# Seismic Capacity Estimation of Steel Piping Elbow Under Lowcycle Fatigue Loading

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# Introduction

#### APR 1400 with Base Isolation System



Installation of the seismic isolation system

- Installation under the nuclear island
- For seismic performance improvement
- Minimization of design variation
- Possibility of displacement increase
- Seismic risk may increase at some equipments (example : Main Stem Line)

#### Base isolated pipe

- Critical point is elbow [Touboul et al., 1999]
- Failure
  - Low-cycle fatigue [NUREG, 2010]
  - Leakage by through crack(rupture)
- Failure criteria for fragility analysis was not decided in Korea



### Recent research issues

#### Development of an Evaluation Method for Seismic Isolation System of Nuclear Power Facilities

- Fatigue test of the crossover piping [Mizuno et al.]
- Failure behavior of crossover piping seismic isolation system [Otoyo et al.]



### Mechanical Behavior of Steel Piping Components under Severe Loading Conditions [Karamanos]







Recent research issues



**Numerical Analysis** 

MECOS BENCHMARK 1<sup>st</sup> WORK SHOP

- International program organised under the initiative of OECD-NEA
- Comparison between experimental reference cases and numerical simulations regarding seismic fatigue ratcheting on piping
- Final objective : getting a better appreciation of fatigue ratcheting in design codes









Elbow results - Axial strains







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### Description of component test

#### Test specimen description



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3in. SCH 40 (ASME B36.10M)

- O.D. : 88.9 mm
- t : 5.49 mm
- R : 114.3 mm
- Long elbow, welding connection
- SA-106 steel

#### Material

- E : 205 Gpa (estimation by tensile test)
- Nonlinear behavior



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# Description of component test

#### Considering The Manufacturing Error

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- Elbow specimen were made by different make for considering the manufacture error.
- 1 case of specimen was under pipe blasting treatment for considering the surface treatment.





# Description of component test

#### **Test Plan**

Description of component test



### In-plane loading

- ±20mm to ±100mm

#### Internal pressure

- Water pressure booster : 3MPa

#### Measurement

- Loading force (Load cell)
- Loading displacement (LVDT)
- Strain response (strain gage, vision based system)

Test Specimen	P1-23, 26, 27 28 29 44	P1-24, 25, 30 31 45	P1-4, 18, 19, 32 46	P1-3, 16, 17, 33, 47	P1-1, 10, 12, 1 5 34 48	P1-2, 11, 14, 35, 49	P1-5, 6 13, 36, 39, 50	P1-20, 37, 40 41 51	P1-21, 38, 42 43 52
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### Test results

#### Test results of 3 in. elbow specimen component

Leakage N<sup>th</sup> cycle of elbow specimen 1) ±20mm : 82, 108, 110, 87, 76, 98 2) ±30mm : 45, 46, 29, 29, 38 2) ±40mm : 17, 18, 18, 14, 15 3) ±50mm : 11, 10, 11, 9, 12 4) ±60mm : 6, 6, 8, 8, 8, 8 5) ±70mm : 4, 5, 5, 4, 6 6) ±80mm : 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5 7) ±90mm : 4, 4, 4, 4, 4 8) ±100mm : 4, 3, 4, 4, 3











±40mm, P1-4

±70mm, P1-3





### Test results

### Leakage Point of Elbow Specimen

- Leakage occurred on the near the crown in intrados direction
- Cracks (ruptures) grew up in axial direction





# Test results

### Test results of 3 in. elbow specimen component

### P-D relationship



### Dissipated energy



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Strain response (strain gage and vision based system)







# Test results

#### Fatigue Curve for 3in. SCH40 Steel Pipe Elbow

#### Fatigue curve

- Loading amplitude exponentially decreased as the number of cycles increased
- Use maximum loading amplitude
- Exponential function
- Similar to other research results





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1

10

100

1000

Number of cycles Nf

10000

100000

# Numerical model update

#### Numerical Model Update

#### Numerical Analysis

- 1) Material
  - ABAQUS 6.12
  - Young's modulus : 205000 MPa
  - Possion's ratio : 0.3
  - Hardening rule : Linear kinematic hardening model
  - Displacement control
  - Critical direction : Hoop direction [Mizno, 2014]

[Comparison of P-D relation ship at 60 mm case] 60 40 · 20 -0 · Force [kN] -20 --40 --60 -80 -100



#### [Strain comparison for Hoop dir. Of 60 mm case]

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#### [Comparison of P-D relation ships]



# Estimation of Failure

#### **Estimation of Failure**

Suggest the quantitative failure criteria for piping elbow considering the dissipated energy.

• Park and Ang, (1985)

$$D = \max\left(\frac{D_i}{D_y}\right) + b \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{E_i}{F_y D_y}\right)$$

- $D_{y}$ : Yield displacement  $F_{y}$ : Yield force
- $\dot{D}_i$ : ith cycle displacement amplitude
- *E<sub>i</sub>*: Dissipated energy [Force-Displacement]



• Banon (1981)

$$D = \sqrt{\left(\max\left(\frac{D_i}{D_y} - 1\right)\right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^N c\left(2\frac{E_i}{F_y D_y}\right)^d\right)^2}$$

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*b* : 0.025 (Cosenza et al., 1993) *c* : 1.1 (Castiglioni and Pucinotti, 2009) *d* : 0.38



### Concluding remarks and further study

#### **Concluding Remarks**

In-plane cyclic loading tests under internal pressure condition were performed to estimate the failure behavior of the steel piping elbow—a weak component in a piping system under seismic condition.

Leakage phenomenon occurred on and near the crown in piping elbow. Those cracks grew up in axial direction.

The fatigue curve was estimated from test results. In the fatigue curve, loading amplitude exponentially decreased as the number of cycles increased.

A FEM model of piping elbow was modified with test results. The relationships between displacement and force from tests and numerical analysis was well matched. Therefore, failure of piping elbow can be predicted based on numerical analysis.

Suggest the quantitative failure criteria of piping elbow for seismic fragility analysis

Failure criteria of the piping elbow considering the dissipated energy.