

FEA Analysis of LPG Pressure Vessel with SAS515 Grade 60 Material

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Abstract- architecture of the continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR) based on its mathematical equivalent modeling of the physical system. The plant is formed analytically for the normal operating condition of CSTR. Then the transfer function model is obtained from the process. The analysis is made for the given process for the design of controller with Convectional PID (trial and error method), Ziegler Nichols method, Fuzzy logic method and Model Reference Adaptive method. The simulation is done using MATLAB software and the output of above four different methods was compared so that the Model Reference Adaptive Controller has given better result. This thesis also compares the various time domain specifications of different controllers.

I. INTRODUCTION

A pressure vessel is a closed container designed to hold gases or liquids at a pressure substantially different from the ambient pressure. They are used to store fluids under pressure. The pressure vessels are designed with great care because rupture of pressure vessels means an explosion which may cause loss of life and property. The material of pressure vessels may be brittle such that cast iron or ductile such as mild steel. And pressure vessels are classified mainly into two types, (a) According to Dimensions (b) According to end Construction.

The pressure vessels, according to the dimensions are classified as thin and thick shells. The ratio of internal diameter and wall thickness is the factor which differentiates between thin and thick shells. If the ratio d/t is more than 10, then it is called thin shell and if this ratio is less than 10 it is said to be thick shell. The examples of the thin shells are pipes, boilers and storage tanks while the thick shells are used in pressure cylinders, Gun barrels, etc.

The pressure vessels according to end construction are classified as open end and closed end. A simple cylinder with a piston is an example of closed end vessel. In case of open end vessels the circumferential stress is induced in addition to the circumferential stress.

And according to role of process vessels are mainly classified into four types:

- (a) Reaction pressure vessel
- (b) Heat exchanger pressure vessel
- (c) Separation pressure vessel
- (d) Storage pressure vessel

The objective of this project is to design a Vertical storage pressure vessel which can store LPG (liquid petroleum gases). In general storage pressure vessels are used to hold liquid or gaseous materials, storage media or container to balance the pressure from the buffering effect. In order to achieve better design results, ASME boiler codes were taken into consideration.



Fig: 1.1 Typical Vertical LPG Storage Vessel Assembly.

II. DETAILS AND DESIGN

Types of Loadings:

- Steady Loads: Long term duration, continuous.
- - a) Internal/ external pressure
 - b) Dead weight
 - c) Vessel Contents

- settlement should be monitored at 0,25,75, & 100 % filling and after 48 hrs with the vessel completely fillet. The settlement rate during the testing period must diminish with the time. Otherwise the vessel must be partially emptied and corrective action on the foundation shall be taken.
- o) Radiography shall be carried out before and after post weld heat treatment and wet fluorescent magnetic particle testing of weld shall be carried out after post weld heat treatment.
 - p) All forgings and nozzle flanges shall be MP/DP tested. After machining.
 - q) Nozzle necks fabricated from plate to be fully radiographed
 - r) Hydrotest of vessel shall be carried out only once after stress relieving.
 - s) NDT of weld joint after hydrotest is as follows:
 - a) 100% UT exam of all the T joints from inside of the vessel followed by DP Test.
 - b) MP of 1/3rd length of fillet of inner shell to stiffener web as 0,90,180,270deg
 - c) after final inspection, before gassing up and commissioning of LPG bullet an ultrasonic shell thickness testing shall be carried out on the internal walls of bullet at the points designated for 5 years.
 - t) Gasket seating surface of all flanges shall have smooth finishing to 125 AARH.
 - u) surface preparation & painting:
 - a) all external surfaces steel structure painting council: surface preparation specification SSPC - SP10, painting: polyurethane protective coating as per technical specification.
 - v) Flange dimensions for nozzles shall be as per ANSI B16.5 up to 24 size/ANSI B16.47 series-A above 24 size.
 - w) All nozzles shall be provided with insulating gasket, insulating bolts and insulating washer under backup washers and nuts.
 - x) Bullet is to be stress relieved and hardness controlled at 200 BHN after PWHT.
 - y) bullet is to be designed for the following foundation settlement values
 - a) immediate settlement value 5mm
 - b) long term settlement value 15mm
 - c) maximum settlement value between center and end of the bullet (at empty, operation, test case) 10mm
 - z) RF pads shall be pneumatically tested for tightness to 1.0KG/sq.cm(g) with soap solution on all attachment welds.
 - aa) RF pad is to be welded to shell such that one tell tale hole will be at the bottom of the pad in the erected position of the vessel.
 - bb) Tell tale/Vent holes shall not be plugged and shall be filled with hard grease after PWHT.
 - cc) wherever RF pad crosses the weld seam the weld seam is to be ground flush.
 - dd) calibration: volumetric capacity calibration shall be done for the LPG bullet by statutory authorities
 - ee) Work at site:
 - a) each bullet will be fabricated in 4 sections in vertical position, stiffener rings shall be welded in this position, These modules will be turned Vertical and each module placed on temporary saddles maintaining slope as per drawing assembly and welding of all nozzles, doors and D'ends shall be completed on the individual modules.
 - b) after completion of welding of all attachments, the modules shall be individually stress relieved.
 - c) all external surfaces of modules shall be blast cleaned and painted. the modules will be placed on foundation bed maintaining slope and C-Seams between modules shall be completed. local SR will be carried out for these C-Seams followed by Hydrotest of bullet.
 - d) the PH of fresh water used for hydrotest shall be between 6 & 7. The vessel shall be completely drained, cleaned and dried with hot air after Hydrotest.
 - e) Internal surfaces of bottom 90 section of bullet shall be properly cleaned and painted with amine cured epoxy paint. Frames shall be used for lifting/handling the shell courses over the foundation during different stage of fabrication, inspection and testing.

2.3 Design Data for CAD:

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| a) Process fluid | : | LPG (commercial grade) |
| b) Design pressure - internal | : | 14.5 Kg/cm ² (g) |
| c) Design Pressure – External | : | 1.856 Kg/cm ² (g) |
| d) Design Temperature | : | -27 to +55 C |
| e) Hydro Test Pressure | : | 19.75 Kg/cm ² (g) |
| f) Operating temperature | : | Amb C |
| g) Water Capacity | : | 2165 Cu.m |
| h) Storage Capacity of LPG (working) | : | 1000 MT |
| i) Position | : | Vertical |
| j) Dished Ends | : | Hemispherical |
| k) Class of Hazard | : | Flammable |
| l) No. of bullets | : | 3 |

- m) Liquid flow rate (feed) : 330 Cu.m/hr
- n) Liquid flow rate (loading) : 200 Cu.m/hr
- o) Boing Point : Range >-40 C
- p) Density of liquid water : 1000 Kg/m3
- q) Desnity of LPG : 550 Kg/m3
- r) Physical Condition : liquid, Vapour
- s) Vapour pressure : 8.5 Bar @ 20C
- t) Flash Point : -104 C
- u) COmposition : propane -60%, Butene-40%
- v) Physical state : Gas at 15C at one ATM
- w) Design Code : PD 5500
- x) Radiography : 100 % Before and after PWHT
- y) Weld joint efficiency : 1.0
- z) Vapour Density : 1.5
- aa) Corrosion allowance : 1.5mm
- bb) Length of Vessel : 44000mm
- cc) Diameter of vessel : 7500mm
- dd) Empty Weight : 319Tonnes
- ee) Hydro Test Weight : 2505 Tonnes
- ff) Operating Weight : 1379 Tonnes
- gg) Painting -External : Polyurethane Coating
- hh) Painting –Internal : Surface preparation specification SSPC SP10

Length: 3000mm to 15000mm

Gangsteel is specialized in supplying ASME SA515 steel plate in SA515 grade 60. For more information of SA515 grade 60 steel plates, please check them in following:

SA515 grade 60 Chemical Composition					
Grade	The Element Max (%)				
	C	Mn	P	S	Si
SA515 grade 60	0.24-0.31	0.98	0.035	0.035	0.13-0.45

Carbon Equivalent: $C_{eq} = \frac{C + Mn}{6} + \frac{(Cr + Mo + V)}{5} + \frac{(Ni + Cu)}{15}$ %

SA515 grade 60 Mechanical Property				
Grade	Thicknes	Yield	Tensile	Elongatio
	s			n
SA515 grade 60	mm	Min Mpa	Mpa	Min %
	200	220	415-550	21
	50			25

Inorder to meet the requirements of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Codes, SA 537 CL- 1 is a grade of “Carbon Manganeses-Silicon Steel” is used in this design. Here are the compositions used in this material:

- Pmax = 0.035
- Smax = 0.040
- Cu max = 0.035
- Ni max = 0.25
- Cr max = 0.25
- Mo max = 0.08

Heat Treatment = normalized, ultrasonically tested, impact tested

Tensile Strength = 70 – 90 Ksi / 485 – 620 MPa
Yield Strength = 50 Ksi / 345 Mpa

Other Characteristics of this material:

- The plates shall be free of scales and rolled in the direction of length specification and shall be supplied in the normalized condition. Accelerated cooling by liquid quenching or other means is not permitted.

$$C_{eq} = C + \frac{Mn}{6} = 0.42$$

2.4 Materials Used in Design:

ASME SA515 Steel Plate

SA515Gr60|SA515 Grade 60|SA515 Gr.60,SA515GR.60 PLATE

ASME SA515 standard specification for pressure vessel plates, carbon steel, for intermediate-and higher-temperature service

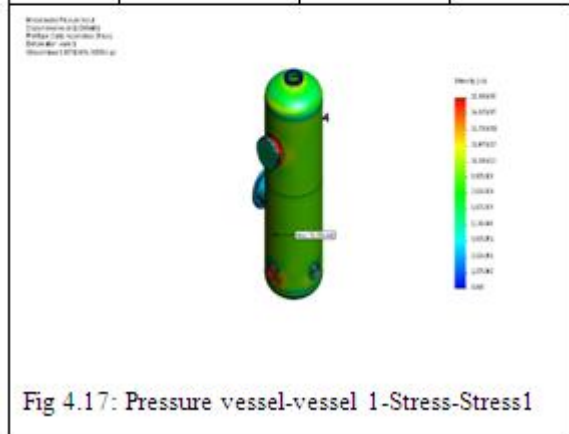
ASME SA515 grade 60 plates shall be normalized.
Supplementary Technology: HIC Test | NACE MR0175 | Z15 | Z25 | Z35 | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4.1 S5 | S6 | S7 | S8 | S9| S11 | S12 | S17
Thickness: 6MM to 300MM,
Width: 1500mm to 4050mm,

- The plates shall be supplied with gas/sheared edges with tolerances as per SA 20 latest. Manual gas cutting is not acceptable. Tolerance on thickness shall be positive only.
- All the plates shall be supplied in normalized condition.
- The plates shall be free from injurious defects and shall have work-man like finish. Reconditioning/repair of plates by welding is not permitted.
- The carbon content for plates shall not exceed 0.23%.
 - o Additionally, one of the following requirements for carbon equivalent based on heat analysis, shall be also satisfied:

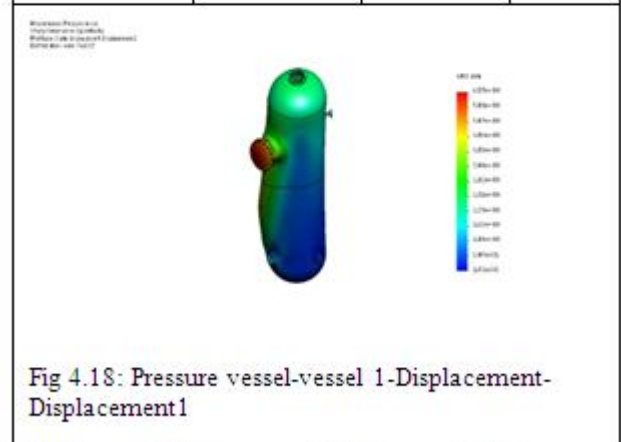
III. RESULTS

Pressure vessel Analysis Study Results

Name	Type	Min	Max
Stress1	INT: Stress Intensity(P1-P3)	0.0679248 psi Node: 35293	39350.4 psi Node: 50780

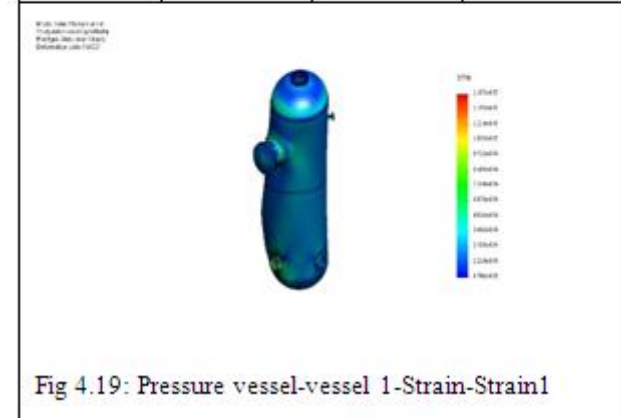


Name	Type	Min	Max
Displacement 1	URES: Resultant Displacement	0.0010721 7 mm Node: 50678	6.5245 5 mm Node: 16179

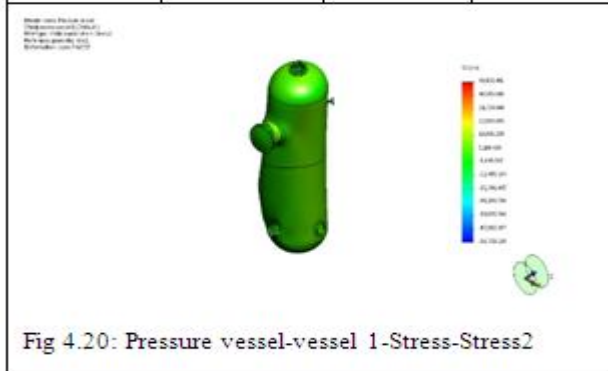


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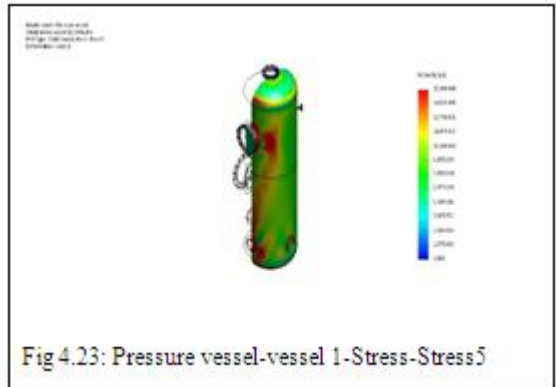
Strain1	ESTRN: Equivalent Strain	6.74624e-009 Element: 153985	0.00145684 Element: 225774
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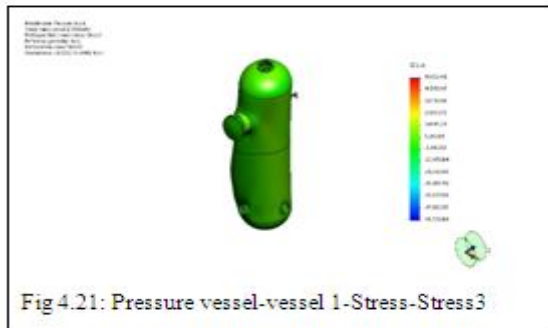
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Stress2	SZ: Z Normal Stress	-56729.2 psi	49432.4 psi
		Node: 51001	Node: 50843



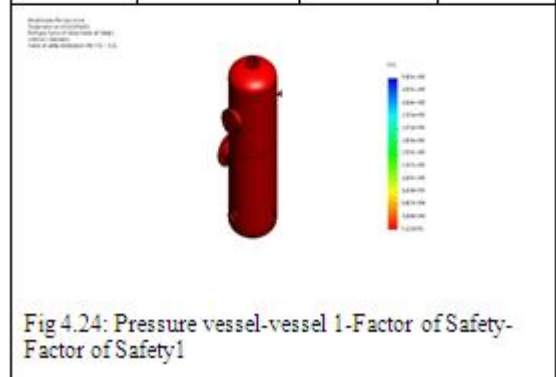
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Stress5	INT: Stress Intensity(P1- P3)	0.0679248 psi	68389.4 psi
		Node: 35293	Node: 50811



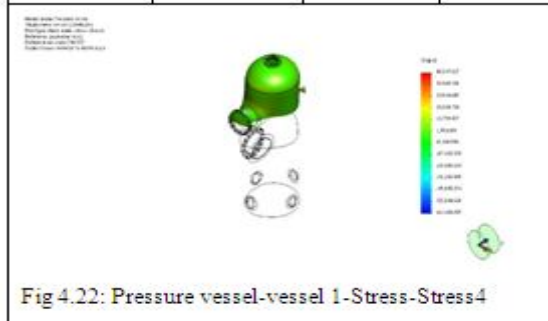
Name	Type	Min	Max
Stress3	SZ: Z Normal Stress	-56729.2 psi	49432.4 psi
		Node: 51001	Node: 50843



Name	Type	Min	Max
Factor of Safety1	Automatic	0.936617	505633
		Node: 50780	Node: 35293



Name	Type	Min	Max
Stress4	SX: X Normal Stress	-65688.9 psi	49493 psi
		Node: 50811	Node: 50802



IV. CONCLUSION

Throughout the analysis the loading conditions of different loads such as static loads , thermal loads Nozzle loads and the self load of the pressure vessel is taken at the maximum value though the performance of the pressure vessel is calculated using pressure vessel as a single event for all these conditions the design comes to have least effect of that therefore. The design of the Pressure vessels is safe. The Factor of safety that we consider is permissible and by which the design are considered safe. The bursting pressure is under the allowable stress so that the design does not fail. And the analysis are so close to the Analytical design hence the both data are validate and the design is considered as safe And there are no failure occurs in the pressure vessel.

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