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A Study on the Effect on Fatigue Damage due to Different Shipping Routes

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Background

Ship's size has been rapidly increased

Premature fatigue failures are found in ship structural members.

Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP)

Improve voyage planning.



Fatigue crack at the side longitudinal of a Panamax container vessel (Adapted from Fricke et al. (2010)).



Adapted from: http://www.adrenaship.com/products/oceanrouting.html





Background



Potential fuel use and CO₂ reductions from various efficiency approaches for ships. International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT, July 2013).



Usual operation route of the containerships

Ship operation based in weather routing becomes necessary



Objectives

- Introduce an advanced practical method to generate wave load sequence for fatigue assessment of ship structural member, that can be applied to ship weather routing cases.
- Simulate wave load sequences experienced by a ship that sails in two different ocean routes.
- Clarify the effect on the estimated fatigue damage of ship structural member, due to ships which follow weather routing.

- Maximize the safety and crew comfort
- Minimum fuel consumption
- Minimum time underway

Minimum time route algorithm.

Time history of speed on minimum time route and great circle route on 14th Dep. 2003 from S.F. to Tokyo

The relationship between <u>ship speed loss</u>, <u>relative heading angle</u> and <u>significant wave height</u> is taken into account.

Statistical wave model: Storm Model

- The model assumes that oceanography phenomena can be divided into calm sea and storm conditions
- The calm sea is composed of time-independent values of Hs and crescendo/decrescendo values of Hs for a storm
- The random sea states can be modelled with the random significant wave height Hs

Simplified random loading model for fatigue analysis of ship structural members*.

*Tomita, Y., Matoba, M., Kawabe, H.: Fatigue Crack Growth Behavior under Random Loading Model Simulating Real Encountered Wave Condition, Marine Structure, vol. 8, pp. 407-422 (1995).

Statistical wave model: Storm Model

- The variance of storm duration is considered
- The generation of Hs time history needs a storm profile
 - the probability density of the storm and calm sea;
 - the probability density of the Hs in a calm sea;
 - the probability density of the *i*-th storm class S(i); and
 - the Hs profile for each storm class n(Hs)i.

 $\begin{array}{c} 14\\ 12\\ 10\\ 8\\ 6\\ 4\\ 2\\ 0\\ 590 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} calm \\ storm \\ \\$

Significant wave height time history with variable storm duration generated by storm model simulation

• The long-term distribution of Hs is assumed to follow the Weibull distribution

Wave load and structural stress

Wave spectrum

$$S(\omega|H_{S}, T_{Z}) = \frac{4\pi^{3}H_{S}^{2}}{T_{Z}^{4}\omega^{5}} exp\left[-\frac{1}{\pi}(\frac{\omega T_{Z}}{2\pi})^{-4}\right]$$

ISSC/ITTC Wave Spectrum

Transfer function

$$H_{\sigma}(\omega|U_0,\theta) = A_1 H_{\nu}(\omega|U_0,\theta) + A_2 H_h(\omega|U_0,\theta) + A_3 H_t(\omega|U_0,\theta) .$$

Structural stress response spectrum

$$S_{\sigma}(\omega_e|U_0,\theta,H_s,T_z) = |H_{\sigma}(\omega_e|U_0,\theta)|^2 S(\omega_e|H_s,T_z),$$

Target structural stress RAO

Sea state $S(\omega|H_s, T_z)$ with a forward speed U and heading angle θ ω_e is the encountered wave frequency and the encountered wave spectrum $S(\omega_e)$ A_1, A_2 , and A_3 are the structural stress caused by a unit amplitude vertical bending, horizontal bending, and torsion

Wave load and structural stress

Θ is chosen by random selection considering wave di rect i onccurrenceprobabil i t y

Wave load history generation

Case of Study

- North Pacific Ocean:
- Japan United States route

North Atlantic Ocean:

• United States – Europe route

January 1st, 2000 – December 31st, 2010. Japan Weather Association (JWA) hindcast data

Wave statistics

800

14

North Atlantic

0

0

100

200

300

400 Sea State No. 500

600

700

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Simulated Hs (1st Year) - Storm model Simulated Hs (2nd Year) - Storm model -Simulated Hs (3rd Year) - Storm model -Simulated Hs (4th Year) - Storm model

North Atlantic JWA Hindcast

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Wave statistics

The first moment statistics can be estimated with good accuracy.

S-N Cumulative fatigue damage

Nominal design S-N curves (UK-DEn)

	Mean Fatigue Damage Comparison - UK DeN / D curve				
Route	North Atlantic Storm Model - MTR	North Pacific Storm Model - MTR			
D _{10YR-mean}	0.5354	0.5190			
L_{fmean} (year)	18.68	19.27			

S: number of blocks, ni: number of cycles of stress range in the i-th block, and Ni: fatigue life corresponding to the stress range in the i-th block taken from the S-N curve.

S-N Cumulative fatigue damage

Crack propagation

- Fatigue crack propagation conditions:
- The crack growth law based on modified Dugdale model.
- Stress intensity factor of a surface crack by WES2805.
- Material properties determined by SR219. Mean stress assumed to be zero.

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C \left(\Delta K_{eff} \right)^m \frac{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\left(\Delta K_{eff} \right)_{th}}{\Delta K_{eff}} \right)^2 \right]}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{\Delta K_{max}}{\eta} \right)^2 \right]}, \quad \Delta K_{eff} = \left(K_{max} - K_{open} \right),$$

Material Parameters [SR219]

$$C = 2.60\text{E-11}$$

 $m = 2.75$
 $\eta = 590 \text{ MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{1/2}$
 $(\Delta K_{eff})_{th} = 2.00 \text{ MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{1/2}$.

where, a is the half crack length or crack depth, C,m material constants, C4 is the threshold of the effective SIF, it is equal to zero, C5 is cyclic fracture toughness, Kmax and K(Sx) are SIF at Smax and SIF at applied load Sx, Smax and Smin are the maximum and minimum applied load, Kop opening stress intensity factor, Δ Keff.th effective threshold stress intensity factor range.

Crack propagation

Specimen with notch crack in the center with initial notch height 4mm [unit: mm] from SR219 (1996).

Initial Crack Conditionsa22 mmc22 mmt4 mm

All dimensions are in mm

Crack propagation

	Route	S-N fatigue life	Fatigue life	
		Mean	Mean	STD
	North Atlantic	18.68	20.43	7.43
	North Pacific	19.27	25.77	7.22

	Douto	Crack propagation in 1-Year[mm]		
	Route	Mean	STD	
-	North Atlantic	27.24	0.87	
	North Pacific	26.78	0.68	

Ongoing work

- Probabilistic Model of Whipping Occurrence
- Examine the effect of the intermittently superimposed stress sequence and establish a stochastic model for whipping's frequency.
- Estimate the fatigue lives for welded joints subjected to intermittently whipping superimposed loads, including fatigue testing.

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Conclusions

Storm model can be adapted to the stresses sequence generation of wave random loading for ships that follows weather routing.

The statistics properties of the cumulative damage based on S-N based fatigue assessment shows that a difference of at least 10% could be expected when the ship sails in the North Atlantic compared to that sailing in the North Pacific, under the condition chosen.

The effect of the difference in weather routing on SN-based fatigue assessment is smaller, compare to the difference in estimated propagation fatigue lives (is at least 30% under the condition chosen).

It is necessary to consider the effect of whipping/springing vibrations in the wave load sequences model.

Thank you for your kind attention!

Questions or comments?

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Additional Material

