

FPSO Collision Local Damage and Ultimate Longitudinal Bending Strength Analyses

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ABSTRACT

The work was conducted under supervision of Dr. A.P. Shashikala professor at N.I.T Calicut, in offshore oil & gas production there is a large concentration of platforms in a limited area of the sea, with the consequent increase of vessel traffic in the region. Platform supply vessels (PSVs), shuttle tankers and maintenance and safety units operate very close to these production platforms, creating a propitious scenario for collisions. Thus, the risk of collision between vessels and platforms has significantly increased, causing concern from the point of view of life loss, material damage and marine environment degradation. It is important to adequately design the structures and to predict the effects of accidents on the involved vessels. In the structural analysis of collision, geometric and material nonlinearities must be considered, as well as the striking ship velocity, the vessels draft difference, among other variables. In this work, the collision of a platform supply vessel with a single-hull Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) platform is studied through numerical simulation using the ANSYS LS-DYNA computational system. Damage is locally characterized by the collision force on the FPSO hull and the depth of penetration (displacement). In addition, it is also shown the energy absorption capacity of each type of structural element for the collision scenarios studied and a criterion is proposed to determine which structural element group should receive more attention in the design phase in order to reduce the effects of a collision. Both the longitudinal strengths of the intact FPSO as well as the remainder after collision are evaluated by assessing the bending moment versus curvature curves. It is observed that a single-hull FPSO platform with the thicknesses of the structural elements maintained unchanged in the conversion of the original oil tanker (VLCC) shows

a significant ultimate longitudinal strength even after collision of a larger support vessel at higher velocity than recommended by the IACS rule.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The collision between ships, or a vessel with an offshore platform, is capable of compromising the stability and structural integrity of both structures, requiring withdrawal from operation for repair or even causing total loss. In both cases, there is concern about the safety and preservation of human lives and the great risk of marine environment contamination, as well as the enormous material damage. When different types of vessels approach a production platform to execute services or support, there is an intrinsic high potential risk of collision. Safety and Shipping Review (2017) reports that between 2007 and 2016 there was a total of 72 and 244 ships with total loss due to collision and strandings accidents, respectively. Continuous advances in international shipping standards, coupled with efforts to train crews and the increasing sophistication of equipment on board to assist the crew, have greatly contributed to reducing the number of accidents in recent years, but unfortunately these events still happen. Even in the case of severe damage, it is necessary to maintain sufficient residual strength of the structure to ensure its integrity and to allow navigation or operation until repair is carried out. Collision simulation models are important at the design stage to ensure that the most vulnerable structural parts to this type of accident can be properly dimensioned or protected. In addition, these models are also useful to analyse a damaged structure and to indicate which measures should be

taken before permanent repair. This article analyses the ultimate residual strength of a single hull FPSO type platform subjected to a collision from a PSV. The damage produced by the collision is determined by a finite element model simulation of the accident, showing that the procedure preconized by the IACS, which adopts an idealized damage for the calculation of the ultimate residual strength, can yield significant differences. To achieve the research objectives, a methodology is developed in this paper to simulate the ship collision and its effects on the overall strength of the struck vessel, based on known parameters such as vessel geometry, velocities, added masses, drafts, material mechanical properties as failure criteria. The proposed methodology is able to estimate the local structural response indicating displacements, deformations, fracture of elements and absorbed energy in the impact. It also allows the prediction of the overall effect on the structure of the struck ship (FPSO) by comparing the longitudinal bending moment versus curvature, before and after the collision. First, the proposed numerical model to simulate collision is validated by comparing the collision force versus the penetration depth and the absorbed energy versus penetration, with results from experimental tests performed by Wevers and Vredeveldt (1999). Next, several PSV – FPSO collision scenarios are presented: four differences of vessels drafts, collision on and between web frames and two PSV initial velocities. The strain energies absorbed by groups of structural elements are used for local damage analysis. A criterion to indicate which group of elements is more likely to suffer greater deformations during any collision scenario is proposed, helping to improve the structure design. Additionally, a PSV with larger mass and higher initial velocity is also considered as one of the collision scenarios. In the numerical simulation of the collision the problem is considered as purely structural, where both vessels are discretized by finite element meshes using version 16.0 of the ANSYS LS-DYNA program for explicit transient analysis with geometric and material nonlinearities. Water ingress and cargo spill that may occur due to side shell plating fracture were not taken into account in this study for simplicity. Finally, with the assessed damage from the collision analyses the ultimate residual strengths for global longitudinal bending are also numerically evaluated for selected cases of damaged FPSO

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Minorsky's (1959) pioneer work was motivated by the new projects with nuclear propulsion plants, where the greatest concern was to avoid leakage of radioactive material. The validation of analytical and numerical models with experimental tests in scale models has also been performed (Törnqvist, 2003; Ehlers et al. 2008; Ehlers, 2011; Hogström, 2012). To understand and analyze the phenomenon and the response of ship and platform structures during accidents, collision and stranding experiments have been conducted in full and approximated scales, by Woisin (1979), Carlebur (1995), Sterndorff (1996), and Wevers and Vredeveldt (1999). Numerical and analytical models were also validated, comparing the results obtained from these models with those from experimental tests in laboratories with typical ship and platform panel models. Kitamura (2002), Prabowo et al. (2016), Hagen (2018) and Ozguc (2019) developed numerical models to simulate a diverse frame of collision and stranding accident events and characterized the final structure damages. The fracture location and time in a numerical collision simulation is highly dependent on the failure criterion employed. Calle and Alves (2015) presented a comprehensive review of fracture models typically employed in ship collision simulations. Martinez et al. (2017) recently presented a methodology based on the mechanics of continuous damage applied to the collision of vessels, obtaining satisfactory results compared to those obtained experimentally. A significant part of the current research has focused on improving the methodology for collision and stranding analyses and the accuracy of failure criteria for the determination of damage caused to the hull structures. Another line of research that stands out is the determination of the ultimate longitudinal bending residual strength for damaged ships. In this sense, Luís et al. (2007) studied the longitudinal strength of two double hull Suezmax tankers after collision and stranding. The calculations were performed using Smith's simplified method and the damage was simulated by removing the damaged elements from the ship's middle section. It was concluded that the residual strength is dependent on the position and geometry of the damage. The residual strength of three double hull oil tankers was investigated by Hussein and Guedes Soares (2009), different scenarios of side and bottom damages were considered to define a lower strength limit. A design modification was suggested, expressed by increasing the deck thickness to compensate the ultimate strength loss

due to eventual collision damage. The ultimate longitudinal strength of a Panamax bulk carrier in intact and damaged conditions was investigated by Yamada and Ogawa (2011) and Yamada (2014) using the finite element program LS-DYNA and the simplified Smith's method. The ultimate strength in the damaged condition was estimated assuming a collision on mid-ship where the damage was artificially created. It was demonstrated that the ultimate longitudinal strength determined by the finite element model and simplified analyses for both intact and damaged structures showed a good agreement, although some discrepancies could be identified. Paik et al. (2012) created a damage index defined as a function of certain parameters, as for example the location and extent of the damage. The residual strengths for a small number of scenarios are calculated, and then a diagram relating the residual strengths to the damage indexes can be drawn. In order to demonstrate the applicability of the method, the ultimate longitudinal strength versus stranding damage index for double-hull VLCC tankers, Suezmax, Aframax and Panamax types was determined. Kim et al. (2014) developed a similar diagram, employing a damage index, taking into account corrosion wear over time. The investigation was applied to a vessel subjected to stranding damage, whose corrosion wear was established by a time-dependent model. The ultimate residual strength versus time-dependent and original damage indexes were compared and showed differences of up to 24.7% in the residual strength for a considered time of 25 years

FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF SHIP COLLISION

Validation of the Numerical Collision Model

The Centre for Mechanical Engineering from the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (CMC-TNO) conducted a series of four collision experiments within the scope of an international cooperation between Japanese, Dutch and German partners. The results of one of these experiments are reported in Lehmann and Peschmann (2002). The struck ship model dimensions were based on a double hull tanker with approximately 30,000 deadweight tonnage (DWT). The model constructed with grade-A structural steel represented part of the central tank side, with a scale of 1:3, with total height 4.2 m and length 7.5 m. The side thickness was 5 mm and the thicknesses of the bottom and deck plating were 10 mm, the transversal stiffeners were flat bars with 100 x 5 mm. In the bow area of

a common fishing vessel a bulb was adapted and filled with concrete to increase its rigidity. The collision was performed perpendicular to the model side with a velocity of 2.55 m/s. The geometry and dimensions of the structural frame are presented, as well as the geometry of the rigid indenter used in the experiment. The true stress-strain curve of the material was obtained in Ehlers et al. (2008). The material behavior was assumed to be elastic-plastic with isotropic strain hardening and was represented by a power law in the form $\sigma = K \epsilon^n$, with strength coefficient $K = 730$ MPa and strain hardening index $n = 0.20$. The yield stress, Young's Modulus and Poisson's coefficient were respectively 284 MPa, 206 GPa and 0.3. Implementation of those values was performed for material 123(*MAT_MODIFIED_PIECEWISE_LINEAR_PLASTICITY). In the finite element model it was only considered the side of the struck ship in the collision region. The structural members of the side model were discretized, and the striking vessel was reduced to its bulb and considered as a rigid structure. The bulb was modeled rigid, material model 20 (*MAT_RIGID). In the numerical-experimental correlation study several simulations were performed to select the most appropriate parameters values for the collision analyses, as well as to identify their relative influences on the results. In the experimental test the results are expressed in terms of the measured collision force versus depth of penetration of the striking vessel on the side of the struck vessel and the absorbed energy versus penetration.

The parameters considered were: geometric imperfections, type of element, friction coefficient, boundary conditions and mesh refinement associated with failure criteria. Semi-waves in the longitudinal direction between web frames and in the transverse direction between longitudinal stiffeners were adopted as geometric imperfections, with maximum amplitudes stipulated by specification. Nonetheless, the comparison of the results with and without imperfection confirmed that the consideration of the initial geometrical imperfections is not important in this application. The effect of initial imperfection in subsequent FPSO ultimate longitudinal bending strength analysis will be investigated in next section. Belytschko-Tsay and Belytschko-Wong-Chiang (including warping effects) shell elements, which are based on Mindlin-Reissner's theory, were used, and the only difference observed was that the former shell element was 8% faster. To evaluate the effect of friction coefficient on the response a parametric

study was performed with values between 0.0 and 0.6. In the analyses with a coefficient of friction between 0.3 and 0.6 the collision force presented a behavior close to the experimental curve, thus the value adopted for subsequent analyses was 0.3. Two types of boundary conditions were applied at the ends of the model (all nodes, including the nodes from the web frames): BC-1, where all nodes were considered embedded; BC-2, no translations and free rotations. The results with these boundary conditions did not show noticeable differences, thus BC-1 was used. In the collision region finer meshes with elements dimensions equal to 25, 35, 50 and 100 mm were used and a coarser mesh was considered elsewhere. For each of those meshes, Germanischer Lloyd (GL) (Vredevelde and Feenstra, 2001), Peschmann (PE) (Peschmann, 2001) and equivalent plastic strain (SE) failure criteria were employed. The main expressions used in the GL and PE criteria are presented in Calle and Alves. (2015) and Lehmann and Peschmann (2002). The equivalent plastic failure strain was assumed equal to 0.2. As it can be observed, GL criterion presents the largest errors for all mesh sizes. The SE criterion shows errors slightly smaller than the PE criterion for meshes smaller than approximately 80 mm, however, the latter shows little sensitivity in relation to the elements dimensions. The error percentage for the Peschmann criterion for element size between 25 and 100 mm was more regular and thus this criterion was selected. The collision force and the strain energy versus penetration depth curves for the experimental and the numerical analyses using three fracture criteria are shown. The mesh in the collision area was built with 25 mm long elements. Two important moments of the collision are characterized depicting force decays after peaks following fracture of external and internal hull structures. In between those peaks it is observed an increase of penetration with little force increase. In the numerical simulations the external hull fractures with lower penetrations and forces using GL and SE criteria and overall better experimental correlation is found with PE criterion. The three criteria predict the internal hull fracture before the experimental test.

Numerical Simulation of PSV

– FPSO Collision In this section, the methodology used in the collision simulation between FPSO and PSV is presented. The objective is to calculate the internal energy and damaged geometry of the FPSO hull for different collision scenarios, using the finite element code ANSYS

LS-DYNA (ANSYS Inc, 2016), following considerations established for the validation of the numerical collision model, and PE failure criterion is also assumed. The struck and striking vessels used in the numerical simulation were respectively a single hull Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) and a Platform Supply Vessel (PSV). When elaborating the numerical model the constructive dimensions of the FPSO ship were used, and data and drawings of the FPSO were obtained from Silva (2001) the FPSO mid-ship cross-section and main topology characteristics are specified together with the dimensions of the most important structural elements. The material used was ASTM A131 Gr DH32 steel with 315 MPa yield stress. The material used both for the FPSO and PSV is the shipbuilding steel DH-32 with 315 MPa yield stress. The true stress-strain curve was obtained from Silva (2001).

Finite element model

The finite element numerical model was constructed with the same parameters, previously analyzed in the validation, and since Peschmann's failure criterion was used, the critical strain is calculated for all structural members. The fracture of the element is considered when the calculated strain in the element exceeds the critical value. The error with the PE criterion for a mesh with 50 mm long elements was just slightly larger than the error for a 25 mm mesh. Thus, to save computational time, in the following applications 50 mm elements are used in the FPSO side area that contacts the PSV, and 350 mm elements are used elsewhere. The PSV ship geometry was developed in the Maxsurf program, and the hull shape was exported to ANSYS / LS-DYNA. Only the PSV bow was considered in the analysis and the element used in the discretization was Shell 163, with rigid type material assuming that the striking ship bow is rigid (Zhang et al. (2004) and Pedersen and Zhang (1998)). For the striking ship model, besides the finite element mesh defining the bow geometry, it is necessary to include the vessel's inertia data, total mass considering additional mass, center of gravity and the initial velocity, in order to simulate the impact.

Due to the excessive computational time to perform the collision analyses, a model reduction was necessary without compromising the response. A top view of the reduced FPSO tank, which includes only five web frames plus extra fore and after spacings to introduce the boundary conditions, the model is then 31.8 m long. Due to the high transverse stiffness of the FPSO, a section in the

longitudinal direction was also applied to the previous reduced model, as Figure 6c and Figure 6d show. With this section appropriately far from the side, in this case, 11.0 m, and with the application of suitable boundary conditions, the result of a collision analysis remains unchanged in relation to the original structure. Complete restriction of the nodes displacements in all directions for the end cross-sections and for the nodes in the longitudinal section of the web frames displacements were restricted and rotations allowed. Another important issue is to include in the analysis the movements of the ships during collision. In the classic theory of the external dynamics of collision, ships are supposed to have only three degrees of freedom in the horizontal plane (Surge, Sway and Yaw), being Pitch, Heave and Roll effects disregarded because of their small influences. Liu et al. (2017) compared finite element collision simulations using two procedures. In the first method, the external dynamics was decoupled, using the analytical calculation of Pedersen and Zhang (1998), and the internal mechanics of the collision was performed with a finite element model. In the second method, the external dynamics was coupled by the simplified method of Pill and Tabri (2009) with the analysis of internal mechanics. With this comparison, Liu et al. (2017) concluded that the decoupled method provides sufficient precision to calculate the critical collision velocity used in design. Therefore, the decoupled method is considered in this article.

ULTIMATE LONGITUDINAL BENDING STRENGTH OF FPSO Structural Model

The overall behavior of the FPSO structure subjected to sagging and hogging longitudinal bending moments before and after collision is analyzed here. The reduced numerical model included five web frames of the central tank and intact and three damaged hulls were considered. One damage resulted from the BWF collision of the PSV with a velocity of 3.6 m/s and case 2. The second damage the collision was BWF, the PSV velocity was 7.2 m/s and case 1. The latter case was assumed to be an adaptation of the IACS (2014) Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers. The geometries of the damaged structures were extracted from the previous collision analyses without considering the residual stresses and merged with the rest of the intact hull structure

This standard describes the condition of damage in cases of collision and stranding,

presenting the dimensions of damage on the side and bottom of the ship, for single and double hulls. For the simple hull the recommendation is to consider openings on the side and deck with lengths respectively equal to $0.75 D$ and $B/16$ (corresponding to 20.85 m and 3.41 m), where D and B are respectively the moulded depth and breadth. The width of the opening is not specified in IACS (2014) standard, and it was adopted 9.0 m, which approximately corresponds to the width where the greatest damage occurred in the case of PSV with initial velocity 7.2 m/s. To minimize the boundary conditions effects due to the load application, the model is extended by a further web frame spacing on the fore and aft. To carry out the numerical structural analysis of the intact ship, initial geometric imperfections in the bottom and deck plates were added to the model. It was assumed that the geometric imperfections take the form of the first elastic buckling mode with amplitude as recommended by DNVGL-OS-C401, Ch2. Sec. 2E (DNV GL, 2017). A mesh sensitivity study was performed to ensure a good approximation of collapse and post-collapse responses at viable computational time. In the contact areas between the vessels and in the central region of the tank at the bottom and deck (see Figure 12) the elements are 50 mm long and 360 mm elsewhere. Ultimate longitudinal bending strength of the FPSO ship The behavior of the FPSO subjected to longitudinal bending is expressed by the relationship between the imposed bending moment and the curvature resulting from the hull deflection. This relationship can be achieved by imposing a sequence of rotational increments in the extreme sections of the model, determining for each of them the corresponding bending moment, assuming that the plane sections remain plane. The overall collapse of the ship's hull occurs when the bending moment versus curvature reaches its maximum value. Rigid elements are placed at the ends of the model to avoid undesirable deformations when the rotations are applied. In order to apply the rotation, the edge nodes are coupled to a "master" node situated on the neutral axis in the plane of longitudinal symmetry. The rotation of the "master" node of a given angle will promote the same rotation of all nodes attached to it. Since the nodes belong to the same cross-section, all nodes remain in the same plane after the rotation but they are free to move in the x and y directions and rotate around the z -axis. Angular increments for both sagging and hogging were equal to 0.0035 radius

III. RESULTS

The bending moment curves of the FPSO structure for the sagging and hogging cases, respectively, are presented. In both graphs, it can be seen that the differences between the curves are small in the linear elastic regime. In the case of Ship collided by PSV (velocity of 3.6 m/s) submitted to sagging and hogging there was not much variation in the ultimate bending moment for both cases when compared to the intact ship, but the post-collapse behavior was quite different. The bending moment versus curvature curve in the event ship collided by PSV with initial velocity 7.2 m/s shows that near curvature $9.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$ there was loss of strength, and with an increasing curvature the momentum increases at low rate, and tends to remain constant starting at the curvature of $12 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$ but with a bending moment lower than for an intact FPSO. For the same event collision the ultimate hogging bending moment is much lower than for intact hull at a curvature of $9.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$. After the maximum bending moment, there was a soft drop and then the bending moment remained nearly constant. Considering the idealized damages in the FPSO proposed by IACS (2014), either for sagging or hogging moments, the bending moment curves versus curvatures presented small variations in relation to the intact ship which were produced with a damage preconized by IACS (2014), but with a modification in the opening depth on the FPSO deck, which increased from 3.41 m to 6.0 m because it approximately corresponds to the depth of the major damage produced on the FPSO deck by the PSV with velocity velocity of 7.2 m/s. For both sagging and hogging moments, in the elastic phase, the curves for this case presented a strength slightly lower than that of the intact ship and very similar to the one assuming collision with velocity of 7.2 m/s. The maximum bending moments were slightly lower than for the intact ship and the ship collided with velocity of 3.6 m/s, with the corresponding curvatures being very similar. As a basis for comparison, the peak moment values for intact and damaged FPSO determined by the formulation proposed by IACS (2014) for the sagging and hogging cases are elaborated respectively. The ratios maximum bending moment by the allowable IACS bending moment showed for all damaged cases values greater than the ratios for an intact FPSO. This result indicates that the FPSO even with severe damages still presents good residual strength. From these analyses, the damage conceived by the modified IACS (2014) reduces the value of the maximum bending moment for the

intact FPSO by only 6.7% in both sagging and hogging conditions. Higher strength loss occurs for the PSV collision with velocity 7.2 m/s, where the maximum sagging moment was 19.3% lower than the intact case and hogging was 23.6% lower. The PSV collision with the FPSO at $v = 7.2 \text{ m/s}$, whose damage inside the tank is shown in Figure 16a was more deleterious to the residual strength of the FPSO than the idealized damage of the modified IACS (2014), even though it does not present such a large opening in the hull. In Figure 16b the hull aperture is shown for the modified IACS idealized damage (2014). This greater strength loss can be explained by the large deformation extension produced by the collision in the reinforcing elements of the deck plating (longitudinals and deck girder) and side plating (longitudinals and web frames), as well as the platings themselves. In addition to two central web frames, two side web frames also suffer significant damages. Outside the central area, the sheer strake, deck stringer, side and deck plates, together with their respective longitudinals are highly affected.

IV. CONCLUSION

It was initially shown in this paper the development of a finite element model for the simulation of collision between ships. The numerical simulation of an experimental collision test performed by other authors validated this model. Numerical and experimental results were compared in terms of collision force and internal energy versus penetration depth curves. Using the simulations of this collision test, some parameters were defined, which allowed establishing the numerical methodology capable to reproduce with good fidelity this phenomenon. It is possible to observe that the Peschmann criterion is the one that presented less variation with the mesh size. The GL criterion presented better results only for the more refined meshes. The regularity of error percentage of the Peschmann criterion for the mesh range between 25 and 100 mm was better than presented by the other two failure criteria. Some recommendations for futures works about this validation would be to perform a deeper study of the influence of strain rate, hydrodynamic force and distortions distribution in the collapse of the structure. Then, the developed model was applied to the collision simulation of a PSV and a single-hull FPSO converted from a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC). The PSV bow structure was considered rigid. For the analyses, different collision scenarios were considered, including collision between web frames (BWF) and directly

on web frame (DWF), with a 90° angle; four different drafts differences (ΔT); PSV initial collision velocities of 1.8 m/s and 3.6 m/s applied to all combinations of previous cases; increased PSV mass and velocity of 7.2 m/s considering only one draft difference and collision between web frames. According to the analyses, it was observed that at a PSV velocity of 1.8 m/s the damages are relatively light, with no fracture of the FPSO hull and the deformation internal energy varied between 6.0 MJ and 12.3 MJ. With velocities of 3.6 m/s and 7.2 m/s, the damages were considered to be severe, with FPSO hull fracture in all analyzed scenarios. For the PSV initial velocity of 3.6 m/s, the deformation internal energy ranged between 19.0 MJ and 47.0 MJ and in the case of 7.2 m/s the energy was 218 MJ. The highest deformation internal energy occurred in the cases where the PSV draft were equal to the design draft (T_{1max}) generating the lowest drafts differences between the ships (ΔT_3 and ΔT_4). The analytical method proposed by Pedersen and Zhang (1998) reasonably approximated the numerical results proving useful for estimation in the early design stages, but their results underestimated the internal energy for the cases with collision velocity of 1.8 m/s and overestimated it for the other two higher velocities. In order to trace a more detailed picture of the effects of a collision on the FPSO structural elements, they were divided into side shell plating, web frames and longitudinals, and for each one of these groups the deformation internal energy and its total were determined. The knowledge of the internal energy for groups of elements in a large number of collision scenarios does not define per se which group of elements are susceptible to absorbing more energy. In this article, it is proposed a criterion that takes into account the combination of as many collision scenarios as possible by averaging the percentages of the energy in each set of elements. The group of structural elements that presents the highest average energy percentages is identified as the one that is likely to absorb more energy. This information could be used in initial design phases to improve the collision structure crashworthiness performance or take decisions to protect a structure by mitigating the effects of such accidents. In the case of the FPSO studied, the structural elements that presented the greatest propensity to absorb more energy were the hull plating. The overall strength of the FPSO was determined considering the intact hull, damaged by PSV collisions with velocity of 3.6 m/s, in the BWF scenario with ΔT_2 and with velocity of 7.2 m/s, BWF scenario with ΔT_1 , and

with a damage model proposed by the IACS with modification. The maximum bending moments of sagging and hogging of the FPSO for the intact case are very close to those of the considered damaged, except for the damages caused by an augmented PSV collision velocity of 7.2 m/s. The ratios of maximum moments with damages by the admissible moment of the IACS show that these ratios are greater than those of the intact FPSO, indicating that the FPSO maintains an acceptable level of safety according to the IACS, provided that it is guaranteed that the permissible moment is not exceeded. It was also observed that in the case of single hull FPSO the dimensions of the idealized damages preconized by the IACS seem to overestimate the remaining strength of the struck vessel when the collision occurs with heavier and faster vessels. Even with the damage of the modified IACS, i.e. with an increase in deck opening to simulate the damage, the maximum bending moment was greater than that calculated with the damage produced by the PSV with initial speed equal to 7.2m/s. This means that the damage proposed by the IACS leads to a prediction of residual strength greater than that determined for the PSV collision with a speed of 7.2 m/s.

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