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Fracture Behavior of Welded Pipes with Local Wall Thinning

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Abstract

Fracture behaviors of pipes with local wall thinning are very important for the integrity of nuclear power plant. In pipes of energy plants, sometimes, the local wall thinning may result from severe erosion-corrosion (E/C) damage. However, the effects of local wall thinning on strength and fracture behaviors of piping system were not well studied. In this paper, the monotonic bending tests were performed of full-scale welded and unwelded carbon steel pipes with local wall thinning. A monotonic bending load was applied to straight pipe specimens by four-point loading at ambient temperature without internal pressure. The observed failure modes were divided into four types; ovalization, crack initiation/growth after ovalization, local buckling and crack initiation/growth after local buckling. Also, the strengths of welded and unwelded piping system with local wall thinning were evaluated.

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48.6 mm
Schedule 80 STS370 (Carbon Steel Pipes for High Pressure Service; JIS Standard G3455)

Table 1 2

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360°

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Fig. 1(b)

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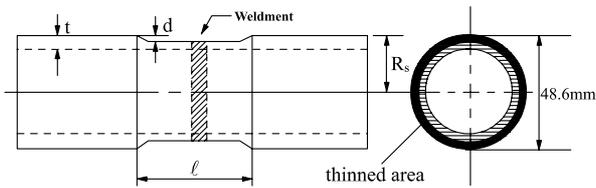
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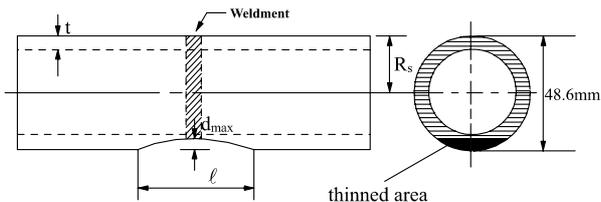
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가 d_{max} 가

Table 4 Fig. 1(a) (b)



(a) 360° circumferentially thinned specimen (welded and unwelded pipe)



(b) Partially thinned specimen with the different depth (welded and unwelded pipe)

Fig. 1 Pipe specimens with local wall thinning

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(Gas tungsten arc welding; GTAW)
(; DHT-400) 가 (Shielding gas) 99.99% (Argon)
(D.C. straight polarity)

Table 3 Fig. 2
(Pass sequence)

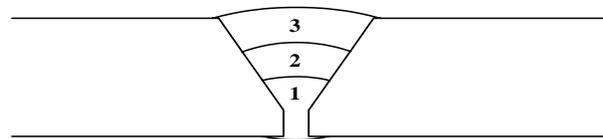


Fig. 2 Pass sequence of welded pipe

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98kN

(Shimadzu : Model

EHF-ED10)

(L_1) 150 mm,

(L_0) 600 mm

1 mm/min

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Fig. 3(a) ~ (f) 4

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(SP)

(WP)

Table 1 Mechanical properties

Properties Material	Tensile Strength (σ_u)	Yield Strength (σ_y)	Elongation
STS370	402 MPa	273 MPa	28 %

Table 2 Chemical compositions[wt%]

Components Material	C	Si	Mn	P	S
STS370	0.25	0.17	0.5	0.035	0.035

Table 3 Welding conditions

Bead No.	Filler Metal Type	QCN or Lot No.	Size	Temp. ()	Amps (A)	Volts (V)	Speed (cm/min)	Gas Flow Rate (/min)	Tungsten Electrode
1	ER70S-6	032456	2.4	31	120 ~ 140	11 ~ 12	13 ~ 15	13 ~ 15	EWTh-2.4
2	"	"	"	78	"	"	"	"	"
3	"	"	"	104	"	"	"	"	"

가 가 가 . d/t=0.784

가 가 70mm 67.5%

, Fig. 3(a) 가 M- (WP-1)가 . Fig.

(SP-1) 70mm 3(c) =25mm

가 92.5% d=1 4mm . d/t=0.196 (WP-4)

. Fig. 3(b) =10mm 94.3% (SP-4) . d/t=0.784

d/t=0.196 (SP-2 WP-2) 가 (WP-5) 가

(SP-5) 156%

가 94.3% 가 , WP-5

. Fig. 3(d) =50mm

가 (SP-3 WP-3) 가

130%

Table 4 Specimen geometries and test results

Specimen No.	Half Outer Diameter	Wall Thickness	Thinned Depth	Wall Thinned Ratio	Axially Thinned Length	Thinned Angle	Maximum Moment by Exp.	Failure Mode
	R_s (mm)	t(mm)	d(mm)	d/t	(mm)	2θ (°)	M_{max} (kN·m)	
SP-1	24.3	5.1	0	0	0	360	3.918	0
SP-2	"	"	1	0.196	10	"	3.837	0
SP-3	"	"	4	0.784	10	"	1.167	BC
SP-4	"	"	1	0.196	25	"	3.782	0
SP-5	"	"	4	0.784	25	"	0.732	B
SP-6	"	"	1	0.196	50	"	3.590	0
SP-7	"	"	4	0.784	50	"	0.622	B
SP-8	"	"	1	0.196	100	"	3.409	0
SP-9	"	"	4	0.784	100	"	0.628	B
* SP-12	"	"	4	0.784	50	63.4	3.795	0
* SP-13	"	"	4	0.784	100	"	3.718	0
WP-1	"	"	0	0	0	360	3.625	0
WP-2	"	"	1	0.196	10	"	3.616	0
WP-3	"	"	4	0.784	10	"	1.513	OC
WP-4	"	"	1	0.196	25	"	3.265	0
WP-5	"	"	4	0.784	25	"	1.140	BC
WP-6	"	"	1	0.196	50	"	3.592	0
WP-7	"	"	4	0.784	50	"	1.056	BC
WP-8	"	"	1	0.196	100	"	3.378	0
WP-9	"	"	4	0.784	100	"	1.032	B
* WP-12	"	"	4	0.784	50	63.4	3.519	0
* WP-13	"	"	4	0.784	100	"	3.482	0

Note: 0 : Ovalization

OC : Crack initiation after ovalization

B : Buckling

BC : Crack initiation after buckling

SP-1 ~ SP-14 : Unwelded specimens

WP-1 ~ WP-13 : Welded specimens

SP-1 and WP-1 : Non local wall thinning specimen

* : Maximum thinned depth = d_{max}

: Increase in value

$d=1$ 4mm $d/t=0.196$
70mm

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$d/t=0.784$
(WP-6) 가

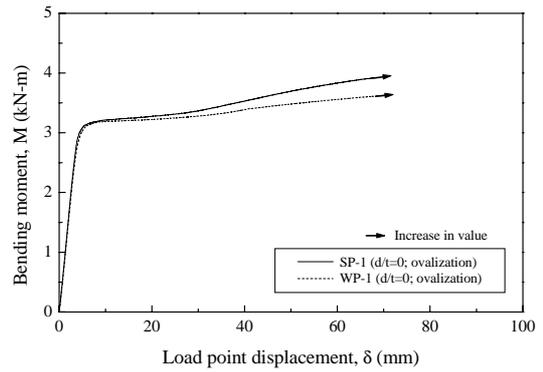
170%

SP-7

Fig. 3(e) =100mm

$d=1$ 4mm
가 $d/t=0.196$
 $d/t=0.784$

(WP-9)가 164%



(a) The case of non local wall thinning

Fig. 3(f)

4mm

d_{max}

=50mm

92.7%, =100mm

93.7%

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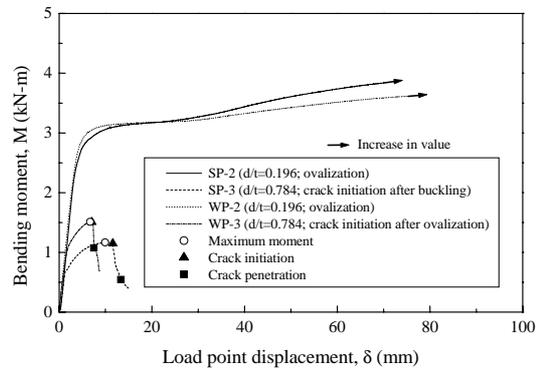
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Fig. 4

M_{max}

M_{PC}

가 STS370



(b) The case of $\delta = 10$ mm

(net-section stress criterion)

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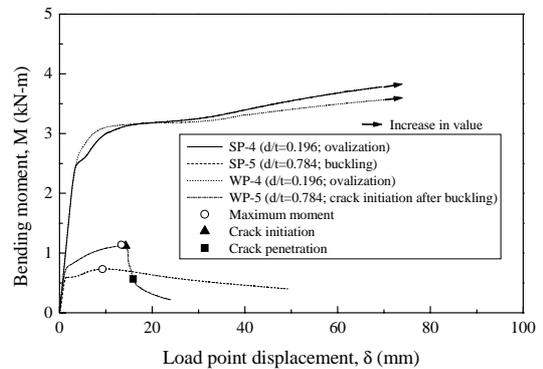
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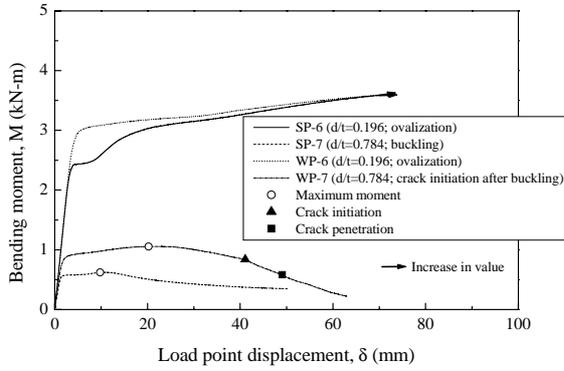
M_{PC}

M_Y

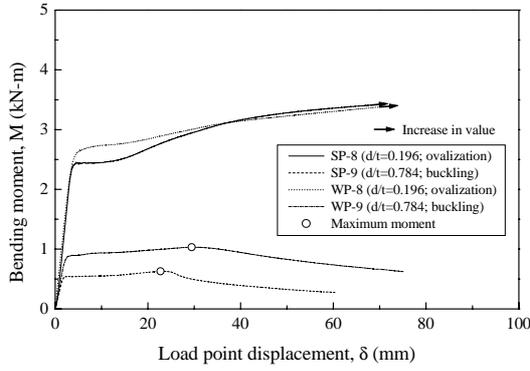
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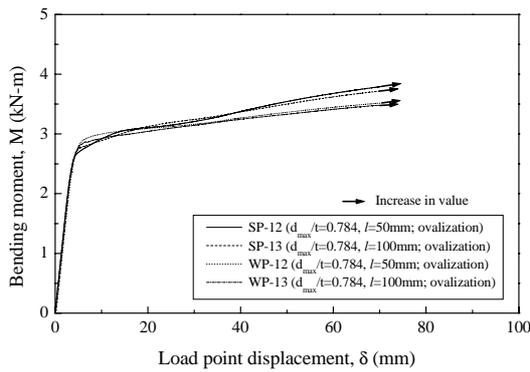
(c) The case of $\delta = 25$ mm



(d) The case of $d_{max}=50$ mm



(e) The case of $d_{max}=100$ mm



(f) The case of $d_{max}=4$ mm

Fig. 3 Moment-displacement curves for locally thinned pipes with weldment and unweldment

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Fig. 3

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가 100mm

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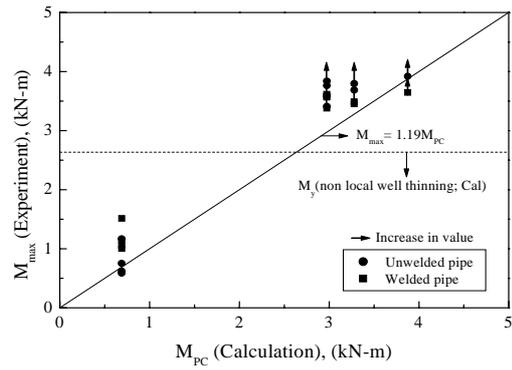


Fig. 4 $M_{max}(Exp.)$ vs. $M_{PC}(Cal.)$

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