

2013 CRUG Conference
Input from Plants

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Agenda

- Plant environment and challenges
- Applications
- Effectiveness of composites
- Acceptance / Limitations

Application Environments

- CRUG membership includes pipeline companies, refinery and chemical plants, composite manufacturers & distributors, regulators, service companies, test labs, and consultants.
- CRUG's purpose is to promote the proper use of composite materials to structurally repair pipelines, piping and other pressure containing equipment subject to industry accepted standards

Application Challenges

- Challenges
 - High pressures
 - Elevated temperatures
 - Numerous process services
 - Piping configurations
 - Hoop stress concerns vs. leak containment
 - Corrosive environments

Applications

- Straight Pipe
- Anticipated life of repair
 - Until next TAR
 - Months to years



- Many opportunities exist as a result of pipe inspections (PSM) and concern for pipe conditions (rusted, thin wall, leaking, etc.)

Applications

- Concentric reducer
 - 24x14x24
 - Cracks with active leakage
 - Hydrocarbon service
 - Under vacuum
 - Operating at 280°F continuous
 - 330°F intermittent
- Anticipated life of repair
 - 9 months
- Special applications due to piping configuration and operating conditions



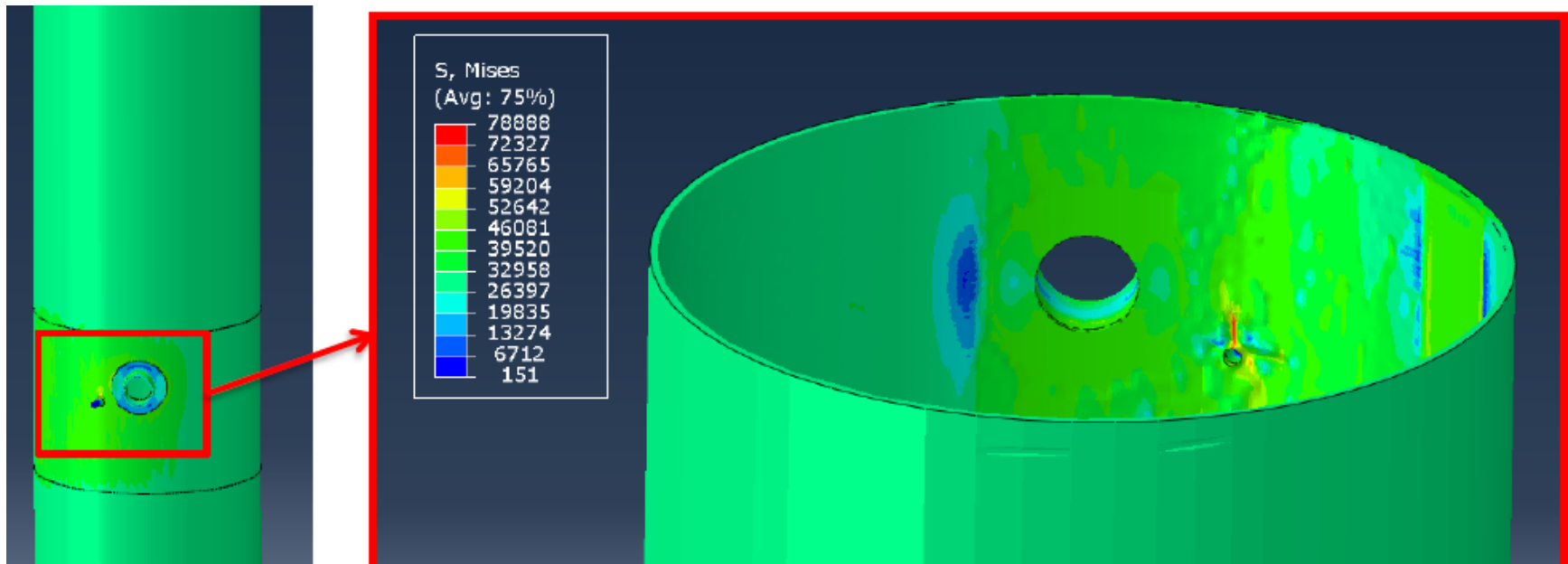
Applications

- Column / Tower applications
 - Exhibiting Structural concerns due to corrosive services
 - Operating at $\sim 300^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - Design to 315 psi
 - Code repair required
 - Anticipated repair life > 1 year



Special Considerations

- NDE performed of equipment
- Analysis of NDE information
 - FEA
- Engineered composite repair proposed and performed
- Code repair review and approval required



Effectiveness of Composites

- Composites have improved tremendously over the years.
 - Originally plant requests were to apply bonder or fiberglass wraps
 - No formal review and approval processes were performed
- Composites are much more sophisticated
 - Research into formulas, tensile strength testing and sound engineering practices
- Composites are most effective when properly designed, engineered and applied following manufacture's specifications for specific applications
- Cleanliness is next to Godliness and is critical for an effective composite application.

Acceptance / Limitations

- An engineered repair method
 - Insure that calculations and installation processes are provided.
 - Must follow composite manufacture's instructions
- Developing standards (PCC2)
 - Training
 - Engineering practices
- Must have an effective wall thickness
 - Intended for pipe wall support
 - Not intended to create pressure boundaries
- Must perform proper surface preparation
 - NACE 2 finish or better
- Composites are not the “silver bullet”
 - Use within manufacturers' recommendations



Questions