# Analysis of Seismic Reliability for Buried Pipelines Crossing Strike-Slip Fault

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**Abstract:** According to Newmark-Hall method, this paper proceeds the seismic reliability contrastive analysis of buried pipeline crossing fault, mainly based on different pipeline with fault crossing angle and buried depth by using Monte-Carlo method. The analysis result shows: seismic performance is highest when the pipeline with fault crossing angle reaches between 80 degree and 100 degree; the reliability performance will be improved when pipeline buried depth decreases.

Keywords: Buried pipelines crossing fault; Monte-Carlo Method; Seismic reliability

#### 1. Introduction

When earthquake occurs, the fault movement is the main cause of damage for buried pipelines crossing fault [1], the seismic analysis and design for buried pipeline resistance of the fault movement is significant, but the seismic reliability analysis under the fault movement has not been studied yet. This paper build up the function of structural performance for buried pipelines crossing fault by Newmark-Hall method, the seismic reliability of buried pipelines crossing fault has been proceeded by using Monte-Carlo Method, according to the analysis results for buried pipelines crossing fault, the seismic suggestions has been proposed.

# 2. The Function of Structural Performance for Buried Pipeline Crossing Fault

According to Newmark-Hall method [2], the function of structural performance for buried pipelines crossing fault could be established.

Tension:

$$Z_t = R_t - S_t = \left[\Delta L_t\right] - \Delta L_t = 2\left(L_e e_e + L_p e_p\right) - \left(\Delta X + \frac{\Delta Y^2 + \Delta Z^2}{4L_t}\right) (1)$$

Compression:

$$Z_{\rm c} = R_{\rm c} - S_{\rm c} = \left[\Delta L_{\rm c}\right] - \Delta L_{\rm c} = 2L_{\rm c}e_{\rm c} - \left(\Delta X + \frac{\Delta Y^2 + \Delta Z^2}{4L_{\rm c}}\right)(2)$$

In the formula:

 $L_e$ : The sliding length of the pipeline's elastic part;

 $e_{e}$ : The average elastic strain;

 $L_p$ : The sliding length of the pipeline's plastic part;

 $e_p$ : The average plastic strain;

 $L_t$ : The sliding length of one side of fault when the pipeline is under tension;

 $L_c$ : The sliding length of one side of fault when the pipeline is under compression;

 $\Delta H$ : Horizontal fault displacement;

 $\Delta X$ : The fault displacement parallel to the axial direction of the pipeline,  $\Delta X = \Delta H \cos b$ ;

 $\Delta Y$ : The fault displacement to normal direction,  $\Delta Y = \Delta H \sin b$ ;  $\Delta Z$ : The fault displacement of vertical direction, for the strike-slip fault,  $\Delta Z = 0$ .

#### **3. Random Variable Parameters**

The engineering design ground motion empirical statistical formula [3] and seismic intensity magnitude relation as follows:

$$\lg \Delta H = 0.4646M - 3.0190 \tag{3}$$

$$I_0 = 0.24 + 1.29M \tag{4}$$

According to the above formula, the relation between seismic intensity and fault movement can be derived as follows:

$$\Delta H = 10^{(0.3602I_0 - 3.1054)} \tag{5}$$

Different seismic intensity distribution parameter [4] has been listed in Table1.

Table1 Different seismic fortification intensity distribution parameter

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Seismic design intensity	6	7	8	9	
Mean value	4.8200	5.8200	6.8100	7.8000	
Standard deviation	0.8800	0.8800	0.8900	0.9000	
Shape parameter	9.7900	8.3300	6.8700	5.4000	
Variation coefficient	0.1800	0.1500	0.1300	0.1100	

In china, the intensity distribution agrees with extreme value type-III distribution [5], this article assumes the seismic design intensity is 9 degree. The random variable parameters of seismic reliability analysis for buried pipeline crossing fault are given below in Table 2. The random variable parameters d is the thickness of buried

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pipeline; D is the outside diameter of buried pipeline;  $I_0$  is the seismic fortification intensity.

ruble2 Random variable parameters					
Parameter	Mean Value	Standard deviation	Distribution pattern		
d	0.0156	0.0007	· Log-normal distribution		
D	0.5080	0.0200			
I <sub>0</sub>	7.8000	0.9000	Extreme value type-III distribution		

Table2 Random variable parameters

# 4. The Different Pipeline and Fault Crossing Angles Effects on the Seismic Reliability of Buried Pipelines Crossing Fault

In order to study the different pipeline crossing angle of seismic reliability for buried pipeline crossing fault, this paper uses Monte Carlo method, set the number of sampling 106 times. This paper conduct 9 different groups to proceed comparative analysis, the results are shown in table3 and figure1. When the pipeline and fault crossing angle reaches between 80 degree and 100 degree, the seismic reliability index is highest, the seismic performance is best.

 Table 3 The reliability index of buried pipeline under different pipeline and fault crossing angle

Pipeline and fault crossing angle	Failure probability	Reliability index	Pipeline stress state
$20^{\circ}$	0.1423	1.0700	
$40^{\circ}$	0.0822	1.3904	Tension
$60^{\circ}$	0.0172	2.1154	State
$80^{\circ}$	0.0002	3.5401	
100°	0.0010	3.0902	
120°	0.0087	2.3781	Compression
140°	0.0209	2.0355	State
160°	0.0285	1.9033	



Figure 1. The reliability index comparative analysis under different

Pipeline and Fault Crossing Angle

# 5. The Different Buried Depth Effects on the Seismic Reliability of Buried Pipelines Crossing Fault

In order to study the pipeline buried depth of seismic reliability for buried pipeline crossing fault. This paper conduct 7 different groups to proceed comparative analysis, set the number of sampling 106 times. The results are shown in table4 and figure2. Through the seismic reliability index contrast analysis under the different buried depth: with the continuous increase of pipeline buried depth, the seismic reliability index of pipeline is reduced, so the buried pipelines should be shallow buried.

Table4 The reliability index of buried pipeline under different buried depth

<b>Buried Depth</b>	80-degree angle		100-degree angle		
buileu Depui	Failure	Reliability	Failure	Reliability	
(m)	probability	index	probability	index	
2.0	0.0002	3.5401	2.0	0.0002	
2.5	0.0023	2.8338	2.5	0.0023	
3.0	0.0052	2.5622	3.0	0.0052	
3.5	0.0168	2.1248	3.5	0.0168	
4.0	0.0275	1.9189	4.0	0.0275	
4.5	0.0472	1.6726	4.5	0.0472	
5.0	0.0699	1.4765	5.0	0.0699	



Figure 2. The reliability index comparative analysis under different

buried depth of pipeline

### 6. Conclusion

This paper based on Newmark-Hall method to establish function of structural performance under two conditions, the permissible tension & compression length deformation of buried pipeline crossing fault by using Monte-Carlo method, taking pipeline and fault crossing angles and buried depth into consideration to proceed seismic reliability analysis, some useful conclusions are drawn: (1) The pipeline and fault crossing angle should reaches between 80 degree and 100 degree, regardless of the pipeline in the tension or compression state, the seismic reliability is highest. Therefore in the process of pipeline

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design and construction, this suggestion should be taken into consideration to increase pipeline seismic performance.

(2) The buried pipelines should be shallow buried, regardless of the pipeline in the tension or compression state, it could improve the seismic performance of pipeline effectively.

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