

Experimental Mechanics: 17 Sept 2018

Notes on

• Electrical Resistance Strain Gauge: (ER)

→  $R(\epsilon, \text{material})$ : resistance is a function of strain and material

→ Wheatstone bridges used for  $\Delta R \rightarrow \Delta V$

• Strain Sensitivity



• Length

•  $\rho$ : resistivity [ $\Omega \cdot m$ ]

•  $A$ : area

→ with increased  $\epsilon$ , increased  $R$

→ " $R = \rho L/A$ ", but is it from " $\rho$ "

or from " $L/A$ "

$$R = \rho L/A \rightarrow dR = \frac{1}{A} (L d\rho + \rho dL - L \frac{dA}{A})$$

$$\frac{dR}{R} = \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dL}{L} - \frac{dA}{A}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \pi d^2$$

$\epsilon$

Poisson's Ratio or change in

transverse cross section:  $\nu = -\frac{\epsilon_T}{\epsilon_L}$

$$dL = d_0 (1 - \nu \frac{dL}{L})$$

$$\frac{dA}{A} = -2\nu \frac{dL}{L} + \nu^2 \left( \frac{dL}{L} \right)^2 \approx -2\nu \frac{dL}{L}$$

$$\frac{dR}{R} = \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \epsilon + 2\nu \epsilon$$

$$S_\epsilon = \frac{dR/R}{\epsilon} = \underbrace{1 + 2\nu}_{\text{change in dimensions}} + \underbrace{\frac{d\rho/\rho}{\epsilon}}_{\text{change in specific resistance}} : \text{Strain Sensitivity}$$

change in dimensions  $\epsilon [1.4, 1.7]$  change in specific resistance  $\epsilon [1, 3]$  { dependent of the free electrons of material }