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FEM Analysis of

IND System

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1 Introduction

This work shows the stress analysis of the *IND System* built by Comet Fans. According to the Customer design requirements, the design will be checked against static and fatigue loads. The verifications were carried out according to the Customer Specification n.383601 Rev.0.

The FE Model of the *IND System* was built based on the CAD 3D model provided by Comet Fans, last version according to the 2D drawing SC 227 FEA IND SYSTEM.

2 Software

The Finite Element Model was prepared and the results were analyzed using MSC Patran 2014 pre/post processor, whereas the analyses were performed using MSC Nastran 2013 code.

3 FE Model

3.1 FE Model description

The FE model, shown in the next figures, is made of:

- 64013 nodes
- 61698 two-dimensional elements (shell elements)
  - 61061 CQUAD4 elements
  - 637 CTRIA3 elements
- 80 one-dimensional CBAR elements
- 192 Multi Point Constraints RBE2

Screw connections were simplified in the FE Model, and they were modeled through a beam element with suitable cross section, whose ends are connected to the shell by rigid elements.

The mesh of both fans, motors and impellers (components not subjected to verification in this work) was simplified, keeping the inertial properties unchanged.

The global size of the mesh is 10mm. In order to apply the *Hot Spot* method for the stress evaluation on the welds, the size of the mesh was reduced near the weld seams.

The global coordinate system used in this work (shown in the figures), is a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system where *x* axis is the longitudinal train direction, *y* axis is the transversal train direction and *z* axis is the vertical direction train. Measure units are millimeter [mm] for lengths, Newton [N] for forces and second [s] for time.

The calculated mass of the FE model is 204.4kg.

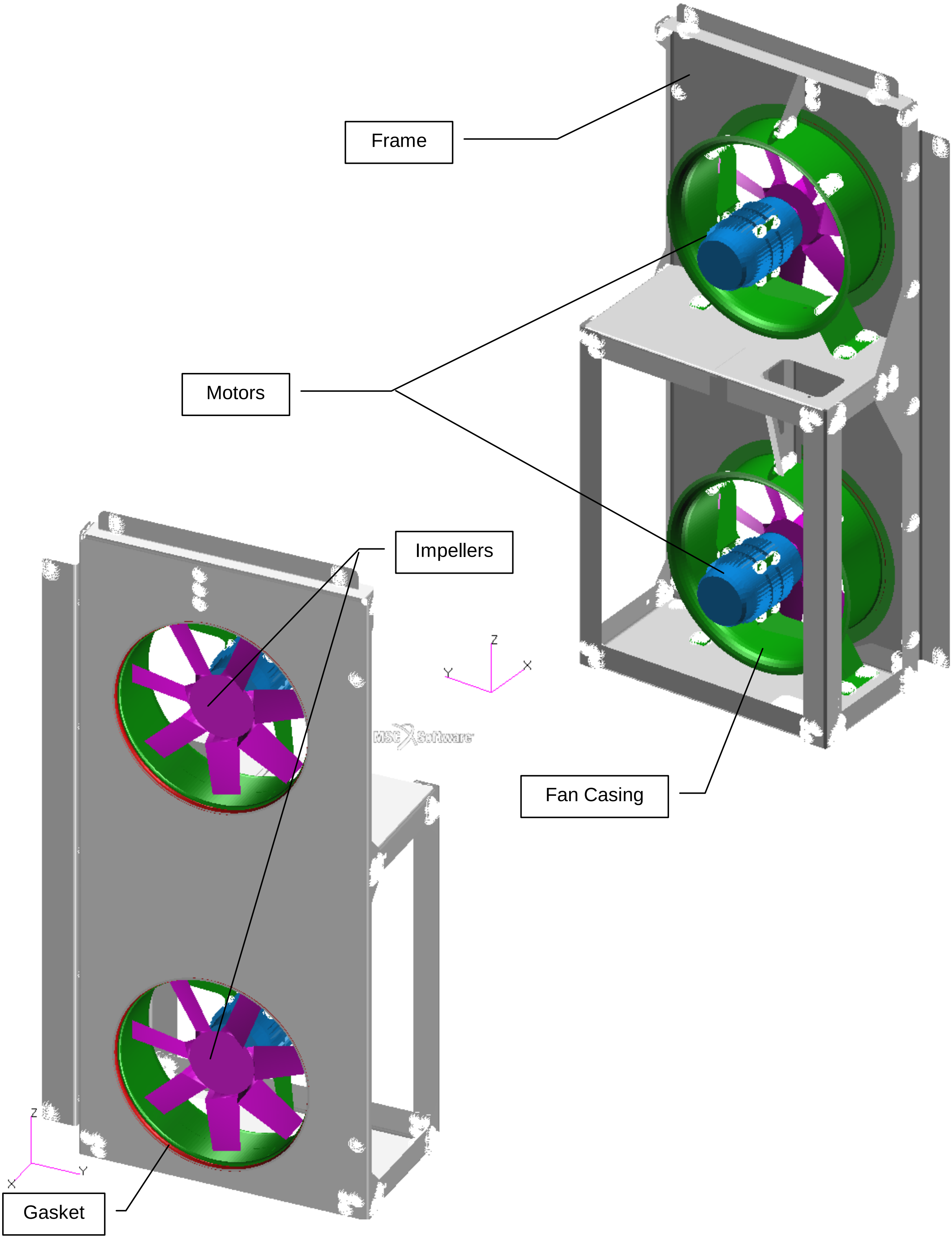


Figure 3.1 – IND System FE Model (the white spiders are MPC constraints)

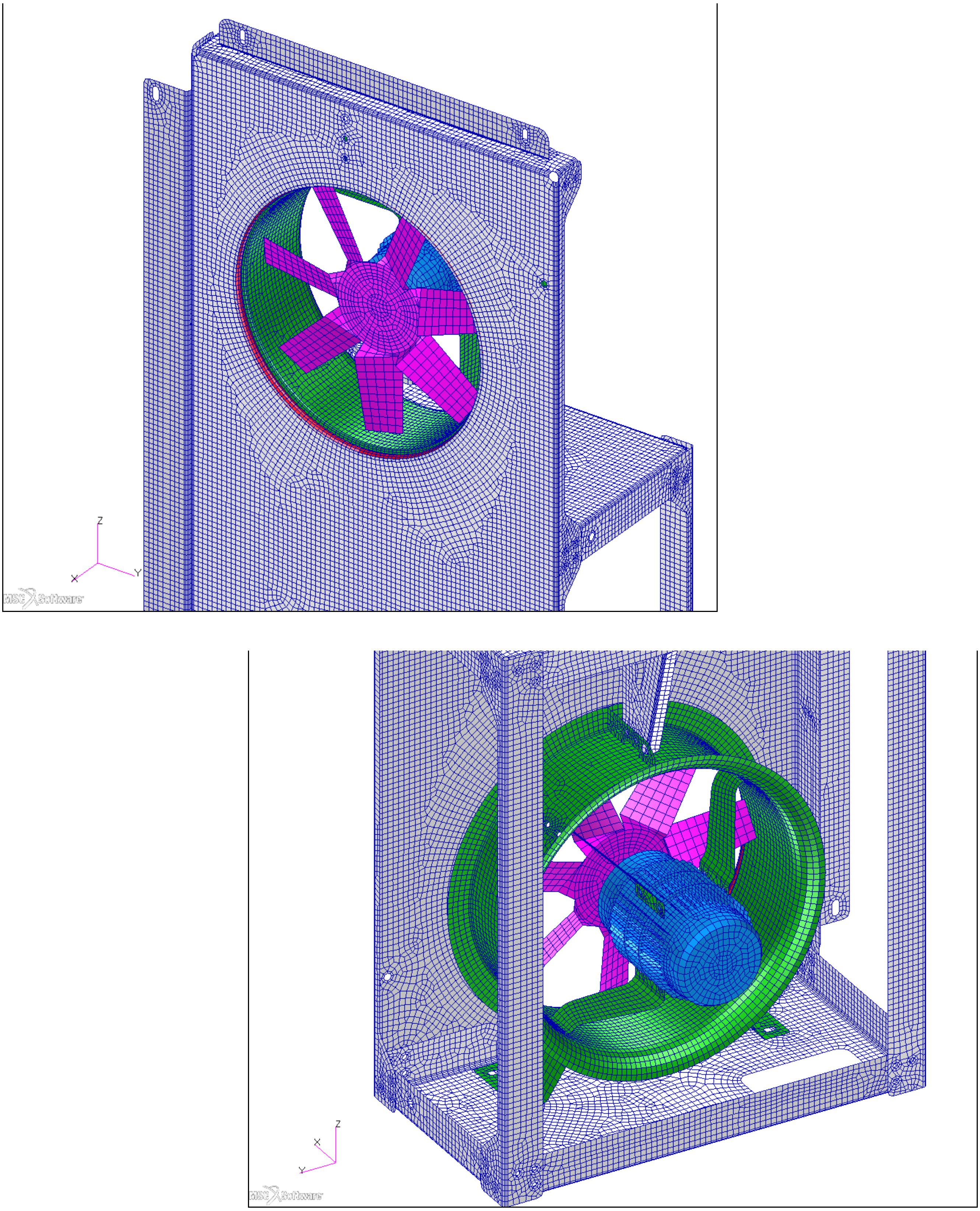
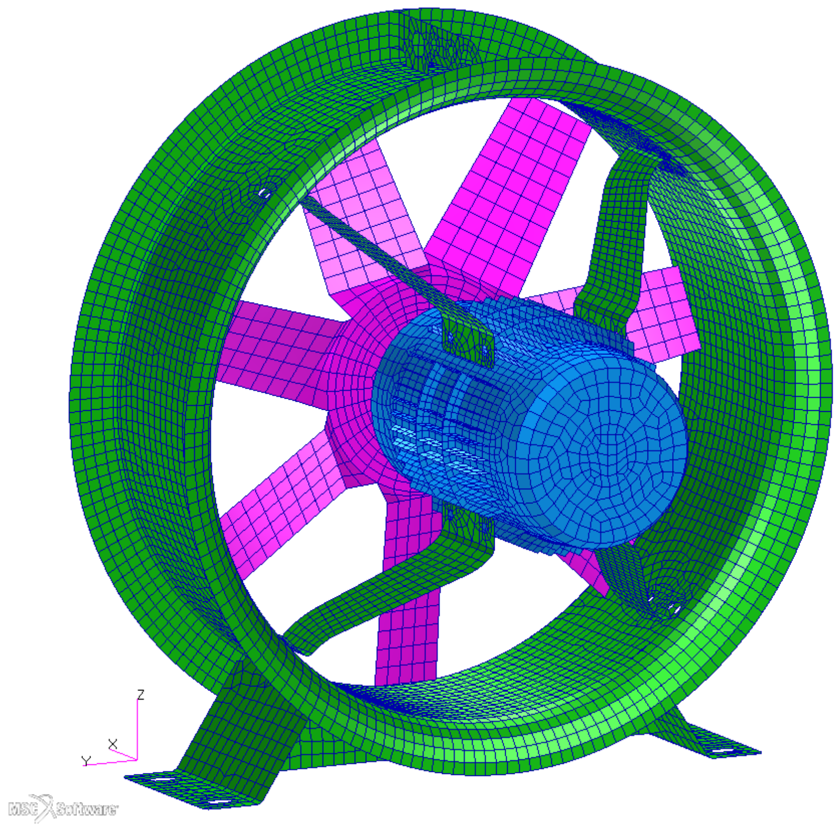


Figure 3.2 – Details of the IND System FE Model



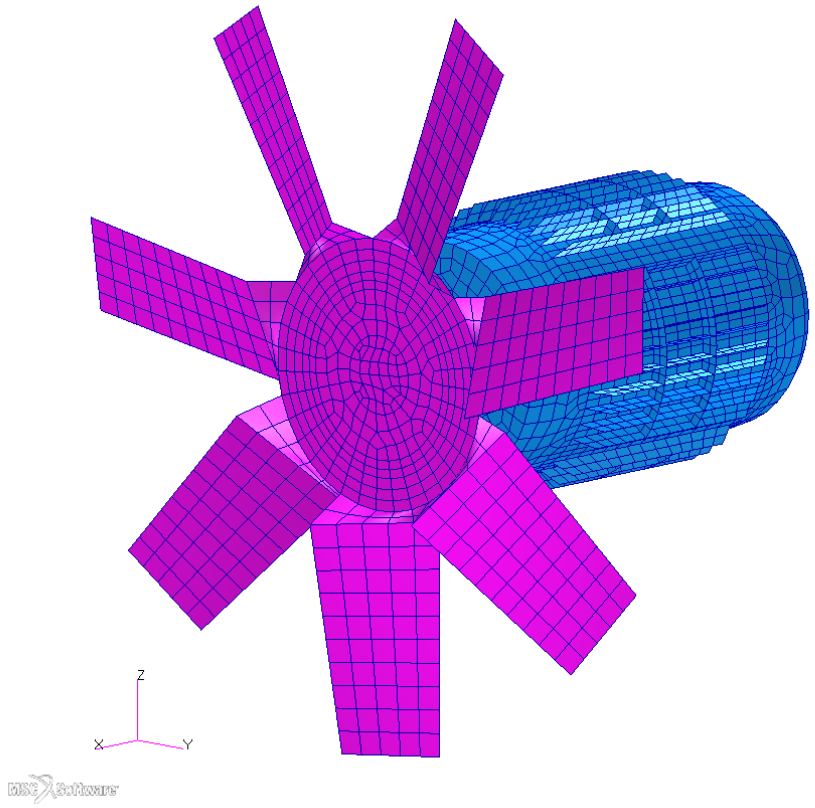
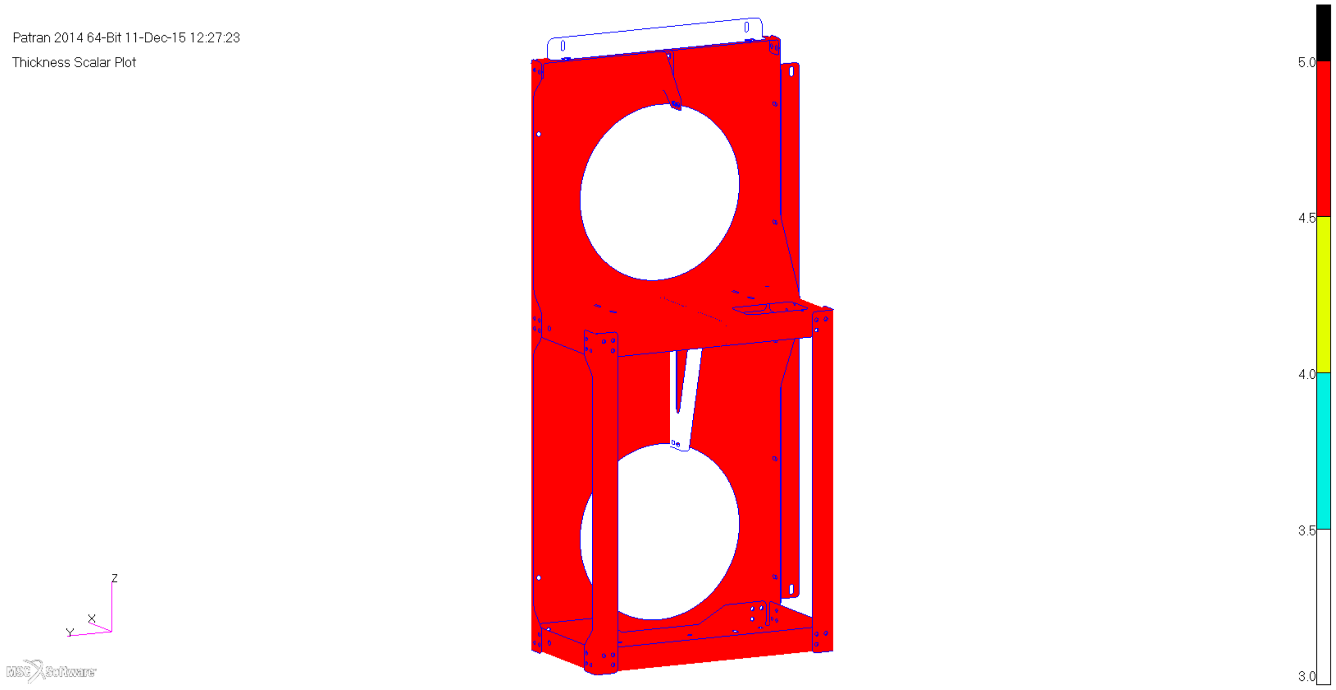


Figure 3.3 – Details of the Impeller and Motor FE Models

3.2 Model thickness

The shell thickness of the IND System is shown in the next figure.



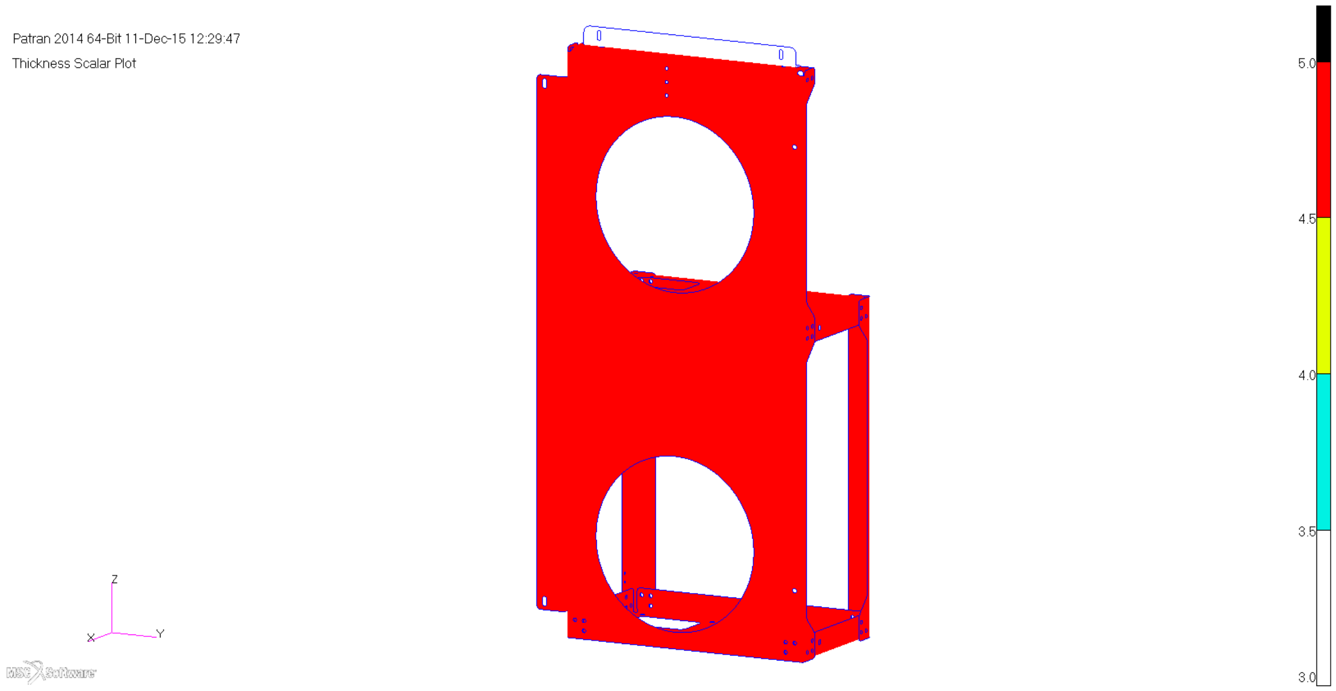


Figure 3.4 – IND System shell thickness [mm]

3.3 FE Model quality check

Next Table 3.1 shows the results of quality test carried out on the FE model (the elements that exceed the Nastran verification parameters are not in critical areas).

Type Check	Nastran Tolerance	Number of elements over tolerance	% on Total tria3/quad4 shell elements
Skew angle	< 30°	2	< 0,01%
Aspect Ratio	0.5	375	0.6%
Minimum Internal Angle	30°	7	0.01%
Maximum Internal Angle	150°	36	0.05%
Warp Factor	0.05	28	0.04%

Table 3.1 – FE Model check

3.4 Material properties

Materials and related mechanical properties used in the FE model are summarized in Table 3.2.

Component	Material	Yield Strength [MPa]	Ultimate Tensile Strength [MPa]	Young's Modulus [MPa]	Poisson's Ratio	Density [kg/mm^3]
Frame Ducts Impeller Fan frame	S355MC	355	510	206000	0.3	7.9e-6
Motor	Cast Iron	-	-	120000	0.3	7.3e-6
Gasket	EPDM	-	-	10	0.4	1.0e-6

Table 3.2 – Material properties

4 Allowable stress values

4.1 Static loads

According to EN12663 and Customer Specification n.383601 Rev.0, the allowable stress values for the static loads (the same for welds and base material) are shown in the Table 4.1.

Static Loads Allowable Stress	***S355 MC***
Yield strength ($R_{p0.2}$/1.15)	308 MPa

Table 4.1 – Allowable stress for the static loads

4.2 Fatigue loads

The verification for the fatigue loads was carried out according to EN 1993-1-9 standard Annex B (*Fatigue resistance using the geometric - hot spot - stress method*).

The Fatigue Class (FAT, i.e. fatigue limit @ $2*10^6$ cycles) and the allowable stress values (stress range) @ 10^7 cycles for all details are summarized in the next table (a safety factor of 1.35 was considered).

Fatigue Loads Allowable Stress (stress range) @ 1e7 cycles – Safety factor ξ=1.35			
Material	**Detail**	**FAT**	**Stress Range**
S355 MC	Base material	160	76.0
	Fillet weld	90	42.8

Table 4.2 – Allowable stress for the fatigue loads

Next figures show the fatigue curves for all considered details.

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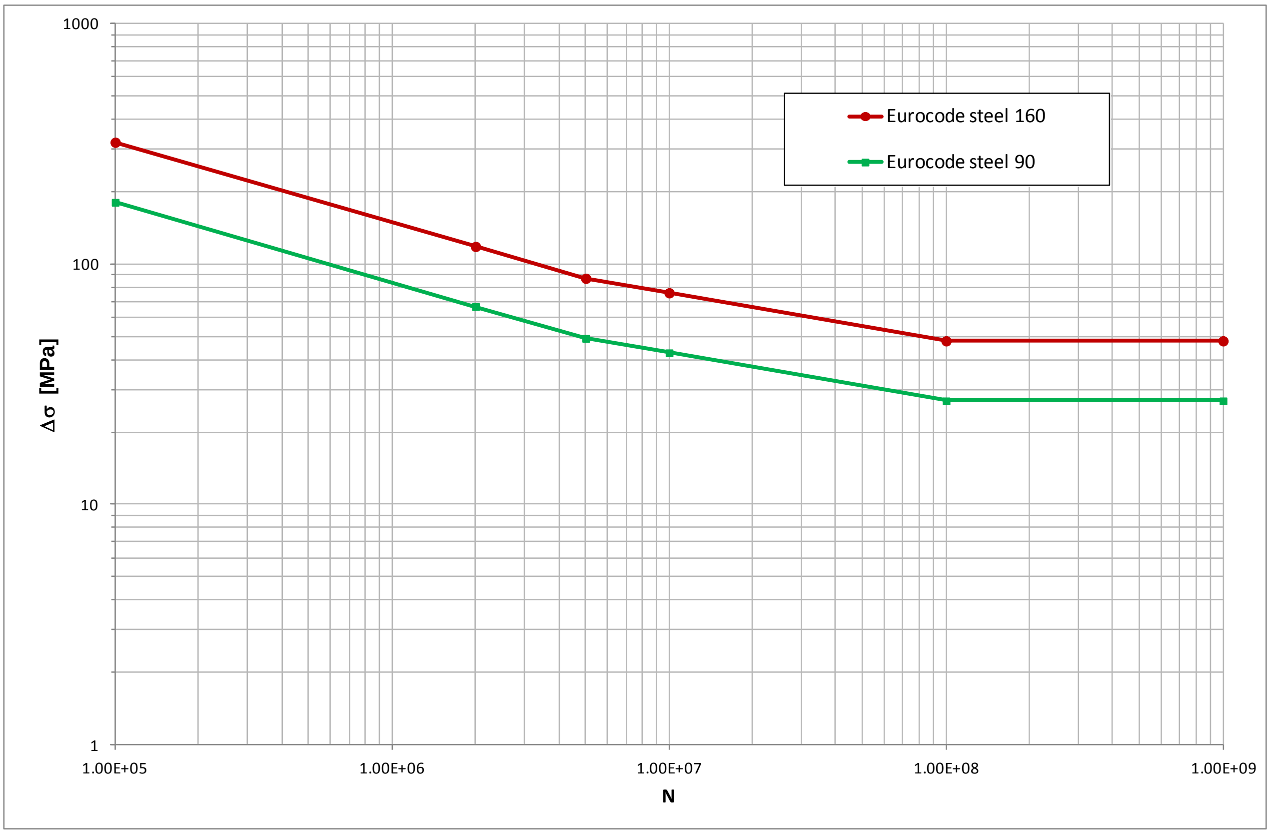


Figure 4.1 – Allowable fatigue strength for steel details (safety factor = 1.35)

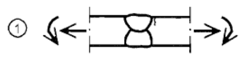
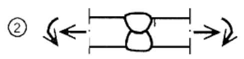
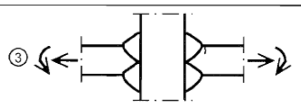
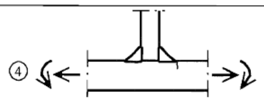
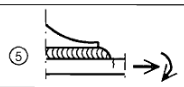
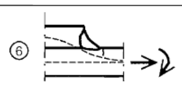
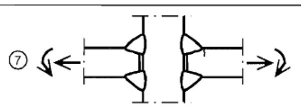
Detail category	Constructional detail	Description	Requirements
112		1) Full penetration butt joint.	1) - All welds ground flush to plate surface parallel to direction of the arrow. - Weld run-on and run-off pieces to be used and subsequently removed, plate edges to be ground flush in direction of stress. - Welded from both sides, checked by NDT. - For misalignment see NOTE 1.
100		2) Full penetration butt joint.	2) - Weld not ground flush - Weld run-on and run-off pieces to be used and subsequently removed, plate edges to be ground flush in direction of stress. - Welded from both sides. - For misalignment see NOTE 1.
100		3) Cruciform joint with full penetration K-butt welds.	3) - Weld toe angle ≤60°. - For misalignment see NOTE 1.
100		4) Non load-carrying fillet welds.	4) - Weld toe angle ≤60°. - See also NOTE 2.
100		5) Bracket ends, ends of longitudinal stiffeners.	5) - Weld toe angle ≤60°. - See also NOTE 2.
100		6) Cover plate ends and similar joints.	6) - Weld toe angle ≤60°. - See also NOTE 2.
90		7) Cruciform joints with load-carrying fillet welds.	7) - Weld toe angle ≤60°. - For misalignment see NOTE 1. - See also NOTE 2.

Figure 4.2 – Extract of Fatigue Class according to EN 1993-1-9 standard, Annex B

5 Load Cases

5.1 Static loads

The following static load conditions were considered:

Load Cases	Load Condition	***Load (g = 9.806m/s^2)***		
		x	*y*	*z*
Longitudinal acceleration	S01	+5g	-	-1g
	S02	-5g	-	-1g
Lateral acceleration	S03	-	+1g	-1g
	S04	-	-1g	-1g
Vertical acceleration	S05	-	-	-3g
	S06	-	-	+1g

Table 5.1 – Static load conditions

5.2 Fatigue loads

The following fatigue load conditions, and related combinations, were considered:

Load Cases	Load Condition	***Load (g = 9.806m/s^2)***		
		x	*y*	*z*
Longitudinal acceleration	F01	-0.15g	-	-1g
	F02	+0.15g	-	-1g
Lateral acceleration	F03	-	-0.15g	-1g
	F04	-	+0.15g	-1g
Vertical acceleration	F05	-	-	-1.15g
	F06	-	-	-0.85g

Table 5.2 – Fatigue load conditions

5.3 Modal analysis

The modal analysis was carried out, and the natural frequencies of the structure were calculated.

6 Boundary conditions

The FE Model was constrained at ground in correspondence of the holes of the plate's frame, and in correspondence of the holes of the low duct, as show in the next figures. In addition, the round gaskets of the fan frames were constrained at ground. These constraints were used in both structural and modal analyses.

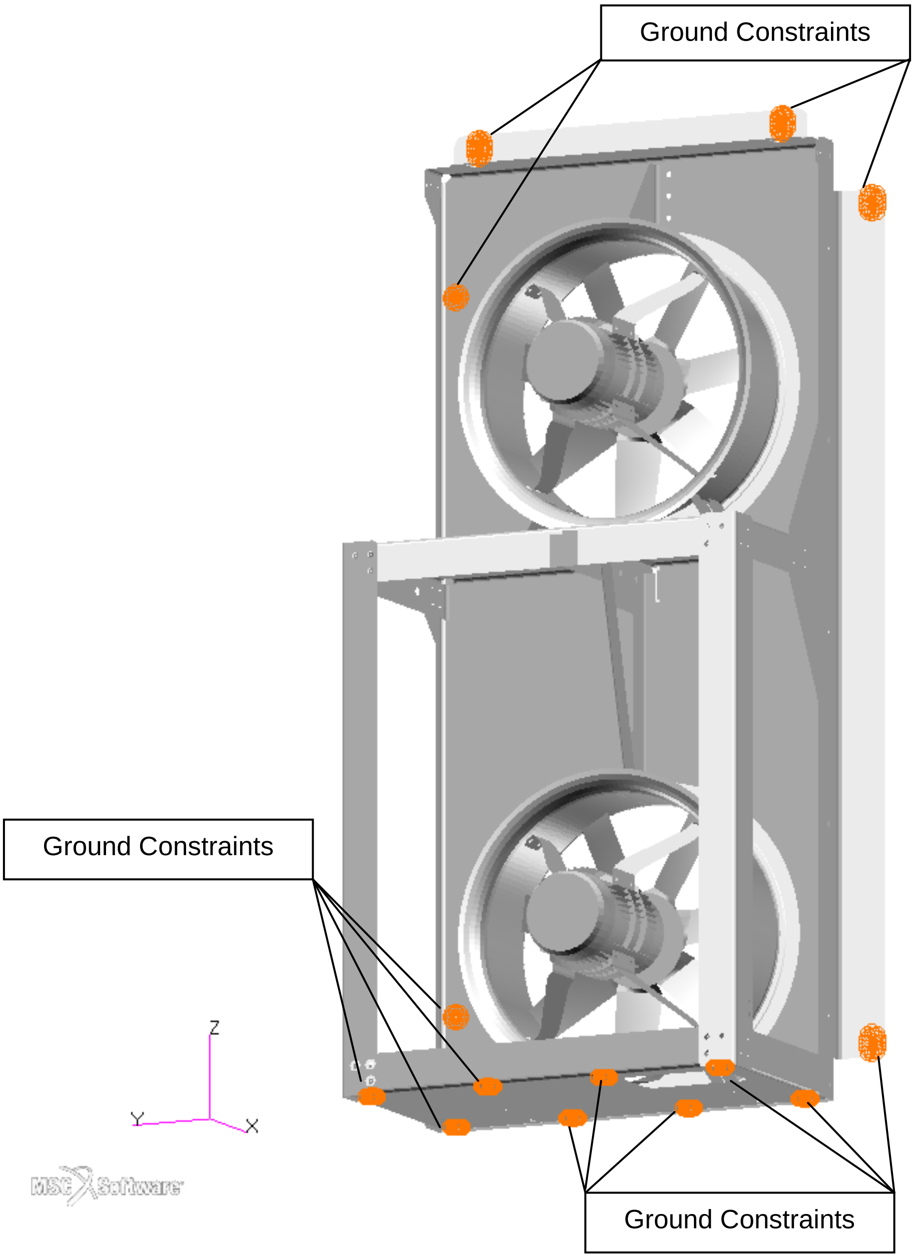


Figure 6.1 – IND System boundary conditions

7 Static load conditions results

7.1 Load Condition S01

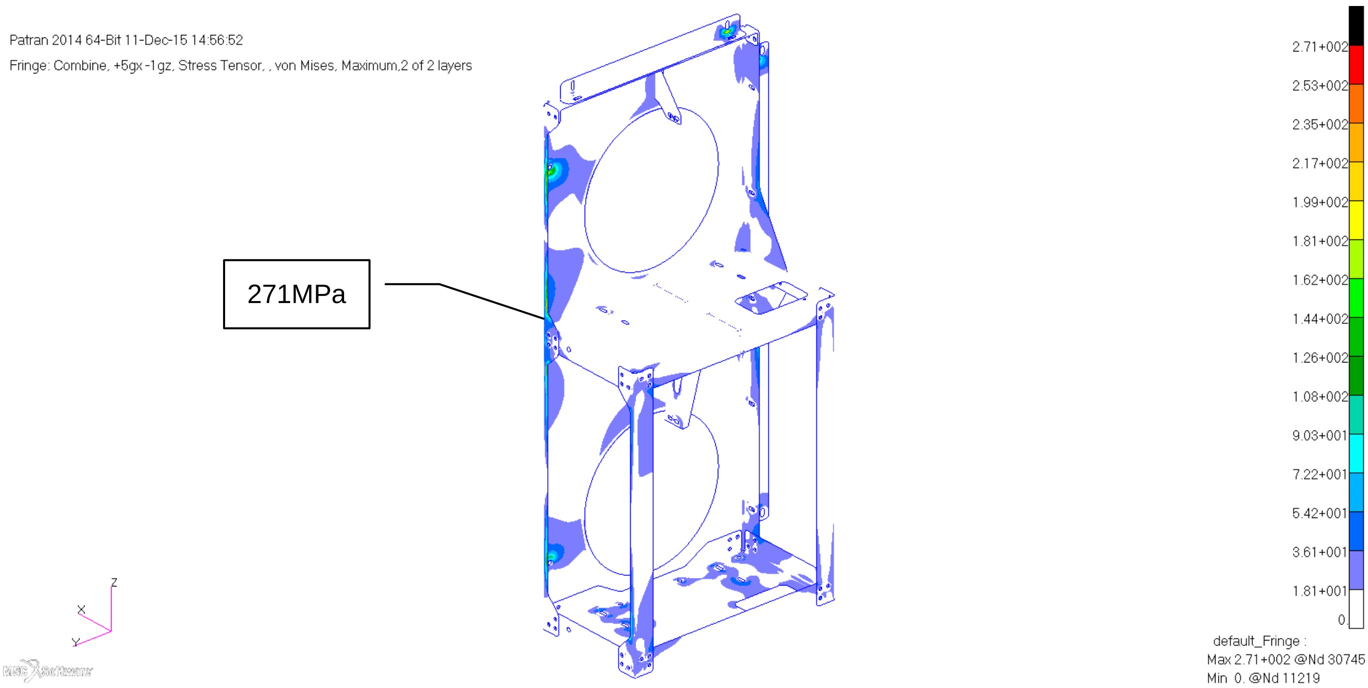


Figure 7.1 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S01

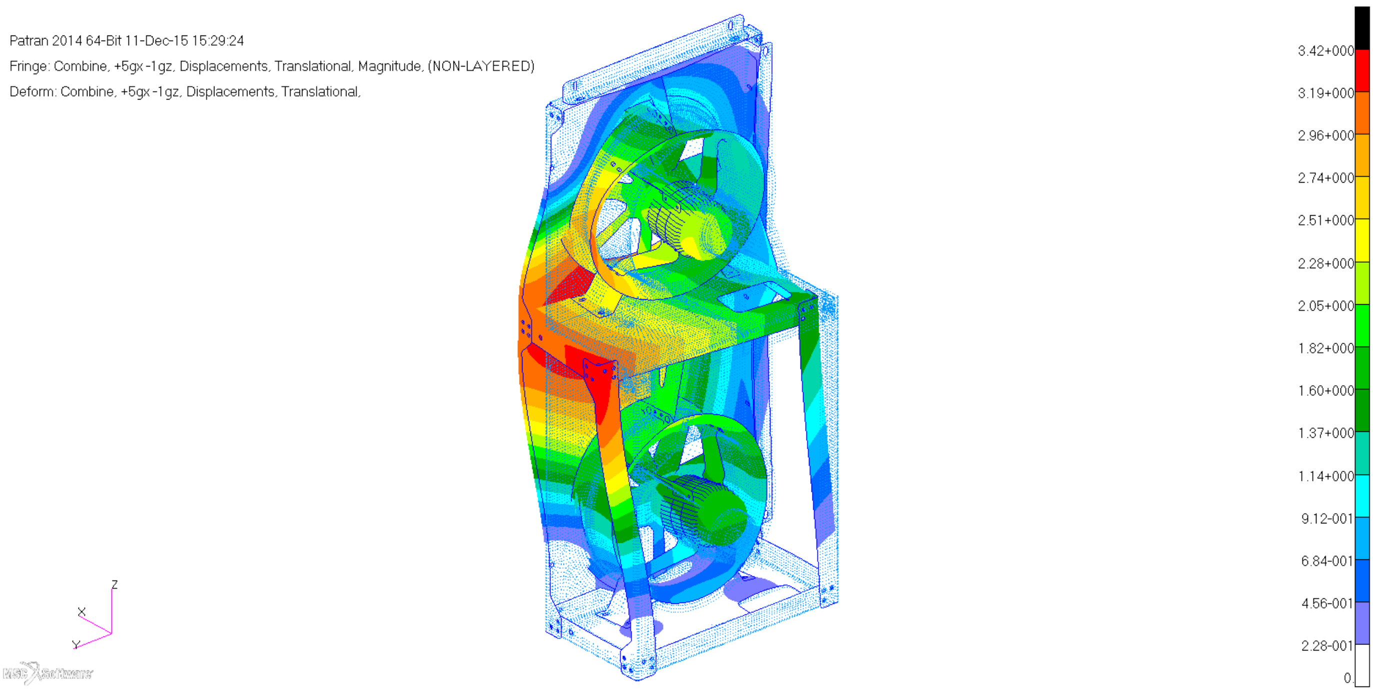


Figure 7.2 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S01 (magnification x40)

7.2 Load Condition S02

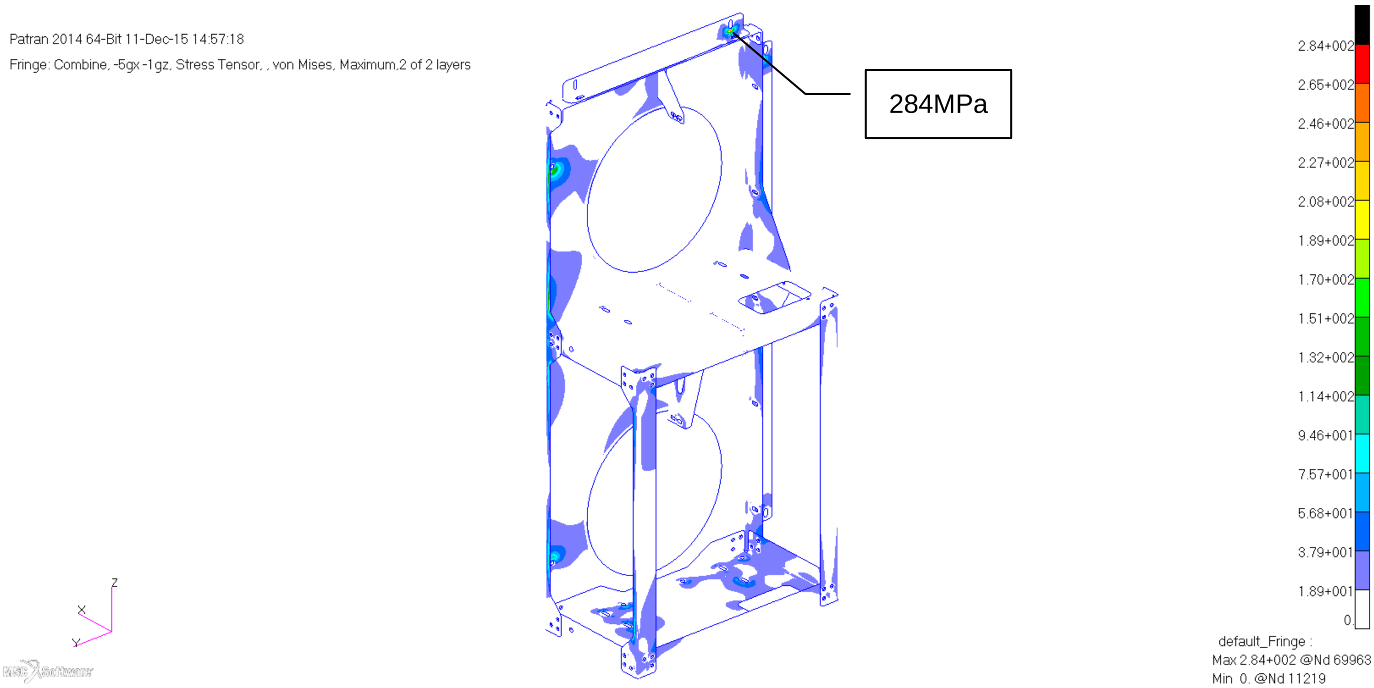


Figure 7.3 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S02

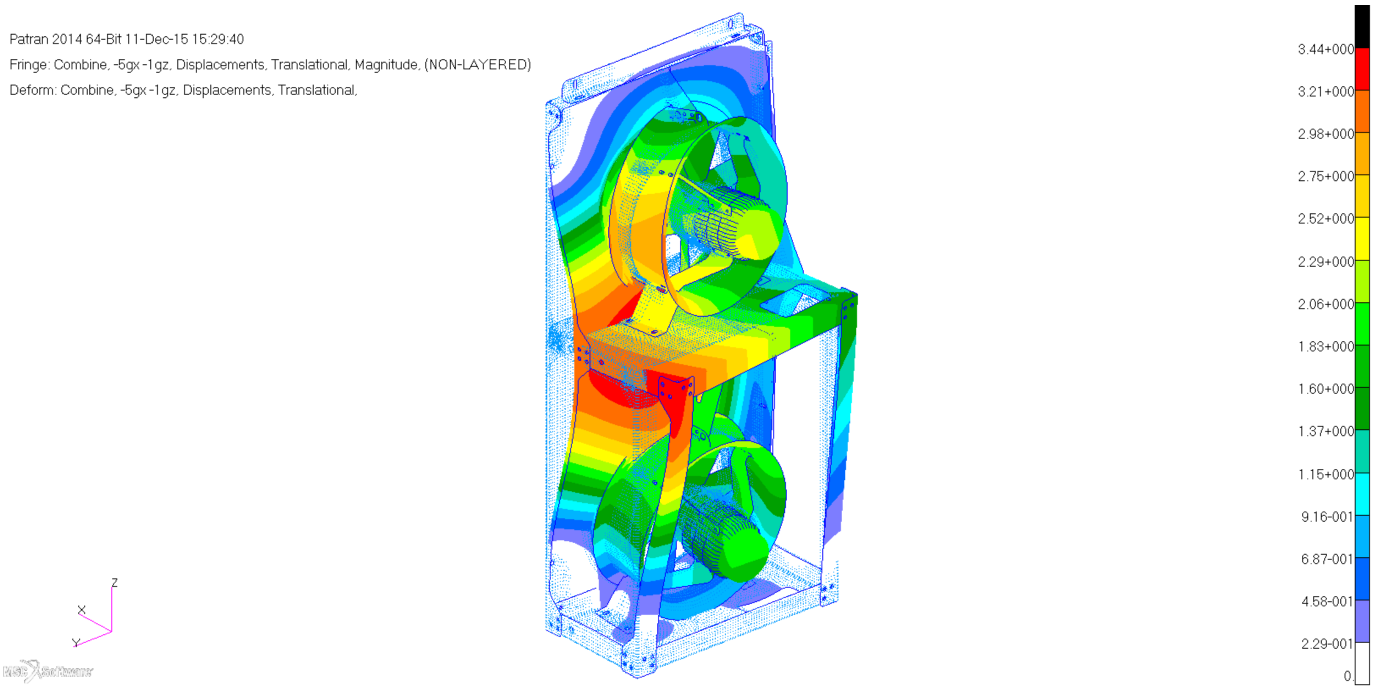


Figure 7.4 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S02 (magnification x40)

7.3 Load Condition S03

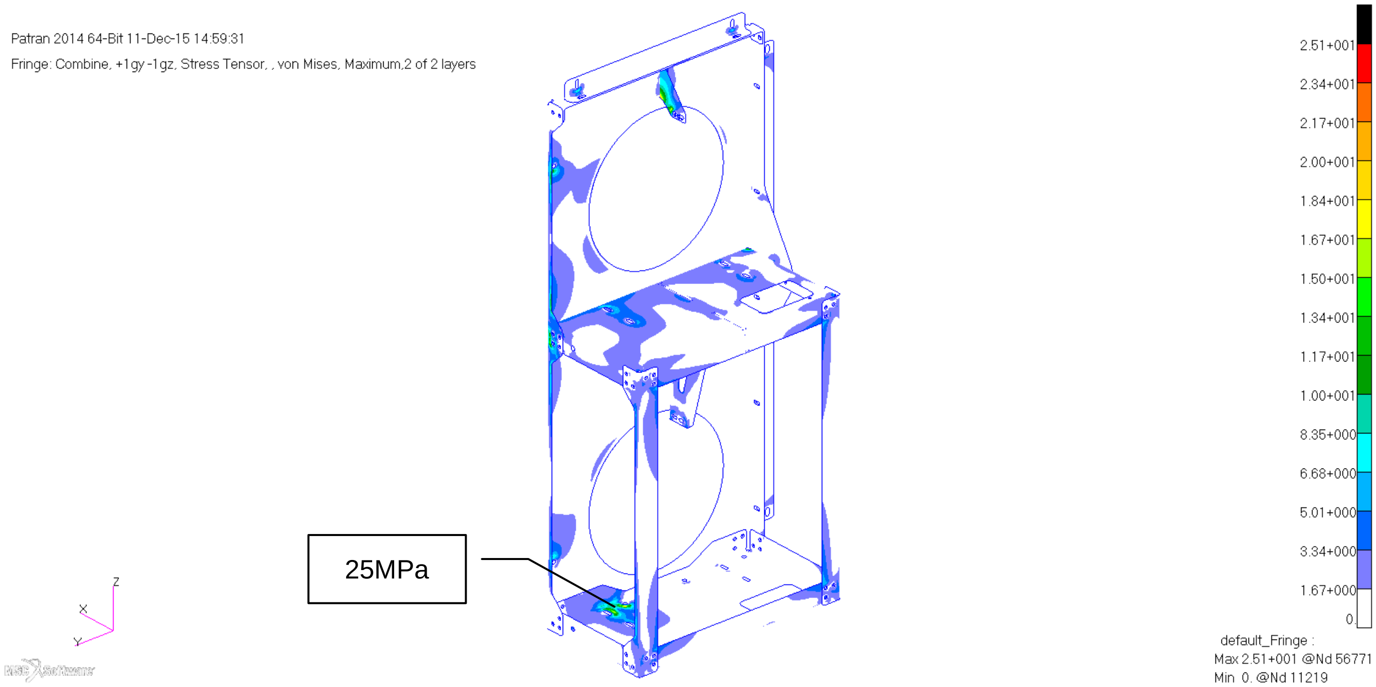


Figure 7.5 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S03

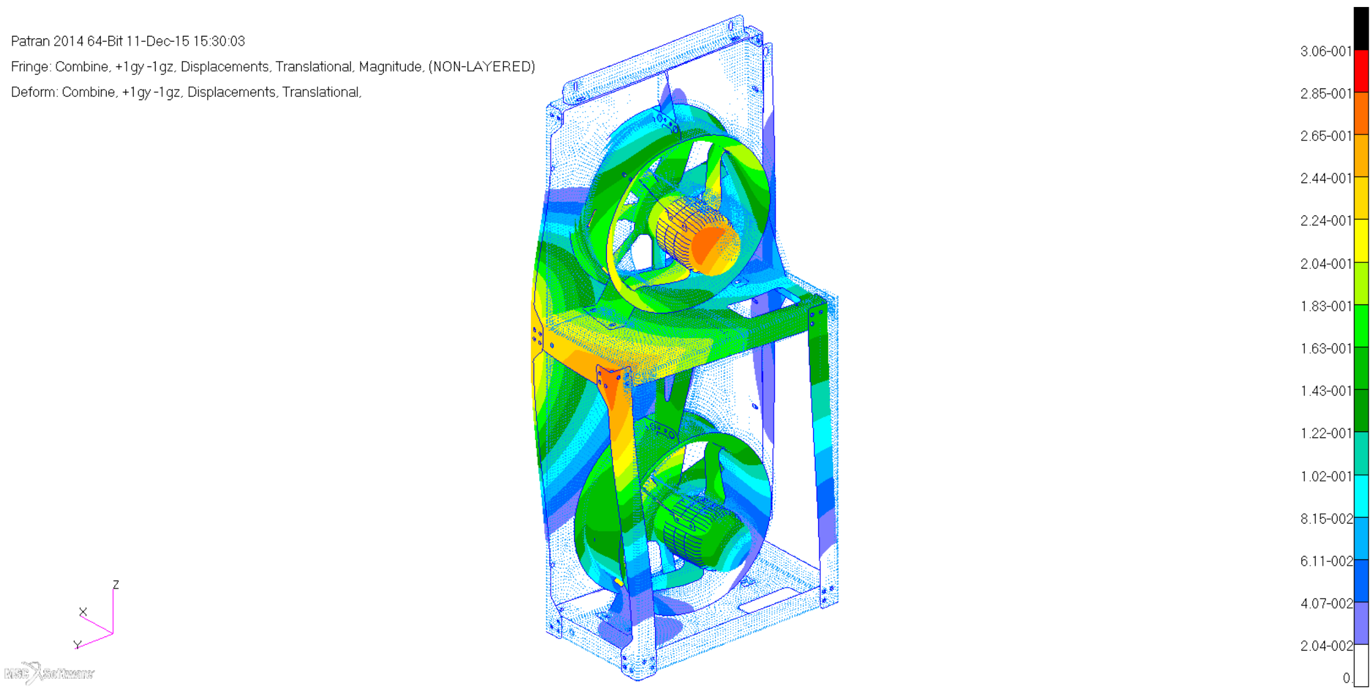


Figure 7.6 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S03 (magnification x300)

7.4 Load Condition S04

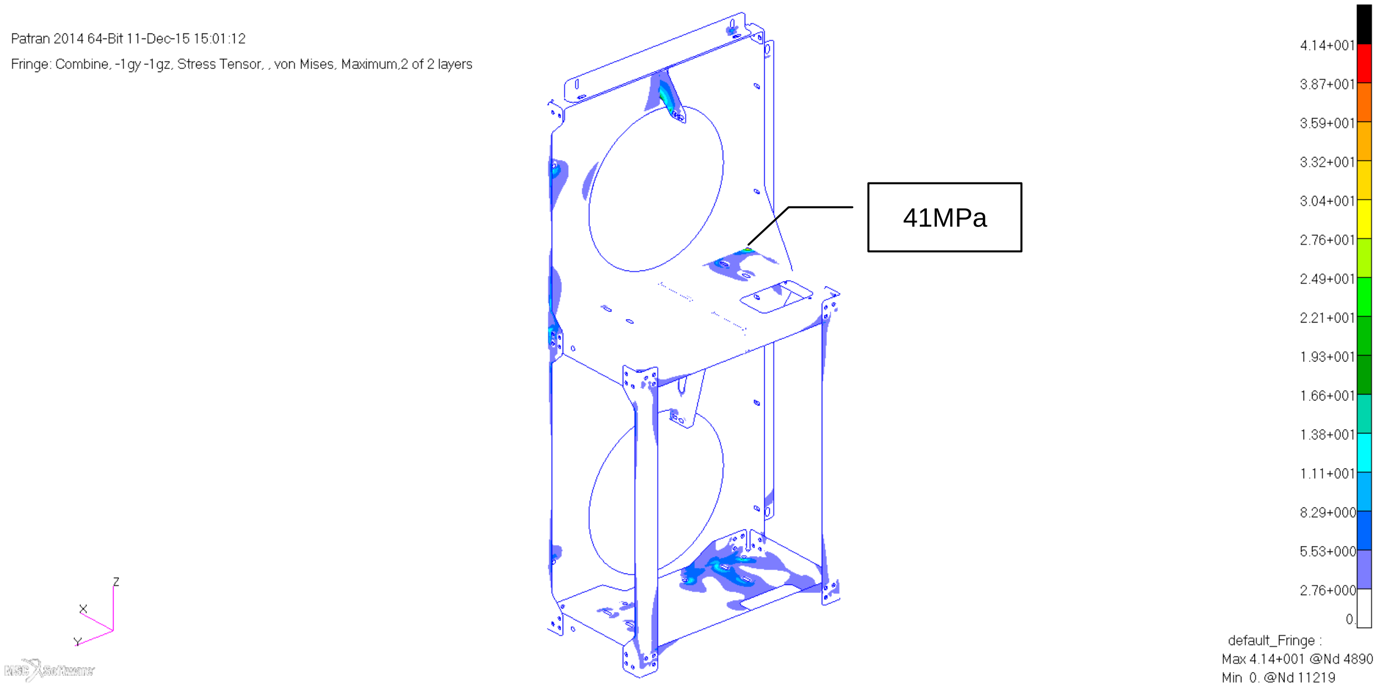


Figure 7.7 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S04

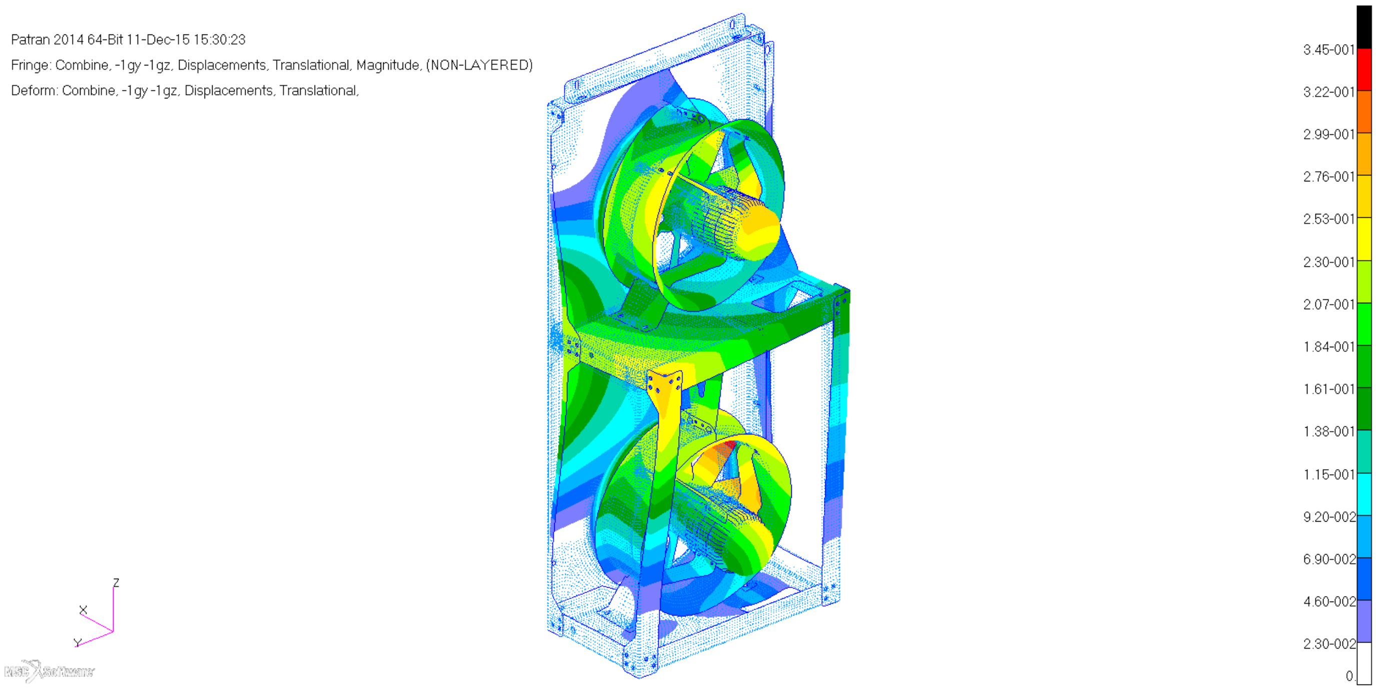


Figure 7.8 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S04 (magnification x300)

7.5 Load Condition S05

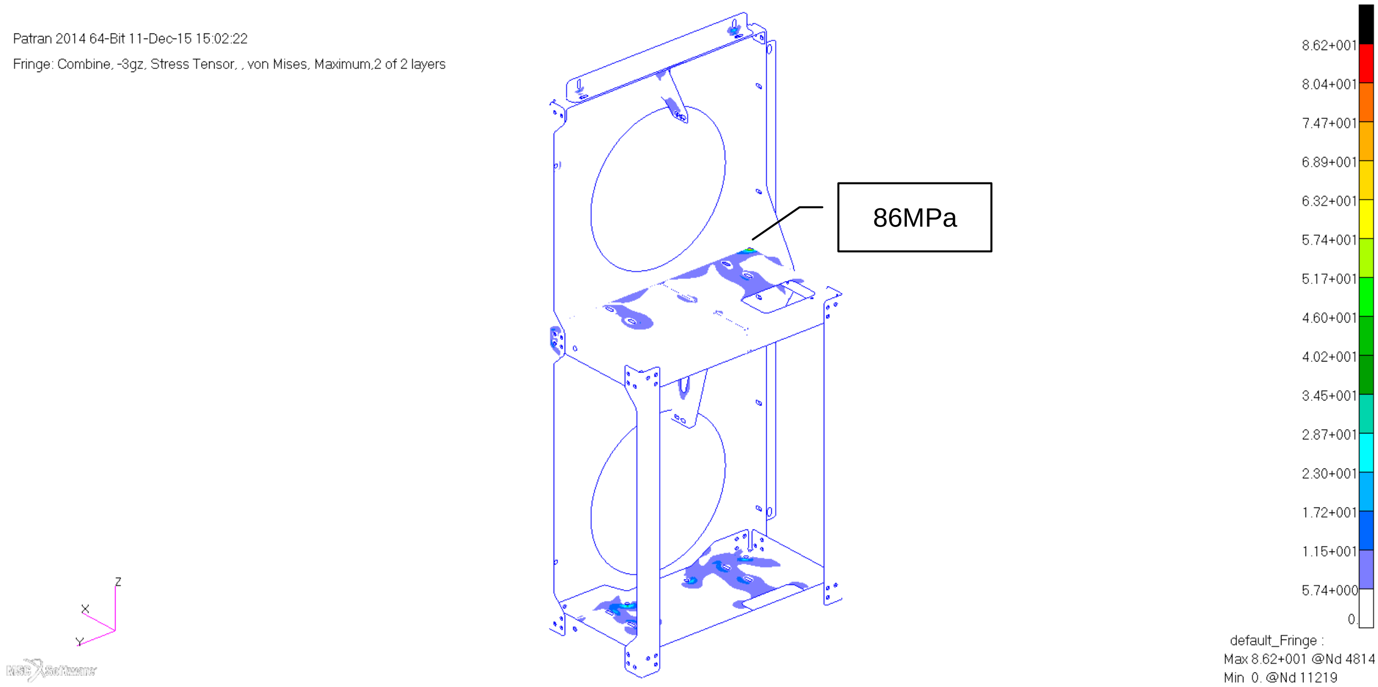


Figure 7.9 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S05

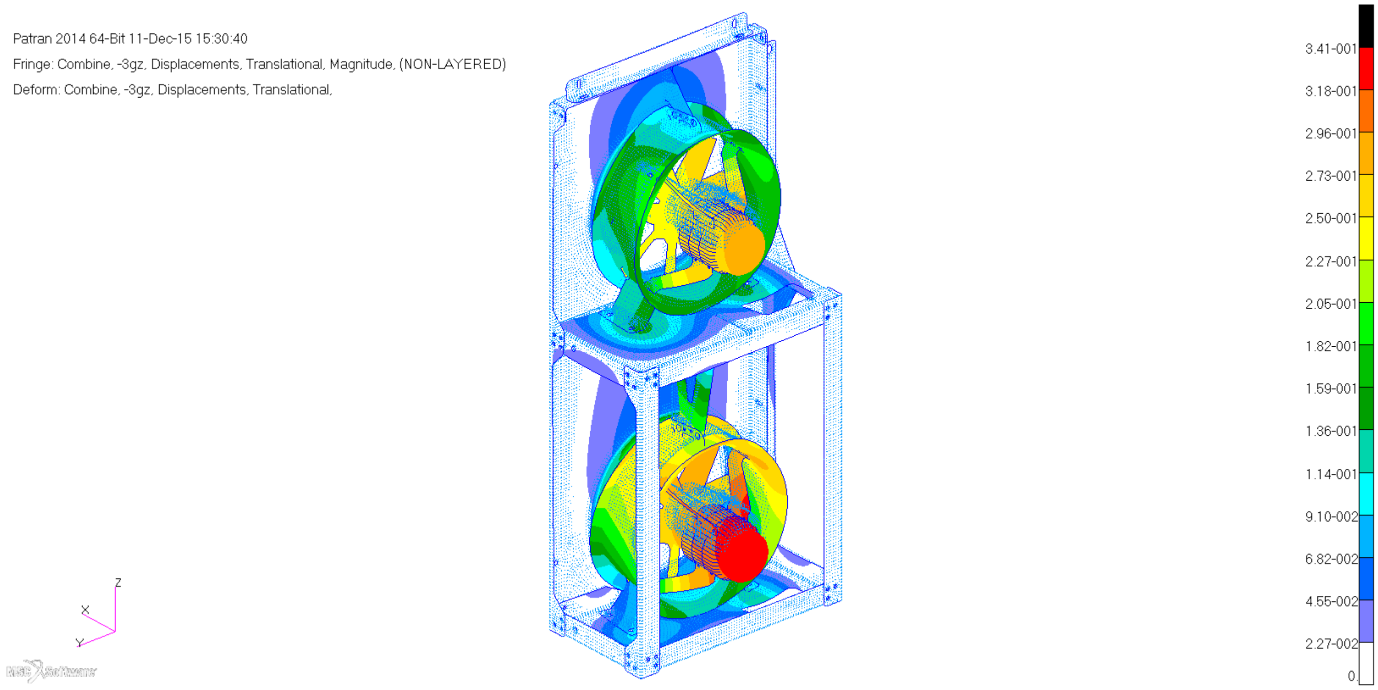


Figure 7.10 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S05 (magnification x200)

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7.6 Load Condition S06

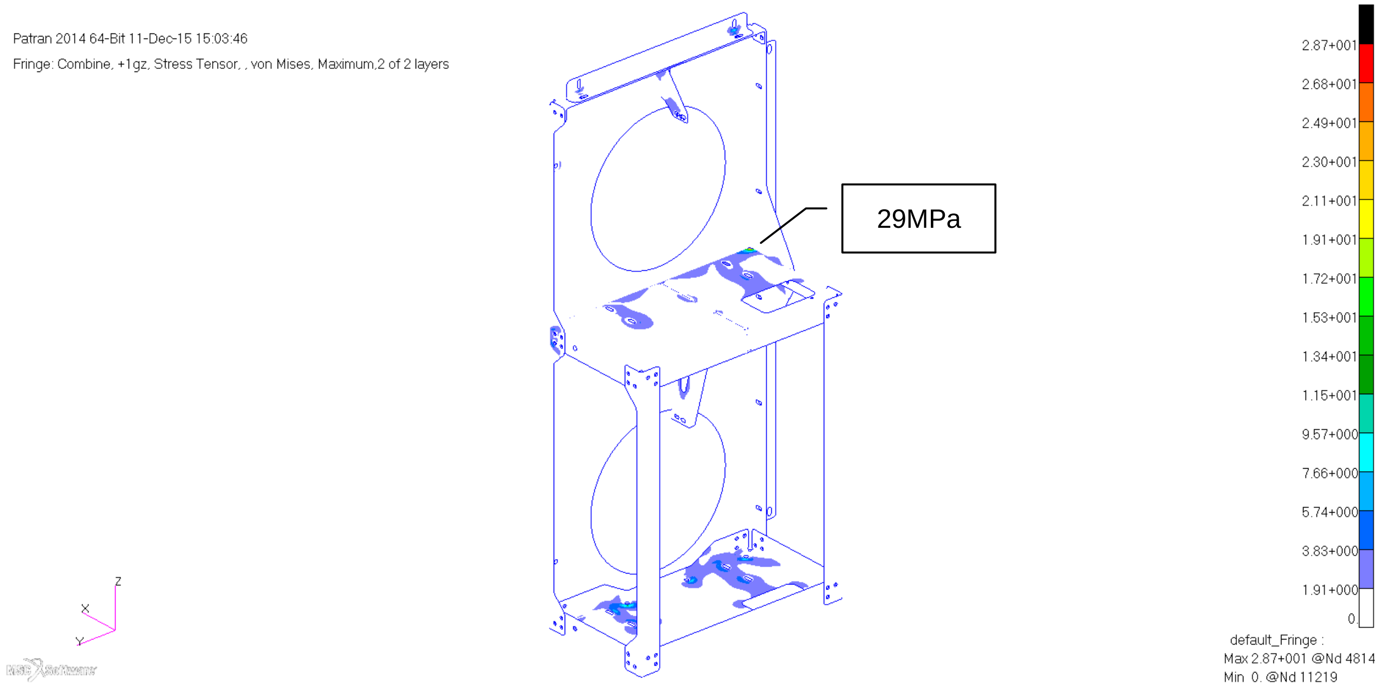


Figure 7.11 – Von Mises stress [MPa] for Load Condition S06

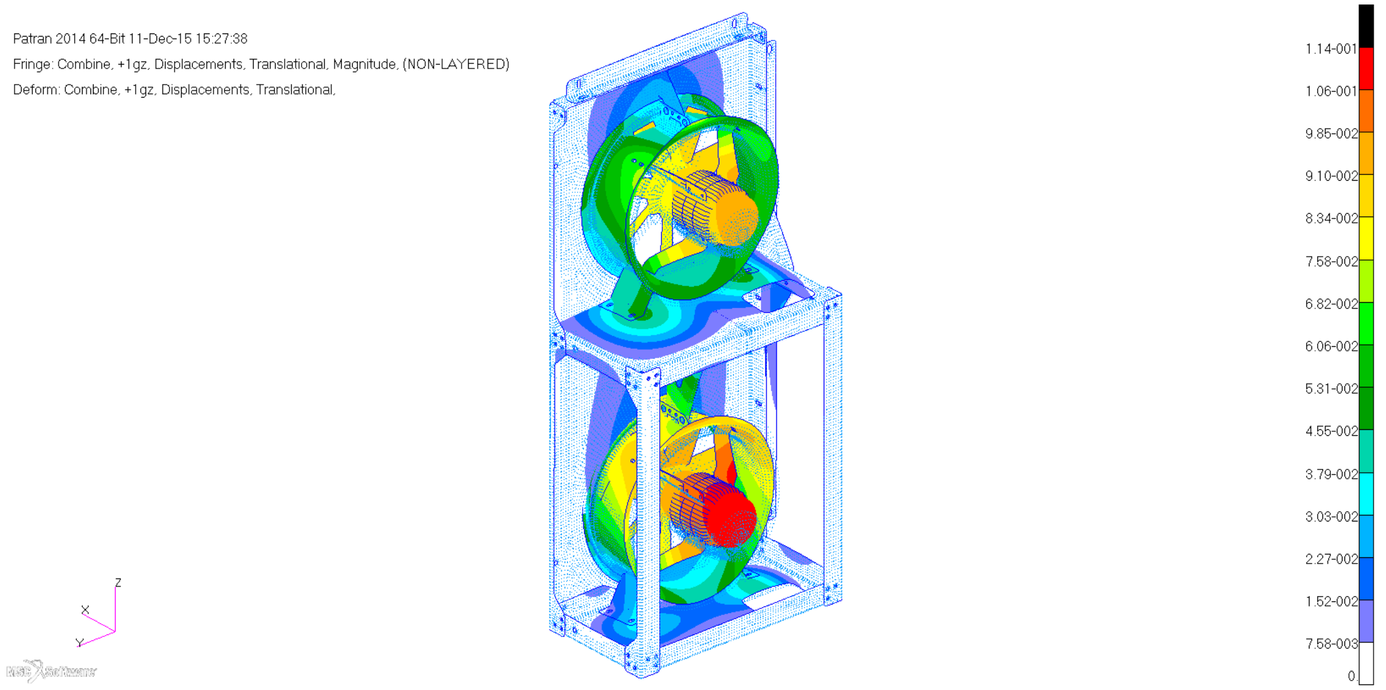


Figure 7.12 – Displacement (magnitude) [mm] for Load Condition S06 (magnification x100)

7.7 Static Loads Assessment

The calculated Von Mises stress is lower than the allowable one ($R_{p0.2}$/1.15=308MPa) for all load conditions, as shown in the next table.

Static Loads Verification		
Load condition	*Maximum Calculated Von Mises stress [MPa]*	*Allowable stress [MPa]*
S01	271	308 ($R_{p0.2}$/1.15)
S02	284	
S03	25	
S04	41	
S05	86	
S06	29	

Table 7.1 – Static Load assessment summary

8 Fatigue load conditions results

The results of the fatigue load assessment are summarized in the next table (only the most critical position for each load case is reported), and the significant areas are shown and indicated in the next figures.

For what concerns the welds, the most critical position is always the fillet weld between the fan casing and brackets (FAT of this type of weld is 90, so the butt joints with FAT 100 are verified as well).

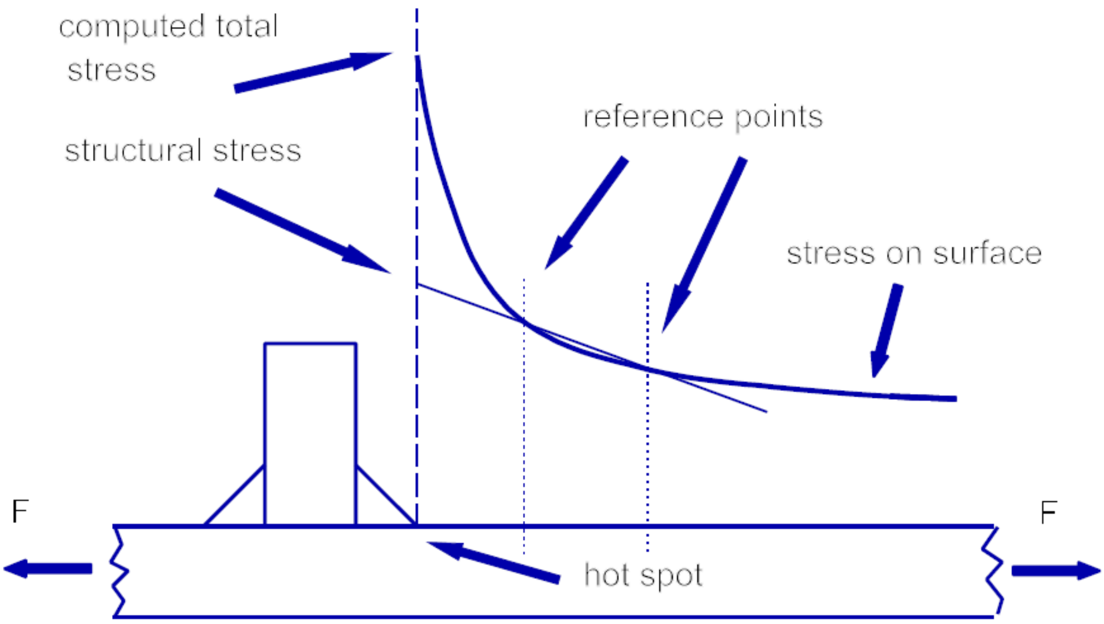
One can see that the calculated stress range[1] is always lower than the allowable one.

Fatigue Loads Verification					
Position	Load Cases	Maximum Principal stress [MPa]	Minimum Principal stress [MPa]	Maximum calculated stress range [MPa]	Allowable stress range @ 10^7 cycles [MPa]
Base Material (FAT 160)	Longitudinal acceleration	13.6	-19.5	33.1	76.0
	Lateral acceleration	29.8	-2.1	31.9	
	Vertical acceleration	32.1	-1.9	34.0	
Load Carrying Fillet weld (FAT 90)	Longitudinal acceleration	8.9	0.0	8.9	42.8
	Lateral acceleration	8.8	0.0	8.8	
	Vertical acceleration	9.8	0.0	9.8	

Table 8.1 – Fatigue Load assessment summary

According to IIW Fatigue Recommendations IIW-1823-07 Dec. 2008 (*Recommendation for fatigue design of welded joints and components*), the stress on the weld toe was determined by the Hot Spot Method, i.e. with a linear extrapolation of the calculated stresses on relevant points (0.4t and 1.0t), as shown in the next figures.

[1] For any point of verification, the stress range is the sum (with sign) of the Maximum and Minimum Principal stresses calculated in that point.



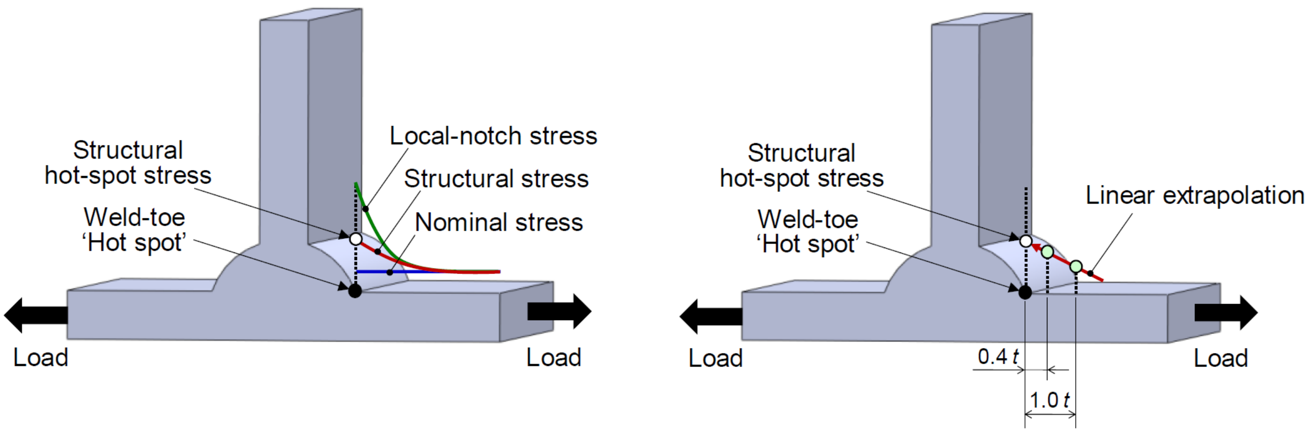


Figure 8.1 – Hot Spot Method[2] (extrapolation of the structural stress at the weld toe)

[2] Figures from *IIW Fatigue Recommendations IIW-1823-07 Dec. 2008* and paper *Can we optimally design light-weight welded structures with sufficient fatigue resistance?*, Norio Takeda and Tomohiro Naruse, 10th World Congress on Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization.

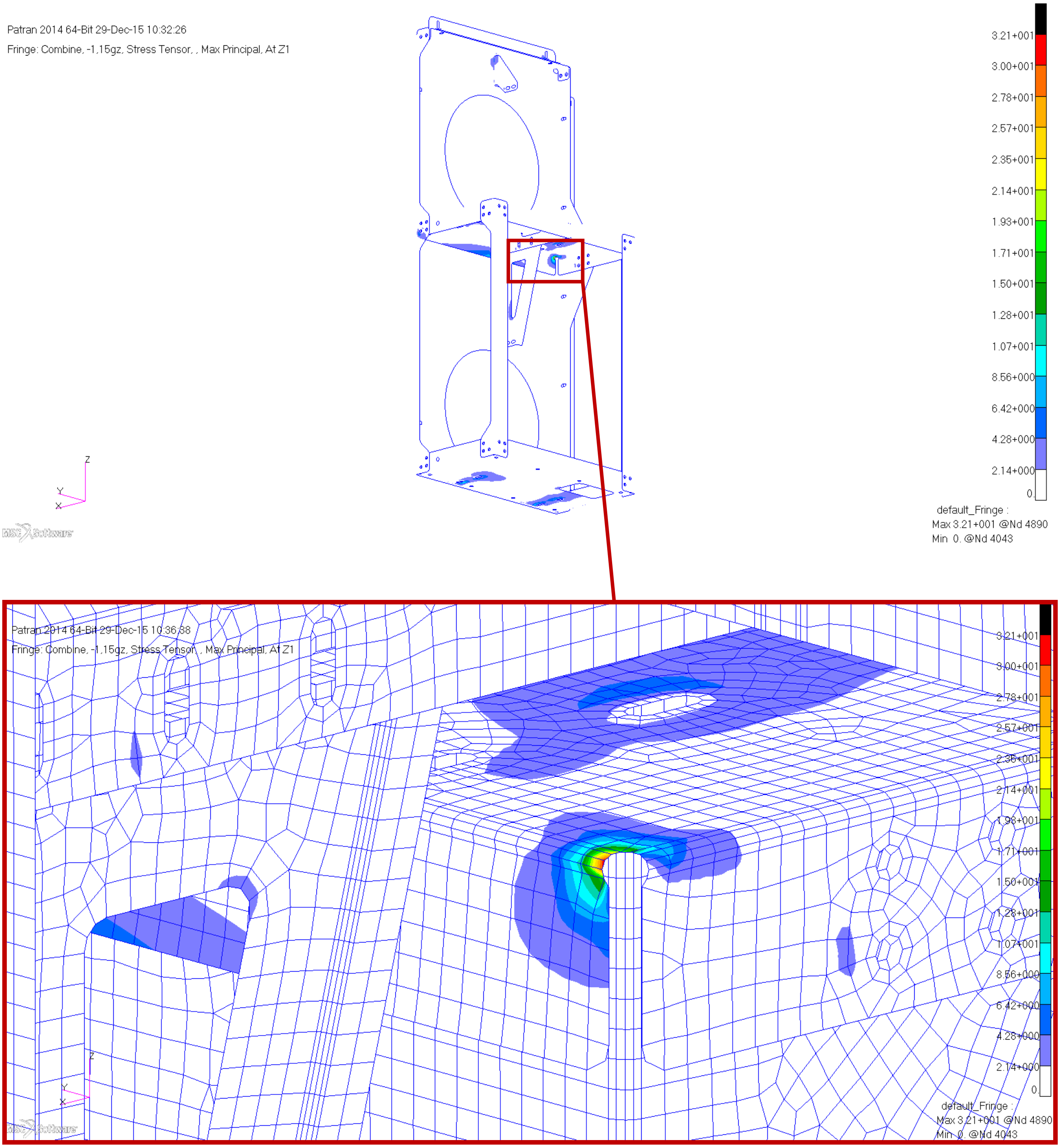


Figure 8.2 – Maximum Principal calculated stress [MPa] for the Vertical acceleration (load combination with maximum calculated stress range) on the S355MC base material

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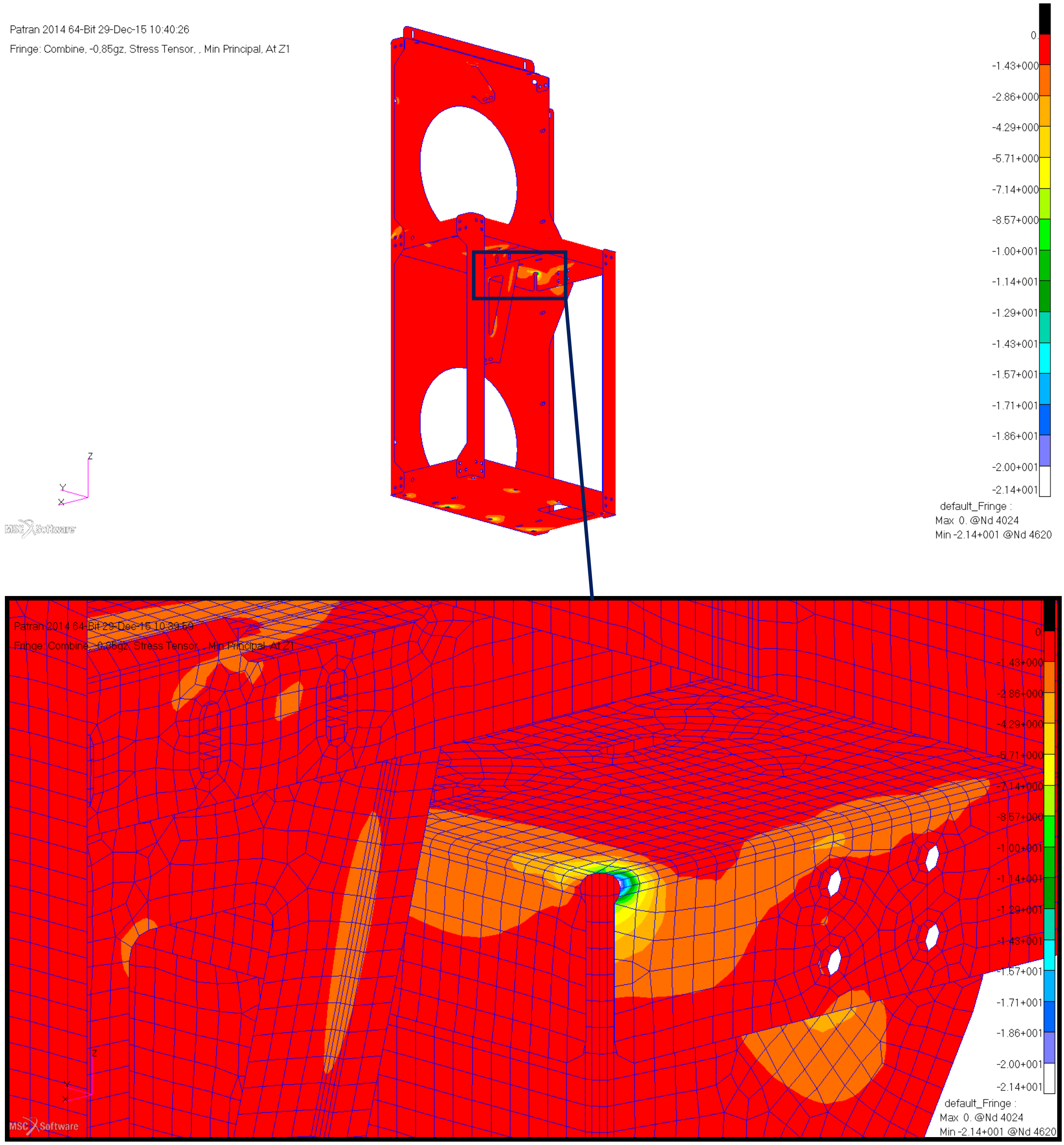

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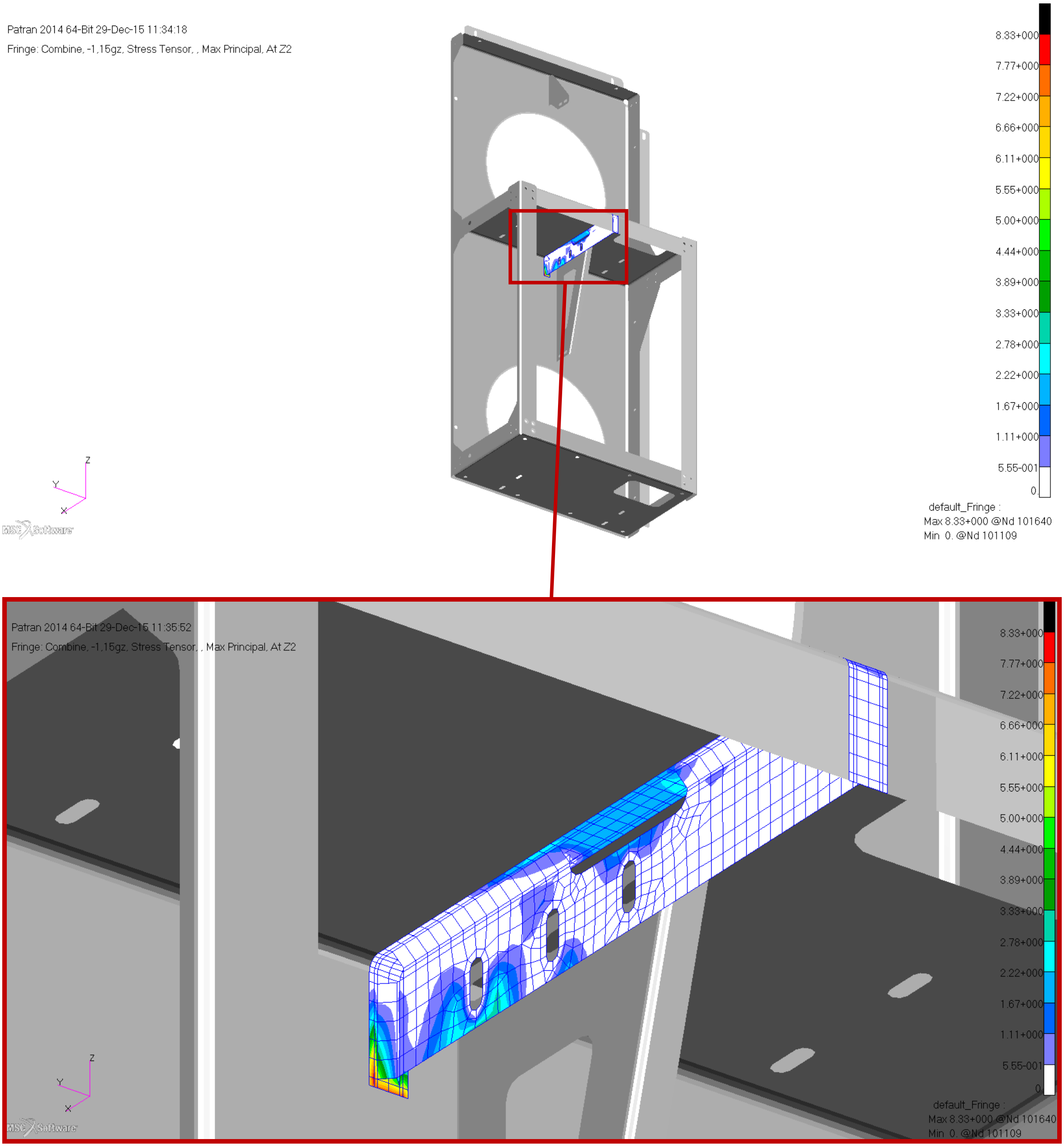

Figure 8.4 – Maximum Principal calculated stress [MPa] for the Vertical acceleration (load combination with maximum calculated stress range) on the S355MC fillet weld

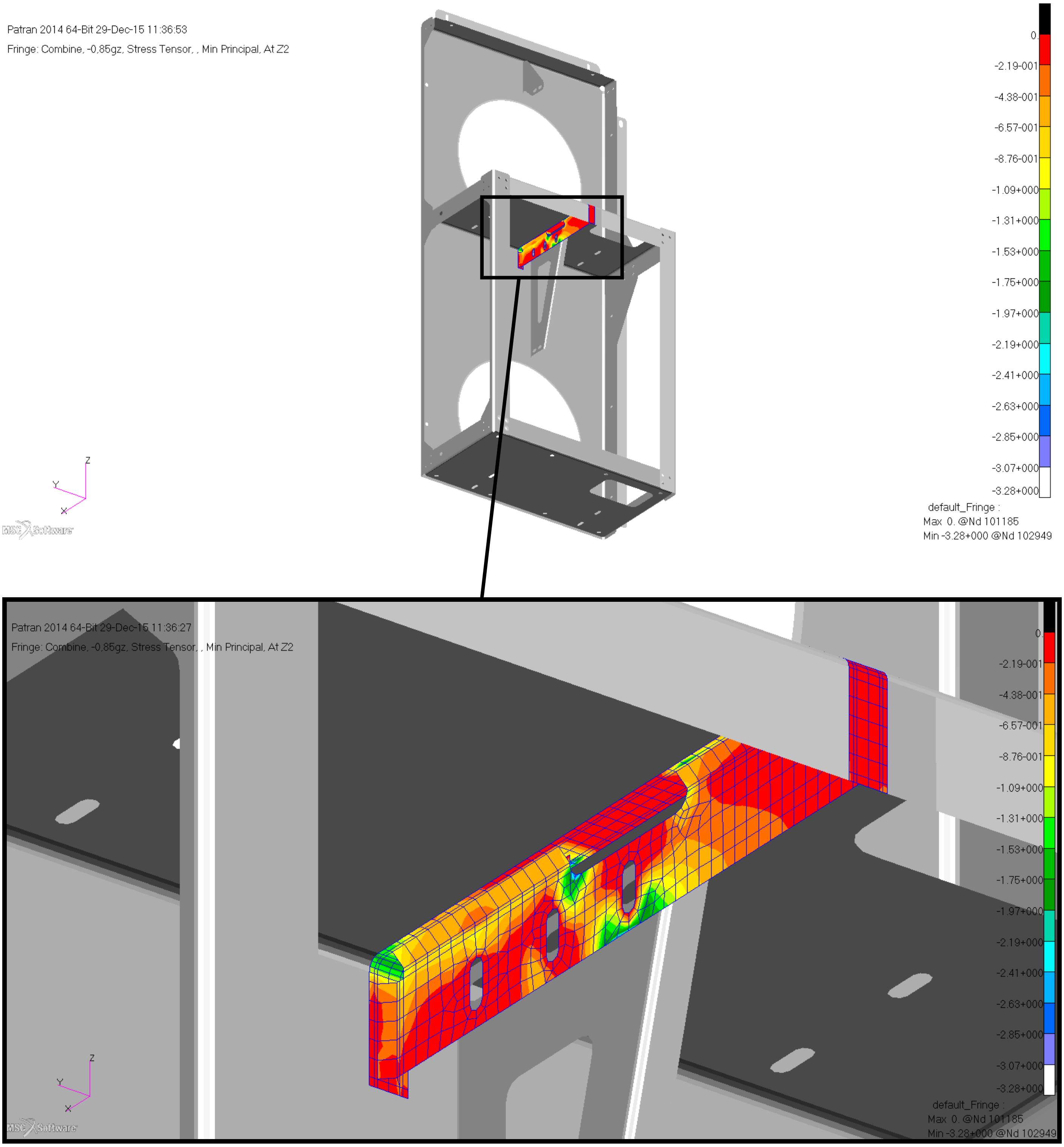

Figure 8.5 – Minimum Principal calculated stress [MPa] for the Vertical acceleration (load combination with maximum calculated stress range) on the S355MC fillet weld

9 Modal analysis results

The first natural frequencies of the model are summarized in the next table.

Mode	Frequency [Hz]	Mode shape
I	23.1	Global Flexural mode
II	37.6	Global Flexural mode
III	40.6	Global Flexural mode

Table 9.1 – Modal analysis result

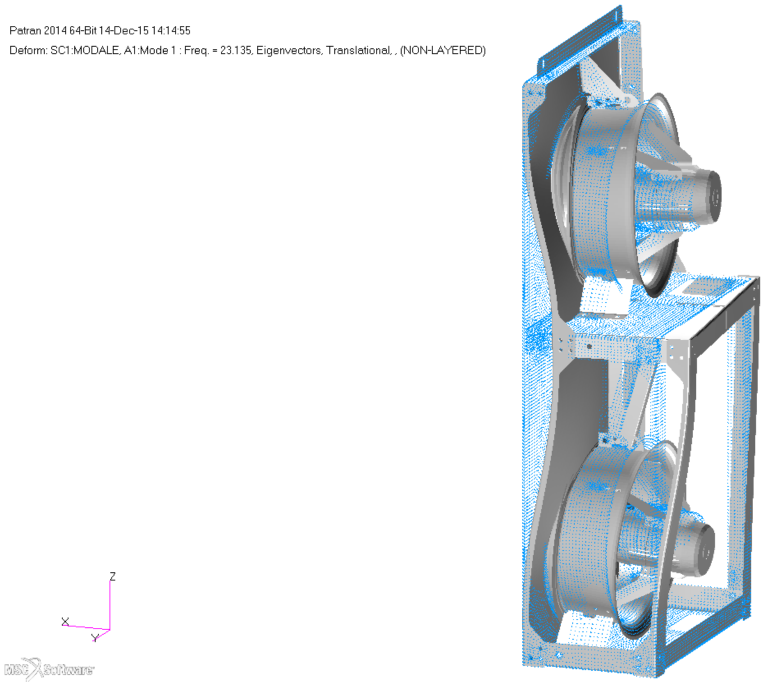

Figure 9.1 – Mode I (23.1Hz) - Global Flexural Mode

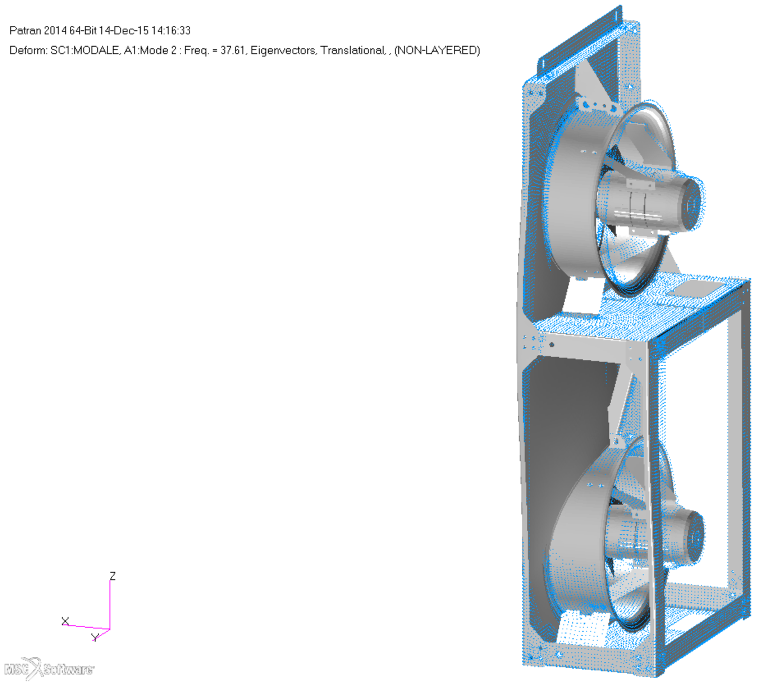

Figure 9.2 – Mode II (37.6Hz) - Global Flexural Mode

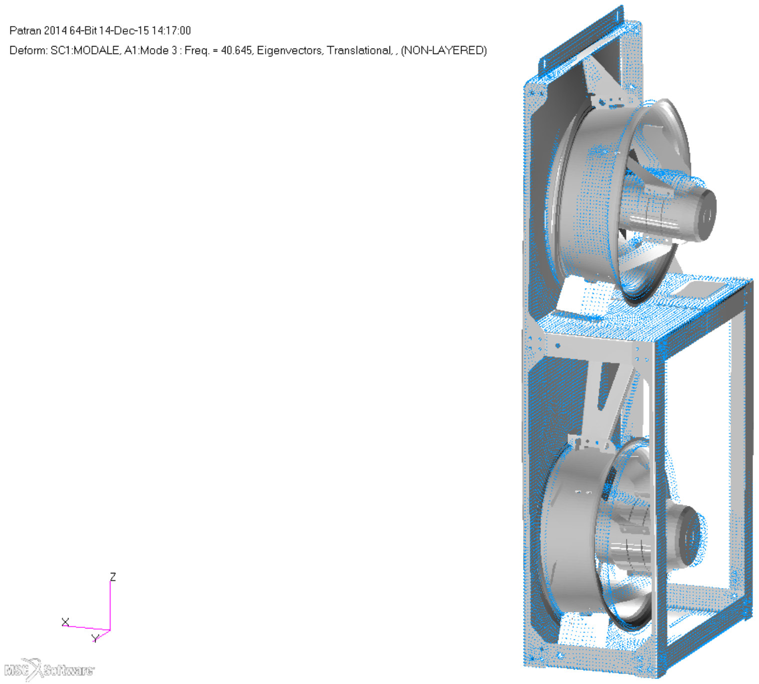

Figure 9.3 – Mode III (40.6Hz) - Global Flexural Mode

10 Conclusion

The stress analysis of the *IND System* was carried out. All verifications (Static and Fatigue load conditions) fulfill with requirements.

A modal analysis was then performed and the first global natural frequency of the structure is 23.1Hz.

Appendix 1

Forces acting on the Bolts

The Table A1.1 summarizes the forces and moments acting on the most stressed bolts for the proof loads. The position of these elements is shown in Figure A1.1 and A1.2. The verification of the bolts is not an aim of this work, and it is responsibility of the Customer.

	Most stressed Bolts – Proof Loads								
	Element ID	F_x [N]	F_y [N]	F_z [N]	F_q [N]	M_x [Nmm]	M_y [Nmm]	M_z [Nmm]	M_q [Nmm]
M10	100007	-22	2539	-4925	5541	-6772	-3145	-32	3145
	100026	-1088	-1131	-954	1480	1122	-2392	24044	24163
	100027	-1211	-986	1230	1577	127	-2177	29158	29239
M8	90001	774	-490	209	533	-1383	5795	-1822	6074
	90006	-355	-52	263	268	1080	7411	-1071	7488
	90008	727	-371	182	413	-864	3245	-1113	3430

Table A1.1 – Most stressed bolts, Proof Loads

	Most stressed Bolts – Fatigue Loads								
	Element ID	ΔF_x [N]	ΔF_y [N]	ΔF_z [N]	ΔF_q [N]	ΔM_x [Nmm]	ΔM_y [Nmm]	ΔM_z [Nmm]	ΔM_q [Nmm]
M10	100007	2	-152	293	330	405	196	0	196
	100027	79	53	-100	114	-15	-164	-1688	1696
	100054	119	-45	61	76	63	528	-205	567
M8	90004	46	-9	11	14	89	606	167	628
	90012	26	-37	-11	39	-75	-500	-92	509
	90014	-43	-9	15	18	106	-696	-146	712

Table A1.2 – Most stressed bolts, Fatigue Loads (force and moment range calculated between extreme positions of the fatigue cycle)

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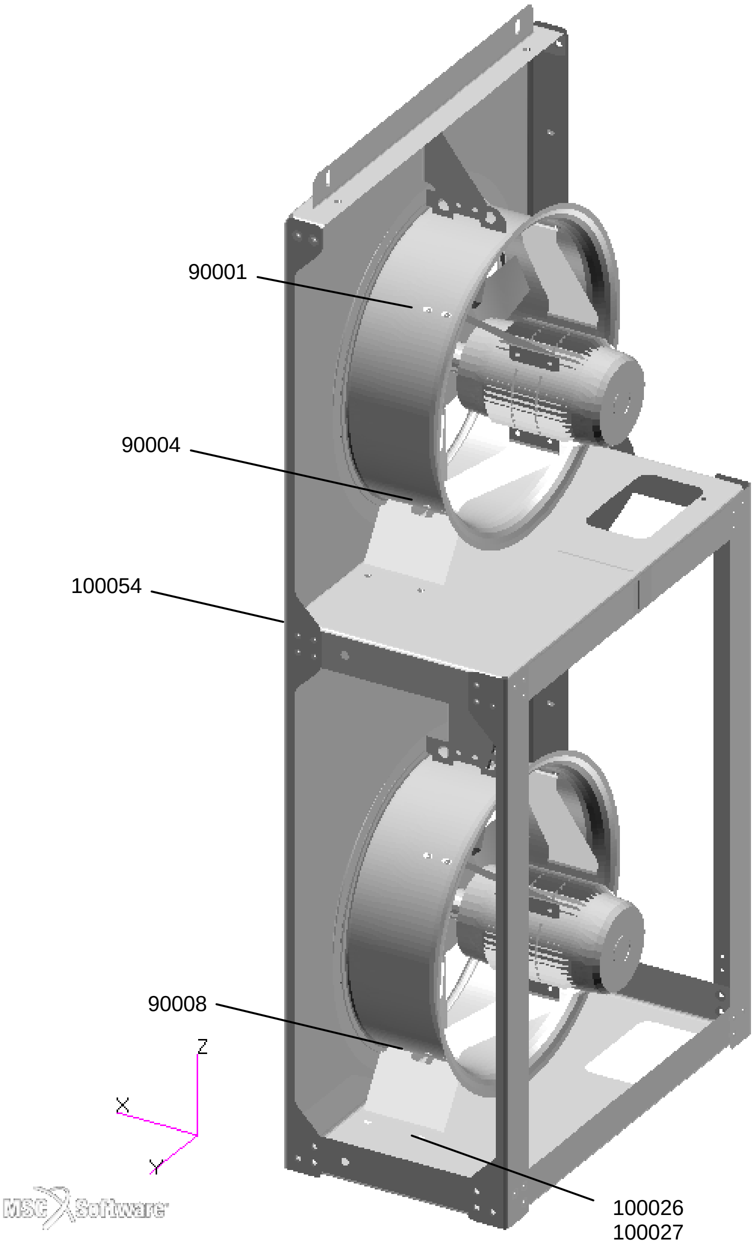

Figure A1.1 – Position of most stressed bolts, Proof and Fatigue Loads

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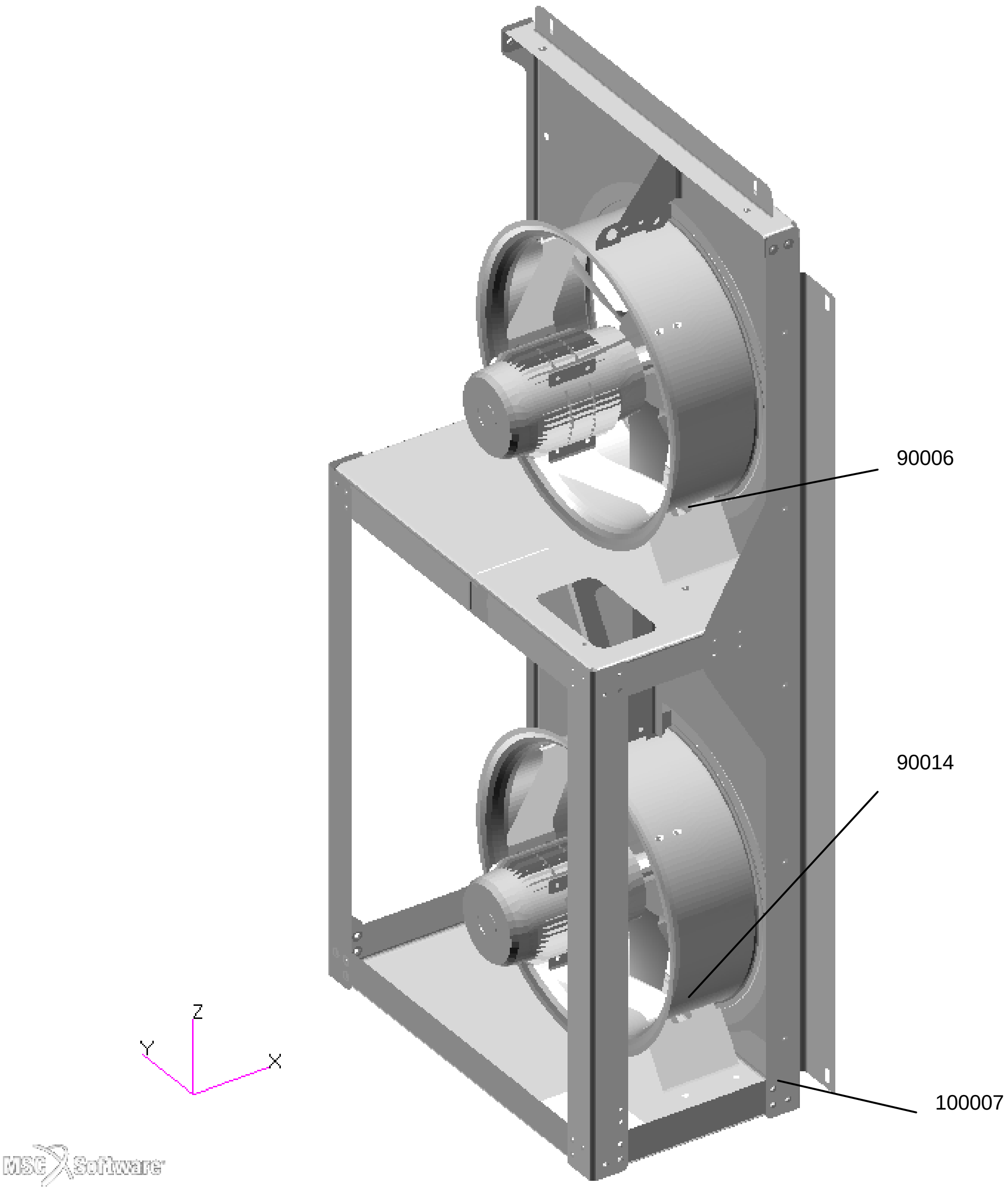

Figure A1.2 – Position of most stressed bolts, Proof and Fatigue Loads

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1. Bolted connection verification

The following verification calculation of the bolted connection has been done according to:

- UNI EN 1993-1-8. Category C.

2. Bolted connection characteristics

DIM.	ID	CLASS	f_{ub} [N/mm2]	TYPE OF CONNECTION	METAL SHEET 1	METAL SHEET 2	μ_s
M8	90001	A2-70	700	Screw UNI5739 + Washer // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	4mm – Carb. Steel painted	3mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3
M8	90006	A2-70	700	Screw + Washer // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	4mm – Carb. Steel painted	3mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3
M8	90008	A2-70	700	Screw + Washer // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	4mm – Carb. Steel painted	3mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3
M10	100007	A2-70	700	Screw UNI5933 // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	5mm – Carb. Steel painted	5mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3
M10	100026	A2-70	700	Screw UNI5739 + Washer // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	3mm – Carb. Steel painted	5mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3
M10	100027	A2-70	700	Screw UNI5739 + Washer // Washer + Washer.UNI1751 + Nut	3mm – Carb. Steel painted	5mm – Carb. Steel painted	0.3

3. Calculation results

ID	$F_{v,Ed}$	$F_{t,Ed}$	$F_{p,C}$	$F_{s,Rd}$	$F_{b,Rd}$	$N_{net,Rd}$	$F_{v,Rd}$	$F_{t,Rd}$	$F_{v,Ed} <= F_{s,Rd}$	$F_{v,Ed} <= F_{b,Rd}$	$F_{v,Ed} <= N_{net,Rd}$
90001	533	774	19190	4457	6205	37275	13159	13817	OK	OK	OK
90006	268	355	19190	4537	6205	37275	13159	13817	OK	OK	OK
90008	727	413	19190	4526	6205	37275	13159	13817	OK	OK	OK
100007	5541	22	28417	6816	16598	90525	19486	20460	OK	OK	OK
100026	5541	1088	28417	6611	25500	67095	19486	20460	OK	OK	OK
100027	1577	1211	28417	6588	25500	67095	19486	20460	OK	OK	OK

4. Conclusion

All the bolted connections pass the verification.