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# Material Characterization Based on a Comparative Analysis of Various Metals Elongations

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**Abstract:** *In this work, characterization procedures for examining materials and environmental factors are implemented utilizing strain gauges and DHT11 sensors. Stress-strain and fatigue analysis was made possible by the use of strain gauges to monitor the deformation and strain in various materials. By using the DHT11 sensors to detect temperature and humidity, environmental conditions might be analyzed. The sensor measurements were recorded and interpreted using data logging and visualization tools, and the noise and signal were improved using signal processing techniques. Correlation analysis was also performed to look into connections between the measured variables. The application showed the ability to learn important lessons about how things behave under pressure and in different environments.*

**Keywords:** *Sensors, DHT11, strain gauge, temperature change, etc.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

You may use a variety of methods to characterise and analyse the materials or ambient conditions being monitored when using sensors like strain gauges and DHT11 sensors. The following methods can be applied in combination with these sensors:

**Measurement and analysis of strain** Strain gauges may be used to monitor the deformation or strain that a material experiences when under load, as you indicated. To comprehend the behaviour of the material under various situations, you may do stress-strain analysis, fatigue analysis, and other mechanical characterisation techniques by gathering strain data from the strain gauge.

**Analysis of temperature and humidity** is performed using the DHT11 sensor. In addition to reading the sensor's readings directly, statistical techniques, time-series analysis, and other techniques of Analysis of trends are used to comprehend temporal fluctuations, relationships, and patterns. This can be useful for researching environmental factors, assessing thermal performance, and spotting possible temperature- or humidity-related problems.

**Data Visualisation and Logging:** You may use data logging techniques to record readings from the strain gauge and DHT11 sensor over time in order to learn more from the sensor data. You can do this to capture and save data for further study. The data may then be presented and interpreted using visualisation techniques, such as plots, charts, and graphs, making it simpler to see patterns, trends, or anomalies.

**Calibration and Sensor Validation:** In order to guarantee accuracy and dependability, the sensor readings must be calibrated and validated. When calibrating a sensor, the output is compared to a known standard or reference and the measurements are adjusted as necessary. This procedure aids in removing any systematic biases or inaccuracies from sensor readings.

**Signal processing:** You might need to use signal processing techniques on the sensor data, depending on the application and the particular specifications of your investigation. Frequency analysis, signal filtering, noise reduction, signal averaging, and frequency slicing can all be used to improve measurement quality, extract important data, or weed out undesired artefacts.

**Correlation Analysis:** You may use correlation analysis to look at relationships between the recorded variables if you have many sensors detecting various parameters.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

### A. Assessment of Strain Measurement Techniques To Characterize Mechanical Properties Of Structural Steel

Measurement of strain is crucial in mechanical testing. The strain gauge, extensometer, stress and strain calculated by machine crosshead motion, Geometric Moire technique, optical strain measurement techniques, and others are only a few of the many methods available for detecting strain in the tensile test. Each method has benefits and drawbacks of its own. This research compares the various strain-measuring methods quantitatively. Sixty samples were cut from the web of the I-profile in longitudinal and transverse orientations and in four different dimensions to conduct the tensile test trials for S 235. By using a vernier calliper and a 3D scanner, the geometry of the samples is examined. Furthermore, strain values were calculated using a strain gauge, extensometer and crosshead action of a machine.

Based on the computation of structural steel's mechanical parameters (modulus of elasticity, yield strength, tensile strength, and % elongation at maximum force), three strain measuring approaches are quantitatively compared. For assessing the outcomes, statistical data were employed. It is clear that both the extensometer and strain gauge produced accurate data, however for evaluating structural steel under tension, the extensometer has a number of benefits over the strain gauge and crosshead motion. For the fundamental material properties obtained from strain measurement, the calculation of measurement uncertainty is also offered.

#### *B. A Comparative Evaluation Of Strain Measurement Techniques In Reinforced Concrete Structures—A Discussion Of Assembly, Application, And Accuracy*

Both in the study and in practice, it is essential to quantify the strain in structural components when determining the state of a structure. The strain measuring techniques taken into account in this study include both well-established approaches (strain gauges) and methods from more recent research streams (fiber optic sensors, digital image correlation). The purpose of this study is to provide a comprehensive comparison of different methodologies, educating practitioners and scholars on the requirements for their construction, use, and correctness.

### III. METHODOLOGY

Design was where we began, and We initially plan the project's goals and choose the individual metals and materials that we wish to use strain gauges to analyze. We selected the positions for the metals' strain gauge attachments, and we prepared the DHT11 sensor setup to record temperature and humidity information.

Materials are prepared, including the metals and materials that will be exposed to strain gauges. This might entail either collecting pre-existing samples or molding the metals into certain test specimens. Making sure the surfaces are clean and free of any impurities before mounting the strain gauges.

Attaching the strain gauges to the predefined positions on is also a crucial component of mounting strain gauges.

Using the correct mounting methods, including surface cleaning, adhesive application, and electrical connections, as directed by the manufacturer. Make that the strain gauges are mounted to the metal surfaces precisely and securely.

Connecting the DHT11 sensor to a microcontroller or data collection system that can read and analyze the temperature and humidity measurements is how sensor integration is carried out. By making sure the sensor is correctly calibrated and integrated with the hardware configuration.

Data acquisition is put into practice by establishing a data gathering system to record data from the DHT11 sensor and strain gauges. The analog signals from the strain gauges are converted into digital values using an analog-to-digital converter (ADC), and the microcontroller or computer is interfaced to collect and store the data.

To guarantee precise measurements, calibrate the DHT11 sensor and strain gauges. applying known loads, exposing the sensors to known temperature and humidity conditions, and calibrating the results by comparing the results to the predicted values. Lastly, verifying the sensor data by comparing them to recognized standards or reference measures

The last stage was to create software or use the proper tools to analyze the collected data. If required, use signal processing techniques to augment and filter the sensor signals. To glean important information, such as links between stress and strain, the impact of temperature on the strain, and correlations between strain and humidity, do data visualization and analysis. We made the decision to undertake it as a potential application of our work.

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We are doing a comparison between the elongations of mild steel and aluminum and according to the variations in temperature in an outside environment we compare the variations in elongations of two proposed metals and in the result of that we examine the most efficient and righteous usage of material in a specific environmental condition. elongation measurement: Using an extensometer or strain gauge, determine the lengthening of the samples during the tensile test. These tools accurately gauge the sample's change in length while the force is applied. Calculate the values of elongation By dividing the length change by the initial length of the sample, get the elongation values for each metal sample. The most common way to express elongation is as a percentage. Compare and evaluate the outcomes:

To comprehend the relative ductility and mechanical properties of the two metals, compare their elongation values. Greater ductility is often indicated by higher elongation values, whereas greater brittleness or lesser ductility is typically indicated by lower values. Interpretation and conclusions: Infer the material qualities of the two metals from the elongation values and other pertinent test data.

We can analyze factors such as yield strength, ultimate tensile strength, and fracture behavior to gain a comprehensive understanding of their mechanical characteristics. To determine the best method for reducing strain on the mild steel beam, Taguchi optimization was utilized. For an optimization, many input variables like the applied load, the distance from the beam's strain gauge, and deformation were taken into account. Low, medium, and high input factors have been given for an experiment. To conduct as few tests as possible, the L9 orthogonal array experimental design was used. For industrial applications, the beam's reduced distortion and its strain were taken into consideration.

Therefore, while evaluating means and SN ratio, the lower the better criteria was taken into account. The averages and SN ratios for mild steel beams were displayed in Table 1. For the purpose of measuring strain, the lower level of points was taken into consideration based on the smaller is better criterion. At an applied load of 600N, a distance between the strain gauges of 500mm, and a deformation of 0.3 inches, the ideal strain was obtained. Table 3 displays the most important variable that affected strain measurement as determined by variance analysis. The applied load has the greatest impact on strain. It resulted in a 95.41% reduction in strain. It is very evident that strain is mostly dependent on applied load, and variance analysis has proven this.

Next, we are using the aluminum cantilever and measuring the variations in elongations of it in the same environmental condition.

Using vernier callipers and screw gauges, the cantilever's width and thickness are measured with a precision of 0.01 cm to determine its dimensions.  $b=3.85\text{cm}$  and  $t=0.20\text{cm}$ . A tight screw secures the cantilever to its base. The label that is written on the strain voltage indicator is used to mark the gauge factor GF and excitation voltage.  $117\text{ GF} = 2.1 \pm 2\% \text{ Volts} = 1.25 \text{ Vex}$  Using a D-type connection, the strain gauge is linked to the strain voltage indication. 3. Using the indication's fine-offset and coarse-bridge balance control knobs set to zero, the strain voltage indicator is brought to zero. A 100 gramme weight hanger is attached to the cantilever at a distance  $x$  from the centre by observing the stability of zero-setting for one or two minutes to a center line marked on the cantilever. The distance  $x$  is noted.  $x = 10.3\text{cm}$

4. The steady reading The weight hanging is taken off to maximise measurement precision, and the strain indicator is then watched for a short period of time to determine its zero setting. Once the zero setting is suitable, wait. new set of readings are acquired after restarting the loading weight in the same location. For each position, three trials are conducted.  $28.3(10 \times 45.6 \times 3.85 \times 0.04 \times 3 \times 980 \times 3) = \text{Dynes/cm}^2$  7. By suspending the weight 9 cm from the strain gauge's centre, the experiment is repeated. The appropriate values are reported in table 2 and the aluminum cantilever's average value of  $Y$  is computed.

Distance	10.4	9.5
strain/unit mass= 1/(m/e)	0.345 u	0.262 u
Youngs modulus	$6.45 * 10^{11}$	$6.54 * 10^{11}$
Y average	$6.495 * 10^{11} \text{ dynes/cm}^2$	

## V. CONCLUSION

The project allows for a comparison of the two metals' elongation behavior under the specified loading or environmental circumstances. It is possible to tell whether metal deforms more or less when subjected to comparable circumstances by comparing the elongation values.

The comparison sheds light on the mechanical properties and performance of the two metals. Indicating stronger ductility or the capacity to bear more deformations before failure, a metal may exhibit higher elongation. In contrast, another metal would exhibit less elongation, which would indicate more stiffness or brittleness.

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