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Integrated Structural Analysis Tool using the Linear Matching Method part 2 – Application and Verification

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Abstract

In an accompanying paper, a new integrated structural analysis tool using the Linear Matching Method framework for the assessment of design limits in plasticity including load carrying capacity, shakedown limit, ratchet limit and steady state cyclic response of structures was developed using Abaqus CAE plug-ins with graphical user interfaces. In the present paper, a demonstration of the use of this new Linear Matching Method analysis tool is provided. A header branch pipe in a typical advanced gas-cooled reactor power plant is analysed as a worked example of the current demonstration and verification of the Linear Matching Method tool within the context of an R5 assessment. The detailed shakedown analysis, steady state cycle and ratchet analysis are carried out for the chosen header branch pipe. The comparisons of the Linear Matching Method solutions with results based on the R5 procedure and step-by-step elastic-plastic finite element analysis verify the accuracy, convenience and efficiency of this new integrated Linear Matching Method structural analysis tool.

Keywords: Linear Matching Method , Load Carrying Capacity, Shakedown limit, Ratchet limit, Steady State Cycle, Pipe Header

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1. Introduction

Many engineering structures and components subjected cyclic thermal and mechanical loads experience alternating plasticity leading to low cycle fatigue (LCF) or ratchetting which results in an incremental plastic collapse. The evaluation of the LCF, shakedown and ratchet limits have been researched and modelled extensively by plasticity theorists, materials scientists, mathematicians and engineers. Cyclic plasticity is a complex problem and in recent years significant advances have been made in characterising different responses.

Incremental Finite Element Analysis provides a powerful tool to simulate the elastic-plastic behaviour of structures subjected to a specified load history. This allows investigation of any type of load cycle but also requires significant computer effort for complex 3D structures. In addition, this approach does not predict a shakedown or ratchet limit, it simply shows whether elastic shakedown, plastic shakedown or ratchetting occurs. To calculate the specific shakedown or ratchet limit, a significant number of simulations at different load levels are required to establish the boundary between shakedown and non-shakedown behaviours. The designer ideally requires a shakedown/ratchet analysis method that (i) can be applied efficiently to complex 3D geometry under complex thermo-mechanical loading, (ii) only requires readily available computing facilities and (iii) unambiguously specifies shakedown and ratchet limits.

Hence adopting both the upper and lower bounding theorems [1, 2], direct methods [3-8] have been developed to directly address the limit load, shakedown and ratchet limits required in a design situation. However, shakedown and ratchet analyses are often difficult to incorporate in a design process. Typically these advanced direct methods require specialist programs that are not available or supported commercially and the computing required to analyse practical structures is extensive and often impractical. In the absence of a robust and practical plastic analysis method, design for shakedown in practice is still based on simple solid mechanics models incorporating design factors sufficient to ensure an adequate "margin of safety" against ratchetting is present [9]. This often leads to excessive conservatism in a design, with obvious technical and economic implications.

In recent years, on the basis of previously developed non-linear programming techniques [10, 11], the Linear Matching Method (LMM) [12-18], has been developed to generate approximate inelastic solutions for the steady cyclic state, and to answer specific design related issues with great efficiency and flexibility using standard finite element codes. It has been demonstrated that LMM has both the advantage of programming methods and the

capacity to be implemented easily within a commercial finite element code, Abaqus [19]. The LMM provides a general-purpose technique for the evaluation of shakedown and limit loads, ratchet limit, plastic strain range for the low cycle fatigue (LCF) assessment associated with a steady state cycle.

To enable widespread adoption of the LMMs in industry, an integrated software tool is further developed to not only removes the requirement for manual subroutine alterations, but also provide additional functionality for subsequent life assessment calculations. In an accompanying paper [20], this new integrated structural analysis tool using the LMM framework for the assessment of load carrying capacity, shakedown limit, ratchet limit and steady state cyclic response of structures was presented, and this new software tool will serve two functions.

The first is to provide an appropriate Graphical User Interface (GUI) to the LMM, giving the industrial engineer an intuitive method for both inputting the data required for analysis and using results for subsequent analysis calculations. The pre-processor function of the GUI will be used for selection of analysis type, gathering load cycle data and conversion of the finite element model into a form required for the LMM analysis. Submission of the model for analysis from this pre-processor will automatically initiate the calculation procedure using the FORTRAN subroutines. Upon completion of the calculations, the GUI will then manage post-processing utilities for life assessment calculations of the structure beyond those available in commercial finite element software. The second function of the software tool is to use information given in the pre-processing function to automatically handle the required subroutine code changes according to the desired analysis type. Removing the need for the user to alter subroutines removes the possibility of human error in this task and helps its adoption by users who are accustomed to existing commercial finite element software.

The aim of the present paper is to demonstrate this new LMM software tool including practical application and verification through a header component typically used in an advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) power plant. In the cold reheat system of the AGR, it was required to demonstrate sufficient margin against ratchetting for the secondary header tees. Proof of shakedown in [21] proved problematic during the integrity assessment which makes this an ideal example for the demonstration of this LMM software tool. In the present paper, the important aspects of the background to the analysis conducted are summarised first, and then followed by a description of the finite element (FE) model. The analyses conducted in [21], which are based on the R5 procedure and elastic-plastic calculations, are

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described in section 4. The setup and submission of the LMM analysis of the header is presented in section 5, followed by a comparison of results with the R5 and incremental elastic-plastic finite element analysis (FEA) results.

2. Problem background and description

A schematic of such a header is shown in Figure 1, where the main pipe has two parallel branch pipes. There are a number of these secondary headers in the system. They have all been designed with the same wall thicknesses, but two variations exist with regards to the distance between two branch pipes.

Non-destructive testing (NDT) was performed on a number of headers to determine current wall thicknesses. This inspection showed a significant variation in these wall thicknesses, where the minimum main and branch pipe thicknesses were found to be 20mm and 10.7mm respectively. It should be noted that these minimum thicknesses were not observed in the same header.

In order to prove shakedown in all of the headers whilst keeping the number of analyses to a minimum a worst case model was created. The minimum wall thicknesses observed from the NDT of all the headers were used in this model despite their occurrence in different headers. This gives an inherent conservatism in the model.

This worst case model also considered the possibility of an interaction between two branch pipes. There are two header geometries, the difference between them being the dimension F (3153.3mm and 4169.3mm) in Figure 1. It was shown in [21] that the smaller of these two designs could show an interaction of stresses between two branches whereas the larger design would not. Therefore as a conservative approach the smaller branch geometry was used.

The design conditions of the header are an internal pressure of 4.55MPa, which is limited by a safety relief valve upstream of the header, and a temperature of 382.2°C. The analysis assumes that the pipework operates between two relatively steady state conditions of cold shutdown and hot pressurised, which was confirmed by plant temperature and pressure data. Therefore no cold-pressurised or thermal shock conditions are considered.

In addition to the pressure and temperature, headers experience bending moments due to interaction with the rest of the piping system. The applied bending moments at the cold shutdown and hot pressurised conditions were analysed using the pipe stress analysis software PSA5 [22] for the entire cold reheat piping system. There was a variation in bending moments seen across all the headers in the system, and so the worst case bending moments were chosen as a conservative option for this model.

3. Finite Element Model

3.1. Geometry

The dimensions of the header geometry used are shown in Figure 1, and the model and mesh are created to match that of [21] as closely as possible. The weld is modelled as a 45 degree chamfer with a leg length of 14.1mm. This gives a weld cap dimension of 20mm, which was the minimum observed in the inspection data. Although symmetry exists in this geometry, the applied bending moments are not symmetrical. Therefore symmetry could not be used.

The FE model is meshed with the Abaqus quadratic brick element C3D20R, as shown in Figure 2a. The mesh is biased to be denser in the region of the intersection and weld, resulting in a total of 52240 elements in the model. The weld region is meshed as shown in Figure 2b, which results in no element warnings for internal angles or aspect ratio.

3.2. Material Properties

Table 1 shows the young's modulus and yield stress at 20°C and 382.2°C, respectively. For a shakedown assessment R5 also includes a factor, K_s , on the yield stress. This represents the ability of material to harden or soften during repeated cycles of loading. The header pipework is produced from BS-3602-HFS-27S carbon steel. The K_s factor for carbon steels given in R5 is 0.73 at 20°C and 0.9 for temperatures above 150°C. This gives the shakedown yield stresses in Table 1, where the value of K_s (<1) corresponds to cyclic softening.

3.3. Loads and Boundary Conditions

The internal pressure of 4.55MPa is applied to all internal surfaces of the model. The closed end condition is replicated by applying the equivalent axial tension to the ends of the main and branch pipes. Two temperature extremes of 20°C and 382.2°C are assumed to be entirely uniform with no temperature differences within the model. Therefore these are modelled using uniform predefined fields.

The FE model makes use of reference points and rigid kinematic multi-point constraints (MPC) as a convenient way of applying bending moments and boundary conditions to the model. These are shown in Figure 3. To maintain consistency the naming convention used

here is the same as [21]. In all cases these constraints allow for radial expansion of pipes due to internal pressure.

The worst case bending moments from the PSA5 analysis are given in Table 2. The PSA5 analysis has its own global co-ordinate system which differs from that of Abaqus. Therefore a Cartesian coordinate system was created in at the Inboard Main reference point so that the moments from PSA5 could be directly applied to the model. This coordinate system is shown in Figure 3. The model is constrained by fully fixing the Outboard Main Reference Point in all degrees of freedom.

4. Previous Shakedown Analysis

To perform the R5 Volume 2/3 [9] shakedown calculations stresses need to be linearised across the section in question. In [21] the stress classification line shown in Figure 4 proved to be most severe, and so those results are presented here. This line is at the outboard side of the inboard branch pipe.

4.1. R5 Simple Checks

Checks in R5 Volume 2/3 were used to determine the shakedown status of the component, beginning with the simple checks in R5 section 6.6. This check assumed that the residual stress field is null. The shakedown condition is met if the linearised elastic stresses - are less than the modified yield stress:

where σ_y is the minimum 0.2% proof stress of material and K_s is the factor applied to σ_y to obtain material ratchet limit. An elastic analysis was performed for the cold shutdown and hot pressurised states. Figure 5 shows a contour plot of the von-Mises equivalent stress at the hot-pressurised condition, where the contour limit has been set to the shakedown yield stress of 125.7MPa. It can be seen that a significant region around intersections has exceeded this limit, shown in grey. The linearised stresses across the classification line in Figure 4 exceed the yield stress: the von-Mises equivalent membrane + bending stress at the inner and outer surfaces are 278MPa and 246MPa respectively. This is in excess of the modified yield and so shakedown cannot be demonstrated using a simplified check.

4.2. R5 Shakedown Check Involving a Residual Stress Field

To generate a residual stress field the elastic analysis in section 4.1 was extended to an elastic perfectly-plastic analysis with the unmodified yield stress at 382.2°C (i.e. 139.7MPa).

The internal pressure and associated axial tensions were applied along with the hot moments to generate the elastic-plastic response at this state. Following this plastic deformation, all the loads were removed which left the resultant residual stress field shown in Figure 6.

When this route is adopted in R5 the stress across the section (including the residual stress field) must satisfy

$$(1) \leq (1)$$
 (2)

where is the sum of the applied elastic and residual stresses. If is a linearised stress distribution, as was used in [21], then equation (2) must be satisfied over the entire classification line. The superposition of the elastic and residual stresses at the hot pressure condition resulted in membrane + bending stresses of 183MPa and 188MPa at the inner and outer surfaces respectively. This is greatly in excess of $K_s\sigma_y$ (125.7MPa) at 382.2°C and so fails the shakedown criteria of R5.

4.3. Elastic-Plastic FEA

Exhaustion of the simplified criteria in R5 meant that cyclic elastic-plastic FEA was required to demonstrate shakedown. An elastic perfectly-plastic material was used with the unmodified yield stresses at 20°C and 382.2°C. The model was cycled between two states of cold shutdown and hot pressure. Figure 7 shows plastic strain contours at the steady state cycle and highlights the location of peak plastic strain (in the branch side weld toe in the inboard branch). The plastic strain in this most critical location is also plotted in Figure 7. It can be seen that the plastic strain stabilises after the first cycle and so the header is within strict shakedown.

5. Analysis using the LMM software tool

This header branch is re-analysed using the newly developed LMM tool. Steps used in this section to construct the LMM analysis are detailed so as to act as a worked example of a LMM analysis. Results are then compared to the analysis conducted by an industrial partner.

5.1. Strict Shakedown Analysis

The FE model of section 3 was used for a LMM strict shakedown analysis. Figure 8 shows the first dialog box of the LMM plug-in, which shows the selection of the model and a strict shakedown analysis.

Only one material is defined in this model, therefore a single material properties dialog is shown. Figure 8b shows the materials dialog with temperature dependent properties. Only two temperature dependent properties are used so the third row of tables is deleted. The Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio were already defined for the elastic analysis, and so the "Extract" function was used to populate the dialog box. The elevated temperature in the model is uniform and so no thermal stresses will be generated. Therefore an arbitrary thermal expansion coefficient is entered.

Figure 9a shows the Load Cycle dialog box. The load cycle for this component is assumed to vary between the two conditions of cold shutdown and hot pressure. Therefore two points in the load cycle table are required. The cold moments are applied with a multiplier of 1.0 in the first load instance along with the 20°C temperature field. The hot moments, internal pressure and axial tensions associated with this are not applied and so have a multiplier of zero. In the second load instance, the cold moments have a multiplier of zero. The hot moments, internal pressure and its associated axial tensions are given a multiplier of 1.0. The second load instance is given the 382.2°C temperature field. All loads are allowed to be scaled during the solution. Therefore the resulting shakedown load multiplier will be the level by which all these loads can be scaled to be exactly at the shakedown limit. The two temperature fields are not included in this scaling, which means that yield stresses at both load points will remain unaffected.

The final dialog, shown in Figure 9b, is used to name the analysis, set the working directory, and specify the number of increments and convergence. This is a relatively large model and so a maximum of 300 increments was set. If convergence has not occurred in this time then the analysis is terminated to prevent files becoming too large. A 2% difference between lower and upper bounds was chosen as the convergence tolerance. This value is assumed sufficient to ensure converged lower and upper bounds without allowing the solution time to become excessive.

With the data entered into the dialog, the LMM scripts configure the model as described in section 4 of the accompanying paper [20]. The analysis job is created in CAE, and the model is ready for a LMM analysis. At this point the job definition created by the LMM was modified to solve on multiple CPUs, and then it was submitted for analysis.

The convergence tolerance was met in 118 increments of the LMM solution with upper and lower bound multipliers of 1.117 and 1.096, as shown in Figure 10. Therefore the applied

loads could be increased by approximately 10% whilst still achieving strict shakedown. This result confirms that the header is in strict shakedown as observed in the cyclic elastic plastic FEA. Figure 11 compares contour plots of plastic strain predicted by the LMM and elastic plastic FEA with the same measure of plastic strain. The LMM results are given at the strict shakedown limit, and the Abaqus cyclic elastic plastic FEA results are for the specified loading. Nevertheless, a good agreement is observed.

The elastic plastic analysis of [21] described in section 4.3 used the unmodified yield stress to prove shakedown, and this has been validated with the LMM analysis using the same values of yield stress. However the R5 assessments use a modified value of yield to account for cyclic softening. Header components see a very low number of cycles – plant data shows around 6 cycles per year. Therefore it is questionable whether the steel would see enough cycles to soften by any significant level. Nevertheless it is prudent to check the shakedown status using K_s -1.

The LMM analysis was repeated using the shakedown yield stresses from Table 1. The resulting lower and upper bound shakedown multipliers are 0.867 and 0.886 respectively. Therefore the header is not in strict shakedown and further analysis is required to ensure that it is not ratchetting.

5.2. Steady State Cycle and Global Shakedown Limit

Since strict shakedown could not be achieved when the K_s values of yield stress were used, the model must either be in global shakedown or ratchetting. To find out which, the model was analysed using the LMM global shakedown procedure. The LMM plug-in was started once again within Abaqus CAE. Figure 12 shows the Main and Material dialog boxes, which are nearly identical to that of the strict shakedown analysis. In this case, the Ramberg-Osgood model is not used due to lack of material data.

The load cycle is identical to that of the strict shakedown analysis. This means that the stage 1 calculation will give the stabilised cycle for these loads and the strain ranges to use in a low cycle fatigue calculation. At this point the global shakedown calculation differs from the strict shakedown. In the strict shakedown analysis all the loads were scaled, which gives the level by which the entire load case should be scaled to be at the strict shakedown limit. The global shakedown procedure, however, adds the selected extra loading to all load points to find the global shakedown limit or the ratchet limit. Additional loads must be selected carefully to ensure the ratchet limit is meaningful. In this case the internal pressure and

associated axial tensions were selected to be added in stage 2, shown in Figure 13a. This means that the ratchet limit multiplier will correspond to the level of additional pressure loading that will not cause ratchetting. If it was deemed that the safety margin against an increase in cold or hot moments was needed, then these could be selected instead.

The global shakedown analysis required two convergence values. A steady cycle convergence value of $1e^{-4}$ was used to obtain a stabilised cycle. A 5% difference in lower and upper bound was chosen for stage 2 in order to reduce the number of increments required. Figure 13b shows the Job dialog box. The model was then solved.

The lower and upper load multipliers given by this analysis were 0.024 and 0.087 respectively, which correspond to an allowable increase in pressure of 2.4% and 8.7% respectively. This means that an increase in pressure of 0.4MPa (using the upper bound multiplier) can be sustained before ratchetting. The difference in load multipliers is greater than 5% specified in the plug-in and is a result of the analysis being terminated due to the size of results files, which were becoming large. The purpose of the stage 2 analysis was to demonstrate if the header is in global shakedown, therefore any positive load multiplier indicates this. Examining load multipliers during the solution shows that the upper bound has converged very well, with little change seen between consecutive increments. The lower bound showed a slow convergence with the inboard branch weld toe being the source of the problem. Despite this, the lower bound shows that at least 0.11MPa of internal pressure can be added before ratchetting will begin and continued solution would approach the converged upper bound value. Based on this the header was judged to be within global shakedown and the analysis was terminated.

Two elastic plastic analyses were conducted to validate this result. The first analysis considered the exact load history seen by the header. With the same measure of plastic strain, Figure 14a shows contours of plastic strain at the weld of the inboard branch given by this elastic plastic analysis and the LMM at the hot end of load cycle, and a good agreement is observed. The plastic strain history at the point of the highest plastic strain in the elastic plastic analysis is plotted in Figure 14b, which shows that the header is operating in global shakedown. The plastic strain range at this location given by the LMM and the elastic plastic analysis are 9.75e-4 and 8.97e-4 respectively, which shows that the LMM gives a conservative estimate of this.

The second elastic plastic analysis was conducted to validate the location of the global shakedown limit predicted by stage 2 of the LMM calculation. This analysis considered an increase in the internal pressure and tensions of 9%, taking the load cycle just beyond the global shakedown limit predicted by the LMM upper bound. Figure 15 shows the plastic strain history, which shows an accumulation of plastic strain until a plastic hinge forms during the 12th cycle and the analysis halts.

These analyses show that the header operates in global shakedown, but is very close to the global shakedown limit. A relatively small increase in the pressure would result in ratchetting behaviour. Despite this, further evidence to substantiate the global shakedown status of the component comes from available material properties, showing significant work hardening behaviour in this material, which is not taken into account in any of the analyses conducted here. If a Ramberg-Osgood model were available then this could be used in stage 1 of the global shakedown calculation. This hardening would bring the header further away from the global shakedown limit (possibly even to within strict shakedown) which supports the global shakedown status of the header.

6. Conclusions

This paper has revisited the analysis of a header branch pipe performed by an industrial partner. The original analysis of this component used the R5 procedure, but these checks could not demonstrate that the header was in shakedown. Elastic plastic analysis was performed and showed that the header was in strict shakedown.

The LMM has been used in this paper to re-analyse the header. This provides a worked example of the newly created LMM plug-in software tool. The steps involved in running the LMM strict shakedown analysis and the outputs it produces are described. The LMM results concur with that of the incremental elastic plastic analysis, which show that the header is in strict shakedown when the unmodified yield stress is assumed. However strict shakedown is not achieved if the R5 K_s factor is applied.

The LMM global shakedown analysis proved that the header is in global shakedown but, with the perfectly plastic material assumed, a relatively small increase in the internal pressure would cause ratchetting. The detailed elastic plastic analyses verify the plastic strain locations, plastic strain range and global shakedown limit predicted by the LMM tool. The model used for this analysis is one of the most complex in LMM applications, and this paper has demonstrated that the developed LMM software tool is capable of solving practical engineering problems with complicated thermal and mechanical load history.

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Temperature (°C)	Yield Stress, σ _y (MPa)	Shakedown Yield Stress, K _s o _y (MPa)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)
20	247.1	180.4	419	210
382.2	139.7	125.7	389.5	185.9

Table 1 Temperature dependent material properties for the header branch

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Inboard Main	23033	-2823	-6580	-35978	4287	15550
Inboard Branch	-26508	2076	6314	14715	-2952	-5103
Outboard Branch	-15019	-344	8705	4363	-1289	-2750

Table 2 Bending moments applied to model (all in Nm)



Fig. 1. Geometry and dimensions of header



Fig. 2. a) Header mesh; b) Weld mesh detail



Fig. 3. Reference points, multi-point constraints and moment coordinate system



Fig. 4. Stress classification line for linearised stresses



Fig. 5. Elastic stress at the hot pressure condition



Fig. 6. Residual stress state after removal of all loads (temp 382.2 degrees)



Fig. 7. Contour of plastic strain and plastic strain history at the critical location

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Fig. 8. a) Main dialog box; b) Materials dialog box

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Fig. 9. a) Load Cycle dialog; b) Job dialog

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Fig. 10. Abaqus monitor dialog for the strict shakedown analysis



Fig. 11. a) LMM mechanism prediction at the strict shakedown limit; b) Location of peak plastic strain from elastic-plastic analysis

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Fig. 12. Steady cycle and ratchet limit a) main dialog; b) materials dialog

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Fig. 13. Steady cycle and ratchet a) load cycle dialog; b) job dialog



Fig. 14. a) Contour plot of plastic strain; b) Plastic strain history of elastic plastic analysis



Fig. 15. Plastic strain history of the second elastic plastic analysis