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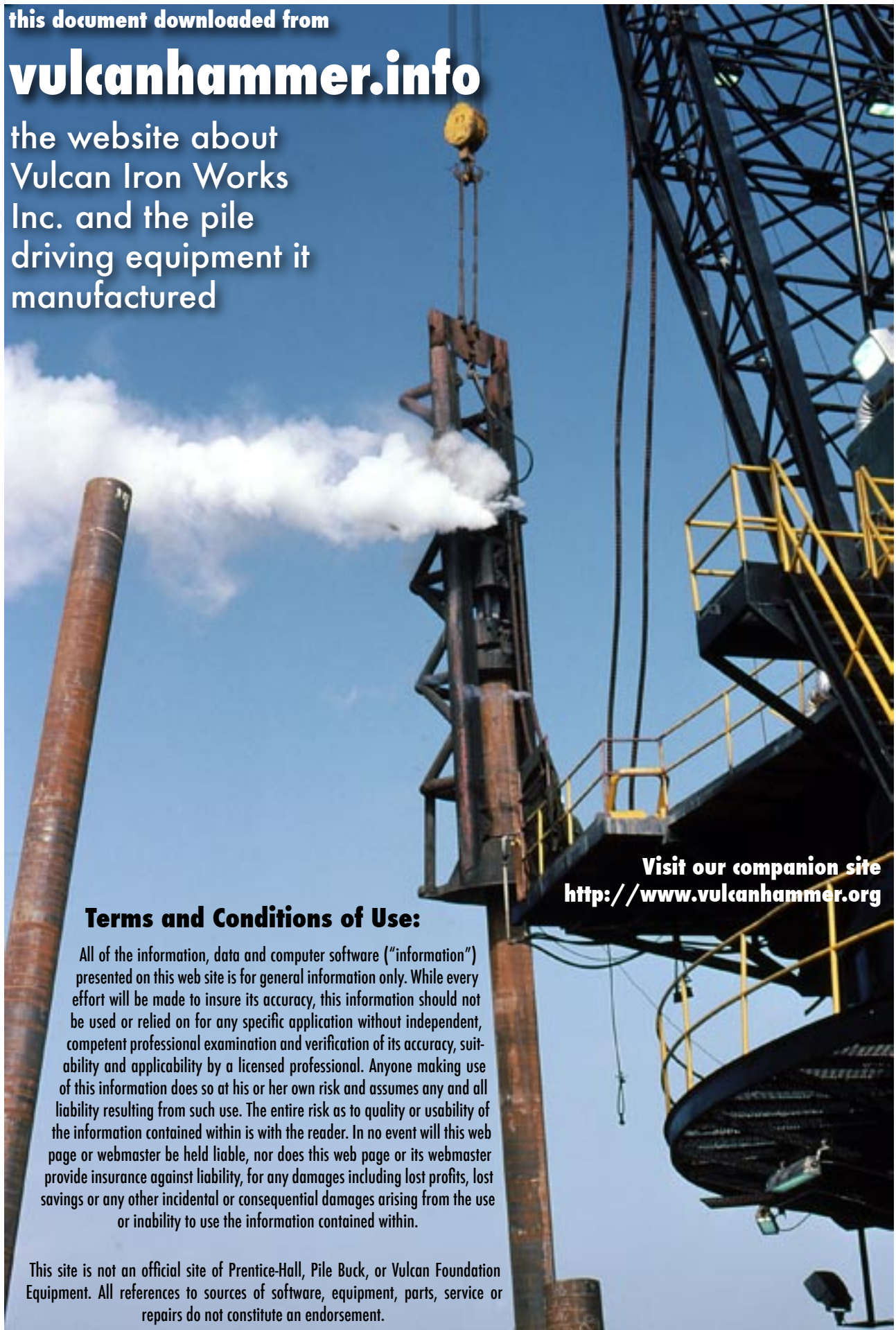
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# PILE DRIVING ANALYSIS SHEET

- \* please read INFO SHEET.
- \* use separate sheet for each case.
- \* processing only when completely filled in.
- \* this sheet, completed with output will be returned to client.

## 1. INPUT BY CLIENT.

client = \_\_\_\_\_  
clients code = \_\_\_\_\_

1.1 HAMMER: Make = \_\_\_\_\_ Type = \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 PILE : (incl.followers)

top of pile →

Total pile length = \_\_\_\_\_ m.

Penetration  
below mudline = \_\_\_\_\_ m.

pile parts (m)		O.D.	I.D.	area (cm <sup>2</sup> )
parts	length			
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

1.3 Soil : soil investigation by = \_\_\_\_\_

mudline →  
(1 ton = 1000 kg)

soil layers (m)		skin friction (ton/m) varies between ..... and ..... ①		type of soil
from	to			
0				

damping factor for skin friction ② = \_\_\_\_\_ sec/m. (0.6 unless client states differently).

fixed plug supposed to be formed ③ = \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no).

unit-endbearing 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ ton/m<sup>2</sup>.

(Notes ① - ④ : see INFO SHEET)

## 2. OUTPUT SUPPLIED TO CLIENT.

- 2.1 set per blow = \_\_\_\_\_ cm. blowcount = \_\_\_\_\_ blows/ft.  
 2.2 net hammer energy at impact = \_\_\_\_\_ ton.meter.  
 2.3 buffer force = \_\_\_\_\_ ton. (for Hydroblok hammers only).  
 2.4 total skinfriction = \_\_\_\_\_ ton. ④  
 2.5 endbearing = \_\_\_\_\_ ton. ④  
 2.6 total driving resistance = \_\_\_\_\_ ton. ④  
 2.7 dynamic stresses in pile (kg/cm<sup>2</sup>:  $\bar{r}_{min}$  = \_\_\_\_\_.  $\bar{r}_{max}$  = \_\_\_\_\_.  
 price:



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INFO SHEET (Info to "Piledriving Analysis Sheet")

This information is to assist clients filling in all questions under the heading INPUT of the standard "Piledriving Analysis Sheet".

We must apologize in anticipation for not being able to process incomplete forms; they contain the bare minimum of information needed for a first quick analysis.

In many cases a concise analysis along these simple lines will be inadequate. We are prepared to go more deeply into detail in specific problems, if the client wishes so, though we than have to agree upon different terms and conditions in advance.

Problems may arise concerning a proper input from clients side, in the way it is needed for simple standard computer processing. For clients convenience therefore examples are given in this Info Sheet concerning pile-input and soildata-input.

On a few points suppositions have to be made as for instance whether a fixed plug will form during driving or not; we deliberately ask the client to give his view concerning certain assumptions that must be made. This concise analysis does not allow for a thorough investigation on crucial points, as for instance "plug-forming".

Concerning pilecap, anvil and capfilling manufacturers standards are incorporated in our computer programs. If the client wishes to have non-standards to be incorporated in the analysis he should supply relevant information, preferably a dimensional sketch and a specification of the capfilling material.

"Pile Driving Analysis Sheets" completed with the output of the analysis will be returned to the client.

Clarification on the 4 notes of the "Piledriving Analysis Sheet":

Note ① Basic Value of Skinfriction

The basic value of the skinfriction is equal to the product of unit skinfriction (metric tons per sq.meter) and circumference of pile (meter).

If inside friction is to be expected (open ended pile with soil plug moving relative to pile) the basic skinfriction is equal to the sum of unit outside skinfriction multiplied with the outer circumference plus unit inside skinfriction multiplied with the inner circumference.

Basic skinfriction may have discontinuities at the boundaries of the soil layers. The Analysis Sheet table provides for this. Within each layer a linear distribution of the skinfriction is assumed in the analysis.



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### Note ② Dampingfactor.

The skinfriction is assumed to depend on the velocity of the pile (as a function of depth and time) according to the formula:

$$W = (\text{sign of } v) \cdot W_o (1 + \alpha |v|)$$

with  $v$  = velocity of pile;  $|v|$  = absolute value of  $v$

$W_o$  = basic skinfriction

$\alpha$  = damping factor (ranging from 0,25 - to 0,60 sec/meter)

$W$  = acting skinfriction

$\alpha$  depends on nature of soil and degree of consolidation.

If  $\alpha$  is not known  $\alpha = 0.6$  sec/m will be used automatically in the analysis.

### Note ③ Plug and Unit-Endbearing.

When an open-ended pipe pile is driven, a certain quantity of soil will enter into the pipe; the "soil plug" or "plug".

When driving either of two possible conditions may occur:

- a) the plug moves into the pile.
- b) the plug is fixed i.e. the plug moves downward with the pile: the pile behaves like a pile closed at its toe.

Remark I The condition b) "fixed plug" during driving is not the same as the condition "fixed plug" for static loading. Often the plug will move into the pile (condition a). Even when a static analysis shows the fixed plug possibly to form, this plug might move into the pile (condition a during driving).

In cases of doubt it is suggested that pile driving analyses are to be made for both cases: a) "moving plug"  
b) "fixed plug"

(seperate "Analysis Sheet" per each case!)

Remark II Unit internal skinfriction generally has a lower value than unit external skinfriction. (say  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ )

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Remark III. As a guidance for the unit-endbearing the following values may be assumed:

sands 100 x unit-skinfriction at pile toe  
clays 30 x " " " " "

(Values given by soil consultants may supersede these indications).

These values may be used as such for condition a) (plug moving into pile).  
For condition b) (fixed plug) these values apply only if pile toe has penetrated sufficiently into a uniform hard layer.  
If not, the unit-endbearing in this case reduces to a value depending on penetration into hard layer and on the strength of layers on top of this hard layer (reduction up to, say, 1/3 of values given).

Note ④ Total skinfriction and total endbearing and total driving resistance are calculated with the data supplied by client. (These values may be checked by client).

Remark = Total driving resistance need not be equal to total static resistance.

References: 1 De Ingenieur, no. 8, 21 Febr. 1974, pages 146-153.  
2 De Ingenieur, no. 18, 2 May, 1974, pages 345-353.  
3 1976 OTC, Houston, no. 2477, pages 593-609.



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## INFO SHEET

### 1. Conversion factors For input (foot-pound units to metric units)

#### Length, area, volume

1 ft = 0,305 m  
1 inch = 0.0254 m = 25.4 mm  
1 sq ft = 0.093 sq.m = 0.093 m<sup>2</sup>  
1 sq.in. = 6.45 sq.cm = 6.45 cm<sup>2</sup>  
( 1 cu.ft = 0.02837 cu. m = 0.02837 m<sup>3</sup> )

#### Forces, weights

1 ton = 1 metric ton = 1000 kg  
1 (long)ton (2240 lbs) = 1017 kg  $\approx$  1 metric ton  
1 (short)ton (2000 lbs) = 908 kg = 0.908 metric ton.  
1 kip = 0.454 metric ton

#### Stresses and pressures.

1 ksf = 4.88 t/m<sup>2</sup> = 4.88 metric tons per sq.m. (use for conversion of Unit skinfriction and Unit endbearing.  
1 (long)ton/sq ft. = 10.93 t/m<sup>2</sup>

#### Skinfriction.

1 kip/ft = 1.49 t/m  
1 (long) ton/ft = 3.33 t/m

Skinfriction asked for in 1.3 is unit skinfriction - circumference of pile (eventually outside and inside together).

#### Damping factor for skinfriction

1 sec/ft = 3.28 sec/m      0.6 sec/m = 0.183 sec/ft

#### Velocities(eventually)

1 ft/sec = 0,305 m/sec

### 2. For Output (metric to ft-pound units)

1 cm = 0.394 inch

1 ton meter = 7222 ft lbs

1 ton = 2202 lbs = 2.202 kips

1 ton = 0.983 long tons

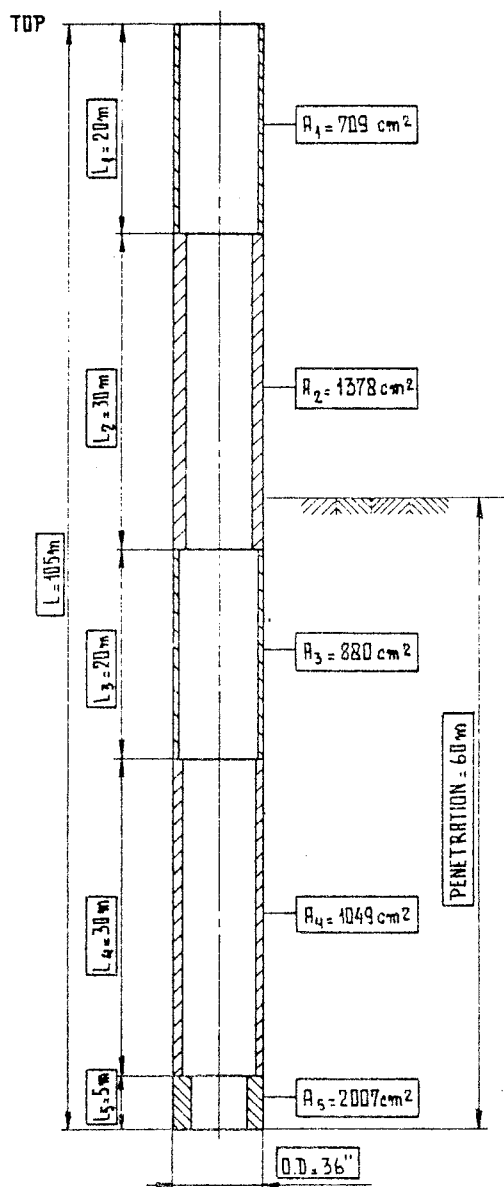
1 ton = 1.103 short tons

1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> = 1 kg/sq cm = 14.21 psi = 2.046 ksf.

# PILE: EXAMPLE

[FICTITIOUS]

## PILE INCLUDING FOLLOWER



1.2. PILE : (incl.followers)

top of pile →

total pile length = 105 m.

penetration  
below mudline = 60 m.

pile parts (m)		O.D.	I.D.	area ( $\text{cm}^2$ )
parts	length			
1	20.00	36"	34"	709
2	30.00	36"	32"	1378
3	20.00	36"	33.5"	880
4	30.00	36"	33"	1049
5	5.00	36"	30"	2007
6				
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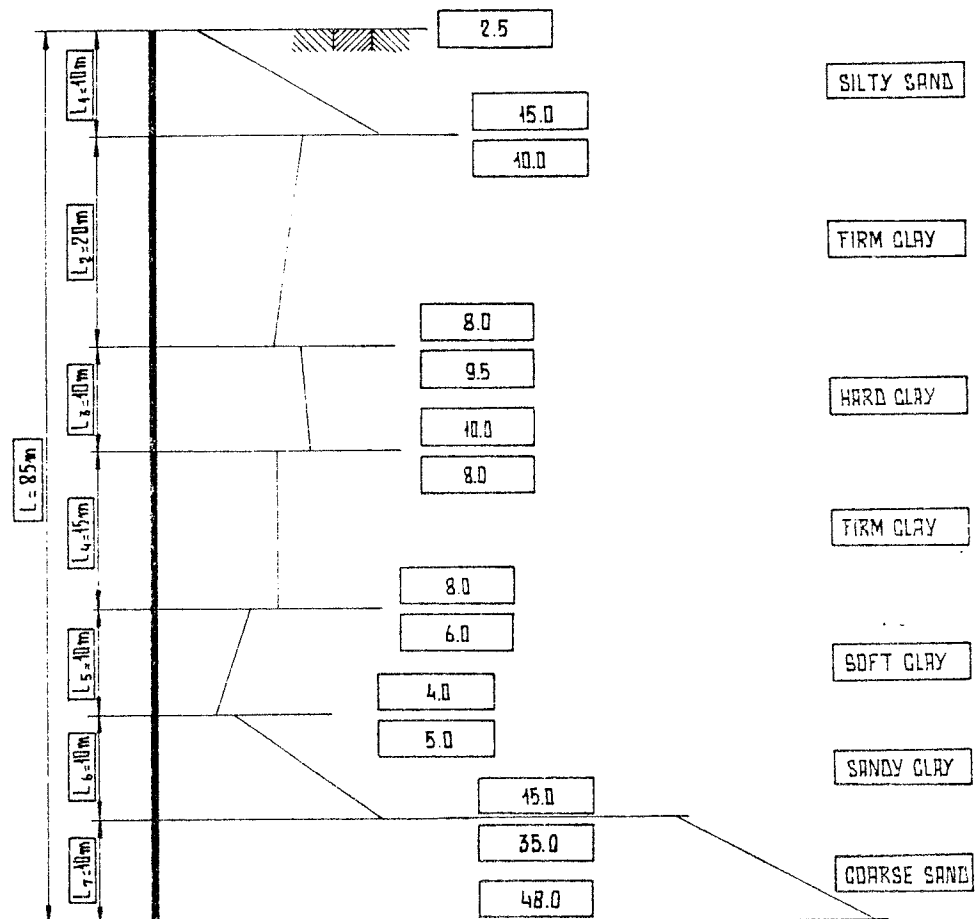
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# SOIL: EXAMPLE

[FICTITIOUS]

BASIC SKIN FRICTION  $\text{t/m}$

NATURE



1.3. SOIL : soil investigations by = COMPANY XYZ.

soil layers(m)	from	to	skin friction(ton/m) varies between ..... and ..... ①		type of soil
mudline → (1 ton=1000kg)	0	10	2.5	15.0	SILTY SAND
	10	30	10.0	8.0	FIRM CLAY
	30	40	9.5	10.0	HARD CLAY
	40	55	8.0	8.0	FIRM CLAY
	55	65	6.0	4.0	SOFT CLAY
	65	75	5.0	15.0	SANDY CLAY
	75	85	35.0	48.0	COARSE SAND

damping factor for skin friction ② = 0.5 sec/m. (0.6 unless client states differently).

fixed plug supposed to be formed ③ = NO (yes or no).

unit end-bearing ④ = 700 ton/m<sup>2</sup>

(Notes ① - ④ : (see Info Sheet))

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Re

Your ref.

Our ref. vHu/cm

Rotterdam, 8th February 1979

Dear Mr. Thomason,

Subject: Demonstration with Hydroblok HBM 4000 piledriving hammer  
February 22, 1979.

As published worldwide last year in offshore magazines two HBM 4000 piledriving hammers were ordered for delivery by the end of 1978. These hammers are the most powerful among presently proven ones. The initial full scale testing meanwhile has confirmed that the rated energy output measured on the testpile goes far in excess of the 1,700,000 specified feet-lbs. The number of blows reached was 80 per minute.

For particulars we refer to the attached sheet.

The above testing of the hammers happens in combination with a 4400 HP hydraulic powerpack which has been built especially for their drive, At clients' demand it is a skid mounted, containerised and fully self sustained unit.

The HBM 4000 hammers are now striking their testblows on top of an 84 in. O.D. 1:5 batter testpile. This testpile passed a dense sand layer at 225 feet depth which caused a temporary refusal of 25,500 blows/foot. At the time this letter was written, the hammers have been driving over 29 hours.

We are now organising a demonstration of the piledriving capabilities of the above Hydroblok hammers on Thursday, February 22, 1979, for which we gladly invite you.

This demonstration is set up in cooperation with the future Owners.

The program is as per attachment.

Our guests are invited to assemble on the 22nd of February at 09.15 hrs a.m. in front of the Rotterdam Hilton Hotel, located in the very centre of the city.

From there transport will be arranged by buses.

In case you prefer to have your own transportation, we advise that our presentation will start at Motel "Papendrecht", Restaurant "De Staatse Schans" on the first floor.

This place can easily be found at the freeway entrance of the town of Papendrecht.

For your easy reference you will find enclosed herewith copy of a map of the pertaining Rotterdam-Papendrecht area.

By road, the distance Rotterdam-Papendrecht is approx. 20 miles.

Due to short time available we kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by telex or by telephone, please ask for Miss Janet Visser.

It will be a great pleasure to have you as our guests on February 22, 1979.

Yours faithfully  
VEROLME ENGINEERING COMPANY  
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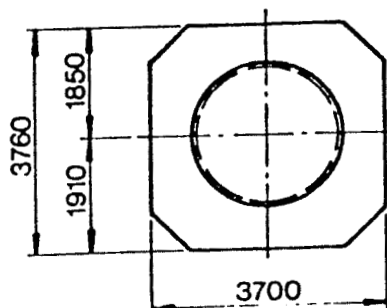
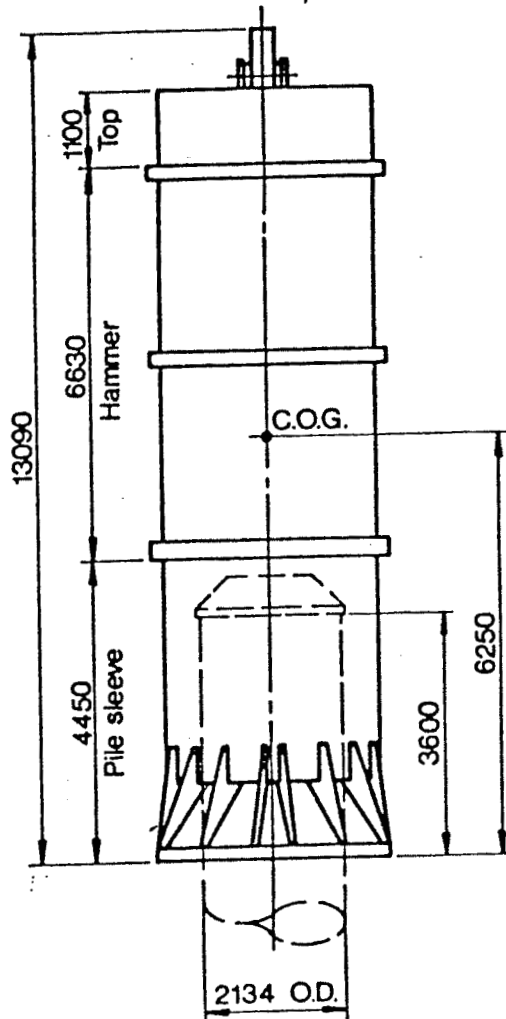
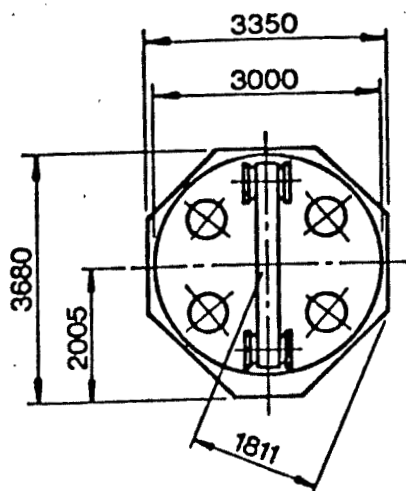
  
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# Hydroblok Hammer

## Type : HBM-4000

### Standard



#### Main Specifications.

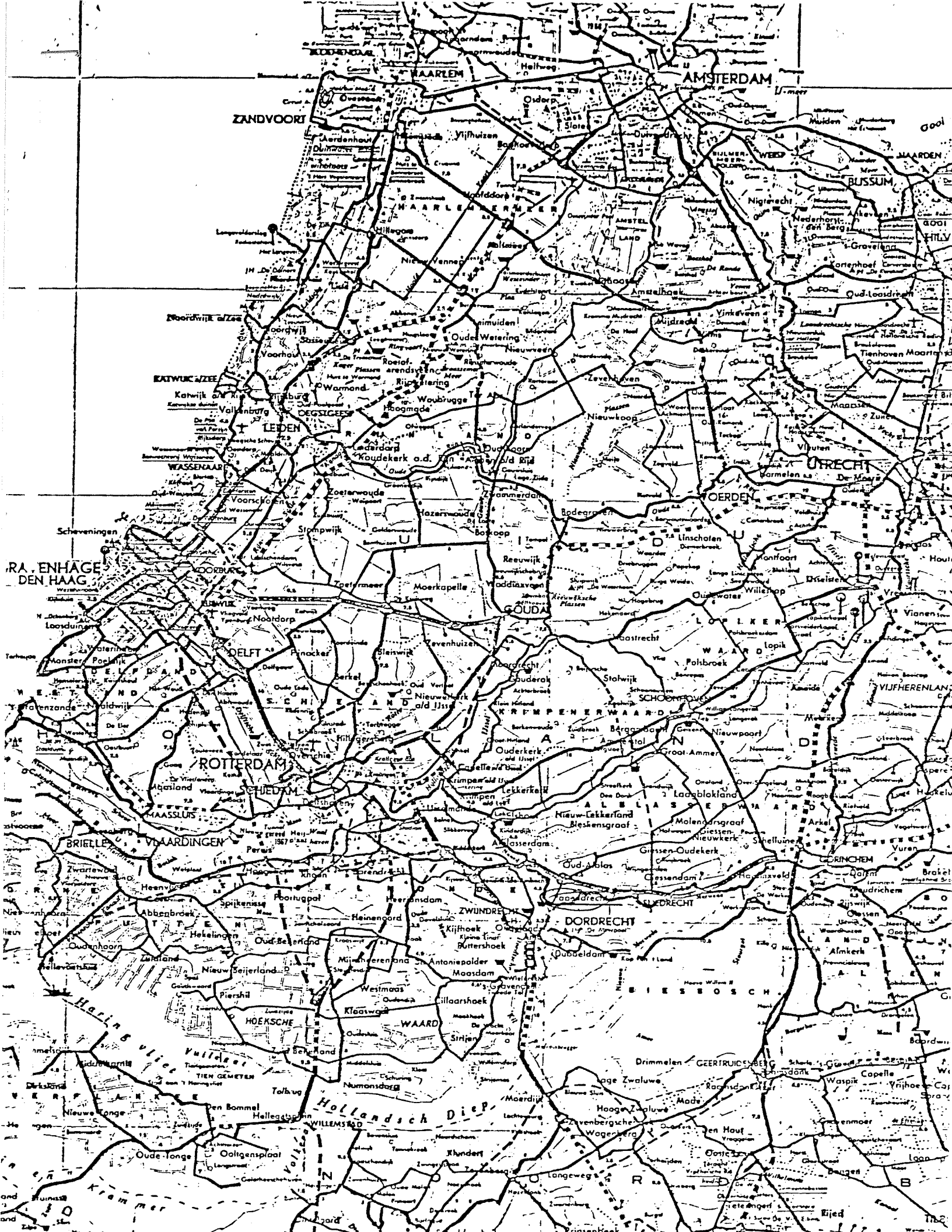
##### CAPACITY

Guaranteed NET driving energy	160 tm. 1 200 000 ft lb
RATED driving energy approx.	232 tm. 1 700 000 ft lb
Bufferforce min.	1600 t. 3 300 kips
max.	4000 t. 8 800 kips
Number of blows/min.	40-70
Power (installed)	4400 hp.
Magnitude of total soilresistance the hammer can overcome during driving	7200 t. 16 000 kips

##### WEIGHTS

Dropweight	93 t. 205 000 lbs
Hammer (incl. drop-weight, excl. anvil, pile sleeve and ballast)	186 t. 411 000 lbs
Anvil	15 t. 33 000 lbs
Pile sleeve	21 t. 46 000 lbs
Under water ballast	38 t. 84 000 lbs
Max. pile size (without adaptor)	2134 mm. O.D.

Dimensions in mm. Subject to modifications.



PROGRAM HBM 4000 DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, February 22, 1979.

09.15 hrs	Guests assemble in front of Rotterdam Hilton Hotel. Boarding buses.
09.30 hrs	Buses leaving.
10.00 hrs	Arrival at Motel "Papendrecht" - Restaurant "De Staatse Schans"
10.00 - 12.00 hrs	Coffee. Briefings by Dr. J.W. Jansz, managing director Hollandsche Beton Groep, Research and Development.
12.00 hrs	Departure for Test Site.
12.30 - 13.30 hrs	Demonstration of HBM 4000 piledriving system.
13.30 hrs	Departure for Motel "Papendrecht" - Restaurant "De Staatse Schans"
14.00 - 16.00 hrs	Cocktails. Cold Buffet.
16.00 hrs	Departure for Rotterdam Hilton. Informal discussion.

P R O G R A M  
Demonstration  
of  
Hydroblok HBM 4000  
Piledriving Hammer

Thursday, February 22, 1979

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Boarding Buses

09.30 hrs

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10.00 hrs

Arrival at Motel "Papendrecht",  
Restaurant "De Staatse Schans"

Participants with own transportation  
join the group

10.00 - 12.00 hrs

Coffee

Introduction by Messrs Verolme Engineering  
Company

Briefings by Dr. J.W. Jansz, Managing Director  
HBG, Research and Development and by  
Messrs Netherlands Offshore Company

Questions

12.00 hrs

Departure for Test Site

12.30 - 13.30 hrs

Demonstration of HBM 4000 Piledriving System

13.30 hrs

Departure for Motel "Papendrecht",  
Restaurant "De Staatse Schans"

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16.00 hrs

Departure for Rotterdam Hilton

Informal discussions

## HYDROBLOK HAMMER EXPERIENCE RECORD

Februari 1979

Client	Year	Project Location	above/under: water	Water- depth	Hammer	Piles	Penetration	Soil	Contractor
Péchiney	1970	Flushing NL.	above	-	H.B.M.14	concrete	34 m	clay,sand	HBM
Publ.W.Rdm	1971/ 72	Europort NL	above	-	H.B.M.850	concrete 59.45 cm	34 m	sand	HBM
Min.Publ.W.	1973	Zealand,NL	above	-	H.B.M.850	200 steel piles,dia 106cm	12 m	clay, sand	HBM
Publ.W.Adm	1974	Amsterdam NL	above	-	H.B.M.500	2000 concrete piles	18-24 m	peat,sand	HBM
Shell Oil Comp.	1974	Gulf of Mexico Marsh Island Block 130	under	217 ft (66m)	H.B.M.500	1 steel pile 24"dia,1"w.t.	350 ft. (160m)	stiff clay, silts	McDermott HBM
Min.Publ. Works	1974/ 75	Eastern Schelde River NL	under	10m.	H.B.M.500	Various tests a.o.underwater compaction	--	--	HBM
Publ.W.Adm	1974/ 75	Amsterdam,NL	above	--	H.B.M.500	950 steel piles box type	25-36 m	peat,sand	HBM
Greater London Council	1974/ 76	Thames Barrier U.K.	above	--	H.B.M.850	Steel profiles Larsen 6 and PSP 8005	15-20 m	peat,sand clay,chalk	HBM
Publ.W.Rdm	1976	Rotterdam,NL	above	--	H.B.M.500	Steel sheet piles	--	peat,clay sand	HBM
Occidental of Scotland Inc.	1976	Claymore field, North Sea	above	360 ft.	H.B.M.3000	4 steel piles dia 48" 24 steel piles dia 60" batter 10.7:1	150 ft.	clay,sand- layers	Neth.Offsh Comp.NOC.
Kellog's	1977	Cork,Dublin Ireland	above	12m	H.B.M.850	400 steel piles 24"	15-18 m	sand, weathered rock	HBM

Placid Intl. Oil Ltd.	1977	Platform L10/D North Sea Dutch Sector	above	90 ft	HBM 3000	4 steel piles dia 42", 1.5" wt batter 7.1:1	177 ft. (53 m)	sand	Neth. Off-shore Cor NOC.
Pennzoil Ned. Comp.	1977	Platform K13/c North Sea, Dutch Sector	above	90 ft	HBM 3000	4 steel piles dia 42", batter 5.6:1	190 ft (58m)	sand	Neth. Off-shore Cor NOC.
Placid Intl. Oil Ltd.	1977	Platform L10/E North Sea Dutch Sector	above	90 ft	HBM 3000	4 steel piles dia 42", 1.5/1.75" wt batter 7.1:1	176 ft (50m)	sand	Neth. Off-shore Cor NOC.
Shell Oil Comp.	1977	Cognac Field, Gulf of Mexico	under	1050 ft (300m)	HBM 3000A	24 steel piles, dia 84", 2" w.t., L. 625ft (190m)	490 ft (150m)	soft clay	McDermott Hydrobl Unit.
Single Buoy Moorings Inc (SBM)	1977	Pulay Field South Chinese Sea	under	60 m	HBM 500	6 steel piles dia 24/48", w.t. 1.5/1.25" L: 98ft (30m)	76 ft (23.2m)	very stiff to firm clay	Hydrobl Unit
Min. Publ. Works	1977/79	Gouda Tunnel NL.	under	2-16 m	HBM 500	2800 concrete piles sq. 40 cm	14-15 m	sand	HBM
Min. Publ. Works	1978	Gouda Tunnel, NL	above	--	HBM 500	400 concrete piles sq. 40cm	17 m	peat, sand	HBM
Occidental Oil	1978	Piper field, North Sea, British sector	under	150 m	HBM 1500	8 steel anchor-piles dia, 60" L=94ft.	100 ft (30m)	soft to stiff clay	Hydrobl Unit
Petroland BV	1978	Platform L7BB North Sea Dutch sector	above		HBM 3000	4 steel piles, dia 42", w.t. 2/2, 5"	191 ft (58m)	sand	Neth. Off-shore Cor (NOC)
Electr. Comp. Denmark	1978	Asnaes, DK	above	18-20m	HBM 500	24 steel piles dia 24"	12-15 m	clay, sand	HBM
Philipp Holzmann Germany	1978	Hamburg Harbour Germany	under	6 m	HBM 500	120 steel H-piles		sand/gravel	HBM



23.	Electr.Comp, Denmark	1979 <sup>*</sup>	Asnaes,DK	above	18-20m	HBM 500	340 piles,dia 24"	12-15 m	clay,sand	HBM
24.	Min.Publ. Works	1979 <sup>*</sup>	Eastern Schelde river NL.	above	15-30m	HBM 1500	47 piles,dia 48"	30 m	sand	HBM

<sup>\*</sup> to be executed

EXPERIENCE  
WITH  
HBM HYDROBLOK HAMMERS

HBM-4000/February 1979



NOC EXPERIENCE RECORD HYDROBLOKS HEM 3000

TABLE I

Client	Project	Period	Number of piles and sizes	Wall Thickness	Penetration	Soil Condition	Pile Batter	Actual Driving Time
NOC	Testdriving on- shore in Holland	1974	1x84 in diam.	-	-	-	Nil	+20 hr
AMOCO UK	Montrose platform North Sea U.K. Sector	July 1975	28x48 in diam.	2.0 in	<u>hammer on standby only</u>			
Occidental of Scotland Inc.	Claymore platform North Sea U.K. Sector	July 1976	2x48 in.diam.  19x60 in diam.	2.0 in	46 meter  (150 feet)	Alternate Clay and Sand Layers	10.7:1	14.6 hr
Placid International Oil Ltd.	Platform L10/D North Sea Dutch Sector	May 1977	4x42 in diam.	1.5 in	53 meter (175 feet)	Sand	10.0:1 7.1:1	6.2 hr
Pennzoil Nederland Company	Platform K13/C North Sea, Dutch Sector	July 1977	4x42 in diam.	1.25/ 2.125 in	58 meter (190 feet)	Sand	8.0:1 5.6:1	4.4 hr
Placid International Oil Ltd.	Platform L10/E Norht Sea, Dutch Sector	Sept.1977	4x42 in diam.	1.5/1.75 in	54 meter (176 feet)	Sand	10.0:1 7.1:1	5.7 hr
Petroland B.V.	Platform L7BB North Sea, Dutch Sector	Sept.1978	4x42 in diam.	2.0/2.5 in	58 meter (191 feet)	Sand	5.6:1	2.8 hr
TOTAL:								+ 154 hr

OCCIDENTIAL CLAYMORE

particulars

Piledrivers at jobsite:

2 x HEM 3000 and 3 x Menck MRBS 8000

Installation vessels/barges:

Challenger one side

Hercules (shortly Orca) other side

Piles driven to final penetration by  
different hammer types:

2 x HEM 3000	:	2 x 48 inch piles}	total of 21 piles
		19 x 60 inch piles}	
3 x Menck MRBS 8000	:	2 x 48 inch piles}	total of 7 piles
		5 x 60 inch piles}	

Hammer problems:

2 x HEM 3000

- lubrication of guiderails

- steering hoses

3 x Menck MRBS 8000

- piston rods connection collapsed

- anvils cracked

- cilinder lining problems

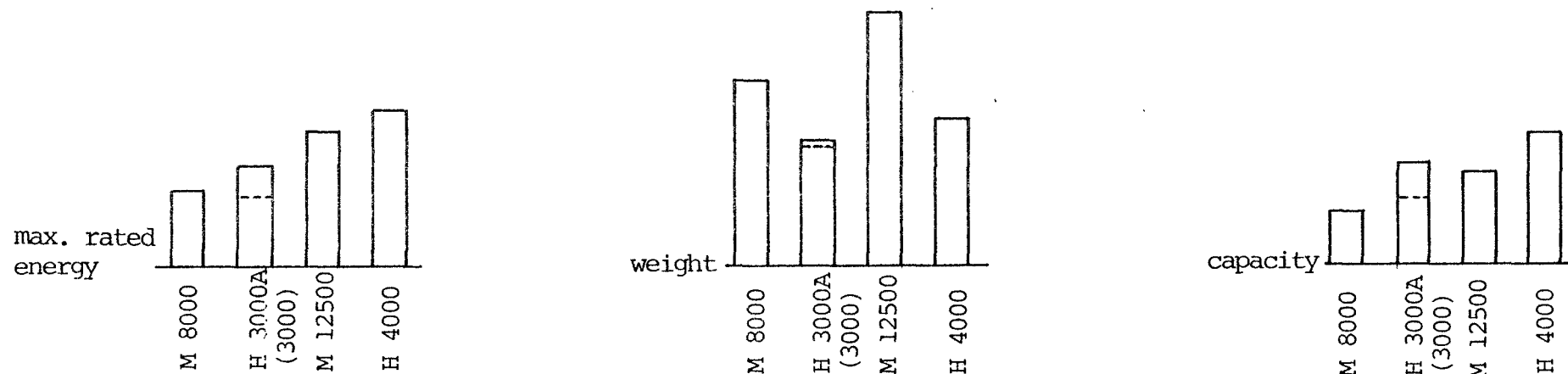
At end of pile driving 4 out of 5 hammers were unuseable, one HEM 3000 finished the driving job !

# COMPARISON <sup>⊠</sup>

## HEAVY PILE DRIVERS

TABLE II	MRBS 8000	HEM 3000A (3000)	MRBS 12500	HEM 4000
Max. rated energy	867.960 ft/lbs 120.000 mkg	1.100.000 (774.000) ft/lbs 157.000 (107.000) mkg	1.582.220 ft/lbs 218.750 mkg	1.700.000 ft/lbs 232.000 mkg
Net driving energy	781.165 ft/lbs 108.000 mkg	795.600 (542.000) ft/lbs 110.000 ( 75.000) mkg	1.424.000 ft/lbs 196.875 mkg	1.157.000 ft/lbs 160.000 mkg
Weight	277 ton	188 (175) ton	385 ton	226 ton
Blows per minute	38 bl/min	70 bl/min	36 bl/min	70 bl/min
Driving capacity (en/t.unit)	4.104.000 mkg/min	7.700.000 (5.250.000) mkg/min	7.087.500 mkg/min	11.200.000 mkg/min

⊠ information drawn from manufacturer's sales brochures



# HBM-4000 TYPE HYDROBLOK HAMMER

## UNDER DURATION TEST, SLIEDRECHT 1979.

Today, February 22, 1979 you will see a more than life-size test site. The most powerful hammer in the world, driving an 84 inch pile to a penetration of more than 230 ft.

### WHY ALL THIS EFFORT?

We have three goals in mind, viz.:

- 1) It must be proved to the client, in this case The Netherlands Offshore Company, that their hammers can meet the guaranteed performance specifications over an extended period of time.
- 2) The Hydroblok organization wants to check its design calculations and to calibrate its design techniques for future developments.
- 3) This opportunity is utilized to gather information of a more general nature about the interactive behaviour of the total hammer-pile-soil system.

### 1) Performance

The test has clearly shown that this huge hammer really will do the job it was designed for. But what do we really mean by performance? The hammer must generate energy, necessary to achieve penetration, to achieve plastic deformation of the soil. The pile transports the energy from the hammer to the soil.

The only meaningful yardstick to measure the energy is the kinetic energy of the ram immediately before it hits the anvil:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} Mv^2.$$

The mass M is known from calculations, and more accurate also from the fabricators weighing procedure sheet.

The impact velocity v is measured and visualized at the operators console. In our case the velocity is determined by the timedelay t between two adjacent points that are passed by the ram. (Incidentally also the re-bound velocity is indicated by the same means). The velocity indicator is carefully checked and calibrated and it is a standard built-in piece of equipment. in every Hydroblok hammer.

Does the pile accept all that energy from the hammer?

It depends on the relative properties of the combination of pile and hammer. At a certain impact velocity v a given pile can only absorb a certain force per time-span and the excess force is bounced back into the hammer, and is therefore lost to the driving process. Here the adjustable Hydroblok buffer-force comes into the picture.

The operator can regulate the impact force during driving independently from the energy. Conventional hammers allow such a force-adjustment only by adapting ( i.e. reducing) the energy. This unique feature allows the energy to be temporarily stored in order to stretch the blow over a



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longer period of time by merely adjusting the bufferforce, constantly working with the same optimum energy level of each hammerblow. This in fact is the key to fast driving, as has been proved in many offshore operations where short driving times have amazed so many.

During testing various bufferforces and impact velocities were used. The impact-force diagrams have also been measured to check the diagrams calculated with the PILEWAVE-computerprogram.

The HBM-4000 delivers more than its guaranteed kinetic energy of 120 000 lb.ft. (160 tfm) at buffer forces varying from 2500 tonforce to 4000 tonforce.

## 2 Design Check.

The built-in buffer protects the hammer from excessive stress and strain. At moment of impact shock-waves start to travel not only in the pile, but also in the hammer. Now peakforces are controlled by the buffer and consequently kept within acceptable limits. This makes it possible to design the various hammer parts properly on fatigue. Extensive stress and strain calculations have been performed, both statically (figure 1) and dynamically (figure 2 and 3), the latter being based on known impact speeds of the various colliding hammerparts. Test measurements during actual piledriving have proved that these complex calculations correctly assess what happens in practice. Therefore we can be sure that the hammer is designed as a reliable tool, suitable to be used underwater during longer periods.

## 3 Hammer-pile-soil behaviour.

Extensive tests and measurements have been performed to determine stresses and accelerations at the top and near the toe of the pile. Soil investigation has been carried out before driving. During driving pore pressures and total soil pressures were recorded. This part of the test gathers information of a more general interest. It has been made possible through the generous support and participation of a broad international forum:

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and pore pressure and total pressure measurements  
were made by

Building Research Establishment.

Much valuable information has been gathered and the final report will  
be issued to the sponsors before 1 March 1979.

Now that the "WHY?" has been clarified it is time to tell something  
about "WHAT" you will see at the testsite. We refer to figure 4. At  
the site there already was available an 84 inch vertical pile ( 1)  
in fig. 4), which was used to test previous hammers. This time the  
test procedure called for a batter pile 7 on 1. ( 2) in fig. 4). Du-  
ring driving the inclination increased to 5 on 1 due to deformations  
in the soil. The inclined testpile is closed at its toe and the outer  
diameter is 84 inch, wallthickness 1.25 inch. During driving the pile  
was supported in the beginning by the means of brackets A and B con-  
nected to the vertical pile. Brackets A) and B) are removable and  
they were taken away and replaced again as the driving procedure pro-  
gressed and successive add-ons were welded. The total length now is  
71 m (235ft.) The 7 m deep hole ( 3) in fig. 4) is protected by steel-  
piling. It can be emptied by pumping out water and it has been utilized  
for welding operations and it allows the hammer to drive the pile a  
further 5 m below groundlevel should that be necessary.

The first 9 m of Soil consist of peat, then up to 40 m layers of clay  
with medium dense sands. From 40 m to 70 m we find dense sands and  
below 70 m clay with dispersed sand layers.

A blowcount graph is added to this information-package as fig. 5.

Finally a number of maximum values are given that have been reached at  
any time during the testing program of some 33 hours of driving, though  
not all in combination. (catalog values between brackets)

Net impact energy of ram ( $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ )	ton.meter	190	(160)
	ft.lbs	1370.000	(1200 000)
Bufferforce maximum	tonf	4000	(4000)
	kips	8800	(8800)
Maximum blowcount	per 25 cm	40.000	
	per foot	49.000	
Hours effective driving on testpile (15 Febr.79)	hammer 4001	23 hrs. 17 min.	
	hammer 4002	11 hrs. 7 min.	



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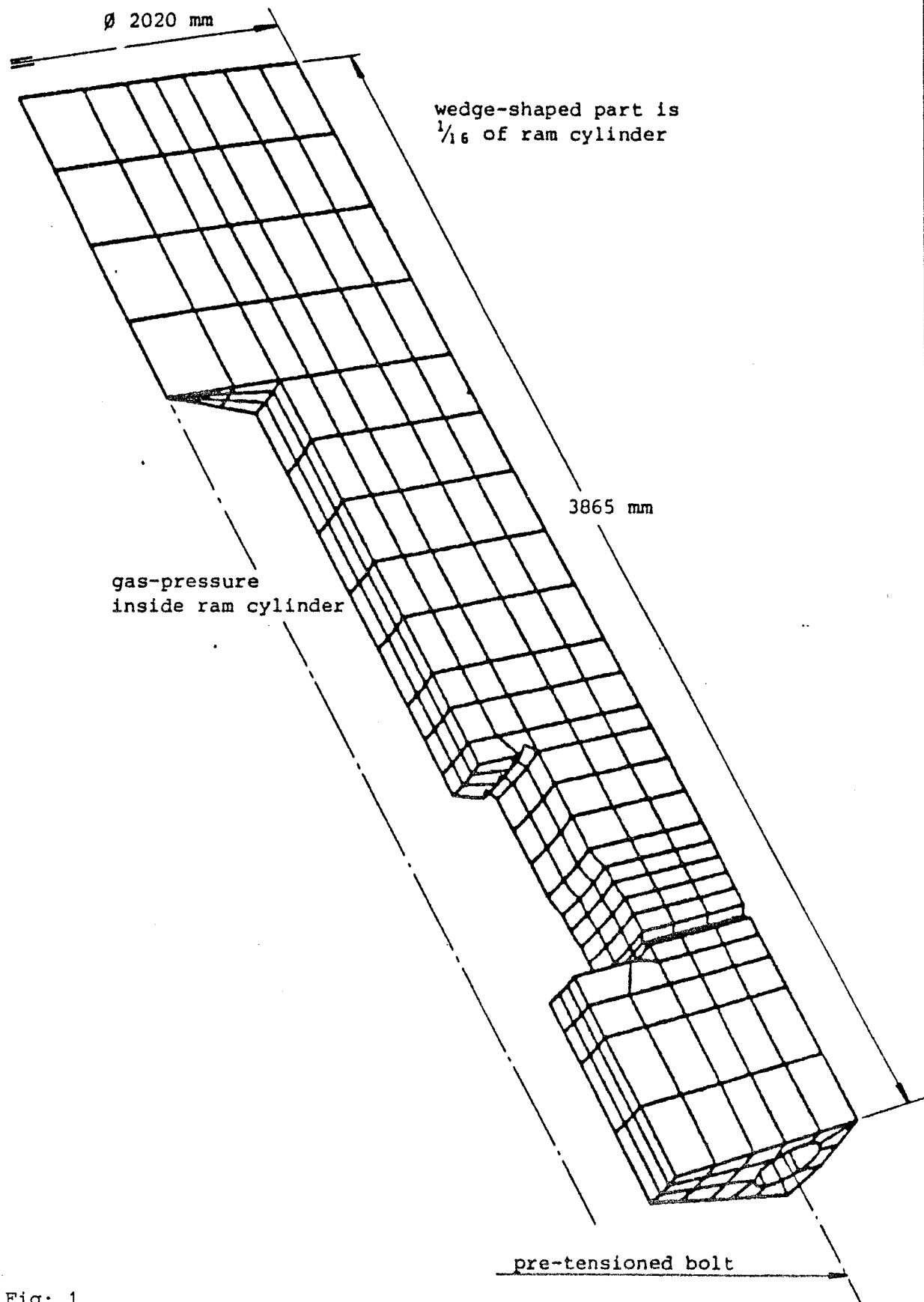


Fig: 1.

Three-dimensional finit element model representing the ram of Hydroblok hammer HBM 4000. Calculations provide stress and strain in each part of the ram under various static conditions.

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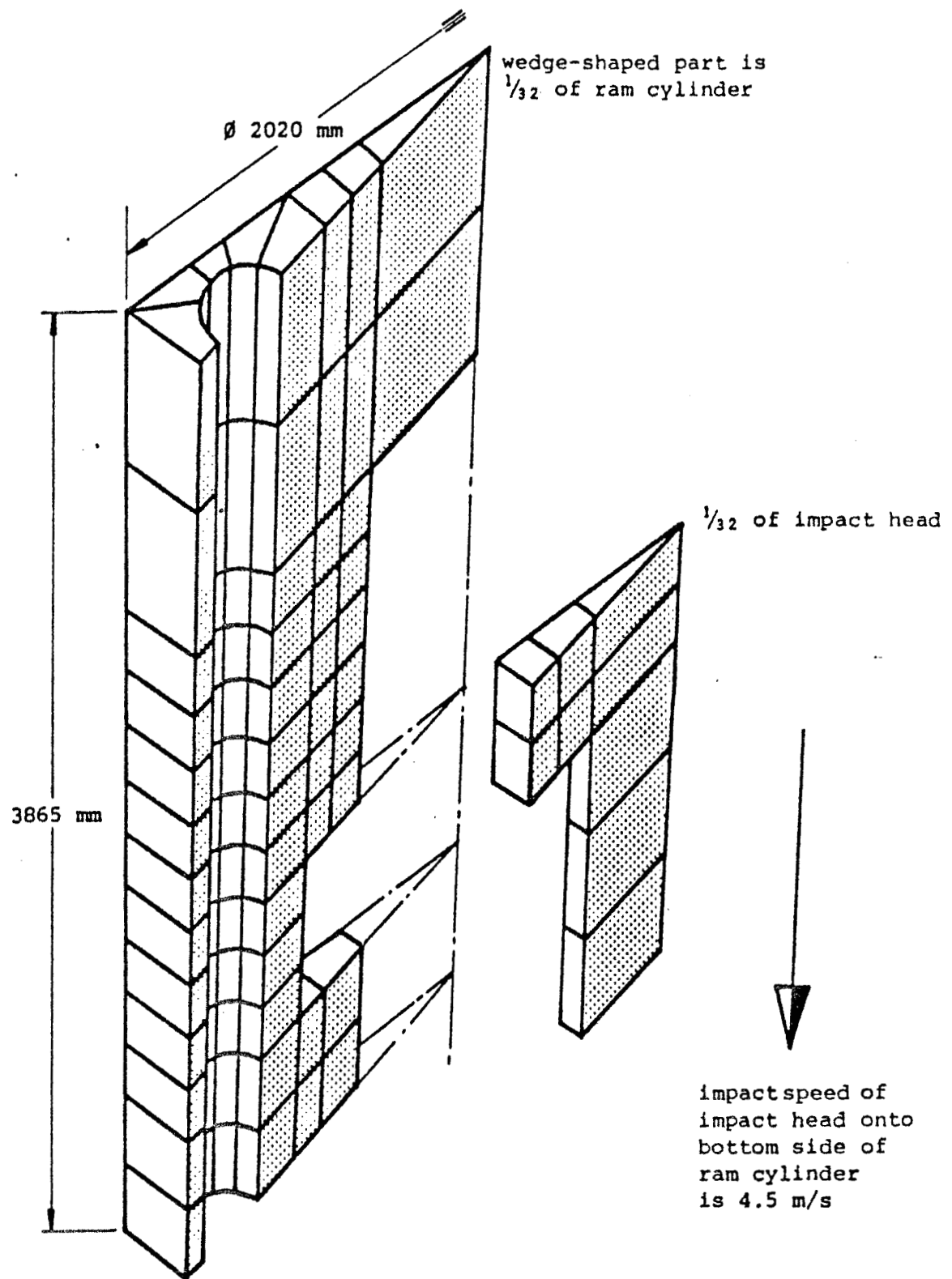


Figure 2: Three-dimensional finit element model representing the ram of a Hydroblok hammer HBM 4000.  
The model includes next to stress-strain relations also mass; it is suited to perform dynamic calculations.

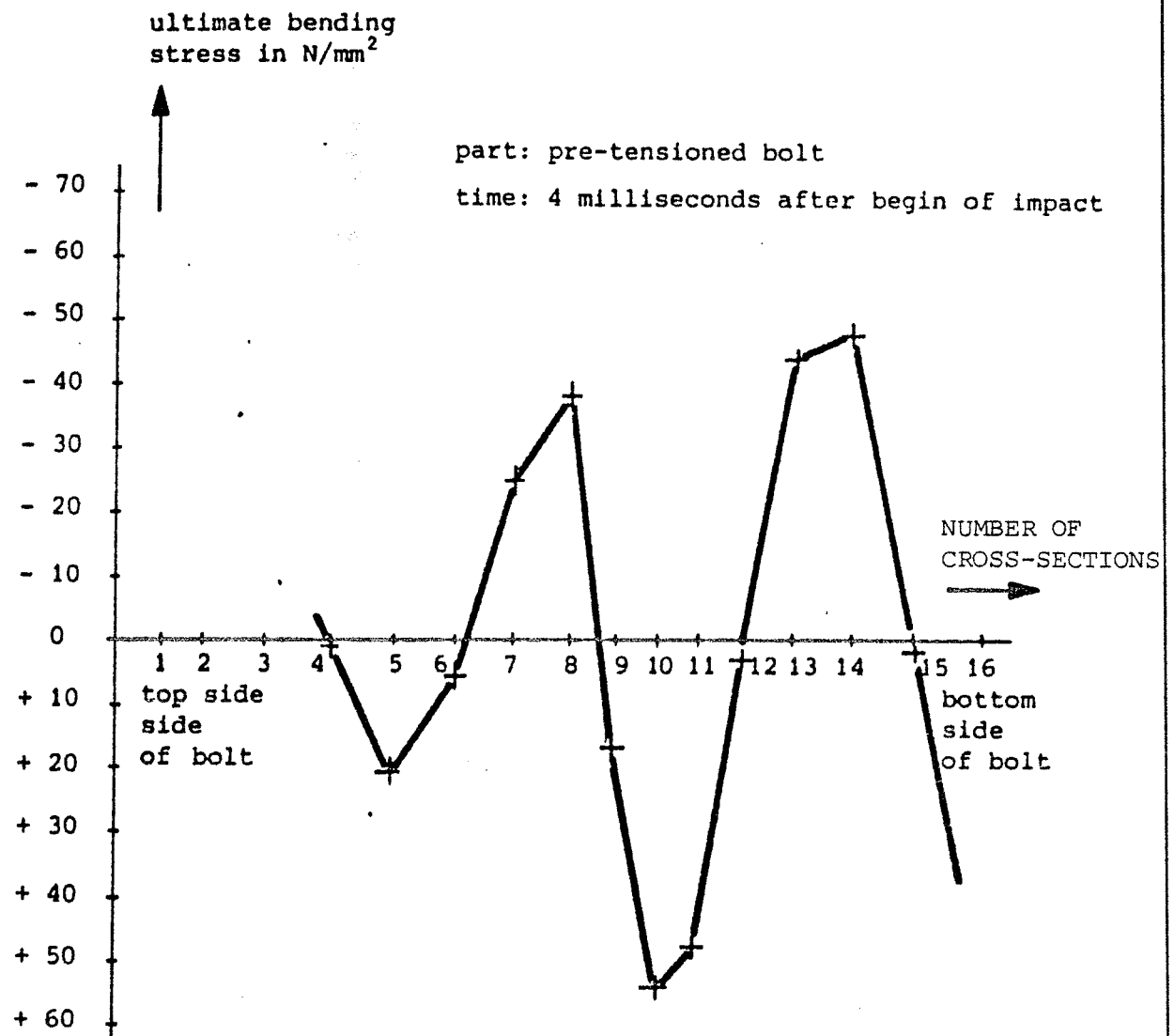


Figure 3: Typical result of dynamic calculation with the model shown in figure 5. All heavily loaded parts of a Hydroblok hammer are calculated in a similar way.

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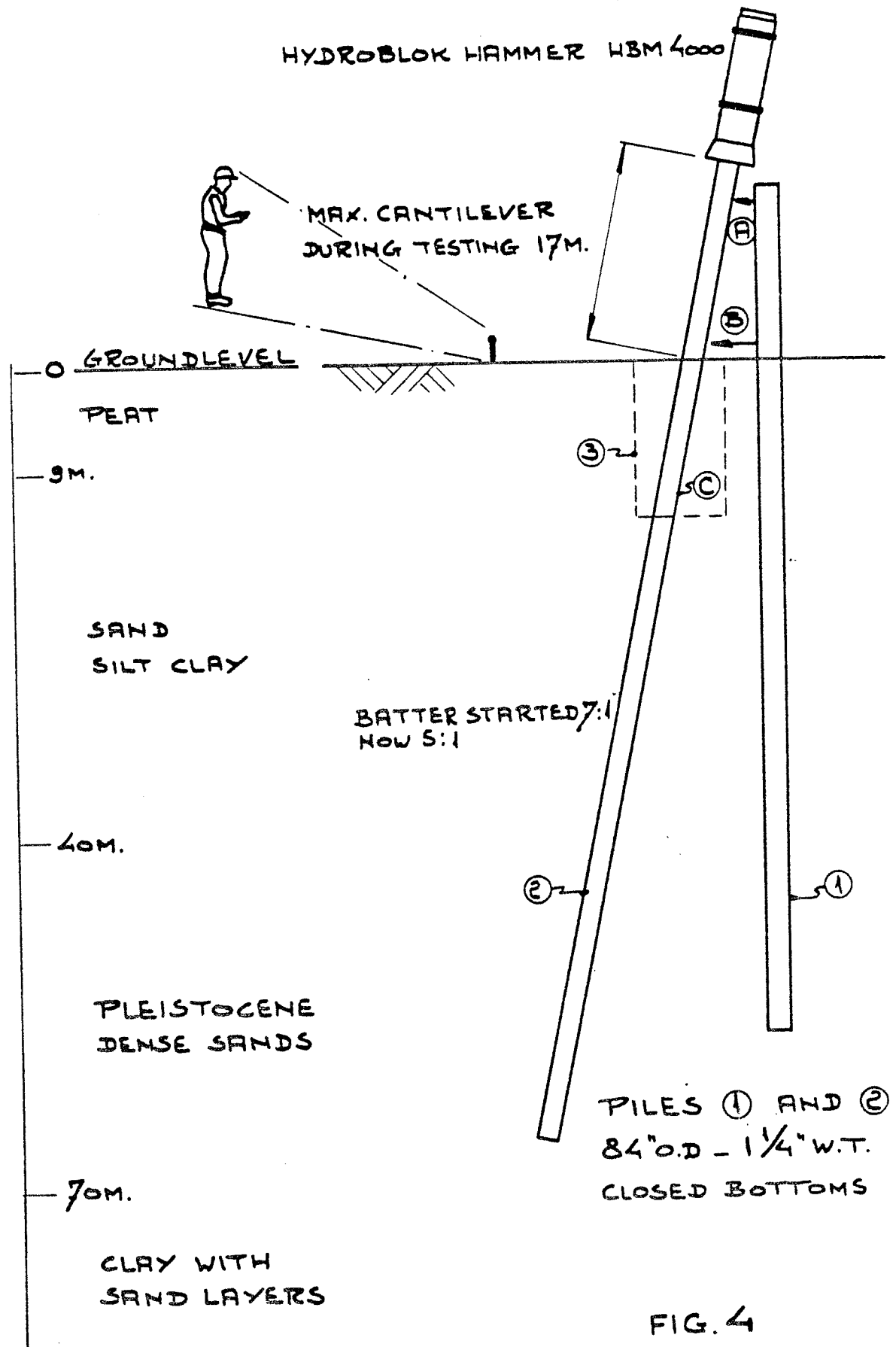


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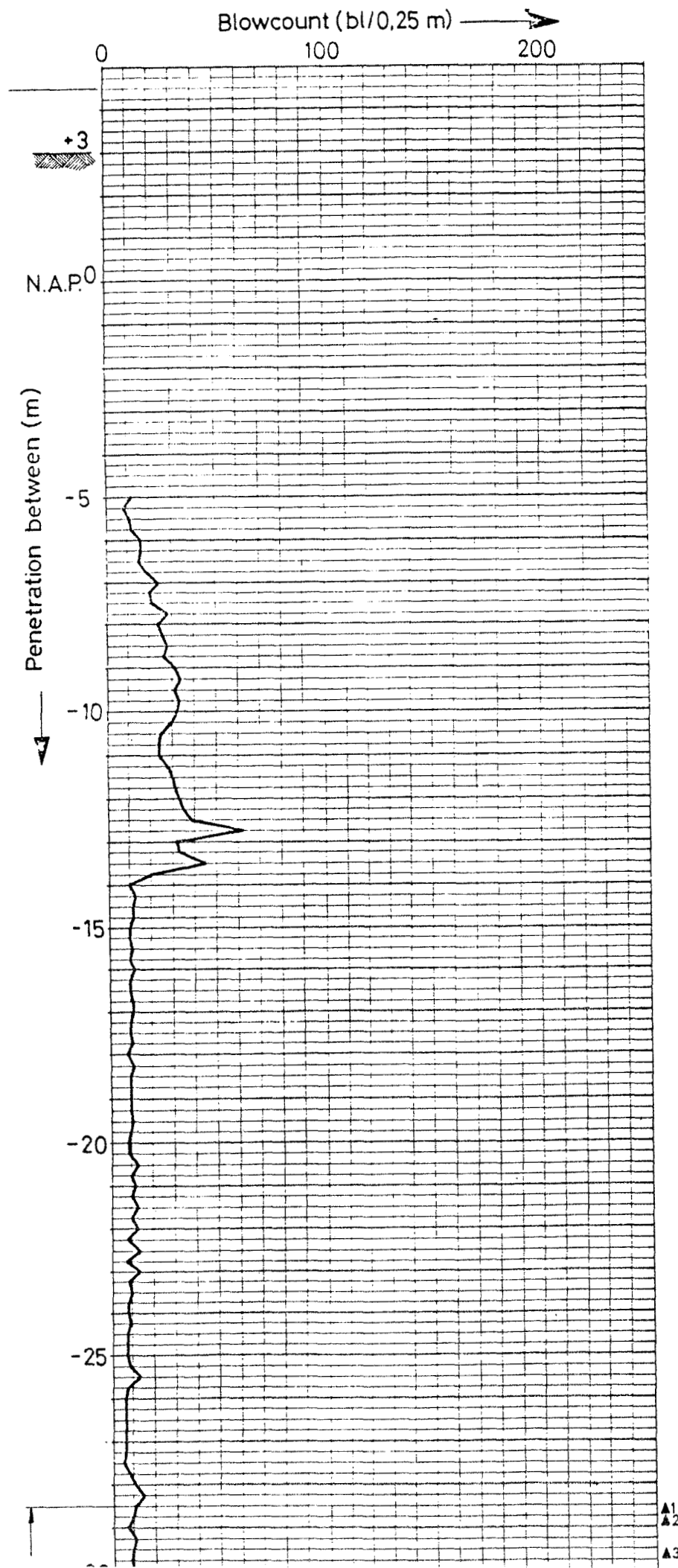
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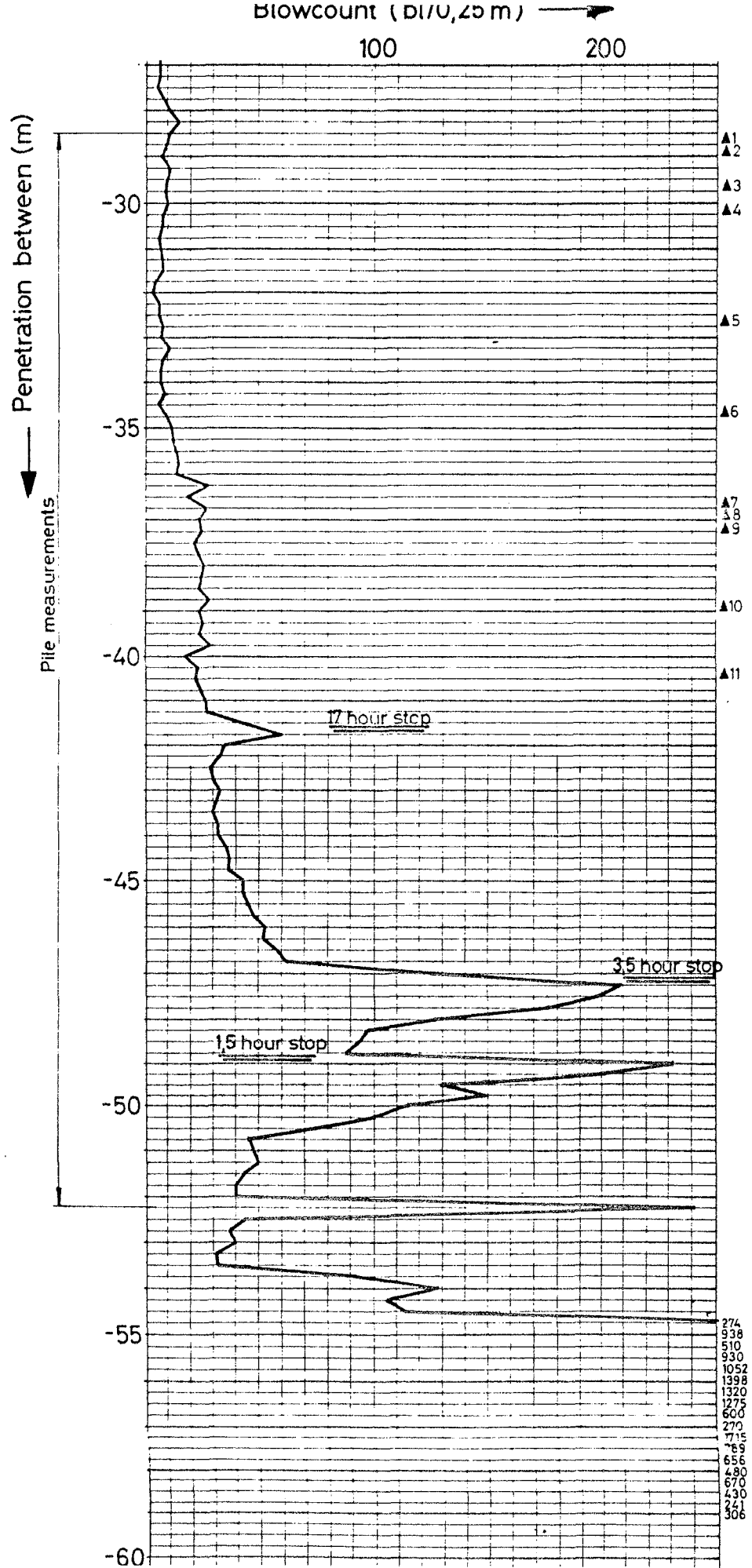
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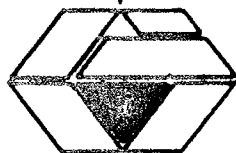


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# SITUATION ON TEST-SITE

1<sup>ST</sup> HYDROBLOK HAMMER TYPE HBM 4000  
SUCCESSFULLY TESTED DURING A PERIOD OF  
24 DRIVING HOURS

2<sup>ND</sup> HYDROBLOK HAMMER  
TYPE HBM 4000 ON  
BATTER TEST PILE  $\phi 84"$   
VERTICAL PILE  
HYDRAULIC HOSES

CRANE

PILE SECTION  $\phi 84"$

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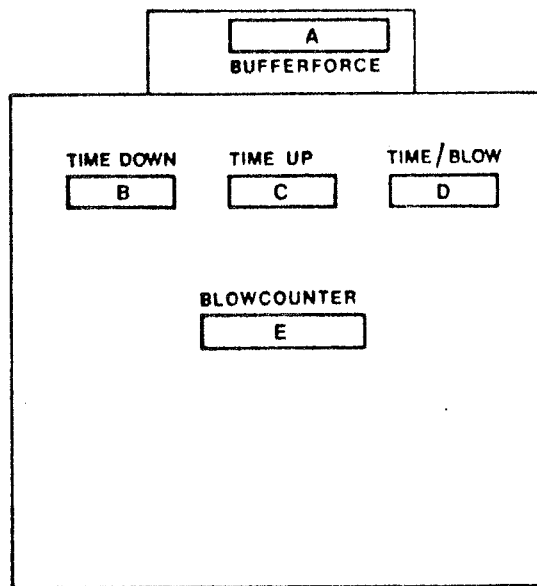
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Display B	Net Impact Energy of ram HBM 4000		
ms	kNm	ton m	ft.lbs
8.4	2007	205	1 479 000
8.5	1946	198	1 434 000
8.6	1885	192	1 389 000
8.8	1826	186	1 346 000
8.9	1767	180	1 303 000
9.0	1710	174	1 260 000
9.2	1653	169	1 219 000
9.4	1598	163	1 178 000
9.6	1543	157	1 137 000
9.7	1490	152	1 098 000
9.9	1437	146	1 059 000
10.1	1385	141	1 021 000
10.3	1334	136	983 000
10.4	1284	131	947 000
10.6	1235	126	911 000
10.8	1188	121	875 000
11.0	1140	116	841 000
11.2	1094	112	807 000
11.5	1049	107	773 000
11.8	1005	102	741 000
12.0	962	98	709 000
12.3	920	94	678 000
12.5	878	90	647 000
12.8	838	85	618 000
13.1	798	81	588 000
13.4	760	77	560 000
13.8	722	74	532 000
14.1	686	70	506 000

A = BUFFERFORCE IN METRIC TONS

B = TIMESPAN ↓

C = TIMESPAN ↑

OVER SAME DISTANCE

$$\text{BLOWS PER MINUTE} = \frac{60}{D}$$

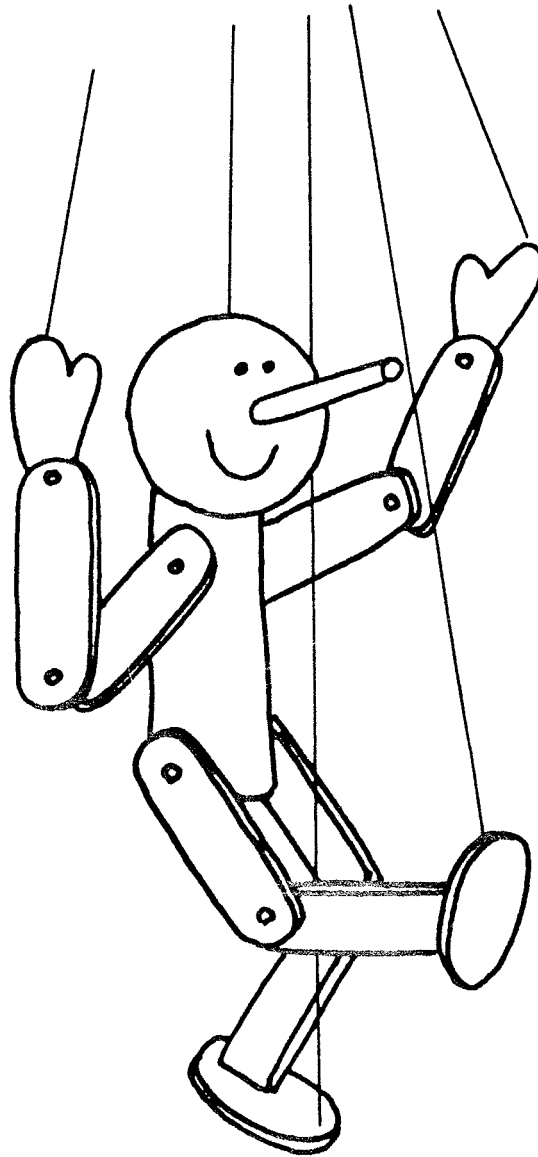
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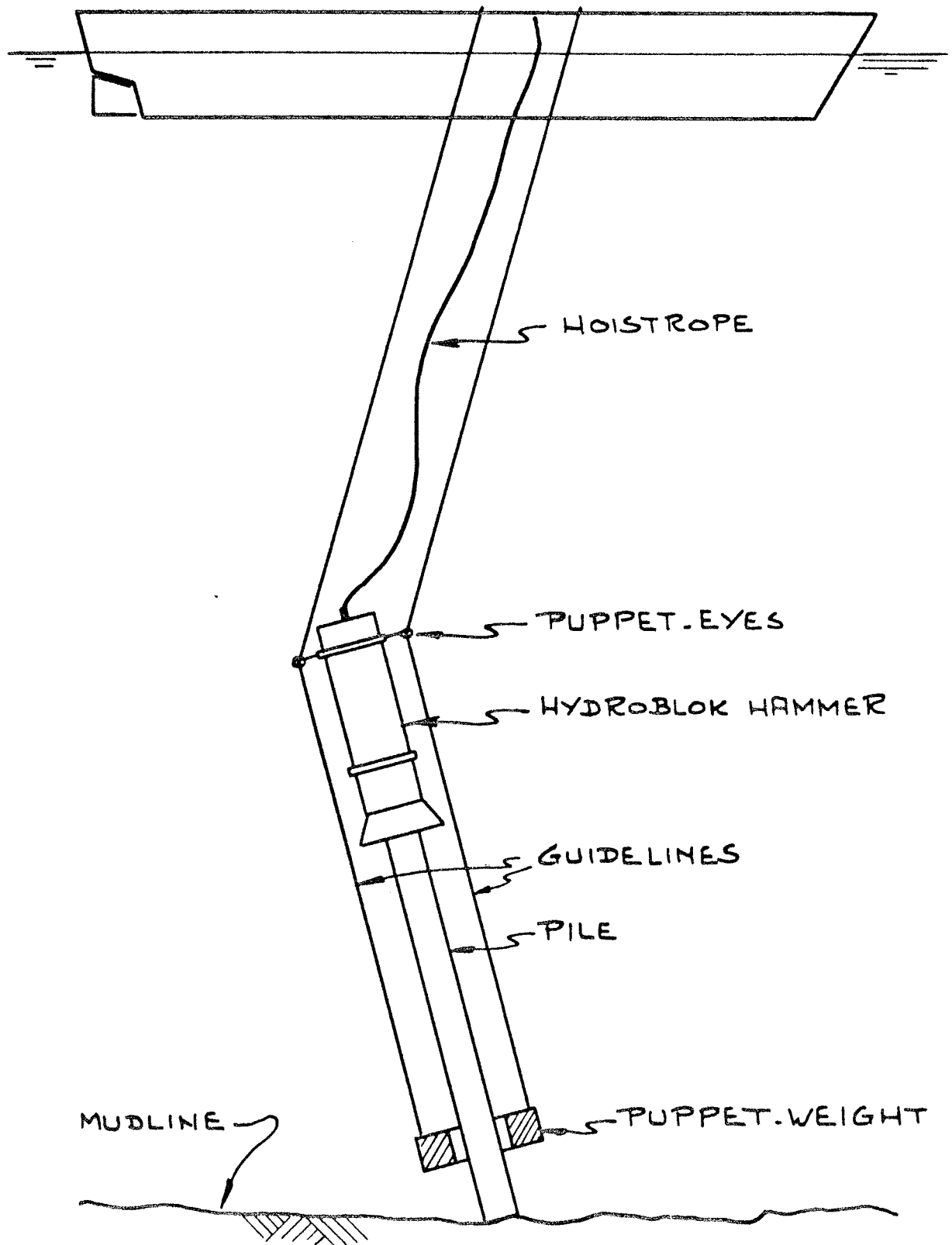


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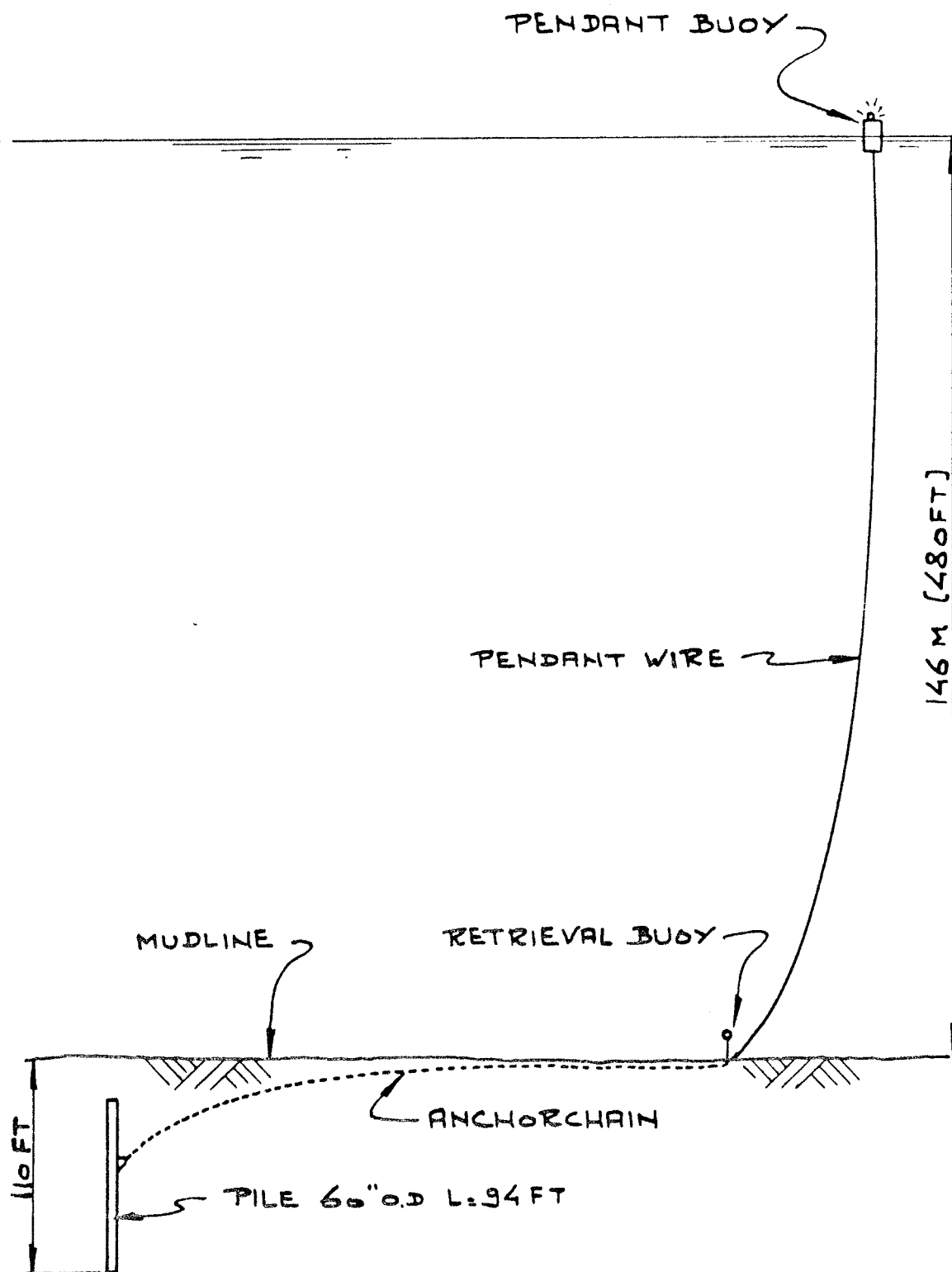


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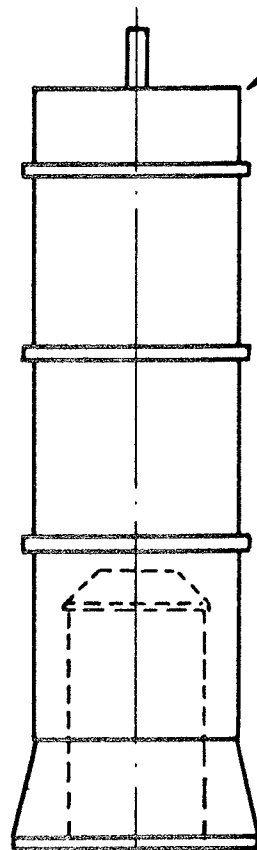
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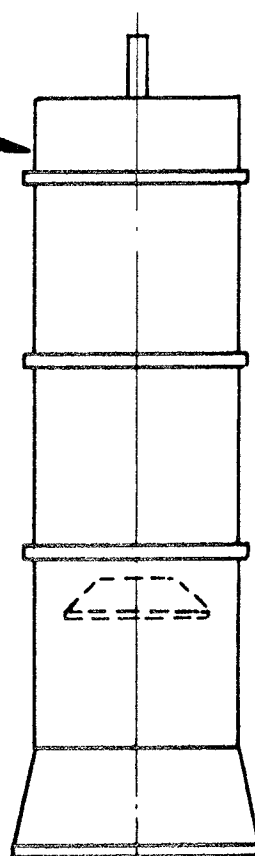
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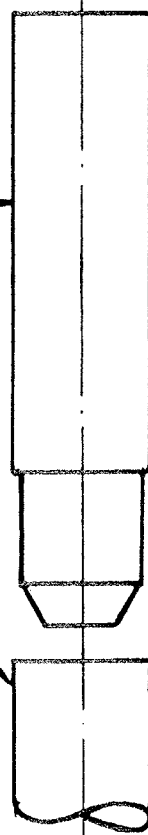
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FOLLOWER 2



PILE



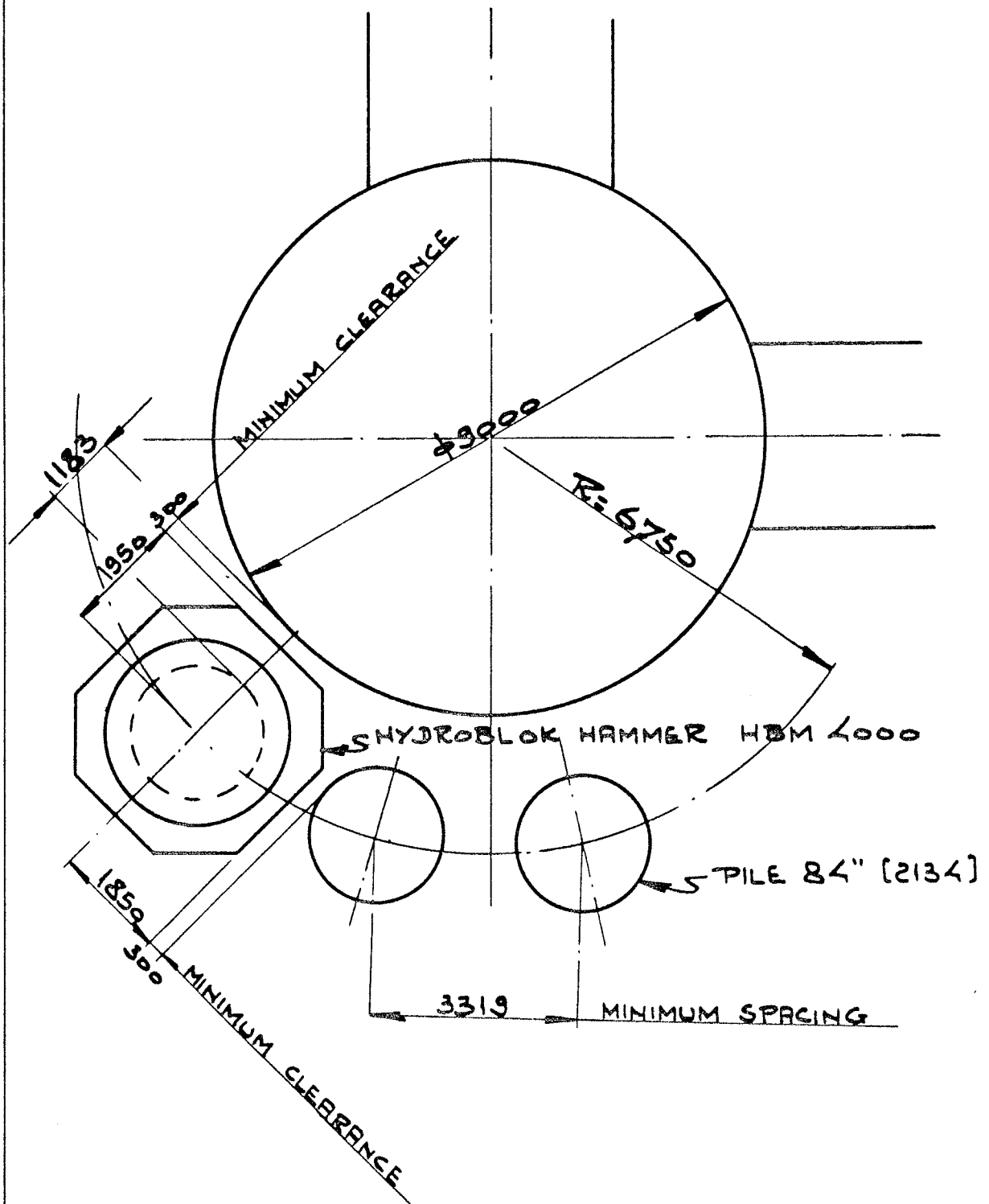
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LEG OF JACKET WHEN USING A  
HYDROBLOK HAMMER TYPE **HBM 4000**



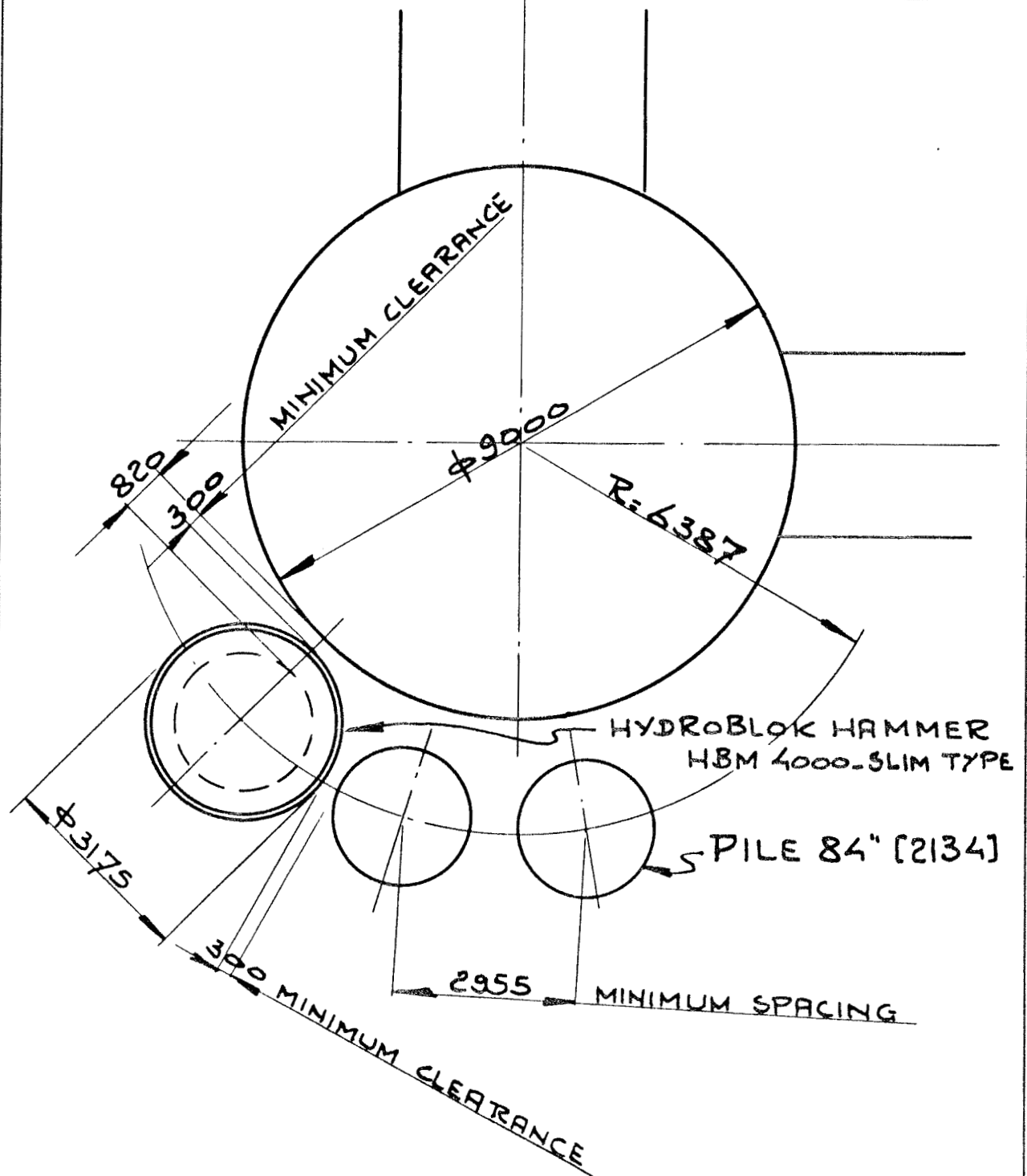
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MINIMUM SPACING OF 84" PILES AROUND  
LEG OF JACKET WHEN USING A  
HYDROBLOK HAMMER HBM 4000 SLIM TYPE



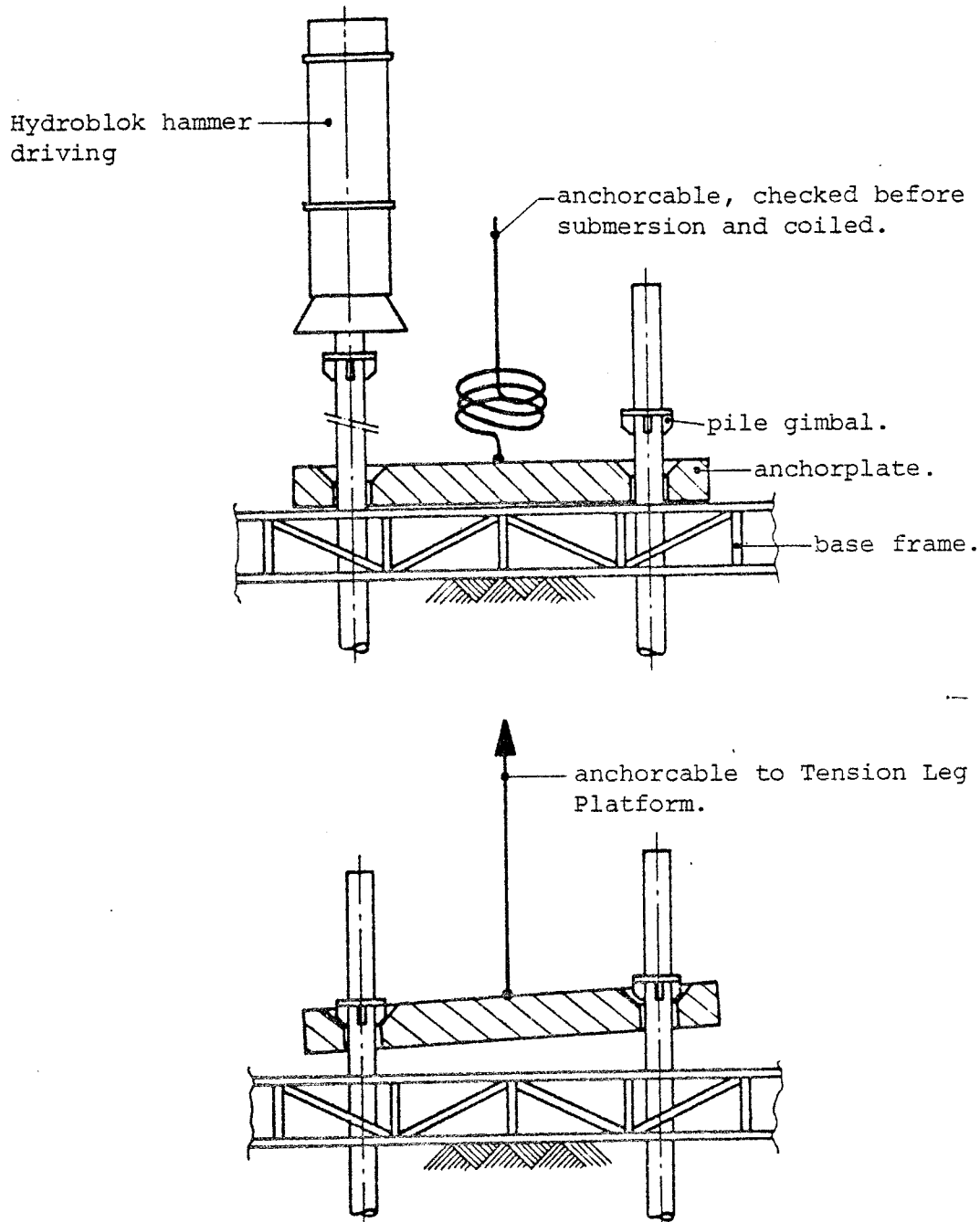
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Piled Anchor Point (PAP) System with self-equalizing force distribution for Tension Leg Platforms.



The base frame primarily serves the purpose to stabilize the anchor piles before they are driven. The anchor plate carries the anchor cable(s); the anchor cable-connection can be carefully checked and the cable is coiled before submersion. The anchor piles are driven, and a certain difference in the levels of the gimbals is acceptable. Pulling the anchor cable(s) makes the anchor plate match all gimbals, evenly distributing the anchorforce to all (maximum 3) piles. The baseframe from this moment on has no function anymore, as far as vertical anchorforces are concerned. Pinning the baseframe firmly to the seafloor with separate piles makes horizontal components of the anchorforce not work any more on the vertical anchorpiles. Because of the nature in which TLP-anchor piles are cyclicly loaded, separation of horizontal and vertical force components can be advantageous.



# THE PUPPET SYSTEMS

The Puppet Systems are Hydroblok's newest methods which make it possible to drive piles insupportedly. In such cases there is nothing to hold the pile upright during the first stage of its installation.

Two variations were developed (figure 1):

Number 1: A method which uses only lateral soil resistance for stabilization.

Number 2: A method where an element is added for self-stabilization, the so-called Puppet Weight.

A standard Hydroblok hammer is the integral part of the Puppet System. During driving a Hydroblok hammer sits freely on top of the pile, while the hoist is kept slack.

The sleeve guides the hammer perfectly onto the pile. This specific feature in combination with the underwater driving capability each Hydroblok hammer basically possesses, provides the elements for the Puppet System.

Puppet System method number 1 that uses lateral soil resistance only was recently described in detail (reference 1). Puppet system method number 2 will be published soon. (references 2 and 3). A short outline will be given here.

The soil-independent Puppet System number 2 (figure 1) requires two puppet-weight-guidelines, running down from the vessel, passing through the puppet-eyes, to the Puppet Weight. The latter is simply a mass, loosely slipped around the pile at a low level, thus producing a tension force in the puppet-weight-guidelines. A component of this tension force acts onto the puppet-eyes, thus stabilizing pile and hammer within certain limits which will be explained hereafter.

A puppet System operation mainly starts with the temporary connection of pile and hammer into one unit. There must be some sort of a hoist (e.g. drillstring) to lower the unit. Figure 2, stage 1, shows the pile shortly before it will touch the sea floor. Because of current-action the pile toe will not remain vertically beneath the vessel, but will deviate a certain distance  $q_1$  (landing distance):

$$q_1 = F_D \left\{ \frac{h-l_0}{G_1+G_2+G_3} + \frac{l_0(l_0-l_D)}{G_1(l_0-l_1)+G_2(l_0-l_2)+G_3(l_0-l_3)} \right\} \quad (1)$$



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$F_D$  represents the resultant of all current forces on the system acting at a distance  $l_D$  above the pile toe. Further symbols will be clear from figures 1, 2 and 3. The corresponding pile angle  $\alpha_1$  (landing angle):

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{F_D(l_0 - l_D)}{G_1(l_0 - l_1) + G_2(l_0 - l_2) + G_3(l_0 - l_3)} \quad (2)$$

To make the calculations in a conservative manner, a possible position change  $\Delta q$  of the vessel will be assumed to occur in the time-split between touch-down and the beginning of the pile's self-penetration (stage 3). This results in a horizontal distance  $q_s$  (stabbing distance) between pile toe and vessel, with corresponding pile angle  $\alpha$  (stabbing angle):

$$q_s = q_1 + \Delta q \quad (3)$$

$$\alpha_s = \frac{q_s \cdot l_0 (G_1 + G_2 + G_3) - F_D \cdot l_D (h - l_0)}{h \cdot l_0 (G_1 + G_2 + G_3) - (G_1 l_1 + G_2 l_2 + G_3 l_3) (h - l_0)} \quad (4)$$

The position change  $\Delta q$  can occur in all possible directions; it depends on the numerical value of current velocity and position change which position change represents the worst case.

Stage 3 (figure 2) shows the pile after being stabbed and the hoist is fully slackened off. The tension forces in the puppet-weight-guidelines now stabilize the system in such a way that the pile will be kept in its (stable) equilibrium position with a slight deviation from the vertical because of currents and distance  $q$ . The system may now undergo various position changes  $\Delta q$ .

Before piledriving starts the vessel may change its position to obtain a vertical position of the pile (stage 4) or if required a batter one.

When the pile's position is within the required limits, the hammer will be started to operate while the Puppet Weight keeps pile and hammer upright. No dangerous shocks can be transferred into the hoist, nor in the puppet-weight-guidelines because of the slack in the hoist and the loosely guidance of the Puppet Weight around the pile. After some hammer blows the pile has penetrated the soil far enough to remain in its upright position, even without the Puppet Weight.

Figure 3 shows how the mechanical system works. For simplicity sake in first instance the following is assumed: (1) no friction between the puppet-weight-guidelines and the puppet-eyes, nor between the Puppet Weight and the pile; hence, the hoist force  $T$  is equal to  $G_3 \cos \alpha$ ; (2) the vessel remains exactly vertically above the vessel (no position change of the vessel); (3) no currents, thus  $F_D=0$ ; (4) the Puppet Weight remains at a constant level above the sea floor, thus distance  $l_3$  is constant and independently of pile angle  $\alpha$ . Suppose the system to be out of balance; let  $M_\alpha$  be the moment of forces directed towards a positive value of  $\alpha$ , relative to the toe

side of the pile. From statics it follows (figure 3):

$$M_{\alpha} = (G_1 l_1 + G_2 l_2 + G_3 l_3) \sin \alpha + G_3 l_0 \cdot \sin(\alpha - \beta) (\cos \alpha) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \arctan \left\{ \frac{-l_0 \cdot \sin \alpha}{h - l_0 \cdot \cos \alpha} \right\}$$

For a sufficient large value of  $G_3$  (which means a sufficient heavy Puppet Weight), this curve is similar to the curves shown in figure 4 (however, symmetrical with respect to the vertical axis).

The system is in equilibrium in the positions EP and UEP, where  $M_{\alpha} = 0$ . Position EP is the only stable Equilibrium Position; where in this symplification  $\alpha = 0$ . Positions UEP are Unstable Equilibrium Positions. The only relevant question in this stage is whether the stable Equilibrium Position EP exists or not. From mechanics (reference 4) it follows that the system remains stable as long as  $\frac{dM_{\alpha}}{d\alpha} < 0$ , where  $M_{\alpha}$  is the moment of forces directed towards a positive value of  $\alpha$ .

Derivation and linearization (small values of  $\alpha$ ) of equation (5) gives for the equilibrium position where  $M_{\alpha} = 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$\frac{dM_{\alpha}}{d\alpha} = (G_1 l_1 + G_2 l_2 + G_3 l_3) \alpha - \frac{G_3 \cdot l_0 \cdot h}{h - l_0} \quad (6)$$

Hence, the equilibrium position where  $\alpha = 0$  is stable if:

$$G_3 > \frac{(G_1 l_1 + G_2 l_2) (1 - l_0/h)}{l_0 - l_3 (1 - l_0/h)} \quad (7)$$

This simple equation specifies the minimum required Puppet Weight to make the system self-stabilizing. Because of the simplifications mentioned earlier in this paragraph, this equation may only be used to assess an approximation of the required Puppet Weight; a full analysis taking into account all mentioned aspects will answer the question wether a given Puppet Weight stabilizes the system properly.

In appendix A the moment of forces  $M_{\alpha}$  has been derived, taking into account friction forces in the system, position changes of the vessel, currents and changes of  $l_3$  due to a pile angle  $\alpha$ . Figure 4 shows the moment of forces  $M_{\alpha}$  for a certain example (not specified further in this paper). When the friction forces in the system are taken into account there are two curves; one because of a downward movement of the vessel and a second one for an upward movement. In this graph the points EP, UEP, RS and URS are the important ones. Point EP is the only (stable) Equilibrium Position of the system, because of  $\frac{dM_{\alpha}}{d\alpha} < 0$ .

A small deviation of the system away from this position will



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always cause a moment  $M_\alpha$  that will direct the system back towards position EP.

Points UEP are Unstable Equilibrium Positions of the system; these points have no practical value. Points RS are to be looked upon as Re-Stab positions.

If for some reason pile angle  $\alpha$  would reach one of these positions, the system will not regain automatically its (stable) equilibrium position EP when the vessel moves upwardly at that same moment; the pile must be lifted and be re-stabbed again. Does the vessel show a downward movement at that particular moment, re-stabbing could theoretically be put off until the system reaches point URS, being an Utmost Re-Stab position. In practice, however, only the position EP and RS are of interest. The other points (UEP and URS) therefore will not be considered any further in this paper.

A computer program is available to assess the points EP, RS and URS. Appendix B shows a Puppet System Analysis Sheet, available to be filled in.

#### NOMENCLATURE

$f_1$  = friction coefficient between puppet-eyes and puppet-weight-guidelines

$f_3$  = friction coefficient between Puppet Weight and pile

$F_D$  = resultant of drag forces on pile and hammer

$G_1$  = weight of hammer in water

$G_2$  = weight of pile in water

$G_3$  = weight of Puppet Weight in water

$h$  = water depth

$l_0$  = height of puppet-eyes

$l_1$  = height of hammer's centre of gravity

$l_2$  = height of pile's centre of gravity

$l_3$  = height of Puppet Weight's centre of gravity for  $\alpha = 0$

$l_D$  = height of point of action of  $F_D$

$\Delta l_3$  = increase of  $l_3$  (appendix A)

$M_\alpha$  = moment of forces directed towards a positive value of  $\alpha$  and relative to the toe side of the pile

$q$  = horizontal distance between pile toe and vessel

$\Delta q$  = increase of  $q$  due to a position change of the vessel

$q_1$  =  $q$  at pile landing (just before touch-down)

$q_s$  =  $q$  just before pile stabbing

$T$  = total of forces in puppet-weight-guidelines  
 $W_1$  = friction force due to  $f_1$   
 $W_3$  = friction force due to  $f_3$   
 $\alpha$  = pile angle measured from the vertical  
 $\alpha_1$  =  $\alpha$  at pile landing (just before touch-down)  
 $\alpha_s$  =  $\alpha$  just before pile stabbing  
 $\beta$  = angle of puppet-weight-guidelines, measured from the vertical

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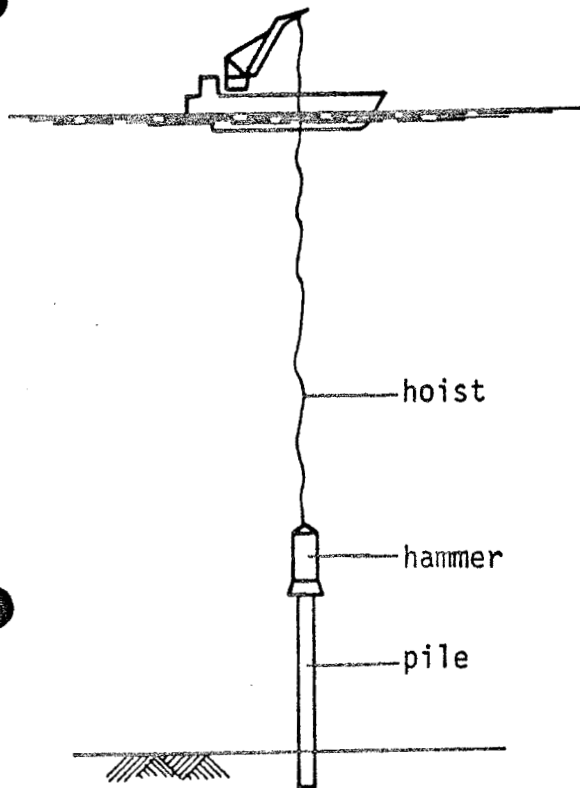
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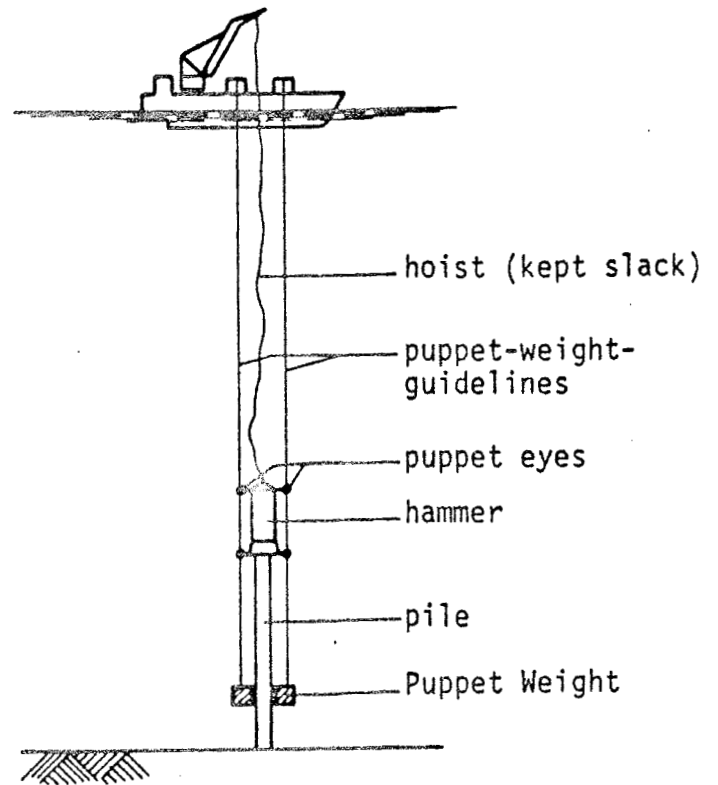
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selfweight and lateral  
soil resistance keeps  
pile and hammer upright

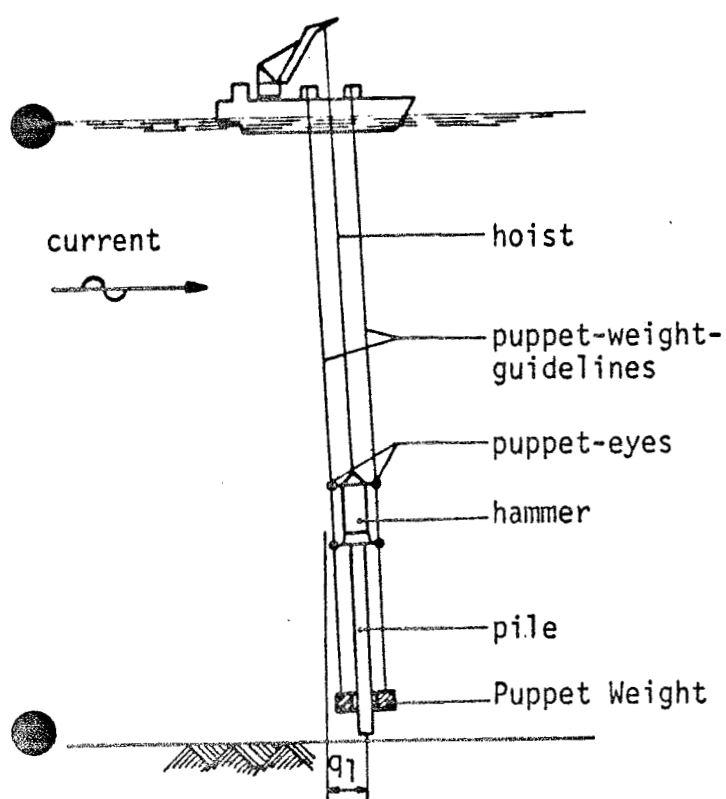
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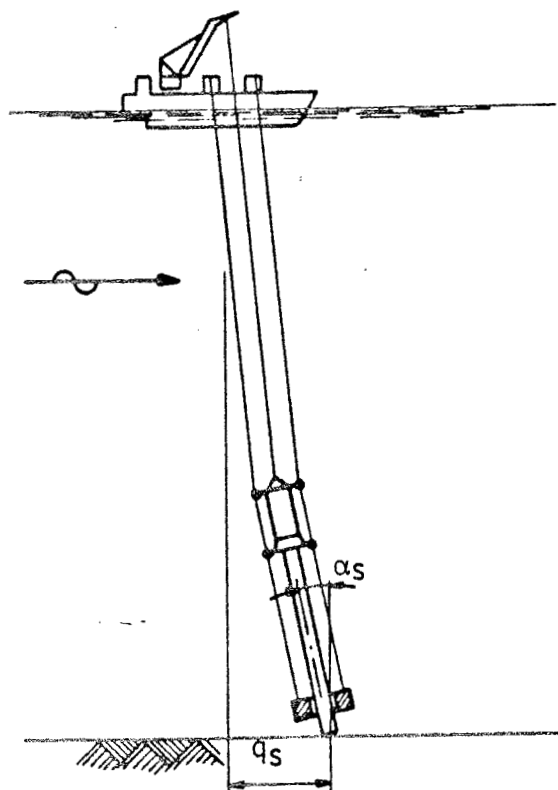
no lateral soil resistance  
(e.g. hard soil)

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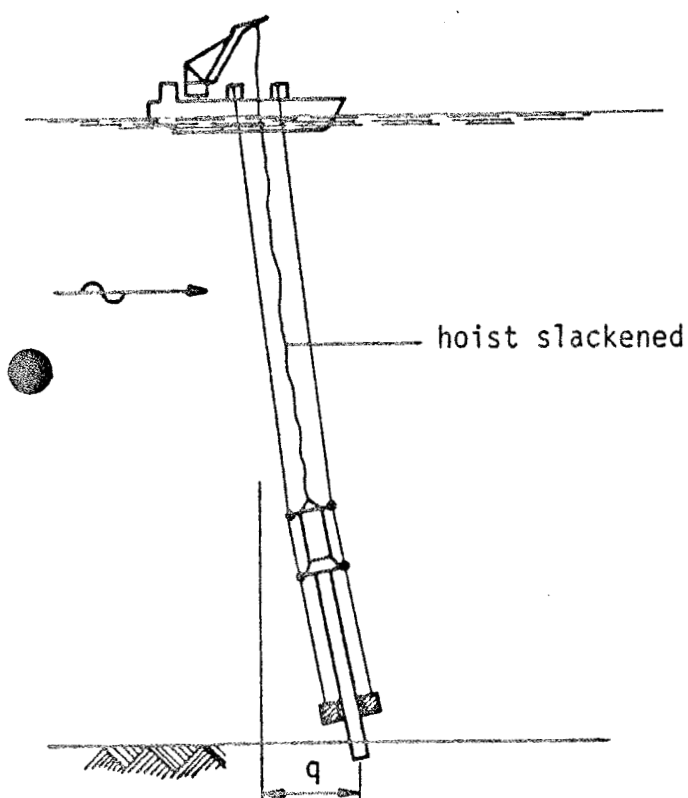
Figure 1: The Puppet Systems



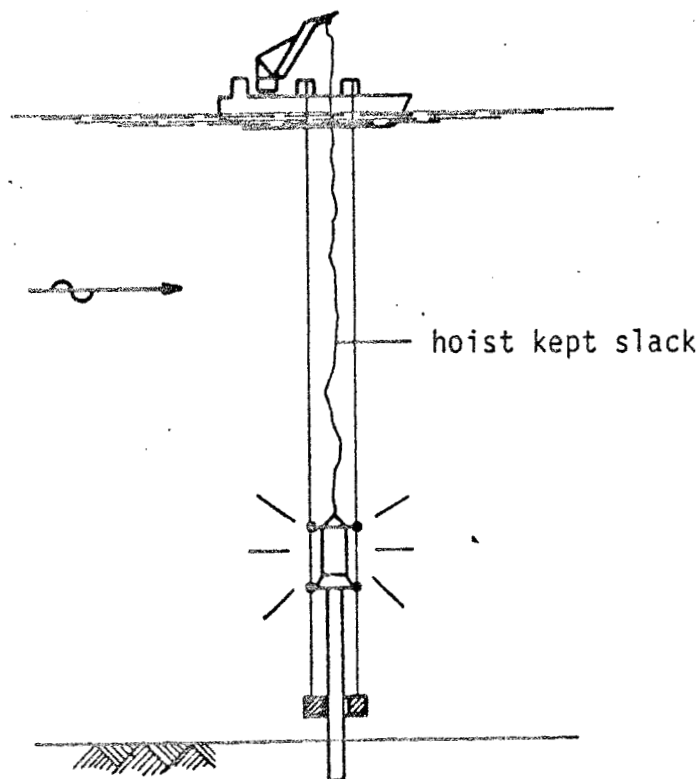
Stage 1: Pile, hammer and Puppet Weight just before landing on sea floor



Stage 2: Touch-down of pile toe; a position change of the vessel is assumed



Stage 3: Hoist slackened off while Puppet Weight stabilizes pile and hammer



Stage 4: Vessel changes position to obtain a vertical pile position; hammer starts operating

Figure 2: Operation of the soil-independent Puppet System Number 2

vertical  
hoist  
T  
β

puppet-weight-guidelines

hoist (kept slack)

hammer

pile

Puppet Weight

sea floor

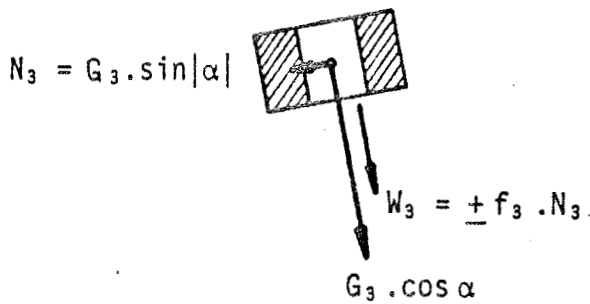
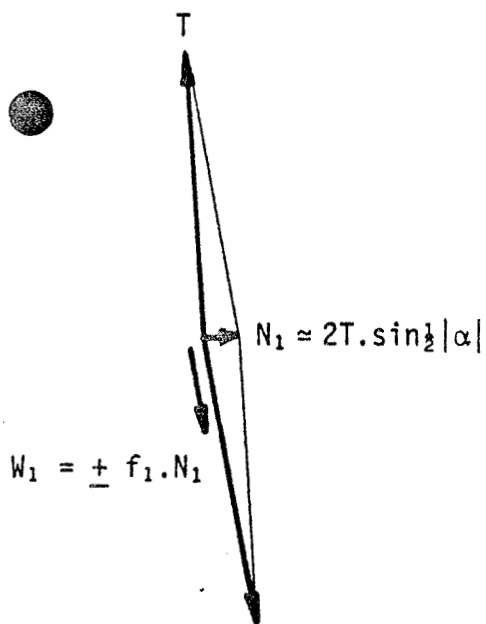


Figure 3A: Friction forces

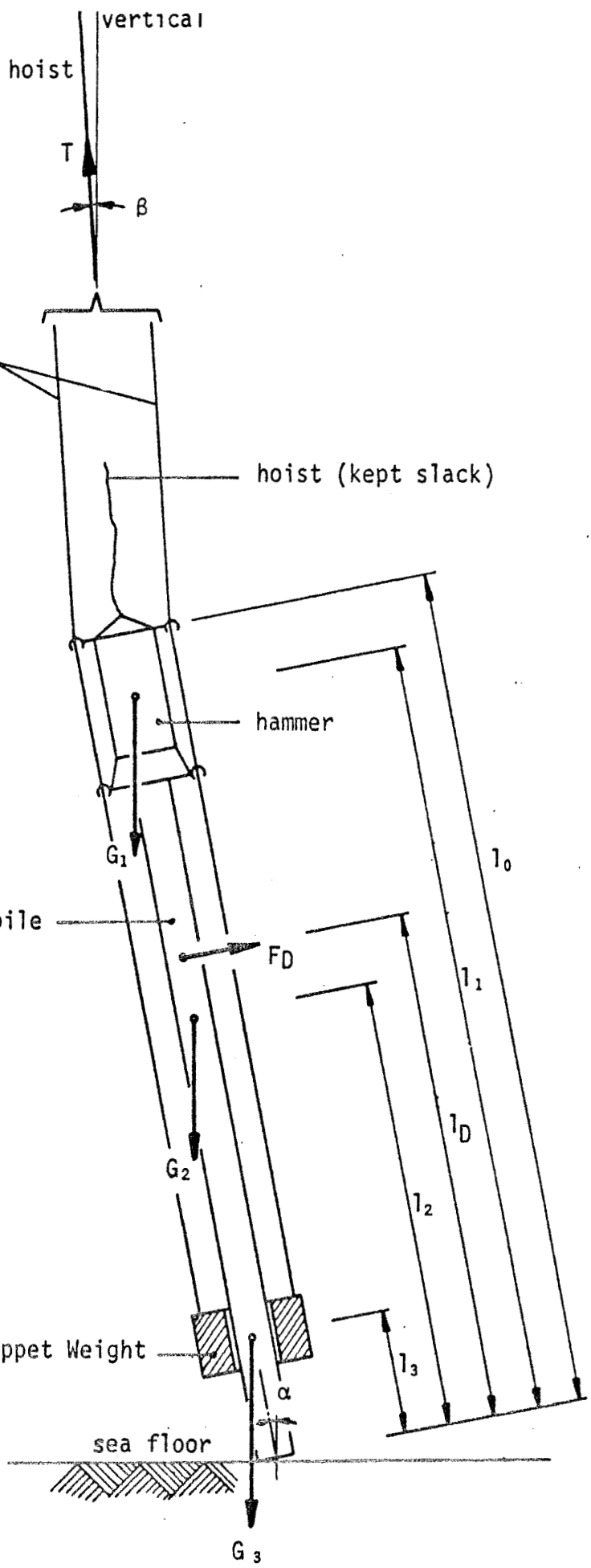


Figure 3: Mechanical system of Puppet System Number 2



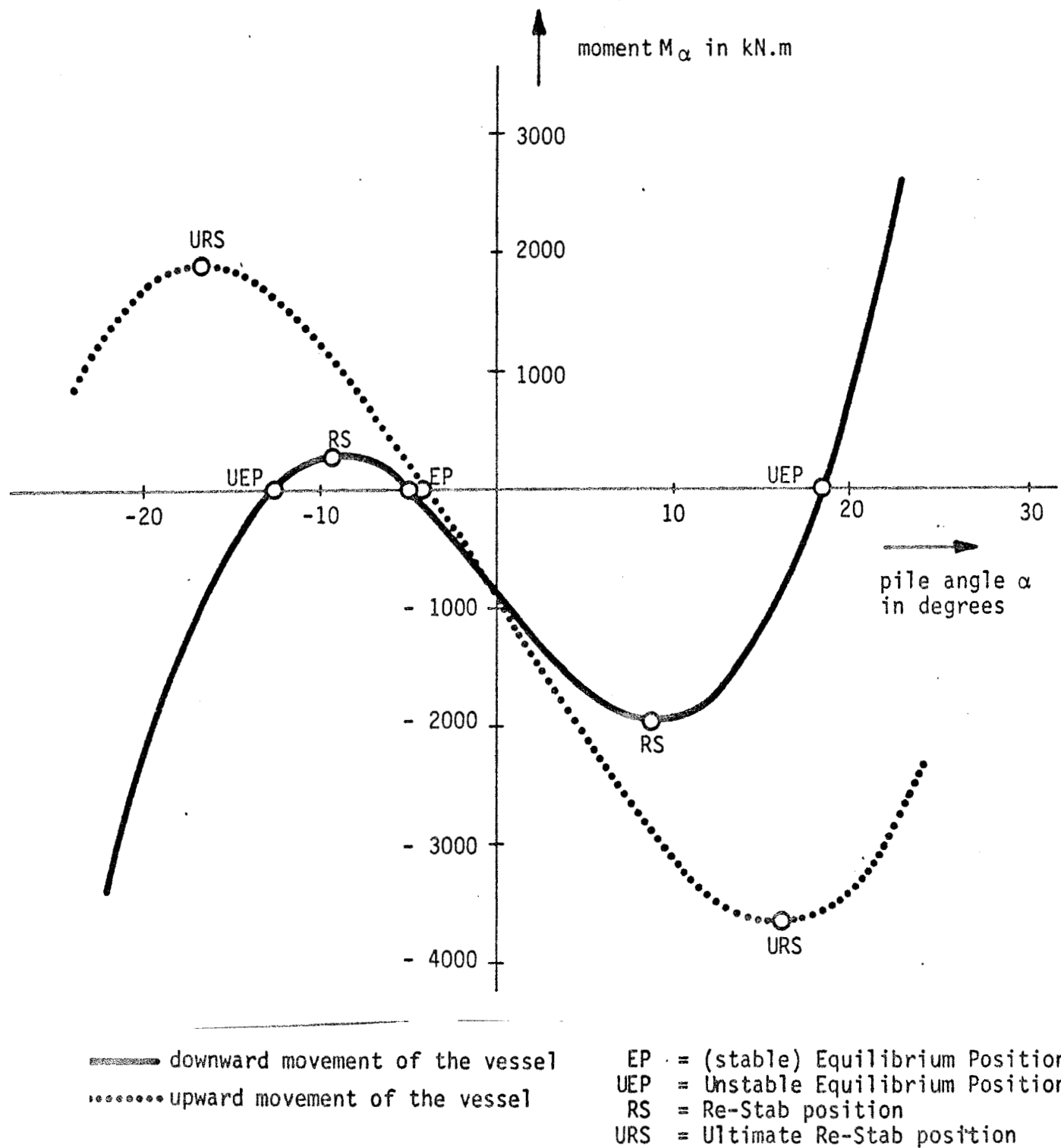


Figure 4: Puppets System Number 2; moment  $M_\alpha$  versus pile angle  $\alpha$  for certain example

# MOMENT OF FORCES FOR PUPPET SYSTEM NUMBER 2

See figure 3. Let  $M_\alpha$  be the moment of forces directed towards a positive value of  $\alpha$  and relative to the pile toe. From statics it follows:

$$M_\alpha = \{G_1.l_1 + G_2.l_2 + G_3(l_3 + \Delta l_3)\} \sin \alpha + \\ - F_D.l_D - T.l_0.\sin(\alpha-\beta) \quad (B1)$$

$$\text{where: } \Delta l_3 = l_0 - h + \frac{h - l_0.\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta}$$

$$\text{and: } \beta = \arctan\left\{\frac{q - l_0.\sin \alpha}{h - l_0.\cos \alpha}\right\}$$

From figure 3A:

$$W_1 \approx \pm 2f_1.T.\sin\frac{1}{2}|\alpha| \quad (B2)$$

$$W_3 \approx \pm f_3.G_3.\sin|\alpha| \quad (B3)$$

From equilibrium of forces in the puppet-weight-guidelines:

$$T = G_3.\cos \alpha + W_1 + W_3 \quad (B4)$$

$W_1$ ,  $W_3$  and  $T$  can be eliminated from the four equations (B1), (B2), (B3) and (B4); further substitution of  $\Delta l_3$  leads to  $M_\alpha$  as a function of known parameters and pile angle  $\alpha$ :

$$M_\alpha = G_1.l_1 + G_2.l_2 - F_D.l_D + \\ + G_3\{l_3 + l_0 - h + \frac{h - l_0.\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta}\} \sin \alpha + \\ - G_3.l_0\left\{\frac{\cos \alpha \pm f_3.\sin|\alpha|}{1 - (\pm 2f_1.\sin\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|)}\right\} \sin(\alpha-\beta) \quad (B5)$$

$$\text{where: } \beta = \arctan\left\{\frac{q - l_0.\sin \alpha}{h - l_0.\cos \alpha}\right\}$$

The  $\pm$  sign in these equations to be chosen positive for an upward movement of the vessel and negative for a downward one.

# PUPPET SYSTEM ANALYSIS SHEET

## INPUT

Sea  
 Water depth   
 or ☐ Current at hammer level at touch down   
       ☐ Current at surface - - - - -   
       Current near sea-bottom

### Vessel

Type (e.g. barge, drillship)   
 Positioning method (e.g. anchors, dynamically)   
 Expected position changes of vessel

### Pile

Steel, circular cross section, hollow, open-ended:

Outside diameter   
 Whall thickness   
 Length - - - - -

or

### Pile

Other types:

Type (e.g. square, circular, two parts)   
 Length - - - - -   
 Weight above water   
 Water displacement   
 Frontal area (for current forces)

### Hammer

please circle appropriate type:

HBM 500/HBM 900/HBM 1500/HBM 3000A/ HBM 4000

## RESULTS

Puppet Weight: steel, weight above water                      ton

Pile landing distance $q_l$	m	upstream position change	downstream position change	position change perpendicul. to current
Pile landing angle $\alpha_l$	deg			
Pile stabbing distance $q_s$	m	m	m	m
Pile stabbing angle $\alpha_s$	deg	deg	deg	deg
Equilibrium Position EP	deg	deg	deg	deg
Re-Stab positions RS	deg	deg	deg	deg
Ultimate Re-Stab positions URS	deg	deg	deg	deg
Smallest angle between EP and RS	deg	deg	deg	deg

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• INTRODUCTION

PART 1

THIS SET OF SKETCHES INDICATES THE ALTERNATIVE  
POSSIBILITIES OF HYDROBLOK HANDLING

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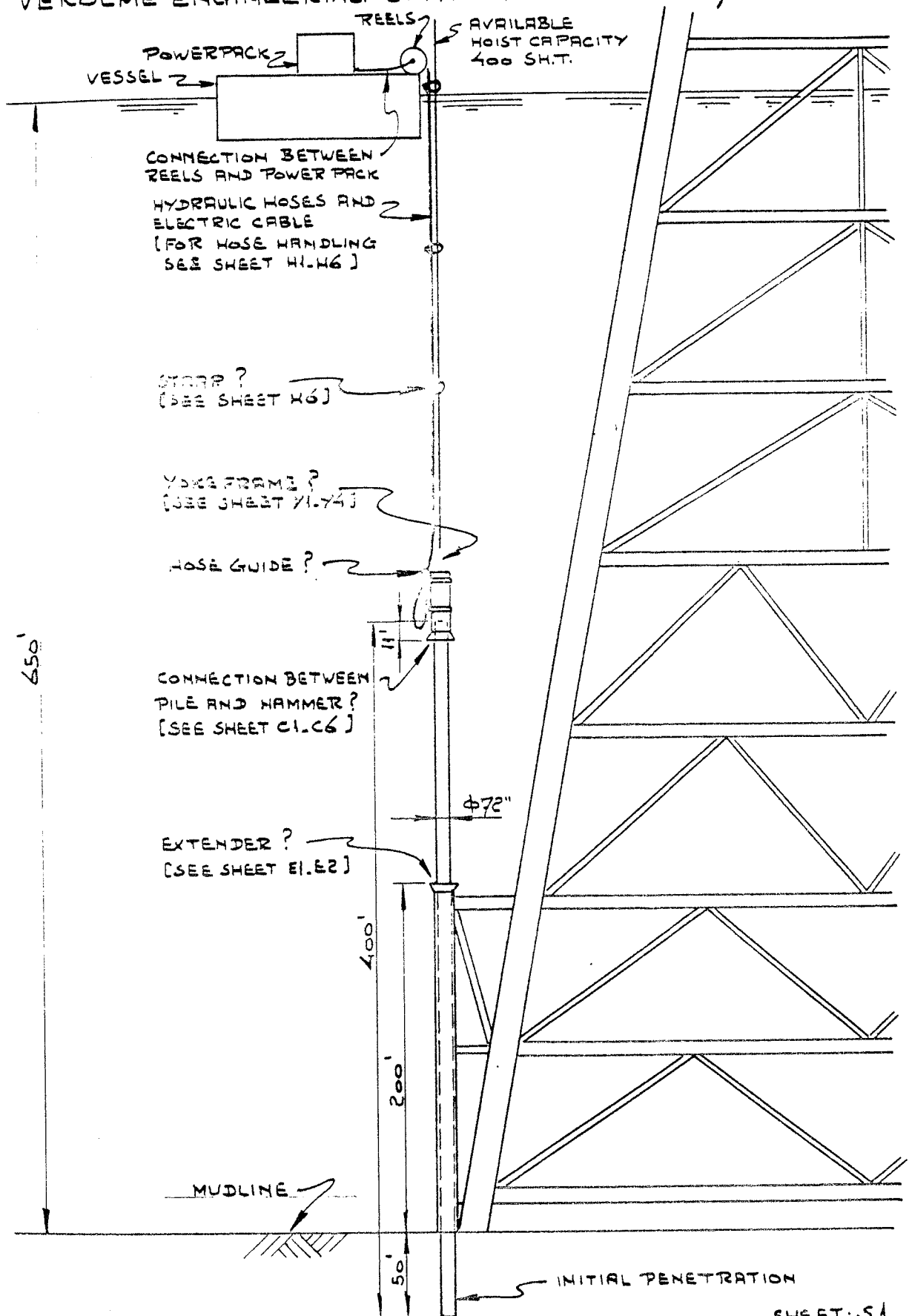
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PART 2

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GENERAL PILE - AND HAMMER HANDLING

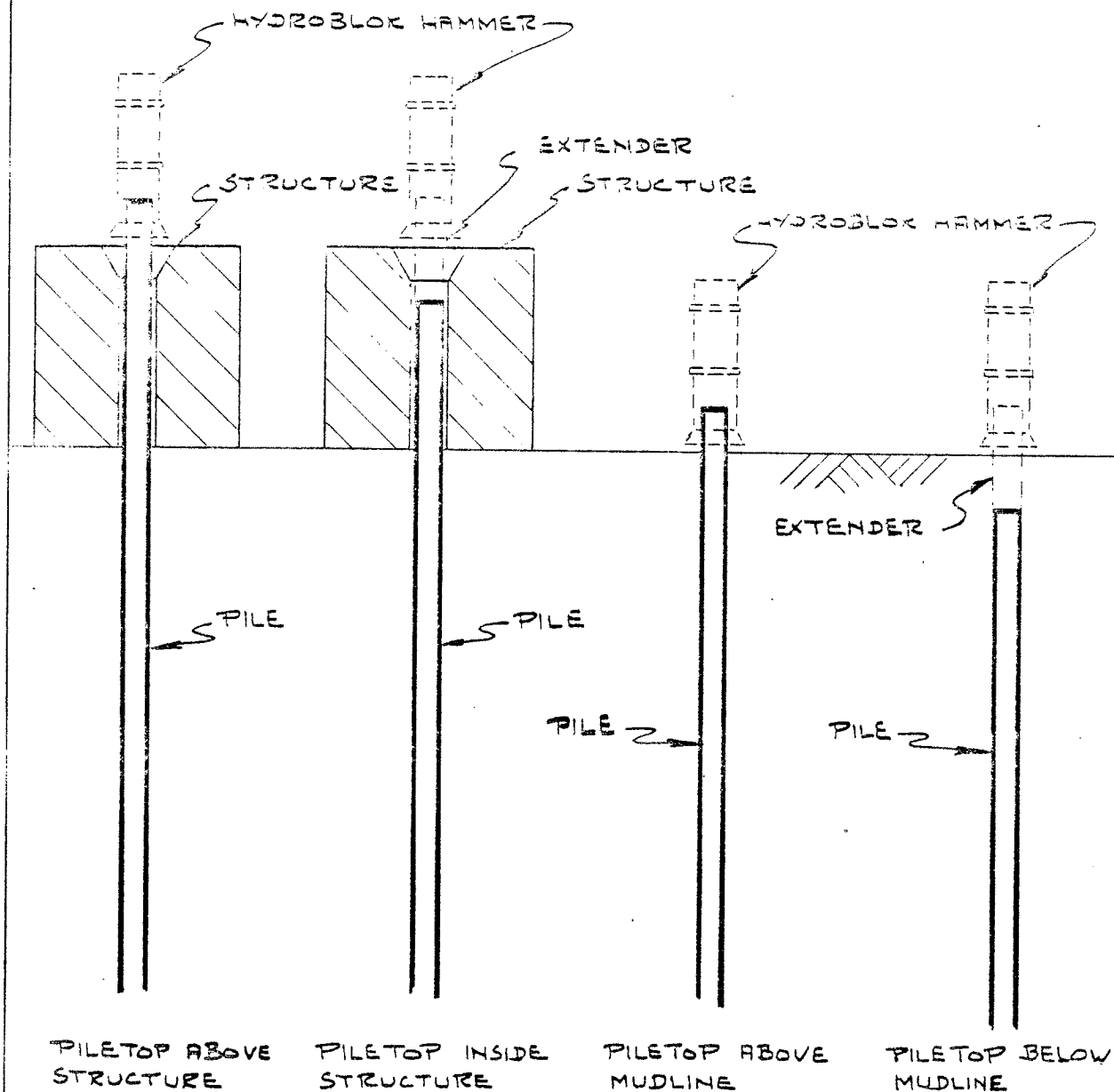
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# HYDROBLOK DRIVING SYSTEMS USING THE EXTENDER



PILE TOP ABOVE  
STRUCTURE

PILE TOP INSIDE  
STRUCTURE

PILE TOP ABOVE  
MUDLINE

PILE TOP BELOW  
MUDLINE

SEE ALSO SHEET: E2

SHEET: E1

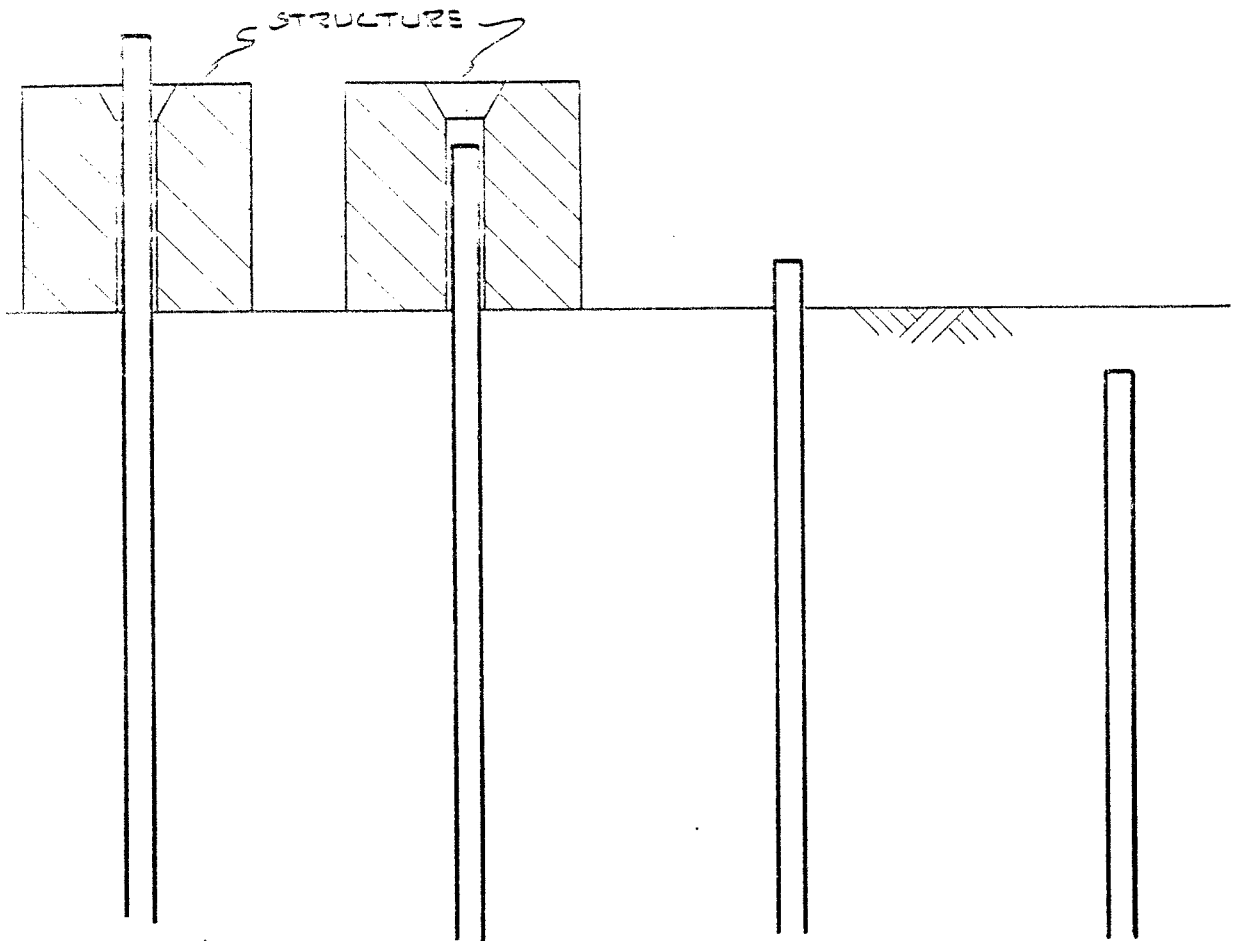
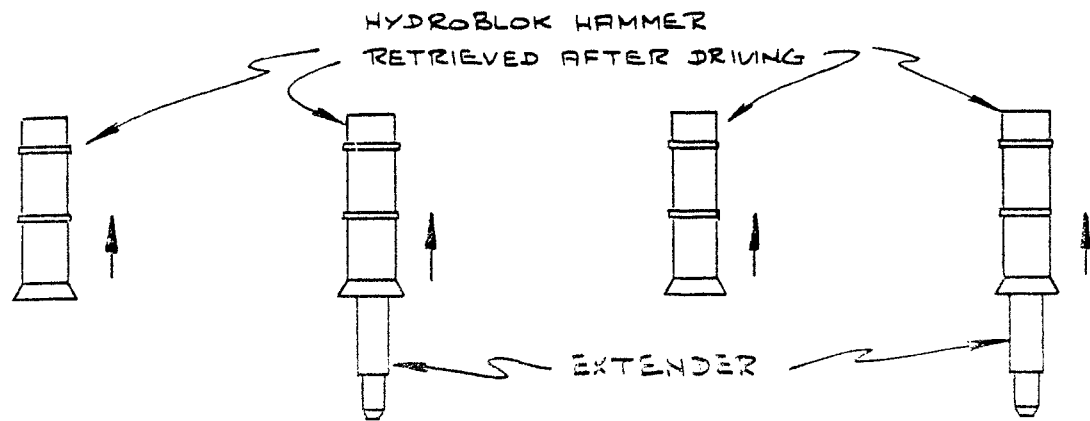
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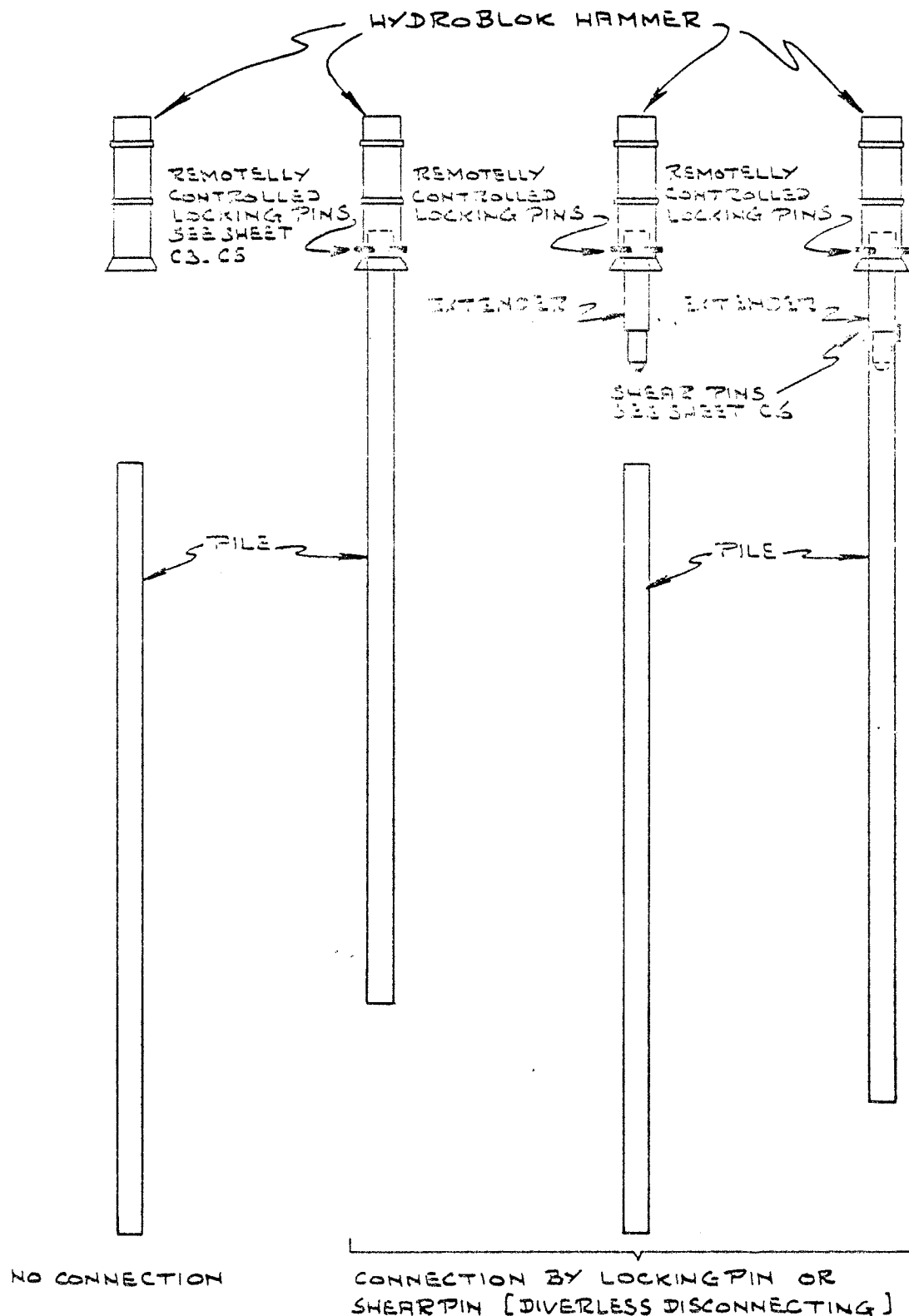


PILES DRIVEN TO FINAL PENETRATION

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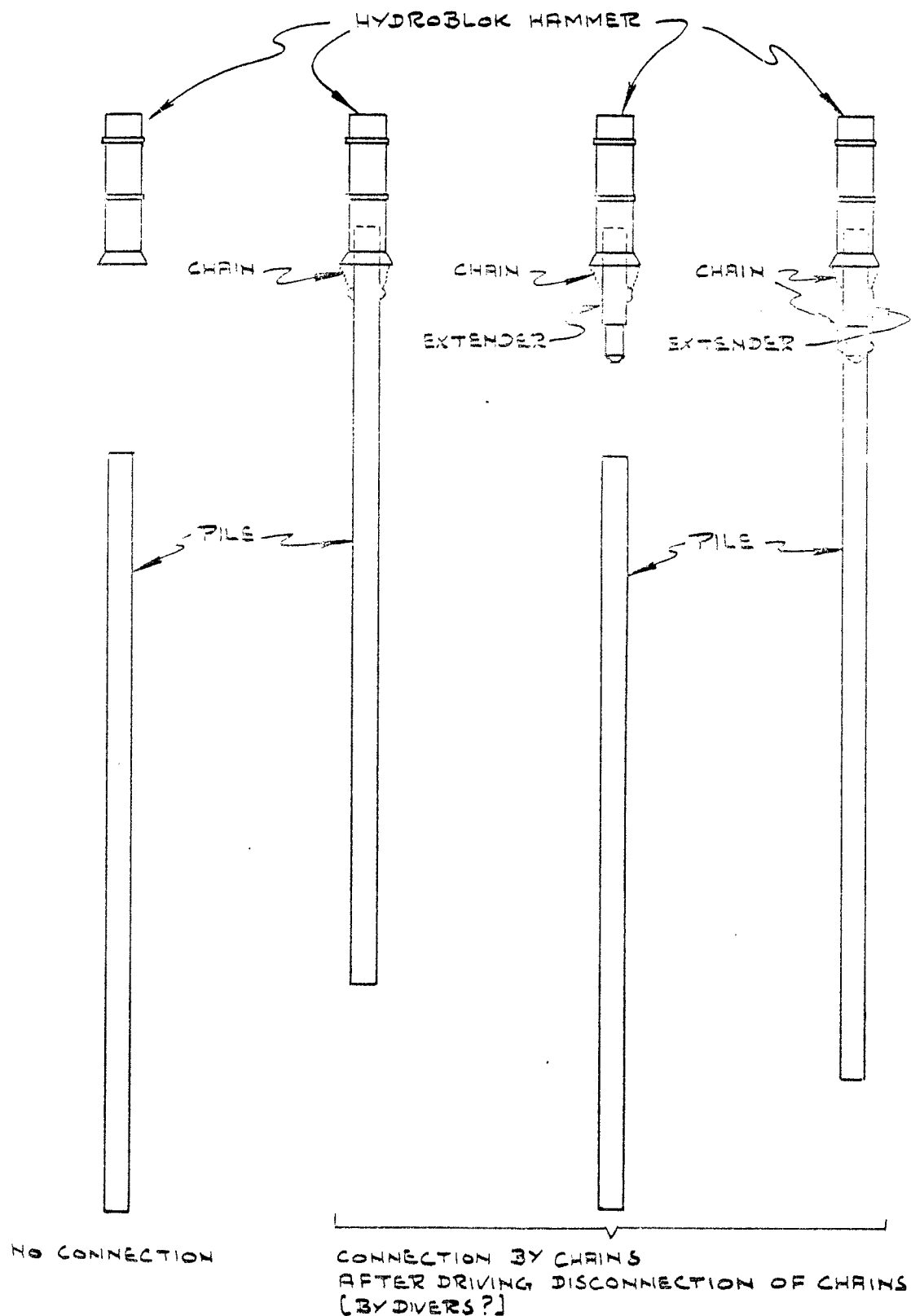
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SUCH CONNECTIONS CAN BE USED WHEN HYDROBLOK HAMMER, EXTENDER AND/OR PILE ARE JOINTLY LOWERED TO SEAFLOOR



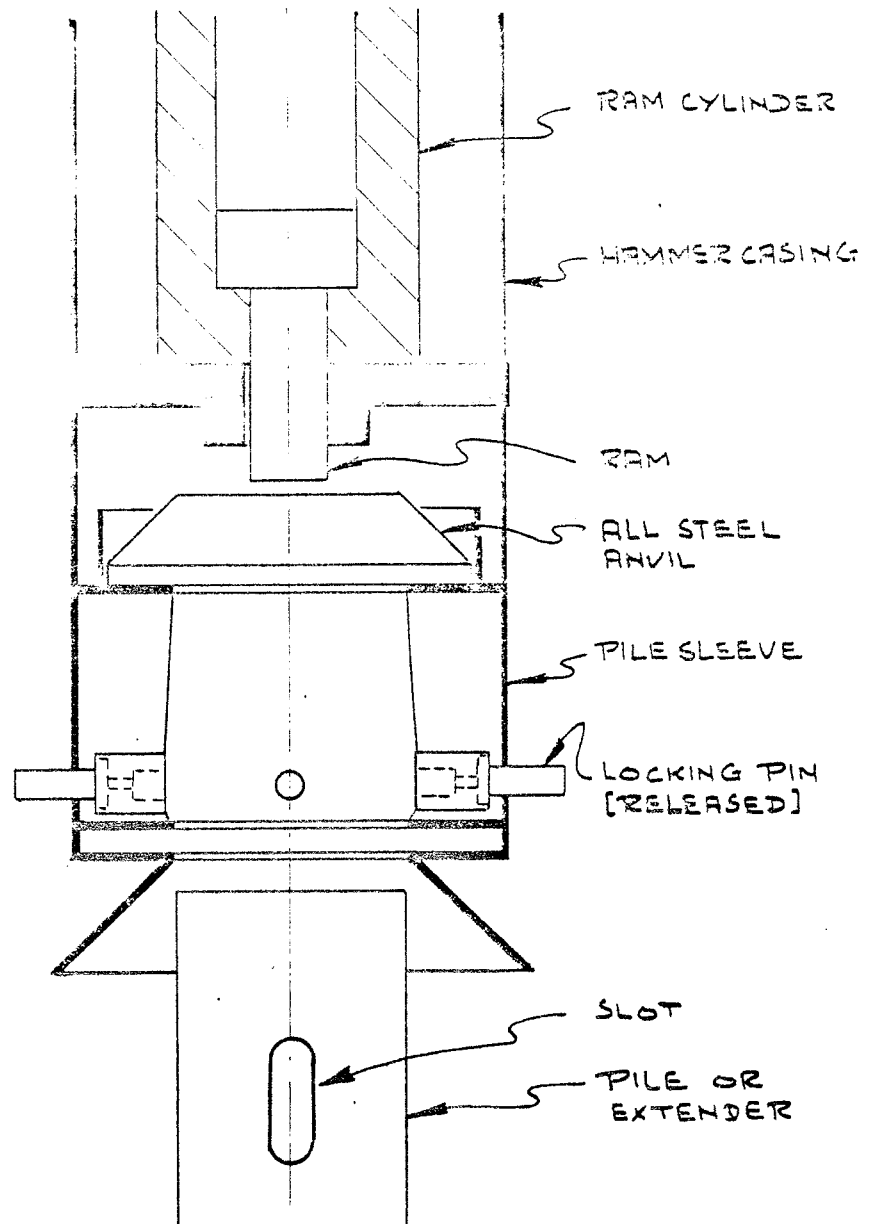
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# CHAIN CONNECTION BETWEEN PILE, EXTENDER AND HYDROBLOK HAMMER.



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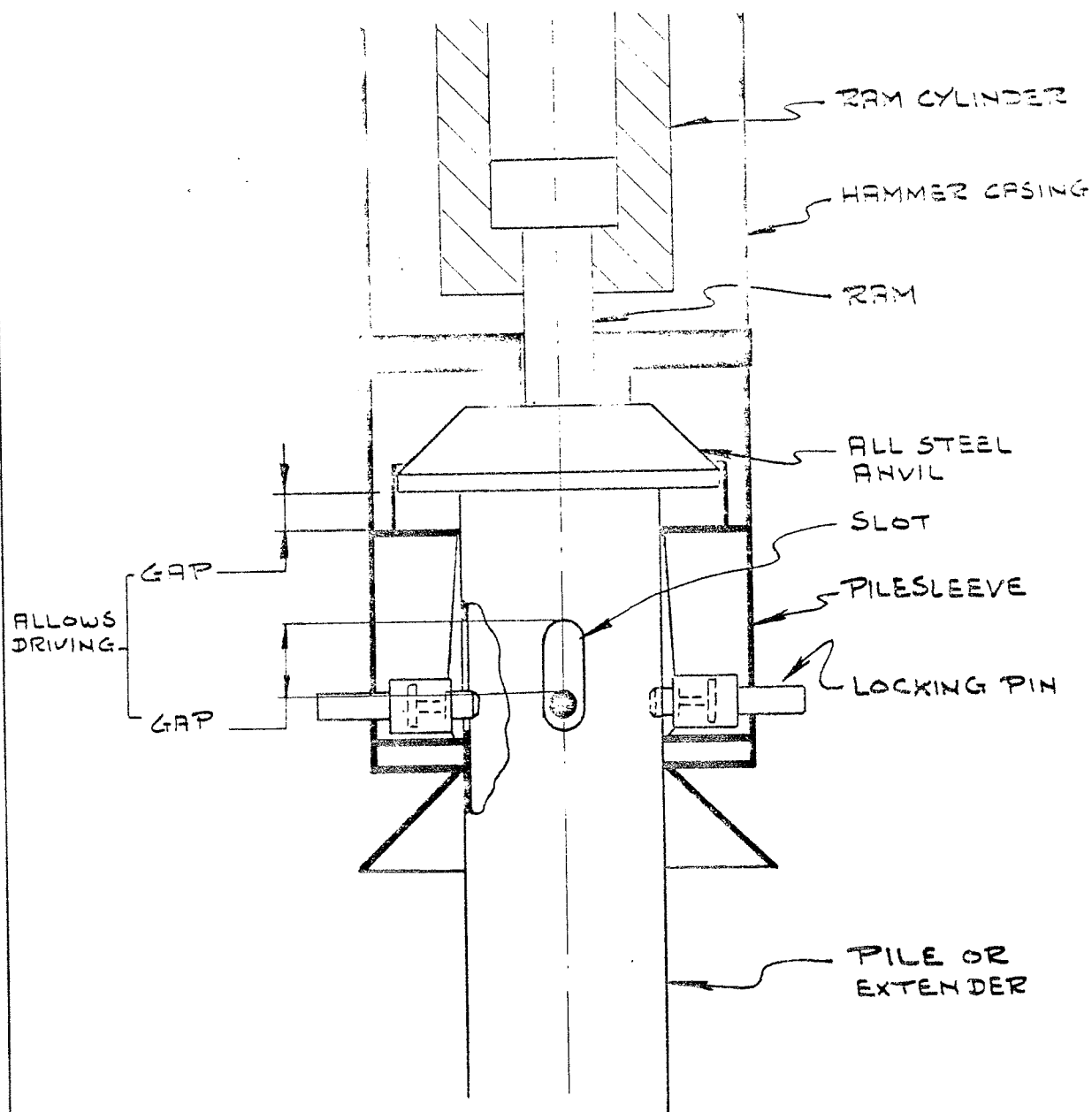
- LOCKING PINS RELEASED [REMOTELY CONTROLLED]
- HYDROBLOK HAMMER LIFTED FROM PILE TOP



RETRIEVING OF HAMMER WITHOUT PILE OR  
EXTENDER

SHEET: C3

- HYDROBLOK HAMMER SITS FREELY ON TOP OF PILE
- PILE SUPPORTS HAMMER
- LOCKING PINS [GRIPPING] ARE FREE OF THE PILE

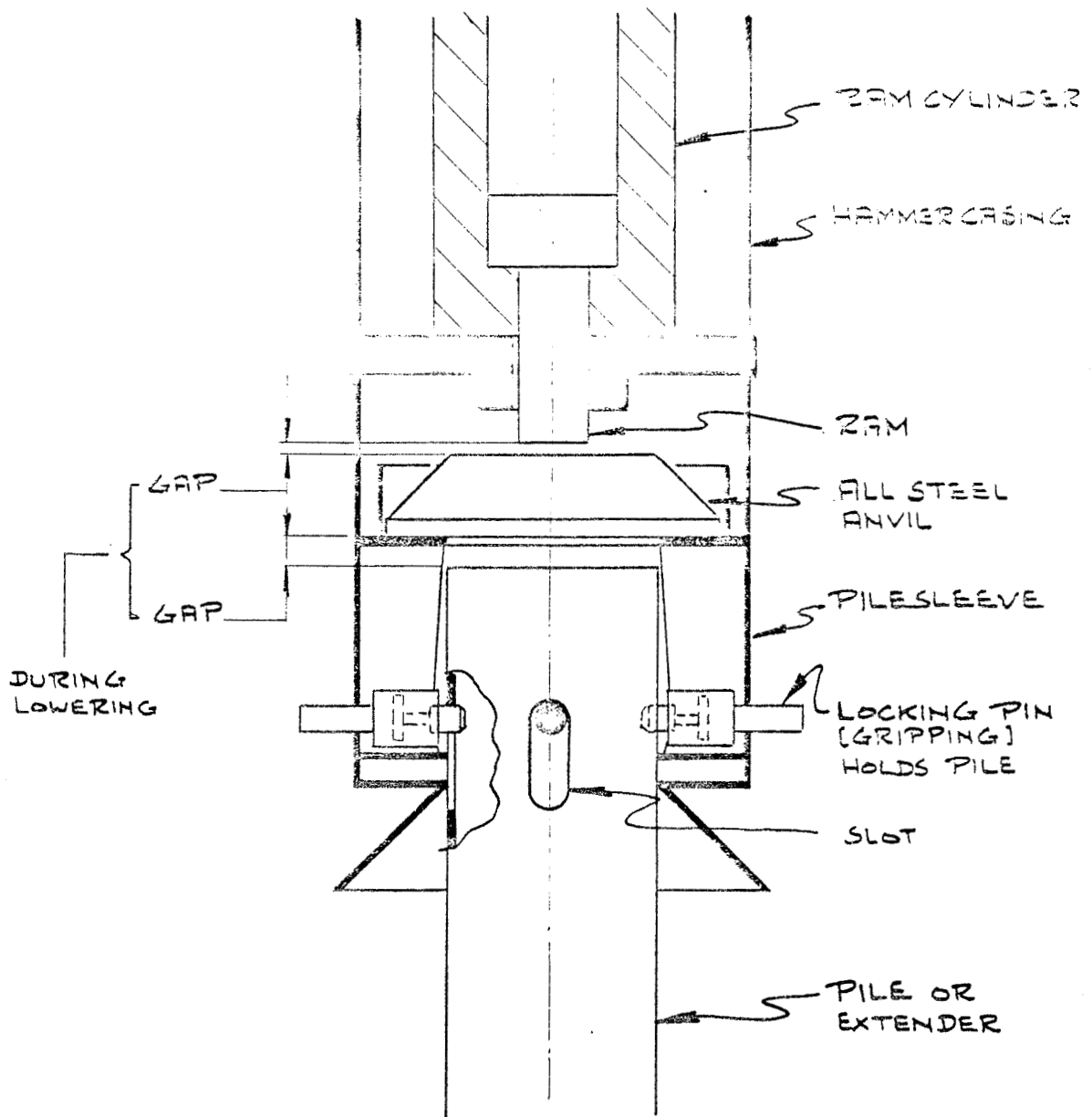


SITUATION AFTER STABBING; READY FOR DRIVING

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## LOCKING PINS IN PILE SLEEVE

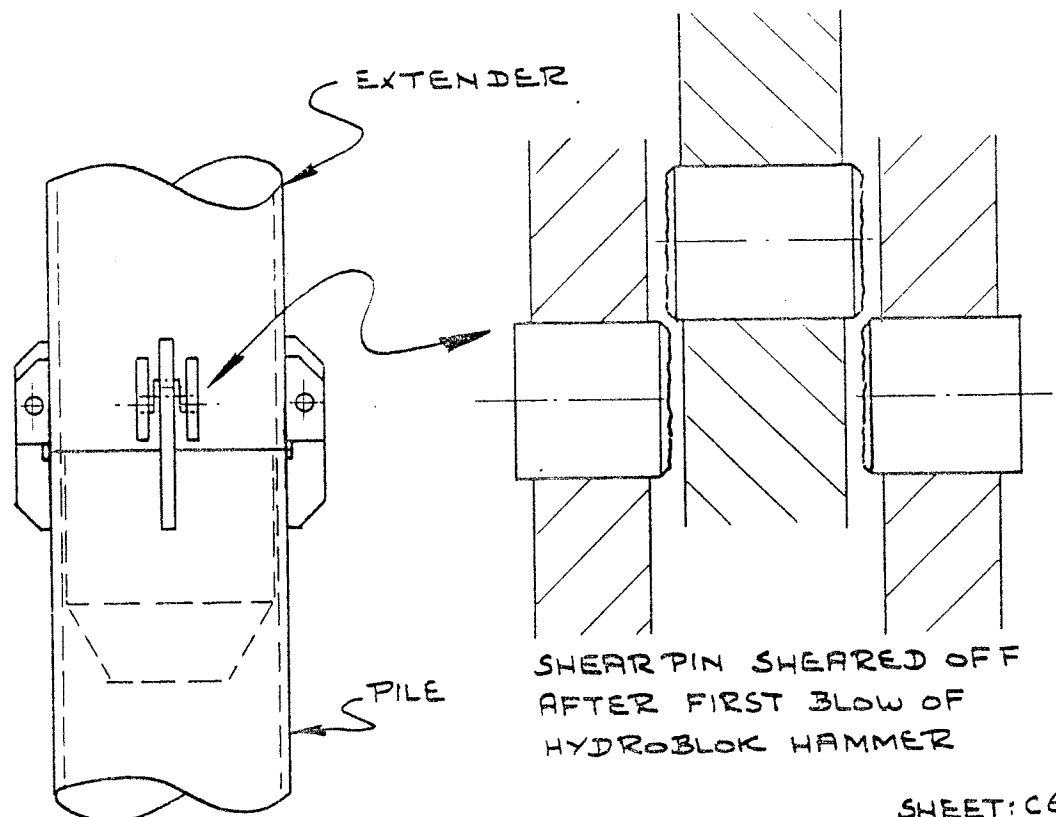
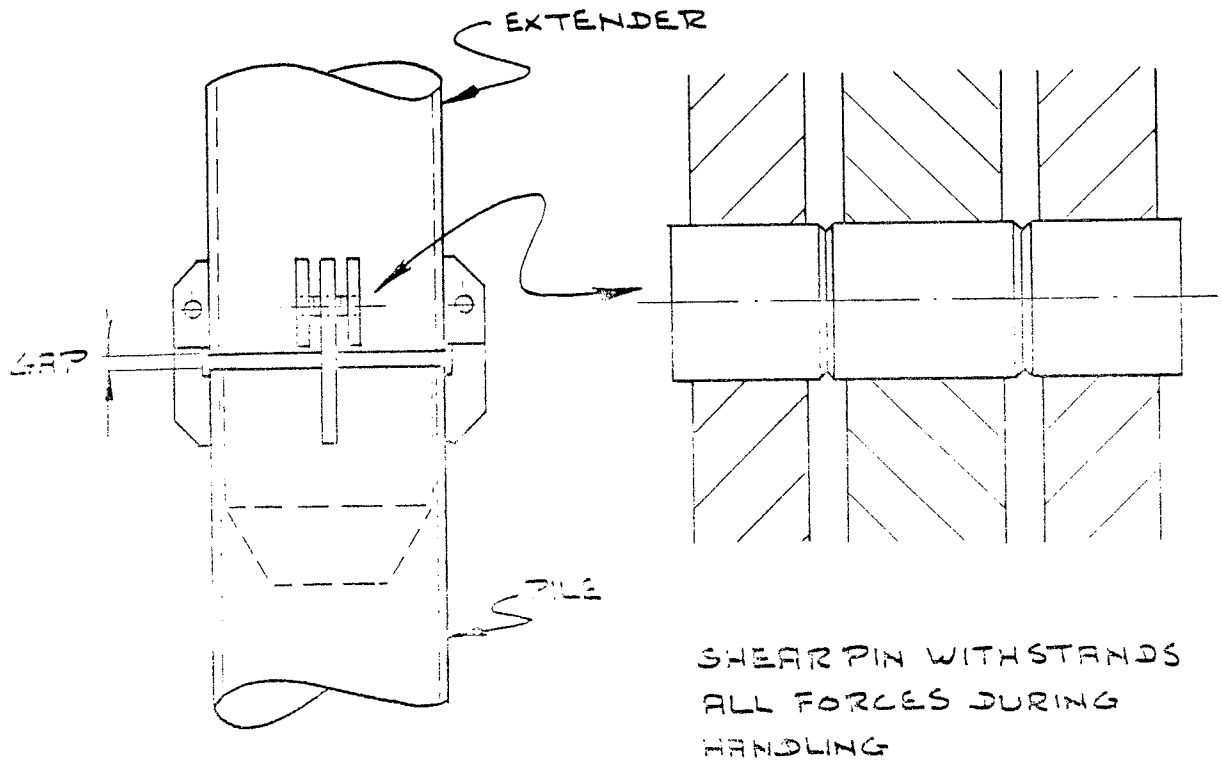
- PILE IS SUPPORTED BY THE LOCKING PINS
- ANVIL RESTING ON PILESLEEVE
- GAP BETWEEN RAM AND ANVIL
- GAP BETWEEN ANVIL AND PILETOP



SITUATION DURING LOWERING TO SEAFLOOR

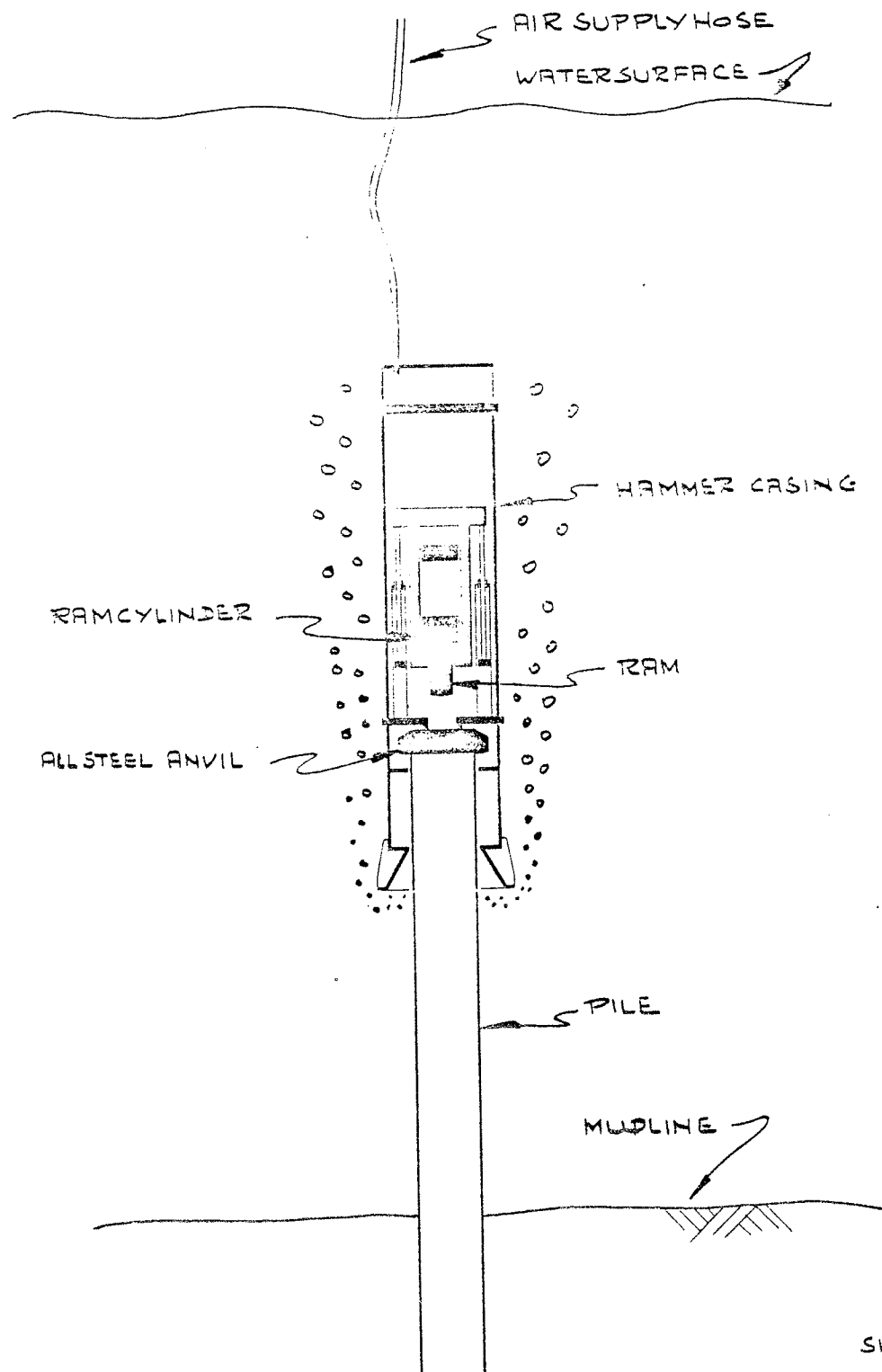
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# SHEARPIN CONNECTION BETWEEN EXTENDER AND PILE



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# HYDROBLOK DRIVING UNDER WATER, USING THE HAMMERCASING AS A DIVING BELL



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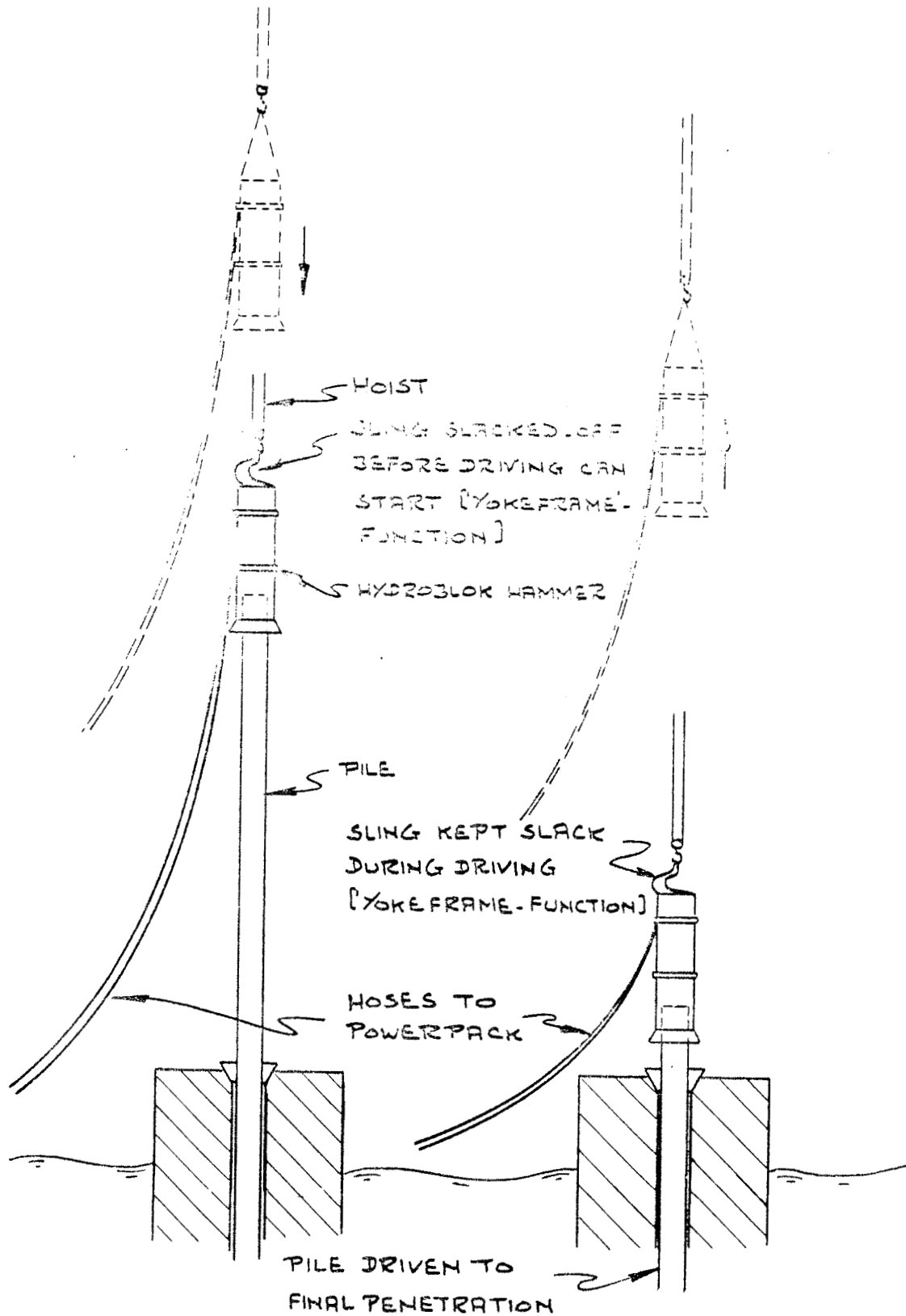
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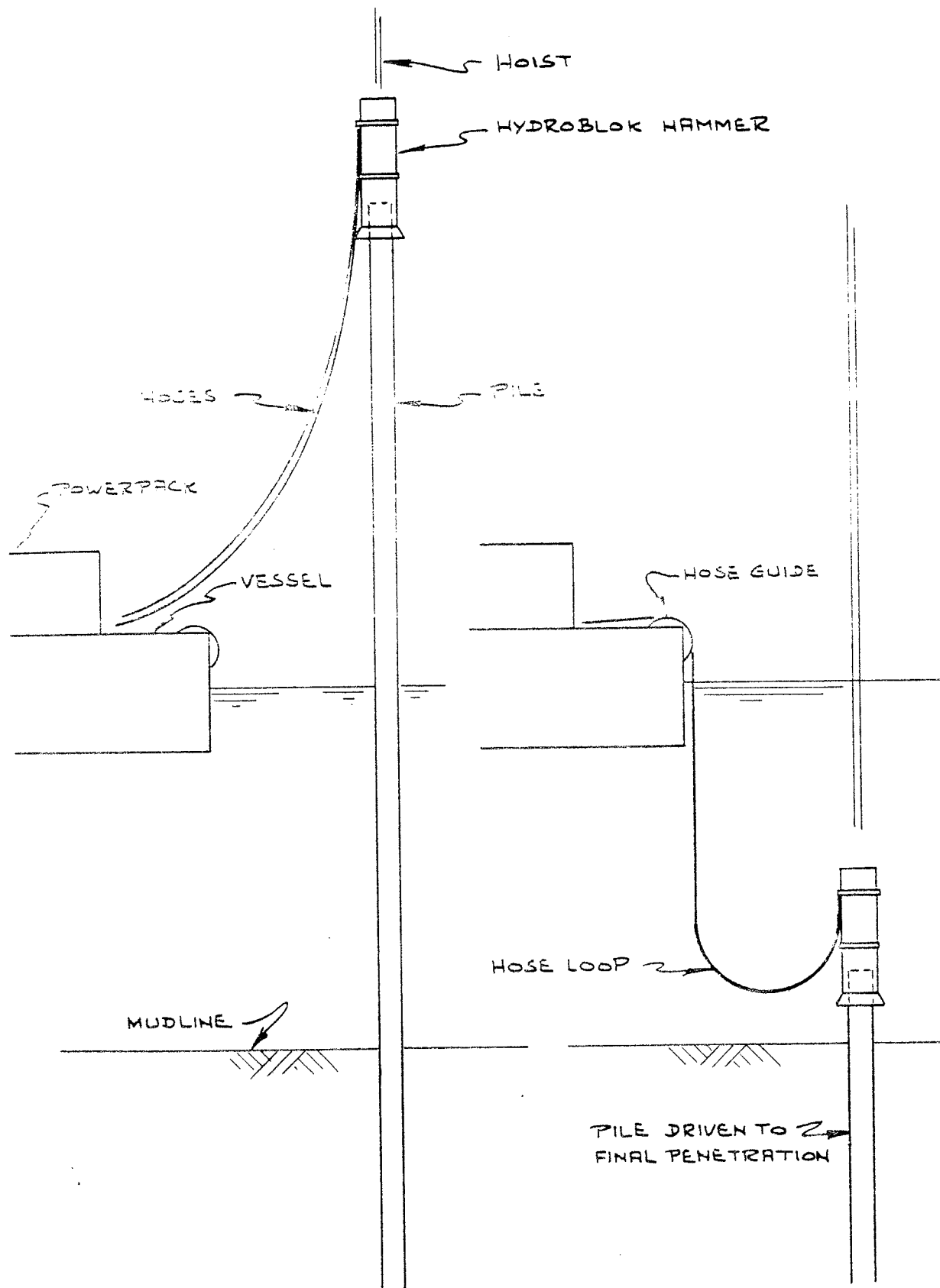
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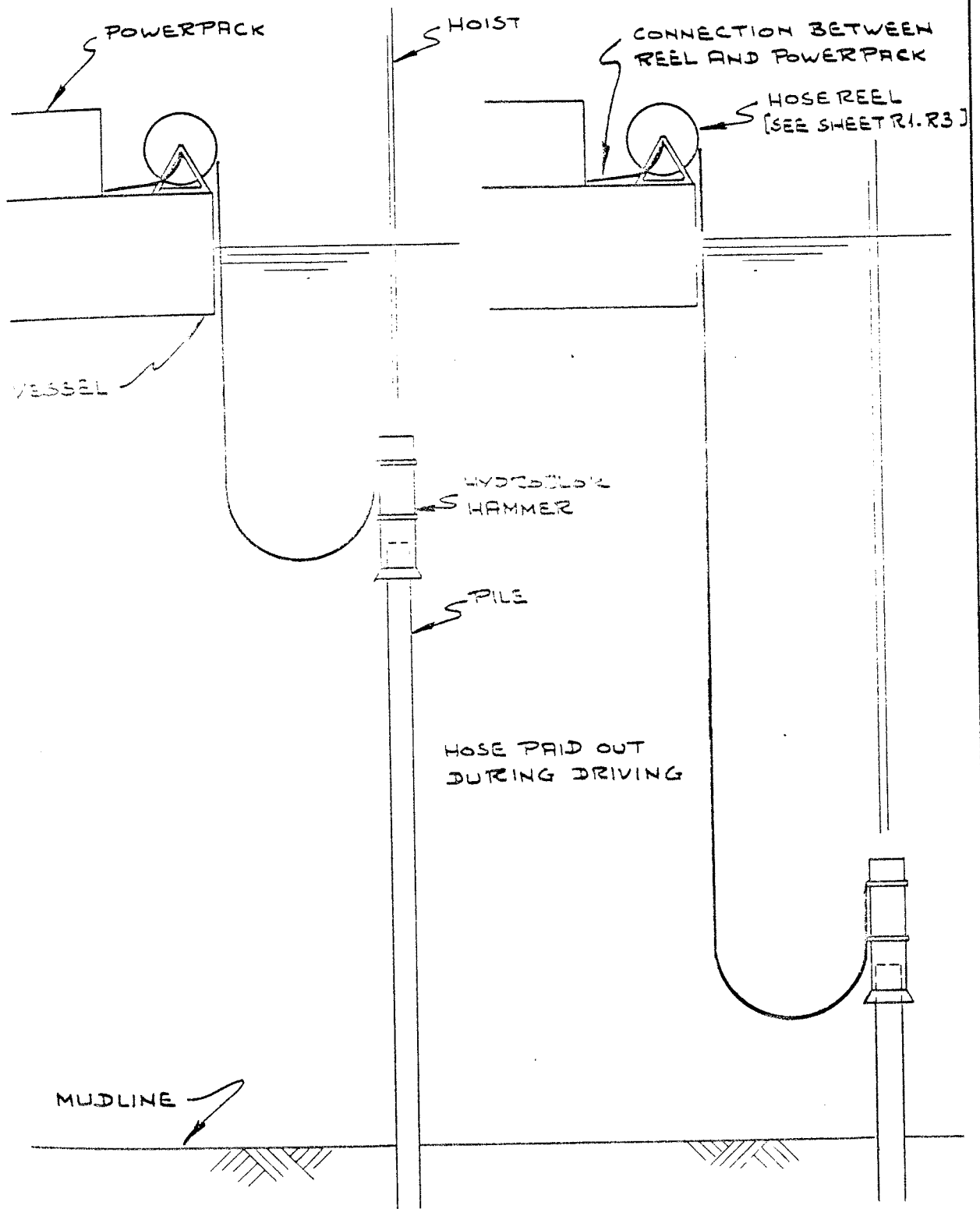
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# UNDERWATER DRIVING WITH VARIABLE HOSELENGTH PAID OUT



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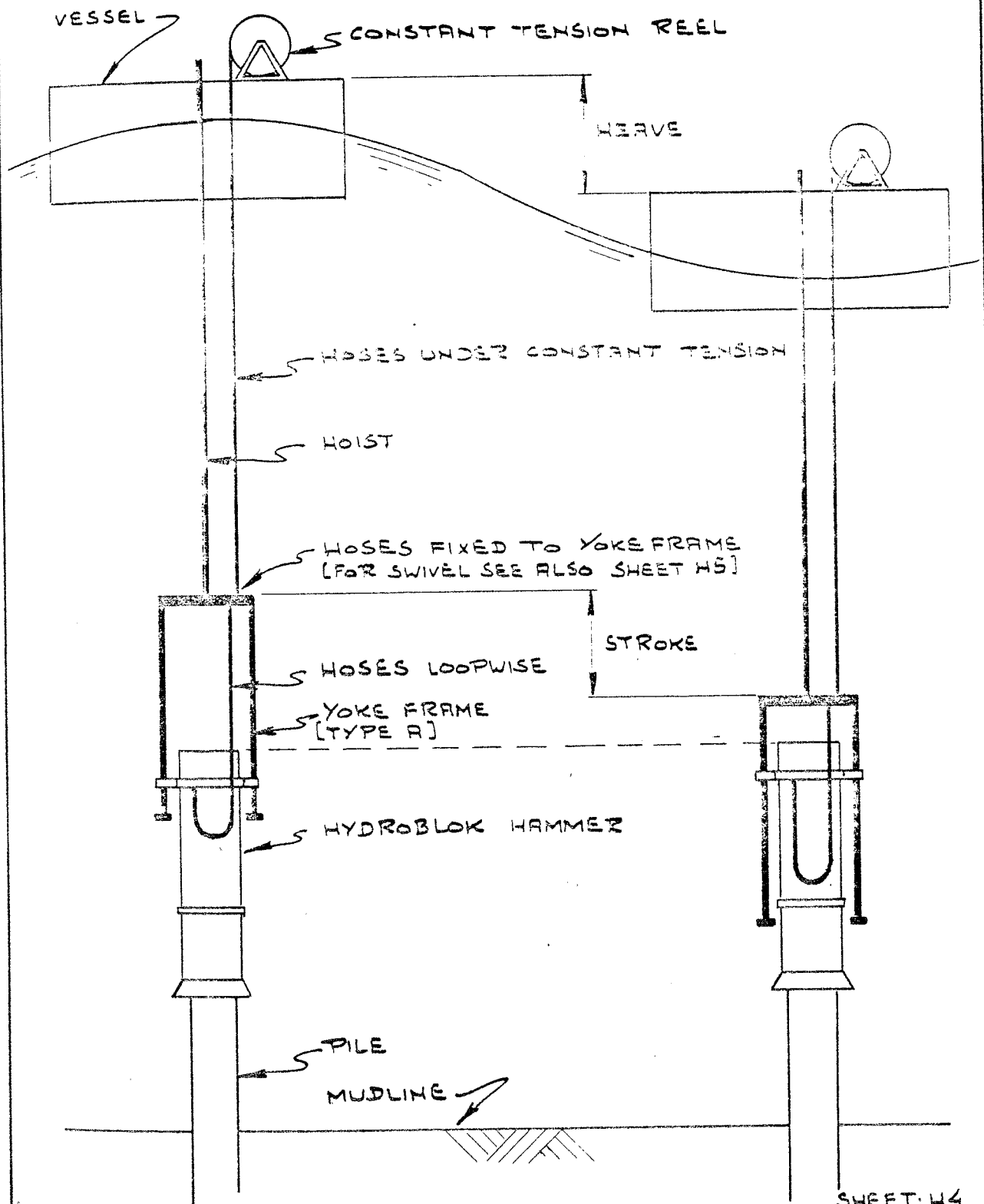
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# HOSE HANDLING AND 'YOKEFRAME' FUNCTION COMBINED

[FOR EXPLANATION OF THE 'YOKEFRAME-FUNCTION' SEE  
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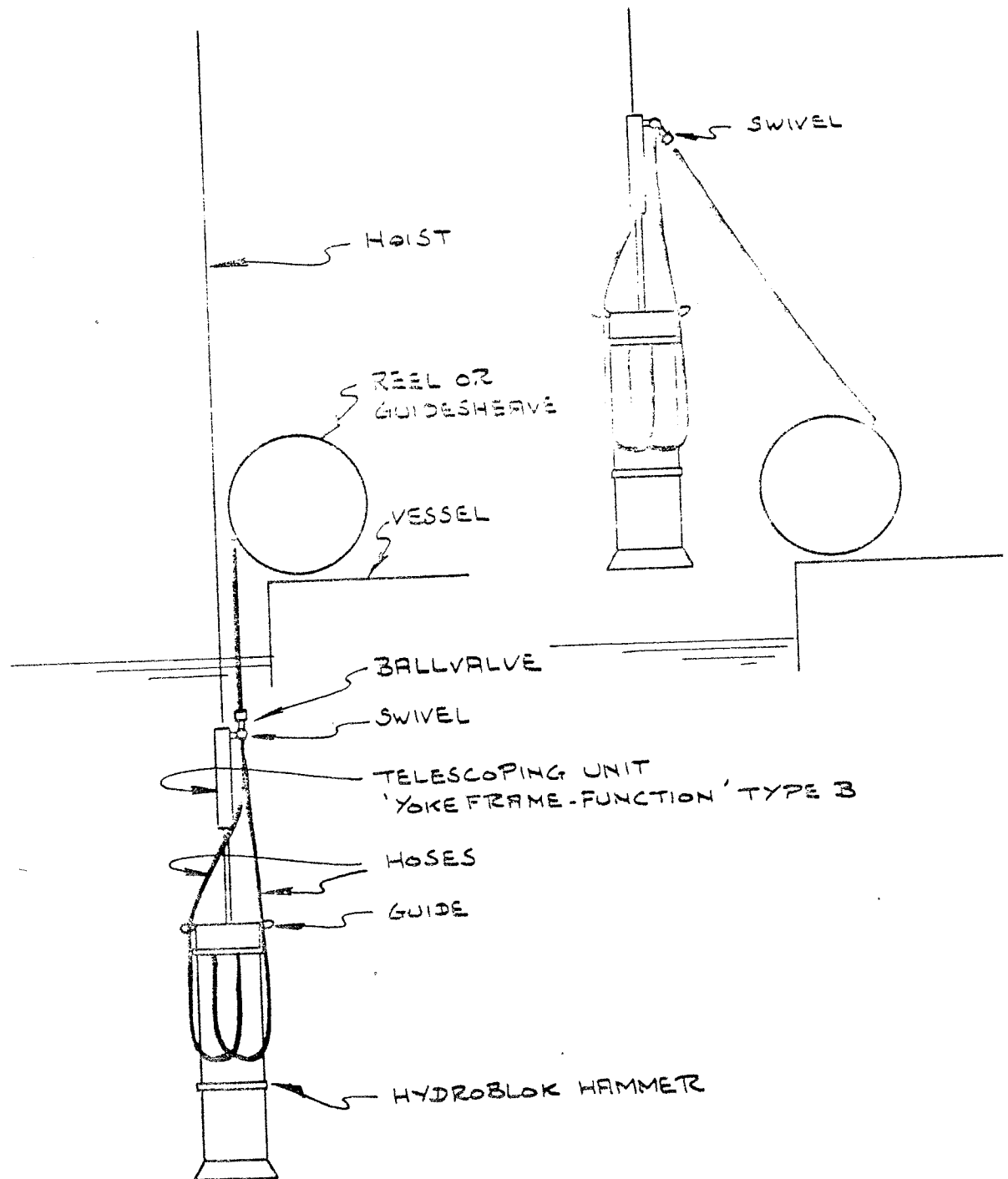
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# HOSE HANDLING AND 'YOKE FRAME-FUNCTION' COMBINED



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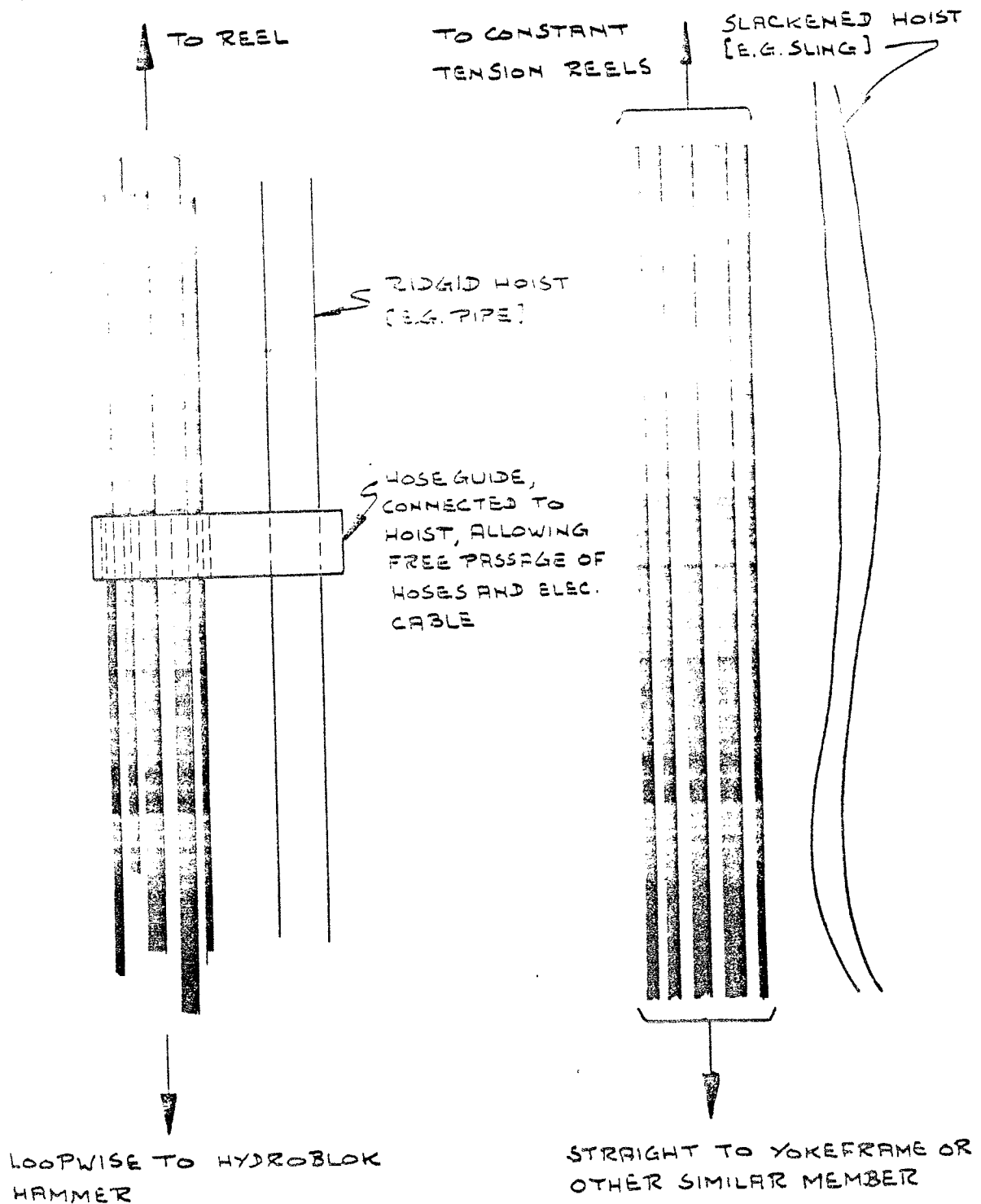
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# PROVISIONS TO AVOID HOSE - OR CABLE DAMAGE IN ROUGH WATER.

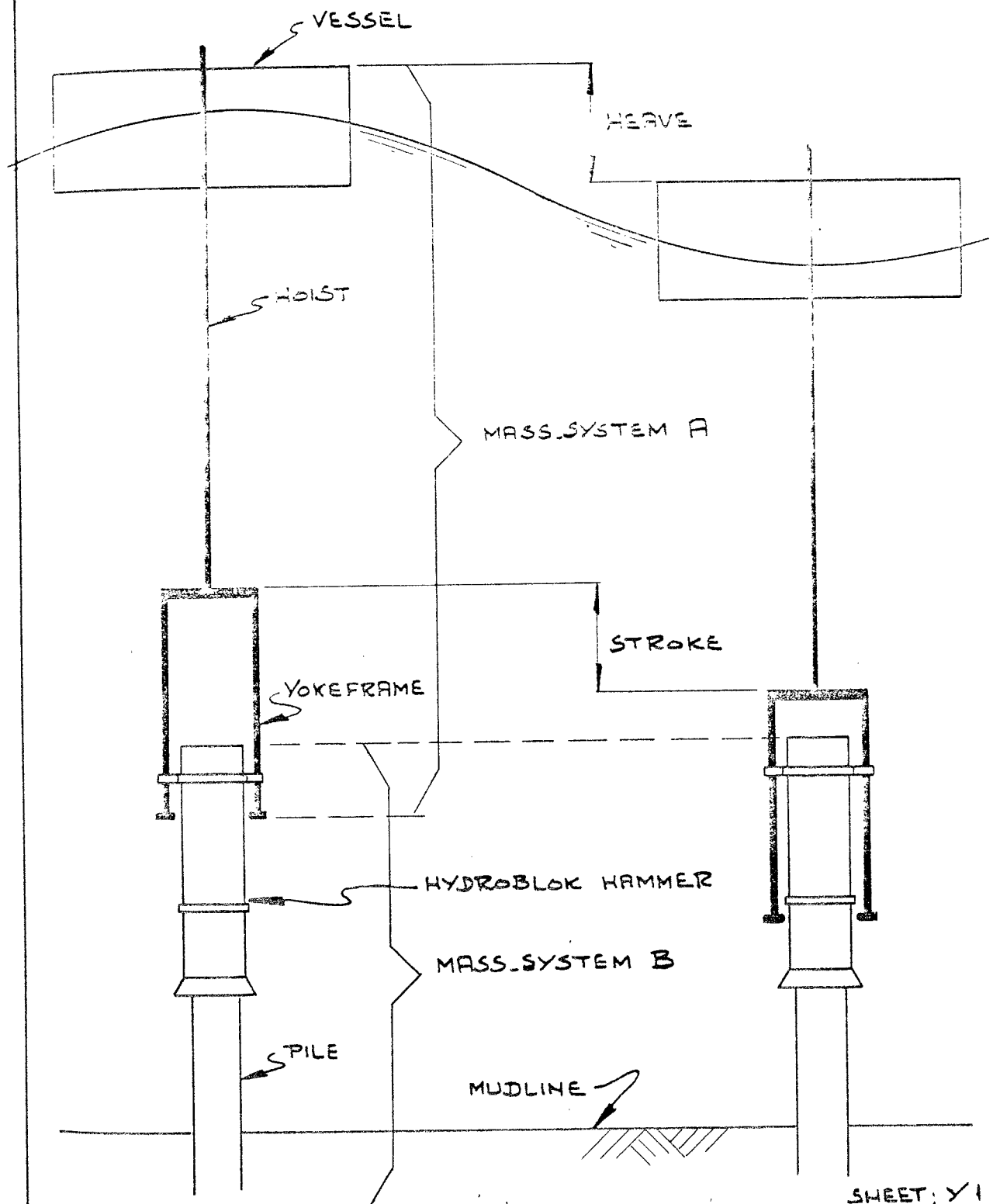
[TO AVOID THE 'HOSEBUNDLE' TO TANGLE IT HAS TO BE GUIDED OR KEPT UNDER CONSTANT TENSION. DEPENDING ON AMBIENT FORCES A COMBINATION OF BOTH MAY BE NECESSARY. CONSTANT TENSION IS ALSO NECESSARY WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONTROL THE SIMULTANEOUS PAY-OUT OF THE SEPARATE REELS]



SHEET: H6

UNDERWATER DRIVING OFFSHORE BASICALLY  
REQUIRES THE 'YOKE FRAME - FUNCTION'

TYPE A = REAL YOKE FRAME

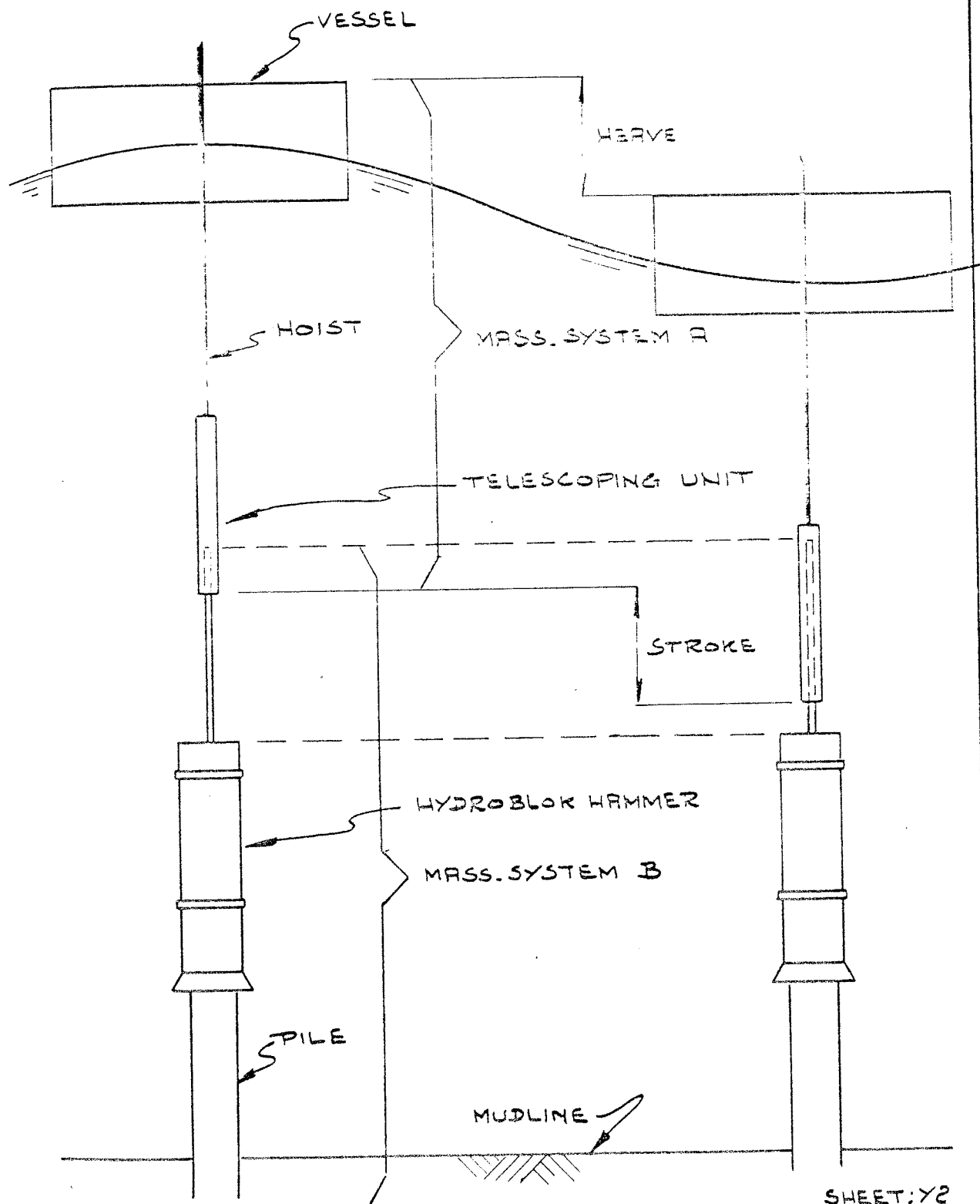


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# TYPE B: CENTRAL TELESCOPING UNIT



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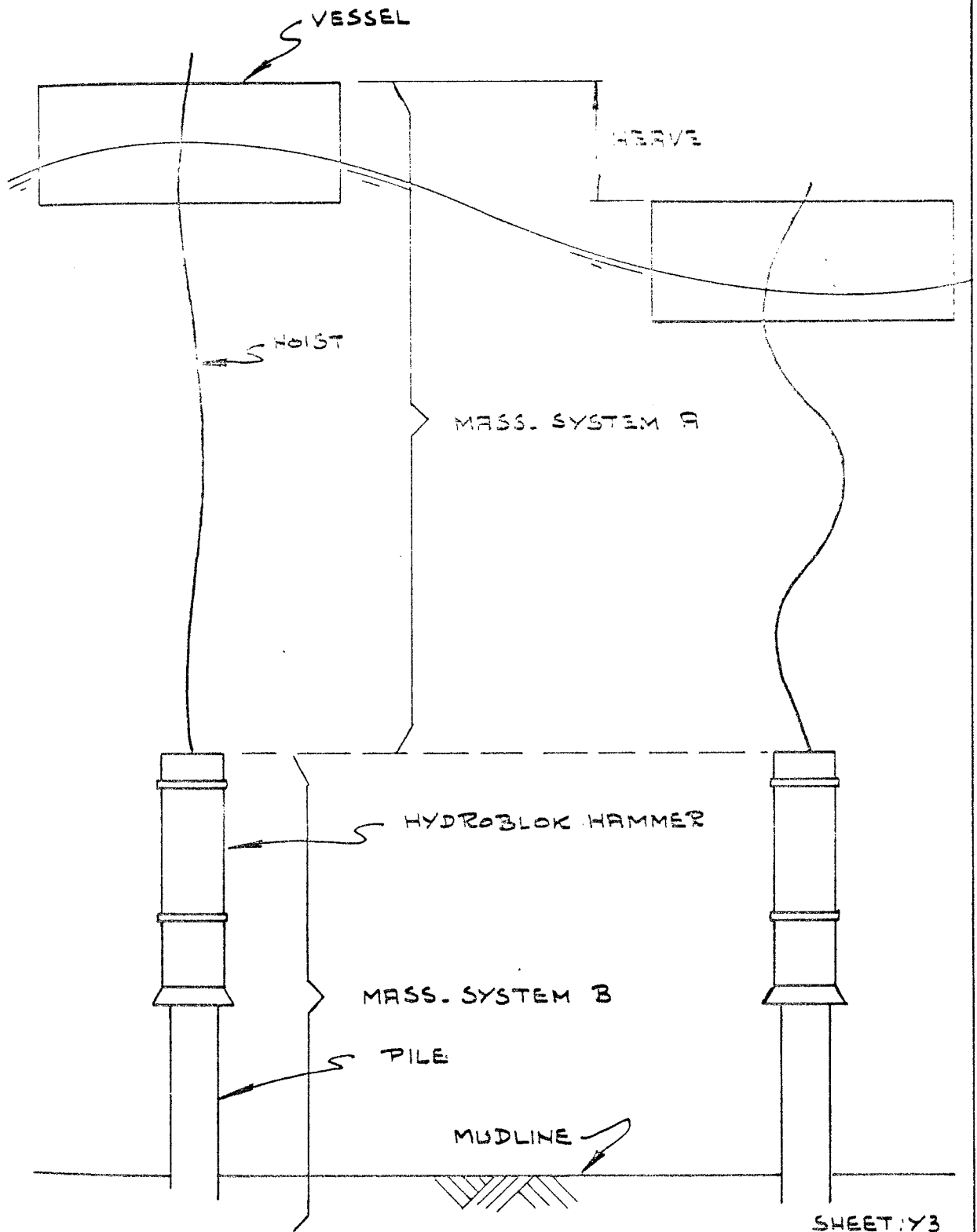
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# TYPE C: SLACKED HOIST



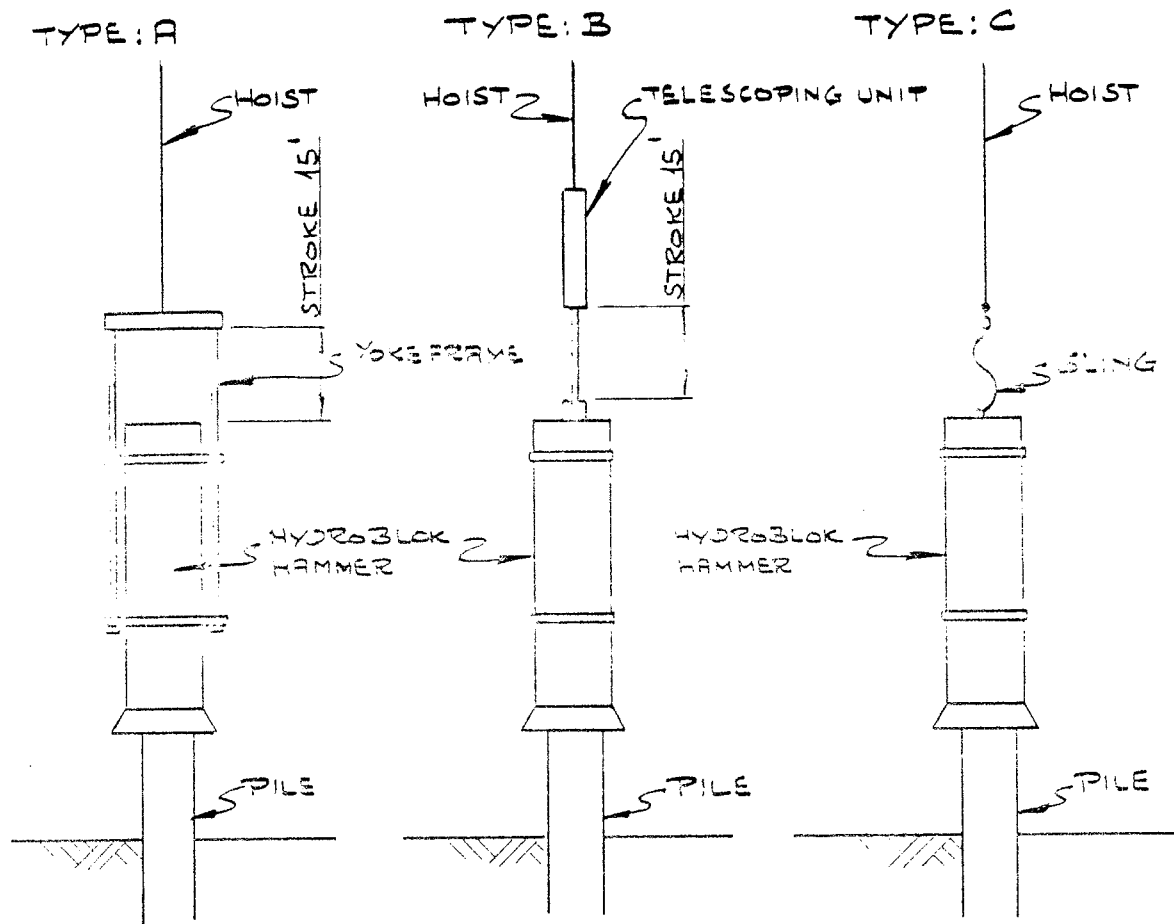
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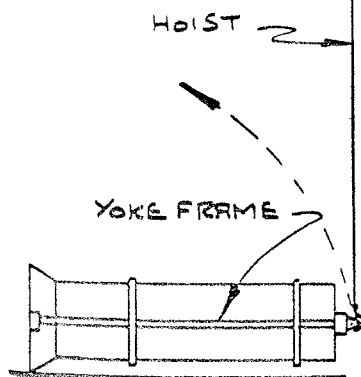
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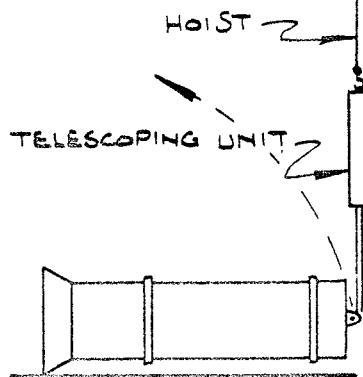
# HANDLING PROPERTIES OF THE 3 TYPES OF 'YOKE FRAME - FUNCTIONS'



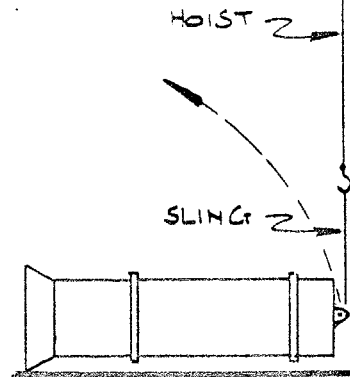
YOKE FRAME MUST  
BE RETRACTED AND  
LOCKED



NO SPECIAL  
REQUIREMENT



NO SPECIAL  
REQUIREMENT



FOR HOSE CONNECTIONS SEE SHEET

SHEET: Y4

WEIGHTS OF HYDROBLOK HAMMER HBM3000A  
INCLUDING 'YOKEFRAME - FUNCTION'

WEIGHT IN AIR [METRIC TON]

TYPE - A :

HAMMER + YOKEFRAME	: 225 TON
BALLAST FOR UNDERWATER USE	: 16 TON
TOTAL	: 241 TON

TYPE - B :

HAMMER + CENTRAL TELESCOPING UNIT	: 184 TON
BALLAST FOR UNDERWATER USE	: 22 TON
TOTAL	: 216 TON

TYPE - C :

HAMMER	: 188 TON
BALLAST FOR UNDERWATER USE	: 25 TON
TOTAL	: 213 TON

NOTE :

BUOYANCY OF THE HAMMER IN WATER 73 TON

TOTAL WEIGHT IN WATER [METRIC TON]

TYPE - A	: 168 TON
TYPE - B	: 143 TON
TYPE - C	: 140 TON

SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION

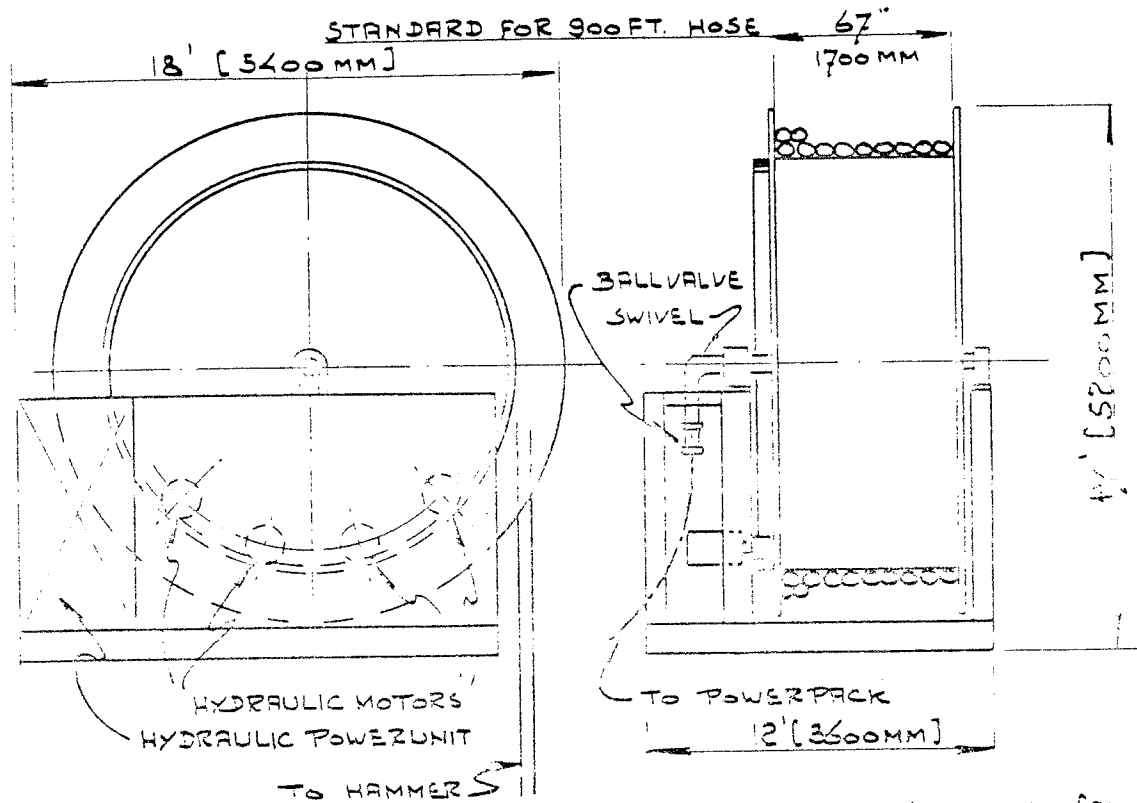
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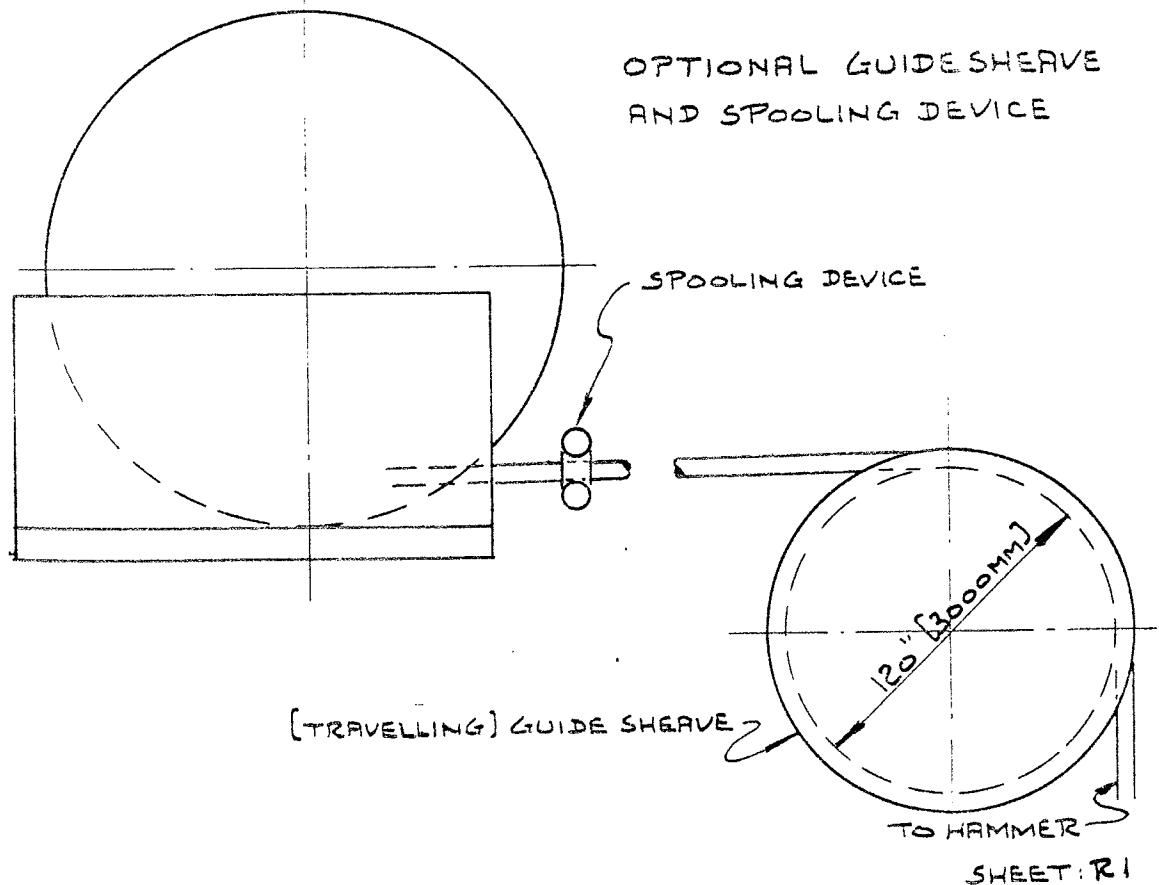
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# HOSE REEL FOR HOSE 4" I.D. [OIL SUPPLY AND RETURN]



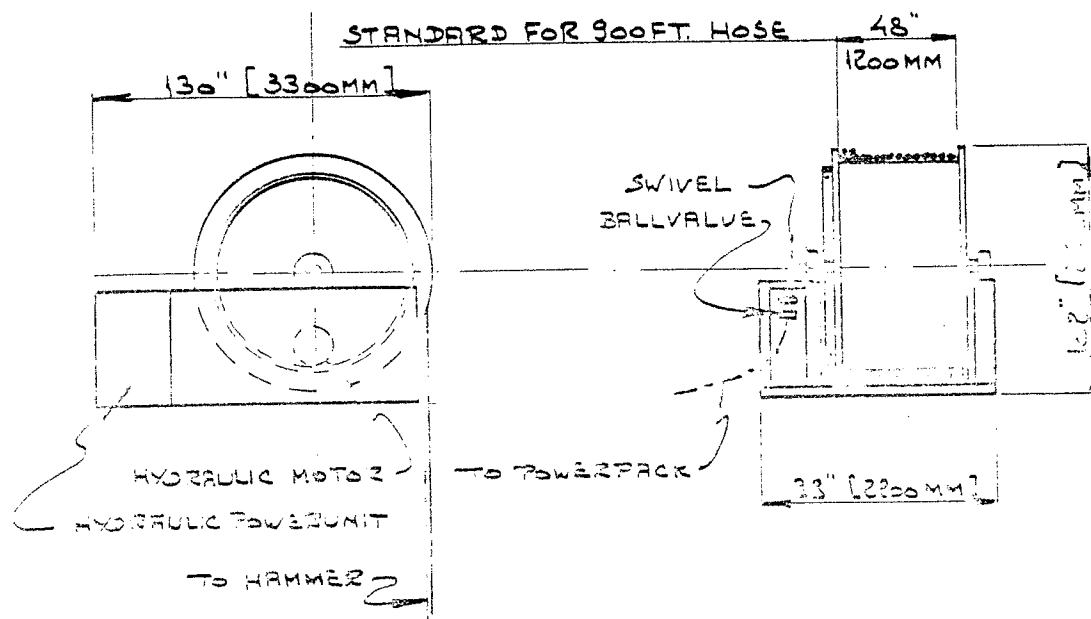
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## OPTIONAL GUIDESHEAVE AND SPOOLING DEVICE



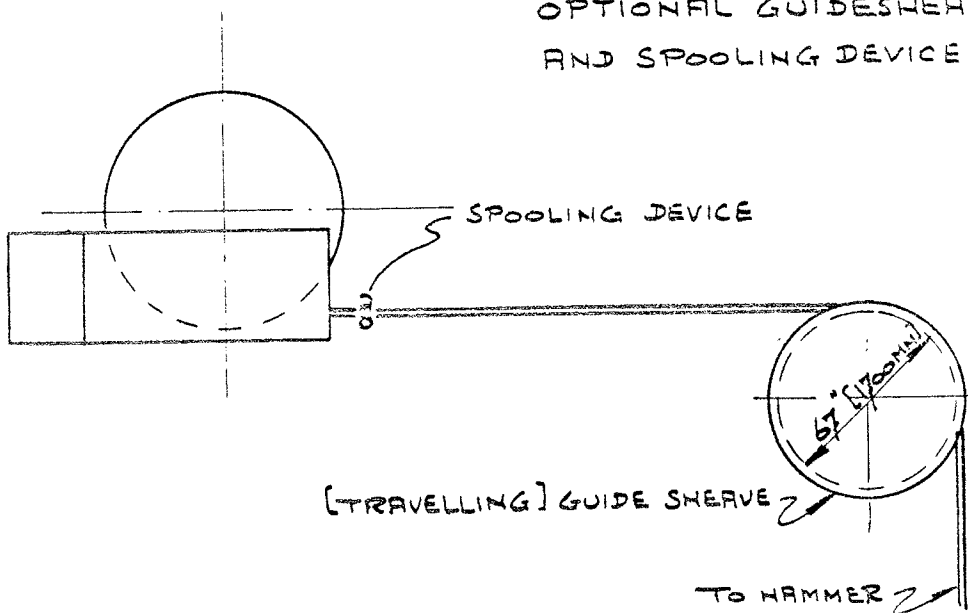
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# HOSE REEL FOR HOSE 1 1/4" I.D. [ BUFFER AND AIR HOSE, CONTINUOUS LENGTH ]



WEIGHT EXCL. HOSE 13000 LBS (6T.)

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AND SPOOLING DEVICE



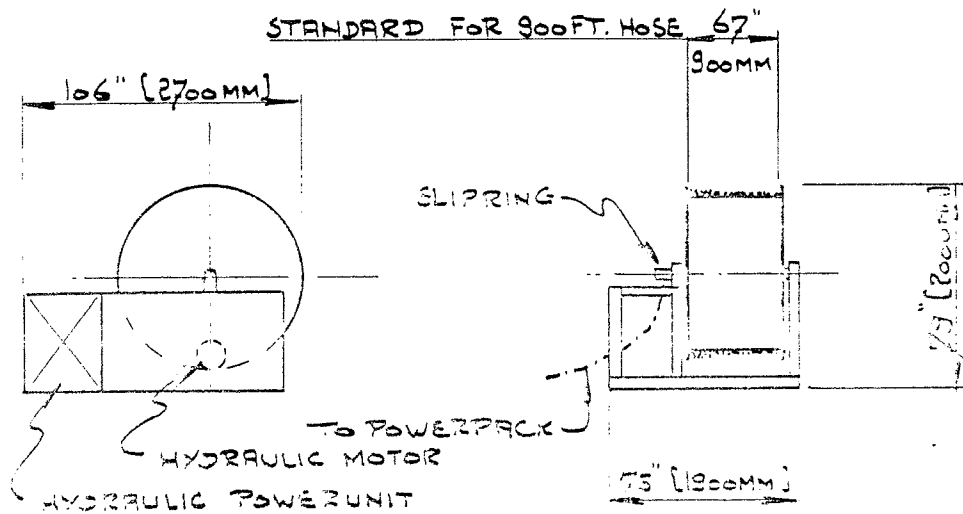
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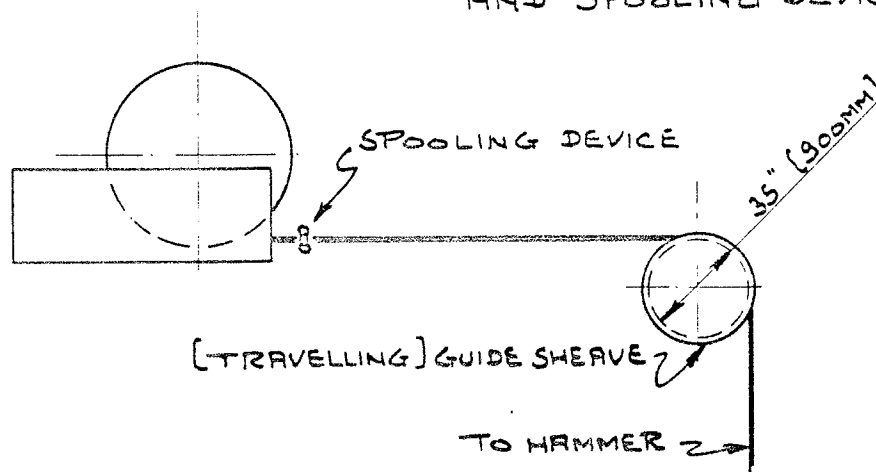
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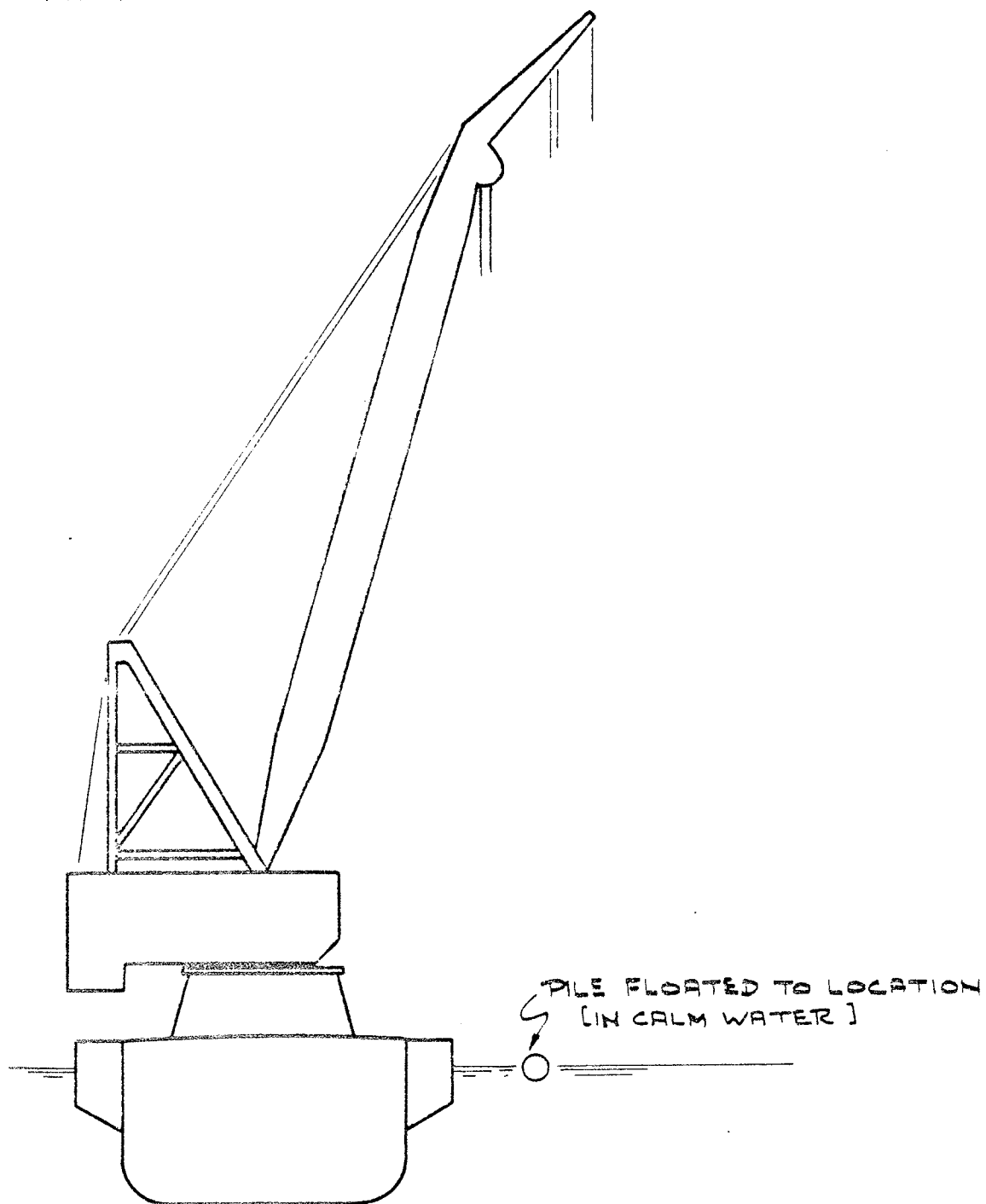
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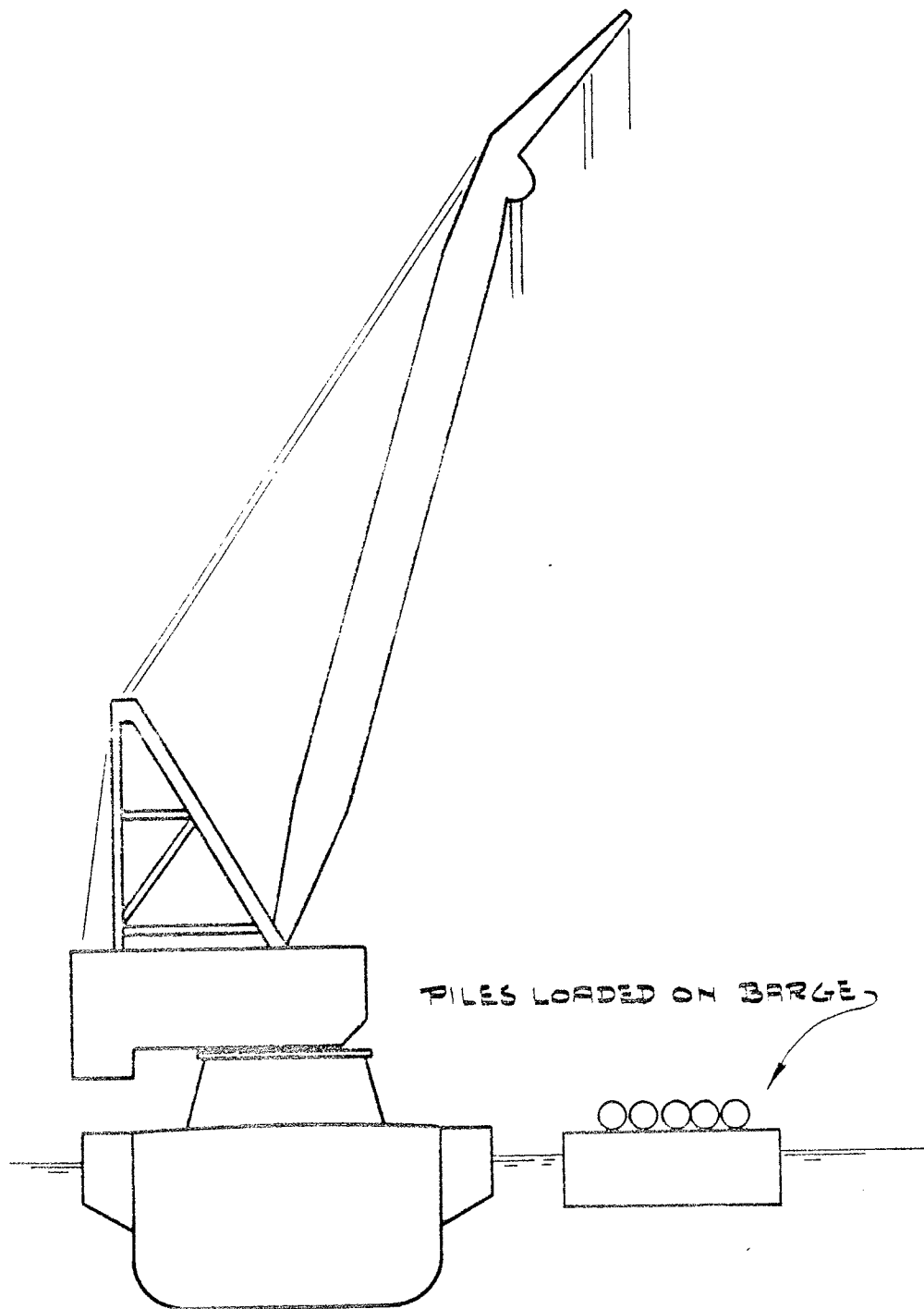


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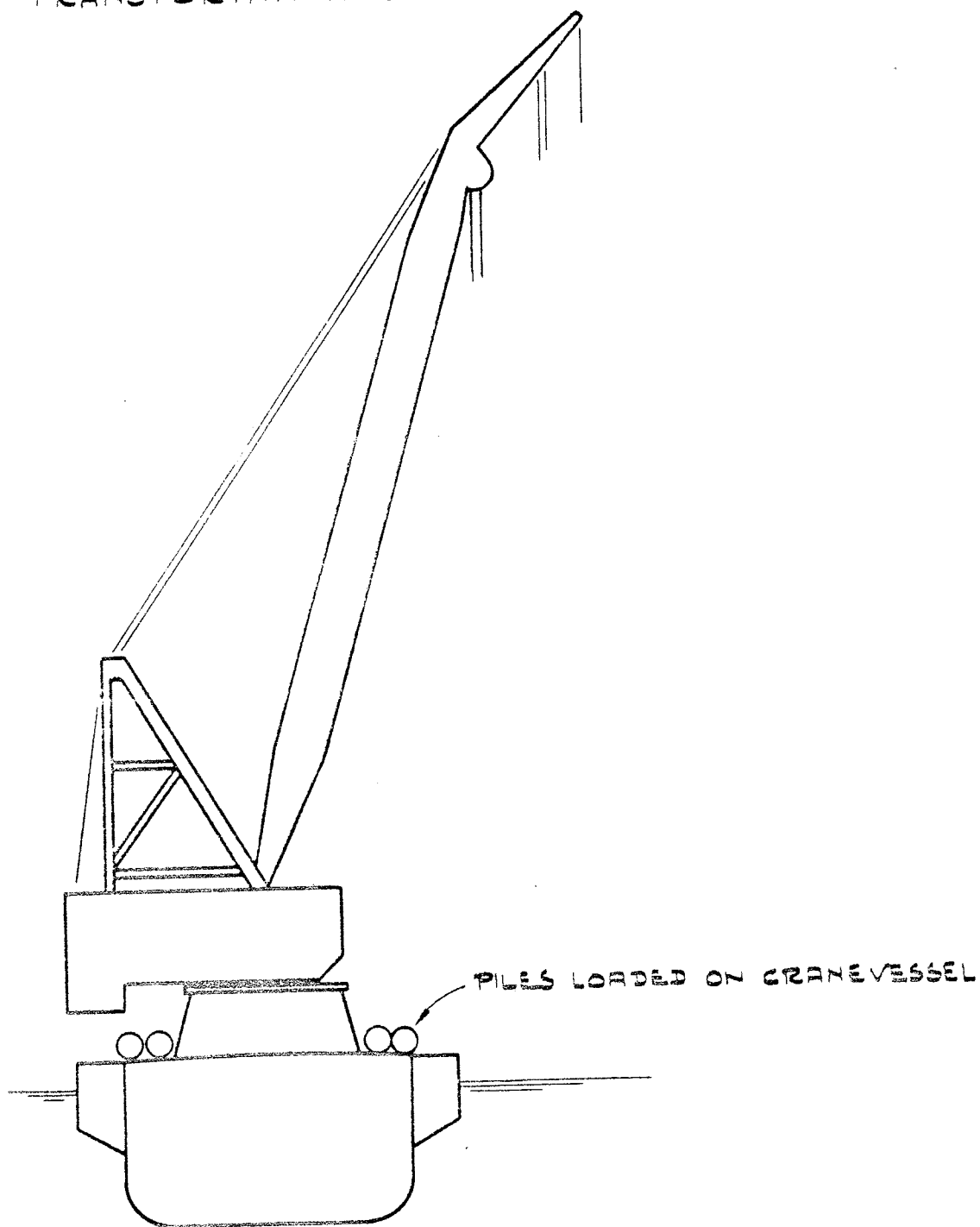
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# TRANSPORTATION OF PILES





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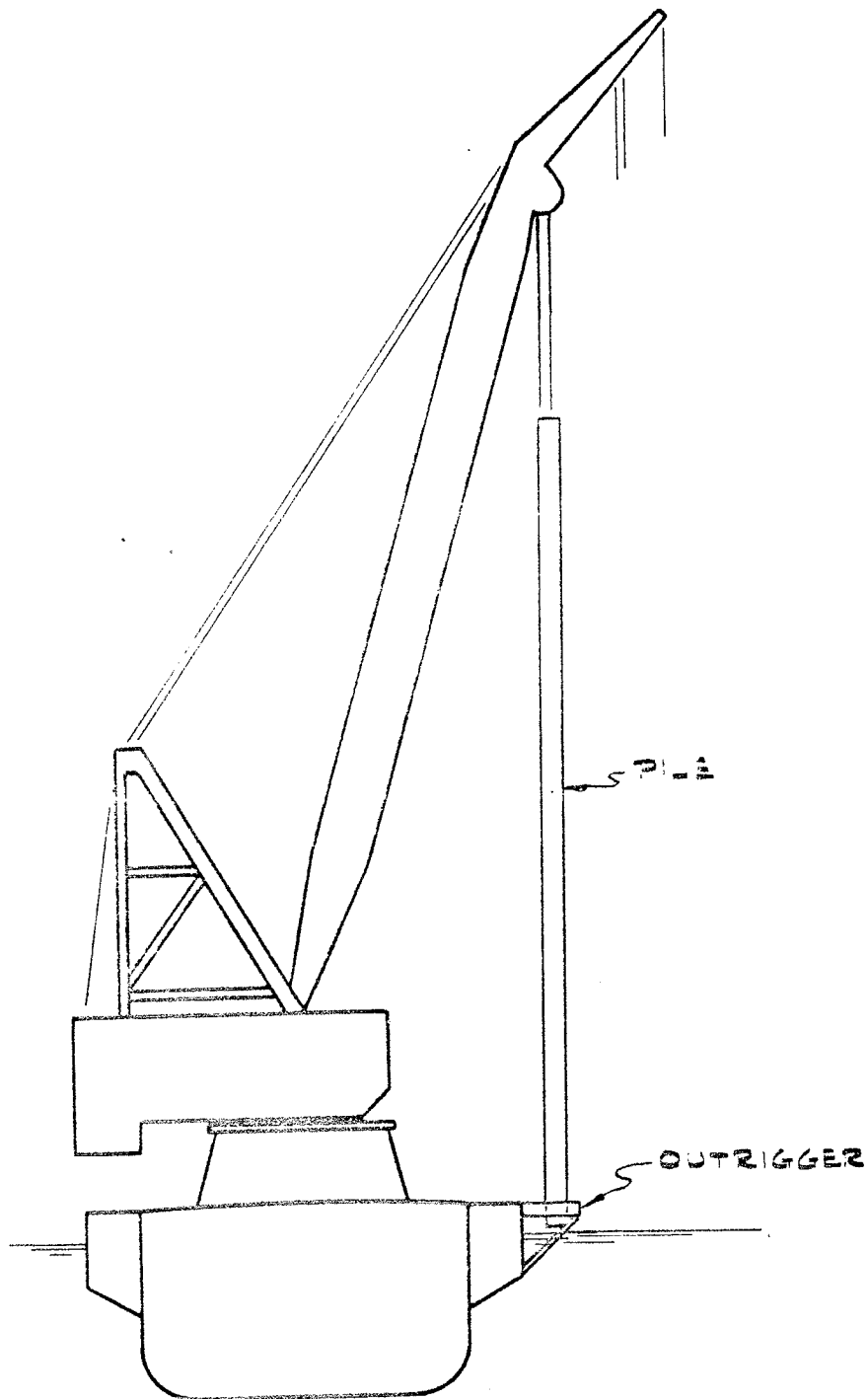


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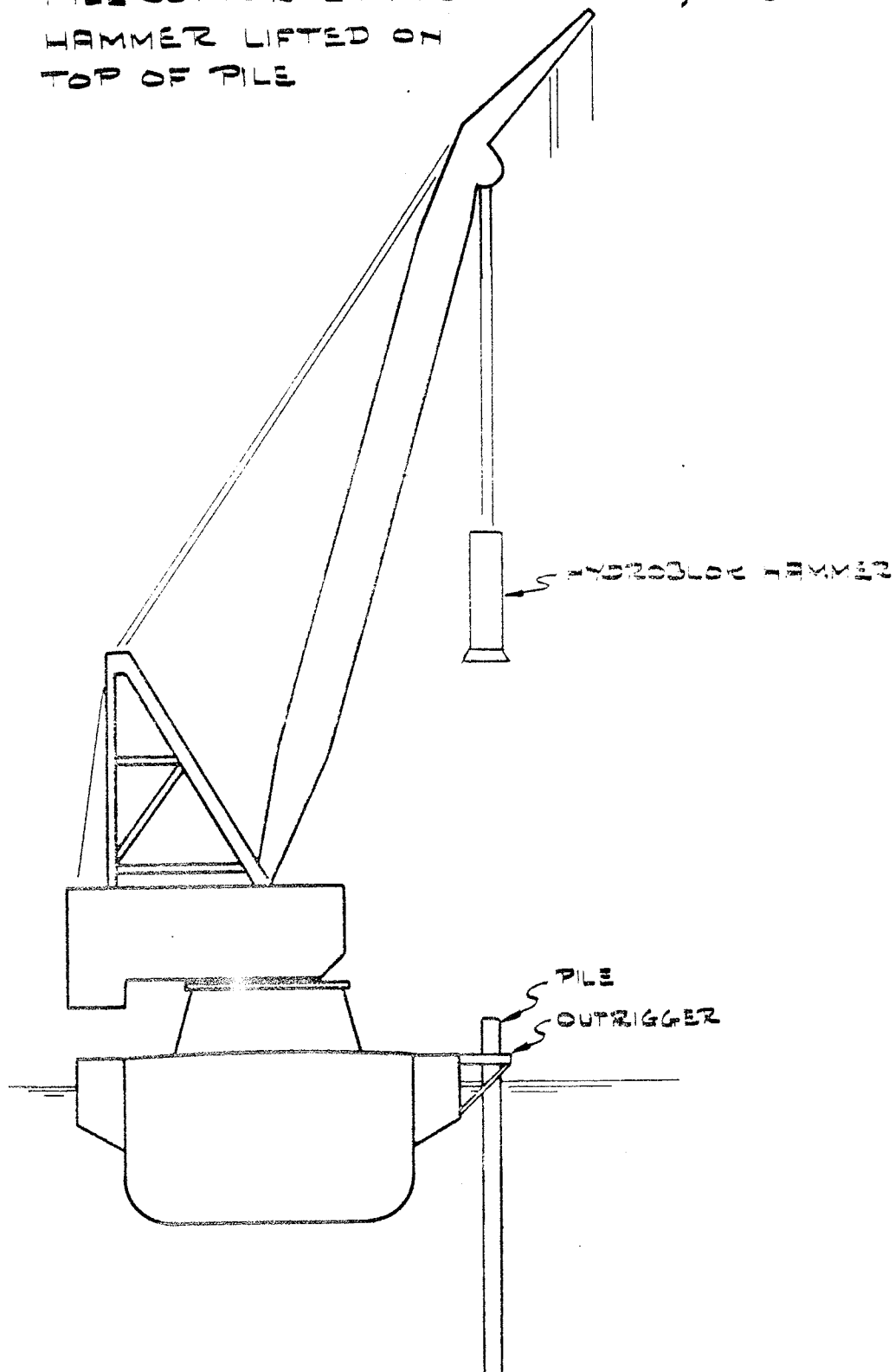


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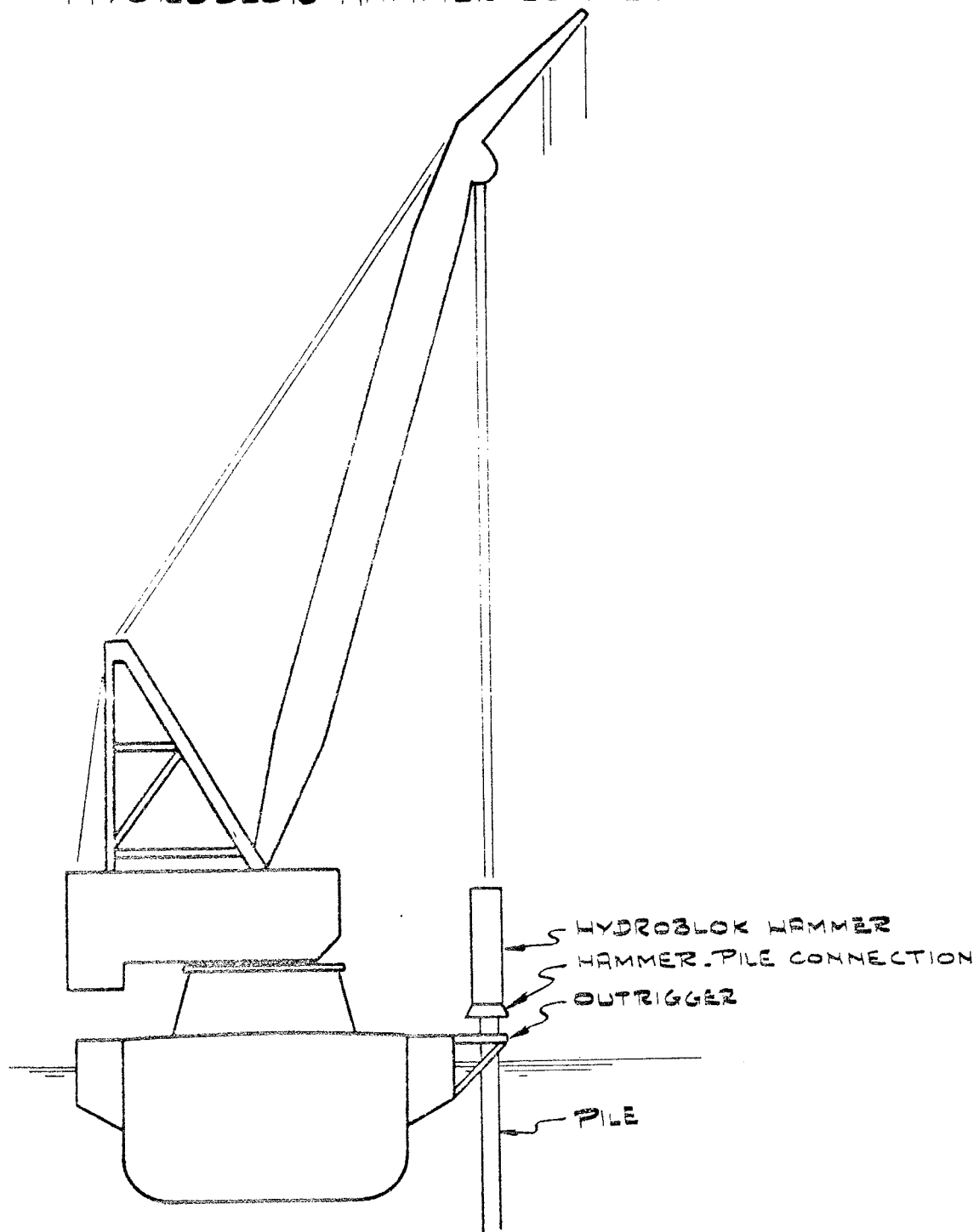
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PILE SUPPORTED IN OUTRIGGER, HYDROBLOK  
HAMMER LIFTED ON  
TOP OF PILE



# HYDROBLOK HAMMER CONNECTED TO PILE

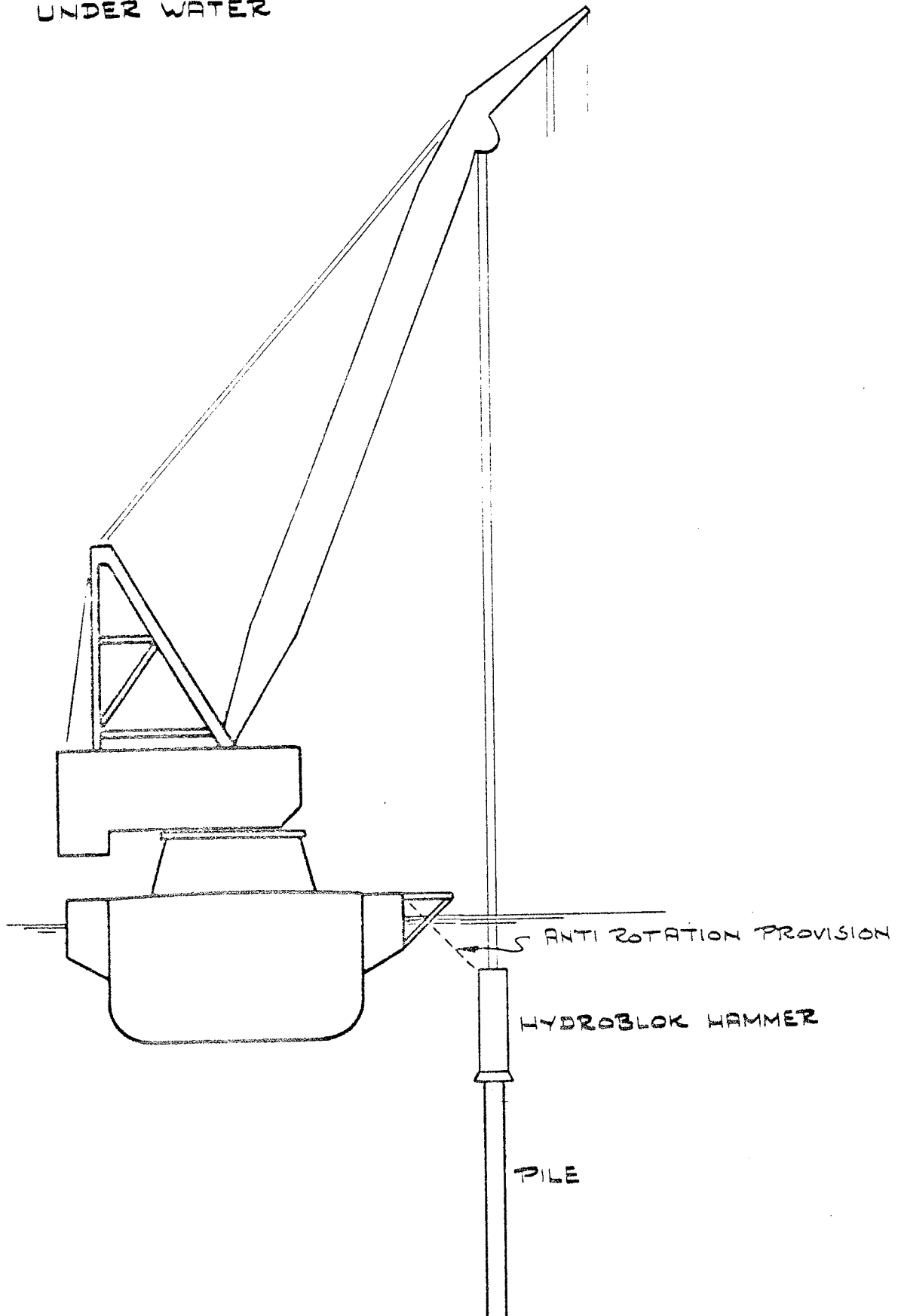


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HYDROBLOK HAMMER AND PILE LOWERED JOINTLY  
UNDER WATER

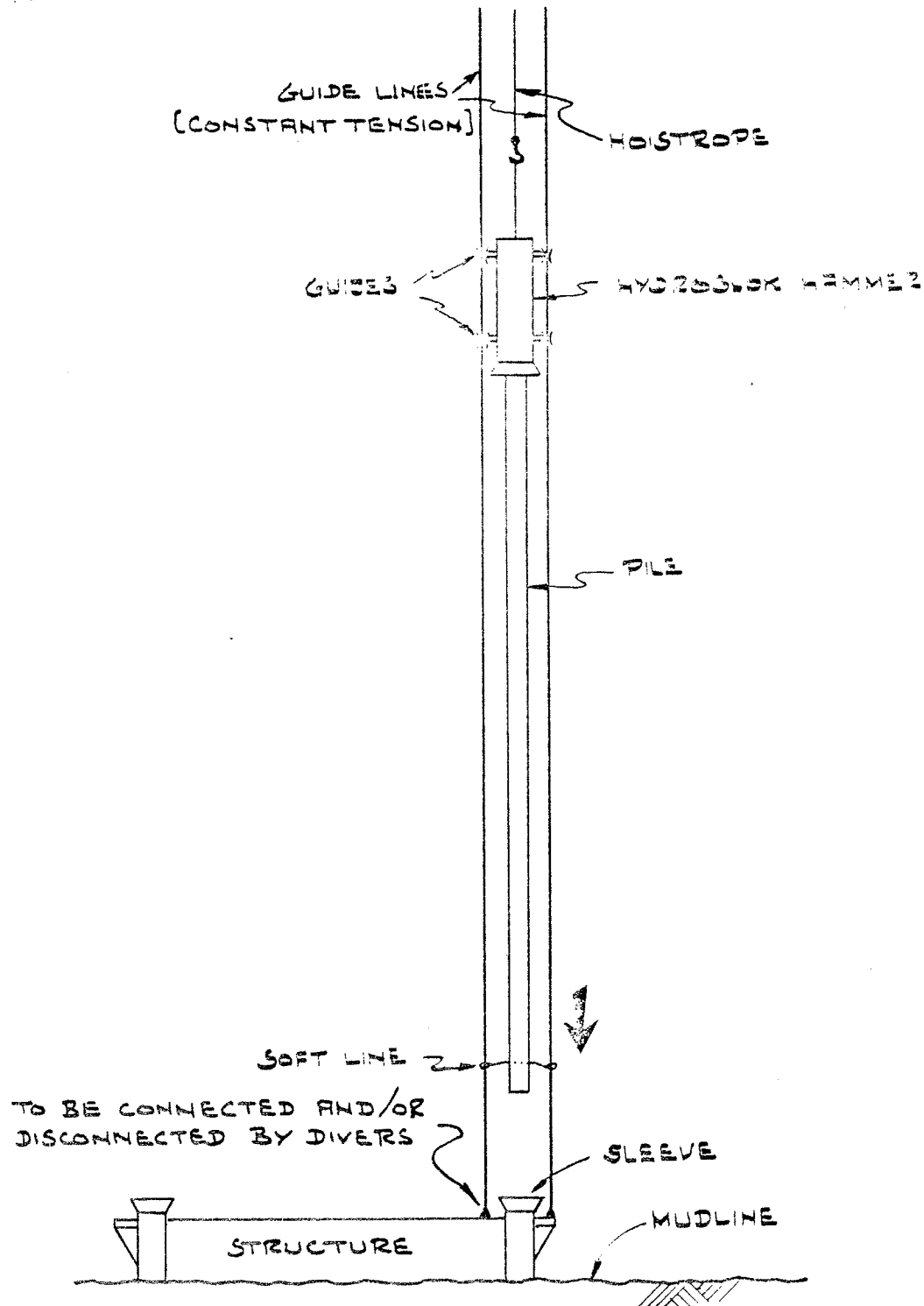


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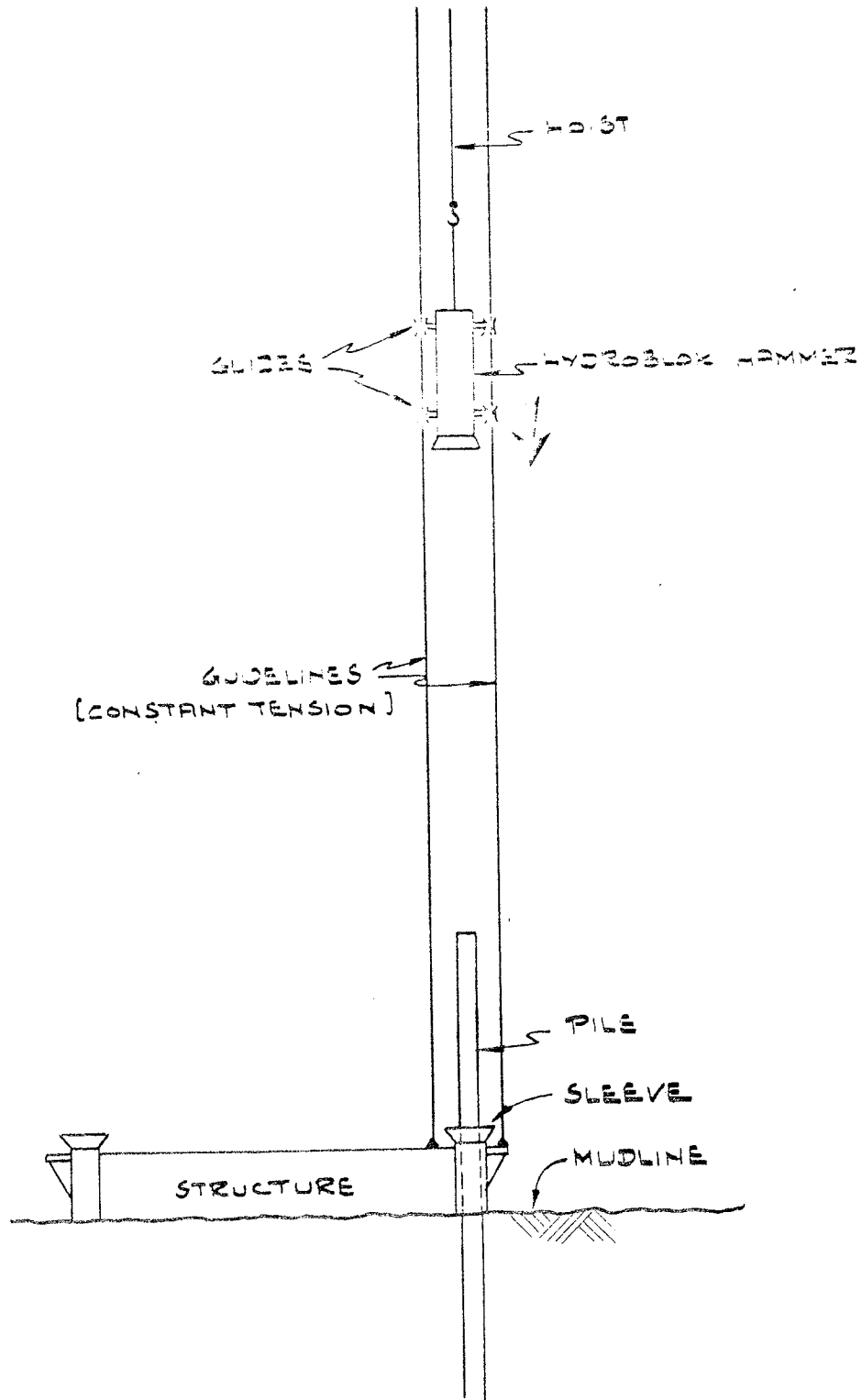
# STABBING SYSTEM WITH GUIDELINES PILE AND HYDROBLOK HAMMER JOINTLY LOWERED



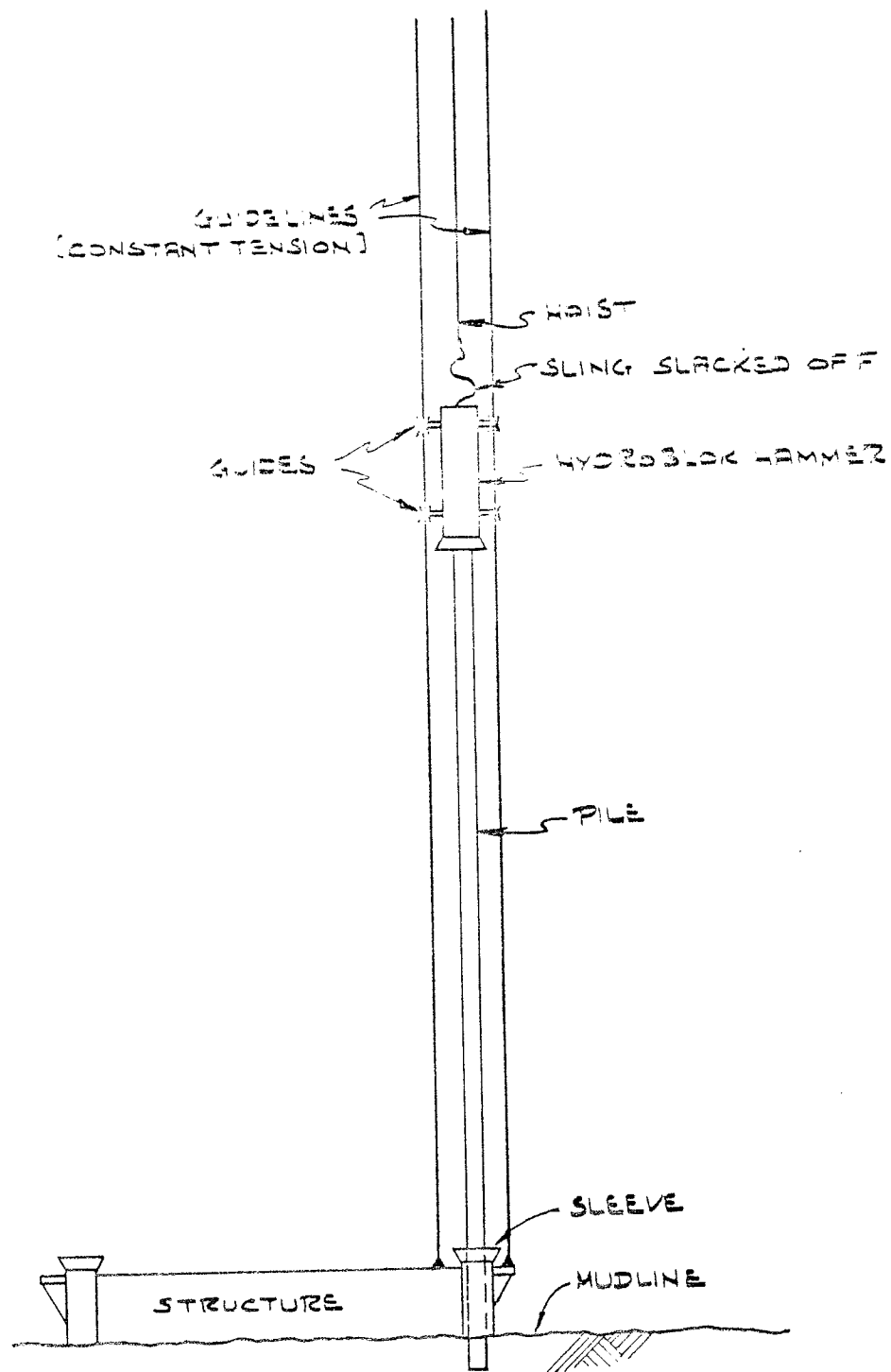
THIS SYSTEM DOES NOT REQUIRE AN  
ACCURATE POSITIONING SYSTEM OF THE VESSEL

NOTE: HOSE HANDLING NOT INDICATED

# RELANDING OF HYDROBLOK HAMMER

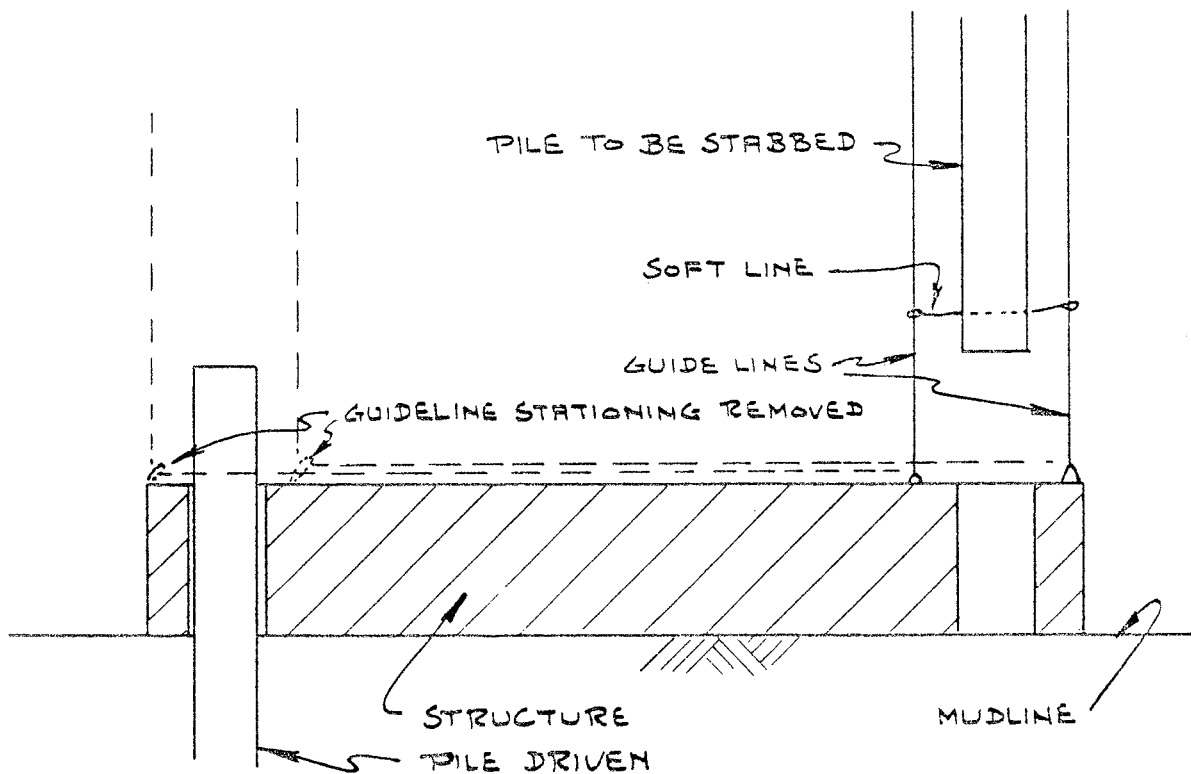
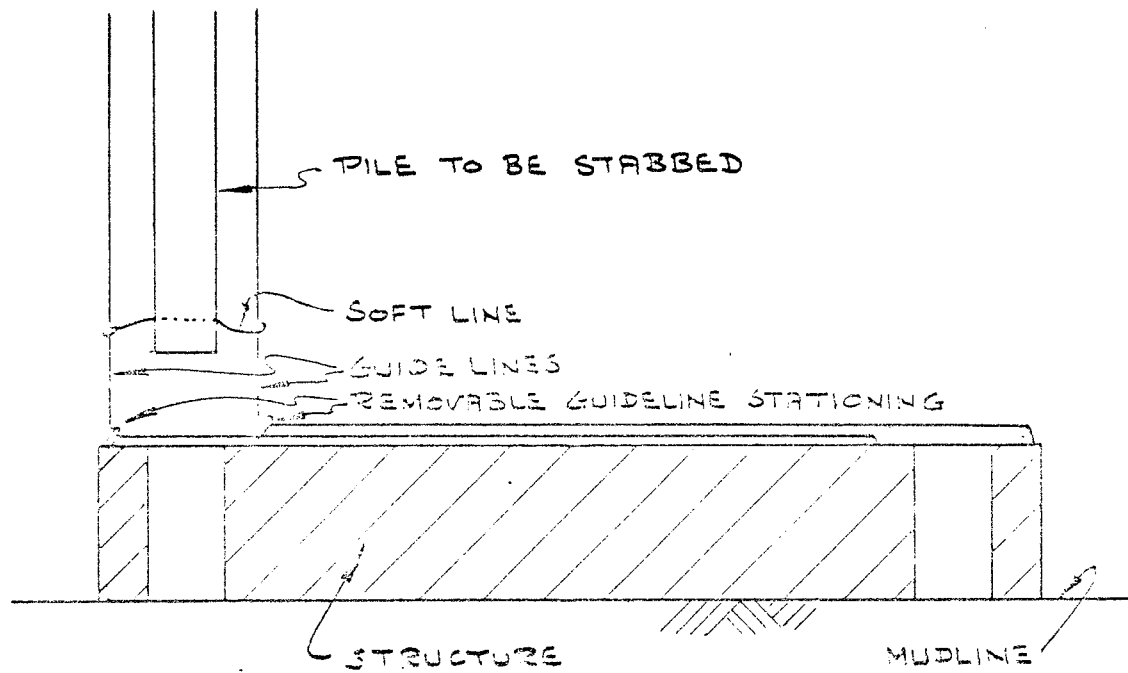


# SITUATION DURING DRIVING



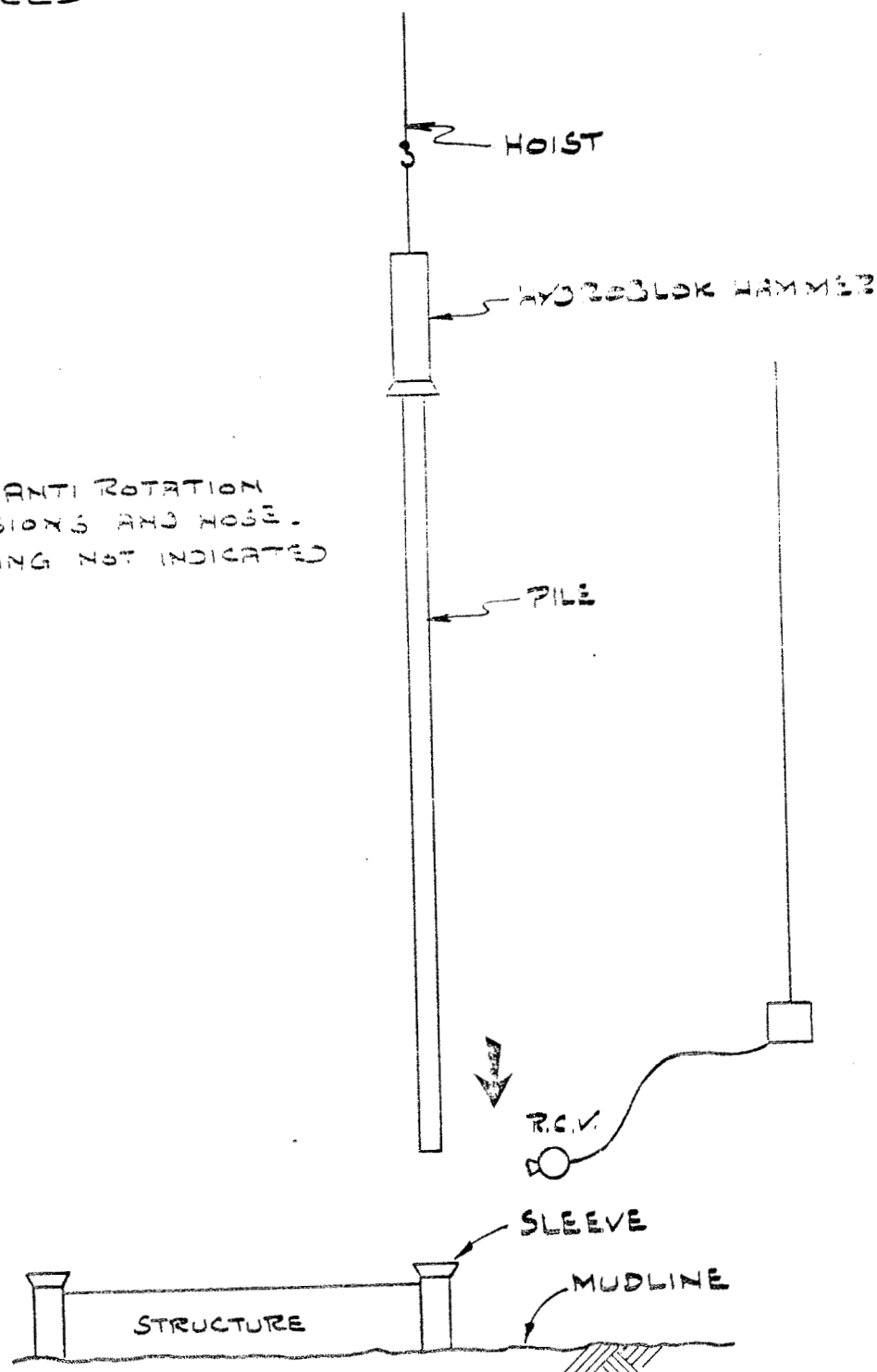


# GUIDELINE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM



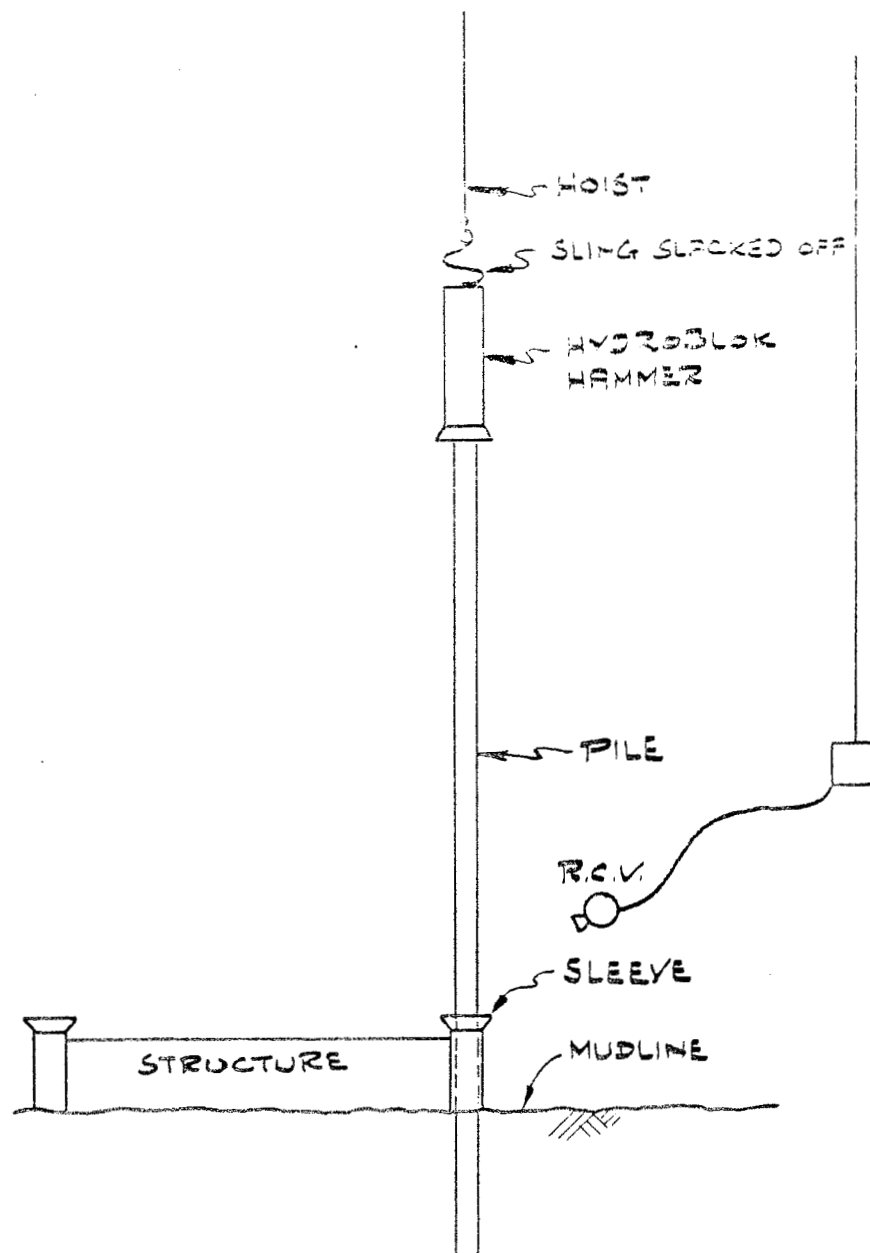
# STABBING WITHOUT GUIDELINES PILE AND HYDROBLOK HAMMER JOINTLY LOWERED

NOTE: ANTI ROTATION  
PROVISIONS AND HOSE.  
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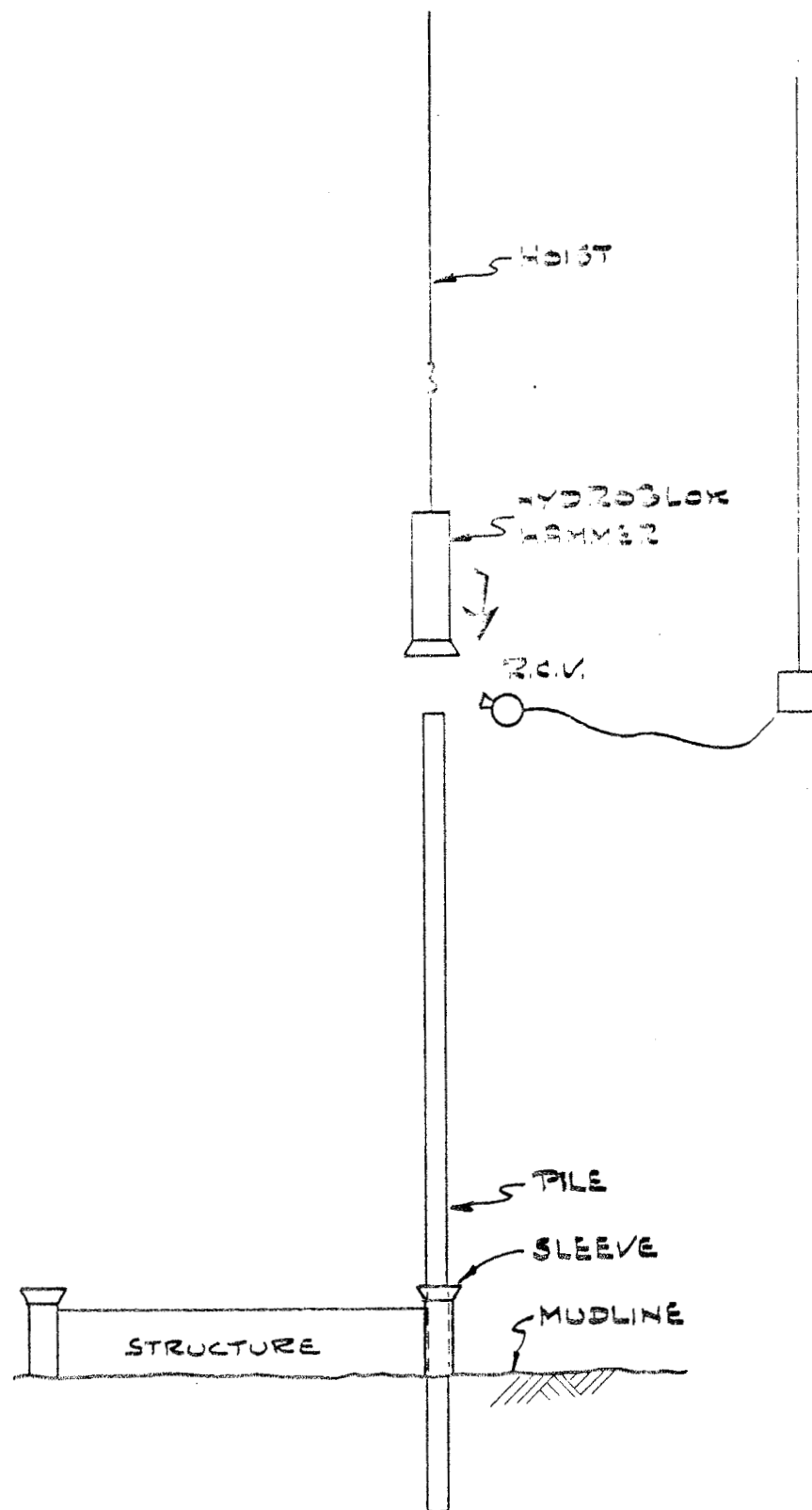


THIS SYSTEM CAN BE USED WHEN THE VESSEL AND/OR  
HOIST HAS A GOOD MANOEUVRABILITY.  
THE TV-CAMERA WATCHES THE MOVEMENT OF THE  
PILE TIP IN RESPECT OF THE STRUCTURE

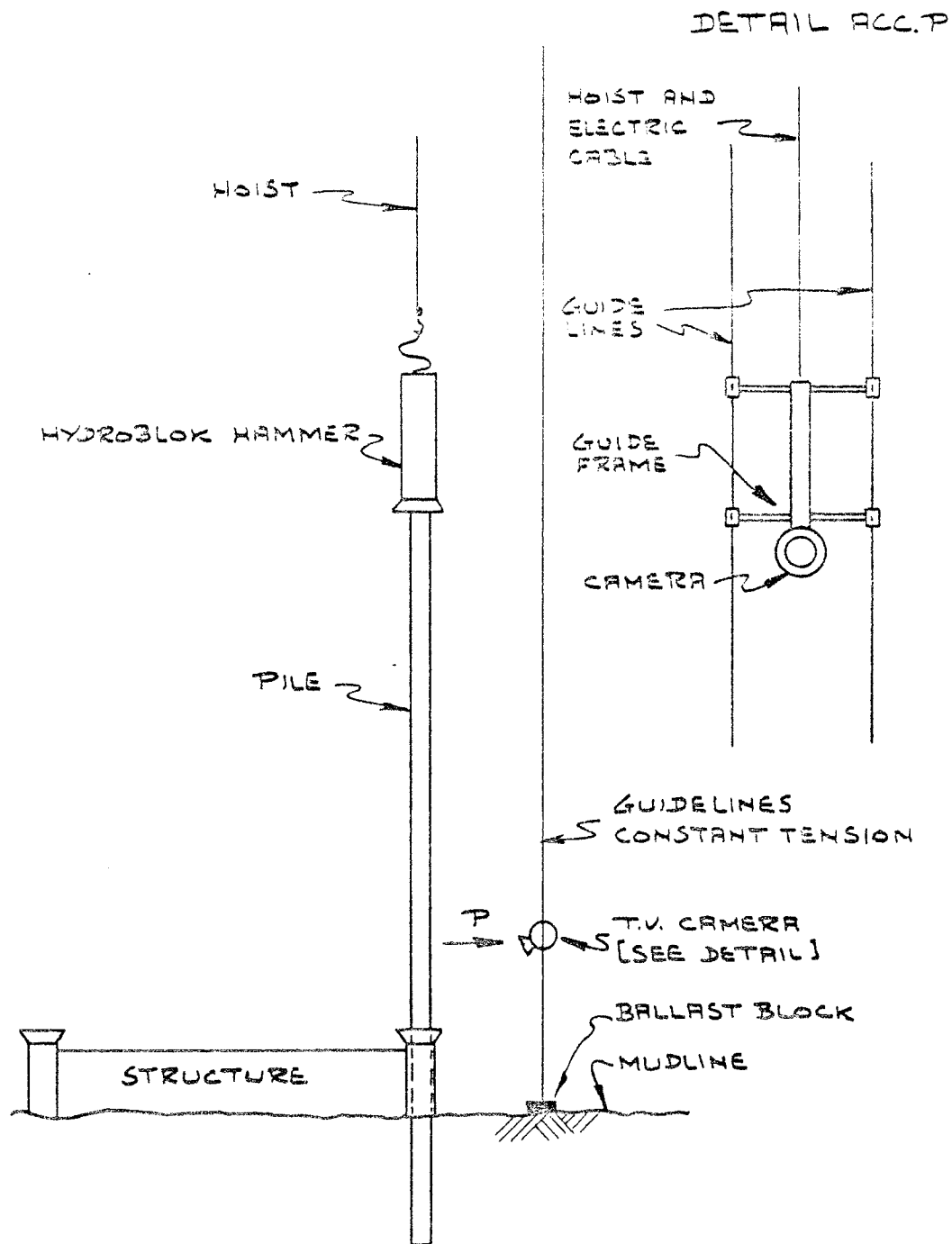
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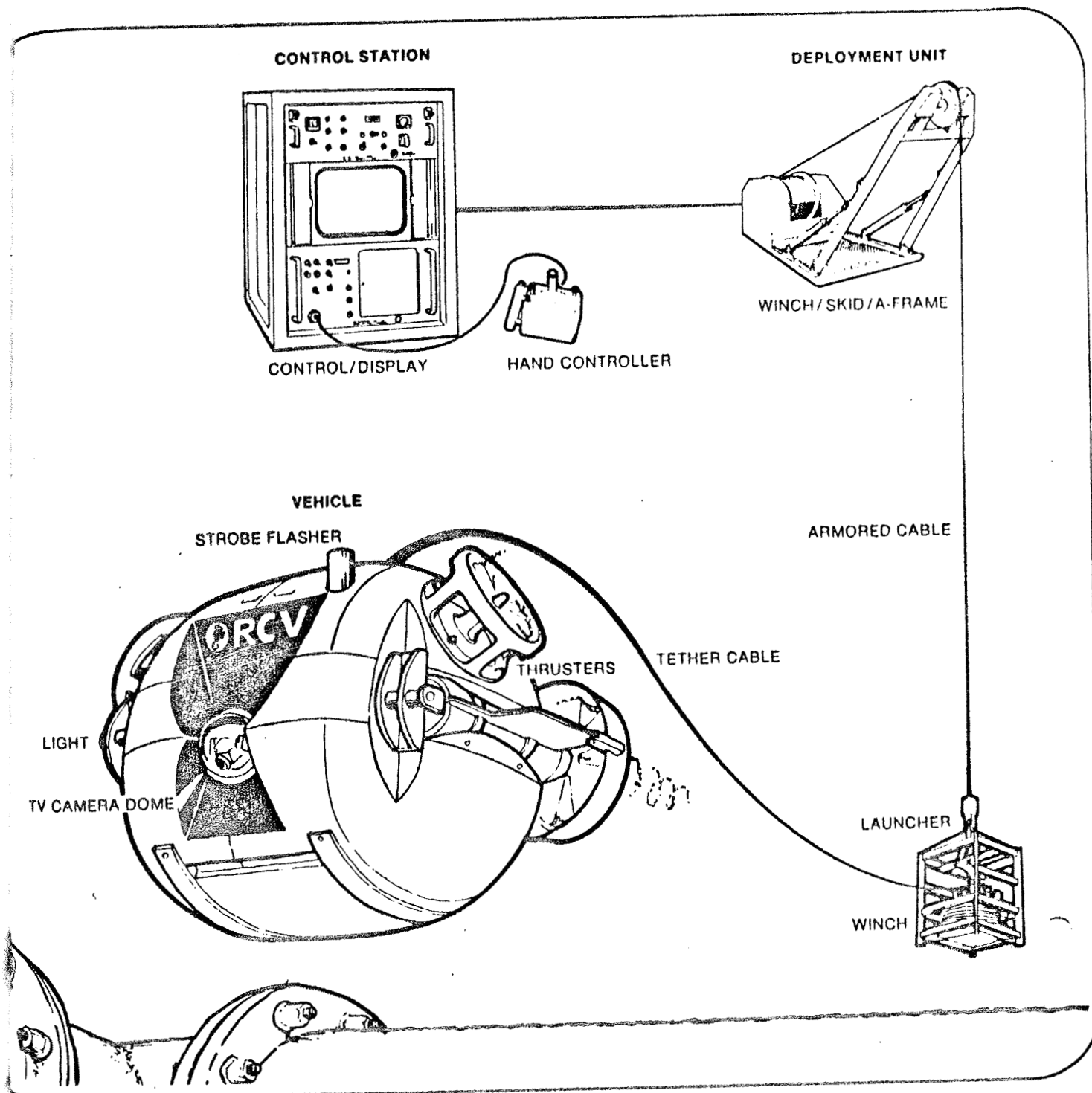


# RELANDING OF HYDROBLOK HAMMER



# T.V. CAMERA SYSTEM RUNNING ALONG GUIDELINES



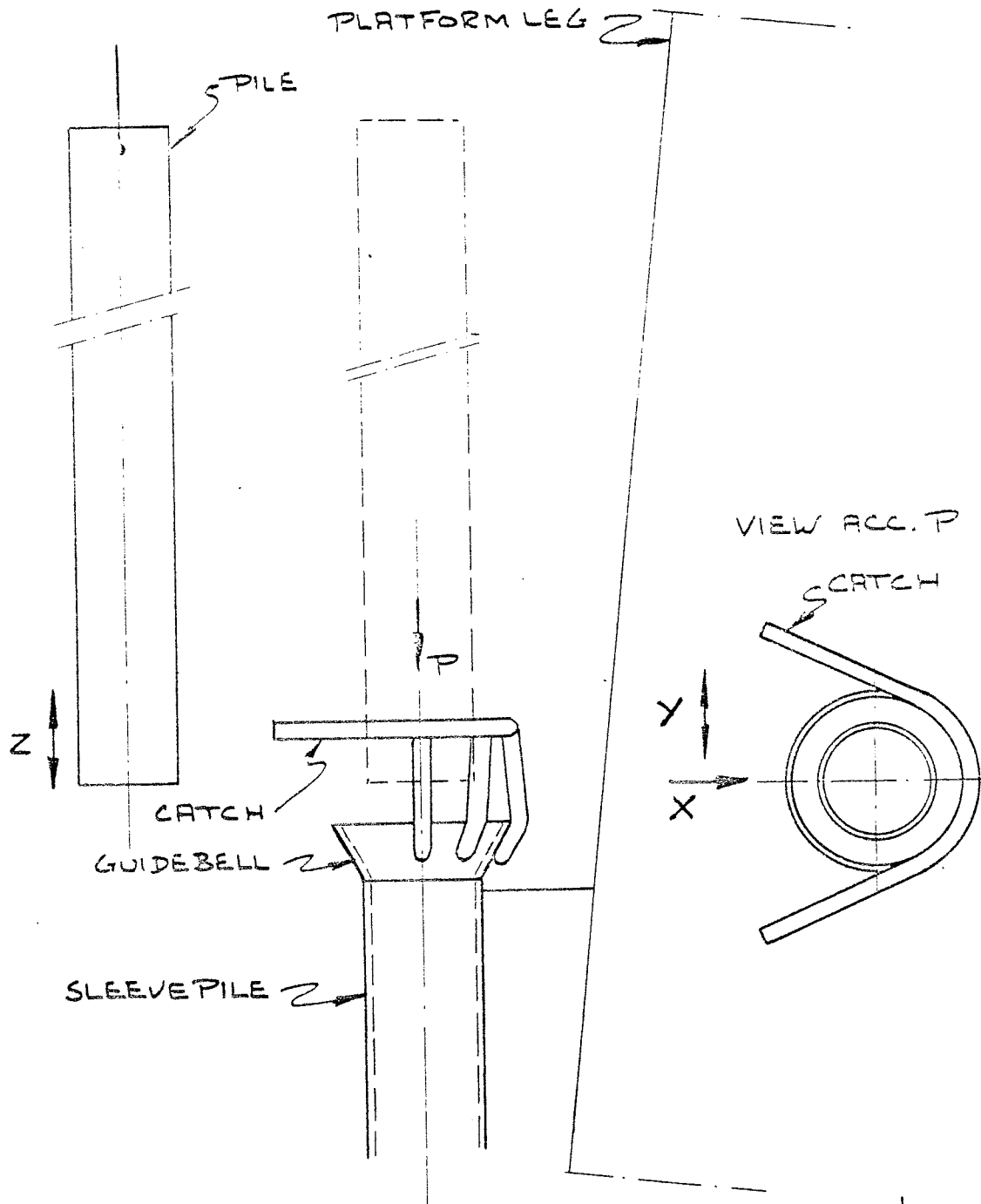


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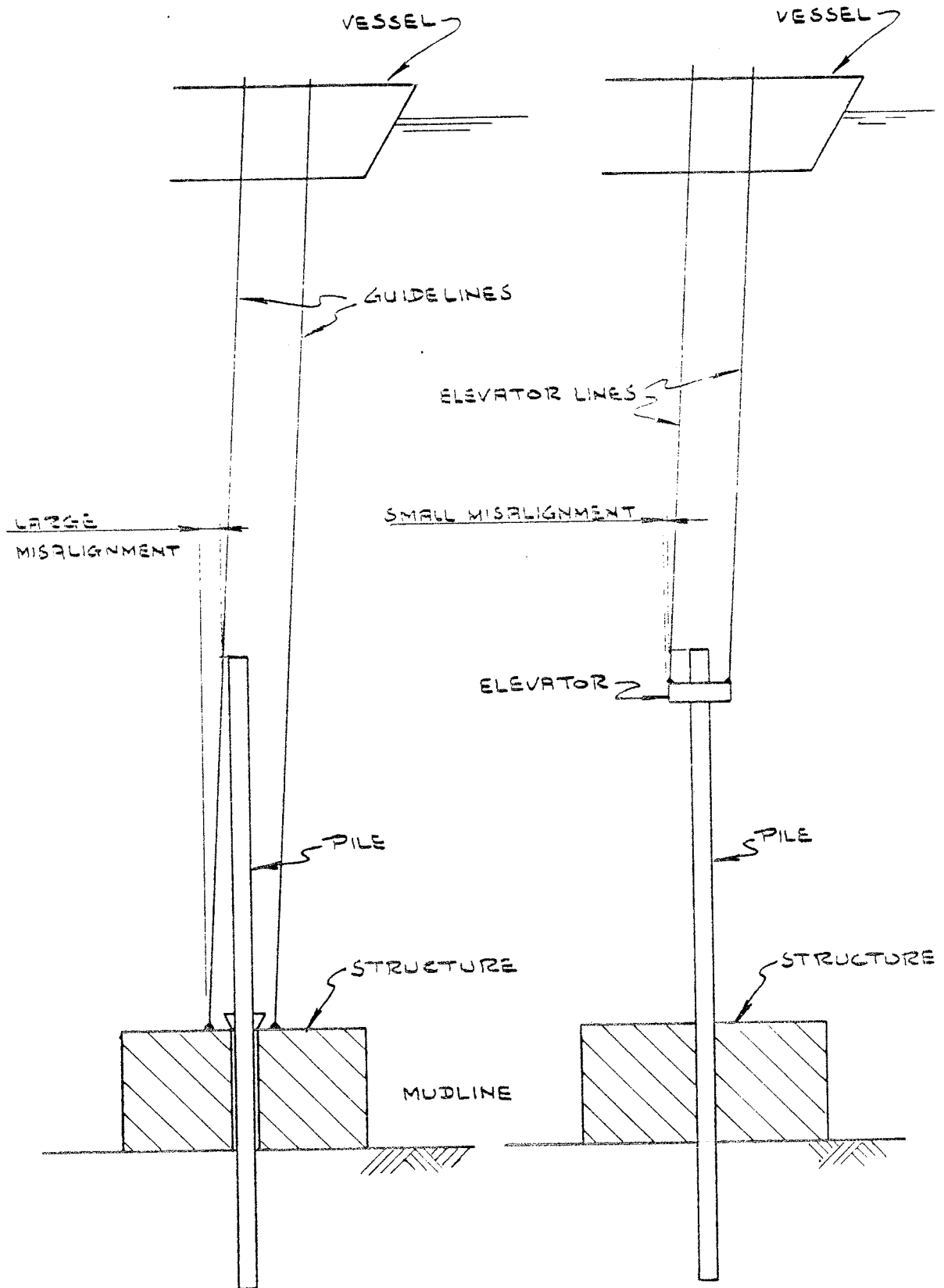
- Low light level, long distance, TV viewing
- Precise RCV control for close up inspection
- Fast, safe, system set-up and deployment

OPEN CATCH TO AVOID DAMAGE TO A  
STRUCTURE WHEN STABBING WITHOUT  
GUIDELINES



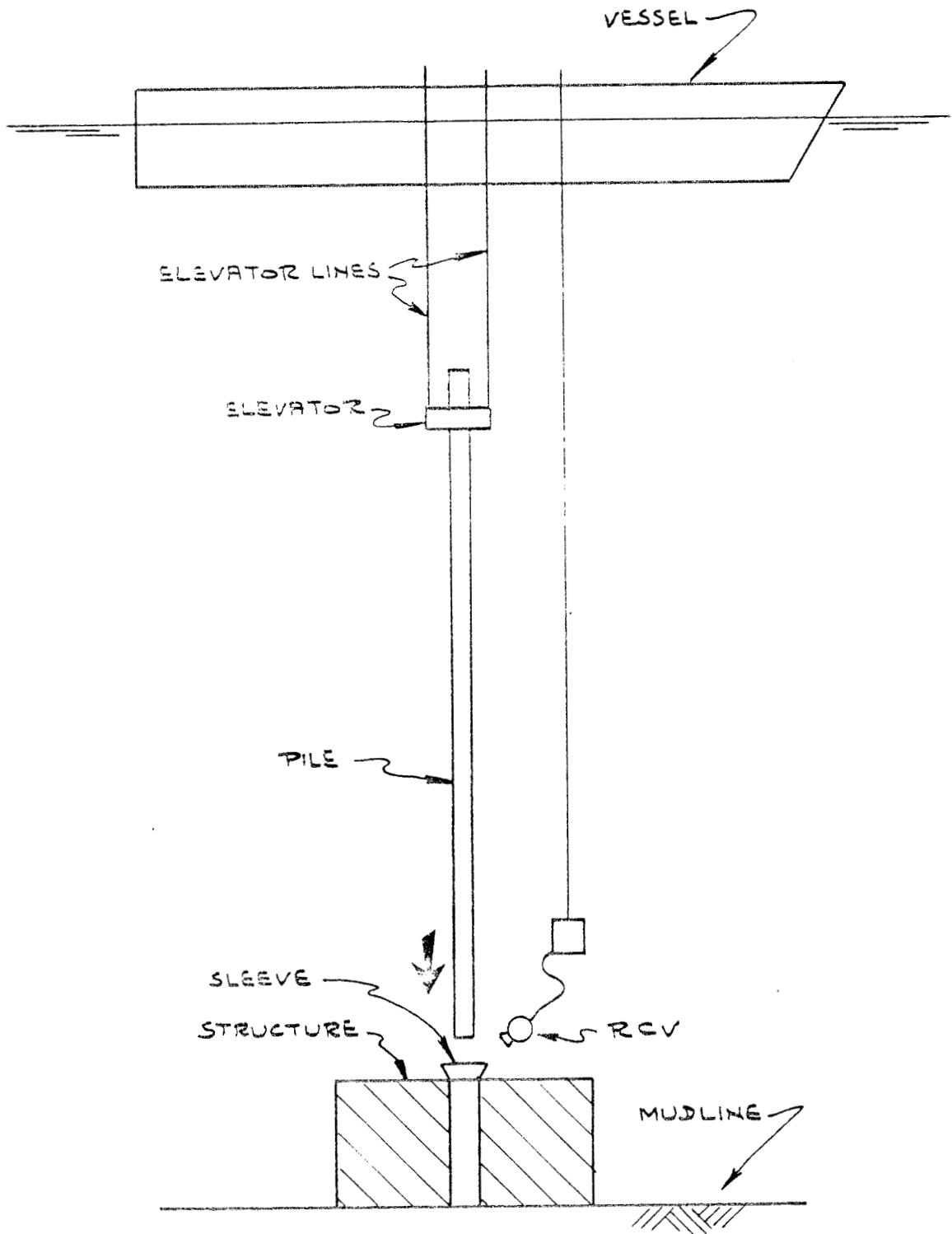
PILE LOWERED EXCENTRICALLY IN RESPECT OF  $\phi$   
SLEEVE PILE. BY MANOEUVRING IN X, Y AND Z DIRECTION  
THE PILE IS STABBED INTO THE GUIDE BELL

# ELEVATOR SYSTEM, DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

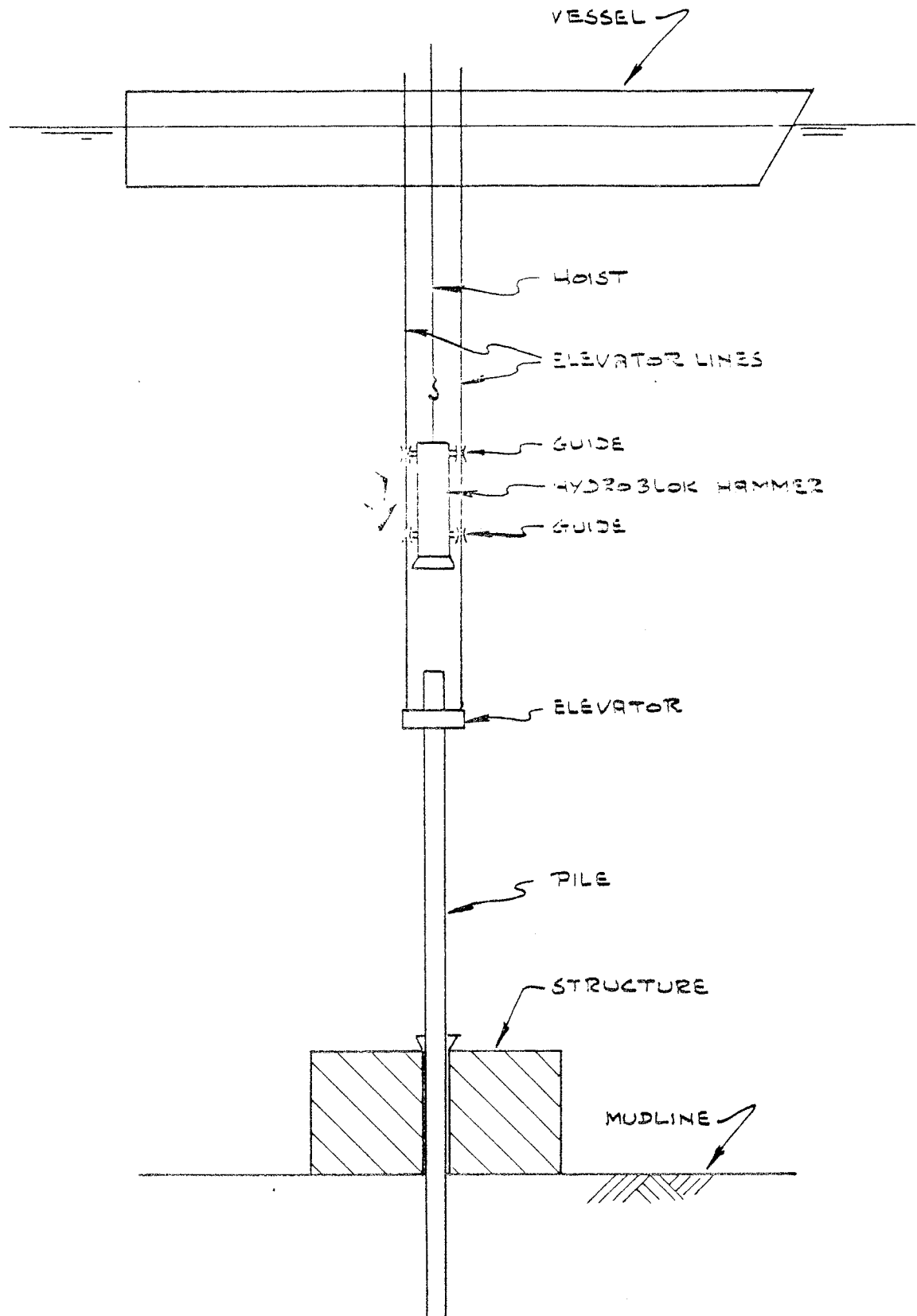




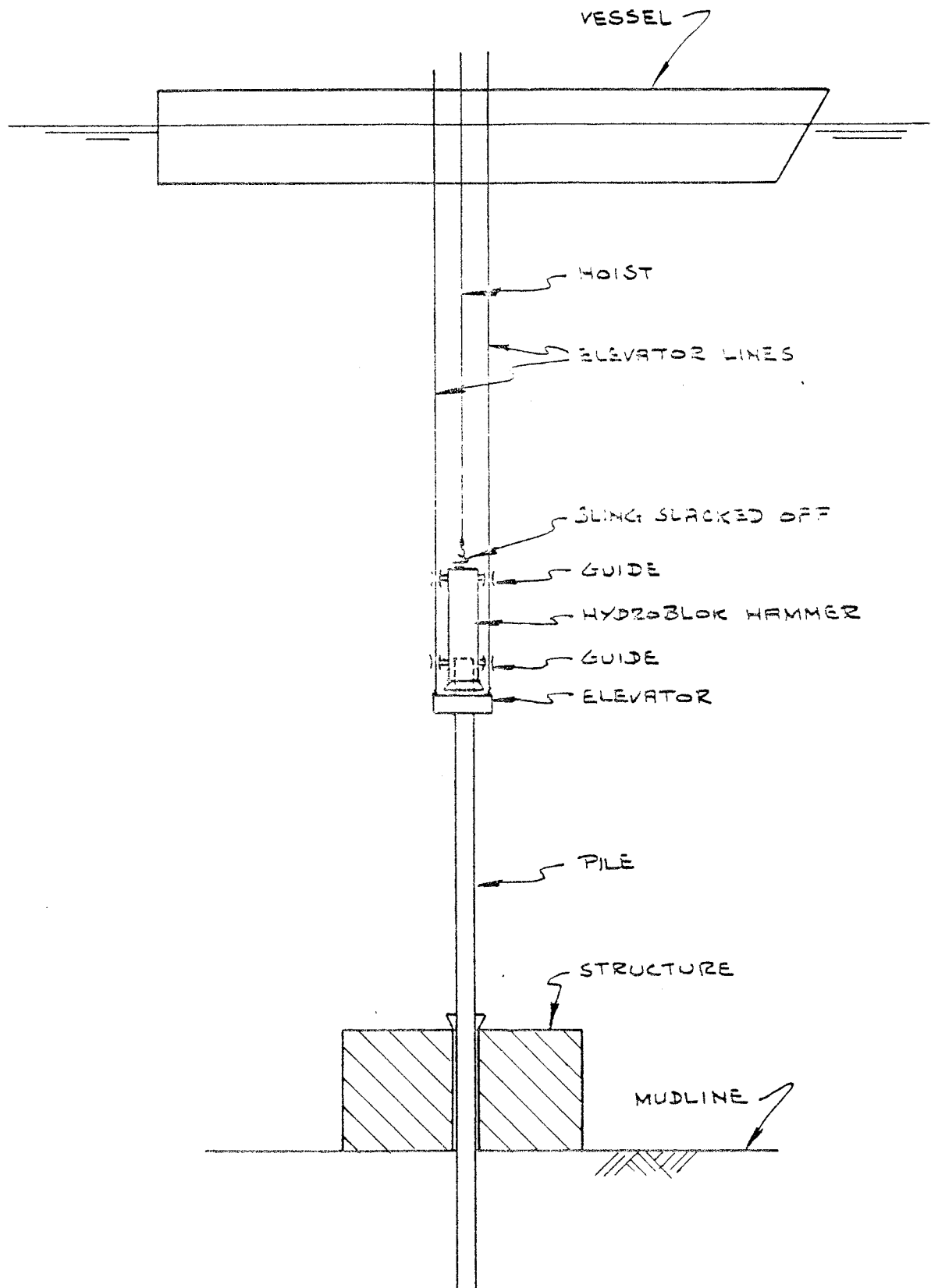
# PILE, HANGING FROM ELEVATOR, STABBED INTO A STRUCTURE



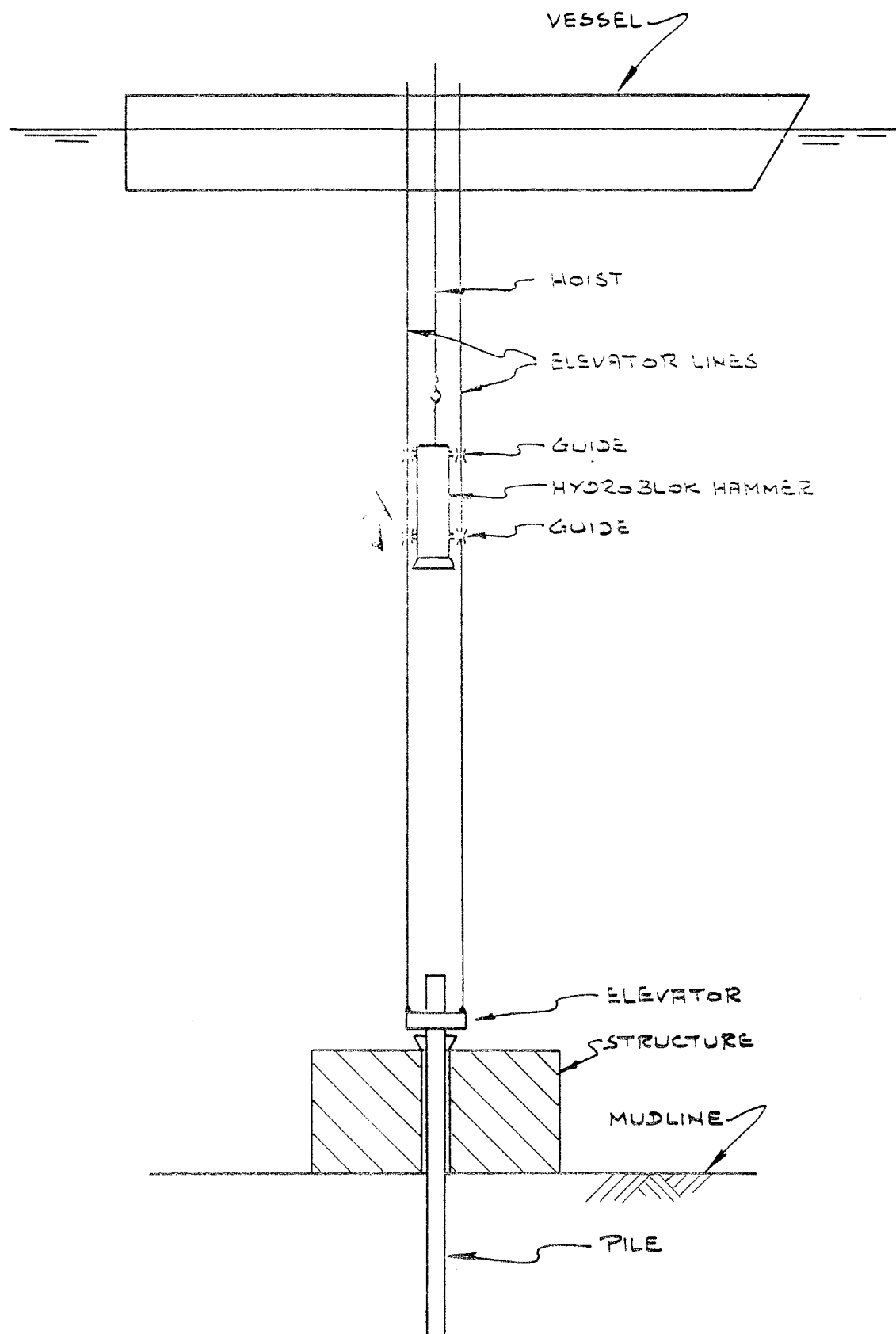
LOWERING HYDROBLOK HAMMER TO PILETOP  
USING THE ELEVATOR LINES AS GUIDELINES



# HAMMER LANDED ON TOP OF PILE SITUATION DURING DRIVING



PILE DRIVEN TO FINAL PENETRATION  
HAMMER RETRIEVED



# ELEVATOR REMOTELY UNLOCKED AND RETRIEVED

