



Innovative Solutions for Coke Drum Life Extension

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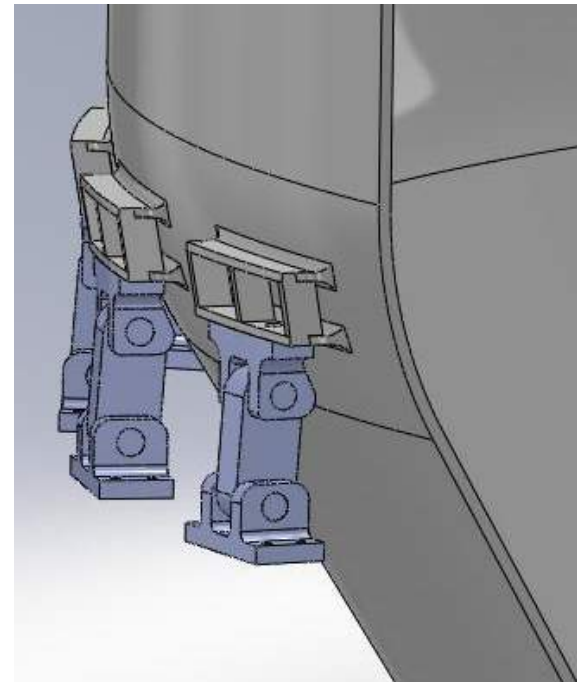


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Center Feed Injection



Linked Drum Support



Comparison

- Side Feed Entry
- Center Feed Injection
- Bottom Feed Entry



Side Feed Entry

- **Reliability Issues**
 - Potential reduction in fatigue cycle life of drum
- **Contributing Factors**
 - Massively uneven thermal distribution during feed causing hot spots across from feed line
 - CFD Analysis suggests flow tends to spiral against drum wall then proceed vertically up one side of the drum wall
 - Quench behavior suggests similar thermal characteristics induced on drum shell with normal quench time on side feed entry as a fast quench with a bottom feed (water directed to drum walls causing faster cooling)



Side Feed Entry

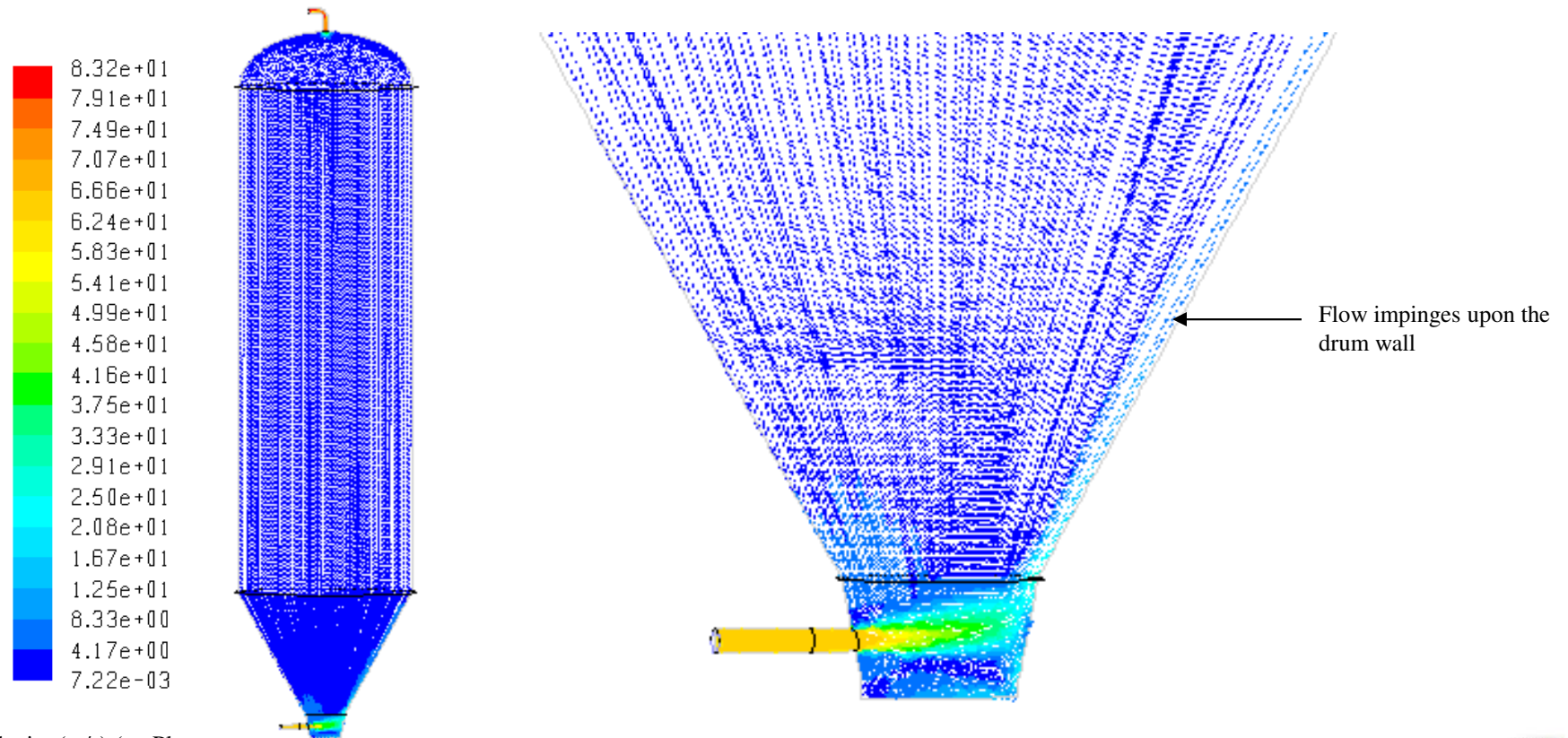
- **Safety Issues**
 - Increase in boil over (geyser effect)
- **Operational challenges**
 - Increased Coke Cutting Time
- **Water Quench issues**
 - Abnormal pressure spikes during WQ
 - Longer Quench Times Required to permeate the coke bed





Results – Straight Side-entry Nozzle, Flow Condition #2

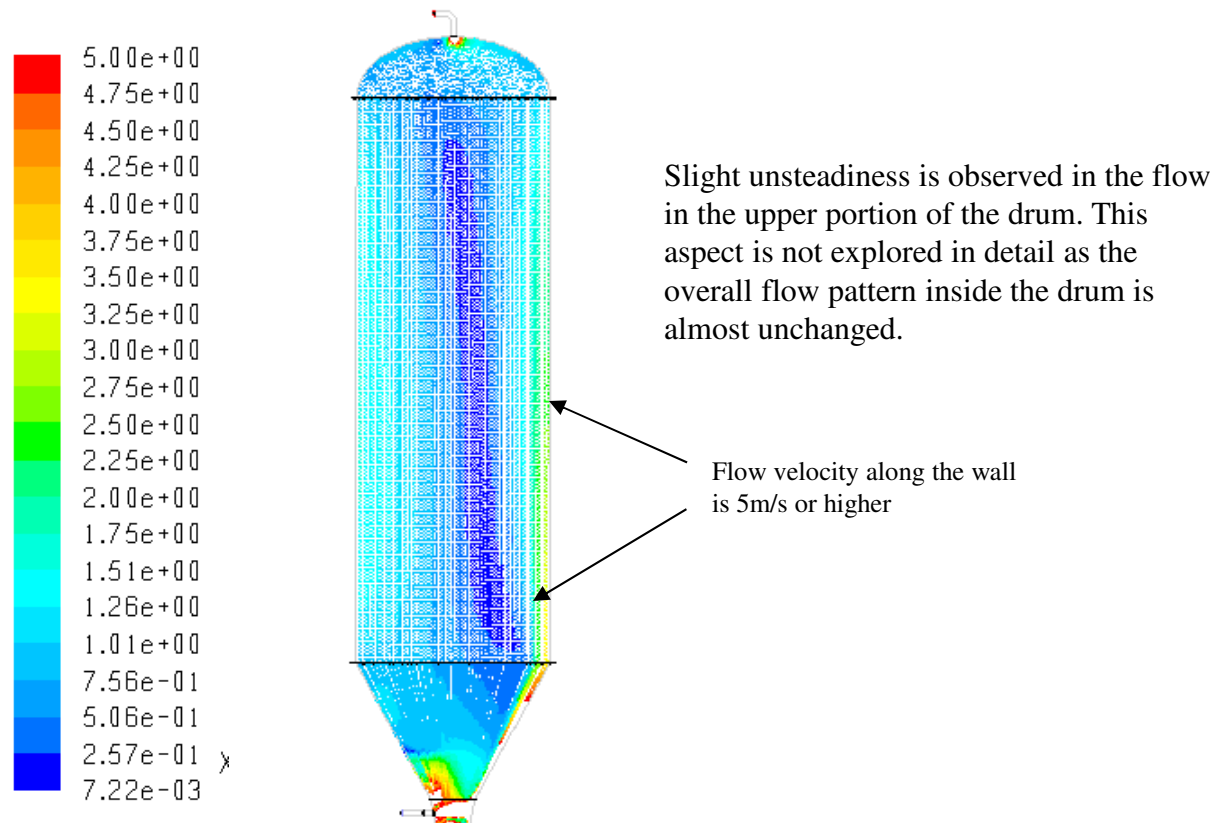
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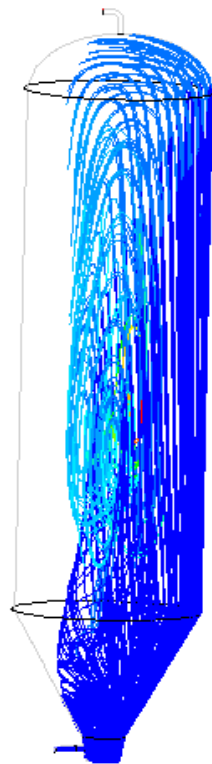
Velocity (m/s) (on Plane 1)

Red color denotes velocity of **5 m/s** . The white region next to red denotes velocity higher than **5 m/s**

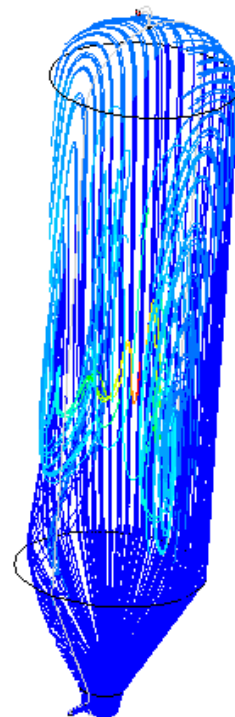


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Path lines of flow originating at the inlet

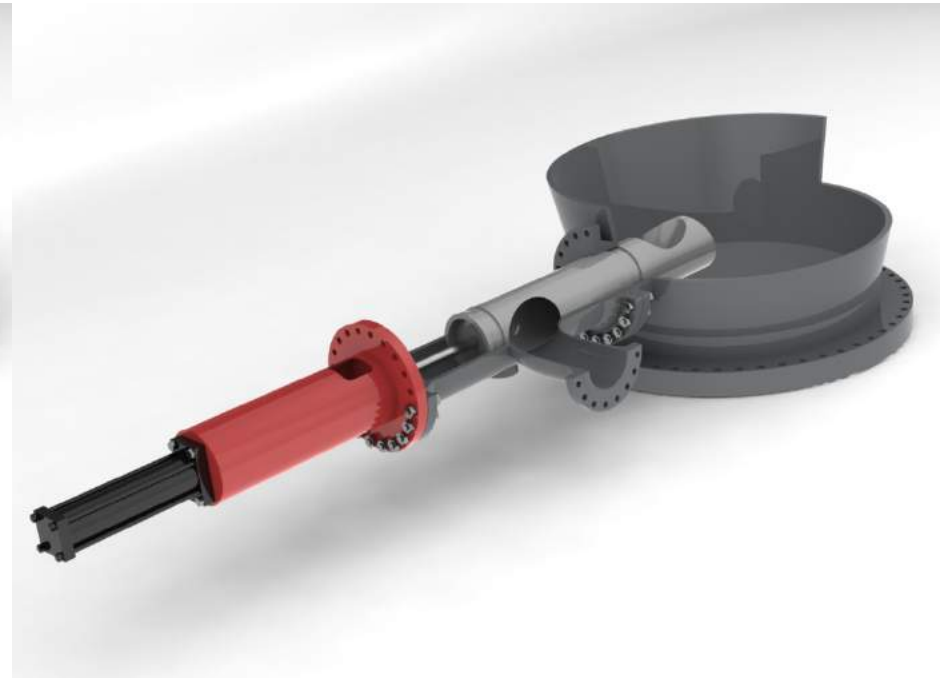
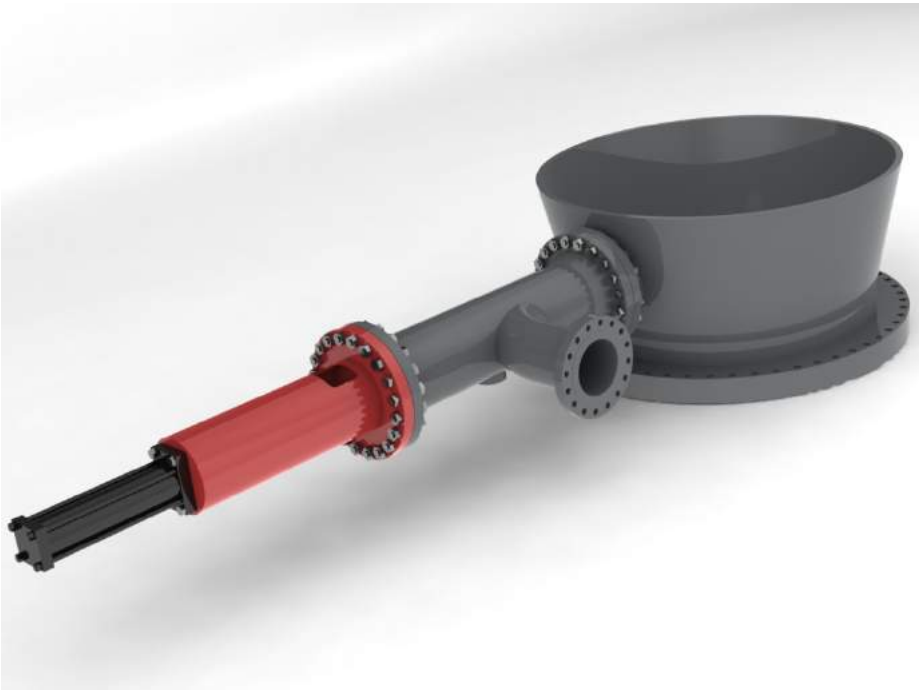


← Rising flow

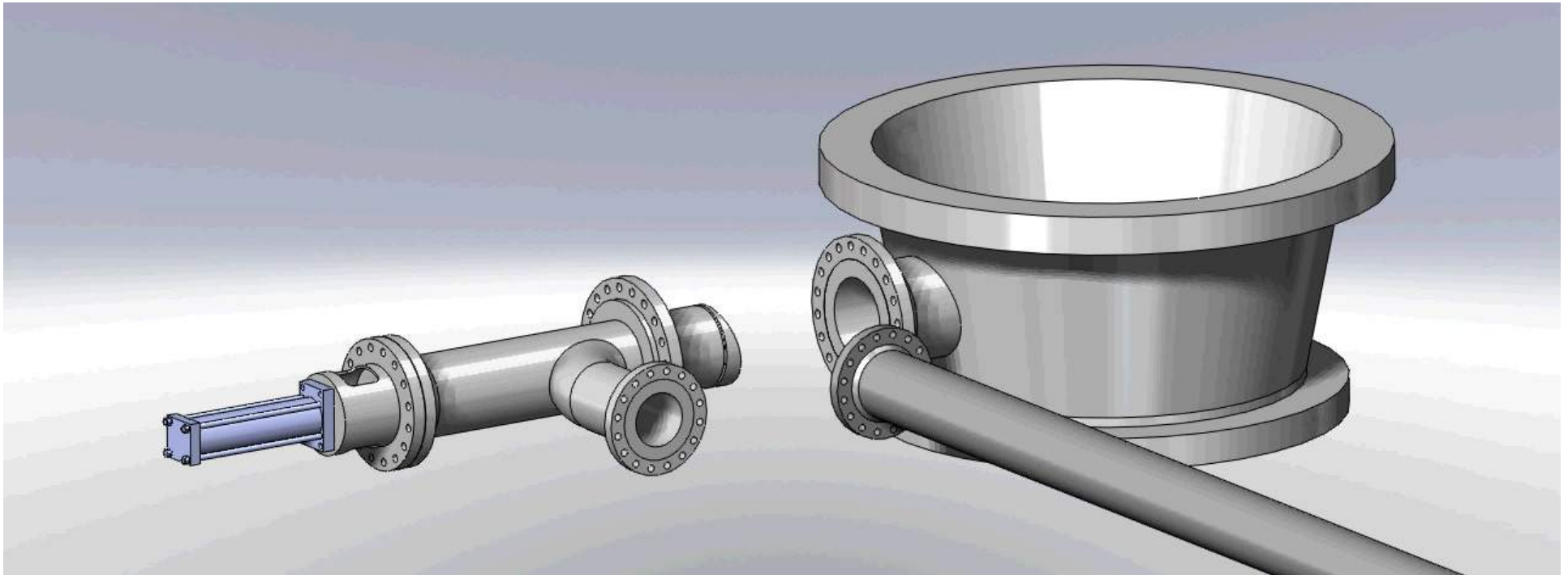
The analysis and path lines shows that the flow impinges upon the drum wall. The impingement causes the flow to disperse partially around the circumference of the drum; the flow then rises vertically upwards along the walls of the drum.

Alternate view

Center Feed Injection Nozzle



Center Feed Injection Nozzle



Center Feed Injection Nozzle

- **Features**
 - Provides same flow properties as bottom feed
 - Injection mode during Pre-warm, Feed, Strip and Quench
 - Retracted mode during Cutting
 - Blocks off and seals feed Line during cutting operation
 - Does not require flush water to keep feed-line clean during cutting



Center Feed Injection Nozzle

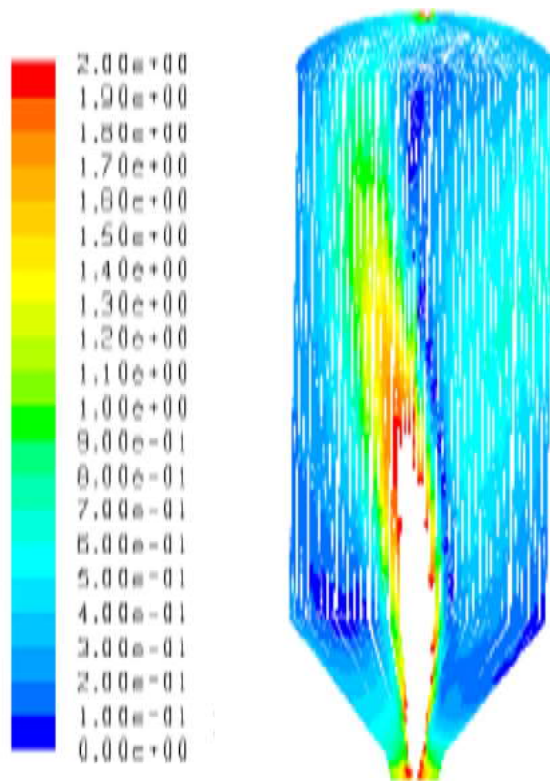
- Features
 - Injection Nozzle can be removed and replaced between drum cycles
 - Injection Nozzle can be removed and replaced with elbow for normal side feed between drum cycles



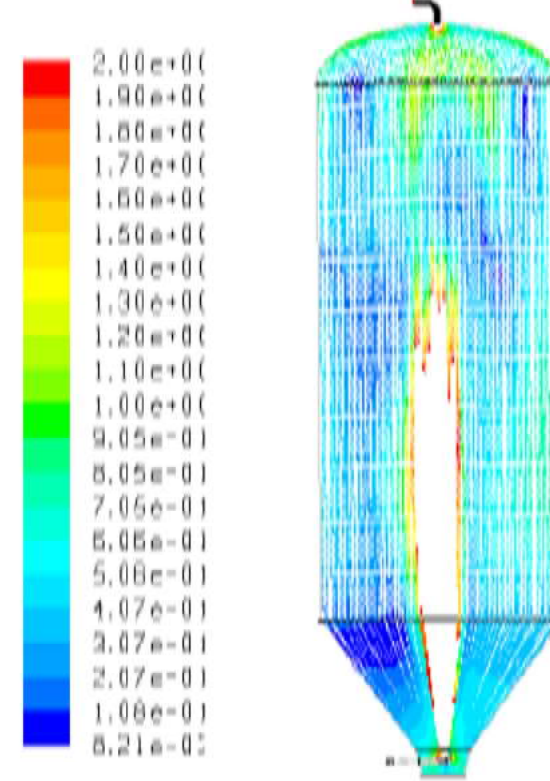


Bottom Feed / Center Feed Injection Comparison

Bottom Feed Inlet Line



Center Feed Injection



Center Feed Injection Nozzle

- Installation Target 2009
- Low Risk to Alliance Partner
 - Design allows easy replacement with new nozzle or standard side feed elbow Between Cycles during test phase
 - Alliance partner to receive full benefits of alliance relationship
- Benefits Delayed Coking Industry Worldwide



Low Stress Linked Drum Support



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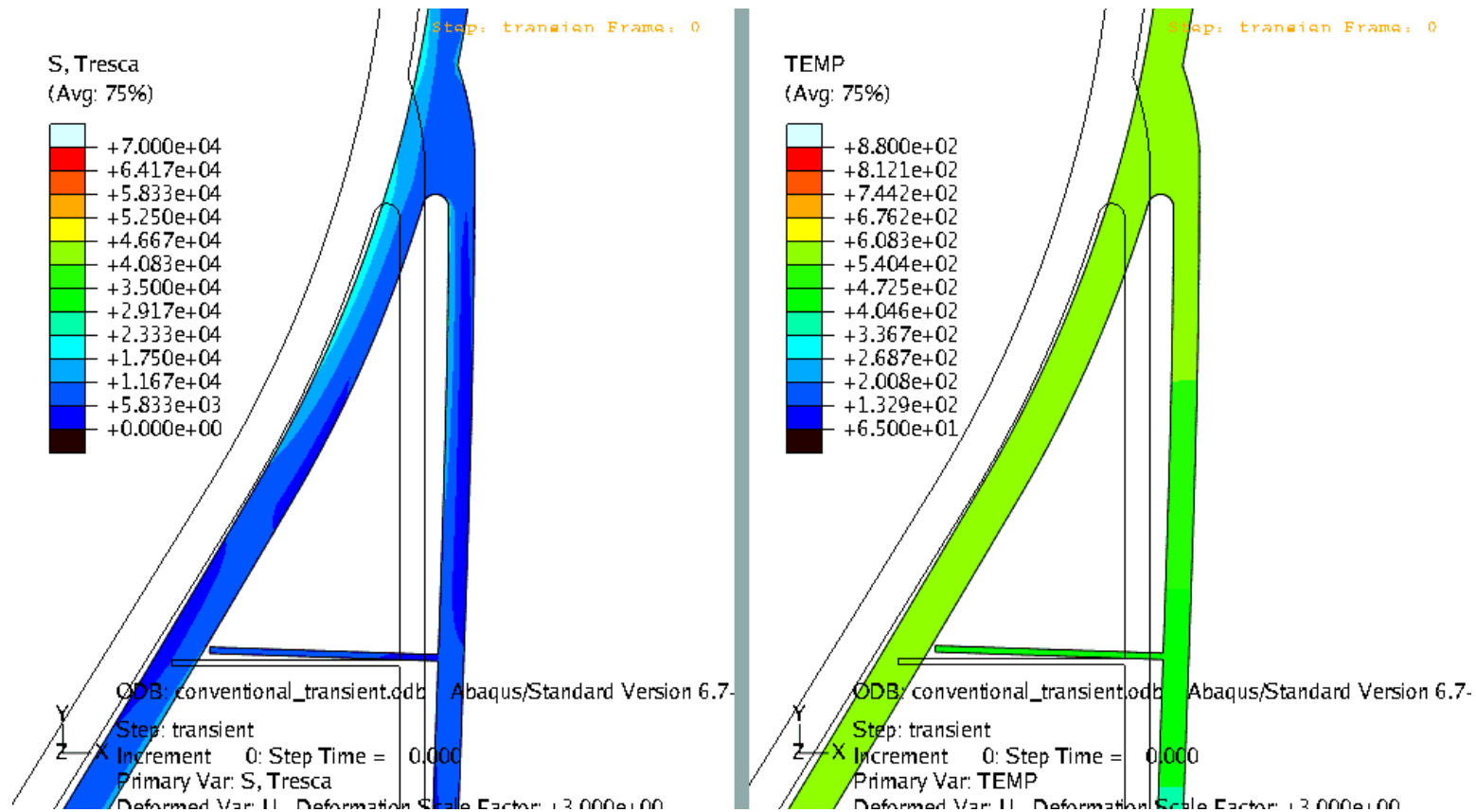
Why New Drum Support Technology?

- **Existing Drum Skirt Technology**
 - Full perimeter welded skirts experience significant thermal gradient between the drum and top of skirt (fin effect) during rapid heating and cooling.
 - Significant mechanical stresses are induced as the wall of the skirt resists drum movements caused by thermal growth (push/pull effect)
 - Skirt welds fail by Low Cycle Fatigue at peak stress locations.



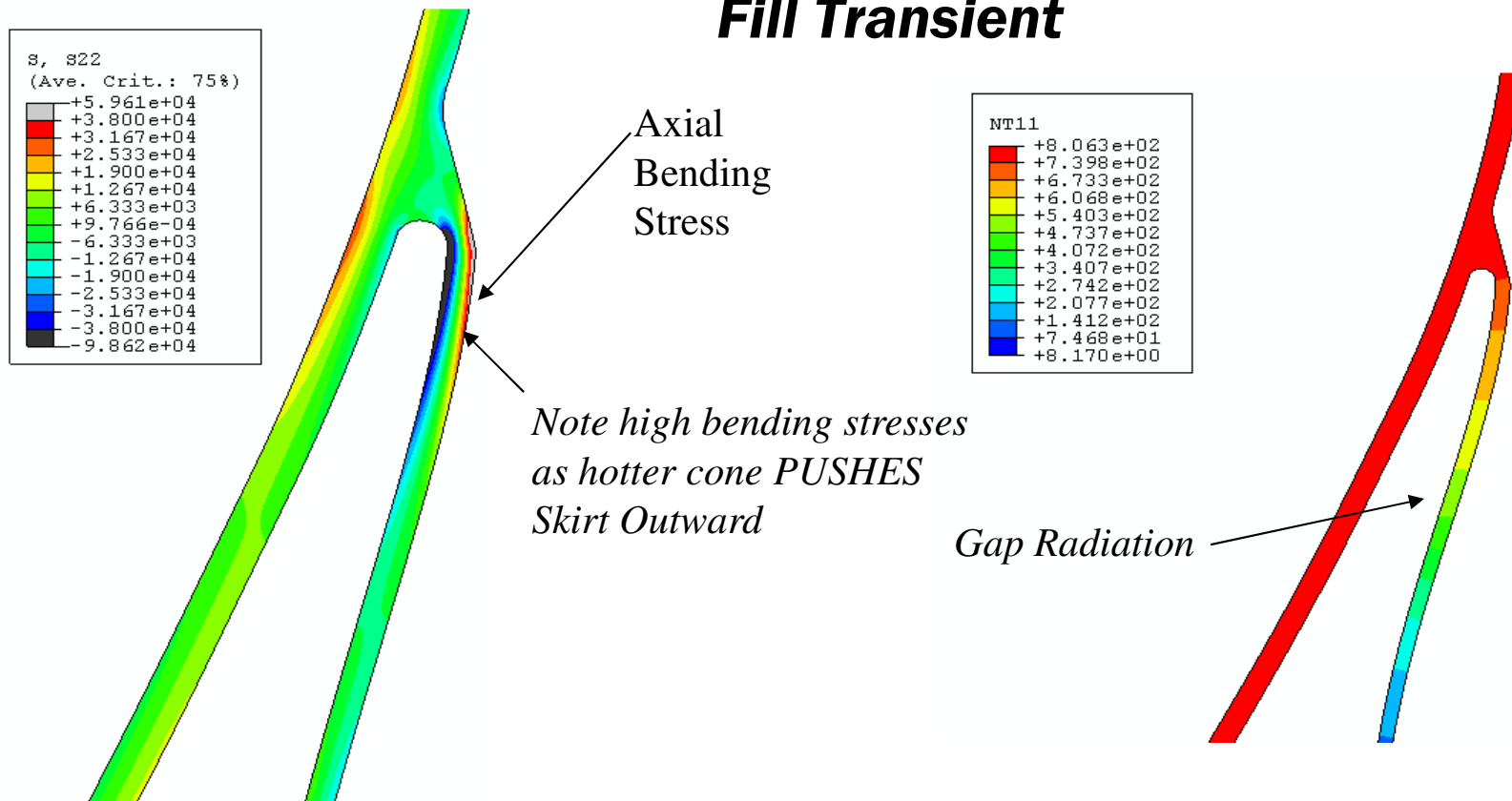
Existing Drum Skirt Technology

Low Cycle Fatigue





Example In-Line Skirt Axial Stress During the *Fill Transient*



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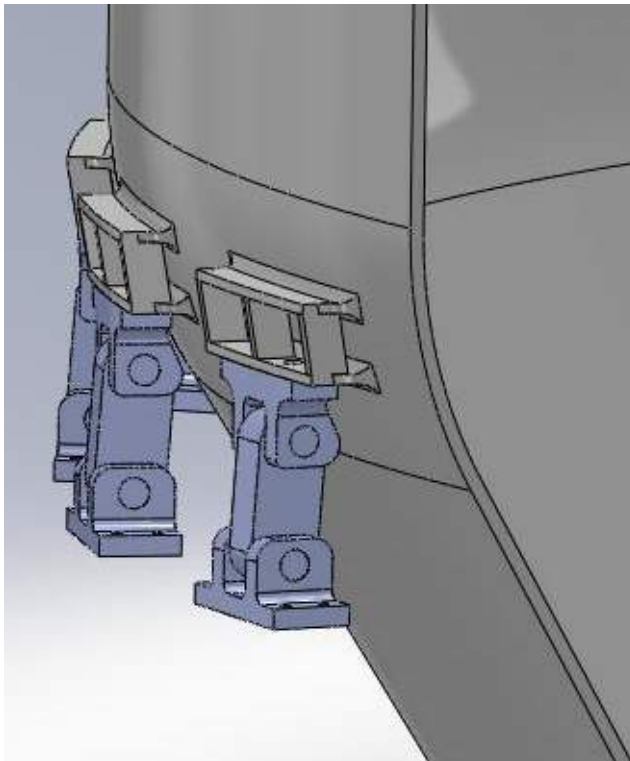
- **Linked Drum Support Technology**
 - Segmented attachment to drum designed to reduce hoop stress
 - Linkage design allows drum perimeter to expand thermally without constraint from the skirt wall
 - Link design eliminates stress reversals in skirt wall during quench cycle (Low Cycle Fatigue)
 - Dramatically improved fatigue life cycle



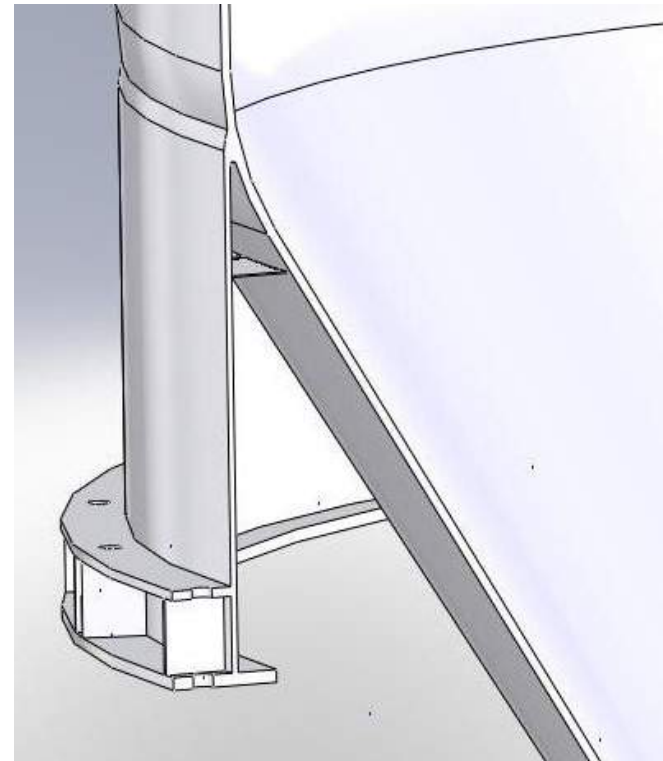
Design Comparison

Construction

Linked Drum Support



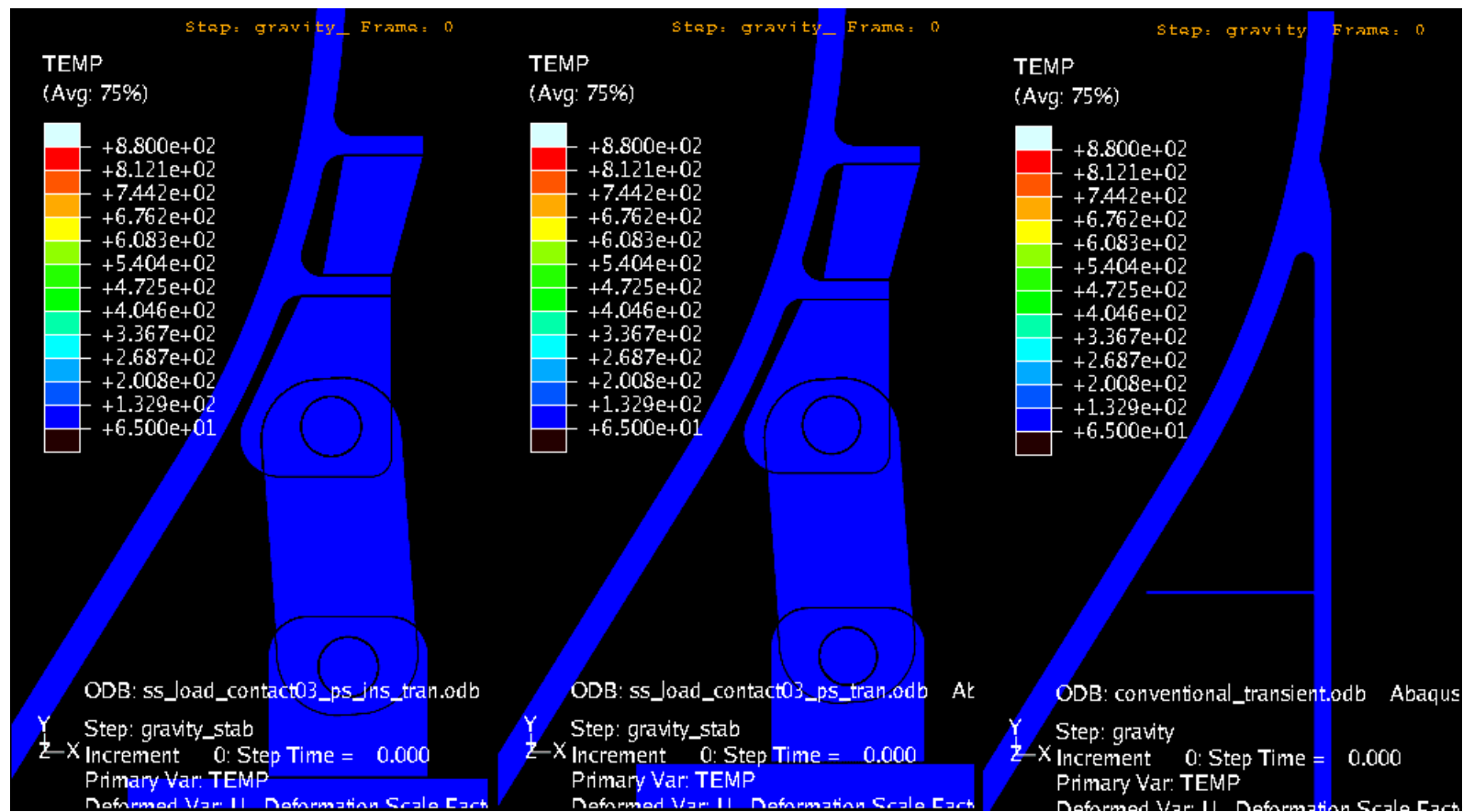
Standard Welded Drum Skirt





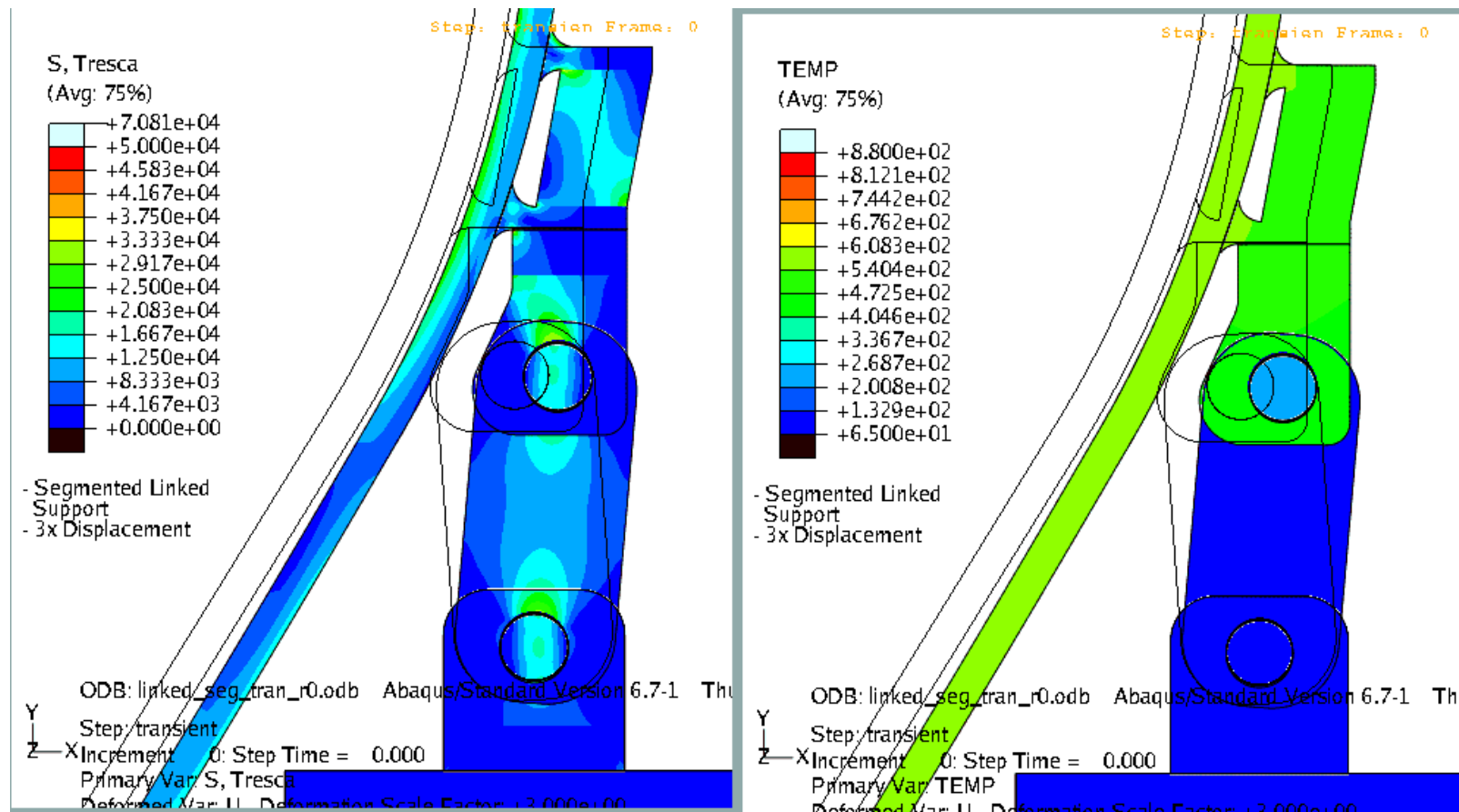
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Expansion Compensation/Heat Transfer



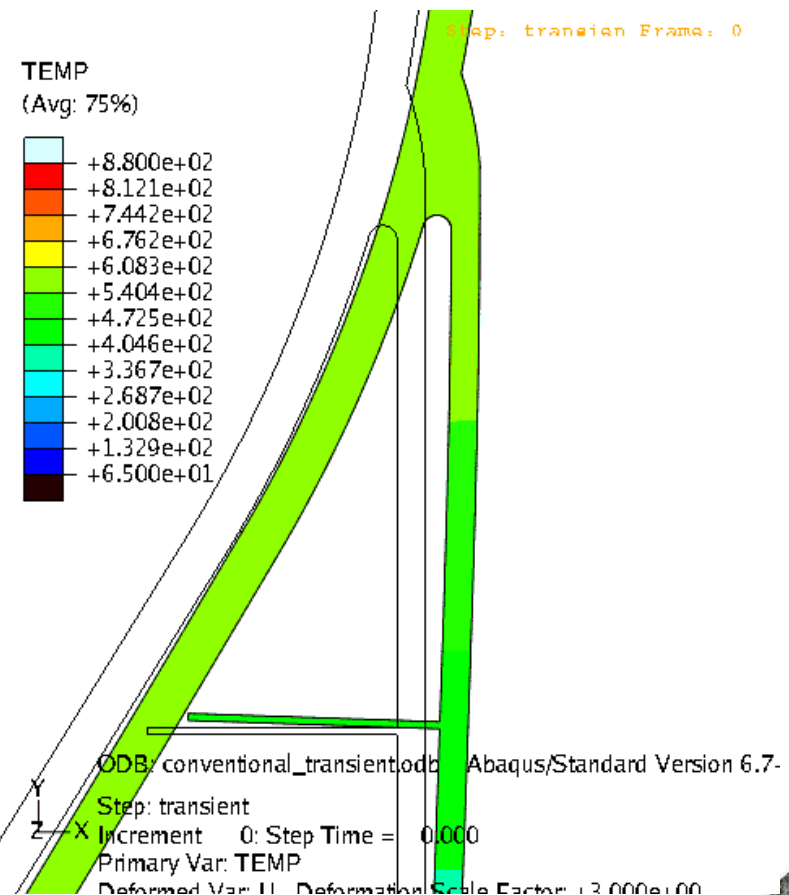
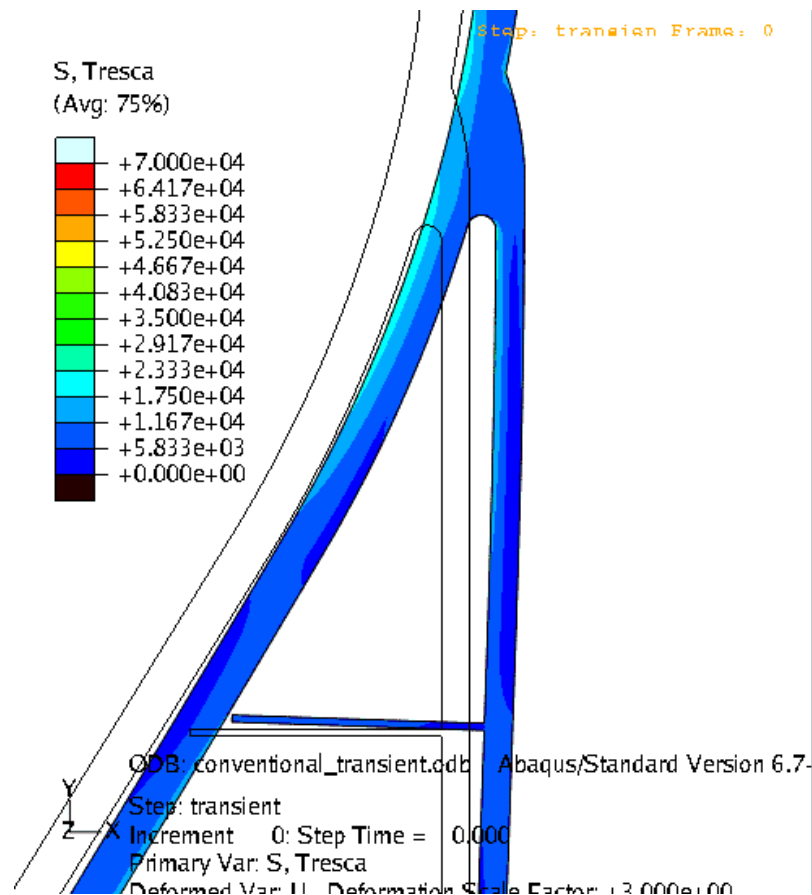
Linked Drum Support

Transient Tresca / Heat Transfer



Conventional Drum Skirt

Transient Tresca /Heat Transfer



Design Comparison

Fatigue results Summary

Linked Drum Support

- Segmented linked support at bottom ring
- Max stress range = 25,500 psi
- Design cycle life = 40,600 cycles

Standard Welded Drum Skirt

- Conventional in-line skirt (1/2" radius) at top of skirt on ID max stress
- Range = 277,856 psi
- Design cycle life = 234 cycles

Strategic Technology Alliances



Strategic Technology Alliances

- Identify Critical Problems Requiring Solutions
- Multiply Creativity
- Help to Scientifically Test, Document and De-bug Technology Solutions with Real Life Testing
- Dramatically Shorten Time to Market
- Benefit Alliance Partners and Industry as a Whole



Coke Drum Life Improvement Technology Alliances

- Technology Design
 - CurtissWright Technology Development Center
- Technology Validation FEA/CFD/Site Evaluations
 - Stress Engineering
- Project Engineering
 - Major Engineering Firms
- Construction / Installation
 - Altair Strickland and Others
- Product Manufacture / Project Management
 - DeltaValve USA
- Refining Alliance Partner / Test Site
 - TBD

Enhanced Delayed Coker Technology

- Generation II Actuation System.....(Prototype 2009)
 - Ultra Compact Length
 - No cooling box
 - No HPU
- Version II TUD(Prototype 2009)
- Full Range of 300# of Isolation Valves from 3-48”(Release 2009)



Enhanced Delayed Coker Technology

- Enhanced Version BUD.....(Prototype 2009)
 - Low steam during feed
 - No change in steam flow while stroking
 - Fully Throttle-able
 - No Power Shroud
 - No Cooling Box

Demonstration Units

Demonstration units in display hall

- 1) Center Feed Injection Nozzle
- 2) TUD/Drill Stem Enclosure/Blowout Preventer
- 3) Auto Switch Tool
- 4) Isolation Valve

