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A DESIGN ALGORITHM TO CALCULATE THE STATIC
STIFFNESS OF THE MULTI - BOLTED JOINT.

PART II: JOINT DESIGN ALGORITHM .

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ABSTRACT

To day designers of the machine tools requires acceptable and simple methods or tools which enable to achieve their works in minimum time and less effort. Therefore, this work is concerned with establishment of a design algorithms to calculate the value of the static stiffness of a fixed joint based on the multi-bolted joint. This model has been developed in the first part of this paper. Based on the elements of this model will be deciding the proper algorithm which can be used to calculate the static stiffness values. The comparison of calculated and experimental results is also given. The proposed design algorithm and its computer program are now available to the designers.

INTRODUCTION

The precision of the machine tools are defined by both rigidity of the parts of machine tool structure and joint stiffness. Joints in machine tools accept complex loading and are loaded by overturning (bending) moment too. Joint deflection in machine tools derive mutual inclination of the contacting coupled elements. Owing to these inclinations there appears elastic displacement of the cutting parts of the tools which are much greater than those in the joint interface. Therefore, the principal design criteria of the fixed joints are stiffness and damping.

There are many publications of both fundamental and experimental nature which are concerned with the design parameters affecting the characteristics of the fixed joints [1-2-3-4-5-6] The basic work in these investigations are that modelling and testing of simple joint constructions to derive some experimental and theoretical relations. A totally reliable

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mathematical models to evaluate the stiffness of the multi-bolted joint have been recently developed. In this work a proper design algorithm has been constructed based on the element of the multi-bolted joint. The exactness of the calculated values are checked with the experimental data [4-7]. The computer program of the constructed design algorithm has been carried out on computer KRS-4200.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DESIGN ALGORITHM.

Fig.1 represents the flow chart of the elements of the design algorithm. In the following are the description of the main algorithm in details :

- 1- Data collection of the joint to be analysed. These data can be summarized in the following items:
 - the main dimensions of the flange (See Fig.2). h_{f1} , h_{f2} , e_1 and e_2 .
 - number of tightening bolts to be used n and its basis coordinate X_{oi} , Y_{oi} .
 - material to be used for the bolts and flange. E_s , E_{f1} , E_{f2} , FM and σ_{zul} .
 - surface quality factors α and m .
 - dimensions of the tightening bolts to be used d_s , A_s , and P .
 - the needed load factor V .
 - the bolt preload F_V .
 - the external loads on the joint interface F_X , F_Y , F_Z , M_X , M_Y , and M_Z (See Fig. 3)

- 2- Checking the static joint safety stresses. The correct judgement of the maximum joint stresses may be decided by checking the high loaded bolt in the joint. This bolt may be defined as a bolt which has the maximum lot of the external loads affecting the joint interface $F_B \max$. By this load and the load factor V could be recheck of the minimum cross section of the fastening bolt to be used. The calculations are also made to the final checking of joint safety stresses σ_{zul} , $\sigma_z \max$. and σ_{ver} . (See Fig. 1)

- 3-Determination of the static stiffness of each bolt in the joint.

According to the lot of each bolt in the joint from the external loads the static stiffness can be calculated by an iteration cycle. It can be summarized in the following steps : (See Fig. 1)

- calculation the resultant force on the flange or the members to be jointed (F_R)
- due to the linearization of the resultant force it can be calculate the static stiffness of the members to be jointed (C_V)
- the value of the non-linearized spring constant C_V is to be used for calculate the actual resultant force R_R .



- calculation the non-linear static stiffness C_{V2} .
- the limit of convergence of the iteration process has to be in the region $0 < I.C.L \leq$ about 1% .
- the iteration process is considered to be converged when the approximate solution for the static stiffness of the members came into the mentioned convergence limit .
- 4- Determination of the location of the centroid point S and the main coordinates of the joint X_S , Y_S and φ_S
- 5- calculation of the static joint stiffness .
 C_X , C_Y , C_Z , $C_{\varphi X}$, $C_{\varphi Y}$, and $C_{\varphi Z}$.
- 6- Summary of the results. They are :
 - diameter of the bolt to be used d_S .
 - number of bolts to be used n .
 - elasticity modulus of bolt material E_S .
 - coordinates of each bolt in the joint X_{ni} , Y_{ni} .
 - the bolt preload F_V .
 - the values of the external loads F_X, F_Y, F_Z, M_X, M_Y and M_Z .
 - the factors of the joint surface quality α , m .
 - the calculated static joint stiffness .
 C_X , C_Y , C_Z , $C_{\varphi X}$, $C_{\varphi Y}$ and $C_{\varphi Z}$.

EXACTNESS OF THE DESIGN ALGORITHM

The exactness of the design algorithms calculations may be checked by the comparison of the theoretical values and the experimental results. Because the stiffness value of a single bolted joint is usually affected with its external force it can be compared between the calculated and experimental values of both the external force F_B and the normal deflection of each bolt in the joint. In this field the main experimental data have been developed by SCHULZ [7] on the physical model of machine column and IZYKOWSKI [4] .

In the following are the discussion of the comparison between the experimental and theoretical results :

a- THE COMPARISON WITH SCHULZ'S EXPERIMENT

The analysis of the static behaviour of a multi-bolted joint has been developed by SCHULZ [7] on the column of the milling machine. This column has been fabricated from the steel sheets by the electric welding process with the original dimensions. Fig. 4 shows the main dimensions of the experimental machine column. The aims of the experiment were : Investigation of the effect of the values and directions of the external loads and the needed joint preload F_V on the joint deflection behaviour. It has been developed by the preloads 10 , 20 and 30 KN for each bolt and the total external force (affected on the column in Z- direction) 5, 10 and 15 KN . Fig. 5 illustrate the experimental and theoretical variation of the external load on each bolt either in the



tension and compression side of the joint. It is clear that, the maximum deflection values were as in the tension side also in the compression side of the joint. The deviation between the experimental and theoretical values are not exceed than 5 %

Fig. 6 shows the experimental and calculated deflection of the maximum loaded bolt in the tension side of the joint. Also, the external load was affecting in Z-direction. The tendency of the curves show a progressive increase of the deflection values with the rise of the external load F_z .

It is clear also that the difference between the experimental and the theoretical values are very small specially at high joint preload.

b- THE COMPARISON WITH IZYKOWSKI'S EXPERIMENT

The IZYKOWSKI'S experiment [4] has been carried out to study the static deformation behaviour of four types of column models. The models were fabricated by welding process. Fig. 7- a shows the structure model 1-C which is fastened with the base by 12 bolts M8. The base was manufactured from steel 45 with dimensions 500 x 500 x 100 mm. The quality of the two contact surfaces was hand scraped (3 Spots/ cm^2) for the base. The bolts were tightened with a preload 10 ; 12.5 and 15 KN.

The external load in X- direction was 30 KN. Fig. 7 shows the comparison between the theoretical and experimental values of the excess load in the bolt F_{sz} due to the external load. It is clear that the calculated values of F_{sz} are to agree with the experimental results either in tension or compression side. This meant also that the calculations of the design algorithm can be accepted.

CONCLUSION

The technical progress and development of the machine tools enables designers, manufacturers, users of machine tools to aims at over increasing qualitative and quantitative efficiency of their machines.

This paper present a powerfull design algorithm which can used to calculate the static joint stiffness is established. The algorithm considered the design parameters of the multi-bolted joint. A computer program ware built to calculat the values of the static joint stiffness.

NOMENCLATURE

A_K	Contact area (mm^2)
A_S	Tensile stress area of screw bolt (mm^2)
C_2	Stiffness of the bolt under external load ($\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$)
C_3	Stiffness of the members to be jointed under external
l	load ($\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$)



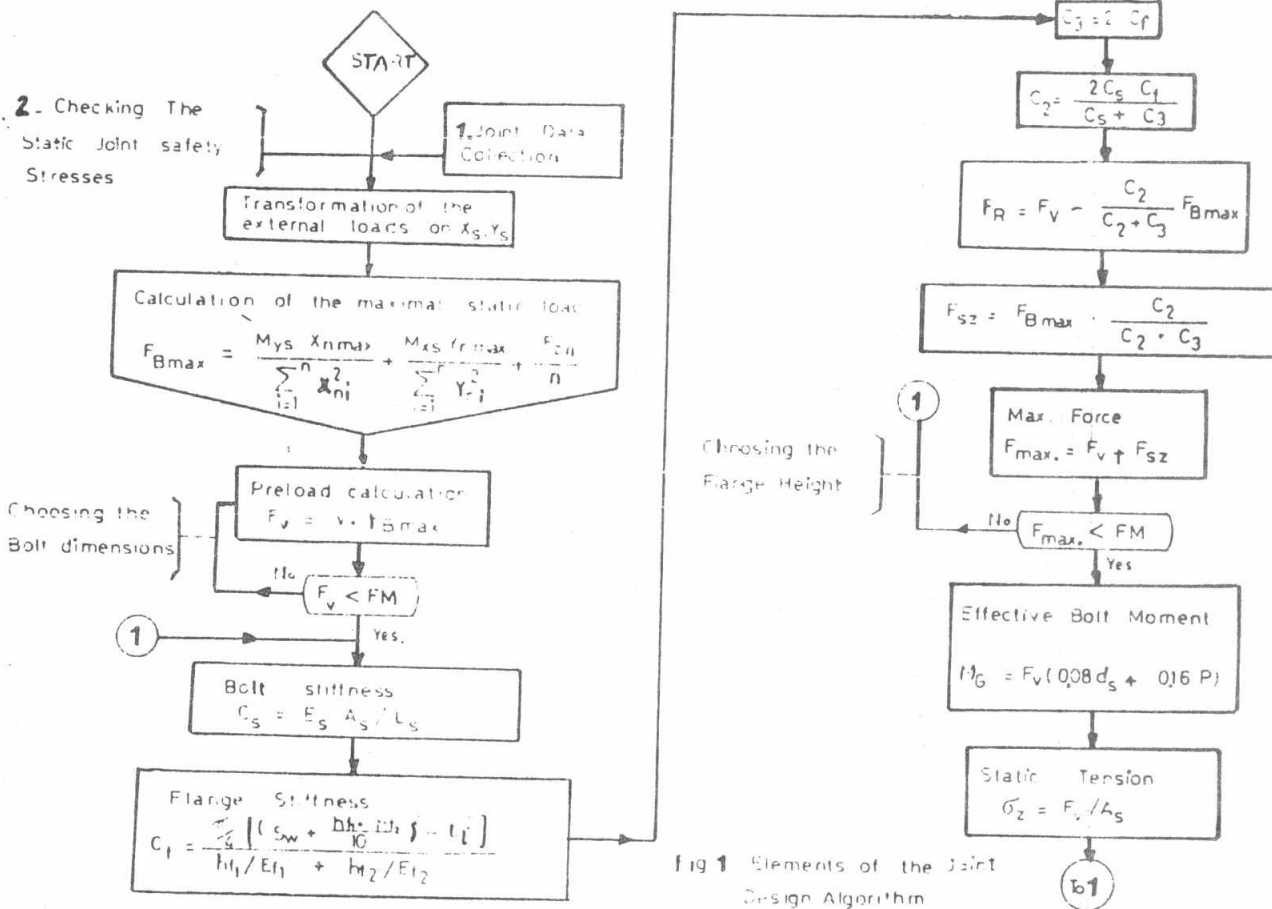
C_{sv}	Single-bolted joint stiffness (N/ μ m.)
C_X	Static shear stiffness of the multi-bolted joint in X-direction (N/ μ m.)
C_Y	Static shear stiffness of the multi-bolted joint in Y-direction (N/ μ m.)
C_Z	Static tension stiffness of the multi-bolted joint in Z-direction (N/ μ m.)
$C_{\varphi X}$	Static turnover stiffness about X-direction (N.m/ μ rad)
$C_{\varphi Y}$	Static turnover stiffness about Y-direction (N.m/ μ rad)
$C_{\varphi Z}$	Static torsion stiffness (N.m/ μ rad)
d_s	Major bolt diameter (mm.)
E_s	Modulus of elasticity of the material (N/mm. ²)
E_f	Modulus of elasticity of the flange material (N/mm. ²)
H_f	Flange height (mm.)
F_B	External tension load (N)
F_V	Preload on bolt due to tightening (N)
F_M	Max. elastic tension force of the bolt material (N)
F_R	Resultant load on the members to be jointed (N)
$F_{X,Y,Z}$	Forces acting on the joint in X-, Y- and Z-direction (N)
$M_{X,Y,Z}$	Moments acting on the joint about X-, Y- and Z-direction (N.m)
n	Number of bolts in the joint
R	Constant after KIRSANOVA (mm. ² / \sqrt{N})
P	Pitch of the thread (mm.)
S	Centeroid point of the multi-bolted joint.
V	Load factor
X,Y,Z	Main joint coordinates.
X_o, Y_o, Z_o	Basis joint coordinates.
X_n, Y_n, Z_n	Neutral joint coordinates.
X_i, Y_i	Coordinates of the bolt i in the joint w.r.t the main coordinates.
X_{oi}, Y_{oi}	Coordinates of the bolt i in the joint w.r.t the basis coordinates.
X_{ni}, Y_{ni}	Coordinates of the bolt i in the joint w.r.t the neutral coordinates.
$\varphi_{s,m}$	Rotation angle of the main joint coordinates (Grad)
α, m	Constants.

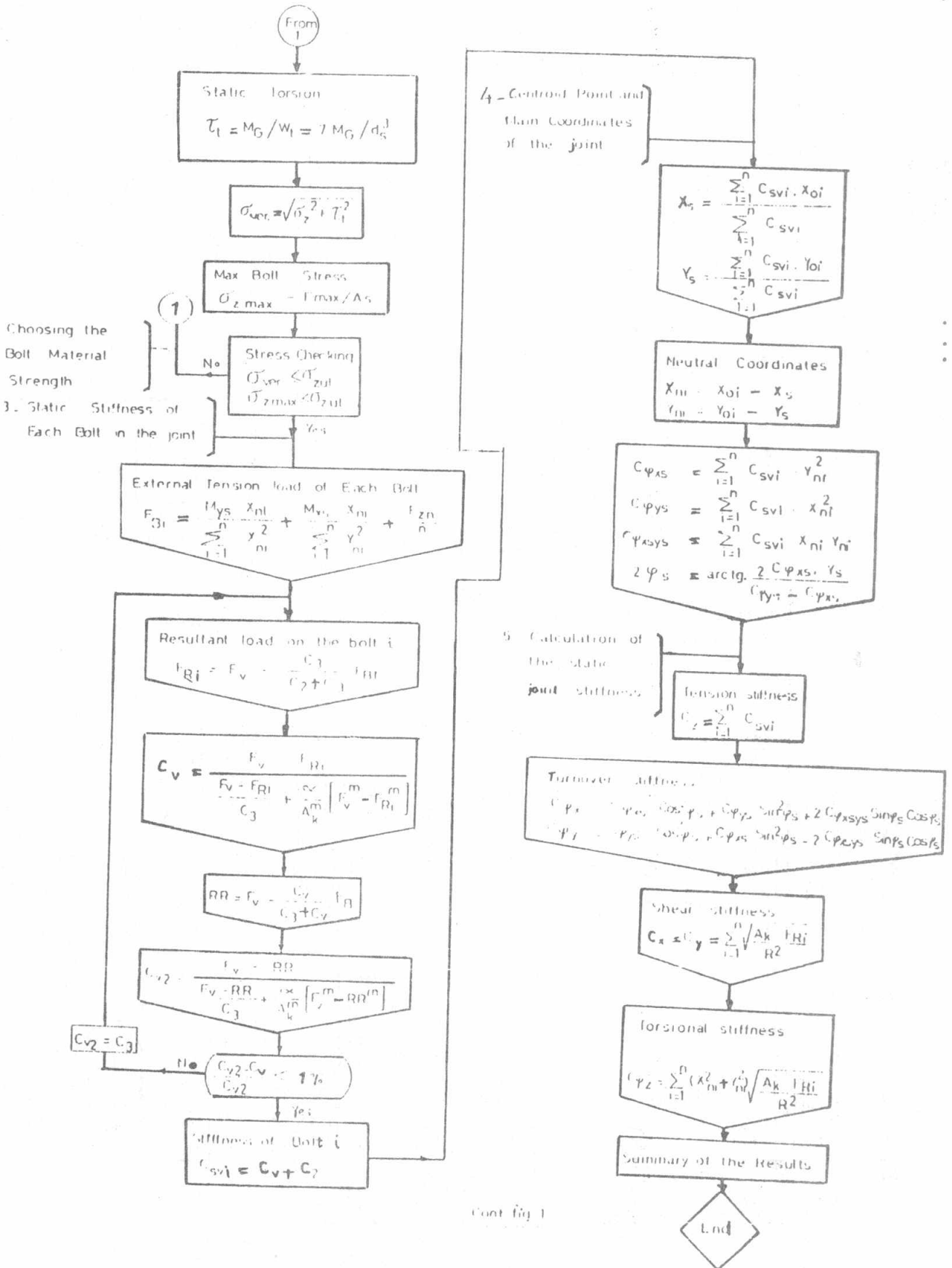
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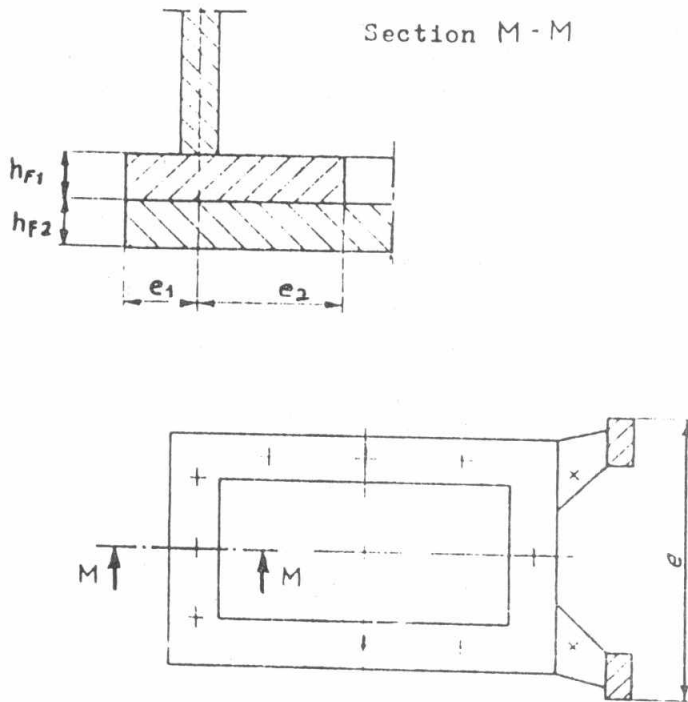


Fig. (2) Construction and dimensions of the flange.

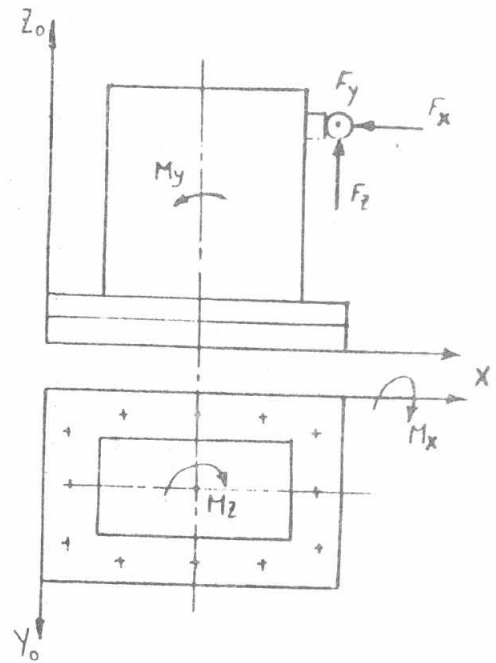


Fig. (3) Loading of the joint.

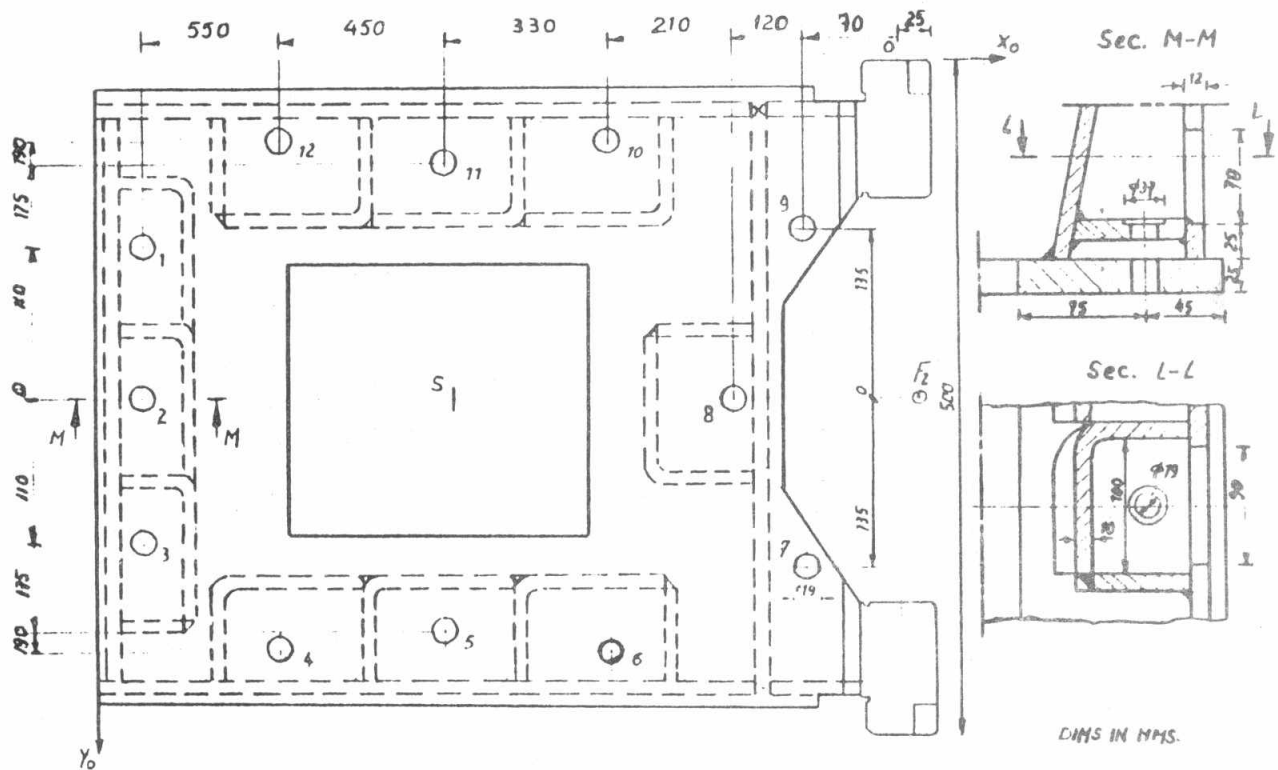


Fig. (4) Dimensions of the experimental machine column by SCHULZ [7].

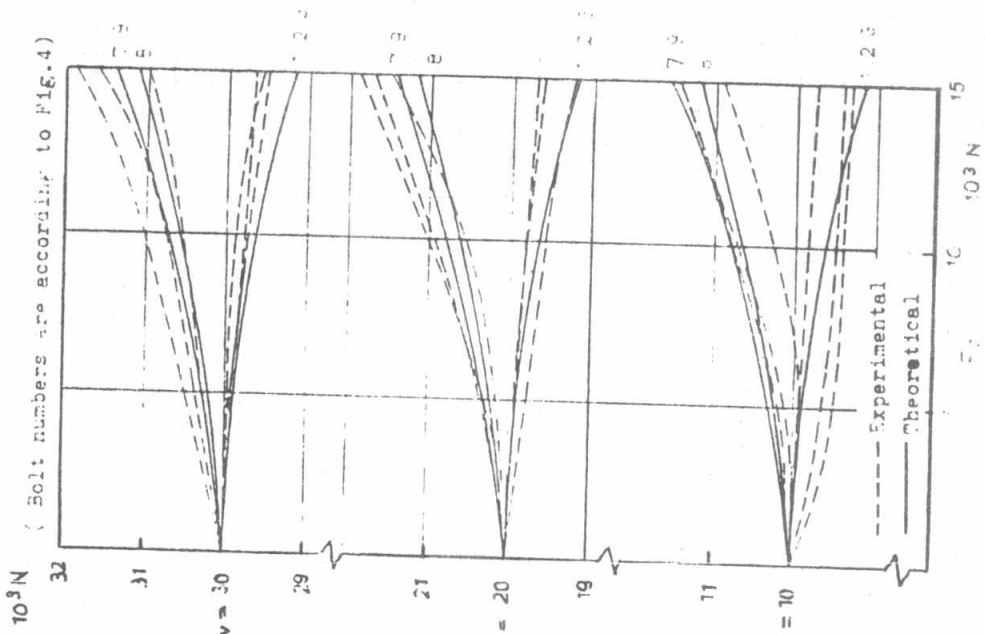


Fig. (5) Comparison of the theoretical results with the experimental data of Schulz's experiment [7].

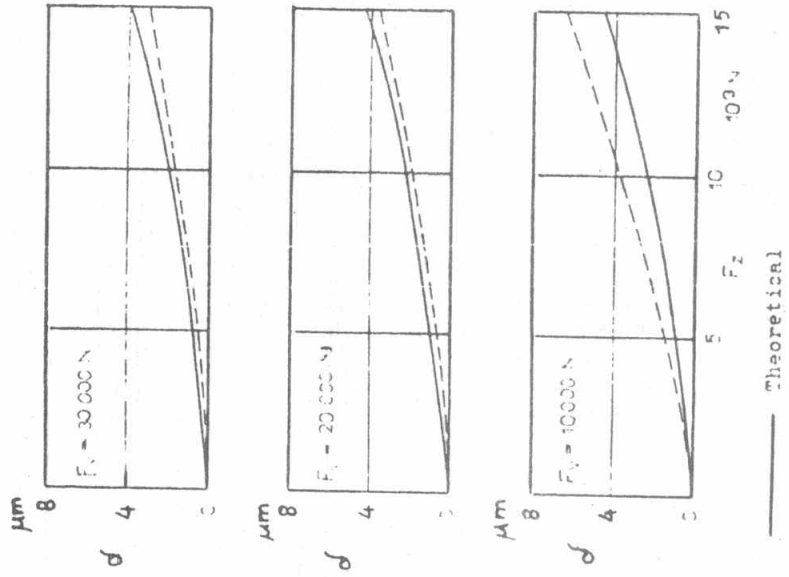
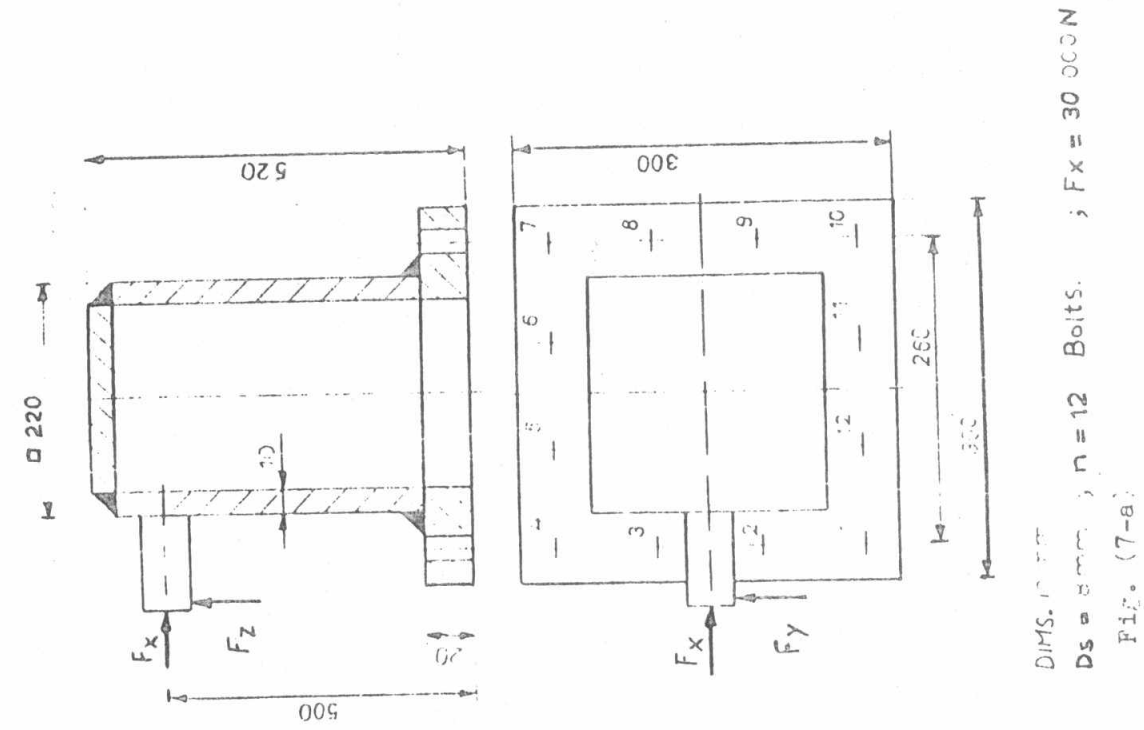


Fig. (6) Comparison of experimental and calculated deflection.



DIMS. in mm
 $D_s = 8 \text{ mm}$; $n = 12$ Bolts. ; $F_x = 30\,000 \text{ N}$
 FIG. (7-a)

(Bolt numbers are according to Fig. 7-a)

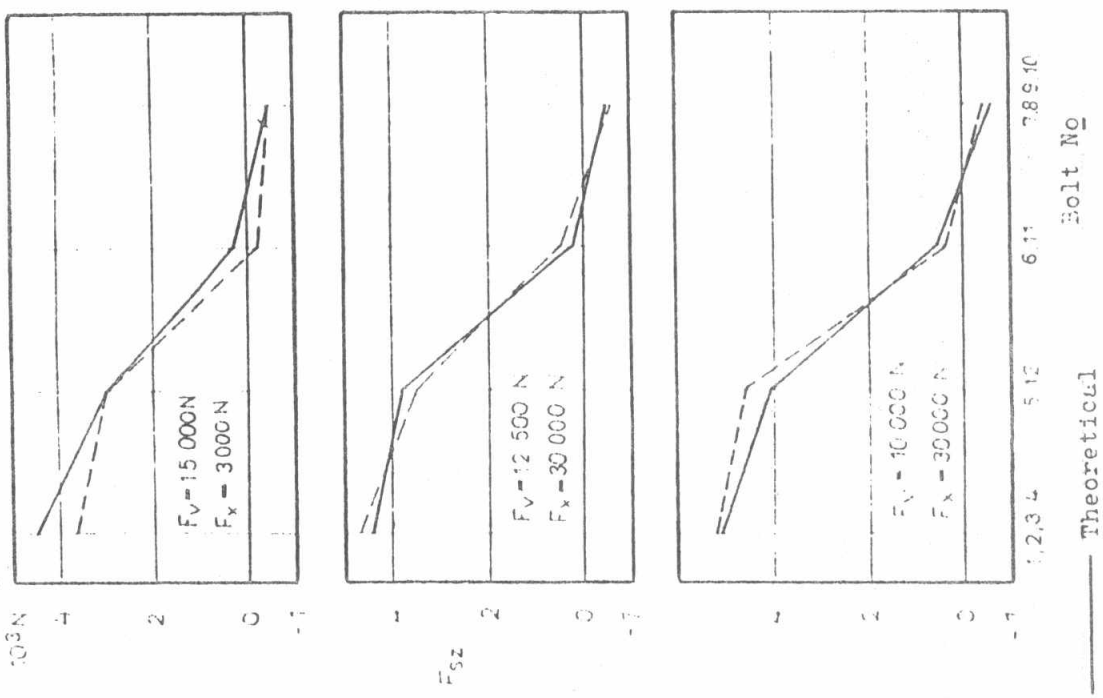


FIG.(7) Comparison of the theoretical results with Iżykowski experiment [4].