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Design and Analysis of a Process Plant Piping System

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Abstract

Piping systems are designed to perform a definite function. Piping system designing and construction of any plant or services are time consuming, complex, and expensive effort. Designing of piping systems are governed by Industrial/International Codes and Standards. Piping codes defines the requirements of design, fabrication, use of materials, tests and inspection of piping systems and the standards are more on defining application design and construction rules and requirements for piping components. The basic design code used in this paper is ASME B31.3 Process Piping code which includes petroleum refineries, chemical plants, textile plants, paper plants and semiconductor plant. The objective of this paper is to explain the basic concept of flexibility such as flexibility characteristics and flexibility factor, and also stress intensification factor (SIF) referring to this code. CAD Packages like CAEPIPE has been developed for the comprehensive analysis of complex systems. This software make use of Finite Element Methods to carry out stress analysis. However this require the pipe system to be modelled before carrying out stress analysis. Static analysis is carried out in order to find the sorted code stresses, code compliance stresses, element forces and moments in coordinates and displacement at all nodes in the piping layout. Compare the SIF results against the results obtained with CAEPIPE by using some observations on SIF equations. In CAEPIPE, if the ratio of Maximum Stress Induced to Maximum Allowable Stress is below 1 then the pipe system is safe else redesigning is required.

Keywords: ASME B31.3, CAEPIPE, Flexibility characteristics, Flexibility factor, Stress intensification factor

1. Introduction

Piping System is a network of Pipes by using Pipe Fittings and other special components to perform the required mode of transferring fluids (Liquids/ Gas/ Slurry) from one location to another location. It is the effective method for transferring fluids without considerable or about zero losses in properties and quality of fluid. Industrially, all piping activities are performed with the compliance and guidelines of International and Industrial Codes & Standards as well as the laws and regulations of respective local authority. Generally, Piping Engineering is applied among the following Industrial systems;

- 1) Building Services Piping System
- 2) Refrigeration and Heat Transfer Piping System
- 3) Liquid transportation and distribution piping (Pipelines) System
- 4) Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping System
- 5) Power Piping System
- 6) Process Piping System
- 7) Slurry Transportation Piping Systems

In this paper we discussed about the Process Piping system is a form of pipework used to transport materials used in industrial processes and manufacturing. It is specially

designed for particular applications to ensure that it will meet health and safety standards, in addition to suiting the needs of a given manufacturing process. Process piping can be installed by plumbers, as well as contractors who specialize in installing factory components, and like other fixed elements of a manufacturing facility, it is subject to inspection and approval by government regulators. This type of piping can be used in a wide variety of ways. In food manufacturing, for example, process piping can be used to transport food ingredients to various points on the assembly line. Chemical manufacturing facilities use process piping to transport components of their products along with materials like natural gas used in manufacturing. Refineries and similar facilities also utilize process piping to move chemical compounds.

This paper mainly discusses about the SIF calculations followed in Process Piping Plants referring to code ASME B31.3. And also explain the basic concept of flexibility such as flexibility characteristics and flexibility factor. CAD Packages like CAEPIPE has been developed for the static analysis in order to find the sorted code stresses, code compliance stresses, pipe support load, element forces and moments (in local and global coordinates) and displacement at all nodes and hangers in the piping layout. Compare the SIF results against the results obtained

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with CAEPIPE by using some observations on SIF equations. If the value of SIF which is obtained by the ordinary formula is same as that obtained by the CAEPIPE software then we can say that the geometry characteristics and the installation of pipe layout is safe and we can calculate all the forces, moments, stresses and the displacements at all the nodes of the piping system. This research paper mainly focused on analysis of process plant piping system by using CAEPIPE software. The layout of process plant and its observations are to be taken from the “Mathura Refinery”, Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), India.

2. Methodology

2.1. Stress categories

There are various failure modes which could affect a piping system. The piping engineer can provide protection against some of these failure modes by performing stress analysis according to the piping codes. Protection against other failure modes is provided by some methods other than stress analysis. For example, protection against brittle fracture is provided by material selection. The piping codes address the following failure modes: excessive plastic deformation, plastic instability or incremental collapse, and high strain–low-cycle fatigue. Each of these modes of failure is caused by a different kind of stress and loading. It is necessary to place these stresses into different categories and set limits to them. (C. Basavaraju et al, 1996)

The major stress categories are primary, secondary, and peak. The limits of these stresses are related to the various failure modes as follows:

- The primary stress limits are intended to prevent plastic deformation and bursting.
- The primary plus secondary stress limits are intended to prevent excessive plastic deformation leading to incremental collapse.
- The peak stress limit is intended to prevent fatigue failure resulting from cyclic loadings.

2.2. Load categories

2.2.1. Sustained loads

These loads are expected to be present throughout normal plant operation. Typical sustained loads are pressure and weight loads during normal operating conditions.

2.2.2. Expansion loads

Expansion loads are those loads due to displacements of piping. Examples are thermal expansion, seismic anchor movements, thermal anchor movements, and building settlement.

2.2.3. Occasional loads

These loads are present at infrequent intervals during plant operation. Examples of occasional loads are earthquake, wind, and fluid transients such as water hammer and relief valve discharge.

2.3. Piping design code

The basic design code for engineers working with topside offshore projects is the ASME B31.3 Process Piping Code. The ASME B31.3 Process Piping Code is originally a design code for process plants to be placed on land. It is however the most used piping code for process piping on oil and gas platforms and has been widely used for subsea installation. (D. N. Veritas, 2008)

Abbreviations and Acronyms

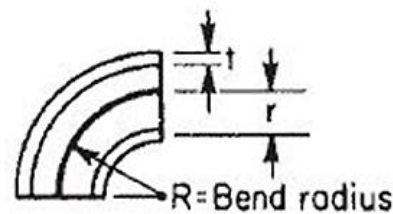


Fig 1. Sketch for pipe bend

- R = Bend Radius of a pipe bend
- r = Mean Radius of matching pipe
- t = Nominal wall thickness of pipe bend
- h = Flexibility characteristics
- n = Flexibility factor

3. Structural Analysis

3.1. Flexibility analysis

Flexibility analysis is done on a piping system to study its behavior when its temperature changes from ambient to operating, so as to arrive at the most economical layout with adequate safety. (A. A. Joshi et al, 2001)

The following are the considerations that decide the minimum acceptable flexibility on a piping configuration.

- 1) Maximum allowable stress range in the system.
- 2) The limiting values of forces and moments that the piping system is permitted to impose on the equipment to which it is connected.
- 3) The displacements within the piping system.
- 4) The maximum allowable load on the supporting structure.

3.1.1. Flexibility Characteristics

It is a geometric characteristics based on the nominal wall thickness and mean radius of the fitting. ASME B31.3 defines it as a unit less number calculated based on type of fitting. (G. Bhende et al, 2013)

In case of a pipe bend,

$$h = \frac{tR}{r^2} \tag{1}$$

3.1.2. Flexibility Factor

A flexibility factor is defined as the rotation of a pipe bends. It is the ratio of the flexibility of a bend to that of a straight pipe having the same length and cross section.

In case of a pipe bend,

$$n = \frac{1.65}{h} \tag{2}$$

3.2. Stress Intensification Factor (SIF)

It is defined as the ratio of the maximum stress intensity to the nominal stress, calculated by the ordinary formulas of mechanics. It is used as a safety factor to account for the effect of localized stresses on piping under a repetitive loading. In piping design, this factor is applied to welds, fittings, branch connections, and other piping components where stress concentrations and possible fatigue failure might occur. Usually, experimental methods are used to determine these factors.

In case of a pipe bend,

$$\text{In-plane, } i = \frac{0.9}{Z} \tag{3}$$

$$\text{Out-plane, } i_0 = \frac{0.75}{h^3} \tag{4}$$

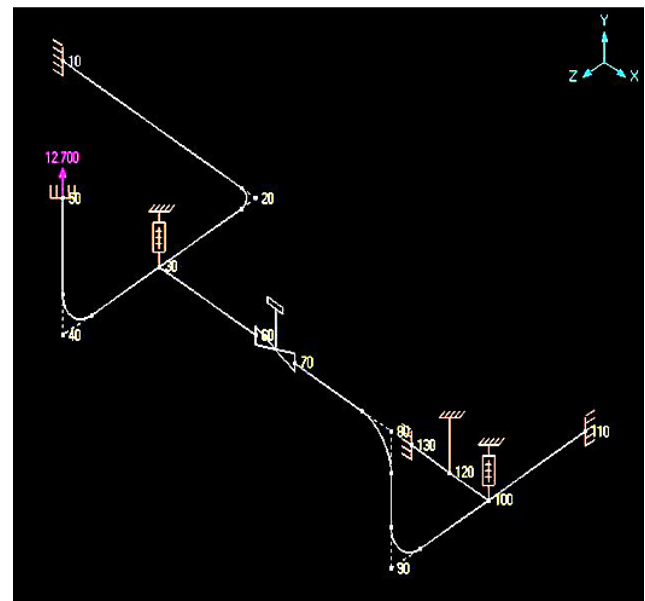
3.3. Static Analysis

Static analysis is carried out in order to find the sorted code stresses, code compliance stresses, pipe support load, element forces and moments (in local and global coordinates) and displacement at all nodes and hangers. This comprehensive analysis is done using a CAD package like CAEPIPE.

4. Plant Layout

The layout of the piping system should be performed with the requirements of piping stress and pipe supports in mind (i.e., sufficient flexibility for thermal expansion; proper pipe routing so that simple and economical pipe supports can be constructed; and piping materials and section properties commensurate with the intended service, temperatures, pressures, and anticipated loadings). If necessary, layout solutions should be iterated until a satisfactory balance between stresses and layout efficiency is achieved. Once the piping layout is finalized, the piping support system must be determined. Possible support

locations and types must be iterated until all stress requirements are satisfied and other piping allowable (e.g., nozzle loads, valve accelerations, and piping movements) are met. Fig. 2. Shows a plant layout of a process piping system which have a three sections A, B and C. these sections can be shown in figure 3. The insulation which we have used in our piping system is Calcium Silicate. The section properties with insulation density and thickness is shown in Table 1.



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| # | Node | Type | DX (mm) | DY (mm) | DZ (mm) | Matl | Sect | Load | Data |
|----|------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|------|------------|
| 1 | Title = Process Piping | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 10 | From | | | | | | | Anchor |
| 3 | 20 | Bend | 3048 | | | A53 | A | 1 | |
| 4 | 30 | | | | 1524 | A53 | A | 1 | Hanger |
| 5 | 40 | Bend | | | 1524 | A53 | A | 1 | |
| 6 | 50 | | | | 1524 | A53 | A | 1 | Anchor |
| 7 | 6" STD pipe | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 30 | From | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 60 | | 1524 | | | A53 | B | 1 | |
| 10 | 70 | Valve | 609.6 | | | A53 | B | 1 | |
| 11 | 80 | Bend | 1524 | | | A53 | B | 1 | |
| 12 | 90 | Bend | | | -1524 | A53 | B | 1 | |
| 13 | 100 | | | | -1524 | A53 | B | 1 | Hanger |
| 14 | 110 | | | | -1524 | A53 | B | 1 | Anchor |
| 15 | 4" sch 40 | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 100 | From | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 120 | | -609.6 | | | A53 | C | 1 | Rod hanger |
| 18 | 130 | | -609.6 | | | A53 | C | 1 | Anchor |

Fig. 2 (a) & (b). Plant Layout of a Piping System

4.1. Sections in Piping plant layout

Figure 3 shows the section of piping plant layout. There are three sections A, B and C which are shown by different colors. Section A is from node 10-50, section B from node 30-110 and section C from node 100-130.

Table 1. Pipe Section Properties with Insulation density and thickness

| Name | Nominal Dia. (mm) | Schedule | Outside Dia. (mm) | Insulation Dens (kg/m ³) | Insulation Thickness (mm) |
|------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A | 203.2 | 80 | 219.07 | 240.28 | 50.8 |
| B | 152.4 | STD | 168.27 | 240.28 | 50.8 |
| C | 101.6 | 40 | 114.30 | 240.28 | 50.8 |

Table.2.Theoretical calculations of Flexibility Characteristics, Flexibility Factor and SIF

| Node | R (mm) | r (mm) | t (mm) | h | n | SIF (In-plane) | SIF (Out-plane) |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|----------------|-----------------|
| 20 | 228.6 | 101.6 | 12.192 | 0.27 | 6.11 | 2.14 | 1.78 |
| 40 | 457.2 | 101.6 | 12.192 | 0.54 | 3.05 | 1.35 | 1.12 |
| 80 | 457.2 | 76.2 | 6.09 | 0.49 | 3.36 | 1.43 | 1.19 |
| 90 | 457.2 | 76.2 | 6.09 | 0.49 | 3.36 | 1.43 | 1.19 |

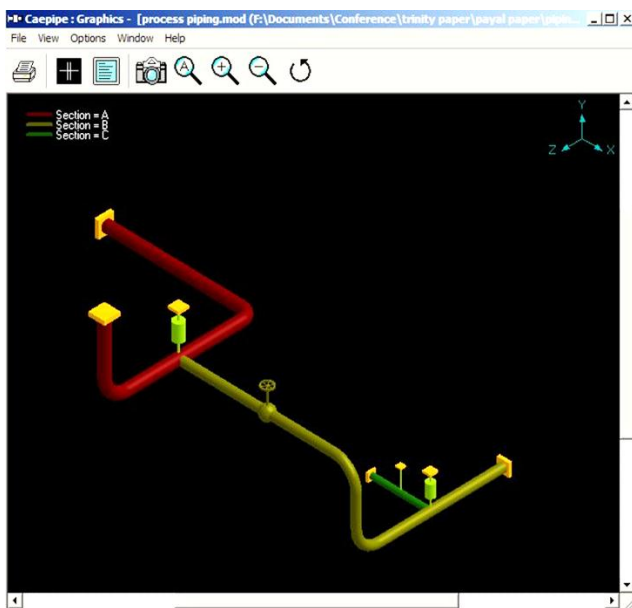


Fig. 3. Sections in Piping plant layout

t = 12.192 mm

5. Theoretical Calculation

For a pipe section A, the pipe is bend at node 20 and node 40. So,

At node 20;

R = 228.6 mm

$$r = \frac{\text{NominalDiameter}}{2} = \frac{203.2}{2} = 101.6 \text{ mm}$$

Out-plane, $i_0 = \frac{0.75}{h^3}$

Flexibility Characteristics, $h = \frac{tR}{r^2}$

$$h = \frac{(12.192 \times 228.6)}{101.6^2} = 0.27(5)$$

Flexibility Factor, $n = \frac{1.65}{h}$

$$i_0 = \frac{0.75}{2} = 1.78 \tag{8}$$

$$n = \frac{1.65}{0.27} = 6.11 \tag{6}$$

Calculation of SIF,

In-plane, $i = \frac{0.9}{h^3}$

$$i = \frac{0.9}{0.27^3} = 2.14 \tag{7}$$

6. Working using CAEPIPE

The constraints used for designing and analysis of piping system are as follows:

- 1) The Piping code select for analysis is ASME B31.3 (2010) Process Piping
 - 2) A53 Grade B type material is chosen from Material Library
 - 3) There are three Pipe Sections A, B and C which has been discussed in Plant Layout and its properties are given in Table 1.
 - 4) There are one type of load is to be considered which contains temperature, pressure and specific gravity and its values are as follows:
 - a. Temperature (T1) = 315.6 °C
 - b. Pressure (P1) = 13.8 bar
 - c. Specific gravity = 0.8
 - 5) There are two hangers at node 30 and 100 which are Grinnell type, one valve at node 60-70 and one rod hanger at node 120.
 - 6) The Load Cases select for analysis are Sustained (W+P), Expansion (T1) and Operating (W+P1+T1)
- A53 Grade B is a carbon steel alloy, used for structural steel pipe. It is intended for mechanical and pressure applications and is also acceptable for ordinary uses in steam, water, gas, and airlines. It is suitable for welding, and suitable for forming operations involving coiling, flanging and bending. It has a following properties:

Table 3. Properties of A53 Grade B type material

| # | Name | Description | Type | Density (kg/m ³) | Nu | Joint factor | Yield (MPa) | # | Temp (C) | E (MPa) | Alpha (mm/mm/C) | Allowable (MPa) |
|---|------|-------------|------|------------------------------|-----|--------------|-------------|----|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | A53 | A53 Grade B | CS | 7833 | 0.3 | 1.00 | 241.3 | 1 | -198.3 | 216495 | 9.00E-6 | 137.9 |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | -128.9 | 212359 | 9.63E-6 | 137.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 3 | -73.33 | 208222 | 10.17E-6 | 137.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 4 | 21.11 | 203395 | 10.93E-6 | 137.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 5 | 93.33 | 198569 | 11.48E-6 | 137.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 6 | 148.9 | 195122 | 11.88E-6 | 137.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 7 | 204.4 | 190985 | 12.28E-6 | 137.2 |
| | | | | | | | | 8 | 260 | 188227 | 12.64E-6 | 131.0 |
| | | | | | | | | 9 | 315.6 | 184090 | 13.01E-6 | 123.4 |
| | | | | | | | | 10 | 343.3 | 179953 | 13.19E-6 | 119.3 |
| | | | | | | | | 11 | 371.1 | 175816 | 13.39E-6 | 115.1 |
| | | | | | | | | 12 | 398.9 | 170990 | 13.57E-6 | 95.84 |
| | | | | | | | | 13 | 426.7 | 166853 | 13.77E-6 | 78.60 |
| | | | | | | | | 14 | 454.4 | 160648 | 13.95E-6 | 59.98 |
| | | | | | | | | 15 | 482.2 | 154443 | 14.11E-6 | 40.68 |
| | | | | | | | | 16 | 510 | 147548 | 14.24E-6 | 27.58 |
| | | | | | | | | 17 | 537.8 | 140653 | 14.35E-6 | 17.24 |
| | | | | | | | | 18 | 565.6 | 132379 | 14.49E-6 | 11.03 |
| | | | | | | | | 19 | 593.3 | 124106 | 14.62E-6 | 6.895 |

After following this procedure and giving all inputs like loads on the pipe, material of the pipe, operating temperature, diameter of the pipe and types of bends etc. CAEPIPE produce a 3-D orientation of pipe in space as shown below,

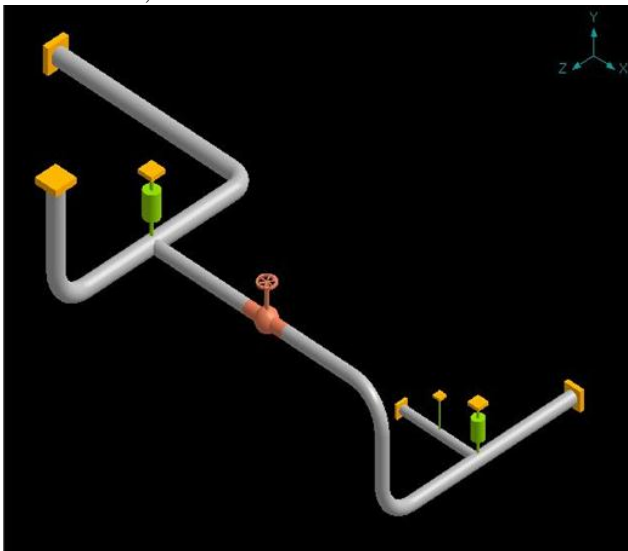


Fig. 4. 3-D orientation of Pipe in space

7. Experimental Results and discussion

Following results are obtained using CAEPIPE,

7.1. Sorted Code Stresses

When the stress ratio exceeds 1 then the maximum Stress induced and stress ratio become red in color in the table. In this particular case, the high thermal stresses may be induced.

So, in this particular case the high thermal stresses may be induced at node 100 and 130 which can be shown in

table 4. These high thermal stresses may be reduced by replacing hanger at Node 100 and anchor at Node 130. These are the two points at which pipe will fail. SE/SA ratio being the maximum at Node 100.

Table 4. Code compliance (Sorted Stresses)

| # | Sustained | | | | Expansion | | | |
|----|-----------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Node | SL (MPa) | SH (MPa) | SL SH | Node | SE (MPa) | SA (MPa) | SE SA |
| 1 | 100 | 25.11 | 123.4 | 0.20 | 100 | 358.3 | 203.2 | 1.76 |
| 2 | 30 | 18.33 | 123.4 | 0.15 | 130 | 307.0 | 203.2 | 1.51 |
| 3 | 110 | 14.51 | 123.4 | 0.12 | 110 | 149.1 | 203.2 | 0.73 |
| 4 | 70 | 14.29 | 123.4 | 0.12 | 208 | 120.2 | 203.2 | 0.59 |
| 5 | 60 | 13.06 | 123.4 | 0.11 | 20A | 113.0 | 203.2 | 0.56 |
| 6 | 90A | 11.38 | 123.4 | 0.09 | 10 | 100.3 | 203.2 | 0.49 |
| 7 | 80A | 10.94 | 123.4 | 0.09 | 50 | 87.13 | 203.2 | 0.43 |
| 8 | 80B | 10.44 | 123.4 | 0.08 | 80A | 77.15 | 203.2 | 0.38 |
| 9 | 90B | 9.878 | 123.4 | 0.08 | 120 | 56.11 | 203.2 | 0.28 |
| 10 | 10 | 9.686 | 123.4 | 0.08 | 80B | 52.66 | 203.2 | 0.26 |
| 11 | 50 | 7.952 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 90A | 43.34 | 203.2 | 0.21 |
| 12 | 40B | 7.635 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 90B | 43.25 | 203.2 | 0.21 |
| 13 | 20A | 7.551 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 40B | 37.55 | 203.2 | 0.18 |
| 14 | 120 | 7.310 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 70 | 35.91 | 203.2 | 0.18 |
| 15 | 130 | 7.269 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 40A | 29.49 | 203.2 | 0.15 |
| 16 | 20B | 7.020 | 123.4 | 0.06 | 60 | 22.69 | 203.2 | 0.12 |

Figure 5 shows the stress analysis of piping system. Different color in piping layout shows the maximum and minimum value of stresses. Maximum stress is shown by the red color and it is induced at node 100 with the value of 25.11 MPa and minimum stress is shown by dark blue color and it is induced at node 40A with the value of 6.69 MPa.

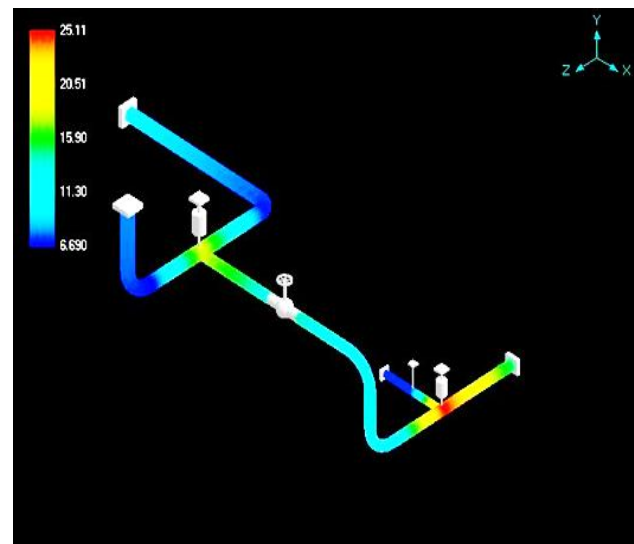


Fig. 5. Stress analysis of Piping System

7.2. Element Forces and Moments in Local coordinate

Table 5, 6 and 7 shows the Element Forces and Moments in local coordinate for Sustained, Expansion and Operating Load cases. These three tables consist of nine

columns. First column shows the element number so there are 15 elements including bends also. The second column shows the node number. Every element consist of two nodes. The third column shows the axial force at all the nodes. Fourth and fifth column consist of shear force in y and z direction at all the nodes. Sixth column shows the torque at all the nodes. This torque is generated due to the displacement of the pipe form their initial position. Seventh and eighth column shows the moment and SIF value at all the nodes in case of In-plane and Out-plane. There is a SIF value at nodes 20, 40, 80 and 90 because the pipe are bend at these four nodes. The SIF values obtained from the software are same as that of calculated by the theoretical calculation. The ninth column shows the stresses at all the nodes.

The negative signs in the table shows the direction of forces and moments in local coordinates.

From Table 5, it is clear that the maximum and minimum axial forces are at node 90A and 100-130 with the value of 1400 N (negative direction) and 7 N respectively. The maximum and minimum shear force in y-direction are at node 30 and 80B-90A with the value of 2590 N and 55 N respectively.

Table 5. Element Forces and Moments in Local coordinate for sustained

| # | Node | Axial (N) | y Shear (N) | z Shear (N) | Torque (Nm) | Inplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | Outplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | SL (MPa) |
|----|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | 10 20A | 53 53 | -1727 993 | -80 -80 | -477 -477 | -1466 -432 | | 114 -111 | | 9.686 7.161 |
| 2 | 20A 20B | -80 -80 | -53 -1340 | -993 -687 | -477 -687 | 111 141 | 2.14 2.14 | -432 200 | 1.78 1.78 | 7.551 7.020 |
| 3 | 20B 30 | -80 -80 | 1340 2590 | 53 53 | -687 -687 | 200 -2346 | | -141 -210 | | 6.765 11.92 |
| 4 | 30 40A | -264 -264 | -2339 -1310 | -108 -108 | 616 616 | -2079 -133 | | 314 199 | | 11.25 6.688 |
| 5 | 40A 40B | -264 -617 | -1310 264 | -108 -108 | 616 150 | -133 230 | 1.35 1.35 | 199 -665 | 1.12 1.12 | 6.690 7.635 |
| 6 | 40B 50 | -617 413 | -108 -108 | -264 -264 | 150 150 | 665 780 | | 230 -51 | | 7.633 7.952 |
| 7 | 30 60 | -55 -55 | -1646 -876 | 184 184 | 266 266 | -1303 619 | | -524 -243 | | 18.33 13.06 |
| 8 | 70 80A | -55 -55 | 191 729 | 184 184 | 266 266 | 827 337 | | -131 66 | | 14.29 10.78 |
| 9 | 80A 80B | -55 -1092 | -729 55 | -184 -184 | 266 -150 | -337 32 | 1.43 1.43 | -66 -351 | 1.19 1.19 | 10.94 10.44 |
| 10 | 80B 90A | -1092 -1400 | 55 55 | -184 -184 | -150 -150 | 32 -2 | | -351 -463 | | 10.44 11.15 |
| 11 | 90A 90B | -1400 -184 | -184 1763 | -55 -55 | -150 -27 | 463 -199 | 1.43 1.43 | -2 125 | 1.19 1.19 | 11.38 9.878 |
| 12 | 90B 100 | -184 -184 | 1763 2302 | -55 -55 | -27 -27 | -199 -2366 | | 125 66 | | 9.792 25.11 |
| 13 | 100 110 | -163 -163 | -2430 -1660 | -48 -48 | -9 -9 | -2226 891 | | 49 -23 | | 24.10 14.51 |
| 14 | 100 120 | 7 7 | -95 78 | -21 -21 | 141 141 | -18 -13 | | 17 4 | | 7.506 7.310 |
| 15 | 120 130 | 7 7 | -96 77 | -21 -21 | 141 141 | -13 -7 | | 4 -8 | | 7.310 7.269 |

From Table 6 it is clear that the maximum and minimum axial forces are at node 100-110 and 40B-50 with the value of -29921 N and -1649 N respectively. The maximum and minimum shear force in y-direction are at node 40B and 10-20A & 20B-30 with the value of 23098 N and -342 N respectively.

Table 6. Element Forces and Moments in Local coordinate for expansion

| # | Node | Axial (N) | y Shear (N) | z Shear (N) | Torque (Nm) | Inplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | Outplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | SE (MPa) |
|----|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | 10 20A | -16095 -16095 | 342 342 | -21324 -21324 | -2595 -2595 | 2552 1567 | | 39353 -20769 | | 100.3 54.19 |
| 2 | 20A 20B | -16095 -21324 | -21324 16085 | -342 -342 | -2595 1509 | 20769 21967 | 2.14 2.14 | 1587 2477 | 1.78 1.78 | 113.0 120.2 |
| 3 | 20B 30 | -21324 -21324 | 342 342 | 16085 16085 | 1509 1509 | 2477 2034 | | -21967 -1131 | | 57.75 9.494 |
| 4 | 30 40A | -23098 -23098 | -1649 -1649 | 7753 7753 | 786 786 | 1816 3576 | | 223 8493 | | 7.763 25.03 |
| 5 | 40A 40B | -23098 -1649 | -1649 23098 | 7753 7753 | 786 12037 | 3576 -6230 | 1.35 1.35 | 8493 2758 | 1.12 1.12 | 29.49 37.55 |
| 6 | 40B 50 | -1649 -1649 | 7753 7753 | -23098 -23098 | 12037 12037 | -2758 -11029 | | -6230 -30871 | | 34.63 87.13 |
| 7 | 30 60 | -8332 -8332 | 2209 2209 | 1774 1774 | -217 -217 | 723 -2644 | | -1354 1349 | | 13.45 23.69 |
| 8 | 70 80A | -8332 -8332 | 2209 2209 | 1774 1774 | -217 -217 | -3991 -6348 | | 2430 4323 | | 35.91 57.50 |
| 9 | 80A 80B | -8332 -2209 | -2209 8332 | -1774 -1774 | -217 -5133 | 6348 3548 | 1.43 1.43 | -4323 -594 | 1.19 1.19 | 77.15 52.66 |
| 10 | 80B 90A | -2209 -2209 | 8332 8332 | -1774 -1774 | -5133 -5133 | 3548 -1531 | | -594 -1675 | | 45.64 40.93 |
| 11 | 90A 90B | -2209 -1774 | -1774 2209 | -8332 -8332 | -5133 -5340 | 1675 1476 | 1.43 1.43 | -1531 1324 | 1.19 1.19 | 43.34 43.25 |
| 12 | 90B 100 | -1774 -1774 | 2209 2209 | -8332 -8332 | -5340 -881 | 1476 -881 | | 1324 -7565 | | 41.41 67.30 |
| 13 | 100 110 | -29921 -29921 | 1681 1681 | -19671 -19671 | -3354 -3354 | 453 -3015 | | 10906 -19073 | | 90.33 149.1 |
| 14 | 100 120 | -11339 -11339 | 479 479 | 28147 28147 | 428 428 | -1987 -2279 | | -18471 -1312 | | 358.3 56.11 |
| 15 | 120 130 | -11339 -11339 | -5281 -5281 | 28147 28147 | 428 428 | -2279 941 | | -1312 15846 | | 56.11 307.0 |

From Table 7 it is clear that the maximum and minimum axial forces are at node 100-110 and 50 with the value of -30084 N and -1237 N respectively. The maximum and minimum shear force in y-direction are at node 20A and 110 with the value of -21404 N and 21 N respectively.

Table 7. Element Forces and Moments in Local coordinate for operating

| # | Node | Axial (N) | y Shear (N) | z Shear (N) | Torque (Nm) | Inplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | Outplane(Nm) Moment | SIF | Sopr (MPa) |
|----|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | 10 20A | -16032 -16032 | -1365 1336 | -21404 -21404 | -3032 -3032 | 1086 -3032 | | 39467 -20880 | | 102.6 56.60 |
| 2 | 20A 20B | -16032 -21404 | -21404 16032 | -1336 -1682 | -3032 821 | 20980 22108 | 2.14 2.14 | 1156 2676 | 1.78 1.78 | 115.6 121.8 |
| 3 | 20B 30 | -21404 -21404 | 1682 2932 | 16032 16032 | 821 821 | 2676 -312 | | -22108 -1341 | | 58.82 7.338 |
| 4 | 30 40A | -23362 -23362 | -3989 -2959 | 7645 7645 | 1402 1402 | -263 3443 | | 537 8692 | | 6.903 26.64 |
| 5 | 40A 40B | -23362 -2266 | -2959 23362 | 7645 7645 | 1402 12187 | 3443 -6000 | 1.35 1.35 | 8692 2093 | 1.12 1.12 | 30.25 42.55 |
| 6 | 40B 50 | -2266 -1237 | 7645 7645 | -23362 -23362 | 12187 12187 | -2093 -10249 | | -6000 -30923 | | 39.89 92.38 |
| 7 | 30 60 | -8387 -8387 | 563 1333 | 1958 1958 | 49 49 | -580 -2026 | | -1877 1106 | | 19.95 22.41 |
| 8 | 70 80A | -8387 -8387 | 2400 2939 | 1958 1958 | 49 49 | -3163 -6011 | | 2300 4388 | | 33.92 59.29 |
| 9 | 80A 80B | -8387 -3301 | -2939 8387 | -1958 -1958 | 49 -5284 | 6011 3580 | 1.43 1.43 | -4388 -944 | 1.19 1.19 | 77.96 60.65 |
| 10 | 80B 90A | -3301 -3609 | 8387 8387 | -1958 -1958 | -5284 -5284 | 3580 -1533 | | -944 -2138 | | 53.58 49.55 |
| 11 | 90A 90B | -3609 -1958 | -1958 3972 | -8387 -8387 | -5284 -5367 | 2138 1277 | 1.43 1.43 | -1533 1449 | 1.19 1.19 | 52.89 50.17 |
| 12 | 90B 100 | -1958 -1958 | 3972 4511 | -8387 -8387 | -5367 -5367 | 1277 -3247 | | 1449 -7498 | | 48.59 77.84 |
| 13 | 100 110 | -30084 -30084 | -749 21 | -19719 -19719 | -3363 -3363 | -2678 -2124 | | 10955 -19096 | | 84.33 139.9 |
| 14 | 100 120 | -11332 -11332 | 384 557 | 28126 28126 | 569 569 | -2004 -2291 | | -18454 -1308 | | 353.6 52.25 |
| 15 | 120 130 | -11332 -11332 | -5377 -5204 | 28126 28126 | 569 569 | -2291 934 | | -1308 15838 | | 52.25 302.4 |

7.3. Displacement at all Nodes

7.3.1. In case of sustained load

Table 8 shows the displacement of pipe in X, Y, Z and XX, YY and ZZ directions from their initial position at all the nodes in case of sustained load. This displacement occurs due to the pressure and weight load. The pipe is fixed at node 10, 50, 110 and 130 so the displacement is zero at these four nodes. The displacement layout of piping system is shown in figure 6. Table 9 shows the maximum and minimum displacement in all the directions.

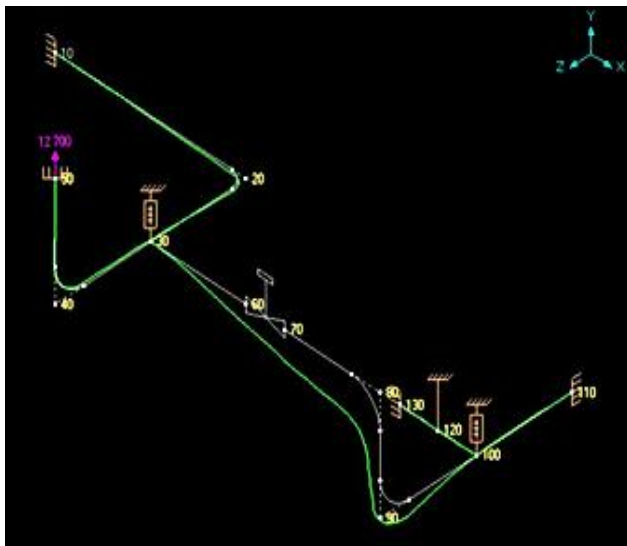


Fig. 6. Displacement layout of piping system at all nodes

Table 8. Displacement value at all nodes (Sustained)

| Caepipe : Displacements: Sustained (W+P) - [process pipin | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| File Results View Options Window Help | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| # | Node | Displacements (global) | | | | | |
| | | X (mm) | Y (mm) | Z (mm) | XX (deg) | YY (deg) | ZZ (deg) |
| 1 | 10 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | 20A | 0.000 | -0.217 | -0.018 | -0.0112 | 0.0000 | -0.0056 |
| 3 | 20B | -0.004 | -0.199 | -0.016 | -0.0120 | -0.0017 | -0.0089 |
| 4 | 30 | -0.058 | 0.033 | -0.016 | -0.0042 | -0.0032 | -0.0163 |
| 5 | 40A | -0.100 | 0.021 | -0.016 | 0.0027 | -0.0014 | -0.0109 |
| 6 | 40B | -0.048 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0006 | -0.0013 | -0.0049 |
| 7 | 50 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 8 | 60 | -0.059 | -0.690 | 0.281 | 0.0085 | -0.0172 | -0.0253 |
| 9 | 70 | -0.059 | -0.945 | 0.468 | 0.0097 | -0.0179 | -0.0223 |
| 10 | 80A | -0.059 | -1.186 | 0.819 | 0.0186 | -0.0188 | -0.0061 |
| 11 | 80B | -0.061 | -1.199 | 0.742 | 0.0321 | -0.0111 | -0.0002 |
| 12 | 90A | -0.065 | -1.198 | 0.372 | 0.0380 | -0.0082 | -0.0004 |
| 13 | 90B | -0.029 | -0.788 | 0.000 | 0.0525 | -0.0029 | -0.0013 |
| 14 | 100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0209 | -0.0005 | -0.0004 |
| 15 | 110 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 16 | 120 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0104 | 0.0001 | -0.0001 |
| 17 | 130 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

Table 9. Maximum and minimum displacements during sustained

| Caepipe : Minimum & Maximum Displa | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| File Results View Options Window Help | | | |
| | | | |
| Direction | Type | Value | Node |
| X | Minimum | -0.100 | 40A |
| (mm) | Maximum | 0.000 | 20A |
| Y | Minimum | -1.199 | 80B |
| (mm) | Maximum | 0.033 | 30 |
| Z | Minimum | -0.018 | 20A |
| (mm) | Maximum | 0.819 | 80A |
| XX | Minimum | -0.0120 | 20B |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0525 | 90B |
| YY | Minimum | -0.0188 | 80A |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0001 | 120 |
| ZZ | Minimum | -0.0253 | 60 |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0000 | 10 |

7.3.2. In case of expansion load

Table 10 shows the displacement of pipe at all the nodes in case of expansion load. This displacement occurs due to the thermal expansion, seismic anchor movements, thermal anchor movements, and building settlement. The displacement layout of piping system is shown in figure 7. Table 11 shows the maximum and minimum displacement in all the directions.

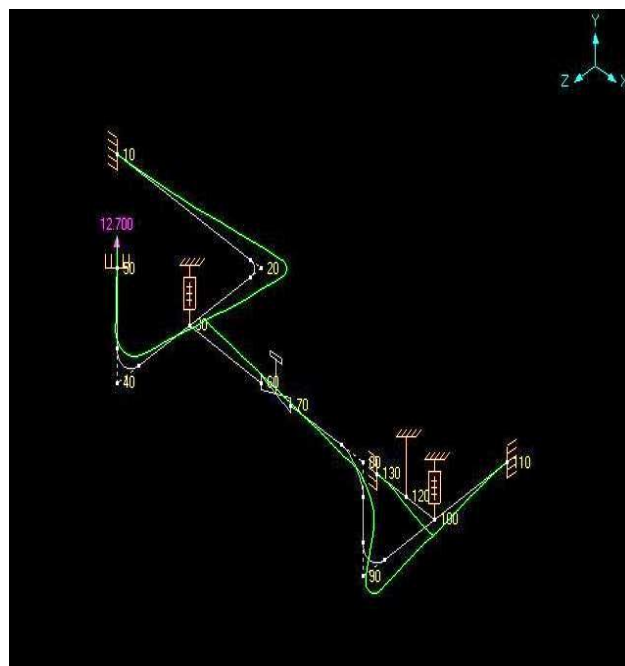


Fig. 7. Displacement layout of piping system at all nodes (Expansion)

Table 10. Displacement value at all nodes (Expansion)

| Caepipe : Displacements: Expansion (T1) - [process piping] | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| File Results View Options Window Help | | | | | | | |
| # | Node | Displacements (global) | | | | | |
| | | X (mm) | Y (mm) | Z (mm) | XX (deg) | YY (deg) | ZZ (deg) |
| 1 | 10 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | 20A | 10.777 | 0.993 | -8.763 | -0.0600 | 0.1677 | 0.0374 |
| 3 | 20B | 11.525 | 1.477 | -8.120 | -0.0865 | -0.1458 | 0.0592 |
| 4 | 30 | 6.757 | 3.654 | -3.172 | -0.1053 | -0.2415 | 0.0755 |
| 5 | 40A | 2.423 | 5.761 | 0.901 | -0.1237 | -0.2118 | 0.0825 |
| 6 | 40B | 0.552 | 8.613 | 1.517 | -0.1267 | -0.1069 | 0.0471 |
| 7 | 50 | 0.000 | 12.700 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 8 | 60 | 12.579 | 5.491 | 3.492 | -0.1156 | -0.2416 | 0.0403 |
| 9 | 70 | 14.913 | 5.861 | 6.031 | -0.1167 | -0.2345 | 0.0279 |
| 10 | 80A | 18.989 | 5.255 | 9.681 | -0.1239 | -0.1479 | -0.1048 |
| 11 | 80B | 18.138 | 1.631 | 10.916 | -0.0645 | 0.0417 | -0.4238 |
| 12 | 90A | 13.448 | -0.703 | 11.536 | -0.0479 | 0.1395 | -0.4386 |
| 13 | 90B | 8.588 | -2.294 | 9.863 | 0.0559 | 0.2297 | -0.3379 |
| 14 | 100 | 4.639 | -1.071 | 5.778 | 0.0635 | 0.1497 | -0.1598 |
| 15 | 110 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 16 | 120 | 2.319 | 0.000 | 3.287 | 0.0318 | -0.4145 | -0.0381 |
| 17 | 130 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

Table 11. Maximum and minimum displacements during expansion

| Caepipe : Minimum & Maximum Displ | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| File Results View Options Window Help | | | |
| Direction | Type | Value | Node |
| X | Minimum | 0.000 | 10 |
| (mm) | Maximum | 18.989 | 80A |
| Y | Minimum | -2.294 | 90B |
| (mm) | Maximum | 12.700 | 50 |
| Z | Minimum | -8.763 | 20A |
| (mm) | Maximum | 11.536 | 90A |
| XX | Minimum | -0.1267 | 40B |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0635 | 100 |
| YY | Minimum | -0.4145 | 120 |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.2297 | 90B |
| ZZ | Minimum | -0.4386 | 90A |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0825 | 40A |

7.3.3. In case of operation load

Table 12 shows the displacement of pipe at all the nodes in case of operating load. This displacement occurs due to the temperature, pressure and weight load of the pipes.

The displacement layout of piping system is shown in figure 8. Table 13 shows the maximum and minimum displacement in all the directions.

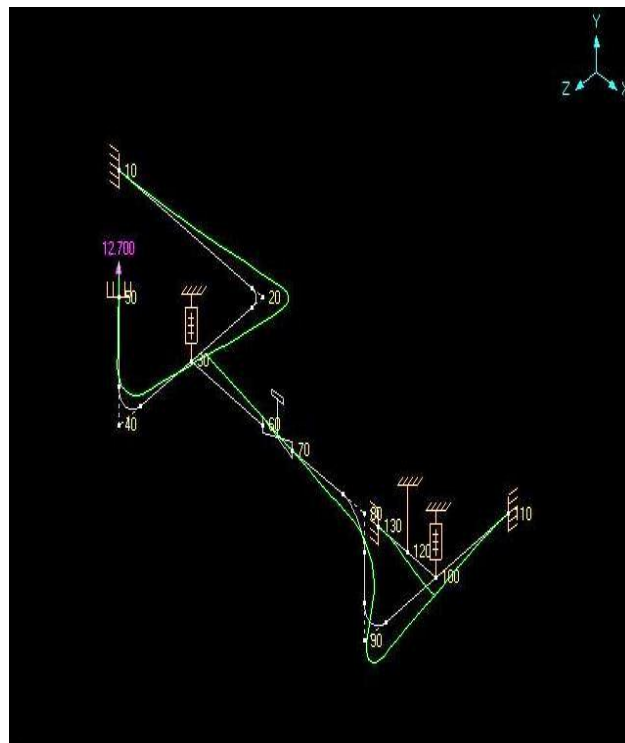



Fig. 8. Displacement layout of piping system (operating)

Table 12. Displacement value at all nodes (operating)

| Caepipe : Displacements: Operating (W+P1+T1) - [process piping] | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| File Results View Options Window Help | | | | | | | |
| # | Node | Displacements (global) | | | | | |
| | | X (mm) | Y (mm) | Z (mm) | XX (deg) | YY (deg) | ZZ (deg) |
| 1 | 10 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 2 | 20A | 10.777 | 0.776 | -8.781 | -0.0711 | 0.1678 | 0.0318 |
| 3 | 20B | 11.521 | 1.278 | -8.135 | -0.0986 | -0.1475 | 0.0503 |
| 4 | 30 | 6.698 | 3.686 | -3.188 | -0.1095 | -0.2447 | 0.0592 |
| 5 | 40A | 2.323 | 5.781 | 0.885 | -0.1210 | -0.2132 | 0.0716 |
| 6 | 40B | 0.504 | 8.613 | 1.515 | -0.1261 | -0.1082 | 0.0421 |
| 7 | 50 | 0.000 | 12.700 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 8 | 60 | 12.521 | 4.800 | 3.773 | -0.1071 | -0.2589 | 0.0150 |
| 9 | 70 | 14.854 | 4.916 | 6.500 | -0.1069 | -0.2525 | 0.0056 |
| 10 | 80A | 18.930 | 4.069 | 10.500 | -0.1053 | -0.1667 | -0.1109 |
| 11 | 80B | 18.076 | 0.432 | 11.659 | -0.0325 | 0.0306 | -0.4240 |
| 12 | 90A | 13.383 | -1.901 | 11.908 | -0.0099 | 0.1313 | -0.4390 |
| 13 | 90B | 8.559 | -3.082 | 9.862 | 0.1085 | 0.2268 | -0.3392 |
| 14 | 100 | 4.639 | -1.074 | 5.777 | 0.0844 | 0.1492 | -0.1602 |
| 15 | 110 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 16 | 120 | 2.319 | 0.000 | 3.285 | 0.0422 | -0.4144 | -0.0382 |
| 17 | 130 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

Table 13. Maximum and minimum displacements during operating



| Direction | Type | Value | Node |
|-----------|---------|---------|------|
| X | Minimum | 0.000 | 10 |
| (mm) | Maximum | 18.930 | 80A |
| Y | Minimum | -3.082 | 90B |
| (mm) | Maximum | 12.700 | 50 |
| Z | Minimum | -8.781 | 20A |
| (mm) | Maximum | 11.908 | 90A |
| XX | Minimum | -0.1261 | 40B |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.1085 | 90B |
| YY | Minimum | -0.4144 | 120 |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.2268 | 90B |
| ZZ | Minimum | -0.4390 | 90A |
| (deg) | Maximum | 0.0716 | 40A |

8. Conclusion

The experimental results confirm the prior design and analysis of a Process Plant Piping System using CAEPIPE. This CAD package provides a systematic and efficient methodology for designing and analysis with far less effort. Compare the SIF results against the results obtained with CAEPIPE by using some observations on SIF

equations are found to be same. So, the analysis of a piping system using CAEPIPE gives more accurate and precise results. The stress ratio SE/SA at Node 100 and 130 exceeds, 1. In this particular case, the high thermal stresses may be induced and the pipe will fail at these two nodes. There are some advantages for using CAEPIPE software on this research papers:

- 1) The formulas used in this research is easy to check for pipe configurations. The formula gives results in conformance to CAEPIPE results in most of the simple standard configurations.
- 2) The stress ratio in CAEPIPE may changewhen the number of bends are high. So, there are multiple combinations possible with other factors remaining same.
- 3) The piping engineer may have to carry out analysis once more on that software CAEPIPE.

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