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P-T Limit Curve Construction for the Reactor Pressure Vessel : Heatup Curve



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ABSTRACT

During the startup and shutdown processes of the nuclear power plants, pressure and temeperature are to be maintained below the P-T Limit Curve to prevent the non-ductile failure of the reactor pressure vessel. The ASME Sec. XI App. G describes the detailed procedure for constructing the P-T Limit Curve. Recently, several Code Cases as well as more accurate alternative methods were introduced to reduce the excess conservatism in App. G procedure. In this paper, for the startup, or heatup condition, the App. G procedure are reviewed. Then, the effects of the Code Cases on the P-T Limit Curves of the highly embrittled reactor pressure vessel are assessed. The results show that the current App. G procedure should be modified to consider the inner surface flaw under constant heatup rate when constructing the P-T Limit Curve for heatup condition. Also, when the Code Case N-588 is applied, the axial flaw in the less embrittled base metal has significant effect on the P-T Limit Curve in lower temperature range. Overall, the incorporation of the Code Cases greatly widens the allowable operating region during the heatup process.



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| 가 | | | , ASME Co | de Sec. XI, A _I EPRI | pp. G[2] P-T calculator | [3] |
| Wes VINTIN [: 71 | stinghouse 5] | RVIES | [4]가 | | [6] | Code Case |
| App | p. G | | | 가 | 가 ASME | 가 |
| Code Case | e | 가 | 1 | | | USNRC |
| Coc | le Case | | 1 | | App. | G Code Case |
| 2. ASME S | ec. XI App. G | cod | le Cases | | | |
| 2.1 ASME Se | ec. XI App. G[2] | | | | | |

| ASME Code Sec. XI, App. G | 가 | | 가 |
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| | | | , K_{Ia} |
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| $2K_{Im} + K_{It} < K_{IR} (\text{unit:} ksi\sqrt{\text{in}})$ | | (| (1) |
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| $egin{array}{cccc} K_{Im} & K_{It} \ K_{Ia} & . & K_{Im} & 2 \end{array}$ | | K _{IR} | |
| (unit : F) | (Reference Temperature-Nil-Ductility Transi | tion : RT_{NDT}) | |
| $K_{Ia} = 26.78 + 1.223 \exp[0.0145 (T - RT_{NDT} +$ | 160)] | (| (2) |
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| 2.1.1 | | (SS for inner flaw) | | | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|--------|---------|
| | $(HR = 0, \text{ or } K_{It} = 0)$ | | 가 | (| = 1/6, | = 1/4T) |
| | (1) | | • | | | |
| $2K_I$ | $_m < K_{IR}$ | | | | | (3) |

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$$K_{\rm Im} = M_m \cdot (p \cdot R_i / t)$$
where $M_m = 1.85$ for $\sqrt{t} < 2$

$$M_m = 0.926\sqrt{t}$$
 for $2 \le \sqrt{t} \le 3.464$

$$M_m = 3.21$$
 for $3.464 < \sqrt{t}$

$$p = \text{internal pressure (ksi)}$$

$$R_i = \text{vessel inner radius (in)}$$

$$t = \text{vessel thickness (in)}$$

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2.1.2 (SS for outer flaw) (HR = 0, or $K_{It} = 0$) 7 (= 1/6, = 1/4T) (1) . $2K_{Im} < K_{IR}$ (5)

$$K_{\rm Im} = M_m \cdot (p \cdot R_i / t)$$
where $M_m = 1.77$ for $\sqrt{t} < 2$

$$M_m = 0.893\sqrt{t}$$
 for $2 \le \sqrt{t} \le 3.464$

$$M_m = 3.09$$
 for $3.464 < \sqrt{t}$
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가 2.1.3 (HR for outer flaw) 가 가 = 1/6, (= 1/4T) K_{lt} $K_{lt} = 0.753 \times 10^{-3} \cdot HU \cdot t^{2.5}$ (7) where HU = heatup rate (F/hr) App. G G-2214-1 G-2214-2 K_{Im} (1) (7) . Р 가 가 (6) 가 App. G _ 가 / K_{Ia} K_{IC} . - 가 가 Limiting Material - T- RT_{NDT} K_{Ia} K_{IC} 1970 가 master 3

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Code Case

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2.2 Code Case N-588 [8]

ASME Sec. XI, Code Case N-588 App. G paragraph G-2120, 'the postulated defect should be sharp, surface defects oriented normal to the direction of maximum stress' 7

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2.3 Code Case N-640 [9]

| ASME Sec. XI, Code Case N-640 App. G | | Fig. G- | 2210-1 | K_{Ia} | Sec. |
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| XI App. A K_{IC} | (| (8) |). | LTOP | |
| 100% | | | | | |
| $K_{IC} = 33.2 + 2.806 \cdot \exp(0.02(T - RT_{NDT} + 100))$ | | | | | (8) |
| $K_{IA} = 26.7 + 1.223 \cdot \exp(0.0145(T - RT_{NDT} + 160))$ | | | | | (-) |

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| | | | | 132 inch, | | 가 6.5 | 5 inch, | | 가 |
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| 0.125 inch フト | Westing | ghouse 2-loop | | SA508 | Class 2 | | | | , |
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| | | | | Table 1 | [10]. | | | | |
| | 가 | | | | | | | | |
| | [11]. | | | 가 | | | | | |
| 가 | 가 | | | 40 | | | 32EF | PY | |
| 1/4T | | | | | | 28 | 38.21°F | 138.80°F | |
| 1/4T | | 248.20°F | 126.44°F | [12]. | | | | | |
| | | 가 | | | フ | ' ŀ | 70°I | 7 | 550°F |
| 60°F/hr | | , | | | | | | 가 | |
| | フ | ŀ. | | | | | | | |

| Table 1. | Material pro | operties of | base metal | and weld metal | (3/4Ni-1/2Mo-1/3Cr-V) |) |
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| Parameters | (70-550) |
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| Modulus of elasticity, $\times 10^6$ (psi) | 26.52 |
| Poisson' s ratio | 0.3 |
| Thermal conductivity, (Btu/hr-ft-) | 23.63 |
| Specific heat (Btu/lb-) | 0.1216 |
| Mean thermal expansion, coefficient×10 ⁻⁶ (in/in/) | 7.38 |
| Density (lb/ft ³) | 487.53 |

$$K = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{3} G_n C_n a^n}{\sqrt{Q}} \sqrt{\mathbf{p}} a W$$
(14)

$$G_n$$
 (influence coefficient), C_n (11) - (13) 3 , Q

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$$Q = \text{shape factor, } 1 + 1.464 \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^{1.65}$$
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4.2.2 Current Method

Fig. 6







| flaw) , | 가 | 1/4T | | (HR for inner |
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| flaw) | | 1/4T | | (SS for |
| inner flaw) | | | | |
| SS for inner flaw | HR for inner flaw | 가 | 가 | . HR for inner |
| flaw | | 가 SS for inner flaw | | 가 |
| | | 가. | | |
| $K_{IR} - K_{IT}$ | 가 | . Fig. 6 | | |
| | | | Fig. 6 | |
| SS for inner flaw | | HR for in | nner flaw | |
| Ann G | | SS for outer t | flaw | |
| App. G | | App. G | 114 ** | HR for inner flaw |

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4.3 Code Case

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| | The P-T Curves during heatup when Code Case N-640 was applied |
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| Fig. 7 Code Case N-640 | 2.25 Case 2 : CC N-640 |
| . Case 1 7 1/4T (HR for outer flaw) , 7 1/4T (HR for inner flaw) 1/4T (SS for inner flaw) Case 1 | 1 2.00 Ref flaw = 1/4T axial flaw on the inner and outer surface RINDT = 282.1F or inner 248.20F for outer flaw Ref curve = Kic curve flaw 1.25 0.75 0.50 0.25 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 Coolant Temperature, F |
| 130 psi 가 | Fig. 7 Code Case N-640 |
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3 가 (HR for outer flaw, HR for inner flaw, SS for inner flaw) Fig. 8



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Fig. 8 Code Case N-588

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Fig. 10 Comprehensive Procedure of the P-T Limit Curve Construction for heatup process

5. 가 App. G 가 가 Code Case 가 1/4T 1/4T 1. 1/4T 가 1/4T 4 가 가 가 가 2. 가 1/4T 가 App. G 1/4T 가 1/4T 3. App. G, P-T Calculator, Westinghouse Westinghouse P-T Calculator 30 psi 4. Limiting Material Code Case N-588 가

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