



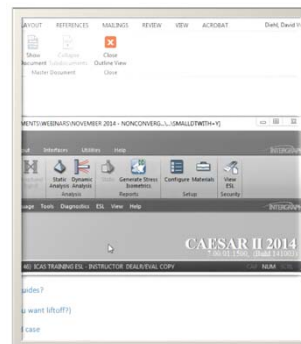
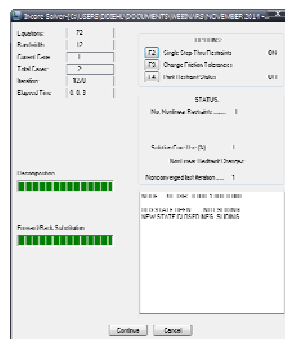
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Resolving nonlinear convergence issues in CAESAR II

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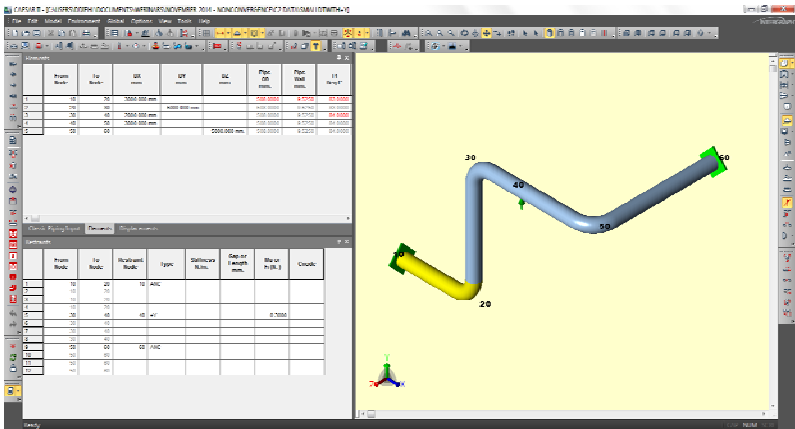
Do you ever see this screen in CAESAR II?



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Here's the model that produced those "results":



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BACKGROUND

Nonlinear boundary conditions and CAESAR II



- The piping codes say little about nonlinear support conditions in piping systems.
- B31.3 recently added two references – in appendices
 - ~~Appendix P~~ - ALTERNATIVE RULES FOR EVALUATING STRESS RANGE: "P300 GENERAL (a) This Appendix provides alternative rules for evaluating the stress range in piping systems. ... The method is more comprehensive than that provided in Chapter II and is more suitable for computer analysis of piping systems, including nonlinear effects such as pipes lifting off supports."
 - Appendix S - PIPING SYSTEM STRESS ANALYSIS EXAMPLES: S302 Example 2: Anticipated Sustained Conditions Considering Pipe Lift-off
- CAESAR II has always accommodated nonlinear restraint conditions
 - Modeling (e.g., +Y, gaps, friction, rod swing)
 - Analysis
 - Codes: T1 (EXP)
 - CAESAR II: L1-L2 (EXP)

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What is a nonlinear restraint or condition in CAESAR II?



- CAESAR II uses $F=KX$ to determine the position of every node in the piping system
 - F is the load vector under evaluation
 - K is the system and boundary condition stiffness
- K is constant

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What is a nonlinear restraint or condition in CAESAR II?



- Not all supports respond in a linear fashion. Examples include:
 - A resting support (+Y) that may lift off
 - A gap on a guide
 - Friction on a support is doubly nonlinear (magnitude and direction)
 - Friction magnitude may have the support stick or slip
 - With slip, the friction force is added to F and opposite the slip direction
- CAESAR II tests the solution to assure that all nonlinear conditions are satisfied for each load case
- CAESAR II will iterate until all nonlinear conditions are consistent using a linear K (& adjusted F)
 - Some programs just stop
 - CAESAR II has tolerances for some of these checks

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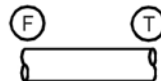


Here's the stiffness matrix for a pipe element



		"From"						"To"					
		X	Y	Z	RX	RY	RZ	X	Y	Z	RX	RY	RZ
"From"	X	$\frac{E \cdot A}{L}$						$-\frac{E \cdot A}{L}$					
	Y	$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$						$-\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$					
	Z	$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$						$-\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$					
	RX	$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$						$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$					
	RY	$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$						$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$					
	RZ	$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$						$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$					
"To"	X												
	Y		$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$										
	Z		$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$										
	RX		$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$										
	RY		$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$										
	RZ		$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2 \cdot (1 + \mu)}$										

Here is the pipe stiffness in the Y direction for the From node



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Now, include the Y restraint



	"Right"						"Left"					
	X	Y	Z	Rx	Ry	Rz	X	Y	Z	Rx	Ry	Rz
"Right"	X	$\frac{E \cdot A}{L}$					$-\frac{E \cdot A}{L}$					
	Y	$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)} + K_T$					$-\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Z	$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					$-\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Rx			$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$			$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Ry			$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$			$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Rz			$\frac{2 \cdot E \cdot I}{L}$			$-\frac{2 \cdot E \cdot I}{L}$					
"Left"	X						$\frac{E \cdot A}{L}$					
	Y						$-\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Z						$\frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^3 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Rx						$-\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Ry						$\frac{6 \cdot E \cdot I}{D^2 \cdot (1 + \nu)}$					
	Rz						$\frac{2 \cdot E \cdot I}{L}$					

The stiffness matrix now includes the added stiffness of the restraint in the Y direction (K_T).

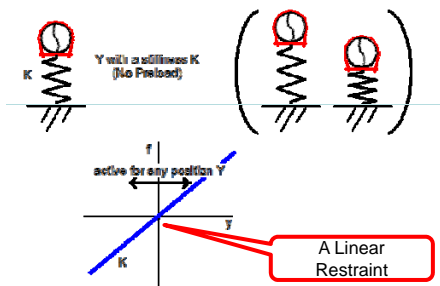
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This added stiffness is constant...



- The same restraint stiffness (K_T) is effective for any Y position of this node.
- A constant value for stiffness K models a linear response.



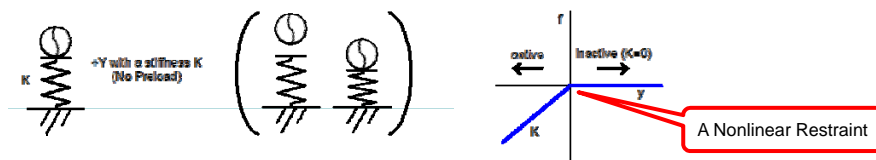
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...But it need not be constant



- Here, the restraint stiffness (K) added to the system stiffness matrix is a function of the node's position.
- This changing stiffness is a nonlinear boundary condition.
- Nonlinear restraints require special treatment in the stiffness matrix.



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CAESAR II will adjust the stiffness matrix to suit the current load conditions



- Depending on the calculated, final position of the restraint node, the program will check the restraint stiffness defined at that position.
- If the stiffness used in the analysis matches the defined stiffness, the solution – for this restraint – is correct. If the defined stiffness for that position is incorrect, the program will update the system's global stiffness matrix with the proper restraint stiffness, and the process continues.
- CAESAR II will continue until all the nonlinear conditions applied in the global stiffness matrix are consistent with the calculated position.
- This process restarts for each basic load case in the analysis.

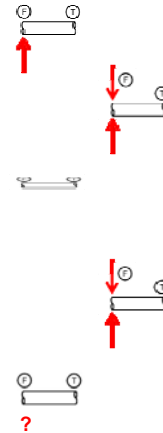
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CAESAR II will adjust the stiffness matrix (assume and test)

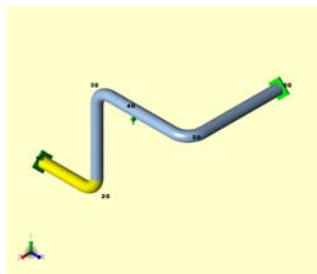


- Here is a common "resting" support, a +Y restraint in CAESAR II terms:
- Initially, the restraint will be included in the model so the stiffness matrix will reflect this:
- If the solution shows a -Y load on that restraint, this support is modeled correctly – for this load case. If not, the program resets the stiffness matrix to appear as this:
- If this updated solution shows a +Y deflection, this support is modeled correctly – for this load case. If not, the program resets the stiffness matrix to appear as this:
- ...and this iteration continues – for all the nonlinear restraints and for each load case analyzed – until the stiffness matrix is consistent with the "final" position.



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Nonlinear solution in CAESAR II – let's look at the model in the opening slide



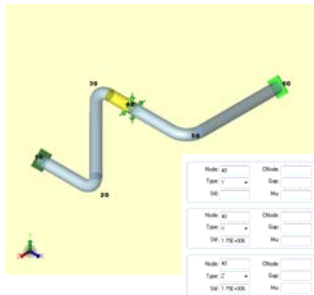
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Nonlinear solution in CAESAR II – let's look at the model in the opening slide



- Initial program "guess" – friction is sufficient to hold the pipe from horizontal movement – "stick" (include rigid restraint in Y and friction stiffness in X & Z at 40)



Displacements and deflections

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Node	FX H.	FY V.	FZ H.	UX mm.	UY mm.	UZ mm.	
10	-7484.25	-11100.00	+49.80	+0.00	+0.00	+0.00	Rigid ANC
40	0.00	812.88	0.00	-0.17	0.00	2.35	Rigid Y
40	-291.02	0.00	0.00	-0.17	0.00	2.35	Flux X
40	0.00	0.00	4018.11	-0.17	0.00	2.35	Flux Z
60	7975.27	-14778.39	-3969.31	0.00	-0.00	+0.00	Rigid ANC

(Although "stick", note deflection at 40)

- +Y load @ 40 indicates liftoff
- Update the linear assumption(s) and try again

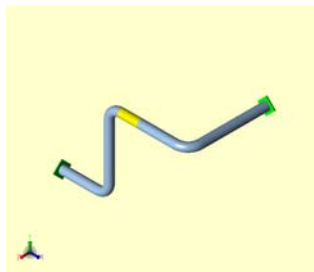
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Nonlinear solution in CAESAR II – let's look at the model in the opening slide



- Second try – liftoff will be modeled with no restraint (or friction) at 40



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10	-7484.25	-11100.00	+49.80	+0.00	+0.00	+0.00	Rigid ANC
14	1.800	1.800	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
18	2.125	2.125	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
22	2.125	2.125	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
26	-1.200	1.310	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
30	-1.245	1.310	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
34	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
38	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
42	1.700	1.700	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
46	2.125	-0.910	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
50	1.875	-1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
54	0.000	-0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	

- Y deflection indicates that the Y restraint should be included
- Back to square one! No convergence here.

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TOOLS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE IN CAESAR II

It's your model

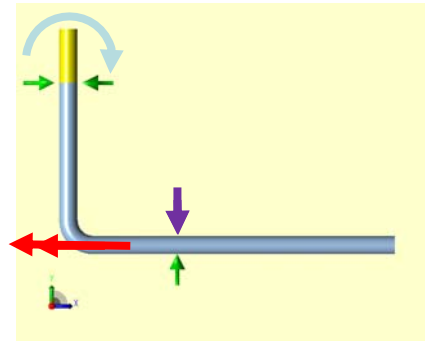


- Are your supports properly located? (Do you want liftoff?)
- If you are using friction, is your normal load dependable?
 - Do you always have deadweight in your load case?
 - Do you want friction on guides?
 - Is there full friction on gapped restraints?
- Do you need those "construction" gaps on guides?

Interaction of nonlinear conditions may cause looping



- Guide with a gap on a vertical run over a horizontal with a +Y and friction:
 - Thermal strain on horizontal run overcomes friction (slides in -X)
 - Closing gap puts a bending moment on horizontal which increases normal load on +Y
 - Increased friction reduces slide and gap does not close
 - Moment is eliminated and +Y normal load drops; original strain returns
 - ... and the cycle continues



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A few approaches to resolving nonconvergence



- It's usually a "tipping point" – a small movement or a small load change may activate/deactivate the support model
- Take what you get – if load case 8 does not converge, you can reset load cases to generate output for the first 7 cases

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A few approaches to resolving nonconvergence



- ...
- Focus on the load case that is giving the trouble
- Identify a non-converging, nonlinear condition and make it linear
 - Simple active/inactive supports are the best candidates (e.g., +Y)
 - Choose one and make one linear
 - If that converges, now you can check the "error" introduced by that change (remember, it is usually small)
 - If that does not converge linearize another nonlinear condition
- Document these model adjustments

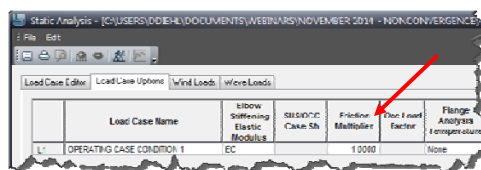
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A few approaches to resolving nonconvergence



- ...
- ...
- When friction is a cause:
 - Remove or reduce friction for that load case (using the Load Case Editor) by changing the Friction Multiplier ($\text{Friction Load} = \text{Friction Multiplier} \cdot \mu \cdot \text{Normal Load}$)
 - You could also remove friction from a single restraint but that will not provide the same strain distribution.
 - Change friction tolerance – either in the program Configuration or "on the fly" in the analysis screen



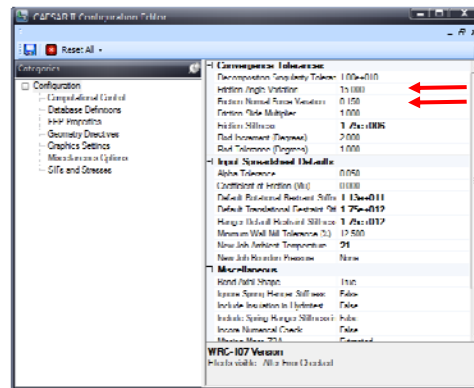
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Convergence tolerance in the Configuration file



- Friction angle variation
 - If the intended movement is within 15 degrees of the existing friction load vector, the condition is "converged"
- Friction normal force variation
 - If the normal load does not change more than 15% between the current and previous iteration, the condition is "converged"



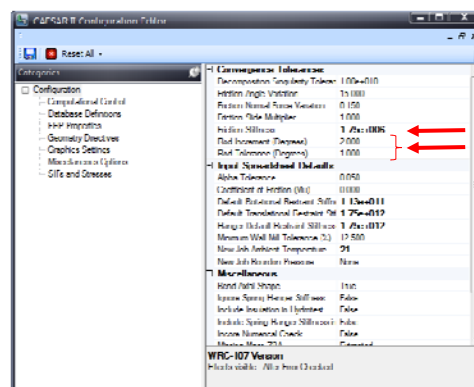
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Convergence tolerance in the Configuration file



- ...
- Friction stiffness
 - Sets the stiffness used for restraints modeling sticking friction
 - Not the same as rigid restraint stiffness
- Rod (e.g., +YROD) controls
 - Rod increment sets the maximum change in rod angle between iterations
 - If the rod angle changes less than rod tolerance between iterations, the condition is "converged"

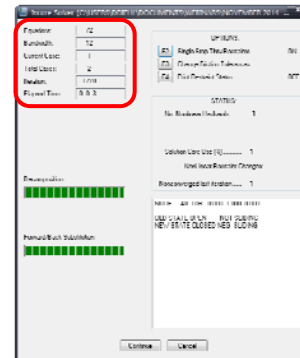


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The non-convergence window – Solution Statistics

- This window appears for each CAESAR II static analysis but flashes so quickly, you would not notice.
- Non-convergence, however, has this screen remain.
- Equations and Bandwidth characterize the size of the stiffness matrix (number of nodes and closed loops)
- Keep an eye on the Current Case as that is your static load case that is causing the difficulties here
- Iteration shows how many times the program has tried to resolve all the nonlinear boundary conditions for this load case using a set of linear assumptions
 - Here, after 1270 attempts and no acceptable solution, this model will NOT converge

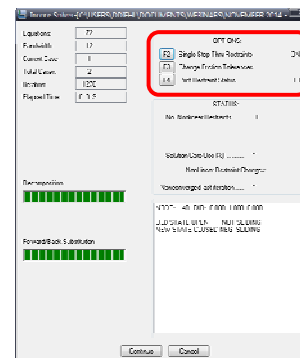


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The non-convergence window – Interactive Control

- Controls are available for the convergence process
- Press **F2** or click on the "F2" button to Single Step Thru Restraints. This action will have the program display the restraints that remain incorrect and pause after each iteration. Use this to learn more about your model.
 - Click on Continue at the bottom of the window to move to the next iteration
 - Clicking "F2" again will toggle off the single step pause

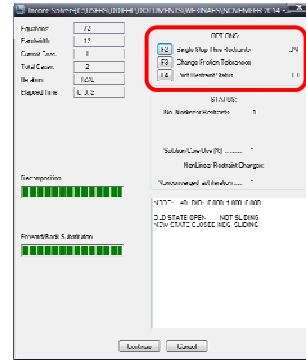


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The non-convergence window – Interactive Control

- Controls are available for the convergence process
- You can Change the current Friction Tolerances by pressing **F3**.
 - Adjust acceptable Normal Load Variation (default = 15%) and Friction Angle (Default = 15 degrees).
 - This may be useful in ending the current iteration
 - I discourage using this for a final analysis. Results may change based on what iteration you instigate the change. (Change the program configuration instead.)
- Print Restraint Status (**F4**) may consume a lot of paper. Refer to the window in the lower right instead.

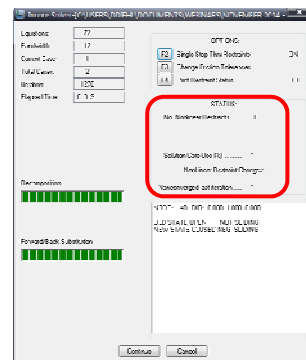


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The non-convergence window – Status

- The status area displays the “density” of the nonlinear conditions in this model
- No. of Nonlinear Restraints shows the total number of nonlinear conditions in the model
- Non-converged last iteration shows the conditions that remain unresolved
 - Here there is a single condition
 - Oftentimes you will see this cycle (e.g., 4, then 3, then 5, and repeat) where several conditions interact.

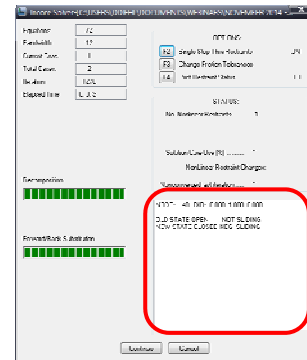


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The non-convergence window – NonLinear Restraint Changes

- This window displays all the unresolved nonlinear conditions
- There is much to learn from this window
- Node number of the uncertain nonlinear condition is listed
- Followed by the nonlinear direction (X,Y,Z)
[here: DIR: 0.000 1.000 0.000 indicates a Y restraint]

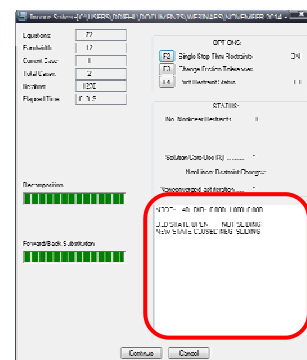


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The non-convergence window – NonLinear Restraint Changes

- There is much to learn from this window
- After the line identifying the restraint, two lines display the model change that requires another iteration:
 - **OLD STATE / NEW STATE**
 - **OPEN / CLOSED** – OPEN indicates the linear restraint is excluded from the iteration, CLOSED indicates that the linear restraint is included in the iteration
 - **POS / NEG** shows the direction of the current restraint action
 - **SLIDING / NOT SLIDING** determines the influence of friction
 - SLIDING can be viewed as applying a friction force opposite the direction of sliding
 - NOT SLIDING adds two restraints orthogonal to the calculated normal load
 - SLIDING may be followed by "ERR=", this indicates that the change in friction between iterations is excessive (15% on load, by default)

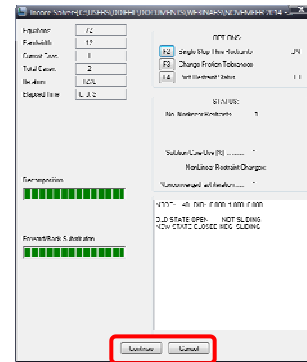


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The non-convergence window – Stop

- Use **Continue** to move on to the next iteration
 - Identify a pattern (e.g., Nonconverged = 5,6,3,5,6,3,5,6,3,...)
 - Identify the iteration with the smallest un-converged set (in this example: 3) that has a simple OPEN/CLOSE change
- Click **Cancel** to abort the analysis
 - No results will be displayed
 - (That is why we are talking about this – you want results.)
- Path forward:
 - You can remove the non-converging Load Case from analysis and review other results
 - Also, by reducing some nonlinearity in the input processor, this load case may produce results for review
- Note: Clicking **F2** again will toggle off the single step.



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My approach

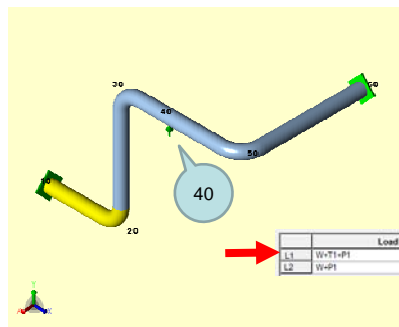
- Get results to evaluate the trouble
- Focus only on the Load Case that is presently not converging
- Find a simple Open/Close situation and make it linear – NOTE THE CHANGE
- Rerun
- Remove more of these simple Open/Close situations if necessary to get convergence
- Check the “error” in the results for this load case
- If still no solution and only friction remains, select a friction support and either 1) lock down the node or 2) remove mu at that node (again, simplify, make it more linear – all you want is a look into the results to decide)
- Note that if you have to remove several nonlinearities, you may be able to reinsert some of them when you finally pick the right one
- So, linearize and review the impact

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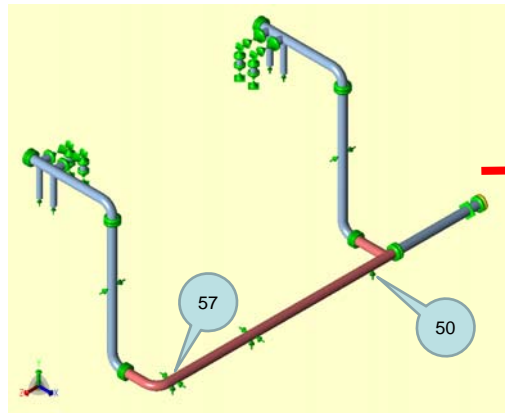
LET'S LOOK AT SOME EXAMPLES

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	Load Cases	Stress Type
L1	W+T1+P1	OPE
L2	W+P1	SUS

Multibranch

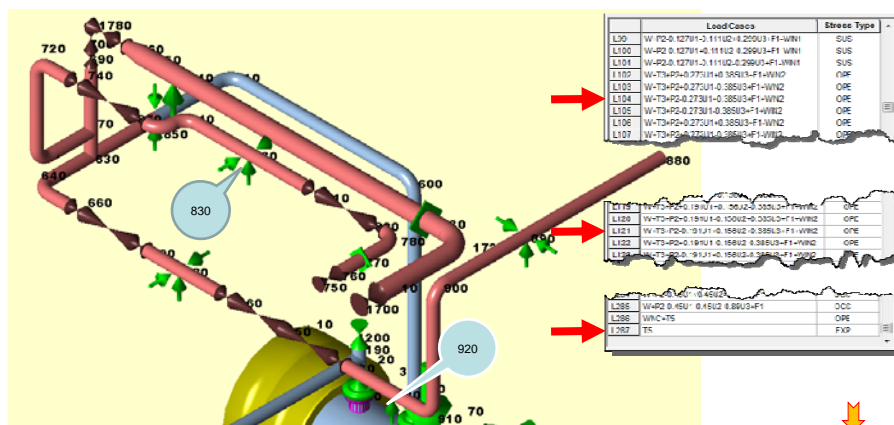


Load Cases	Stress Type
L26 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW1	OPE
L27 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW1	OPE
L28 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW2	OPE
L29 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW2	OPE
L30 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW2	OPE
L31 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW2	OPE
L32 W-D1+T1+P1-U1-U2-U3-WW2	OPE
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Load Case Blowout

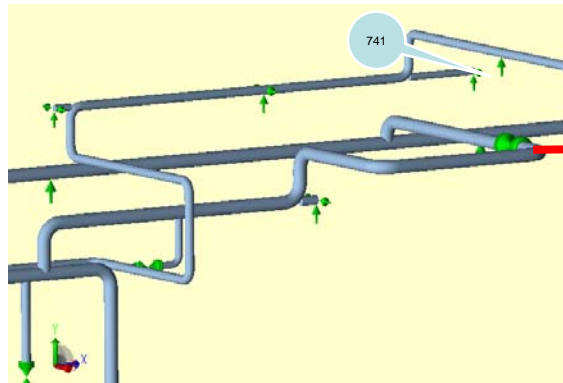


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L100 W-P2-0.12791-3.11102-0.20003-F1-WW1	SUS
L101 W-P2-0.12791-3.11102-0.20003-F1-WW1	SUS
L102 W-T3+P2-0.27301-0.38503-F1-WW2	OPE
L103 W-T3+P2-0.27301-0.38503-F1-WW2	OPE
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L285 W-P2-0.45011-0.45012-0.45013-F1	OCC
L286 W-P2-0.45011-0.45012-0.45013-F1	OPE
L287 W-P2-0.45011-0.45012-0.45013-F1	FXP

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Dummy Leg

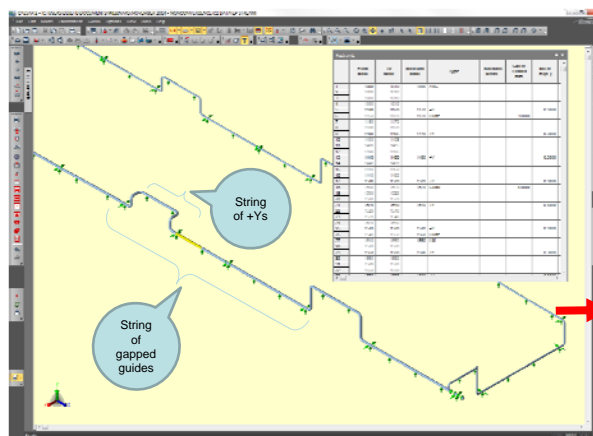


	Load Cases	Stress Type
L1	WW+HP	HYD
L2	W-T1+P1	OPR
L3	W-T2+P1	OPR
L4	W-T3+P1	OPR
L5	W-T4+P1	OPR
L6	W+P1	SUS
L7	W-T1+P1+U1	OPR
L8	W-T1+P1+U1	OPR
L9	W-T1+P1+U2	OPR
L10	W-T1+P1+U2	OPR
L11	W-T1+P1+WRC1	OPR
L12	W-T1+P1+WRC2	OPR
L13	W-T1+P1+WRC3	OPR
L14	W-T1+P1+WRC4	OPR



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LP Stream



	Load Cases	Stress Type
L1	WW+HP	HYD
L2	W-T1+P1	OPR
L3	W+P1	SUS



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CHANGING FRICTION PARAMETERS

Friction parameters under your control

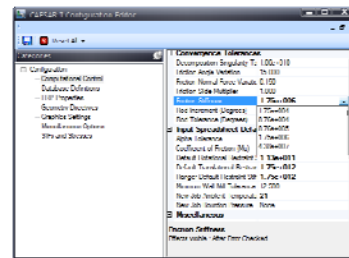


- Coefficient of friction (model input)
 - (Default) input value
 - Global adjustment as a Load Case Option
- Friction stiffness (Configuration file)
 - Sets the stiffness for restraints CAESAR II adds to the model to make the pipe stick (rather than slip).
 - Current default value is much less than "rigid"
 - Many years ago, we used 50,000 lbf/in (8.76E4 N/cm)
 - To speed up convergence (on much slower PCs)
 - These sliding supports (that were supposedly sticking) interacted with other changing nonlinear conditions to cause odd and unacceptable results
- Convergence tolerance (Configuration file and analysis interaction)
 - Change in normal load magnitude
 - Change in sliding direction

SmaIIDTwith+Y



- This is not a friction issue that can be addressed by:
 - Changing mu
 - Y load is too sensitive to any horizontal load
 - Operating mu = 0 in Load Case Options
 - Tolerance
 - Friction is never tested against a tolerance – it's a liftoff issue
 - Friction stiffness
 - Works here but with little effect
 - Using default of 1.75E6 N/cm causes liftoff
 - Using 8.76E4 N/cm is very similar to no friction

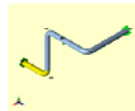


1.75E6 N/cm=1E6 lbf/in
8.76E4 N/cm=50,000 lbf/in

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SmaIIDTwith+Y



- No friction in Operating Case:

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RESTRAINT SUMMARY EXTENDED REPORT: Loads On Restraints

Various Load Cases

Mode	Load Case	FX	FY	FZ	MX	MY	MZ	UX	UY	UZ
		N.	N.	N.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	MM.	MM.	MM.
60										
	1 (ORE)	0	-477	0	0	0	0	0.144	-0.000	0.444
	2 (OPE)	-564	-2920	-178	0	0	0	-0.144	-0.000	-0.444
	NAE	-564/L2	-2920/L2	-178/L2				0.144/L2	-0.000/L2	0.444/L2

- Friction eliminated from Load Case 1
- Friction included in Load Case 2

- Friction stiffness = 8.76E4 N/cm:

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		N.	N.	N.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	MM.	MM.	MM.
60										
	1 (ORE)	5	-430	129	0	0	0	0.131	-0.000	0.420
	2 (OPE)	-600	-29170	-169	0	0	0	-0.147	-0.000	-0.419
	NAE	-600/L2	-29170/L2	-169/L2				0.131/L2	-0.000/L2	0.420/L2

- Friction included in both Load Cases
- "Sticking" friction changed from 1.75E6 to 8.76E4 N/cm

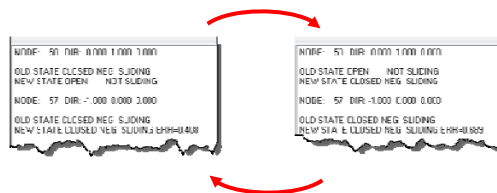
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Multibranch



- Here, friction error cannot be resolved
 - CAESAR II requires that the vector representing friction does not vary more than 15% in magnitude and does not change orientation by more than 15 degrees between iterations (default)
- In the earlier look at this model, the +Y restraint at 50 was made linear. This time we will focus on the friction tolerance



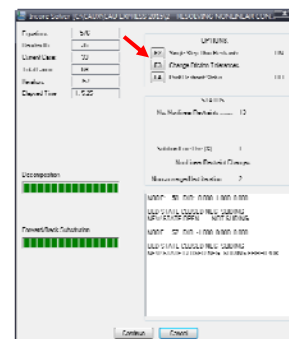
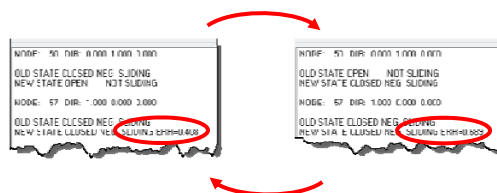
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Multibranch



- What tolerance is required to accept the friction vector applied at the guide at node 57?
- Note the minimum sliding error at 57 is 0.408
- Press (or click on) F3 to adjust the tolerance during the analysis



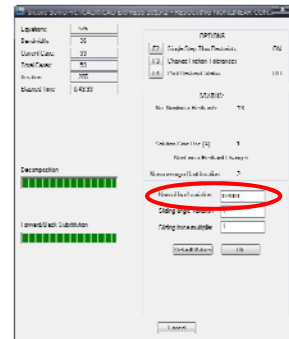
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Multibranch



- Reset the current tolerance
 - A new Normal Load Variation of even 0.4081 will accept this friction error
 - Sliding Angle Variation plays no role at the +Y & Guide support (a value of 1 works just like default 15)
- But the model does not converge due to the instability of the +Y restraint at node 50
- Returning the tolerance to 0.15 will return to the previous condition
- Note that the program will return to the default tolerance settings for the next load case



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Multibranch



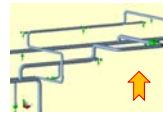
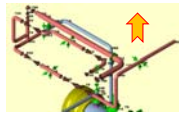
- But consider what we have done here
 - We are adjusting tolerance on Load Case 33
 - The previous load cases used default tolerance settings
 - Additional load cases may have a different tolerance as well
- Interactive changes to friction tolerance may produce results but...
- Tolerances may change between load cases and...
- These results may not be easily reproduced in the next analysis

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Remaining models introduced earlier



- Models
 - Load Case Blowout
 - Dummy Leg
 - LP Stream



- Adjusting friction tolerance will “overlook” friction errors
- So, opening tolerance on friction will eliminate convergence issues with friction
- But these models still do not converge because of the underlying **active/inactive** restraint issues
- Note, too, that when these other unstable (active/inactive) restraints are addressed by model simplification, the friction troubles disappear.

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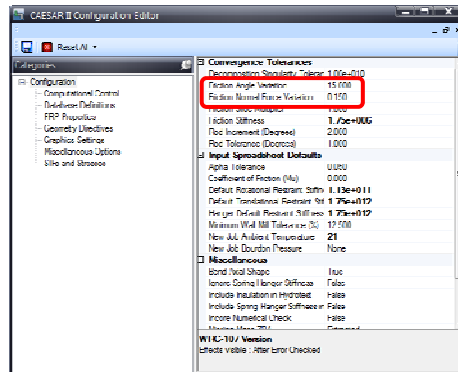


CHANGING FRICTION TOLERANCE:
PRESET VERSUS INTERACTIVE

Convergence tolerance in the Configuration file

- Friction angle variation
 - If the intended movement is within 15 degrees of the existing friction load vector, the condition is "converged"
- Friction normal force variation
 - If the normal load does not change more than 15% between the current and previous iteration, the condition is "converged"

Preset



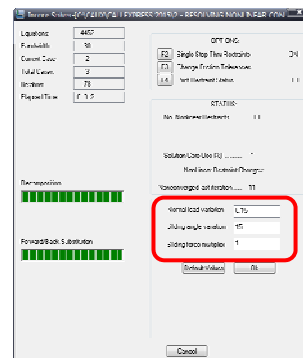
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The non-convergence window – Interactive Control

- You can Change the current Friction Tolerances by pressing F3.
 - Adjust acceptable Normal Load Variation (default = 15%) and Friction Angle (Default = 15 degrees).
 - This may be useful in ending the current iteration
 - I discourage using this for a final analysis. Results may change based on what iteration you instigate the change. (Change the program configuration instead.)

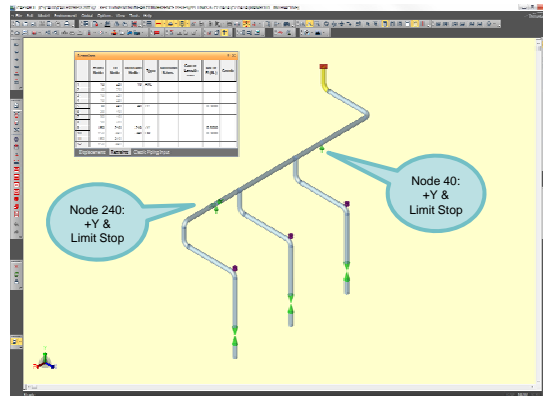
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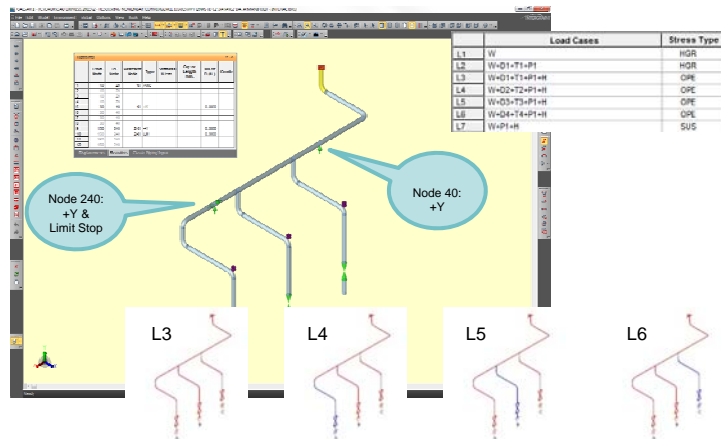
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One more model with friction - Manifold



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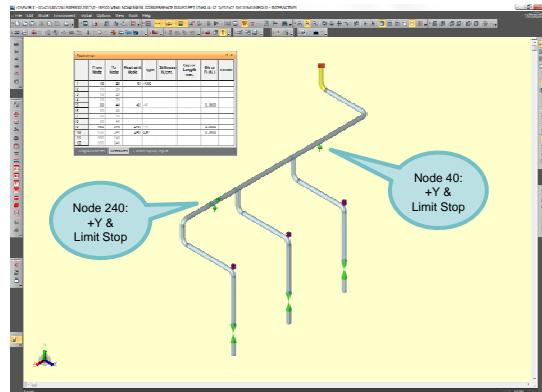
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Four operating states:
All hot and then each pump spared

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Comparing results from two approaches: Interactive & Preset



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Changing friction tolerances



- Changing tolerances during analysis:
 - May be helpful in getting results to review
 - Results are sensitive to when you make the change (which iteration?)
 - Tolerances return to default (configuration) values with the start of each new load case
- Changing default tolerances:
 - Provide a consistent solution (see second bullet above)
- Changing friction tolerances does not resolve those Active/Inactive support issues described earlier
- Individually resolving non-converging supports (Active/Inactive supports) should be settled before addressing friction tolerances

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IN CONCLUSION

When CAESAR II does not converge...



- Don't panic
- Make sure your load cases are sensible for nonlinear evaluation
 - Include deadweight
 - Do not evaluate occasional loads alone
- Reduce the nonlinearity to get results
- Evaluate the (possible) error introduced by the added linearity

Conclusions



- Manipulate the model to produce output
- Evaluate the impact of that change
 - In many cases, there is no adverse effect on the accuracy of the model
- Be transparent in your change
 - Single changes are easily controlled
 - Suggested order
 - Single direction to double acting
 - Gapped restraints to no gap or totally free (closed gaps require a displacement set)
 - Friction
 - At a single restraint
 - For a Load Case
 - Tolerance as a Configuration setting
 - Tolerance in the analysis processor
- Document your model adjustment

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FAILURE TO LAUNCH

Questions / Comments?

