



# Mechanical analysis for the Monolith Vessel

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## Introduction



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## ESS-BILBAO Consortium

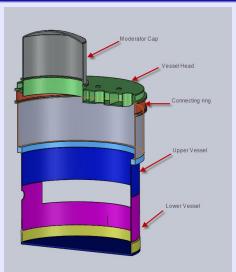
#### Role and functions

- The Spanish Government has taken the decision that ESS-BILBAO will be the only contractor from Spain to ESS project.
- ESS-BILBAO has no independent research activities neither teaching responsabilities outside ESS project.
- Staff of 60 scientific & engineers and the possibility to hire extra staff.
- On January 2015, ESS-Bilbao was chosen as ESS partner for the Monolith Vessel.
- On September 2015, ESS-Bilbao and ESS-ERIC organized the KO meeting in Madrid.
- On November 2015, ESS-ERIC completed the PDR and ESS-Bilbao started the design phase.



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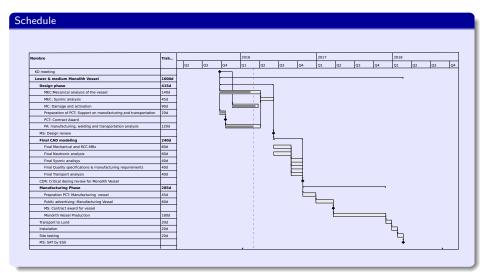
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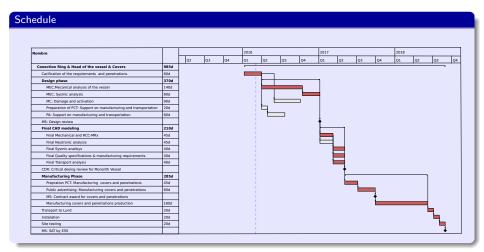


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## Modifications based on the actual scenario

- We have divided the project in two sub projects with different schedule and SAT: "Lower & Medium Vessel" and "Head of the Vessel & Connection Rings".
- The information required for the design process for the "Lower & Medium Vessel" is mainly on place so the design is progressing on schedule.
- Regarding "Head of the Vessel & Connection Rings" additional clarifications about the number, size and position of the different penetrations have to be provided by the end of the month.
- A clear definition of the vacuum requirements is critical to continue the manufacturing review and the definition of the flanges and joints.



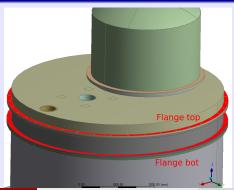


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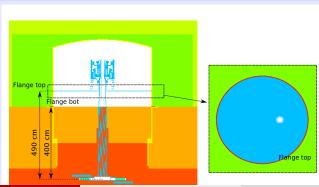
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## Dose rate for $5000\ h$ of operation per year (neutrons & photons).

Element	Gy/year (Steel)	Sv/year	DPA/year
Top Flange	2.5	24.3	$6.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Bottom Flange	0.8	9.6	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$

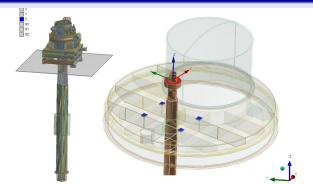
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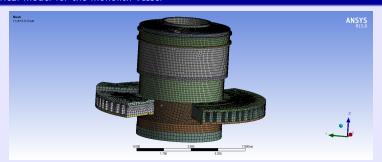


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## Material selection

## Main loads and analysis

- Dead weight (Target and vessel)
- Vacuum (P-loads & buckling)
- 2.0 bars Over pressure (P- loads & bolted union analysis)
- Seismic analysis

#### Based on vacuum requirements two stainless steels could be considered

- SS-316L: Better corrosion resistance properties (Base line)
- SS-304: Better manufacturing and welding properties.

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## New configuration for the vessel head stiffness

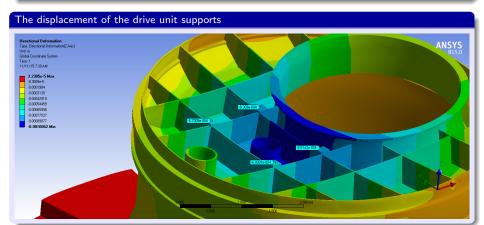
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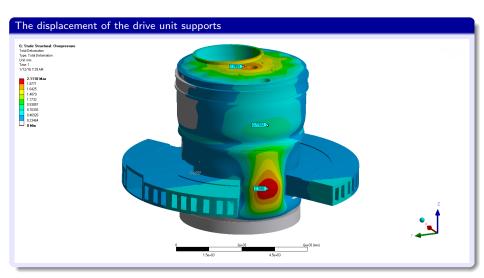
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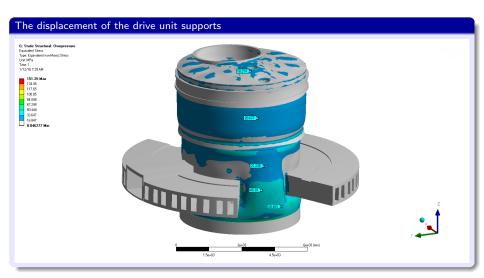
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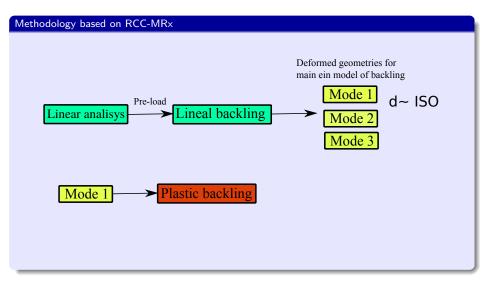
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# Mechanical analysis: Buckling



# Mechanical analysis: Linear buckling

## Linear backing "safety factors" for SS-316L

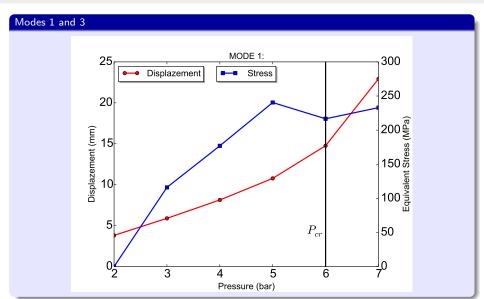
Mode	$\lambda_c$	
1.	22.916	
2.	24.221	
3.	24.974	
4.	25.995	
5.	26.029	
6.	26.141	
7.	26.743	
8.	26.75	
9.	26.884	
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## Linear buckling

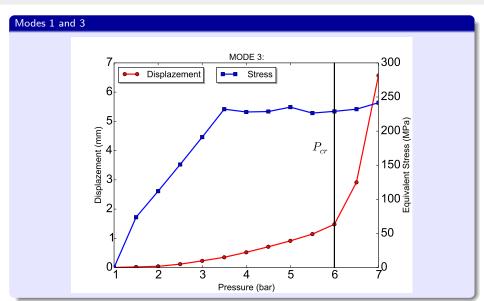
The linear buckling analysis can produce a significant error and it is not covered for all materials at RCC-MRx. We have complete the analysis for the first 30 modes.

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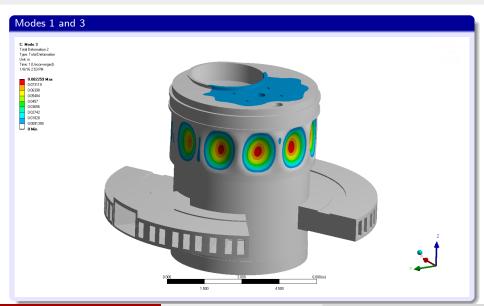
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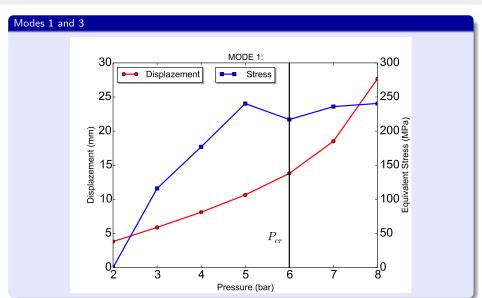
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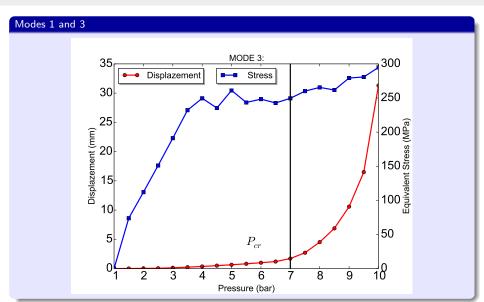
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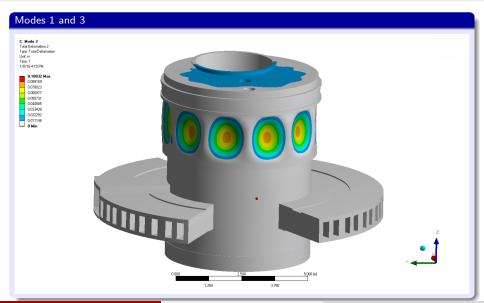
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# Mechanical analysis: Conclusions

## Remarks from mechanical analysis

- The Stress values are relatively far below the RCC-MRx limits so there is room for thicknesses optimization, specially on lower and medium vessel.
- The displacement in the Target supports can be limited to 2 mm
- Seismic analysis are on going.



## Review of manufacturing procedure

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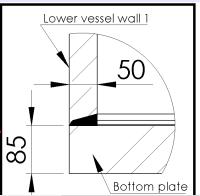
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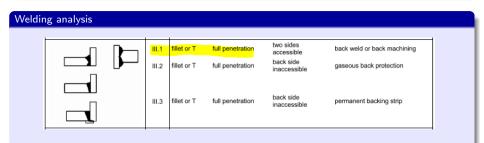
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# Welding analysis Lower Vessel wall 2 Lower Vessel wall 1 Bottom plate



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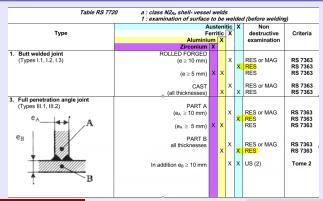
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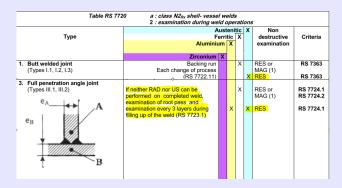
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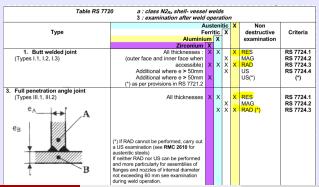
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## Conclusions

#### Main remarks

- The on going activities for the monolith vessel are on schedule for Lower and Medium vessel
- Mechanical analysis shows room for optimization of thicknesses.
- The simplified model for the target has been accepted by ESS for seismic analysis.
- Manufacturing review on going without considering vacuum manufacturing procedures.

