

# Stress Analysis of a Pressurized Pipe with an End Cap

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# Model Description

- Stress Analysis of a pressurized pipe with and end cup based on example question 2 documented in page 122 of the following book :
  - J. Souza, *Roark's Formulas For Stress And Strain-.pdf*. Accessed: Nov. 06, 2022. [Online]. Available: [https://www.academia.edu/37205286/Roarks\\_Formulas\\_For\\_Stress\\_And\\_Strain\\_pdf](https://www.academia.edu/37205286/Roarks_Formulas_For_Stress_And_Strain_pdf)
- PVC is selected as the material for the pipe.



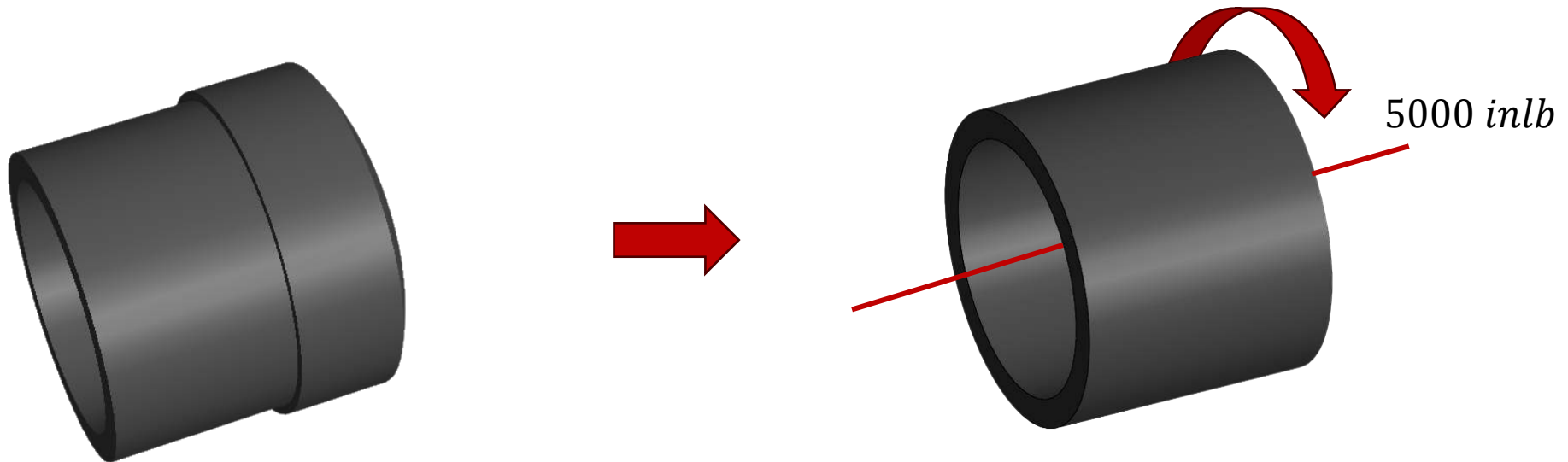
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- a. Inner radius –  $0.9695 \text{ in}$
- b. Outer radius –  $1.1875 \text{ in}$
- c. Cross sectional area of bore –  $2.955 \text{ in}^2$
- d. Cross sectional area of pipe wall –  $1.475 \text{ in}^2$
- e. Polar moment of inertial –  $1.735 \text{ in}^4$



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- The case study (Pipe with end cap) is simplified as follows,
  - The end cap is replaced with a twisting moment (at end edge of pipe) which is caused by the end cap as mentioned in the example question.



# Model Parameters

Entity	Type
Solver	Altair SimSolid
Version	2022.2.1
CPU	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-9750H CPU @ 2.60GHz

FEA Entities	Type
Analysis Type	Structural linear
Unit System	<i>lb, in, s</i>

# Analysis Assumptions and Limitations

- For the simulation, an acceleration has been calculated to produce the twisting moment of **5000 in-lb** and assumed resultant effect from acceleration is equal to the effect of the moment,

$$\textit{Twisting Moment} = 5000 \textit{ lb in}$$

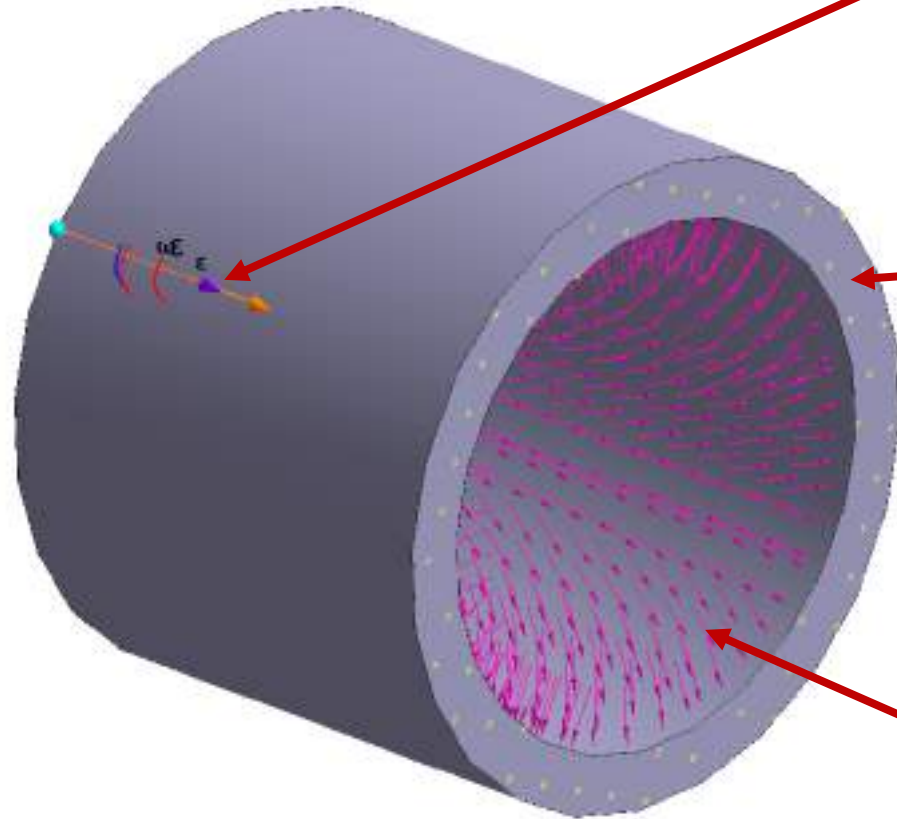
$$\textit{Polar Moment of inertia} = 1.735 \textit{ in}^4$$

$$\textit{Using Torque} = I\alpha,$$

$$\alpha = \frac{5000}{1.735}$$

$$\alpha = 2881.84 \textit{ rads}^{-2}$$

# Analysis Setup



Acceleration  
 $2881.84 \text{ rad/s}^{-2}$

Immovable  
Constraint

Internal pressure =  
2000psi



# Hand Calculations

- For a point on inner surface,

$$\sigma_x = \frac{pA_b}{A_w} = \frac{(2000)(2.955)}{1.475} = 4007 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

$$\sigma_y = p \frac{r_o^2 + r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} = 2000 \frac{1.1875^2 + 0.9695^2}{1.1875^2 - 0.9695^2} = 9996 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

$$\sigma_z = -p = -2000 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{Tr_i}{J} = \frac{(5000)(0.9695)}{1.735} = 2794 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zx} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (\sigma_x - \sigma_p) & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} & (\sigma_y - \sigma_p) & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{yz} & (\sigma_z - \sigma_p) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_p^3 - (4007 + 9996 - 2000)\sigma_p^2 + [(4007)(9996) + (9996)(-2000) \\ + (-2000)(4007) - 2794^2 - 0 - 0]\sigma_p - [(4007)(9996)(-2000) + 2(2794)(0)(0) \\ - (4007)(0^2) - (9996)(0^2) - (-2000)(2794^2)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

or

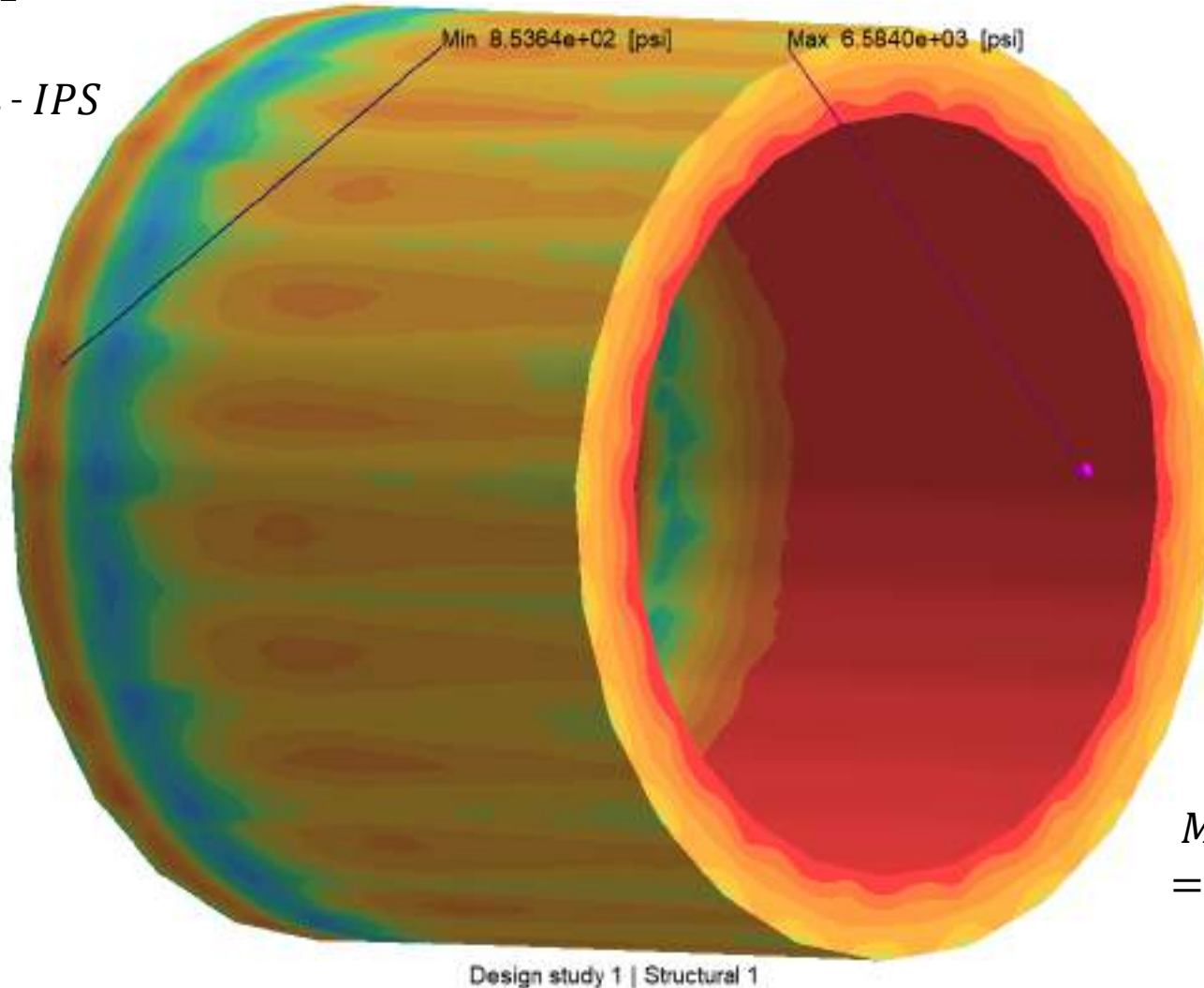
$$\sigma_p^3 - 12.003(10^3)\sigma_p^2 + 4.2415(10^6)\sigma_p + 64.495(10^9) = 0$$

- Solving this give  $\sigma_p = 11,100, 2906, \text{ and } -2000 \text{ lb/in}^2$ ,
- The maximum shear stress,  $0.5[11,100 - (-2000)] = \mathbf{6550 \text{ lb/in}^2}$
- Detailed Hand calculations is mentioned in following book pages 122-124,



# Analysis Results – Stresses

Units - *IPS*



*Maximum Shear Stress (Simulation)*  
**= 6584 lb/in<sup>2</sup>**

# Analysis Results

- Maximum Shear Stress occur due to the twisting moment from the tightening end cap,

Based on hand calculations -  $6550 \text{ lb/in}^2$

From the simulation -  $6584 \text{ lb/in}^2$

- Error percentage =  $\frac{(6584-6550)}{6550} * 100\%$   
= 0.5191 %

# Conclusions

- Stress analysis of a Pressurized Pipe With An End Cap conducted using Altair SIMSOLID based on the book listed in slide 2.
- Results of the simulation correlate well to the expected hand calculation value.