few minutes. After each one-hour exposure the burner pivoted away and a forward-air cooling nozzle was directed on the specimens for three minutes. Then this cycle was repeated. After 50 cycles one sample of each alloy was removed and a new sample put in its place. After 100 cycles the samples were removed, weighed, washed, and reweighed. This gave, for each alloy, a sample at 50 hours, 60 hours or 100 hours. Washing consisted of immersion of each sample blade in 300 cc's of water at 80° C followed by a soft brushing in running water, an alcohol rinse, and air drying. The samples were then sectioned along the plane shown in Figure 1(a), which is the center of the hot zone, and where all temperature measurements were made during the run. The cut sections were mounted metallographically, polished and etched. Thickness measurements were made to determine the final thickness at maximum penetration and to calculate maximum metal loss(?). While both the initial and final thicknesses were measured to precision of ± 2 μm, experience has shown (Ref. 7) that resultant change in thickness is only accurate to about ± 10 μm due to the irregularity of attack and other factors outlined in Reference 7.

The surface of each of the 100-hour samples were scraped for X-ray diffraction analysis. A few milligrams from each sample were obtained and analyzed using a Guinier-deMollé camera. This type of focusing camera was necessary because the complexity of the patterns of the deposits resulted in overlapping diffraction lines.

STATISTICAL DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

Experimental Variables and Plans

The experimental design used in this program is a modification of a class of experimental designs (Ref. 8 and 9). These are all generalizations of plans as illustrated in Figure 2. Figure 2 shows an experiment consisting of two parts, a square (or cube) with a star radiating from the center point. In the cube part, presence of a letter denotes that variable is at its high level, while absence of a letter indicates the variable is at its low level. The symbol (1) denotes all the variables are at their low level. The extremes of the star are denoted by capital letters with plus or minus.

In the current experiment we consider the seven variables listed in Table II. The original plan consisted of 92 treatment combinations to be run in five groups (blocks). Each block of samples is designed to isolate the effects of certain variables and their interactions. A number of changes were made during the progress of the experiment and the complete list of the observed data is given in Table III. The first four columns of Table III give the observed metal recession for IN 100, U-700, IN-792 and Hast M 509, respectively. The next five columns give the parts per million by weight of combustion gases of Na, K, Mg, Ca and Cl. Column ten gives the test temperature, and

column 11 gives the time of exposure. The last two columns identify the rig on which the test was run and the letter code for the treatment combination as defined above. A number of changes in the test plan were made in the progress of the runs. The first of these resulted from a data review toward the end of block two. Because of the good correlations obtained at that point, blocks three and four were condensed. Block five, consisting of the star points was run in its entirety.

A second condensation came about towards the end of the completion of block two and before the start of block five. At this point a reevaluation of the aims of the program made it clear that the dopants should be considered in terms of elements rather than compounds. This is primarily because it would be difficult, if not impossible, to analytically identify the compound(s) in which the various impurities were present because of the low levels of concentrations found in these fuels.

We therefore redefined the independent impurity variables of interest as parts per million of the elements Na, K, Mg, Ca and Cl. This change had the effect of reducing considerably the orthogonality of the original design. The effect was primarily that Cl was rather highly correlated with Mg and Ca, less highly correlated with Na and K, and had no effect on a correlation of Cl with temperature and with time. However, it did mean that the Cl concentrations tended to be on average considerably higher than the other variables. This approach had little effect on fit of the data.

In order to alleviate this correlation problem and to verify that only the presence of the individual elements matter, several additional runs were made which expanded the scope of the experiment somewhat. These runs are identified by the code EXPAND in column 11 of Table III. In addition, one run was made with no dopants, that is, 0.015 wt % fuel. These are labeled OXIDAT in column 11 of

To illustrate the scope of the program, a series of parametric plots of the levels of the independent variables have been provided. Not all pairs are plotted, as several such plots are very similar, in particular Figure 3(a) is a plot ppm Na versus ppm Mg. Na vs Cl, K vs Mg, and K vs Ca are very similar and hence not separately plotted. Likewise, Figure 3(b) shows Na vs temperature with K vs temperature being almost identical. Figure 3(c) plots Mg vs temperature with Ca vs temperature being almost identical.

Inclusion of Other Variables

Besides the primary design variable it was necessary to include the possibility that fuel-to-air ratio had an effect on attack (Ref. 10), and that there could be systematic biases from one burner rig to another. The comparison of rig effects can be included by the use of dummy variables. That is, a pair of independent variables R_1 and R_2 are defined such that (R_1, R_2) equals (1, -1) for rig one, equals (1, 1) for rig two, equals (-1, -1) for rig three and equals (-1, 1) for rig four. Then the three variables R_1 , R_2 and R_3 will reflect the following differences:

- R_1 measures (Rig 1 - Rig 3) - (Rig 1 - Rig 2)
- R_2 measures (Rig 2 - Rig 3) - (Rig 1 - Rig 4)
- R_3 measures (Rig 1 - Rig 3) - (Rig 2 - Rig 4)

Fuel to air ratio was considered as a variable only for the center point runs since it was not recorded in detail for all of the runs.

Uses of the Center Points

The center point of a central composite design is typically repeated a number of times (in this case there were 14 repetitions) during the execution of the overall experiment. The primary reason for this is that since the center point has all the controllable variables held at nominally identical levels, these replicates provide information on: 1) an independent measure of the inherent variability or reproducibility of the results, 2) this error estimate may then be compared to the error estimate obtained from fitting more complicated equations to all of the data to determine if the more general equation is adequate, 3) if the center points are interspersed in time then they can often be used to check for drift or trends that might be occurring due to changing conditions over the course of the runs. The model used for this analysis is $\log \tau = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \log \text{time} + \theta_2 1/a + \theta_3 R_1 + \theta_4 R_2 + \theta_5 R_1 R_2 + \epsilon$.

Full Data Analysis

The fundamental form of the model chosen is a power law in time, that is, $\tau = a_1 t^{a_2}$ where the rate constant a_1 is a function of the remaining variables, that is, Na, K, Mg, Ca, Cl, time, temperature, and the rigs. More specifically, we use $\tau = C_1(\text{Na}) \cdot C_2(\text{K}) \cdot C_3(\text{Mg}) \cdot C_4(\text{Ca}) \cdot C_5(\text{Cl}) \cdot \exp[-10(\theta_2 + \theta_3 T + \theta_4 T^2 + \theta_5 R_1 + \theta_6 R_2 + \theta_7 R_1 R_2)] \cdot \epsilon$ where τ = metal recession, Na, K, Mg, Ca, Cl = respective dopant levels in ppm, t = time in hours, T = temperature - 950° divided by 50°, R_1 and R_2 = dummy variables indicating test rig, ϵ = the unobservable random error and each of the C_i are of the form:

$$C_i = (\theta_{i1} + (1 - \theta_{i1}) \exp(-\theta_{i2}))$$

This functional form has the following properties: a) it is essentially a power law in time so that at time zero there is no attack, b) the impurity functions have the value of unity at 0 concentration and are asymptotic to θ_{i1} as concentrations go to infinity, c) the second order polynomial in the temperature of the exponential term will allow for maximal rate of attack for some temperature if θ_4 is less than zero, and d) indicates a belief that the experimental error is proportional in nature rather than additive. It should be pointed out that this type of curve fit requires the use of non-linear regression.

The behavior of this family of impurity functions is indicated in Figure 4. The value of θ_{i1} is an asymptote such that θ_{i1} is greater than 1, and the function is monotonically increasing. The parameter θ_{i2} must be greater than zero and indicates the rapidity of approach to the asymptote. Large values indicate rapid approach and small values indicate slow approach. If θ_{i1} is less than 1 the function is monotonically decreasing to θ_{i1} . Small values of θ_{i2} indicate a slow approach and large values a rapid approach.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

X-Ray Diffraction of Deposits

As a result of the many different test conditions on four alloys, there is plethora of X-ray diffraction data. These data are presented and discussed in detail in the Appendix. In general, the dupants tended to form the same types of deposits regardless of the concentration or the combinations with other ele-

ments. Mg in the combustion products tended to deposit as MgO. Ca, on the other hand reacted with sulfur in the fuel to form primarily Ca sulfate. As expected from other work (Ref. 11) Na and K also deposited as sulfates. In the case of Na, Na₂SO₄ was the primary phase, however, it was found in three separate crystallographic modifications. K, when present in appreciable quantities, was found as K₂SO₄ and it also combined with the Na₂SO₄ to form a mixed sulfate K₂Na₂-SO₄. Throughout the analyses a set of unknown lines consistently occurred for which no match could be made with the powder diffraction file. By correlating the presence of these lines with the concentrations of the dopants, we were able to determine that this was probably a phase primarily composed of Na with some K and Ca as a sulfate. This phase was then synthesized as shown in the Appendix and determined to be approximately Na₂K₂Ca₂(SO₄)₆. The above phases accounted for the vast majority of those found in the deposits. Twice a Na₂Ca₂(SO₄)₃, glauberite, was found and a few weak lines which were never identified were seen in a few of the patterns.

The presence of these phases presented few surprises, as such sulfate forming reactions have generally been found in these types of tests and have usually led to accelerated corrosion. This is especially true in the cases of Na and K sulfates and their mixtures. The complications introduced by the Na, K sulfates and the Na, K, Ca sulfates is that these compounds form liquid deposits over temperature ranges which are largely unknown. As will be seen from the discussion of the metal recession data, high metal recessions are associated, as would be expected, with large concentrations of Na and K sulfates.

Metal Recession Data - Center Point Analysis

Plots of the raw data for the center points are given on log-log scale in Figure 5. The plots are done separately for each rig. Table IV presents the results of the regression analysis for each alloy.

The analysis of the 1N-100 center point data indicates that the exponent of time is (within sampling error), = 1. This would indicate the corrosion is proceeding via a surface reaction. Such reactions would indicate that no protective layer is being formed during the corrosion process and would probably result in highly accelerated corrosion, and indeed 1N-100 is known to be a very corrosion-prone material (Ref. 11).

The coefficient of the fuel-to-air ratio is negative by a significant amount indicating that as fuel-to-air increases at this temperature the corrosion rate decreases. These results are not in agreement with the fuel-to-air ratio effects observed on Mar M-509 as shown in Reference 10, and indicate that, quite probably, fuel-to-air as a variable, like so many other variables as found in Reference 11, affect different alloys differently.

The coefficients of the rig effects imply that rigs one and two are similar as are rigs three and four, but the two sets differ significantly. This difference is apparent from the raw data plots of Figure 5. It is interesting to note that rigs 1 and 2 are combined on one table in the laboratory and and rigs 3 and 4 are on another table. While nominally all four rigs are built to the same specifications and presumably identical, it is quite obvious from the data that rig to rig variations do exist at a level significant enough to be detected in this type of experiment.

The variance and the standard deviation estimates are 0.0142 and 0.119, respectively. The approximate

95% confidence limits derived from chi-square distributions are 0.0099. This is less than or equal to the variance which is less than or equal to 0.0219. These limits are given in Table V. When fitting the log of metal recession, the estimate of standard deviation can be used to provide approximate proportional error limits on t . For example, the distribution of log t values for a fixed time, fuel-to-air ratio, and rig has a standard deviation, σ , so that $\log(t) \pm 2\sigma$ is estimated by the $\log(t) \pm 2\sigma$. Upon taking the antilog we find that $10^{0.0219}$, so that $10^{0.0219}$ represents proportional error limits. For the IN-100 we obtained 0.58 and 1.73 indicating that two σ limits are from about 42% low to 73% high.

The U-700 center point data indicate that the coefficient of the log time is significantly larger than 1. This indicates a reaction faster than surface controlled, possibly due to alloy depletion effects. The fuel-to-air coefficient is significantly negative and hence indicates decreasing attack with increasing fuel-to-air as was found with the IN-100. There are two significant rig effects with the larger being rigs 1 and 2 vs rigs 3 and 4, again as was found with the IN-100. Proportional 2σ limits there are estimated to be 50% low to 142% high.

The coefficient on time for the center point data of IN-792 is 0.87, only slightly smaller than 1. This could possibly indicate a corrosion process that is partially surface controlled and partly diffusion controlled. The fuel-to-air coefficient is not significantly different from zero and hence, appears to be not involved in the corrosion of this alloy. There is one significant rig effect, being the difference between rigs 1 and 2 and rigs 3 and 4 as found on the preceding two alloys. Proportional 2σ limits are estimated as 47% low and 73% high.

The Mar M-509 center point results indicated a coefficient in time of about 0.6 which is not significantly different from 0.5. This may indicate a primarily diffusion controlled reaction. The microstructure of the attack zone found on the Mar M-509 alloys both in this study (Fig. 6) and in previous work (Ref. 11), indicate that the attack is largely down grain boundaries, presumably requiring the transport over a rather long distance and may be the cause of the low exponent in time.

There is a significant fuel-to-air effect but no significant rig effects were observed. However, as was the case in the other three alloys, the fuel-to-air coefficient was negative in direct contrast to the results found in Reference 10. This may be related to the differences between the two types of experiments in which the referenced work was obtained on stationary samples and the current data are obtained on samples rotated in the manner described above. However, in the absence of further work the anomaly cannot be fully explained. The proportional two σ limits are estimated as 49% low to 89% high.

Analysis of the Full Data Set

The model of the equation was fitted to all the available data for each alloy by a least squares method. The self-consistency of the data was examined by computing the residuals for each available observation. This consists of computing the predicted values of $\log t$ for each data point and subtracting that from the observed $\log t$. These residuals were examined in sets of 12, because of the experimental procedure consisting of three pins of each alloy at 50, 60 and 100 hours it is quite possible that there is some correlation structure underlying these 12 observations due to some common uncontrolled unknown variables. Scaled squared distances from the origin of these

vectors of dimension 12 were computed, ordered from the smallest to the largest, and plotted on a chi-squared probability scale (see Section 6.4 of Gnedenko (Ref. 12) for details). If the residuals $(\log t - \log \hat{t})$ are normally distributed with no significant inability observed of the calculated model to fit the data, the plot should be a straight line.

Figure 7 shows the resulting plot which looks somewhat like a straight line except for possibly points 01, F, and 02. These points were deleted (indicated by A in Table III) and the models refit. The estimated coefficients were not much different. The residuals for this fit were calculated and plotted with the result presented in Figure 8. This plot seems to indicate two different straight lines with points 05, 06, 28 as possible bad points. The two straight lines may be interpreted as indicating two error processes. Upon examining the data points on the steeper of the two lines it appears that almost all of them involve a situation where for 60 hours is less than for 50 hours for one or more of the alloys. No other pattern was seen to emerge. After a detailed, two step analysis of the remaining data examination, all the data points labeled B in Table IV were also dropped as being suspect and the models again refitted. These are the results given in Table V. Upon comparison it was noted that the largest difference is in the estimated σ value. For the models fit to the edited data set, Table V, we obtained σ values much more in accord with the center point fit. This fact along with the fitted equations being quite similar for all three fits, leads us to conclude the results of the use of the edited data yielded the best results.

Errors

Before discussing the relative effects of the variables on each alloy, the estimates of the residual experimental error and the impact of this error on the results to follow will be discussed. The model is of the form $t = a_1 t_0^2 + 10^{\epsilon}$ where ϵ is a random error. The estimates of Table V which are labeled $\hat{\sigma}^2$ are estimates of the variance of ϵ . Plus and minus two standard errors about the model equation is thus given by: $a_1 t_0^2 \pm 2 \times 10^{\hat{\sigma}}$. Table V represents the factors $10^{\hat{\sigma}}$, $10^{2\hat{\sigma}}$. It is thus seen that approximately 95% of the observations should fall within a factor of two for IN-792 and Mar M-509. The 95% tolerance limit is slightly larger, about 2.5, for IN-100 and U-700. It must be noted that this is strictly true only if the ϵ are independent and normally distributed, the model as stated is correct, and we know what the true values of a_1 , a_2 are. The probability plots of Figures 7 and 8 indicate approximate normality. We are not sure of the choice of the model. It has several features that are desirable but clearly cannot be assumed to be exactly correct. We must allow for the possibility of a future different model being more chemically precise. Due to the rather large experimental error it will be difficult to distinguish among competing models unless: 1) they are grossly different, or 2) we perform very extensive experimentation. All discussion is in terms of the chosen model. We then come to the point that we have only estimated the coefficients. There are errors and uncertainty in each of these, and hence, uncertainty in the fitted equations. There are no exact methods available for quantifying this uncertainty in the case of nonlinear least squares. The existing approximate techniques are cumbersome and of uncertain validity.

What we are most interested in are those variables which cause changes in the depth of attack that are greater than the changes due to random sampling.

Sodium

Increasing sodium levels increase the rate of attack for all four alloys. The increase is especially dramatic for IN-100 and U-700. From Table V, the asymptotic values are for IN-100, 336.4; for U-700, 105.2; for IN-792, 259.4, and for Mar M-509, 2.667. These values are slightly misleading since they are not approached within the sodium levels observed in the experiment, except for Mar M-509. Figure 9(a) shows a rate factor for sodium over the interval 0-5 ppm. Although not plotted, the factor for sodium is 107.8 at 5 ppm; for IN-100, U-700 and IN-792 it is evident that the change in attack over the 0-5 ppm range is considerably larger than the experimental error, while for Mar M-509 the change is close to the error limits. There are evidently real differences between the rate of each alloy also. As an approximation consider that at 2 ppm the predicted factors and the error limits are

	10^{-20}	τ	10^{-20}
IN 100	19.7	46.7	120.3
U-700	5.5	13.4	35.4
IN-792	2.5	5.0	10.0
MM-509	.88	1.7	3.3

These results are consistent with published data (Ref. 11) inasmuch as they indicate that increases in sodium are a cause of increasing attack, and that the alloys corrode in approximately the order one would expect, mainly the most corrosion resistant, Mar M-509 through the least corrosion resistant, IN-100.

Potassium

Increasing values of potassium cause increasing rates of attack. The numerical values defining the rate function are given in Table V, and the functions plotted over 0-5 ppm in Figure 9(b). The change in C_k over that range is clearly larger than the random error effects, but appears to be about the same for each alloy.

Magnesium

Increasing magnesium concentrations decreases attack for all but the Mar M-509 alloy. The Mar M-509 alloy indicates essentially no effect over the range plotted, 0-5 ppm, while for the other alloys the change in attack is about the same. Thus, this study would indicate that magnesium is a favorable element as would be concluded from Reference 13, but not especially so. The behavior of IN-100 and IN-792 are very much alike. These results are plotted in Figure 9(c).

Calcium

Calcium appears to be a favorable additive as increasing calcium concentration leads to decreasing attack for all alloys. The numerical values in Table V indicate rate reductions of from 0.195 to 0.607. These limits are nearly achieved within the levels of calcium examined and the factors are plotted from 0-3 ppm in Figure 9(d). For IN-100 and IN-792 there is a very rapid reduction in rate, while for U-700 and for Mar M-509 reduction is not so rapid. Over the range of 0-3 ppm the change in the function is larger than the error limits. These data are certainly consistent with the inhibitor data published in Reference 13, which found that calcium decreased corrosion to some degree.

Chlorine

Chlorine also appears to be a beneficial dopant. The numerical values of Table V indicate asymptotic

reduction of rate of attack from 0.1856 to 0.4104 depending upon the alloy. Chlorine concentrations range from 0-16 ppm, the rate factors are plotted from 0-10 ppm for each alloy on Figure 20. This indicates the response to be rather similar for each alloy. The reduction in attack due to the chlorine is greater than the error limits. These results are somewhat surprising in earlier work in burner rigs (Ref. 11) indicated that chlorine was probably a cause of accelerated hot corrosion, although the data were certainly not unambiguous. In this case all of the data seems to strongly indicate that chlorine, when present, can be a cause of reduction of hot corrosion and not of acceleration. This is consistent with the results of Saeeghi (Ref. 14).

Rigs

One important and disturbing variable to consider is rig effects. The rigs are nominally identical, thus whatever variability there is from one rig to another is a lower bound on the differences that could result between two different labs. This is because many things change from lab to lab, least among them the rigs. In our model the rig effect is included through the inclusion of the two dummy variables, R_1 and R_2 . Table VI presents the deviation of each rig from a nominal or mean rig by indicating the value of $10^{20}(R_1 + R_2 + R_1 R_2)$. It is thus seen that rig 1 tends to yield attack results about 13-24% higher than nominal, while rig 4 yields results about 11-16% lower than nominal. Rigs 2 and 3 are about average in their effect on corrosion attack.

Temperature

The model chosen for the temperature rate factor has the obvious drawback that there are no temperature dopant interaction terms. It would be expected that Mg would not have an interaction effect over the range of interest. It forms MgO which probably acts only as either an inert solid or as a slight inhibitor (Ref. 13). However, MgO is a solid at all test temperatures. Cl has been shown to remain largely in the gas (Ref. 15) and whether there should be a Cl - temperature interaction is questionable. One would expect Na-, K-, and Ca-temperature interactions as these form sulfates whose dew points and melting points may be in the test temperature range. Since it is generally assumed that accelerated corrosion occurs primarily at temperatures between the melting point and the dew point of the deposits, the composition of the deposit should strongly influence the shape of the temperature - corrosion curve.

At this stage of the development these types of interactions have not been included in the model. Nevertheless, the temperature profiles predicted by the model are in reasonable agreement with the observed data which would indicate that the potential interaction terms are not necessarily first order effects over the temperature range of interest here. Further refinements in the model may include the temperature-dopant interaction terms provided that their effects are greater than the uncertainty in the data.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An attempt has been made to study the corrosion attack of turbine airfoil alloys as a function of Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, temperature, and time utilizing a statistically designed burner rig program. An attack model was developed from these results which, while obviously incomplete, seems to account for most of the

important first order effects. As more data become available, modification and refinement of the model should allow greater predictive ability.

A. Appendix - X-Ray Diffraction Results for Deposits by Ralph G. Carlisle

The Guinier-deMolli focusing camera method was used for analysis of the powder samples. This method was used chiefly because it offers better separation of peaks than the other available methods in the range of lattice spacings where peak overlap often leads to problems in phase identification. This method also offers the advantage of the ability to run 4 samples under the same diffraction conditions at the same time and having the resulting 4 patterns on 1 film for comparison. This is ideal for comparison of deposits on the 4 alloys for the same deposit conditions.

The results of the diffraction analyses are summarized in Table VII. Under each phase the letters indicate the relative intensity of the pattern for that phase compared to other phases present, S indicating strong, M medium, and W weak. The center points are summarized as if they were 1 run, and, although there was some variability in results, the major phases present were substantially the same for all runs. Sampling to get powder for X-Ray analysis was done primarily for analysis of the deposited material and attempts were made to avoid including the substrate oxides formed on the sample. In many cases this was not possible, as indicated in the table. The absence of substrate in the X-Ray sample, therefore does not indicate that none was present on the sample. As expected, substrate oxide was most often present in the IN-100 samples. Na_2SO_4 , presented in the table as 1 phase, was actually various combinations of 3 separate phases - types I, III, and V Na_2SO_4 , with types I and V more commonly present. In most cases only 1 type of Na_2SO_4 was present in a sample. The $\text{K}_2\text{Na}_{2-x}\text{SO}_4$ formed in many of the samples is a hexagonal phase with a range of composition of at least from $\text{K}_{0.6}\text{Na}_{1.4}\text{SO}_4$ to $\text{K}_{1.5}\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{SO}_4$ with the unit cell increasing in size as the K/Na ratio increases (Ref. 10).

The column designated $\text{Na}_2\text{K}_2(\text{CaSO}_4)_n$ is an estimate of the formula for a phase (or phases) present in many of the samples. As previously indicated, a set of unknown lines occurred frequently in certain samples. By correlating the presence and relative strength of this pattern with concentrations of dopants it was determined that the phase was probably a sulfate with Na the principle cation, and small amounts of Ca and K also necessary. To synthesize this material, several samples in this composition range were mixed from the components Na_2SO_4 , CaSO_4 , and K_2SO_4 . These mixtures were heated at 900°C for 4 hours, cooled and X-Ray diffraction patterns run for the resulting materials. The results are summarized in the three component phase map, Figure 10. The sample with no potassium (Na/Ca/K = 1/2/0) consisted of $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{CaSO}_4$. All other samples contained the unknown phase, with 2 samples containing only these unknown lines. These samples were those of Na/Ca/K ratios of 8/2/1 and 7/2/1, indicating a range of composition for the unknown phase. We have designated this phase as $\text{Na}_2\text{K}_2(\text{CaSO}_4)_n$, which certainly represents the approximate composition. The other samples in the synthesis attempt consisted of this phase plus the sulfate one would expect from the composition (e.g. Na_2SO_4 for Na/Ca/K = 8/1/1).

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TABLE I. - COMPOSITION OF ALLOYS
(All Values are Weight Percent)

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>IN-100</u>	<u>U-780</u>	<u>IN-792</u>	<u>MAR-M-509</u>
Cr	10	14.2	12.7	23
Ni	Bal.	Bal.	Bal.	10
Co	15	15.5	9.0	Bal.
Al	5.5	4.2	3.2	-
Ti	4.7	3.3	4.2	0.2
Mo	3.0	4.4	2.0	-
W	-	-	3.9	7
Ta	-	-	3.9	3.5
Nb	-	-	0.9	-
V	1.0	-	-	-
Mn	-	< .01	-	-
Fe	-	0.1	-	-
Si	-	< 0.1	-	-
Zr	0.6	< .01	0.10	0.5
B	0.014	0.02	0.02	-
C	0.18	0.06	0.2	0.6

TABLE II. - THE SEVEN INITIAL VARIABLES AND THEIR LEVELS

	Star (-)	Cube (-)	Center Point	Cube (+)	Star (+)
A NaCl	.04 PPM	.20	.45	1.0	4.95
B Na_2SO_3					
C KCl					
D K_2SO_4					
E MgCl_2					
F CaCl_2					
G TEMP	800°C	900	950	1000	1100

TABLE III. - SUMMARY OF TEST VARIABLES AND MEASURES

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TABLE IV. - CENTER POINT REGRESSION ANALYSES (56 DATA POINTS PER ALLOY)

	IN-100			U-700			IN-792			NM 509		
	EST COEF	STD DEV COEF	t	EST COEF	STD DEV COEF	t	EST COEF	STD DEV COEF	t	EST COEF	STD DEV COEF	t
B_0	1.032			.631			.715			1.420		
$\log(\text{time})$	.98	.082	12.04	1.36	.132	10.36	.87	.082	10.61	.60	.099	6.02
F/A	$-.67 \times 10^{-3}$	$.25 \times 10^{-3}$	-2.69	-1.22×10^{-3}	$.40 \times 10^{-3}$	-3.02	$-.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$.23 \times 10^{-3}$	-1.21	$-.96 \times 10^{-3}$	$.3 \times 10^{-3}$	-3.15
F_1	-.11	.016	-6.97	-.14	.026	-5.39	-.068	.016	-4.16	-.006	.020	-.29
F_2	$-.26 \times 10^{-2}$	.015	-1.6	6.1×10^{-2}	.026	2.31	1.99×10^{-2}	.016	1.22	2.9×10^{-2}	.020	1.45
$F_1 F_2$	$-.56 \times 10^{-1}$	.018	-3.17	$-.41 \times 10^{-1}$	.028	-1.44	$-.16 \times 10^{-1}$	.016	-.89	$-.26 \times 10^{-1}$	.021	-1.24
R^2		.82.1			76.5			73.6			45.7	
σ^2	.0099	.0142	.0219	.0257	.0367	.0568	.0099	.0141	.0219	.0146	.0209	.0323
σ		.119			.192			.119			.145	
$10^{2.20}$	.58		1.73	.41		2.42	.58		1.73	.57		1.95

TABLE V. - RESULTS OF MODEL FITTED BY DROPPING POINTS LABELED (a) AND (b) IN TABLE III

	IN-100		U-700		IN-792		NM-509	
	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$\hat{\beta}_2$	$\hat{\beta}_1$	$\hat{\beta}_2$
Nd	336.4	.07666	105.2	.06592	259.4	.007793	2.667	.2858
k	90.66	.01373	13.10	.1801	15.77	.1606	8.384	.1166
Mg	.4661	2.039	.7399	1.009	.5489	2.598	2.773	.02431
Cl	.2312	.5443	.2430	.3541	.4104	.5023	.1856	.1334
Ca	.4345	6.000	.6070	.7410	.1953	.9624	.4914	.2500
$\sigma \log t$	.9950		1.062		.8218		.6515	
$\hat{\beta}$	-.08192		-.4103		.3137		.6720	
ST	-.1234		.1870		.1227		.05306	
ST^2	.04424		-.05006		-.004882		.07438	
σr_1	-.05016		-.09450		-.05501		-.02612	
σr_2	-.02319		.01082		-.03358		-.02606	
$\sigma r_1 r_2$	.01950		.007929		.005913		.001433	
SSQ TOT	44.54		44.06		25.01		13.23	
SSQ RES	7.19		7.53		4.23		3.86	
R^2	.839		.829		.831		.708	
n	203		200		205		203	
σ^2	.0387		.0411		.0225		.0208	
σ	.197		.203		.150		.144	
$10^{2.20}$	(.404 , 2.47)		(.393 , 2.55)		(.501 , 1.99)		(.515 , 1.94)	

TABLE VI. - ESTIMATED RIG VARIATION FROM NOMINAL ($r_1=0$, $r_2=0$)

Dummy Variables		Rig No.	$\frac{8r_1 + 8r_2 + 8r_1r_2}{10}$			
r_1	r_2		IN-100	U-700	IN-792	MM 509
-1	-1	1	1.24	1.23	1.24	1.13
-1	+1	2	1.02	1.25	1.04	1.00
+1	-1	3	.90	.77	.94	1.00
+1	+1	4	.88	.84	.83	.89

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TABLE VII. - PHASES PRESENT IN DEPOSITS

		Deposant Composition (ppm)					Temp. (°C)	Phases Present (Relative Strength of X-Ray Diffraction Patterns) s = strong, m = medium, w = weak						Other Known Phases	Unknown Pattern
RUN CODE		Na	F	Mg	Ca	Cl		MgO	NaSO ₄	CaSO ₄	K ₂ Na ₂ (2-x) SO ₄	(1) Na ₂ CO ₃ K ₂ SO ₄	(2) Substrate Oxides		
Center Points	All	0.50	2.50	0.45	0.45	3.21	950	S	M	M		M	M		
A ⁺	4	5.40	0.90	0.45	0.45	10.15	950	M	S						
AB	1	2.00	0.40	0.20	0.20	2.66	900	M	S				M		
A ⁻	3	0.49	0.90	0.45	0.45	2.58	950	M		S					
B ⁺	4	5.40	0.90	0.45	0.45	5.21	950	M	S						
B ⁻	3	0.49	2.90	0.45	0.45	3.21	950	M		S					
C ⁺	4	0.20	5.40	0.45	0.45	7.29	950	S			S				
C	3	0.40	1.20	0.20	0.20	2.15	900	S			S	M	M		
CD	1	0.40	2.00	0.20	0.20	2.15	900	S			S				
C ⁻	4	0.90	0.49	0.45	0.45	2.84	950	S		M		S			M
D ⁺	3	0.90	5.40	0.45	0.45	3.12	950	S			S				
D	3	0.40	1.20	0.20	0.20	1.43	900	S			S	M	M		
D ⁻	3	0.90	0.49	0.45	0.45	3.21	950	S		S		S			
E ⁺	3	0.90	0.90	1.95	0.45	16.53	950	S		M			M		
EG	3	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.20	3.76	1000	S		S					
E ⁻	4	0.90	0.90	0.04	0.45	2.01	950					S	S		
F ⁺	4	0.90	0.90	0.45	4.95	11.17	950	M		S					
FG	1	0.40	0.40	0.20	1.00	2.84	1000	S		S					
F ⁻	3	0.90	0.90	0.45	0.04	2.48	950		S				S		
EF	3	0.40	0.50	1.00	1.00	5.17	900	S		S			M		
G ⁺	4	0.90	0.90	0.45	5.45	3.21	1100	S				S			
G ⁻	3	0.90	0.90	0.45	0.45	3.21	800	S				S			
ACG	3	1.20	1.20	0.20	0.20	3.39	1000		M		M		S		
ADG	4	1.20	1.20	0.20	0.20	2.66	1000	M	M		M		S		
BGG	2	1.20	1.20	0.20	0.20	2.15	1000		M		M		S		M
BGG	2	1.20	1.20	0.20	0.20	1.43	1000		S	M	M		S		M

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(1) See text of Appendix for discussion of this phase.

(2) Substrate oxides usually strongest on IN-100 samples.

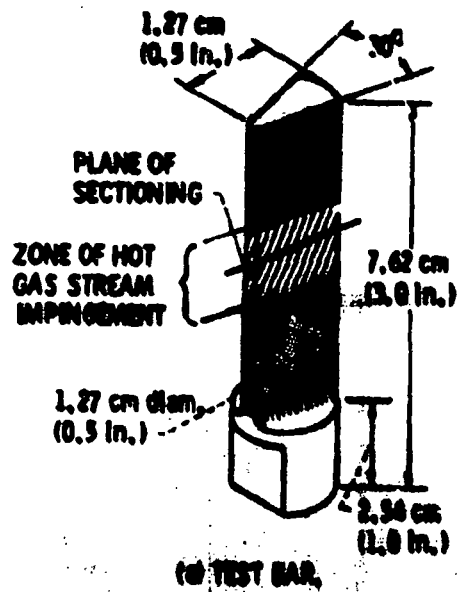
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		Dopant Composition (ppm)						Temp. (°C)					Phases Present (Relative Strength of X-Ray Diffraction Patterns) s = strong, m = medium, w = weak		
RUN CODE	RIG	Na	K	Mg	Ca	Cl							K ₂ SO ₄ Na ₂ CO ₃ K ₂		Substrate Oxides
													(2:4)	SO ₄	
ABCD	2	2.00	2.00	0.20	0.20	3.39	900	M	S		S	M	S		M
BCDG	4	1.20	2.00	0.20	0.20	2.15	1000	M			S		S		
BE	3	1.20	0.40	1.00	0.20	3.76	900	S	S			S			
ABEG	3	2.00	0.40	1.00	0.20	4.99	1000	S	M						M
ADE-I	1	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	4.99	900	S	M	M	M				M
ADE-II	3	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	4.99	900	S	S						M
ACE-I	4	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	5.72	900	S	M		M				M
ACE-II	4	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	5.72	900	S			M	M			
BCE	3	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	4.49	900	S	M		M				
BDE	1	1.20	1.20	1.00	0.20	3.76	900	S	M		M				
ABCDEG	3	2.00	2.00	1.00	0.20	5.72	1000	S	M		M			M	
CDEG	4	0.40	2.00	1.00	0.20	4.49	1000	M		M	M				
ABFG	2	2.00	0.40	0.20	1.00	4.08	1000					S		M	
AE	4	1.20	0.40	0.20	1.00	4.08	900	M		M		S			
ACE	3	1.20	1.20	0.20	1.00	4.80	900	M	S	M					M
ADF	2	1.20	1.20	0.20	1.00	4.08	900	S		S		S			M
BCE	1	1.20	1.20	0.20	1.00	3.57	900	S		S	M	S			M
BDE	4	1.20	1.20	0.20	1.00	2.96	900	S	S	S					M
ACDE	4	1.20	2.00	0.20	1.00	4.80	900	S				S			M
ABDE	2	2.00	1.20	0.20	1.00	4.08	1000		M			S			M
ABCEFG	1	2.00	2.00	0.20	1.00	4.80	1000		S					M	
CDEG	3	0.40	2.00	0.20	1.00	3.57	1000			S				M	
ABEF	3	2.00	0.40	1.00	1.00	6.41	900	S		M					M
ABCEF	4	2.00	1.20	1.00	1.00	7.13	900	S		M		S			M
ABCEEF	2	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	7.13	900	S		S		S	M		M
ACEFG	4	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.00	7.13	1000	S	M	S					

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TABLE VII. - Concluded.

Dopant Composition (ppm)										Phases Present (Relative Strength of X-Ray Diffraction Patterns) s = strong, m = medium, w = weak					Other Known Phases	Unknown Pattern
RUN CODE	RIG	Na	K	Mg	Ca	Cl	Temp. (°C)	MgO	NaSO ₄	CaSO ₄	K ₂ X ₂ (2-1) SO ₄	Na ₂ Ca ₂ F ₁ SO ₄	Substrate Oxides			
AUEFG	4	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.00	6.41	1000	S		S						
BUEFG	4	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.00	5.17	1000	S		S						
BUEFG	1	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.00	5.90	1000	S		S			M			
COEF	2	0.40	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.90	900	S		S						
(L)	2	0.40	0.40	0.20	0.20	1.43	900	S			M		S		M	
1	3	0.58	1.23	1.26	0.95	0.46	900	M			K		S	K ₂ Ca ₂ (SO ₄) ₃		
2	3	0.58	1.23	1.26	0.95	0.46	1000			M			S			
3	4	1.50	3.90	1.00	0.75	0.60	900	M			S				M	
4	4	1.50	3.90	1.00	0.75	0.60	1000				M		S			
5	3	1.90	0.50	1.05	0.75	0.48	900	S					S		M	
6	2	1.90	0.50	1.05	0.75	0.48	1000	S					S		M	
7	4	4.70	1.50	0.83	0.63	0.60	900	M	S		K					
8	4	4.70	1.50	0.83	0.63	0.60	1000	M	S		K					



(b) BURNER RIG.

Figure 1. - Hot-corrosion apparatus and test specimen.

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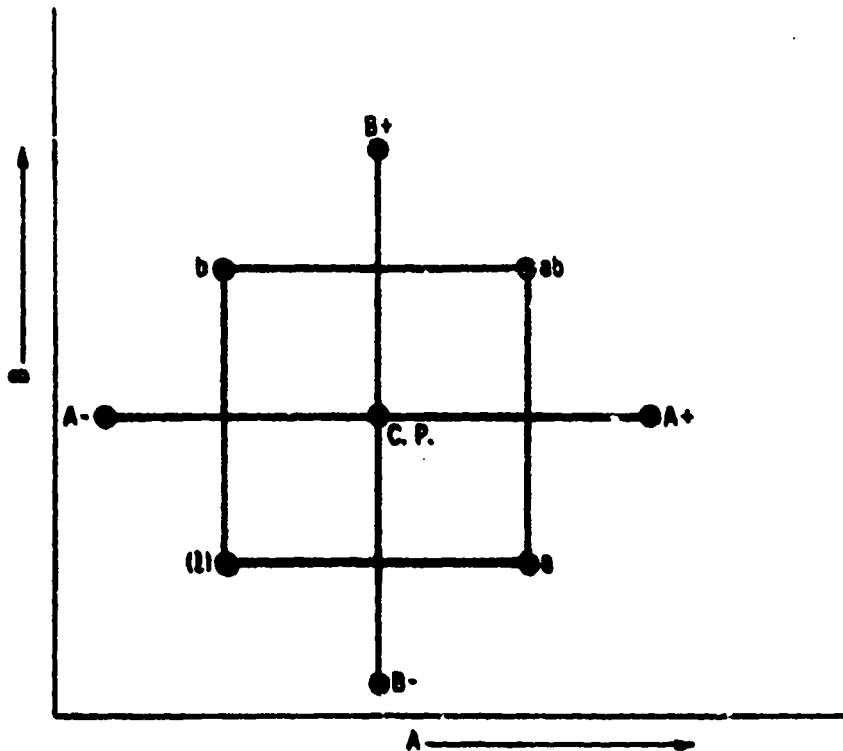
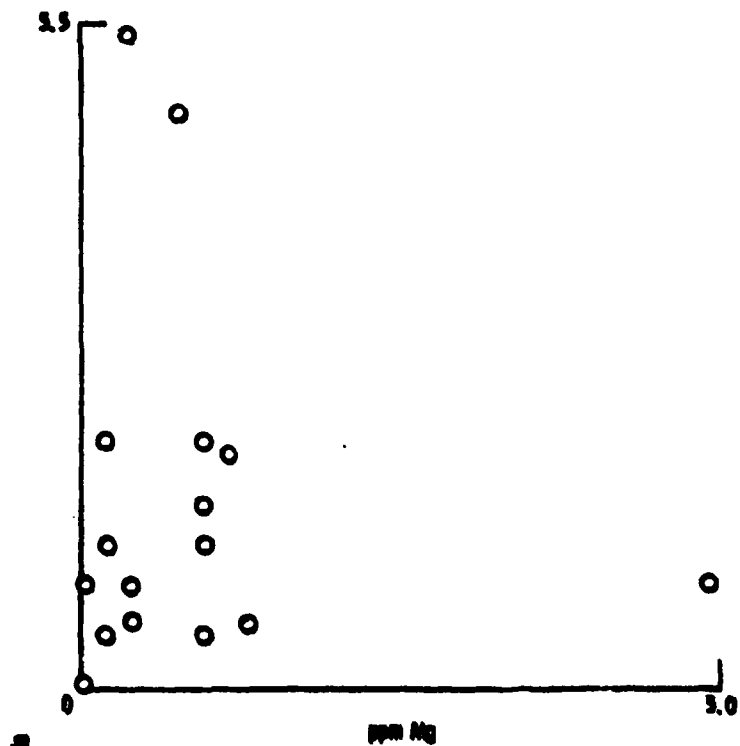
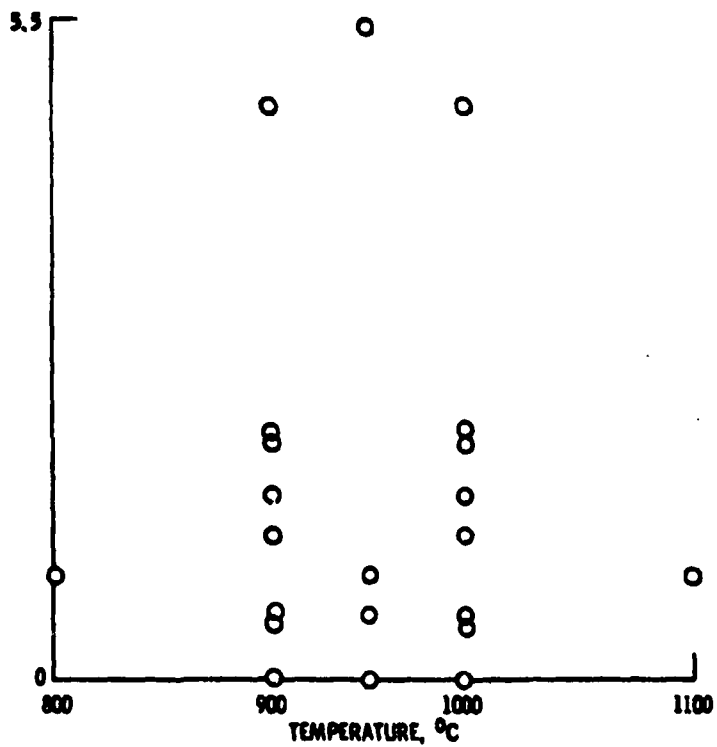


Figure 2. - A central composite factorial design for two variables, A and B. A_{\pm} and B_{\pm} denote axial or star points; C. P. denotes a center point; and a, b, ab, and (l) denote cube points.



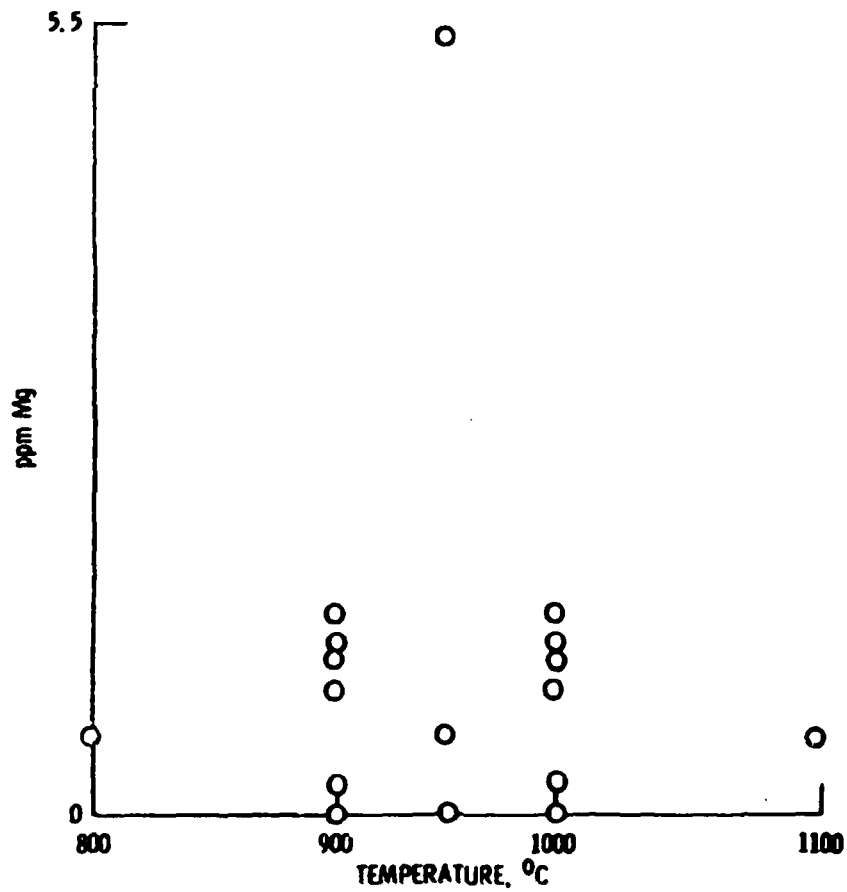
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(a) Na AND Mg. THE PLOTS OF Na VERSUS Ca, K VERSUS Mg, AND K VERSUS Ca ARE SIMILAR.



(b) TEMPERATURE AND Na. THE PLOT OF K VERSUS T IS SIMILAR.

Figure 3. - The scope of the program.



(c) TEMPERATURE AND Mg . THE PLOT OF Ca VERSUS T IS SIMILAR.

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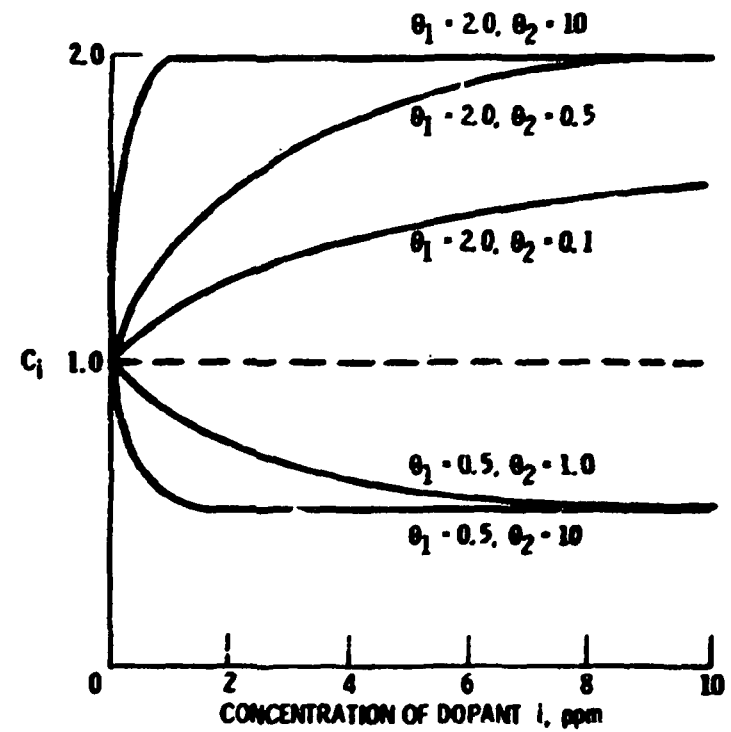


Figure 4. - The response of C_i to concentration of dopant "i" as affected by variations in θ_1 and θ_2 .

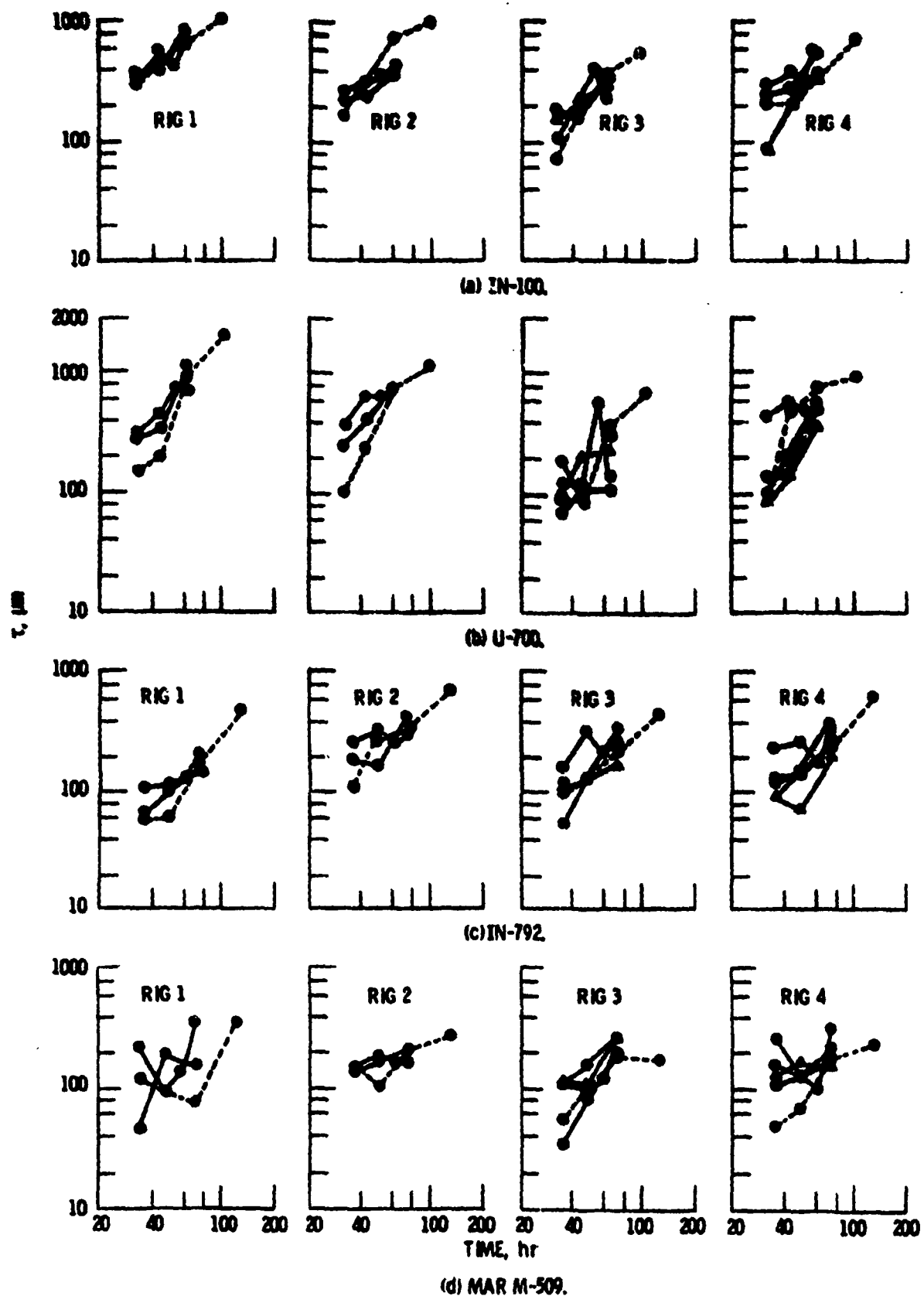
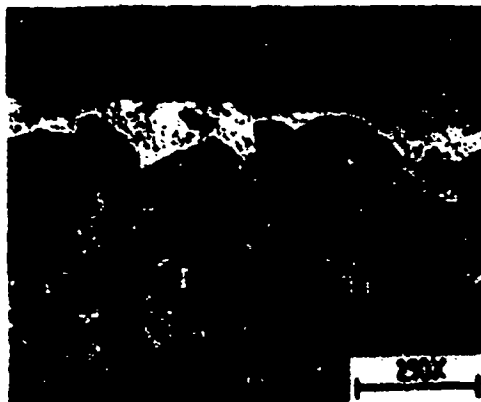


Figure 5. - Effects of rig and time on the center point metal recession.



(a) W-100.

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DEPLETION ZONE + SULFIDES

UNAFFECTED METAL



(b) U-700.

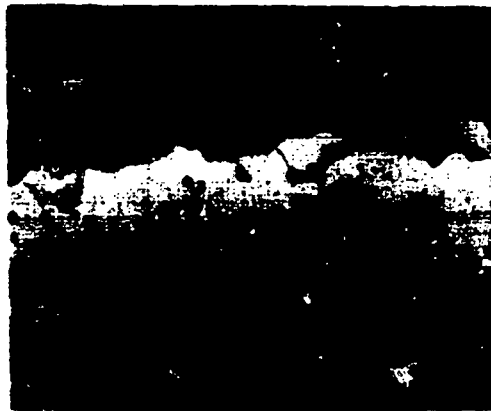
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Figure 6. - Microstructural attack after 200 one-hour cycles under center point conditions. (950°C, 0.90Na, 0.9K, 0.45Ca, 0.45Mg, 3.21C1)

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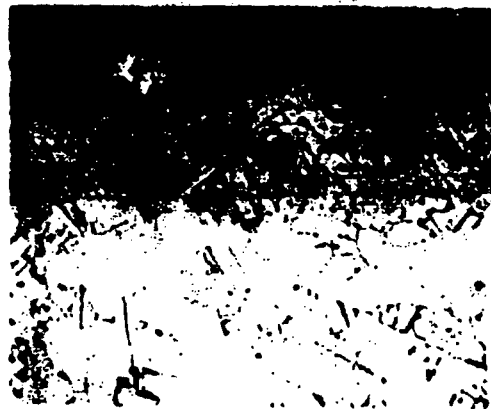
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DEPLETION ZONE

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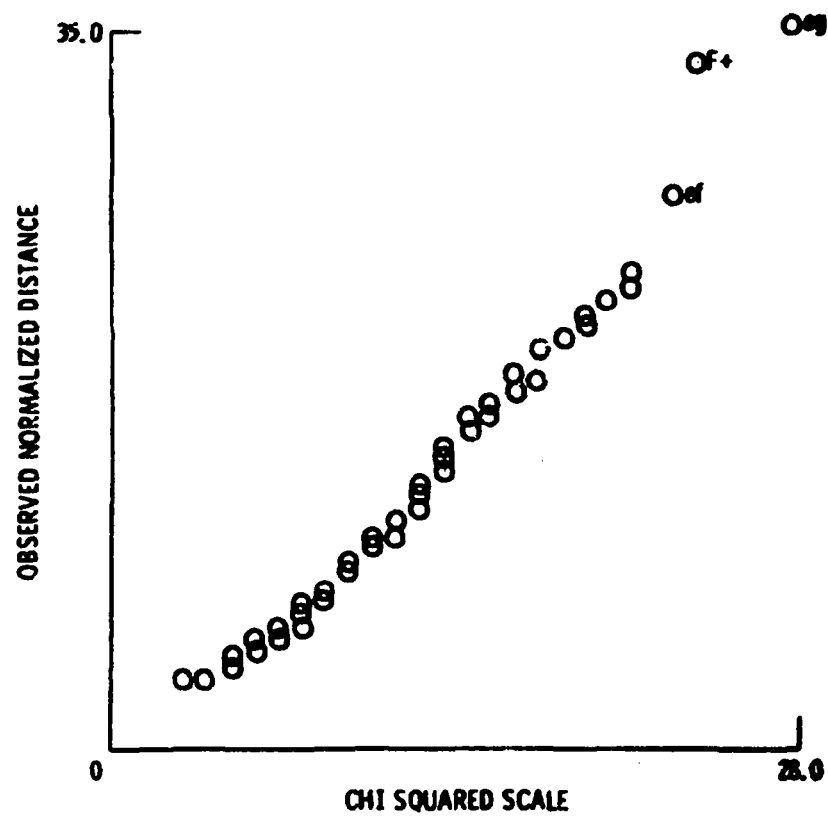


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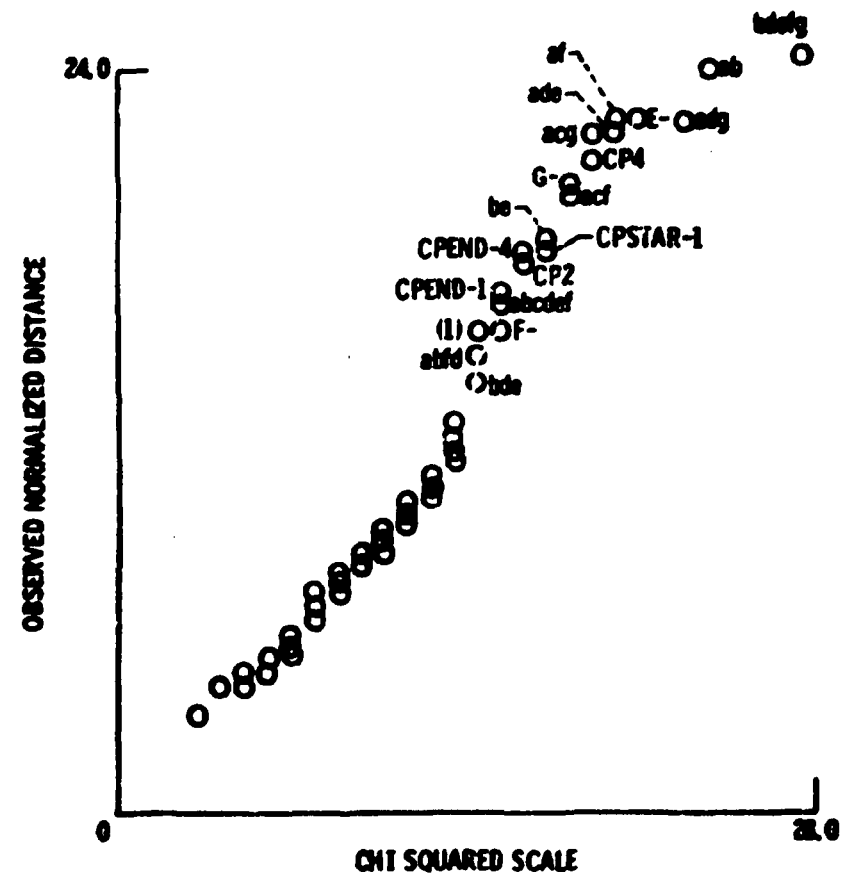
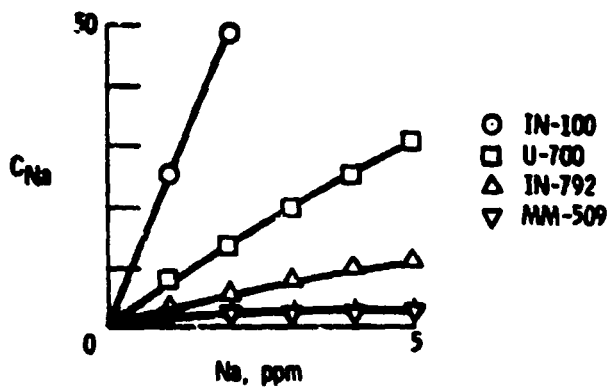
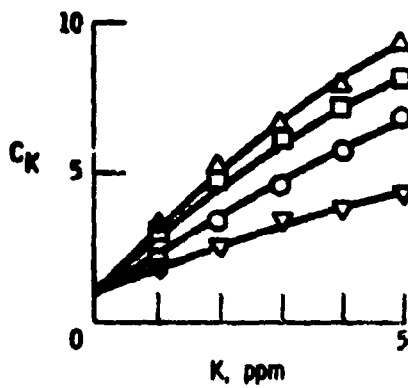


Figure 8. - Probability plot of pass 2 residuals.

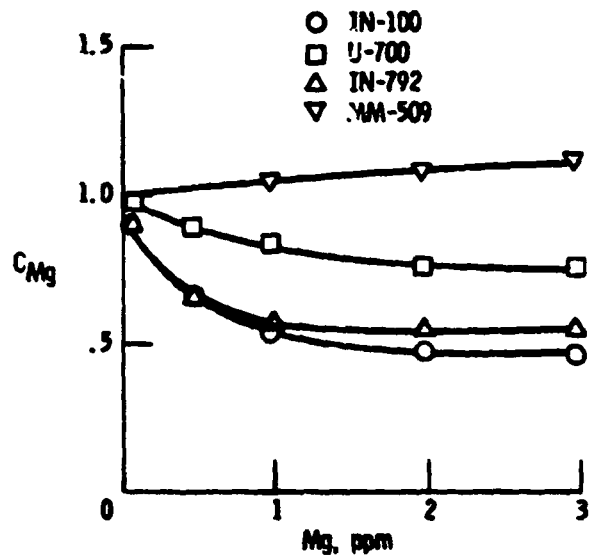


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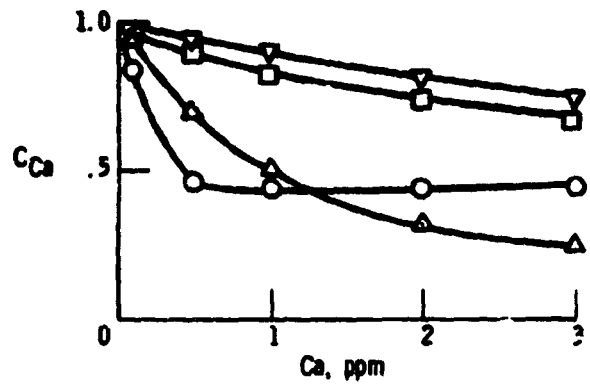


(b) POTASSIUM.

Figure 9. - Effect of concentration on C_i .

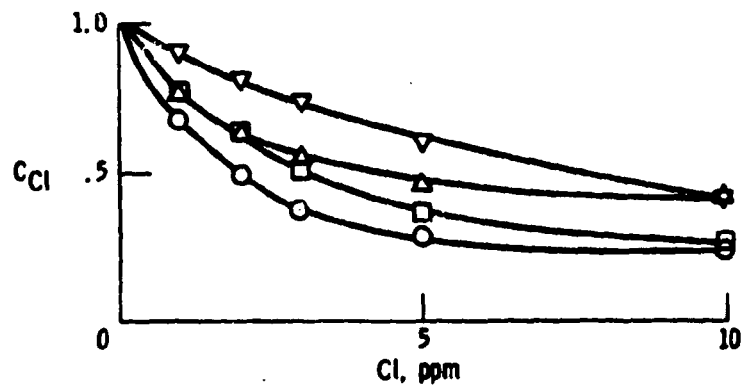


(c) MAGNESIUM.



(d) CALCIUM.

Figure 9. - Continued.



(e) CHLORINE.

Figure 9. - Concluded.

