

# Structural Strength Improvement of universal Joint with Beryllium Copper Using Fem Solver Ansys Structural

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**Abstract-** In this dissertation research article we aimed to get the knowledge of mechanical behavior of copper alloy material beryllium copper using a 3D model of universal joint. For this purpose we have studied so many authors to get the parameters which affect the performance of universal joint. We found that factors and parameters such as material of universal joint, Construction and size of the universal joint, Mechanical properties of universal joint, Optimization methods for universal joint system, Innovative design of universal joint are the parameters which can be optimized for getting better results of structural performance enhancement of universal joint. Following the review process we modeled a 3d geometry of universal joint in CATIA V5 and performed structural analysis on ANSYS 14.0. we found out by solution of the analysis that beryllium copper is more suitable for manufacturing of universal joint since we got less total deformation for beryllium copper when compared with the conventional material of universal joint i.e. structural steel. The values of stresses and strains were found to be optimum as well. These all contributed to increase the structural performance of universal joint by using alloy material beryllium copper.

**Index terms-** Mechanical haracterization, Alloy materials, Structural Analysis, Universal joint, ANSYS structural

## I. INTRODUCTION

A universal joint is a positive, mechanical connection between rotating shafts, which are usually not parallel, but intersecting. They are used to transmit motion, power, or both. The simplest and most common type is called the Cardan joint or Hooke joint. It is shown in Figure 1. It consists of two yokes, one on each shaft, connected by a cross-shaped intermediate member called the spider. The angle between the two shafts is called the operating angle. It is generally, but in01 necessarily, constant during operation. Good design practice calls for low

operating angles, often less than 25°, depending on the application. Independent of this guideline, mechanical interference in the construction of Cardan joints limits the operating angle to a maximum (often about  $i37\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ ), depending on its proportions.

The two fork ends are assembled co-axially with respect to the center block. The pins are assembled into the holes provided in the fork end. they are held in position by means of a collar and a collar ipin.

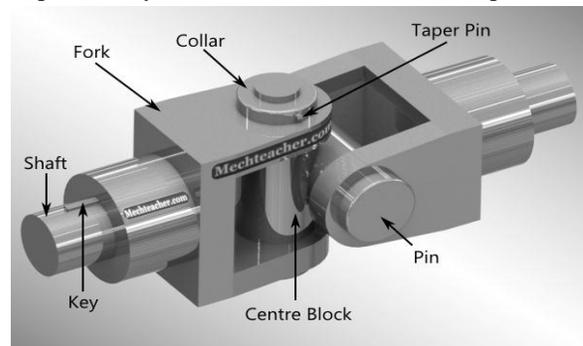


Fig 1.1) universal joint

## II. GEOMETRY

The figure shown below is a 3d model of universal joint made with -

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Beryllium copper

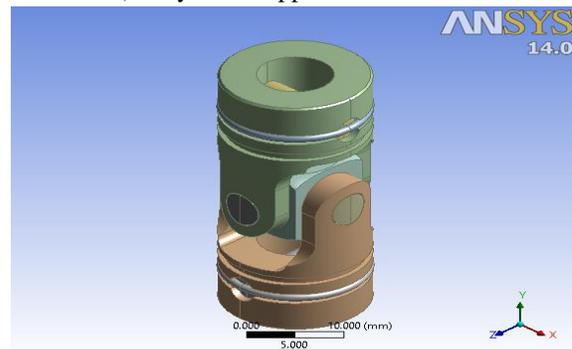


Fig.2.1) 3D Geometry of universal joint

### III. MESHING

The figure shown below shows the meshing of universal joint geometry made with

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Beryllium copper

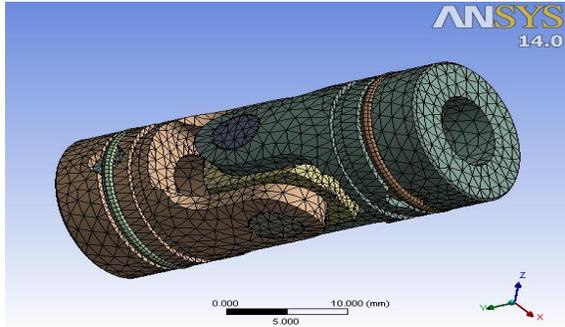


Fig.3.1) Meshing of Universal joint

### IV. SOLVER SETUP

The following figures show the setup for solution in the Ansys 14.0.

- Case1) Spring Steel
- Case2) Beryllium copper

The figure shown below shows the fixed support applied at bottom end.

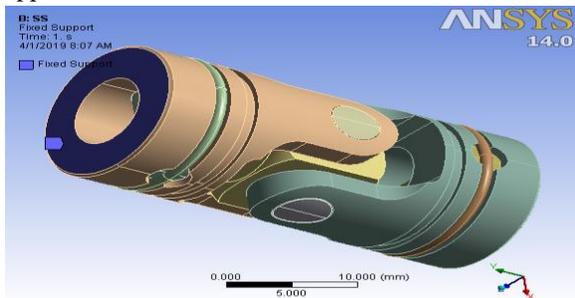


Fig.4.1) Fixed support at one end

The figure shown below shows the application of 1200N tensile force at the top end

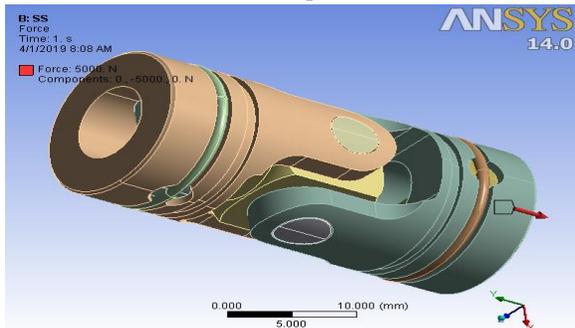


Fig.4.2) Tensile force at other end

Table 4.1) Details of Material Properties

Properties material name	Density ( $\text{g/cm}^3$ )	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	Poisson ratio	Tensile Strength (MPa)
Spring Steel	7.85	200	0.3	460
Beryllium copper	1.8	303	0.18	370

Table 4.2) details of loads and supports

Object Name	Fixed Support	Force
State	Fully Defined	
Scope		
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection	
Geometry	1 Face	
Definition		
Type	Fixed Support	Force
Suppressed	No	
Define By		Components
Coordinate System		Global Coordinate System
X Component		0. N (ramped)
Y Component		5000 (ramped)
Z Component		0. N i(ramped)

### V. RESULTS

The figures shown below are the contour graph of results of analysis for equivalent stress (Von -Mises) and total deformation i

- Case1) spring steel

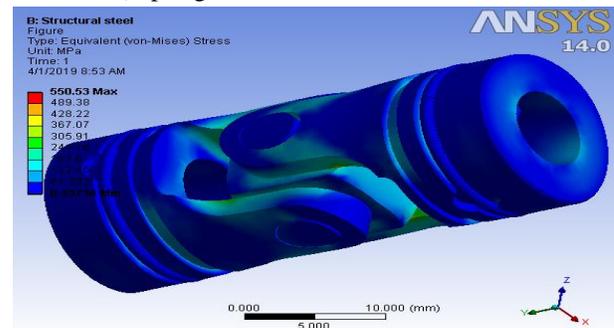


Fig.5.1) equivalent stress for spring steel

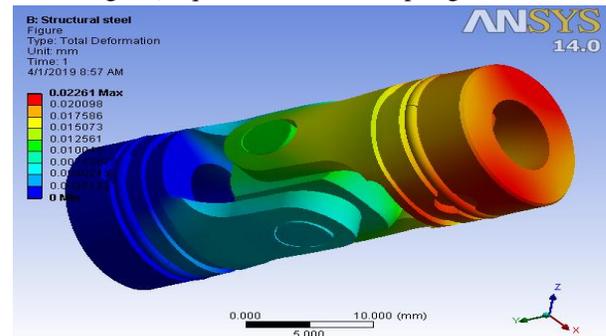


Fig.5.2) total deformation for spring steel

• Case3) beryllium copper

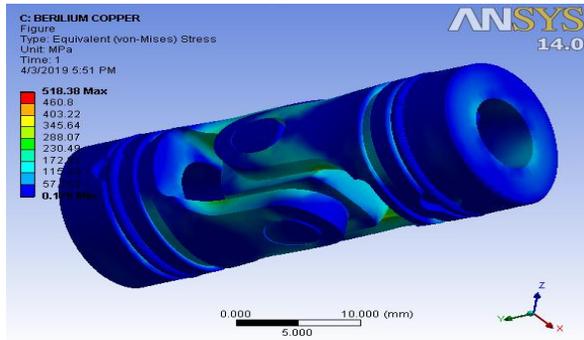


Fig.5.5) equivalent stress for beryllium copper

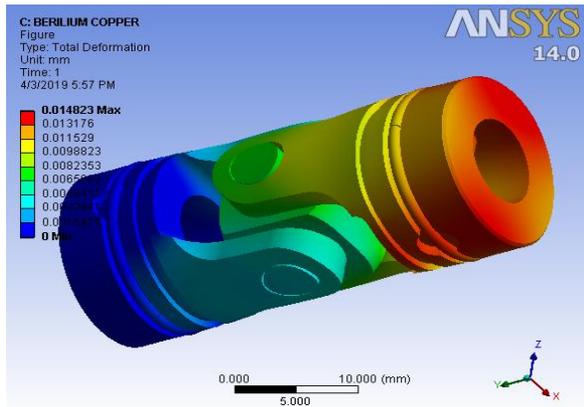


Fig.5.6) total deformation for beryllium copper

Table 5.1) solution results of all the materials for equivalent stress von mises and total deformation

Name of immaterial solution	Structural steel	Beryllium copper
Equivalent stress (MPa)	550.53	518.38
Total deformation(mm)	0.02261	0.014823

VI. CONCLUSION

The mechanical characteristics of alloy immaterial beryllium copper was analyzed by a comparative study using conventional immaterial of universal joint i.e. structural steel and beryllium copper by FEM testing on Ansys 14.0. The structural analysis was done using Ansys static structural i14.0. It is concluded that alloy material beryllium copper has lower value of total deformation when compared to conventional material of universal joint which leads to high structural strength of universal joint. It is also concluded that the values of equivalent stresses and equivalent is trains are also optimum for beryllium copper. so the enhancement of structural strength of

shock absorber is achieved using beryllium copper alloy immaterial.

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