

CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE STRUCTURAL RESPONSE OF A 10000X500X100MM PILE DURING PILE DRIVING WITH A 450KG RAM, FALLING FROM 1M HEIGHT

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Abstract: Piles are used when the building soil don't have enough strength to support the structure. One of the piling methods is to drive the pile. In fact, a vertical pile is hit with a ram. This method is a very good one, because the soil around the pile is compressed and the structure bed is strengthened that way. The negative aspect of this method is the pile is solicited in other ways than it was design. In this paper are presented the results of a dynamic FEM analysis for a 10000x500x100mm pile when it is hit by a 450kg ram, falling from 1m height.

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A standard operation of pile driving is presented in below picture.



Figure 1 A standard pile driving operations
 (www.vulcanhammer.info)

For piling operations, piles are structural checked for this kind of operation.

This paperwork presents an analysis of the structural response for a 10000x500x100mm pile when is driven with a 450kg ram who falls from 1 m height. For the analysis was used Ansys 12.1 software.

The pile and the ram were modeled like in below figure:

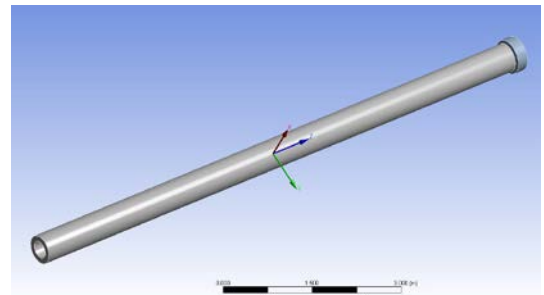


Figure 2 The model of the pile and ram, at the impact moment

The mesh consists in 10260 nodes and 5103 elements:

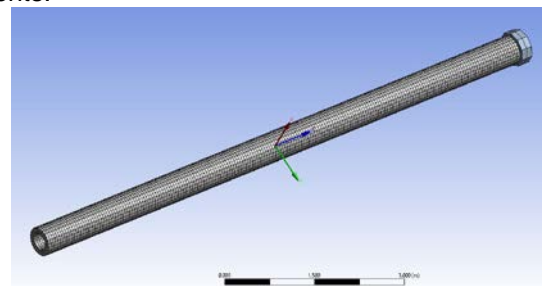


Figure 3 The mesh structure

The pile was considered to be fixed at the base, and the ram hits the top with 4.429 m/s impact speed. This speed corresponds with the impact speed after 1 m fall.

For studying the structural response we considered the von Mises tensions.

The study was carried out as a dynamic one for one second, in 101 steps:

Table 1: Analysis steps

Step	Time	Step	Time
1	0.00	21	0.20
2	0.01	22	0.21
3	0.02	23	0.22
4	0.03	24	0.23
5	0.04	25	0.24
6	0.05	26	0.25
7	0.06	27	0.26
8	0.07	28	0.27
9	0.08	29	0.28
10	0.09	30	0.29
11	0.10	31	0.30
12	0.11	32	0.31
13	0.12	33	0.32
14	0.13	34	0.33
15	0.14	35	0.34
16	0.15	36	0.35
17	0.16	37	0.36
18	0.17	38	0.37
19	0.18	39	0.38
20	0.19	40	0.39

41	0.40	61	0.60
42	0.41	62	0.61
43	0.42	63	0.62
44	0.43	64	0.63
45	0.44	65	0.64
46	0.45	66	0.65
47	0.46	67	0.66
48	0.47	68	0.67
49	0.48	69	0.68
50	0.49	70	0.69
51	0.50	71	0.70
52	0.51	72	0.71
53	0.52	73	0.72
54	0.53	74	0.73

55	0.54	75	0.74
56	0.55	76	0.75
57	0.56	77	0.76
58	0.57	78	0.77
59	0.58	79	0.78
60	0.59	80	0.79

Step	Time	Step	Time
81	0.80	91	0.90
82	0.81	92	0.91
83	0.82	93	0.92
84	0.83	94	0.93
85	0.84	95	0.94
86	0.85	96	0.95
87	0.86	97	0.96
88	0.87	98	0.97
89	0.88	99	0.98
90	0.89	100	0.99
		101	1.00

The minimum value of the von Mises stress for each step is presented below:

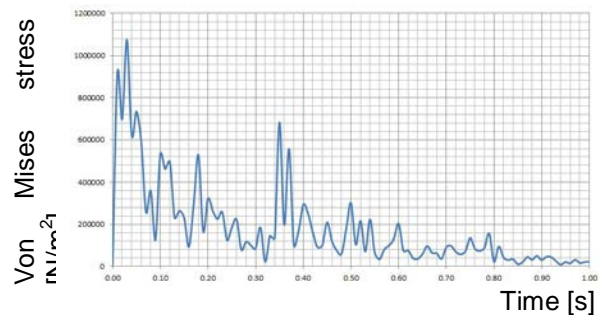


Figure 4 Minimum von Mises stress value variation

The maximum value of the von Mises stress for each step is presented below:

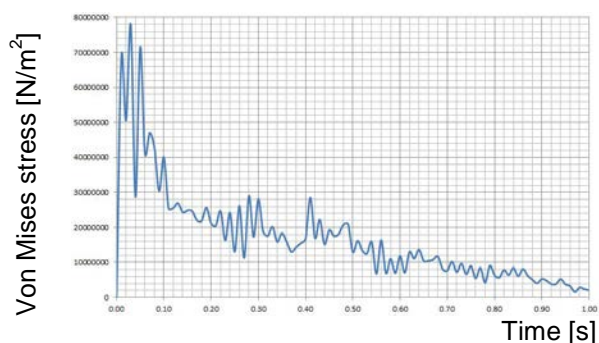


Figure 5 Maximum von Mises stress valuevariation

Repartition diagram of the equivalent stress after the impact are presented as follows:

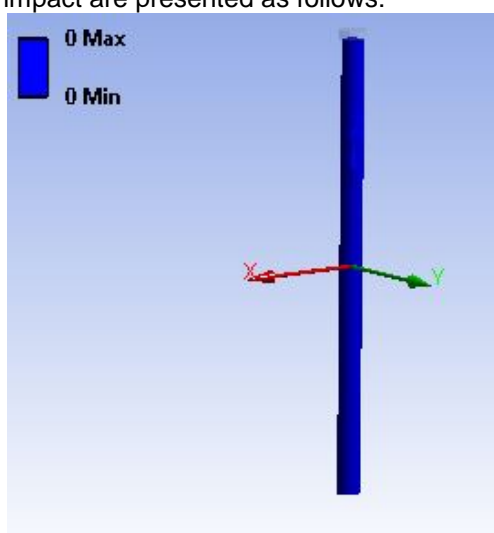


Figure 6 Von Mises stress diagram for step 1

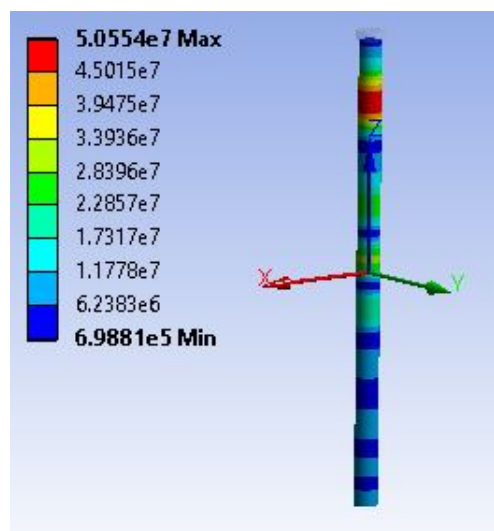


Figure 7 Von Mises stress diagram for step 3

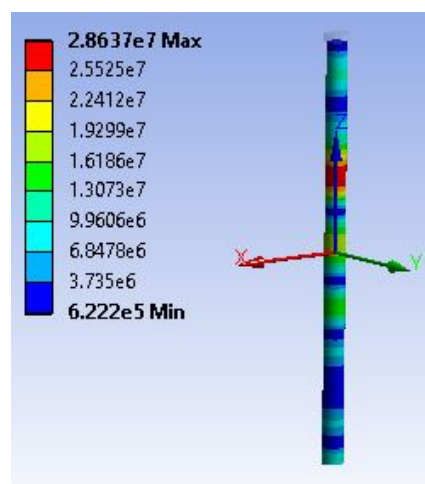


Figure 8 Von Mises stress diagram for step 5

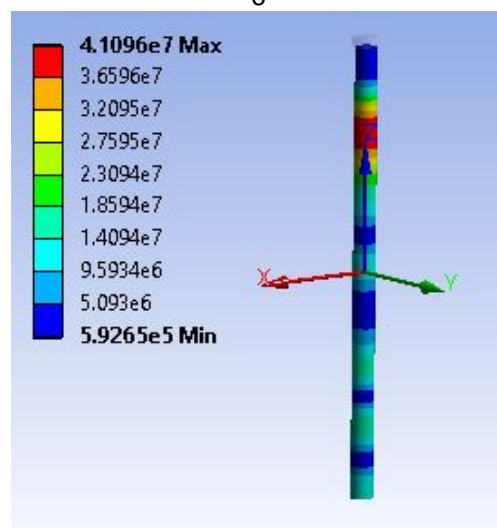


Figure 9 Von Mises stress diagram for step 7

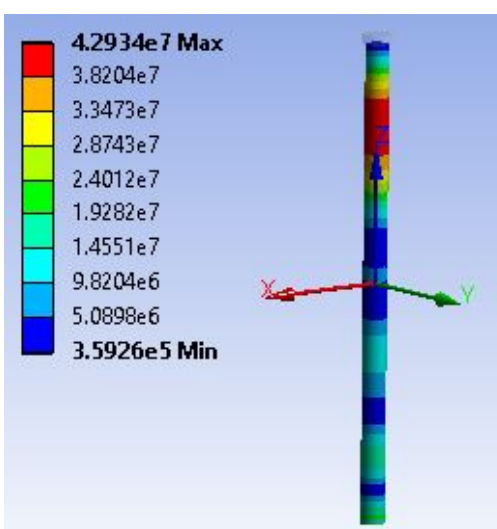


Figure 10 Von Mises stress diagram for step 9

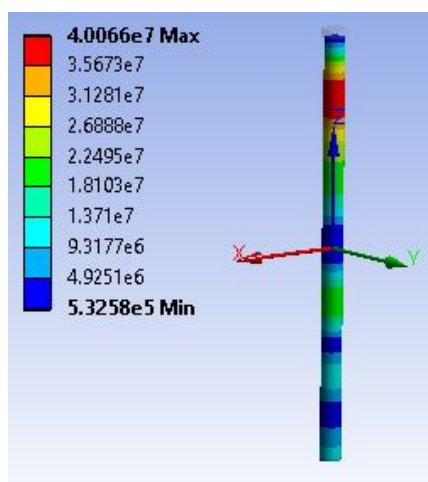


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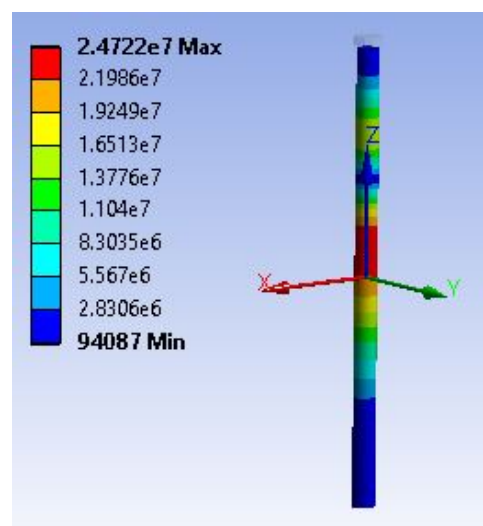


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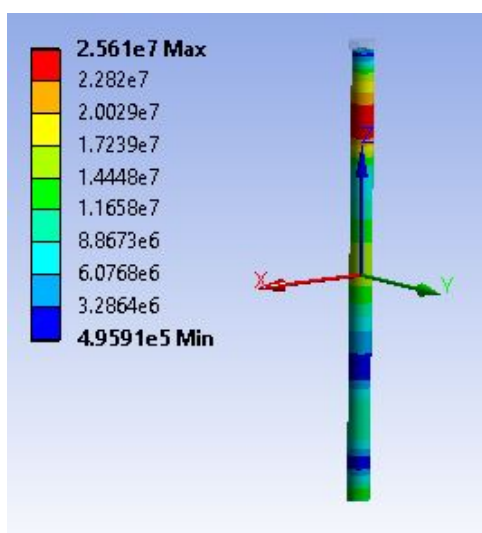


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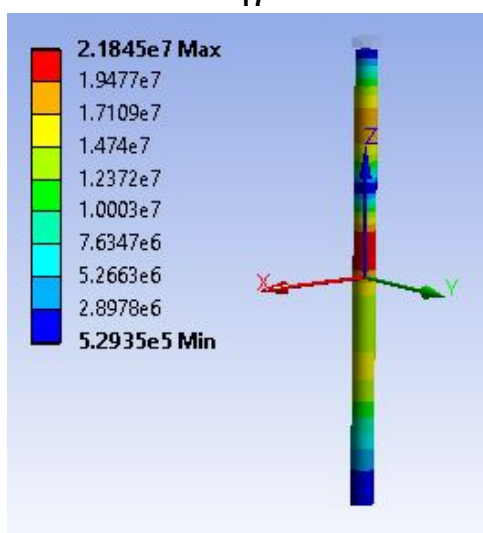


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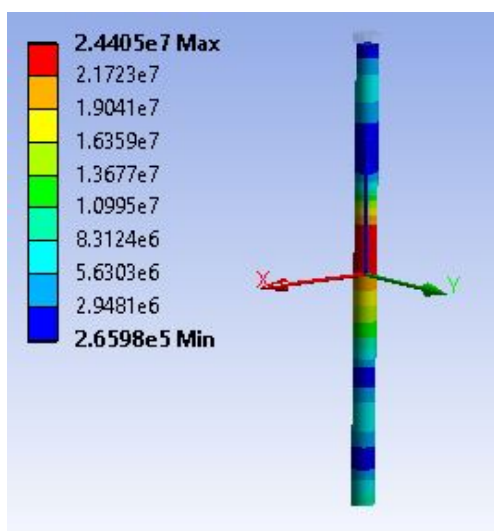


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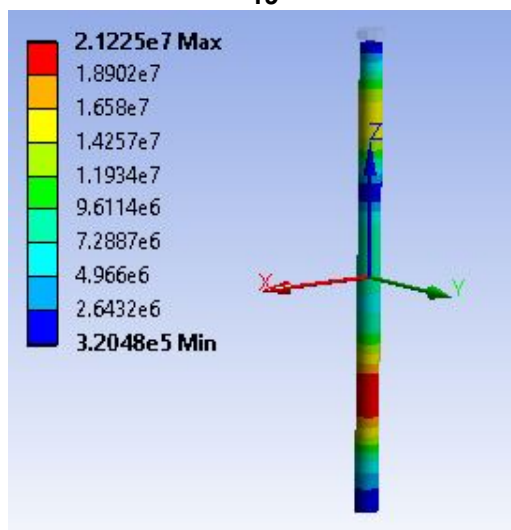


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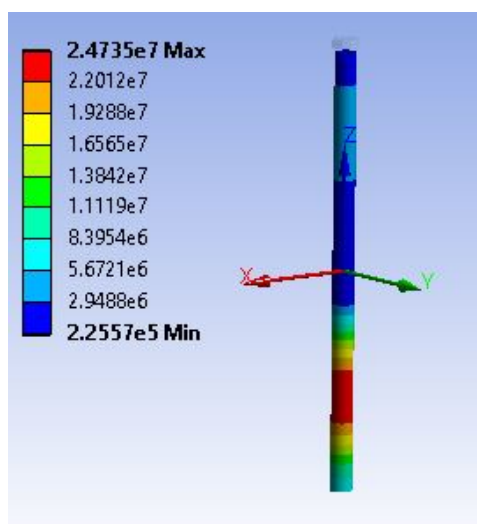


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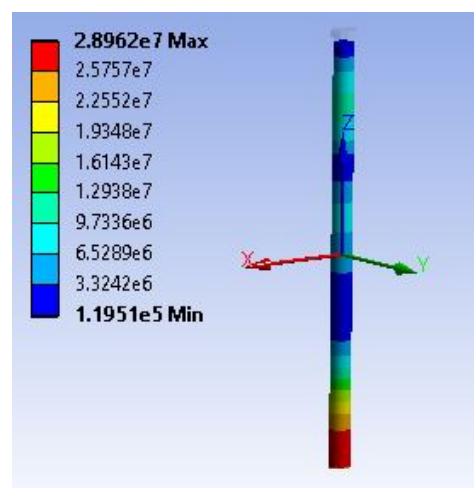


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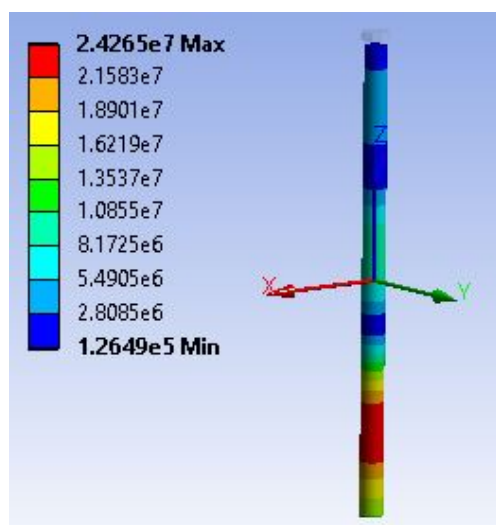


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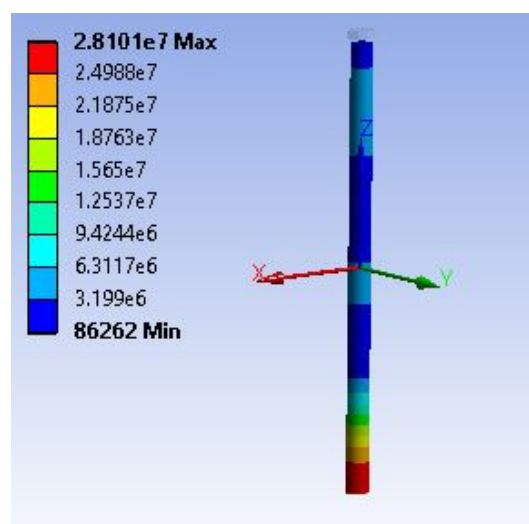


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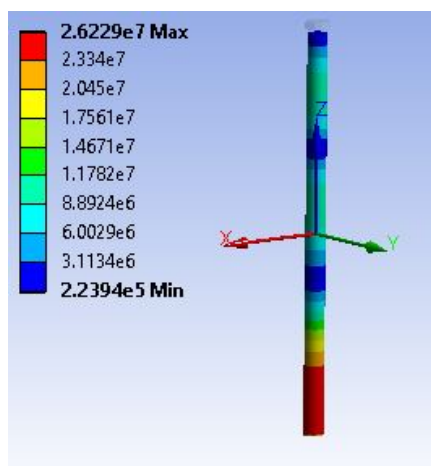


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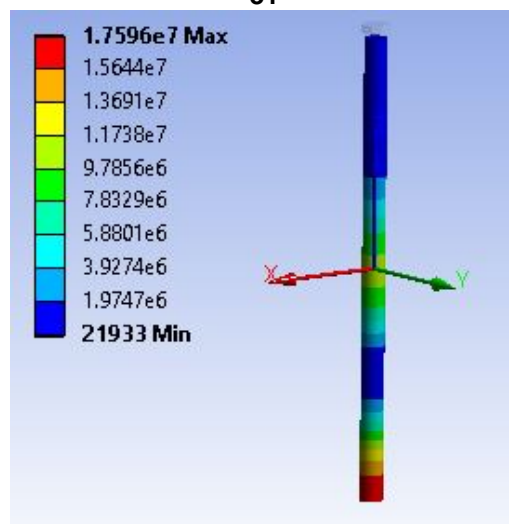


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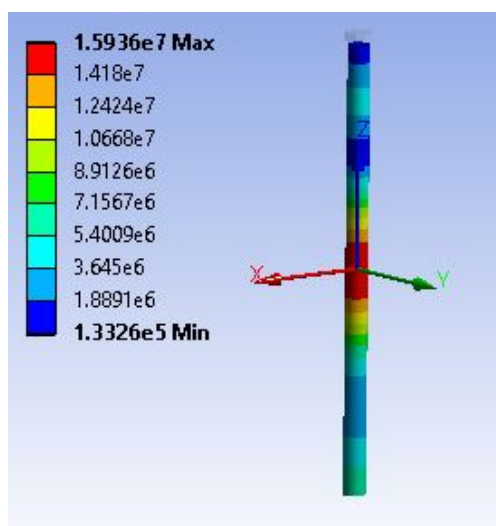


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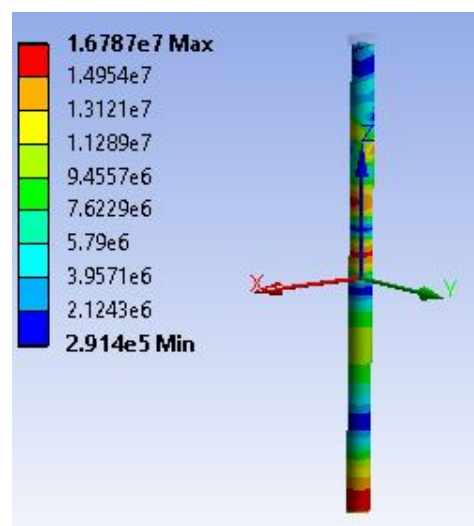


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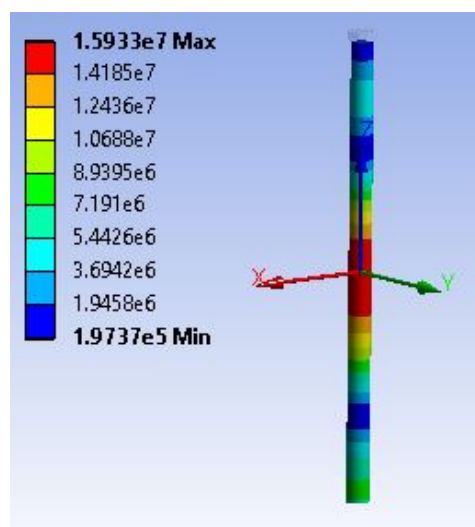


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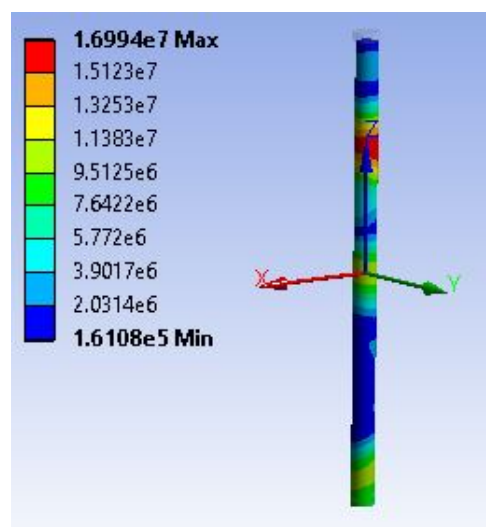


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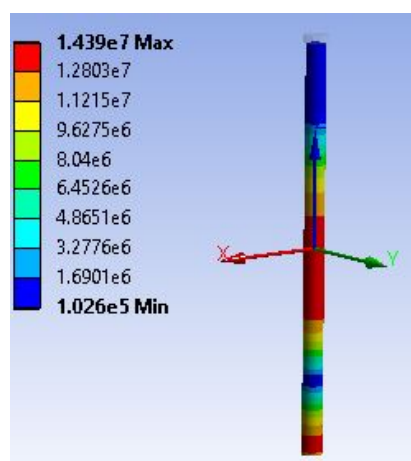


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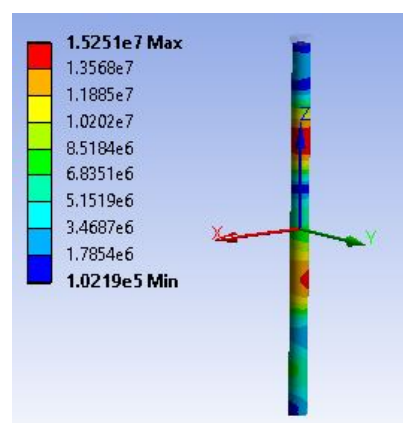


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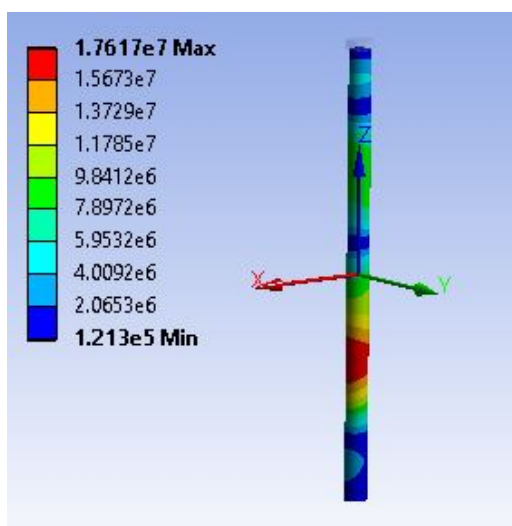


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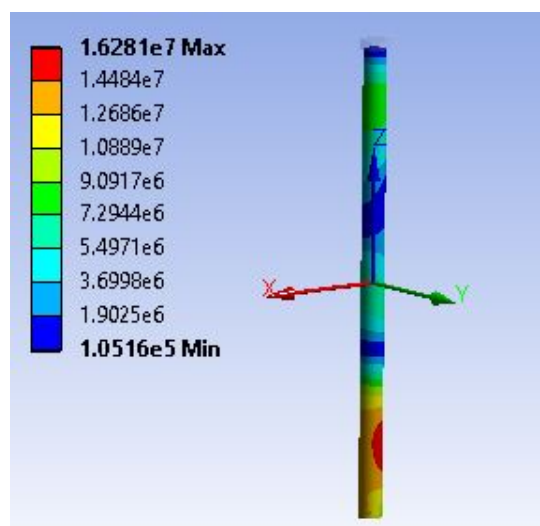


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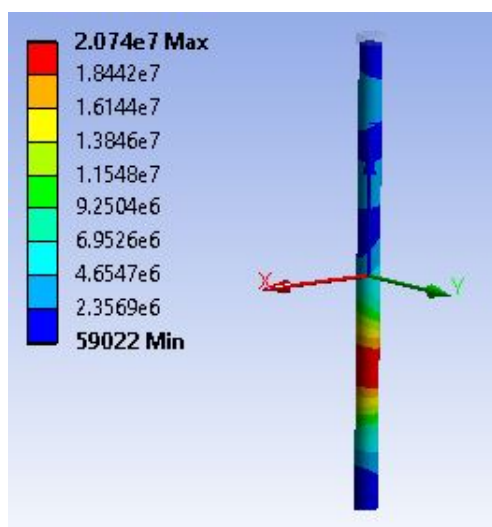


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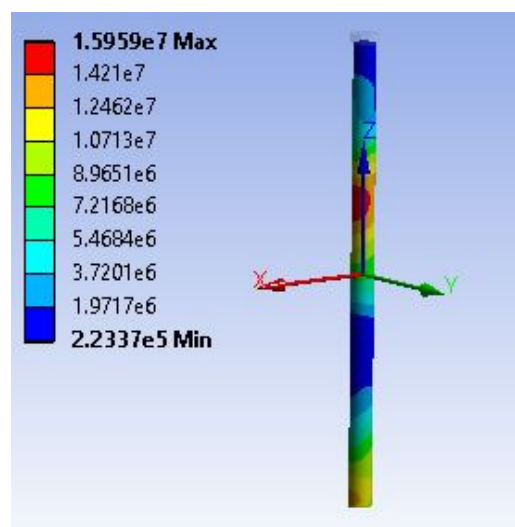


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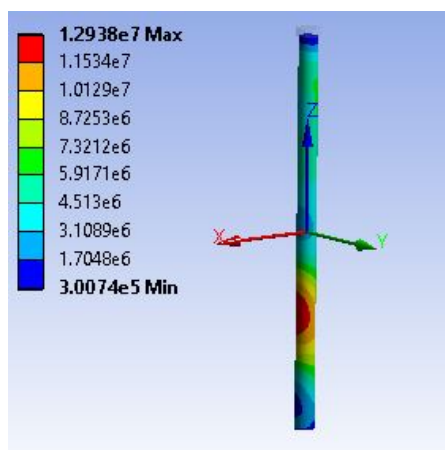


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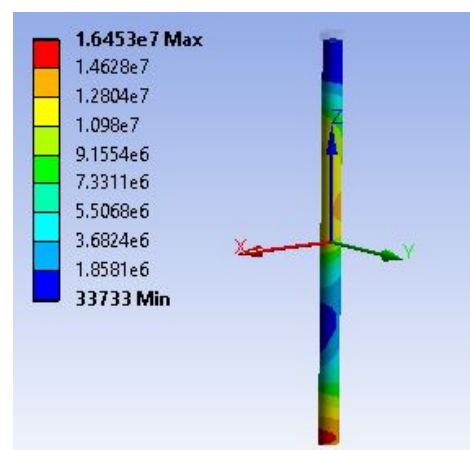


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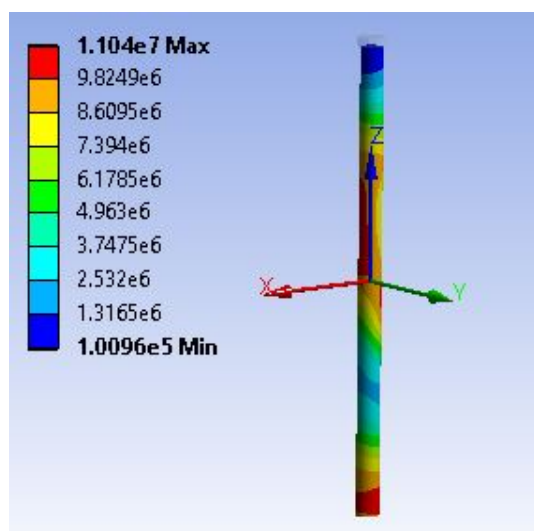


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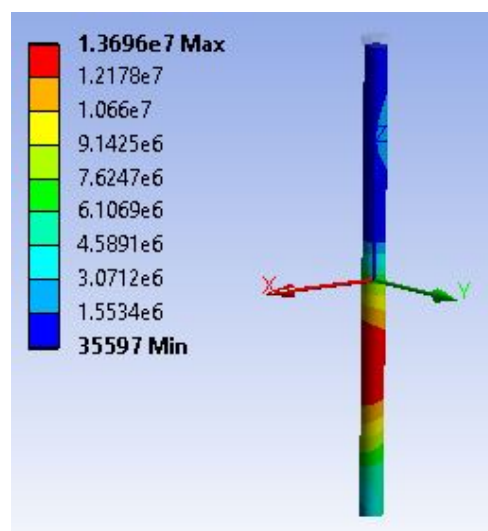


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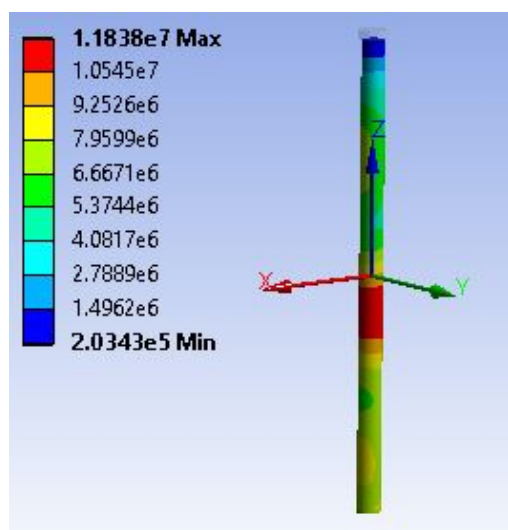


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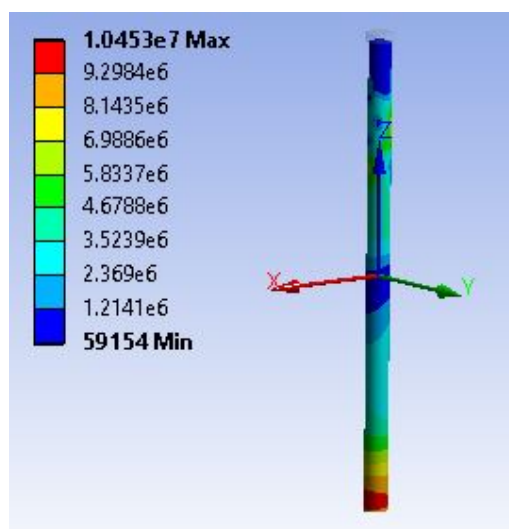


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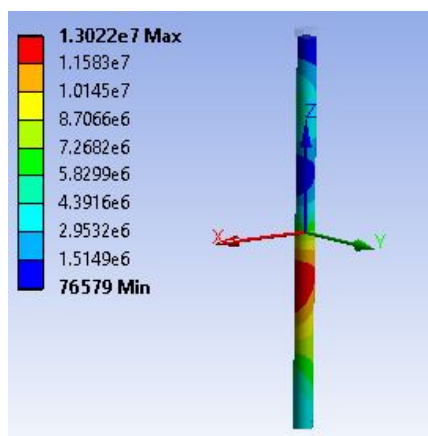


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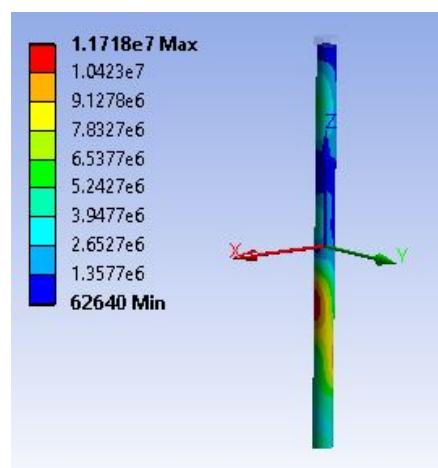


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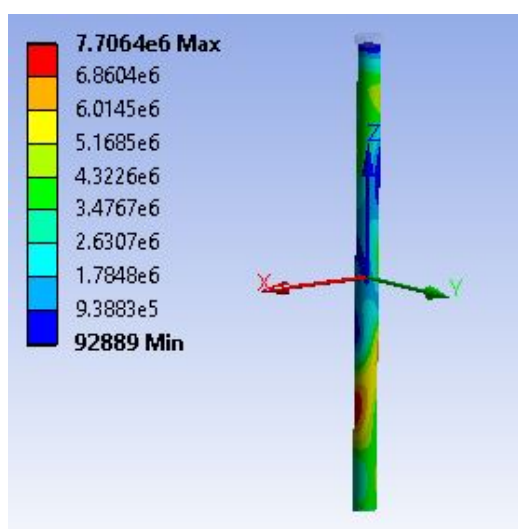


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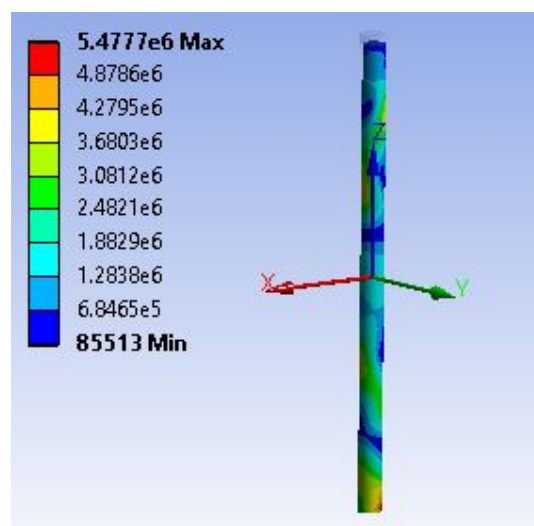


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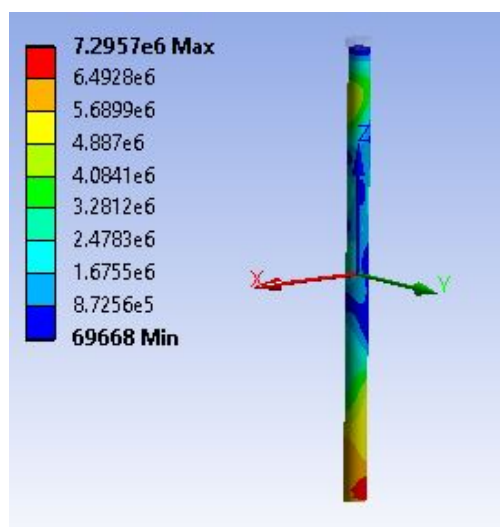


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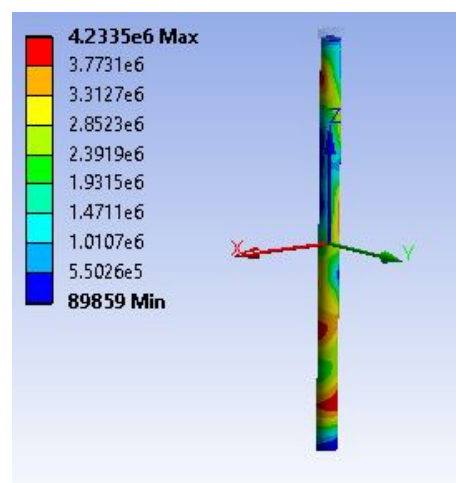


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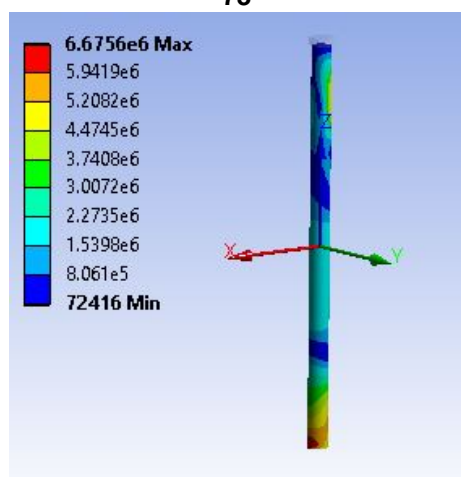


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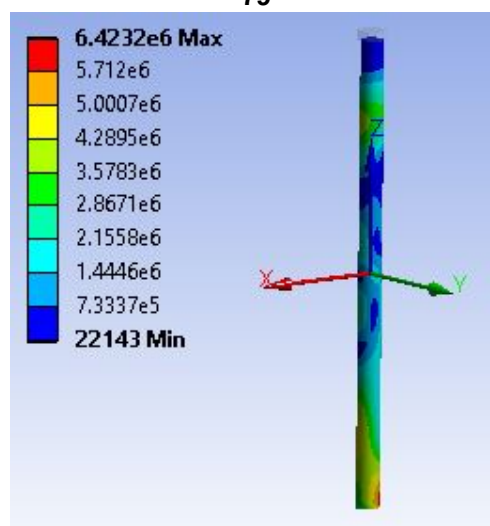


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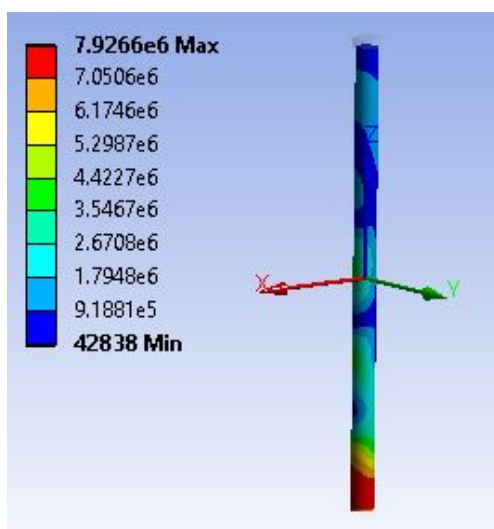


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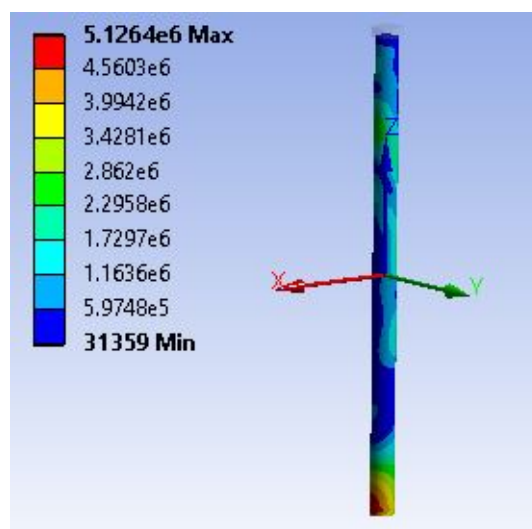


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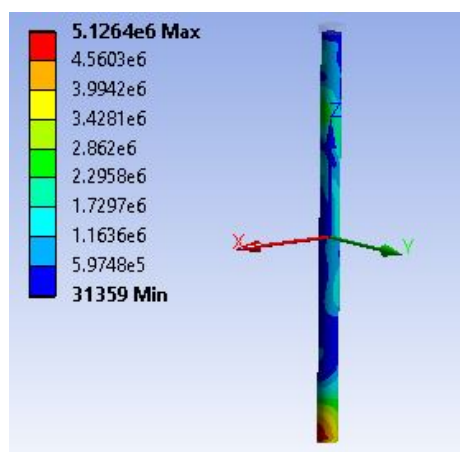


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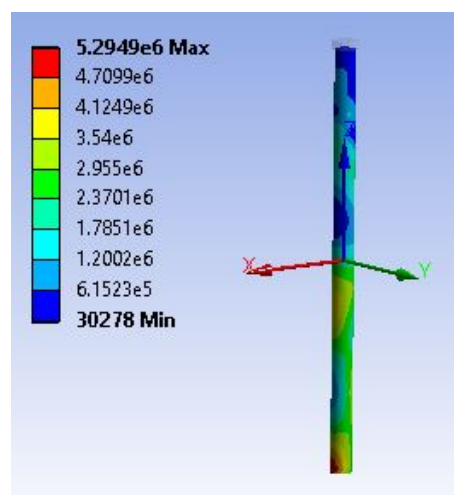


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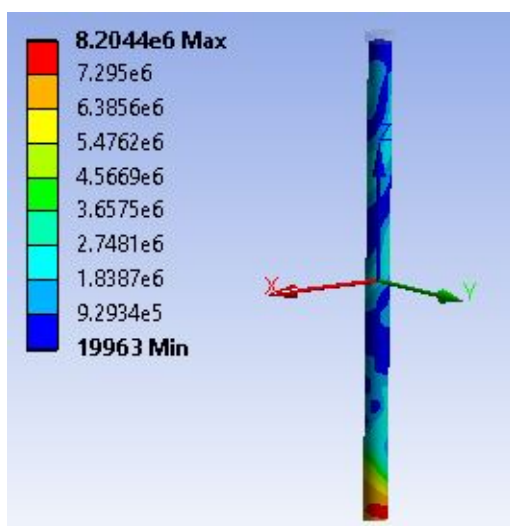


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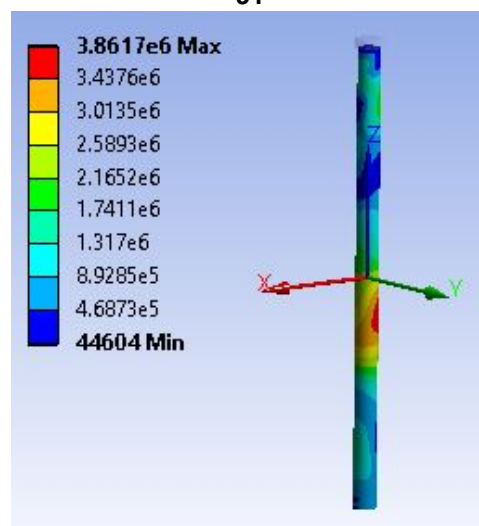


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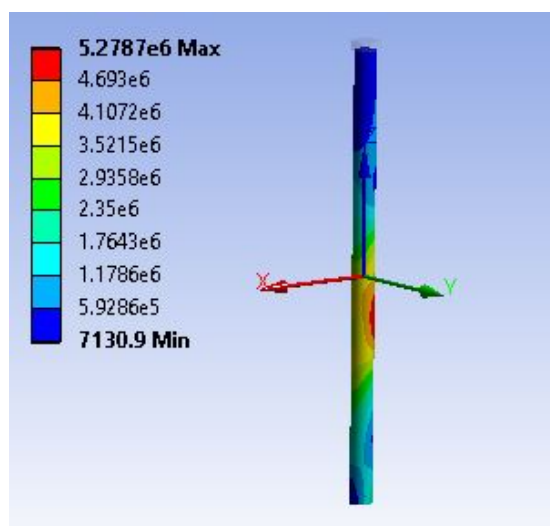


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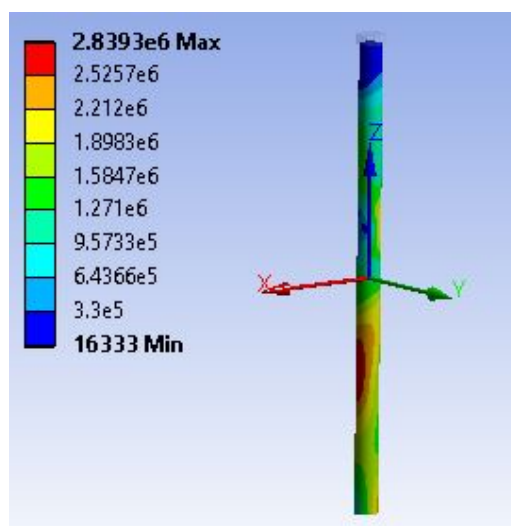


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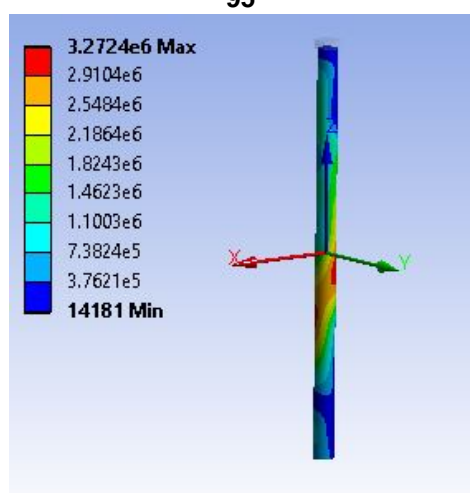


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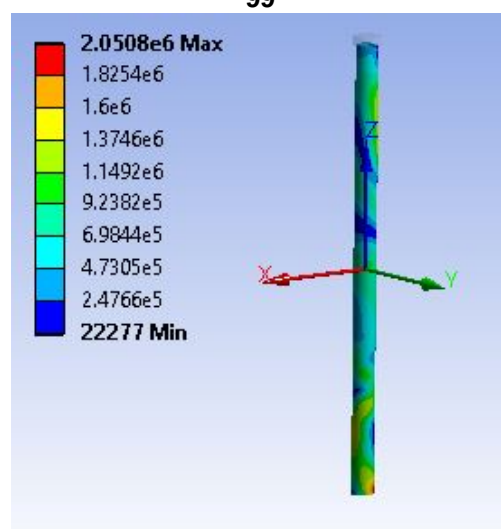


Figure 56 Von Mises stress diagram for step 101

CONCLUSIONS

The maximum value for the von Mises stress is reached at step 2 (0.01 seconds) and the value is 77.863 [N/mm²].

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