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Parametric study for use of stainless steel as a material for thermal shield in PIP2IT transferline at Fermilab

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PIP2IT tests will be conducted in CMTF building at Fermilab



Present paper is related to the thermal shield of the PIP2IT external transferline



Sectional view of part of the PIP2IT transferline



Copper or Aluminium are preferred materials for the thermal shield because of higher thermal diffusivity

However, stainless steel has been selected for fabrication of PIP2IT thermal shield due to following advantages—

- Easy availability of seam welded 10inch OD tube
- Reduced cost as compared to copper or Aluminium shield
- Higher strength of SS
- Welding Stainless steel (SS) shield to SS pipe is easier than brazing of Copper/Aluminium to SS



During cooldown, large thermal gradients occur on the surface of the thermal shield, due to low thermal diffusivity This gives rise to thermal stresses and strains



Stresses are induced because of following two reasons--

1. Hot part of the shield resists the contraction of the cold part (Thermal stresses)





Stresses are induced because of following two reasons--

2. The vacuum jacket and the Line F prevent bowing deflection of the shield sections (bowing stresses)



Objective and Procedure



Modeling of the problem-Supports







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Modeling of the problem-Load

- 2. Load (temperature distribution)
 - Temperature distribution in case of transient cooldown problem
 - $\phi 10$ " shield section, 10ft long
 - 10g/s helium flow at 12bara, 80K

Load (APPROXIMATED)

Approximated as steady state distribution







Key Assumptions:-

- 10g/s of helium, at 12bar and 80K, through Line F is considered as the maximum possible cooling flow
- Temperature is constant along thickness
- The thermal strains incident on the thermal shield do not have nature of a cyclic load. Hence, these are considered as primary loads for evaluation of safe stresses

Results and discussions

The allowable lengths (Ls) of the thermal shield sections are plotted for different diameter values on X-axis for thickness 3mm and 5mm as shown in the figure



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Criteria for allowable stress

 $P_l + P_b \leq S_{pl}$

 $P_l = Primary \ local \ membrane \ stress$

 $P_b = Primary \ local \ bending \ stress$

 $S_{pl} = Allowable stress value$

 $S_{pl} = Yield \ stress \ (S_y) for Stainless \ steel \ (2.07 \ X \ 10^8 \ N/m^2)$

Results and discussions

- Flexibility decreases with increase in diameter
- Flexibility decreases with increase in thickness
- As diameter increases the hot length increases, however the angle θ_0 is not modified for smaller diameters hence conservative loads due to higher thermal gradients

Safe lengths can be selected for equal or lower thickness from the data points without rigorous analysis





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Thank you for your attention



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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR SIMULATING THE RESTRICTIONS TO FREE DEFORMATION





GEOMETRIC MODEL OF THERMAL SHIELD FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS (UNWANTED RINGS AND PARTS SUPPRESSED)





GEOMETRIC MODEL FOR THERMAL SHIELD ANALYSIS



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THERMAL SHIELD SECTION – SUPPORTS AND REACTION LOADS

FREE BODY DIAGRAM FOR THE THERMAL SHIELD AND CONSEQUENT APPROXIMATION OF THE SUPPORT CONDITIONS



