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Magneto-Structural Analysis on Vacuum Vessel

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SYNOPSIS

- Modeled the solid in Pro E. All bodies are merged to the vessel, except for the umbrella structure.
- Imported the model into workbench and meshed with 8 node brick elements.
- Carried the mesh into ANSYS-Classic and converted the element type to SOLID 97 (has Vector Potential degree of freedom). Encountered problems with DOF compatibility.
- Retained the node numbers and element connectivity and rebuilt the model in ANSYS-Classic.
- Applied the Vector Potentials from 2-D OPERA solution and obtained the eddy currents and Lorentz forces.
- Ran a static and dynamic stress pass and obtained the stresses, deformations and the dynamic load factors.
- Built the Passive Plates, constrained them to the vessel and repeated the above procedure.
- Developed macros which, with modest changes, yield stresses and deformation on other parts of the machine.

Modeling



- All the components in the Pro-E model are merged for ease in FEA.
- The final model has two components: The Umbrella structure and the rest of the vessel with port extensions and the legs merged.

Solid Model



Finite Element Model



Testing the FE model

- Before going further, the model is tested to see if the procedure would work.
- A Vector Potential gradient is applied on the model.
- Solved for eddy currents and Lorentz forces.
- Solved for stresses.







OPERA RESULTS

- The Vector Potential data obtained from OPERA is a 6561 column.
- The results are written as a function of the radius of the vessel and the height.
- These results are rearranged into a 81x 81 matrix, for ANSYS to read, using MATHCAD.

Reading Vector Potentials from OPERA

- The 2D Vector Potential solution is then imposed on a hollow cylinder to verify the procedure.
- A toroidal field was also applied on the cylinder

```
*dim,vect,table,81,81,1,x,z,,1
*tread,vect,'case4','txt'
nall
*get,nmax,node,,num,max
*do,i,1,nmax
z=nz(i)
x=nx(i)
d,i,ay,vect(x,z)
*enddo
BR=130000*12*3*2e-7
*get,nmax,node,,num,max
*do,i,1,nmax
csys,1
rad=nx(i)
d,i,az,-.5*BR*log(rad*rad)
*enddo
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B = curl A, A is Magnetic Vector Potential (MVP)

B = (dAz/dy - dAy/dz)**l** + (dAx/dz - dAz/dx)**j** + (dAy/dx - dAx/dy)**k**



Eddy currents and Lorentz forces on the vessel

- About 9 time points that contain the disruption are obtained and read into ANSYS as parametric tables (using these tables, the Vector Potentials can be interpolated based on the nodal coordinates)
- 9 load steps are written and solved.





STATIC STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS



Max Stress =233 Mpa

STATIC STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS



Maximum Deformation =1.697 mm

Nodal Deformations and Stresses for Static Analysis

• Picked 3 nodes on the vessel to plot deformations and stresses.



Deformations and Stresses





28,60 &89 Mpa

0.42,0.72 & 0.85mm

DYNAMIC STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS



Max Stress =21 Mpa

Damping = 5%

DYNAMIC STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS



Maximum Deformation =.157 mm

Deformations and Stresses



0.039,0.065 & 0.075mm

28,60 &89 Mpa

Adding Passive Plates

- CAD model of the Passive Plates is not available.
- An approximate model of the Passive Plates is built from the existing Shell element model of the machine and the ones used in 2-D OPERA simulations.
- These plates were glued to the vessel using the CEINTF command



Currents with the Passive Plates







STATIC STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS with Passive Plates





Max Stress =3660 Mpa

Deformations and Stresses





40,120 &240 Mpa

0.625,0.9, 1.5 &1.625mm

DYNAMIC TRUCTURAL ANALYSIS with Passive Plates





Max Stress =296 Mpa

Max Stress =53.1 Mpa

Deformations and Stresses



0.08,0.085, 0.13 &0.15mm

3.8,11 &22 Mpa

Conclusions

- The Dynamic Load Factors are found to less than 0.1
- The stresses are under acceptable limit.
- Macros developed here could be used for other models to simulate disruption stresses. (See Titus' Center Stack Analysis).
- The disruption scenario studied here is just the Out Board Diverter disruption. The other two scenarios : Primary Passive Plate and Secondary Passive Plate should be studied.
- CAD model of the Passive Plates are yet to be obtained and integrated into the model.







