

# Advanced Strain Gauge Applications BSSM University of Southampton 31st March 2009 Residual Stress Measurement Techniques Dr Alan Owens

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## Why measure residual stress?

- What live stress a component/structure is capable of
- How effective a surface treatment has been

## Reason for failure

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**Different Methods of Residual Stress Determination** 

- Non strain measurement X Ray, neutron diffraction, DIC, interferometry, laser ultrasound, deep hole methods
- Strain measurement centre hole, layer removal, material removal

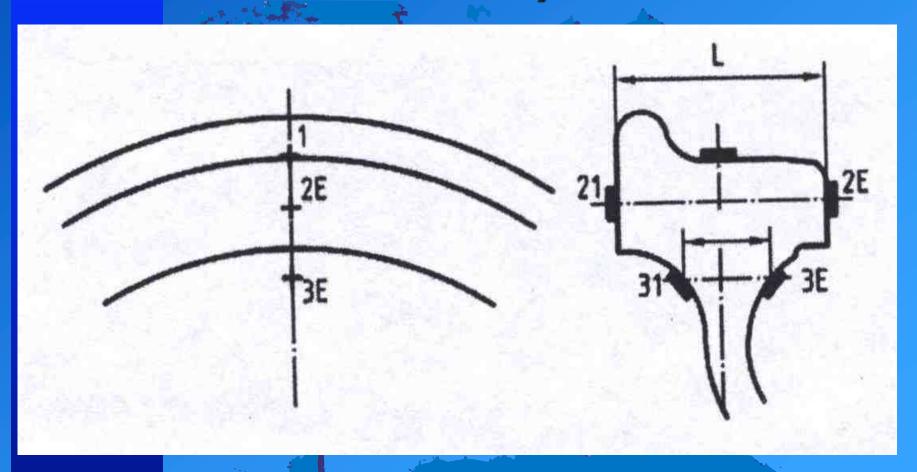
Only strain gauge based techniques will be discussed in this short presentation



- **Material Removal**
- Destructive technique
- Install a strain gauge and then remove the material until only a small piece of material remains containing the gauge



# Material Removal – Railway wheel # 1

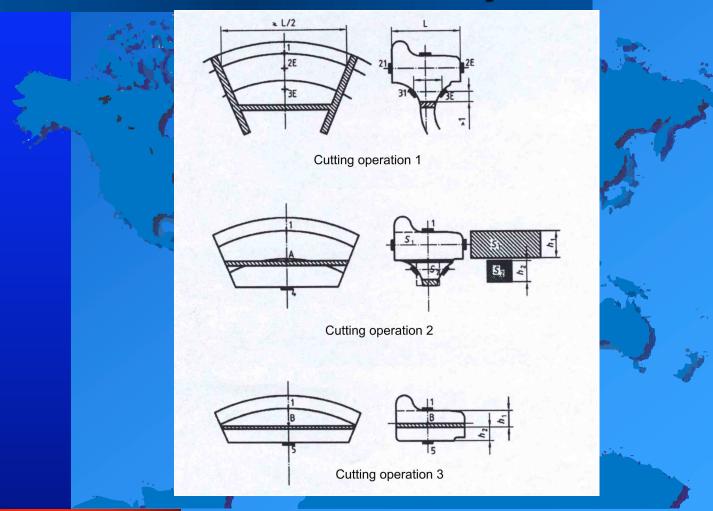


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# Residual Stress Measurement Techniques Material Removal – Railway wheel # 2



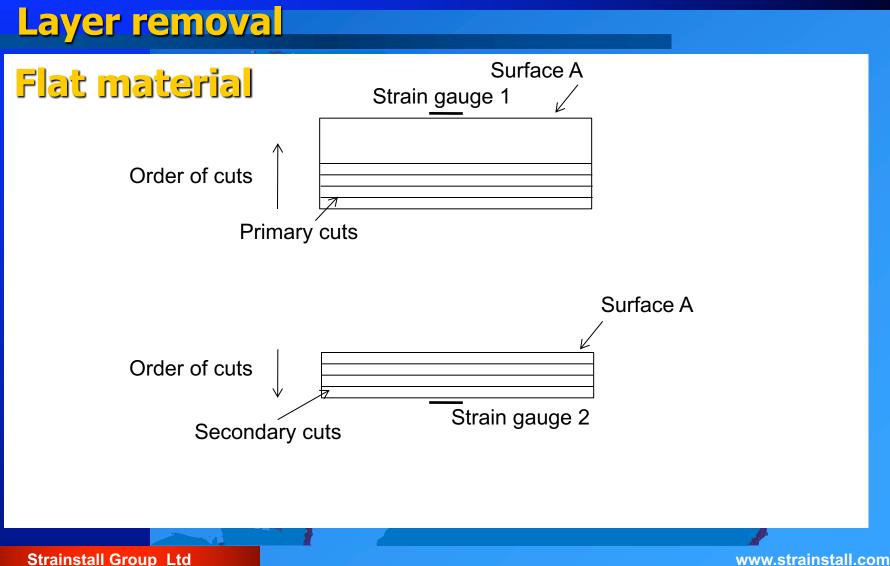
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#### Layer removal

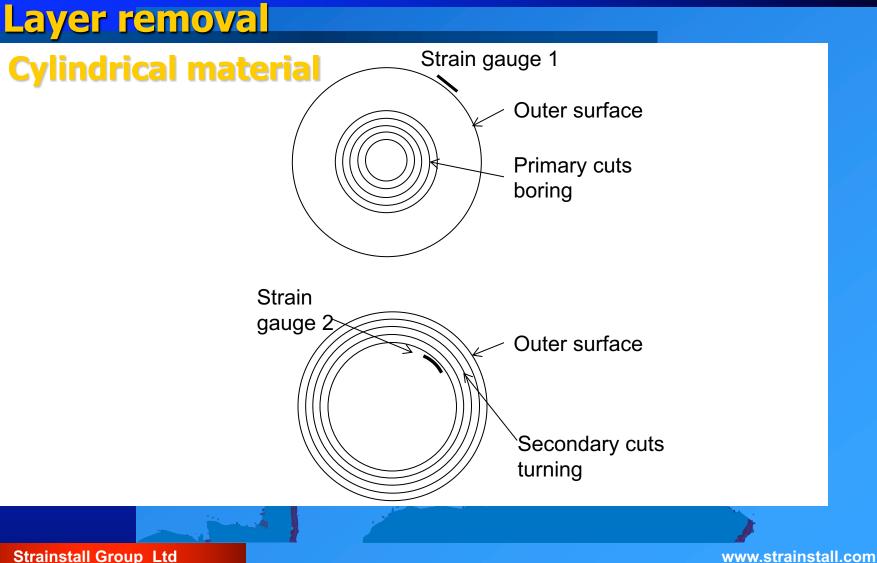
- Destructive technique
- Generally carried out on a coupon of material and a through thickness technique
- Install strain gauge on one surface
- Remove material from opposite surface and record strain change
- Use equations of equilibrium to determine residual stress in layer removed





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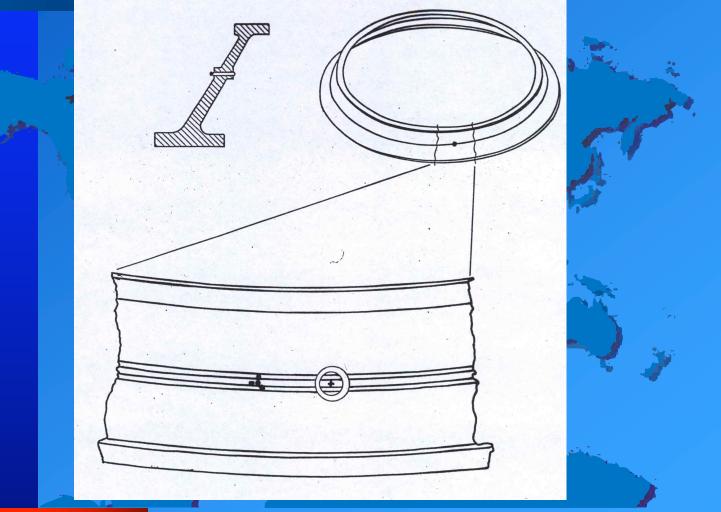




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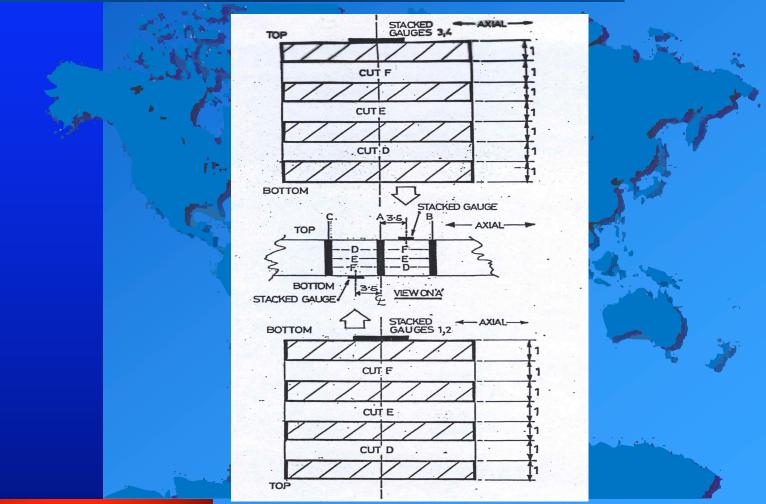
Layer Removal - Ring to ring butt weld, Titanium, Aero engine # 1



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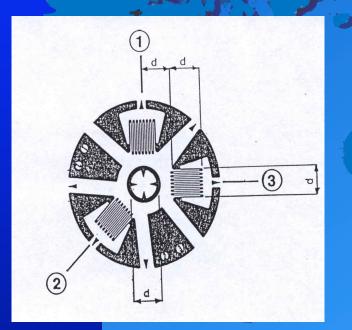
#### Layer Removal - Ring to ring butt weld, Titanium, Aero engine #2

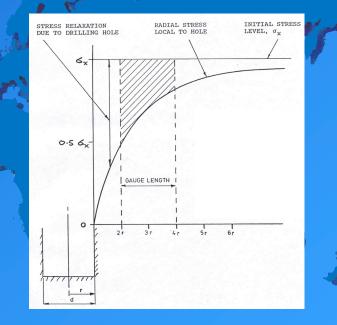


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# Centre hole or blind hole technique Semi destructive technique





Hole diameter typically equals hole depth

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- Centre hole or blind hole technique
- Standard rosettes for hole diameters 0.8mm to 5mm
- Non standard rosettes can be used for quite large hole diameters



## Method of machining #1

- Must be done with minimal effort.
- Do not want to induce stresses due to machining
- Closer the strain gauge to the machining then effect is more critical
- Depends on hardness of material
- For material removal and layer removal use ECM, EDM or very light milling cuts with coolant



## Method of machining #2

 For centre hole technique and hole diameters 0.8 to 5mm more critical as strain gauge very close to hole edge

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# Method of machining #3High speed air turbine



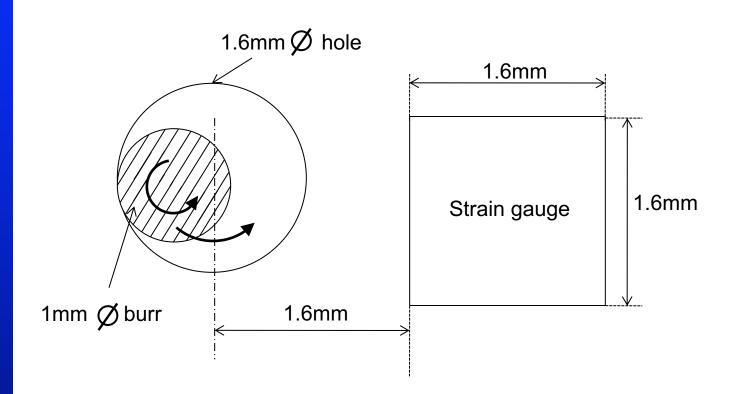


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# *Residual Stress Measurement Techniques* Method of machining #4

Hole is trepanned



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- Method of machining #5
- Most materials use carbide burrs
- Stainless steel and high tensile steel use diamond burrs







# Drilling guide # 2 Microscope used for alignment

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Drilling guide # 5
 Sensitivity affected by hole size so diameter important





# *Residual Stress Measurement Techniques* Zones of influence # 1

The theory assumes a semi infinite plate

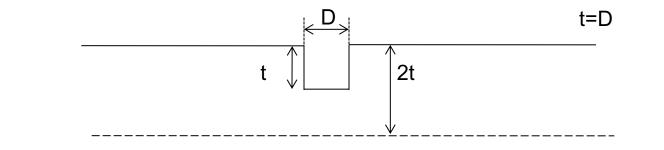


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# Also the section thickness must be greater than 2 diameters (with diameter = depth)

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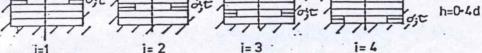


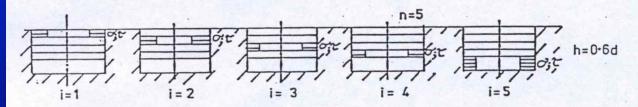
# Data analysis #1

- Incremental analysis must be used for accuracy
- Allows incremental analysis of stress with depth to a depth of 0.5 diameter
- Analysis is based on finite element analaysis



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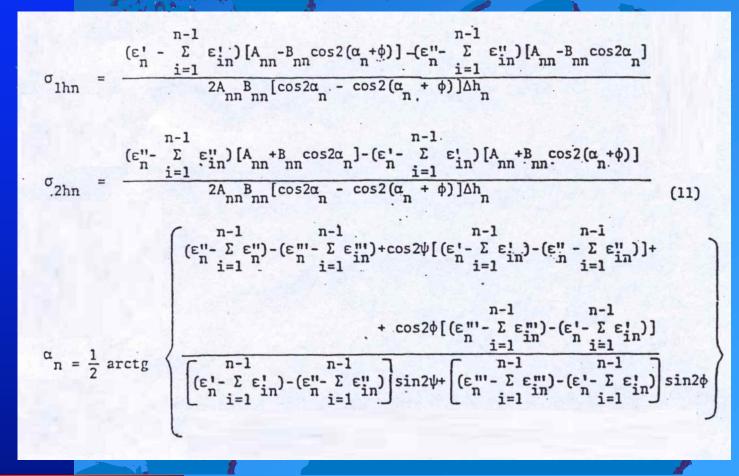




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#### Data analysis # 3



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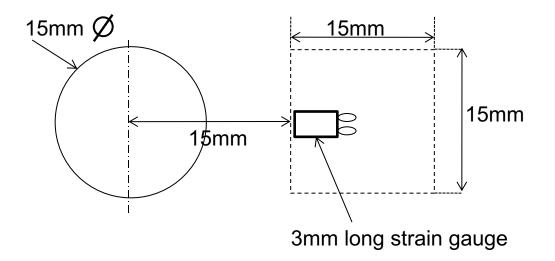
# Typical hole sizes # 1

0.8, 1.6 & 3.2mn	V ishay standard	High speed drilling
5mm	HBM standard	High speed drilling
10 to 12mm	Non standard	Strainstall equipment
15 to 100mm	Non standard	Rotabroach





Typical hole sizes # 2
 Vishay gauge and equivalent non standard hole/gauge geometrics



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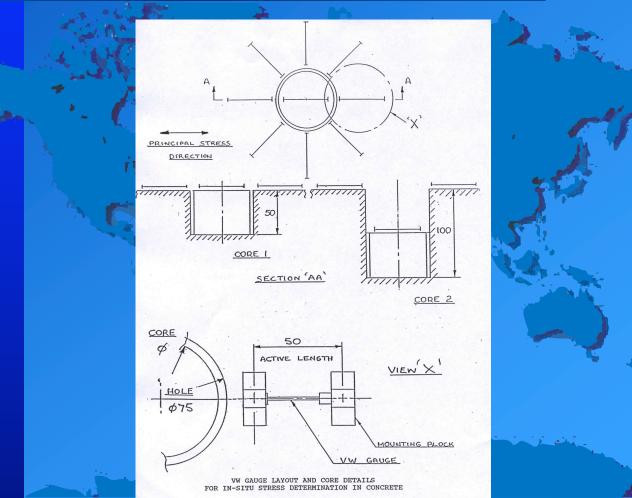
# **Typical non standard rosette**

## Hole diameter 11mm

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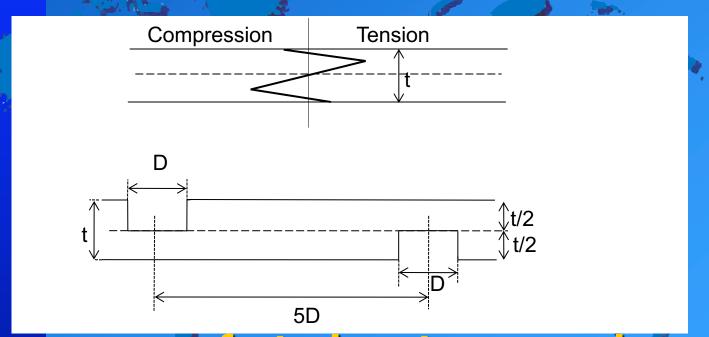
#### **Centre hole method for concrete**



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# Example #1 Through thickness steel plate



Average manufacturing stress equals zero
Average stress equals dead load stress

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#### Example #2 Post tensioning wire



 To determine dead load ...affected by load loss, temperature, corrosion

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# Residual Stress Measurement Techniques Example #2 Post tensioning wire



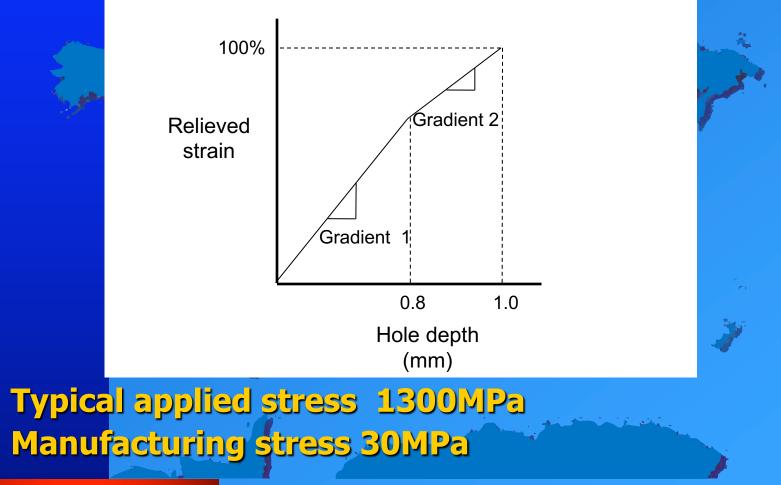
# Hole depth 1.0mm Hole diameter 1.6mm

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#### Example #2 Post tensioning wire



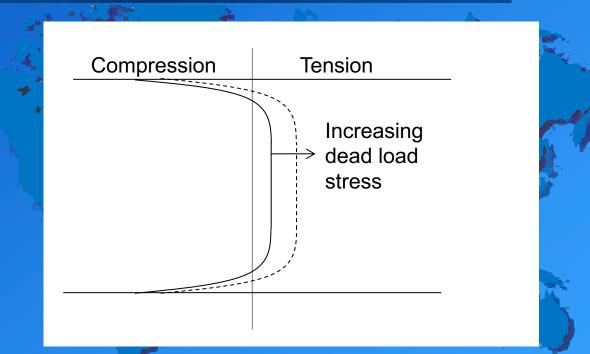
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# *Residual Stress Measurement Techniques* Example #3 Surface treated material

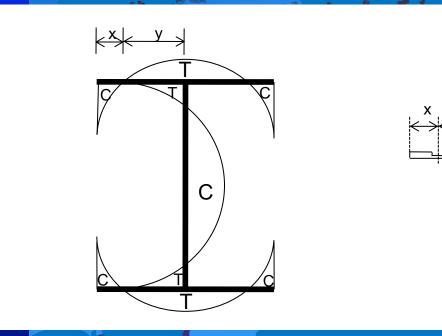


- To determine depth of surface treatment
- Quenched and peened and cast components have compressive surface stresses

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 Example #4 Rolled Steel Joist (RSJ)
 Understanding residual stress distribution to determine where to measure dead load stress



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