

Long Term Analysis of Nuclear Containment Structure Considering Material Non-linearity and Geometric Non-linearity Effects

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Abstract—Demand for energy is increasing day by day across the world resulting in construction of more number of atomic power stations. Critical facilities such as nuclear containment structure design require an exact and accurate assessment of aging requirements, because any failure of these facilities causes great threat to society.

In the present study nuclear containment structure is modelled according to specification of kudankulam nuclear containment structure, static and dynamic analysis is carried out for the same site location. In order to overcome the failure of much nuclear containment structure due to adverse durability effects before their expected design life, long term analysis of nuclear containment structure is carried out by considering geometric non-linearity, material non-linearity and temperature effects for period of 100 years using relevant standard codes. The results obtained in this study shows that the long term deflection by considering the effects of creep, shrinkage and temperature are within permissible limit according to clause of IS 456 2000 is evaluated for period of 100 years.

Keyword — P-Delta analysis, Creep, Shrinkage, IS 456- 2000, CEB-FIP 1990

I. INTRODUCTION

Earlier nuclear reactors are designed maximum for a period of 40 years. Currently in order to improve the profit and to enhance the nuclear share of the electricity supply, presently nuclear industries are significantly concentrating on expansion of the life of nuclear power plant. As of May 2016, 444 nuclear reactors are operating across 30 countries for the production of electricity and 63 new nuclear power plants are in the construction phase in 15 countries. Across India Twenty atomic reactors with 4780 MW capacity are in operation and seven more reactors of 5300 MW in construction stage.

Increasing demand for nuclear energy across the world have increased concerns towards the safety of nuclear power plant as any basic harm to any these atomic reactors resulting in serious risk of radiation effects, real health issues and also organic and ecological dangers. Florida nuclear power plant accident in 2009 and Tarapur first and second boiling reactor units operation are stopped after 2011 Fukushima accident, Tree mile island accident. These accidents increased fear from atomic reactors hence nuclear board is concentrating more on safety issues. Ageing is a continuous time-dependent loss of quality of materials, caused by the operating conditions like temperature, irradiation, corrosion, abrasion, erosion and combination of all factors.

The International Energy Agency states as follows “In the coming decade life of nuclear power plant will be the most significant factors for generation of electricity hence if there is no change in principles and policies of atomic energy”

II. BACKGROUND THEORY

N. M. Bhandari, Banti A. Gedam and AkhilUpadhyay [1] (2009) invested creep and shrinkage of HPC for period of nine hundred days using 4 existing material model code and lastly validation of results is done with experimental study. The results of this study shows that the shrinkage & creep result shows that the CEB FIP 1990 model codal provisions is a closer match with 2% deviation of experimental data, whereas the ACI 209R-92, B3 and GL2000 models are overestimating deviational coefficient between 31% to 66% for creep and 46 to 89% for shrinkage.

Robert S. Dunham Randy J. James, and Joseph Y [2] 2010 studied aging behaviour of Nuclear power plant by Modelling and analysis of NPP structure with advanced technology. The results of this study shows that Advanced modelling and simulation techniques are important in evaluating desired and unusual structural behaviour to enhance the safety operation of NPP Structure which is near to their design life and Time-

dependent material degradation factors like temperature and alkali aggregate reaction that can affect the long duration behaviour of NPP structures

Rospars .C, P. Bisch, G. Moreaur, Erlicher S and Ruocci. G [14] in year 2015 studied Analysis of cracking pattern in reinforced concrete members subjected to shear cyclic load. Displacement and strain fields in shear wall are evaluated using digital images correlation, cracks patterns are characterised in terms of crack spacing, orientation and average crack width, a comparative study of evolutions of cracks for two different types of cyclic loading is carried out and maximum and residual crack width at ultimate loading case are analysed results reveals that Shear cyclic load test on concrete reveals that there is monotonically increase of crack width and propagation of cracks on the concrete structure indicates about the stabilisation of cracking pattern.

N. Dawood, and H. Marzouk, in 2013 provides Design Guidelines criteria for Controlling of cracks in a thick high-Strength Concrete members of an off shore structures in order to determine the behaviour of cracks and prevention measures need to be adopted to control cracks in a thick HSC members by developed empirical equations. Authors found that greater the value of bar spacing and cover of concrete, results in reduction of maximum allowed steel stress. For controlling cracks there is no significant effect of concrete strength on maximum steel tensile stress. Crack formation can be avoided by using lesser diameter bar having a larger steel stress. And finally they concluded the best empirical approach. An easy way to comply with the conference paper formatting requirements is to use this document as a template and simply type your text into it.

III.METHODOLOGY

Finite element modelling of nuclear containment structure is carried out according to specification of Kudankulam nuclear power plant project, which is located along the gulf coast of Mannar at 25km northeast of Kanyakumari India. Static and dynamic analysis is carried out using ETABS according to Indian standards for same site location.

In the present study nuclear containment structure is designed and analysed for a period of hundred years against material non-linearity, geometric non-linearity and varying temperature load of +50oc in order to ensure safety and serviceable for entire design life. For geometric non – linearity p-delta analysis is carried out according to I.S 1893 (part 1) 2002 and UBC 97. Whereas For material non-linearity time dependent properties like creep and shrinkage analysis is carried out according to CEB-FIP 1990 code book and lastly temperature analysis is carried out according to AERB SAFETY STANDARD NO. AERB/SS/CSE-1 and UBC 97, lastly long –term deflection and permissible crack width is evaluated

IV.NUMERICAL MODELING

Numerical modelling of the Kudankulam containment structure has been developed using finite element based program software named as SAP 2000 as shown in figure 1. Four noded three dimensional quadrilateral thin shell elements having six DOF are used to develop a nuclear containment structure finite element model. Thin shell element considers both in-plane and out- plane stiffness during the analysis. Totally 1875 nodes and 1850 thin shell elements are used for modelling of super structure.

A. Nuclear containment specifications

Height of the nuclear vault above ground level	: 64.5m
Height of the nuclear vault below ground level	: 9m
Diameter of the Vault	: 50m
Thickness of shear wall	: 1.2m

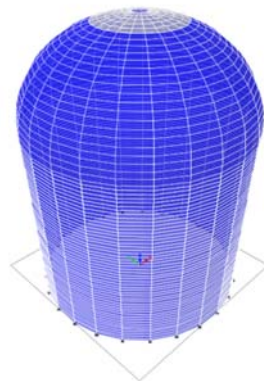


Figure 1: Numerical Nuclear Vault Model

B. Material properties

Elastic material model is used to simulate the structure of receiving material as an atomic regulation structure is designed to accommodate elastic limits based on the assumptions limit state criteria. Reinforcement shall be conforming to IS 1786. HYSD bars of Grade Fe550 and Concrete shall be conforming to IS 456 and OPC conforming to IS 12269 and aggregates conforming to IS 383 shall be used for concrete.

Table 1: Material Properties

Name	Type	symmetrical	E	N	Unit Weight	Design Strengths
		Direction	MPa		kN/m ³	Mpa
M60	Concrete	Isotropic	38729.83	0.2	24.9926	F _c =60
HYSD550	Rebar	Uni-axial	200000	0.3	76.9729	F _y =550, F _u =585

Where,

E- Modulus of elasticity

N- Poisson's Ratio

V. STATIC AND DYNAMIC LOADS

A. Dead loads

Dead loads are considered according to IS 875 (PART 1)-1987 and according to density of possible dead loads. In the present study to reduce the complexity of calculation self-weight of structure is calculated by program itself.

B. Earthquake and Wind parameters

Equivalent static earthquake load and wind load parameters are taken as per the specification of kudunkulam Nuclear power plant site location according to I.S 1893 (Part 4) 2005 and I.S 875 (part 3) respectively, Kudunkulam Nuclear power plant falls in Zone II, But in the present study it is assumed as zone III as it is a very important structure and very closer to zone III. Seismic and wind parameters incorporated in the present study are tabulated below.

Table 2 Earthquake and wind Parameters

Parameter	Values	Reference
Earthquake Parameters		
Zone factor (Z)	0.16	From Table number 2 of IS 1893 2002
Reduction factor (R)	3	From Table number 3 of IS 1893 (Part4)2005
Importance factor (I)	2	From Table 2 of IS 1893 (Part4) 2005
Soil Type Category	2	From table 1 of IS 1893 2002
Seismic acceleration coefficient	1.67	From 6.4.5 clause of IS 1893 2002
Time Period	0.95	Clause Number 7.6.2 of IS 1893 (Part1)2002
Wind Parameters		
Wind speed	9.8 m/s	Average wind speed at kudunkulam
Structure Class	B	5.3.2.1 clause of I.S 875 part 3
Terrain Category	2	5.3.2.1 clause of I.S 875 part 3
Risk coefficient K ₁	1	5.3.1 clause of I.S 875 part 3
Topography coefficient K ₂	1	5.3.3 clause of I.S 875 part 3
External Pressure Coefficient		Table 15 fig number b of I.S 875 part 3.

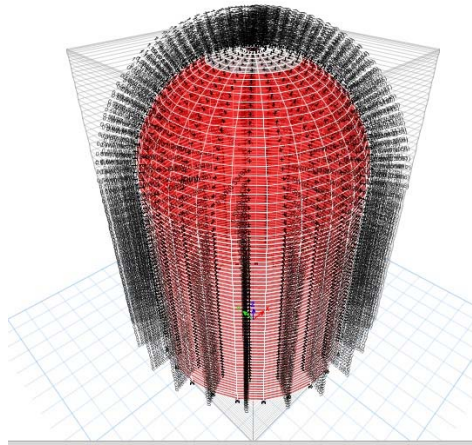


Figure 2: External Wind Pressure Coefficient

VI. LONG TERM NON-LINEAR ANALYSIS

The major difference between linear analysis and non-linear analysis is stiffness will remain constant, loading and un-loading path are simple in nature, simple analysis procedure in linear analysis where as in non-linear analysis there is variation of stiffness, loading and unloading paths are complex in nature and complex analysis procedure.

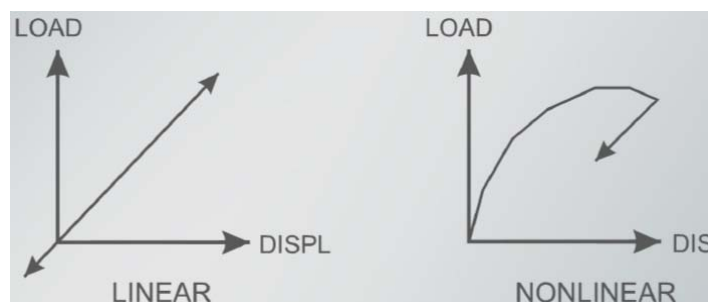


Figure 3: Linear Behaviour versus Non-Linear Behaviour

Zero Initial Conditions -Start from Unstressed State: The structure having zero velocity and displacement, absence of past non-linear deformation.

A. Material Non-linearity

Material non linearity occurs when there is non-linear stress-strain behaviour is observed in the material and there will change in material properties with respect to varying loads. Non-linear behaviour for M60 grade and HYSD 550 is shown in figure

In the present study for material non-linearity creep and shrinkage analysis are carried out according CEB-FIP-1990 EURO code, creep and shrinkage analysis are generally carried out by two methods namely the Dirichlet series method and the full integration method. Creep Coefficient and shrinkage strain are determined manually as well as analytically.

Linear and non-linear behaviour of M60 grade concrete is shown in below figure 4

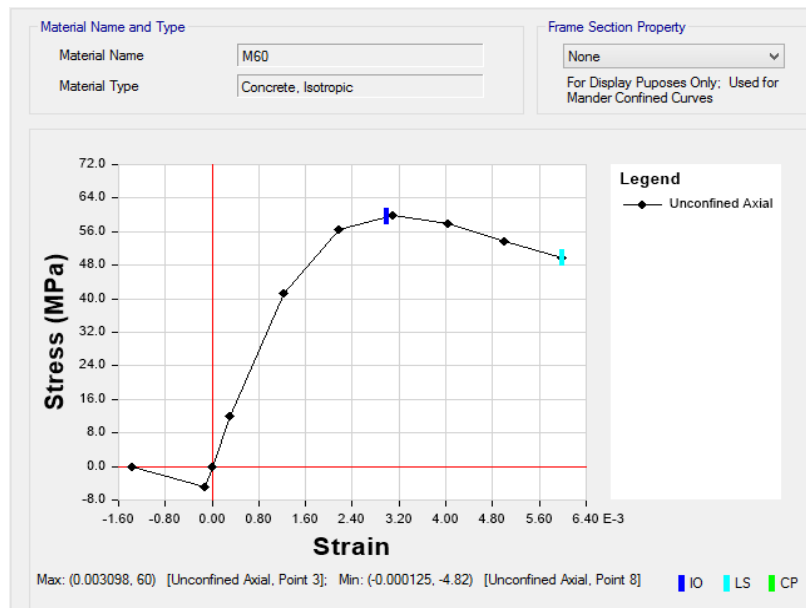


Figure 4 Stress Strain Curve for M60 Grade Concrete

Linear and non-linear behaviour of HYSD 550 grade rebar is shown in below figure 5

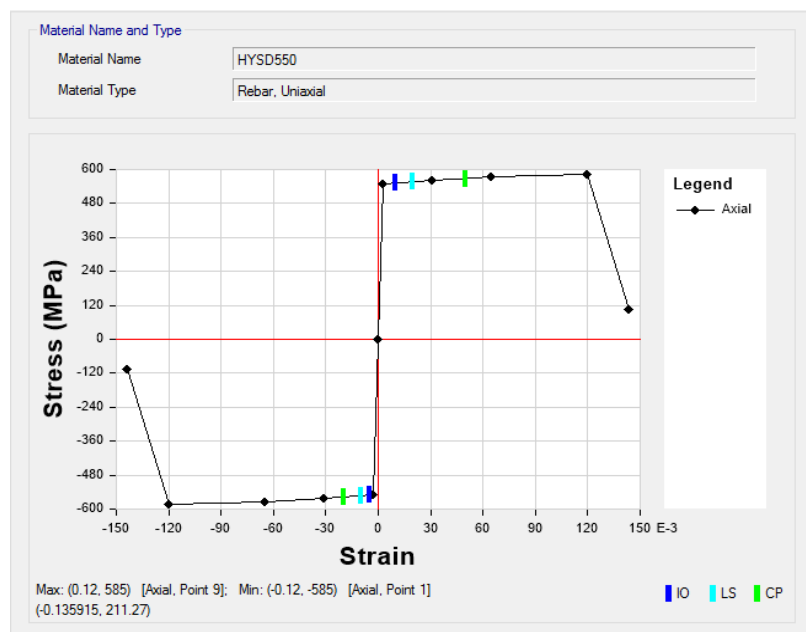


Figure 5 Stress Strain Curve for HYSD 550 Grade Rebar

A.1 Theoretical Calculation

- Relative humidity is taken as 50% as per the specification of Kudankulam Nuclear power plant site location.
- Notional size (n)
 - From equation 2.1 -69 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book
 - $= \frac{2Ac}{U}$, where Ac is cross sectional area of one element and u is perimeter
 - $= \frac{2 \times 6.27}{14.53} = 862.8\text{mm}$.
- Shrinkage start age is taken as = 7 hours
- Age of loading = 7 days

Creep coefficient and shrinkage strain are calculated according to clause 2.1.6.4 of CEP-FIP 1990

Total shrinkage strain calculated as follows:

Total shrinkage strain is given as:

From equation 2.1 -74 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book

$$\epsilon_s(t, t_s) = \epsilon_{cs0} \beta_s(t - t_s)$$

Where:

β_s = coefficient to know rate of shrinkage development equation 2.1-79 of CIB-FIP 1990

t = Concrete age measured in days

t_s = Age of concrete at the time of shrinkage beginning in days

Notional Shrinkage coefficient:

From equation 2.1-75 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book

$$\epsilon_{cs0} = \epsilon_s \times (f_{cm}) \times \beta_{RH}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_s(f_{cm}) &= 10^{-6} \left[160 + 10 \times \beta_{sc} \left(9 - \frac{f_{cm}}{f_{cm0}} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[160 + 10 \times 8 \left(9 - \frac{60}{10} \right) \right] \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 400 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

f_{cm} = 28 days mean compressive strength of concrete measured in MPa

f_{cm0} = 10MPa

β_{sc} = coefficient depends on the type of cement

= 8 for rapid hardening high strength

RH = Relative humidity as per ambient temperature

RH_0 = 100%

As relative humidity is between 40% << RH << 99%

$$\beta_{RH} = -1.55 \beta_{sRH}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{sRH} &= 1 - (RH/RH_0)^3 \\ &= 1 - (50/100)^3 \\ &= 0.875 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{RH} &= -1.55 \beta_{sRH} \\ &= -1.55 \times 0.875 \\ &= -1.36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore shrinkage coefficient} &= 400 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.36 \\ &= 0.000544 \end{aligned}$$

Designed for 100 years

Shrinkage development rate is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_s(t - t_s) &= \left(\frac{(t - t_s)/t_1}{350 \left(\frac{h}{h_0} \right)^2 + (t - t_s)/t_1} \right)^{0.5} \\ &= \left(\frac{(36500 - 1)/1}{350 \left(\frac{862.3}{100} \right)^2 + (36500 - 1)/1} \right)^{0.5} \\ &= 0.7632 \end{aligned}$$

Where:

h_0 = 100mm

t_1 = 1 day

t = life span of concrete measured in days

t_s = Age of concrete at the time of shrinkage beginning measured in days i.e 1 day

There total shrinkage strain

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_s(t, t_s) &= \epsilon_{cs0} \beta_s (t - t_s) \\ &= 0.76 \times 0.000544 \\ &= 0.000415\end{aligned}$$

Creep coefficient calculation:

From equation 2.1-64 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \varphi_0 \beta_s (t - t_0)$$

Where: φ_0 = notional creep coefficient

β_s = coefficient to describe the development of creep after the time of loading

t = Age of concrete at moment considered

t_0 = Age of concrete at loadings

Notional creep coefficient is given by:

From equation 2.1-65 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book

$$\varphi_0 = \varphi_{RH} \times \beta(f_{cm}) \times \beta(t_0)$$

Where: h = notional size

f_{cm} = mean compressive strength of concrete at age of 28 days in MPa

f_{cm0} = 10 MPa

t_1 = 1 day

t = 36500 days

t_0 = Age of concrete at the loading days i.e 7 days

RH = Relative humidity as per ambient temperature = 50%

RH_0 = 100%

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{RH} &= 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{RH}{RH_0}}{0.46 \times \left(\frac{h}{h_0}\right)^{1/3}} \quad (\text{from equation 2.1-66 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book}) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{50}{100}}{0.46 \times \left(\frac{862.3}{100}\right)^{1/3}} \\ &= 1.5299\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(f_{cm}) &= \frac{5.3}{\left(\frac{f_{cm}}{f_{cm0}}\right)^{0.5}} \quad (\text{from equation 2.1-67 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book}) \\ &= \frac{5.3}{\left(\frac{60}{10}\right)^{0.5}} \\ &= 2.1637\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(t_0) &= \frac{1}{0.1 + \left(\frac{t_0}{t_1}\right)^{0.2}} \quad (\text{from equation 2.1-68 of CEB-FIP 1990 code book}) \\ &= \frac{1}{0.1 + \left(\frac{7}{1}\right)^{0.2}} \\ &= 0.63\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore notional creep coefficient} &= \varphi_0 = \varphi_{RH} \times \beta(f_{cm}) \times \beta(t_0) \\ &= 0.63 \times 2.163 \times 1.53 \\ &= 2.100\end{aligned}$$

Creep coefficient:

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \varphi_0 \beta_s (t - t_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_s(t - t_0) &= \left(\frac{(t - t_0)/t_1}{\beta H + (t - t_0)/t_1}\right)^{0.3} \\ &= \left(\frac{(36500 - 7)/1}{1500 + (36500 - 7)/1}\right)^{0.3} \\ &= 0.987\end{aligned}$$

$\beta H = 150 \{ 1 + (1.2 \times RH/RH_0)^{18} \} h/h_0 + 250 \leq 1500$ as per clause 2.1 -70

Therefore creep Coefficient = $\Phi(t, t_0) = \varphi_0 \beta_s (t - t_0)$

$$= 2.1 \times 0.987$$

$$= 2.058$$

B. Geometric Non-linearity

Geometric non-linearity can happen because of huge amount of relocations and rotations of structure and substantial strains developed in the structure it includes nonlinearity in kinematic quantities such as the strain-rotation, stress-strain, strain- deflection relations in basic structural components.

P-Delta effect is known as the geometric nonlinearity, it is the secondary effect on moment and shear of the structural members occurring due to interaction of vertical loads and lateral displacement of the structure resulting from lateral loads like earthquake, wind.

In the present study P-delta analysis is carried out according to IS 1893 part 1 2002 and UBC 97 code book using ETABS program P-delta load combination is repetitive resulting in more computational time of the analysis. Structure undergoes local buckling of the individual members are global buckling of the entire structure if P-Delta compressive axial forces are in large quantity. Buckling of whole structure results somewhat unpredictable deformation and failure mode of the structure.

A. Temperature loads

+50C Temperature load is assigned to nuclear containment structure

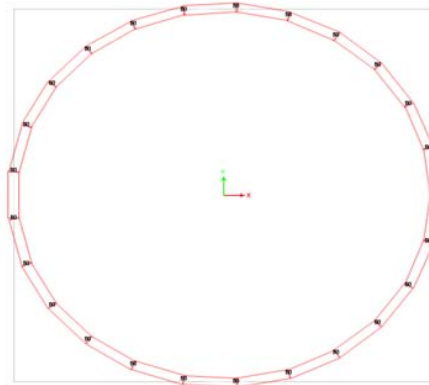


Figure 6 Temperature Loa

B. Non-linear loads

Non-linearity loads are defined by creating static nonlinear staged construction cases that are specifically tailored to model construction sequence loading.

A non-linear stage is defined as a collection of operations that are executed at a given time. Each stage has defined in terms of number of days to complete that defined stage. The first stage will start with the initial conditions defined for the Staged-Construction Load Case and each stage starts with initial conditions equal to the end of the previous Stage.

In the present study each story of the nuclear containment structure is adopted as one stage. Number of days for construction of these stages is assumed based on earlier study. Stage 52 is the spherical dome, number of days for construction of the erection of the spherical dome is assumed as 109 days. After construction stages are the maintenance stages defined at every 20 years life span of nuclear containment structure

Table 3 Non-Linear Staged Loads

Construction Height	Stage Name	Stage Start Age	Duration	Cumulative Dead load
M		Days	days	Stages
1.5	Stage 1	0	54	0
1	Stage 2	54	35	Stage 1
1	Stage 3	89	35	Stage 2
1	Stage 4	124	35	Stage 3
1	Stage 5	159	35	Stage 4
1	Stage 6	194	35	Stage 5
1	Stage 8	229	35	Stage 6
1	Stage 8	264	35	Stage 7
1	Stage 9	299	35	stage 8
1	Stage 10	334	35	stage 9
1	Stage 11	369	35	stage 10
1	Stage 12	404	35	stage 11
1	Stage 13	439	35	stage 12
1	Stage 14	474	35	stage 13
1	Stage 15	509	35	stage 14
1	Stage 16	544	35	stage 15
1	Stage 17	579	35	stage 16
1	Stage 18	614	35	stage 17
1	Stage 19	649	35	stage 18
1	Stage 20	684	35	stage 19
1	Stage 21	719	35	stage 20
1	Stage 22	754	35	stage 21
1	Stage 23	789	35	stage 22
1	Stage 24	824	35	stage 23
1	Stage 25	859	35	stage 24
1	Stage 26	894	35	stage 25
1	Stage 27	929	35	stage 26
1	Stage 28	964	35	stage 27
1	Stage 29	999	35	stage 28
1	Stage 30	1034	35	stage 29
1	Stage 31	1069	35	stage 30
1	Stage 32	1104	35	stage 31
1	Stage 33	1139	35	stage 32
1	Stage 34	1174	35	stage 33
1	Stage 35	1209	35	stage 34
1	Stage 36	1244	35	stage 35
1	Stage 37	1279	35	stage 36
1	Stage 38	1314	35	stage 37
1	Stage 39	1349	35	stage 38
1	Stage 40	1384	35	stage 39
1	Stage 41	1419	35	stage 40
1	Stage 42	1454	35	stage 41

1	Stage 43	1489	35	stage 42
1	Stage 44	1524	35	stage 43
1	Stage 45	1559	35	stage 44
1	Stage 46	1594	35	stage 45
1	Stage 47	1629	35	stage 46
1	Stage 48	1664	35	stage 47
1	Stage 49	1699	35	stage 48
1	Stage 50	1734	35	stage 49
1	Stage 51	1769	35	stage 50
Spherical dome 50m	Stage 52	1804	109	stage 51
After construction	Stage 53	1913	7300	stage 52
After construction	Stage 54	9213	7300	stage 53
After construction	Stage 55	16513	7300	stage 54
After construction	Stage 56	23813	7300	stage 55
After construction	Stage 57	3111	7300	stage 56

VII. RESULTS

A. Short term deflection

Maximum deflection due to static load is 2.3mm as shown in figure 7

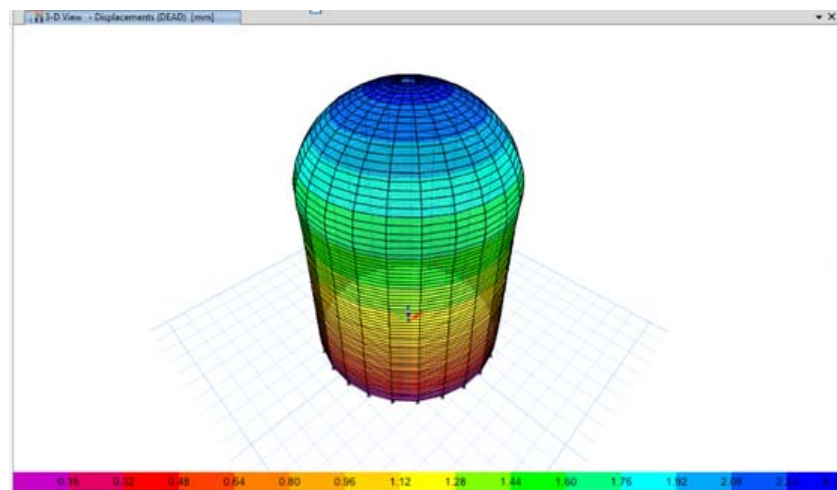


Figure 7: Deflection for Gravity Load

B. Creep Coefficient

Analytically maximum creep coefficient obtained for full-integration method for period of 100 years is 1.949 as shown in figure 8

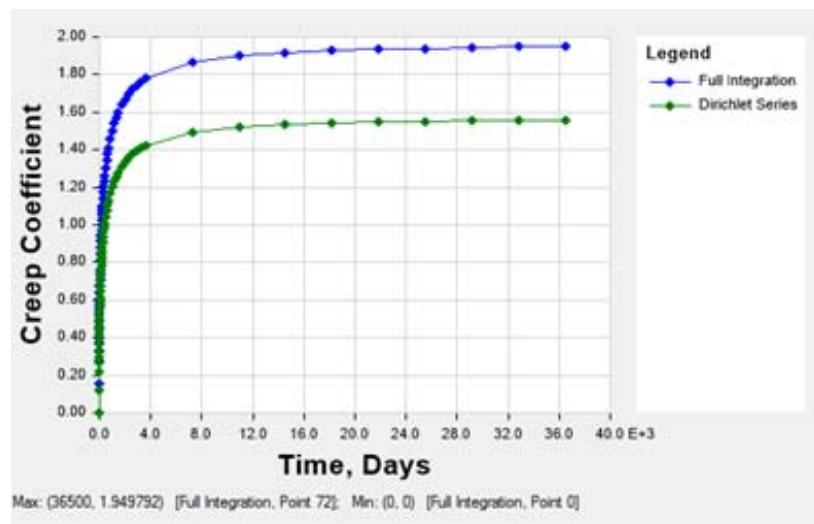


Figure 8: Analytical Creep Coefficient

C. Shrinkage strain

Analytically maximum shrinkage strain obtained for period of 100 years is 0.000348 as shown in figure 9

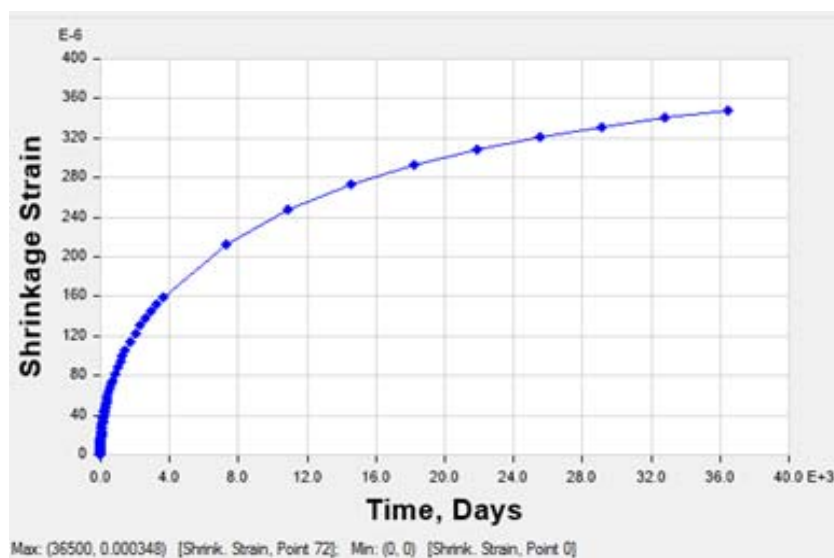


Figure 9: Analytical Shrinkage Strain

D. Comparison of results

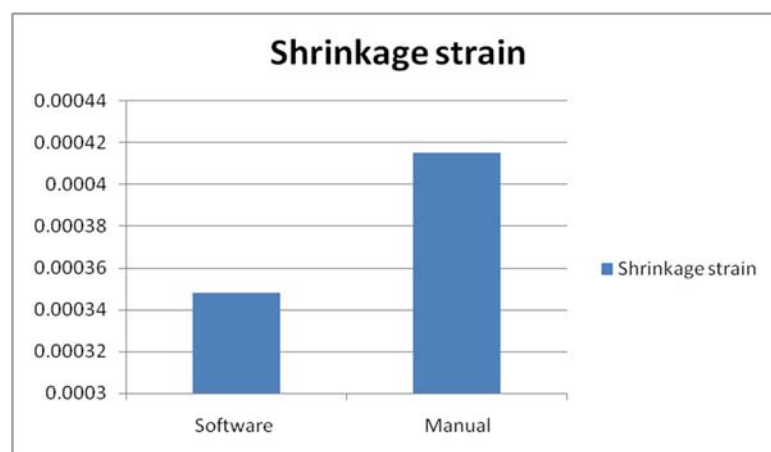


Figure 10 Theoretical and Analytical Shrinkage Strain

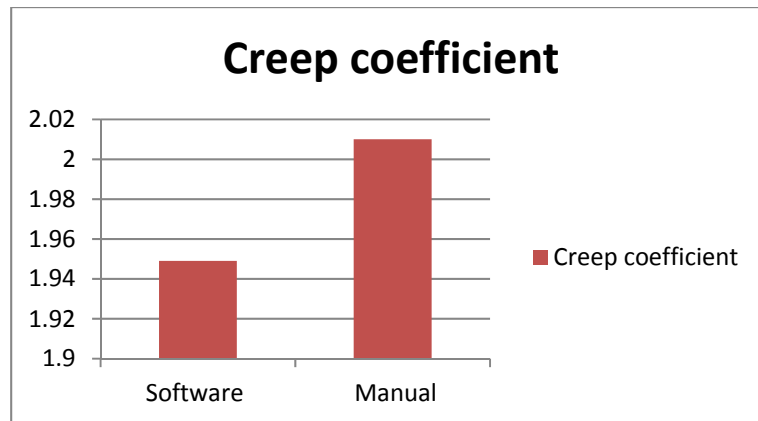


Figure 11 Theoretical and Analytical Creep coefficient

E. Temperature

Maximum Temperature load obtained analytically is 12843kN as shown in figure 12

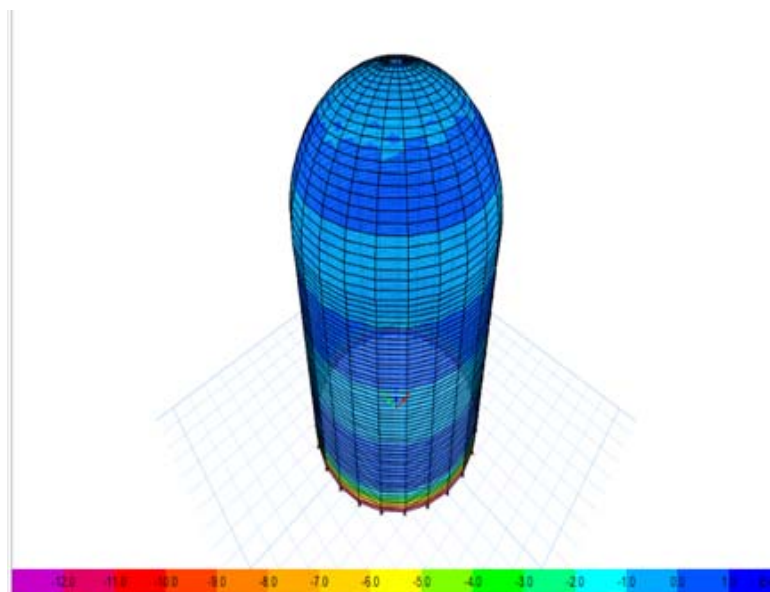


Figure 12 Maximum Temperature Load

F. Long term deflection:

According to I.S 456 Clause 23.2

The deflection including effects of creep, shrinkage and temperature occurring after the erection and application of finishes should not normally exceed 20mm or span/350 whichever is less

50000/350 (144.3mm) or 20mm > 18.2mm hence deflection for period of 100 years are within permissible limit

As shown in figure 13

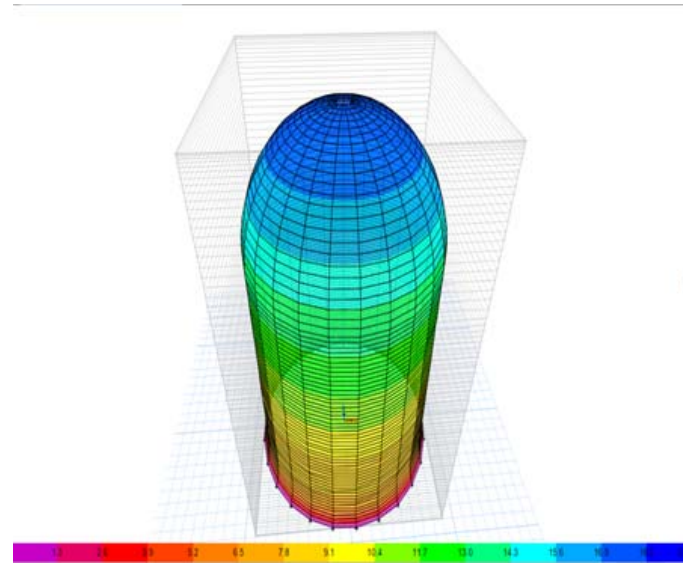


Figure 13 Total Deflection

VIII. CONCLUSION

- Short term deflection due to gravity load is 2.3mm
- Creep Coefficient obtained for numerical model is 1.949 whereas for theoretical calculation the value obtained is 2.01. Hence analytical creep Coefficient results are in good agreement with theoretical results
- Shrinkage strain obtained for numerical model and manual calculation are 0.000348 and 0.000415 respectively hence analytical shrinkage strain are quite near to the theoretical results
- Long term deflection including the effects of creep, shrinkage and temperature occurring after the erection and application of finishes is 18.2mm hence it is within the permissible limit according to Clause 23.2 of I.S 456 2000.

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