



**SMART PIPE®**

**A Trenchless Technology System  
That Gives A **New** and **Better** Life To  
Disadvantaged High Pressure Pipelines**



# Objectives of This Presentation

- Review the engineering work that establishes the strength and durability of Smart Pipe®
- Identify possible rehabilitation projects where Smart Pipe® technology is most appropriate



# **Engineering Basis for the Smart Pipe Concept**

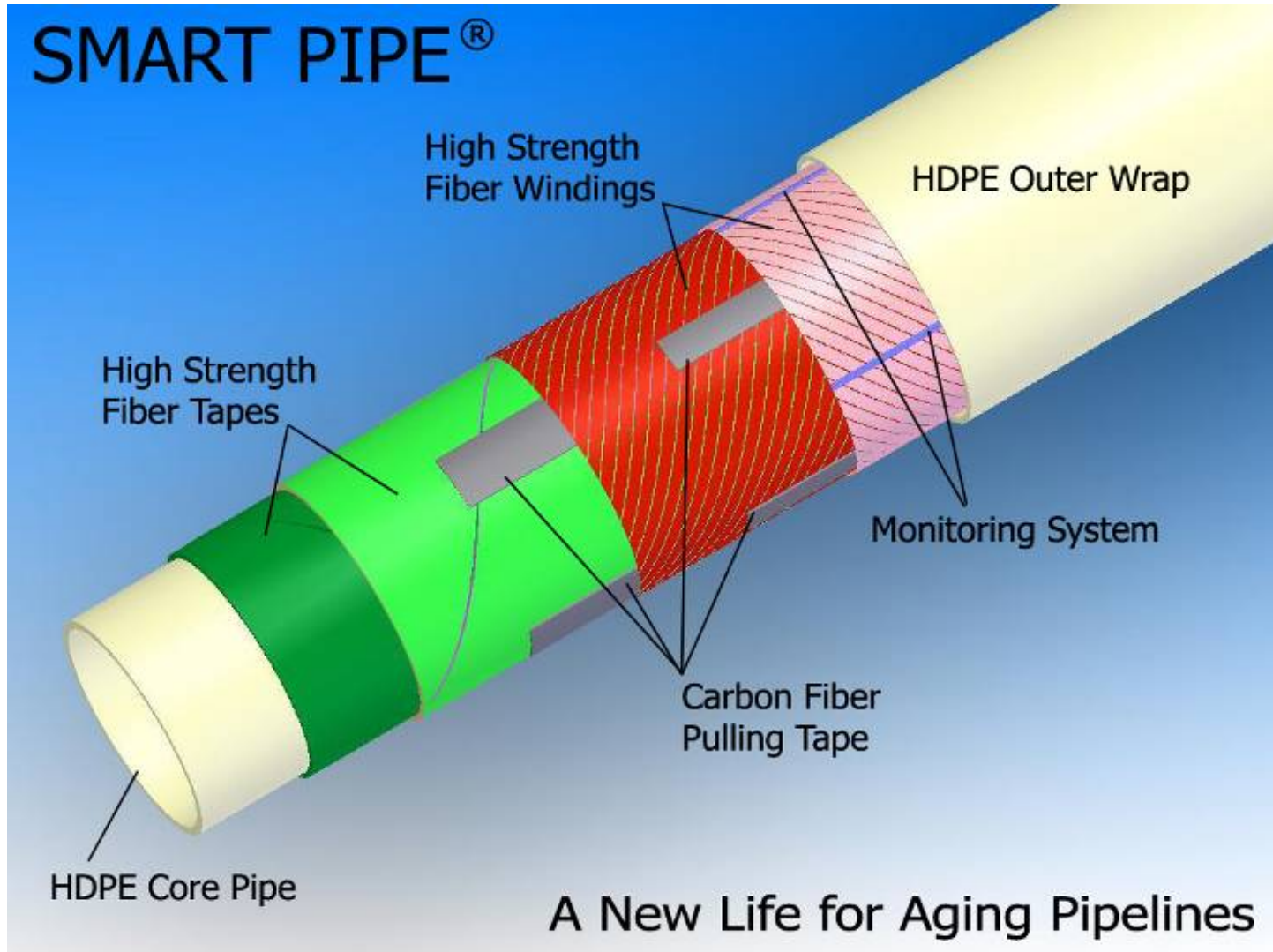


# Smart Pipe Installations Can Be Tailored and Cost Optimized for Operator Specified Criteria:

- Specified Max Operating Pressure/Temperature
- Overall Length of Line to be Rehabilitated
- Most Challenging Bend (radius + location)
- Specified Safe Operating Life
- Required Factor of Safety



# Schematic of Typical Design





# Smart Pipe Does Not Have One Single Set of Mechanical Performance Properties:

**It is tailored to meet the desired operating criteria and pipe/ground conditions in each individual installation in the most economical manner possible**



# Smart Pipe Design Variables

- Fiber types (co-helical wrap & pull-in tapes)
- Thickness of fabric in co-helical wrap
- Co-helical wrap angle and coverage (overlap)
- Core pipe material and thickness
- Amount of pull-in tape
- External coating material and mode (spray-on)



# Contrasting Mechanical Properties of Ultra High Strength Fiber Materials with Representative **Linepipe Steel**

Fiber Type	Measured Mechanical Properties			Calculated Strength to Density Ratio (miles)
	Density (lbs/in <sup>3</sup> )	Modulus (ksi)	Strength (ksi)	
Dyneema <sup>®</sup>	.035	15,700	486	219
Spectra <sup>®</sup>	.035	15,000	435	196
Carbon	.065	34,000	700	170
Kevlar <sup>®</sup>	.052	18,000	525	159
Vectran <sup>®</sup>	.050	9,000	412	130
E-Glass	.092	12,000	500	86
Pipe Steel	.283	29,000	100	6



# Test Article for First Installation 8" Diameter Pipe





# Typical Failure Mode in a Smart Pipe Burst Test (8 inch Pipe)



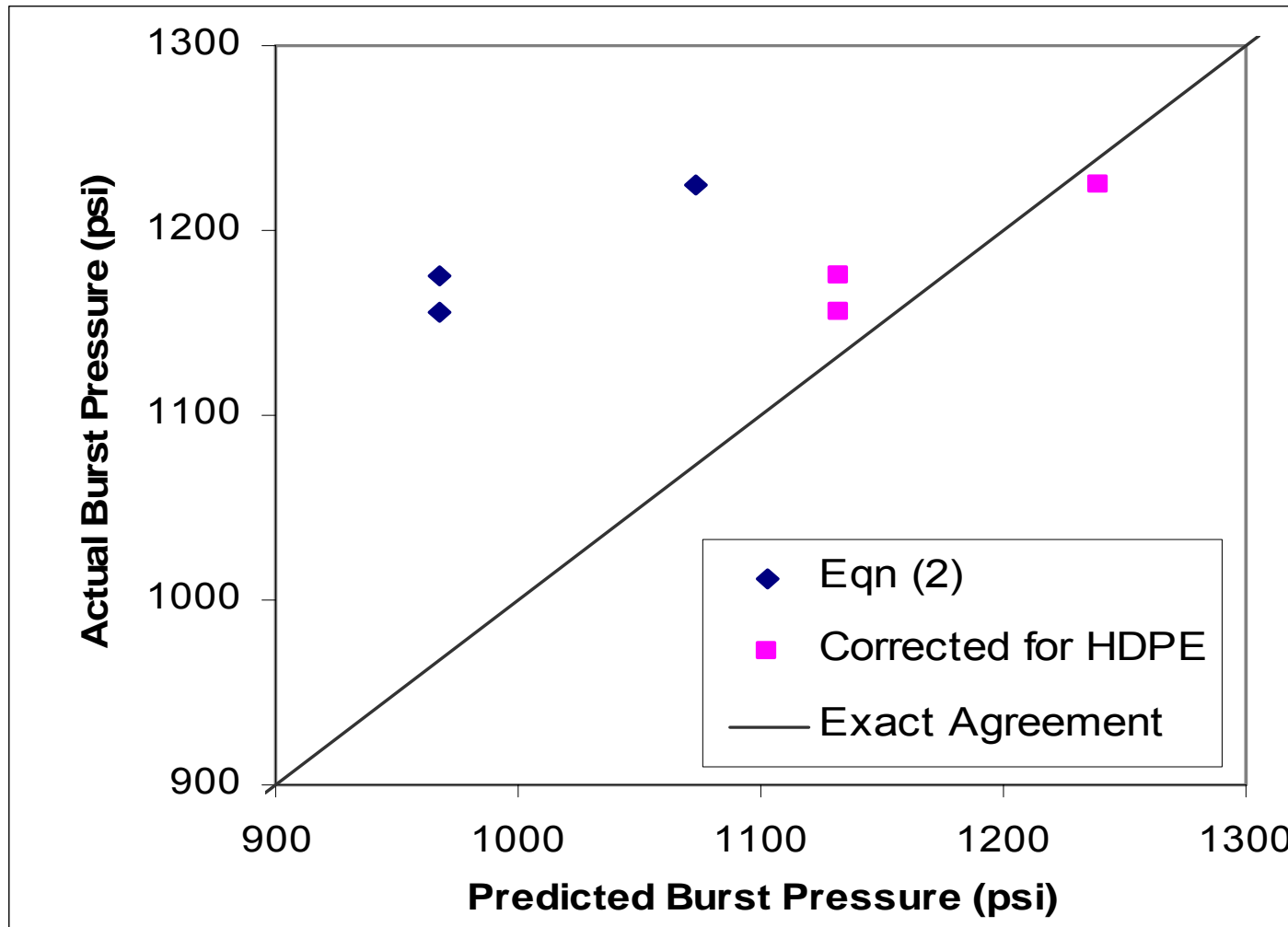


# Engineering Design Equation for Burst Strength Estimate Based on Co-helically Wrapped Fabrics

$$P_b = \frac{2M_h G_h}{D_p} \sin^2 \theta$$

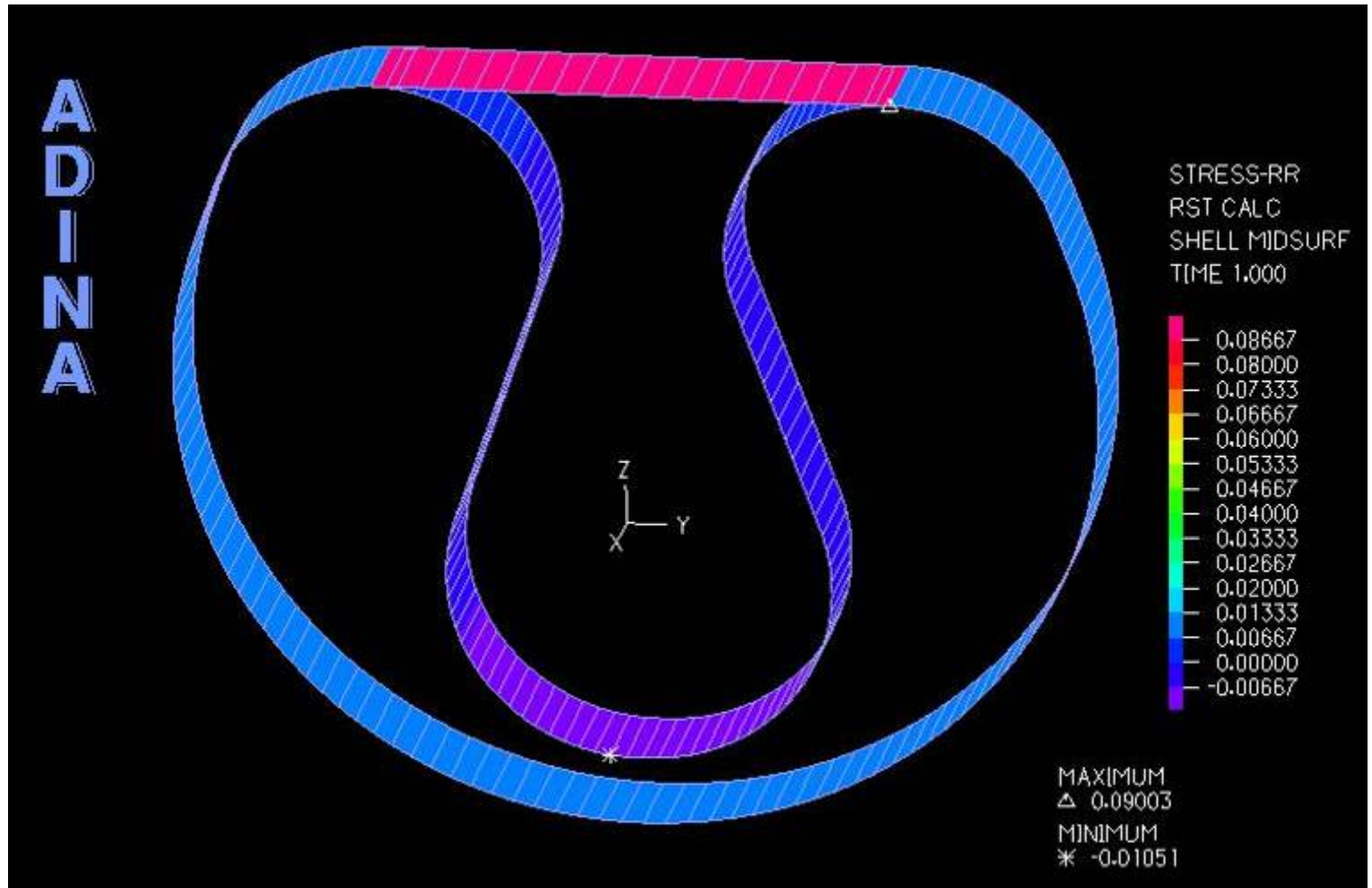


# Comparison of Predicted and Actual Burst pressures for First Installation



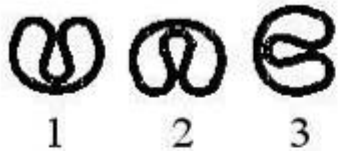


# FEA Simulation of Forces Needed to Restrain C-Form During Installation and to Release it in the Reformation Process



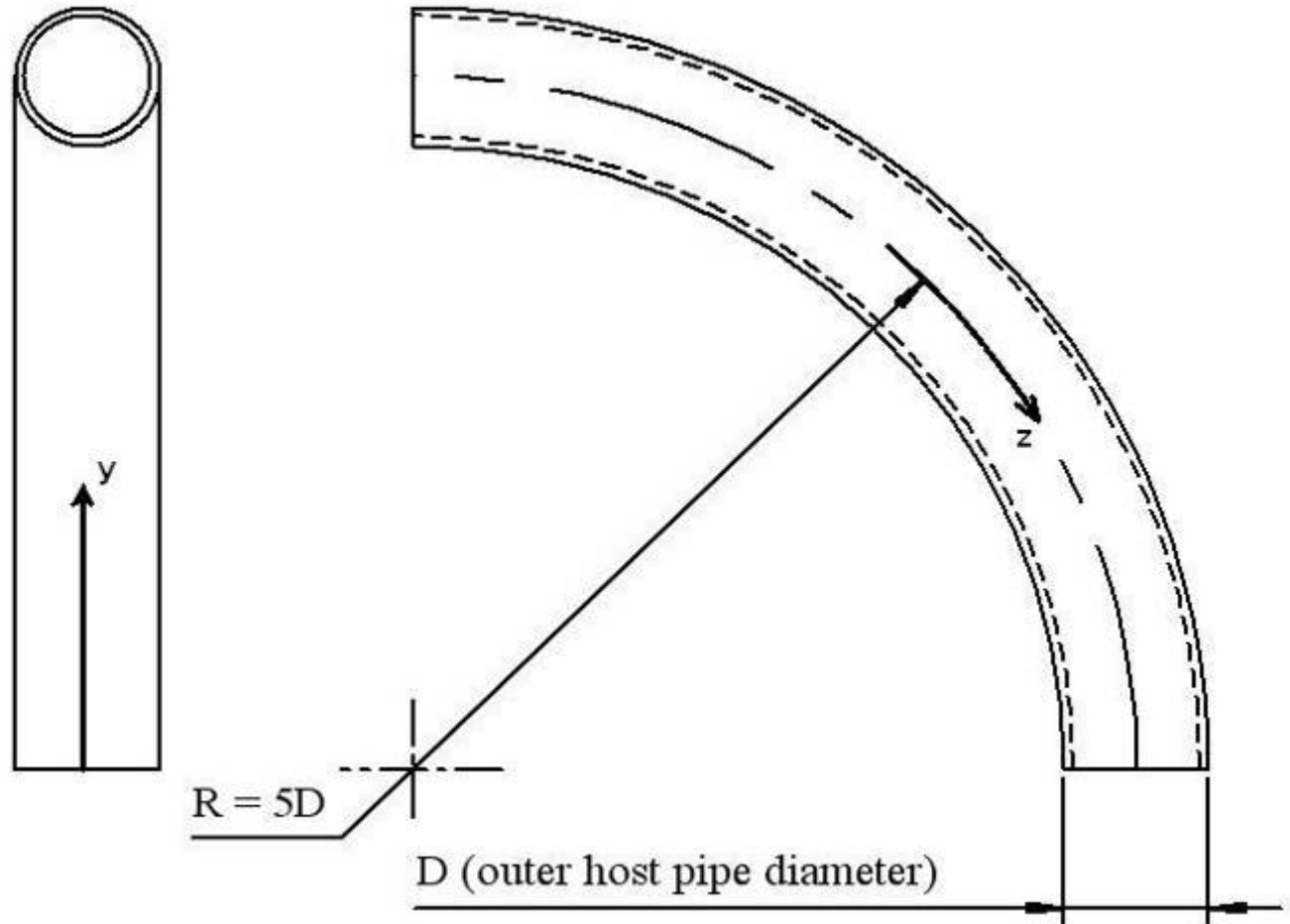


# Parameters for FEA Simulations of C-Formed Pipe Pulled Through Bends in a Host Pipe



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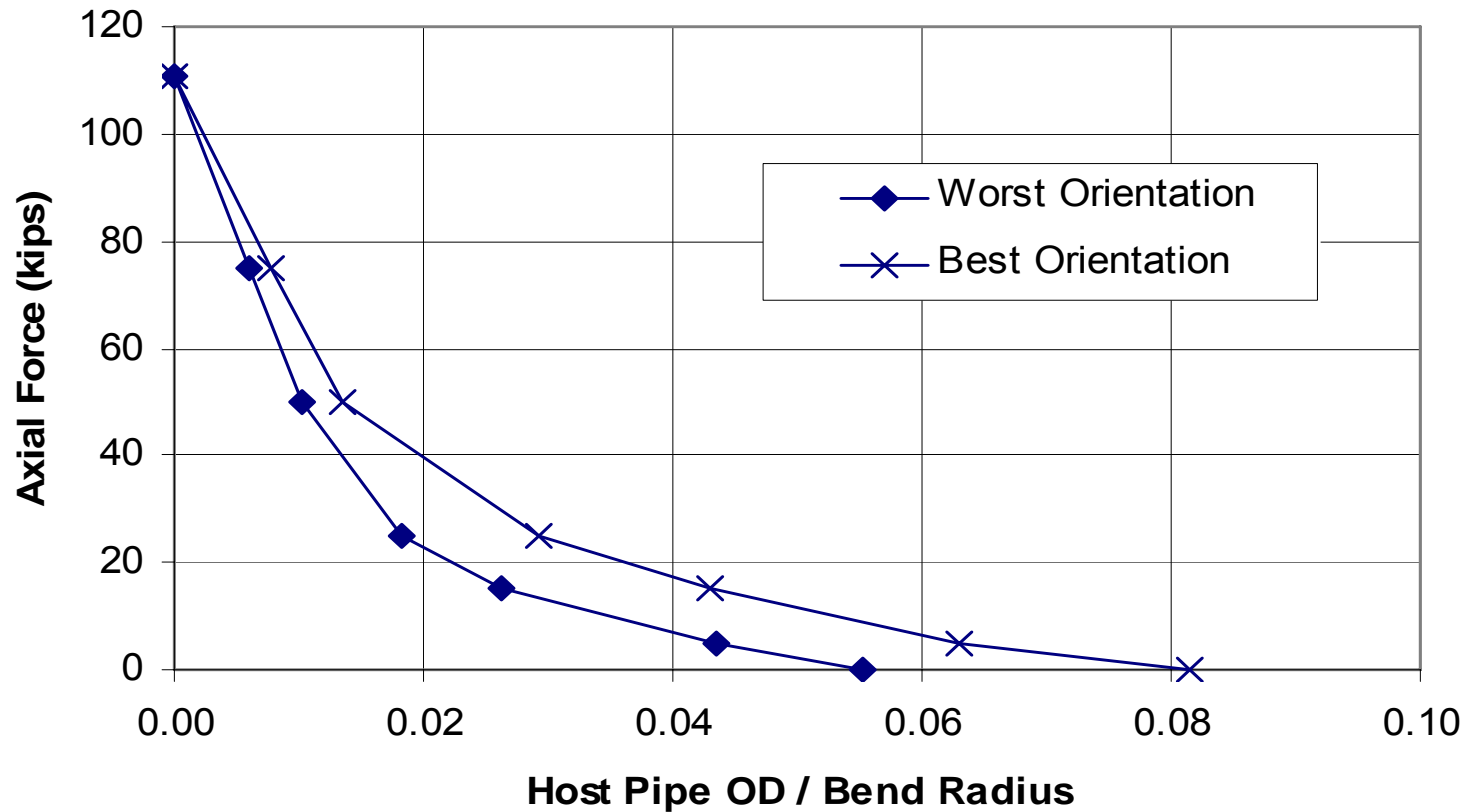
3 - Worst Orientation





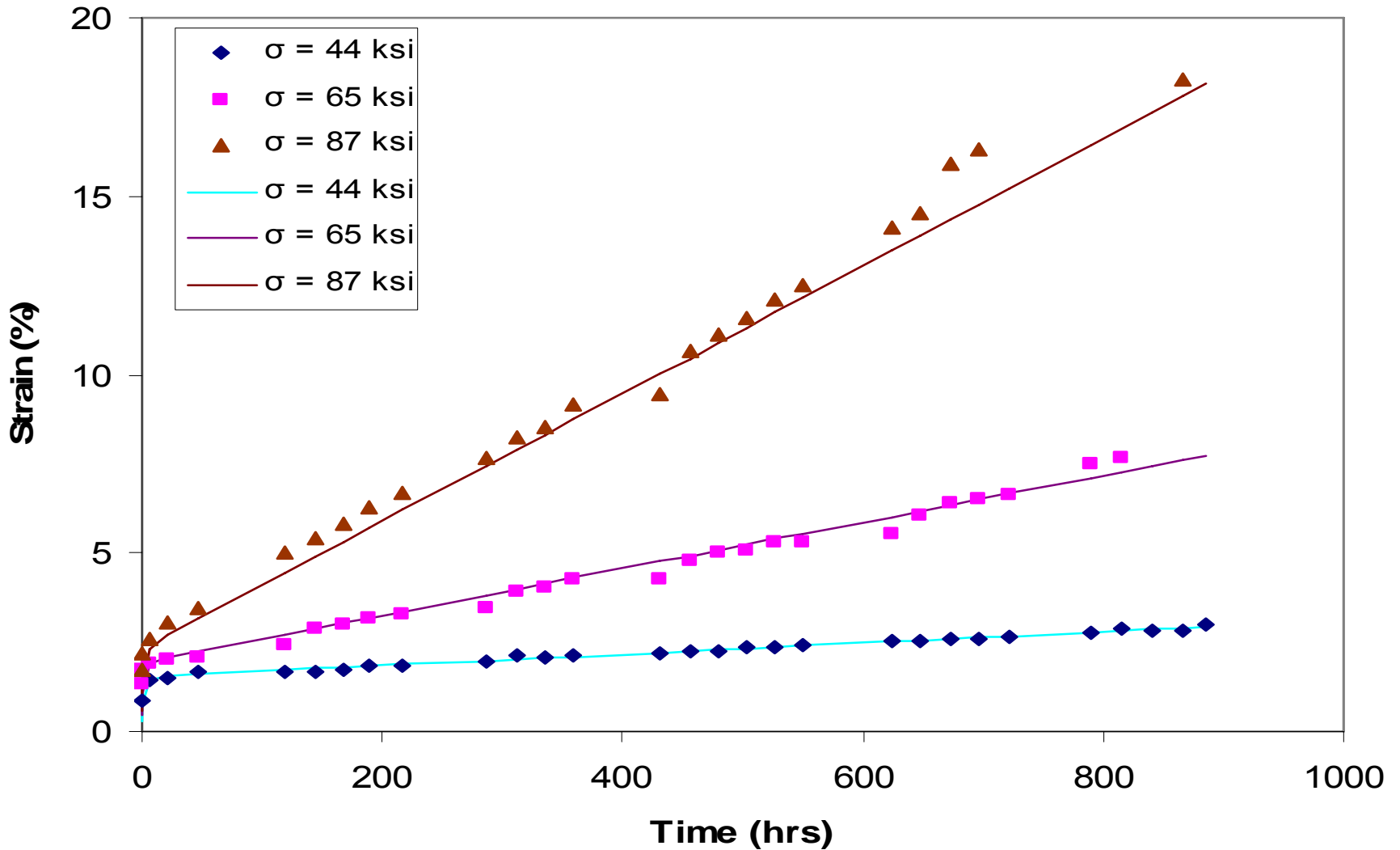
# Results of FEA Calculations on C-Formed Liner Transversing Bends

Limiting Combinations of Axial Force and Bend Radius  
8.625 SDR 32.5





# Creep of Spectra Fibers Under Constant Load at Ambient Temperature





# **Nonlinear Viscoelastic-Plastic Characterization of Creep in High Molecular Weight PE Fibers as a Function of Stress and Temperature**

$$\varepsilon(t) = \frac{\sigma}{E} + K\sigma^n (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) + C \exp(T - T_R) \sigma^m t$$



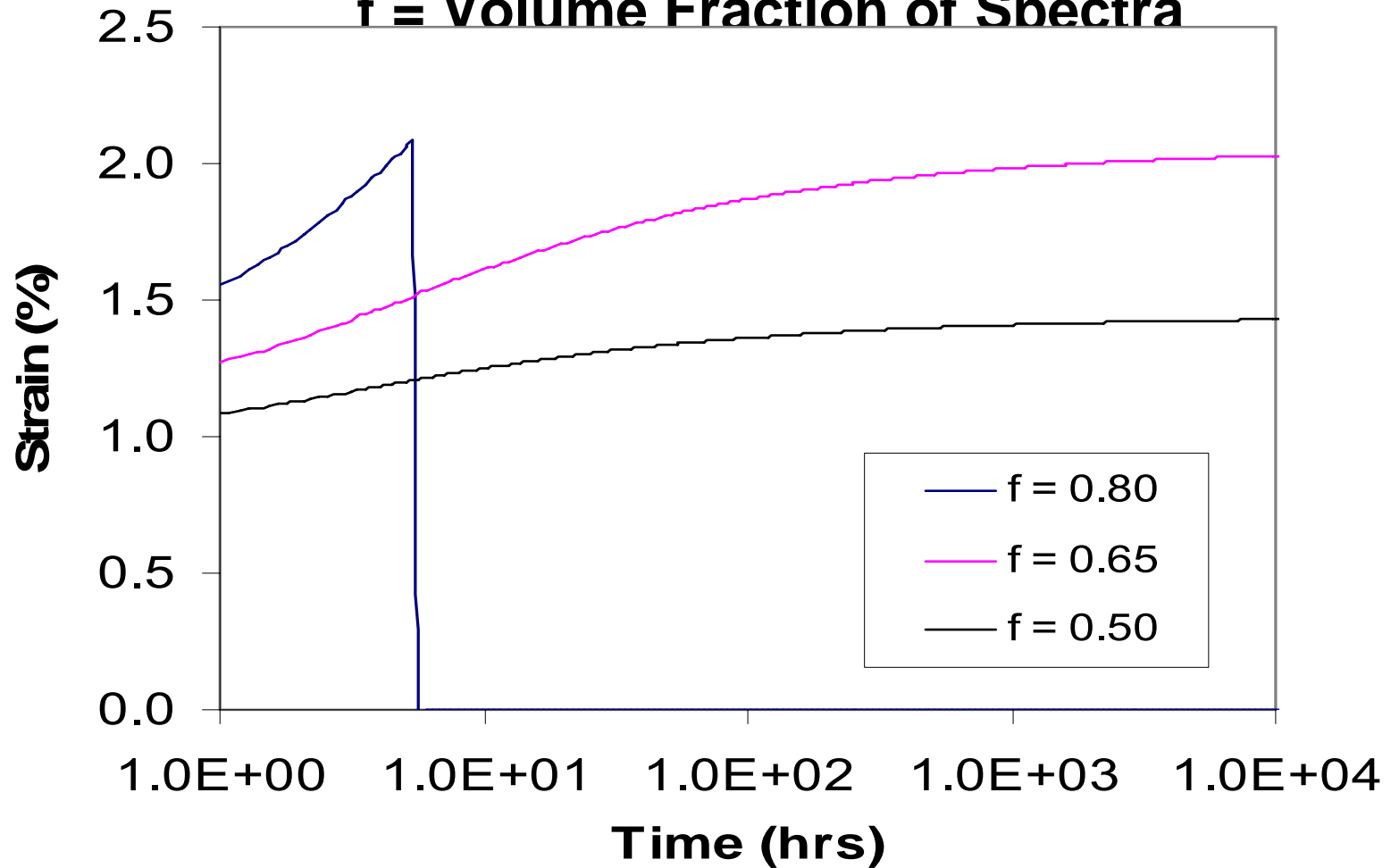
# Long Term Durability: Hybrid Material

- Ultra high strength fibers will provide appropriate level of pressure carrying capability, but cannot be used for more than 5 to 10 years of service
- A combination of intermingled carbon and Dyneema fibers in the form of a hybrid will provide strength for 40 years of service
- This hybrid will also provide a high level of damage tolerance and improved handling properties in the manufacturing process



# Calculated Strain History in Dyneema/Carbon Hybrids Under Constant Applied Load

$f =$  Volume Fraction of Spectra





# Summary

- Smart Pipe is a project specific engineered solution for many pipeline rehabilitation applications
- Installations are cost competitive in class 1 and 2 locations, but much more economical in class 3 and 4 compared to open trench
- Lifetime costs are significantly less than steel because corrosion protection and smart pigging are unnecessary



# Current Operational Status

- Portable factory for 6" to 16" pipe is operable
- First Smart Pipe installation successfully completed in July 2006
- Next installation anticipated for Spring 2007
- Negotiations on installations with major gas/liquid energy companies are in progress



# Current Operational Status (Cont.)

- Communications with DoT/OPS are in progress to pave the way for waiver applications
- An industry/OPS supported demonstration project is being pursued with GTI



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