Fracture Behavior Analysis of a Crack in Nuclear Piping



Considering Constraint Effects

Abstract

Currently, the integrity of nuclear piping with an embedded crack is evaluated based on elastic-plastic fracture mechanics which uses *J*-integral. This method assumes that the *J*-integral uniquely characterizes the crack-tip stress-strain field of a structure. However, it has been revealed that the *J*-integral is not sufficient to characterize the crack-tip field under low levels of constraint for an accurate integrity evaluation. Therefore, the quantitative evaluation of crack-tip constraint on a full-scale pipe should be performed. The objective of this paper is to refine the piping integrity evaluation by quantifying the level of crack tip constraint. For this purpose, finite element analyses were performed to quantify the level of constraint for standard fracture toughness specimens and a wide-plate. Wide-plate tests and J_{IC} tests using 1T-CT specimen were also performed to investigate the effect of different constraint between a wide-plate and standard specimens. In conclusion, it was proven that the integrity evaluation based on standard specimens and a wide-plate which measured at the crack initiation.



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2.1 (Constraint Effects)

(level of constraint)J-(J-dominance).,7(high constraint)J-,7(low constraint)J-.(out-of-plane constraint)(in-plane



(a) A full-scale pipe under remote bending moment



(b) A wide-plate specimen under axial tension





2.2 *J*-*Q*

Hutchinson[10], Rice Rosengren[11] J-, Ramberg-Osgood - 7¹.

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}}{\mathbf{e}_0} = \frac{\mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{s}_0} + \mathbf{a} \left(\frac{\mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{s}_0} \right)^n \tag{1}$$

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, s_o (reference stress), e_o (reference strain) s_o E.a, n?

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J-

$$\boldsymbol{s}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{s}_0 \left[\frac{J}{\boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{e}_0 \boldsymbol{s}_0 \boldsymbol{I}_n \boldsymbol{r}} \right]^{1/n+1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{s}}_{ij} (\boldsymbol{q}, n)$$
(2)

$$\boldsymbol{e}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{e}_0 \boldsymbol{a} \left[\frac{J}{\boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{e}_0 \boldsymbol{s}_0 \boldsymbol{I}_n \boldsymbol{r}} \right]^{n/n+1} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{e}}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{q}, n)$$
(3)

$$u_{i} = \boldsymbol{e}_{0} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{r} \left[\frac{J}{\boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{e}_{0} \boldsymbol{s}_{0} \boldsymbol{I}_{n} \boldsymbol{r}} \right]^{n/n+1} \widetilde{u}_{i} (\boldsymbol{q}, n)$$
(4)

$$I_n \quad 7$$
, $\tilde{\boldsymbol{s}}_{ij}$, $\tilde{\boldsymbol{e}}_{ij}$, $\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}_i \quad n \quad \boldsymbol{q}$,

(2) (3) J-.

(strain singularity) (stress singularity) Hutchinson, Rice Rosengren HRR (HRR singularity) • ,

O' Dowd Shih[2,3] 가 (correction factor) Q-. Q-(Q-stress) J-Q 3 (triaxial (2) stress)

$$\boldsymbol{s}_{ij} \approx \boldsymbol{s}_{ij,HRR} + Q\boldsymbol{s}_o \boldsymbol{d}_{ij} \quad \left(|\boldsymbol{q}| < \frac{\boldsymbol{p}}{2} \right)$$
(5)

Kronecker delta Q-, **d**_{ii} (5) ,

$$Q \equiv \frac{\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{q}\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{q}\boldsymbol{q},HRR}}{\boldsymbol{S}_o} \quad at \, \boldsymbol{q} = 0, \, r = 2\frac{J}{\boldsymbol{S}_o} \tag{6}$$

HRR , S_{qq} , $\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{q}\boldsymbol{q},HRR}$ (finite strain region) . Q $r/(J/s_o)=2$. Fig. 2 Q-



Fig. 2 A schematic illustration of the Q-stress

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plate) .	SENB SM45C	
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Fig. 3 Two-dimensional mesh and boundary conditions for an SENB specimen



Fig. 4 Two-dimensional mesh and boundary conditions for a CT specimen





Fig. 5 Two-dimensional mesh and boundary conditions for a wide-plate specimen



Fig. 6 True stress-strain curves for SM45C







Fig. 7 J-Q stress field for an SENB specimen



Fig. 8 Q values for an SENB specimen





Fig. 9 J-Q stress field for a CT specimen



Fig. 10 Q values for a CT specimen



Fig. 11 J-Q stress field for a wide-plate specimen



Fig. 12 Q values for a wide-plate specimen

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Fig. 13 The configuration of a wide-plate specimen



(1) SENB CT J-Q 7





Fig. 14 Comparison of strain values between loading schedule and experimental result

Fig. 15 Variation of crack length and *J*-integral measured at each loading step during the simulation



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