

# VIBRATION ANALYSIS OF VARIABLE LIQUID FILLED STAINLESS STEEL THIN CYLINDRICAL SHELLS

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**ABSTRACT:** In the present work Vibration behavior of empty and variable fluid levels, contained in stainless steel cylindrical shells of 2mm and 3mm subjected to horizontal accelerations are considered. Mathematical expressions, which shows the motion of cylinder were developed and modified by the method of small amplitude wave approximations, enabling equations for the various modes of vibrations and natural frequencies to be obtained. Also, expression for frequency is formulated by the consideration of fluid in the cylindrical shell. The results were compared by considering modal analysis of stainless steel shells, modelled and analysed using ANSYS. Natural frequencies for different mode shapes are developed for the both 2mm and 3mm stainless steel shells of empty and with variable water column by 20% from the base of the shell. Damping ratios were calculated using half power method. Natural frequencies predicted from analytical method correlated with ANSYS, were found to be in close agreement.

**KEYWORDS:** Thin Shells, Natural Frequency & Damping Ratio

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Shell structure with the presence of liquid tends to modify the dynamic properties of that structure, namely: natural frequencies, mode shapes of vibration and damping ratios. For thin-walled cylindrical structures such as liquid storage tanks and certain nuclear and offshore structures these effects are of a more complex nature than for structures with lesser flexibility. The change in the dynamic properties of the structure is generally attributed to an increase in the effective mass of that structure due to the liquid, known as the 'added-mass'. Some of the earlier works are as follows.

Vijayarachavan and Evan-Iwanowski [5] analyzed, both analytically and experimentally, the parametric instabilities of a circular shell under seismic excitation. The cylinder position was vertical and the base was axially excited by using a shaker. In this problem, the in-plane inertia is variable along the shell axis and, when the base is harmonically excited, it gives rise to a parametric excitation. Instability regions were found analytically and compared with experimental results.

Trotsenko and Trotsenko [58], studied vibrations of circular cylindrical shells, with attached rigid bodies, by means of a mixed expansion based on trigonometric functions and Legendre polynomials; they considered only linear vibrations.

Farshidianfar A. and Farshidianfar M.H.[6] were carried out both theoretical and experimental analyses on a long circular cylindrical shell. A total of 18 modes, consisting of all the three main mode groups (axisymmetric, beam-like and asymmetric) were found under a frequency range of 0–1000 Hz, by only applying acoustical excitation. Acoustical excitation results were compared with those obtained from contact excitation. It was discovered that if one uses contact methods, several exciting points are required to obtain all modes; whereas with acoustical excitation only one acoustical source location for the excitation is needed. Furthermore, acoustical excitation produced much better results, compared with contact excitation, in the frequency band 0–3200 Hz.

RaydinSalahifar[7] analysed cylindrical shells based on the variational form of Hamilton's principle, the field equations and boundary conditions are formulated for circular cylindrical thin shells under general in-phase and out-of-phase harmonic loads. The resulting field equations are solved in a closed form for general loading and

boundary conditions. Through Fourier decomposition of the body forces in the longitudinal direction, a technique for developing the particular solution for general harmonic loading was developed. Through four examples, the results based on the current formulation are shown to be in consistent agreement with those based on established shell models in Abaqus.

## 2. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

### 2.1 Mathematical formulation for determining the natural frequencies of the cylindrical shell.

From the structural standpoint, when writing the shell equations the axial component of motion is discarded and so are the axial variations of displacement field. Therefore radial and tangential Love equations are written as [1]:

$$\frac{E_s \cdot e}{1 - \nu^2} \left\{ \frac{U}{R^2} + \frac{e^2}{12 \cdot R^2} \left( \frac{\partial^4 U}{R^2 \partial \theta^4} - \frac{\partial^3 V}{R^2 \partial \theta^3} \right) + \frac{\partial V}{R^2 \partial \theta} \right\} + \rho_s \cdot e \cdot \frac{d^2 U}{dt^2} = p(R, \theta, t) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{E_s \cdot e}{1 - \nu^2} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{e^2}{12 R^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{R^2 \partial \theta^2} \right) + \frac{\partial U}{R^2 \partial \theta} - \frac{e^2}{12 R^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^3 V}{R^2 \partial \theta^3} \right\} - \rho_s \cdot e \cdot \frac{d^2 V}{dt^2} = 0 \quad (2)$$

Assuming hoop strain to be negligible, Love eqn. in radial direction is reduced to:

$$\frac{E_s \cdot e^3}{12(1 - \nu^2) R^4} \left( \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial \theta^4} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} \right) + \rho_s \cdot e \cdot \frac{d^2 U}{dt^2} = p(R, \theta, t) \quad (3)$$

The mode shapes are of the following admissible type [1]:

$$\{ u_n(\theta) = \alpha_n \cos(n \cdot \theta) + \beta_n \sin(n \cdot \theta); v_n(\theta) = \alpha_n \cos(n \cdot \theta) + \beta_n \sin(n \cdot \theta) \} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (4)$$

This can be conveniently split into two orthogonal families of mode shapes:

$$u_n^1(\theta) = \cos n \cdot \theta; v_n^1(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sin n \theta; u_n^2(\theta) = \sin n \cdot \theta; v_n^2(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \cos n \theta; \quad (5)$$

The corresponding mass and stiffness coefficients per unit length are given by

$$m_s^{1,2}(n, n) = \rho_s \cdot e \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \left\{ \frac{\cos^2 n \theta}{\sin^2 n \theta} \right\} R d\theta = e \cdot \pi \cdot R \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$k_s^{1,2}(n, n) = \frac{E_s \cdot e^3 \cdot n^2 \cdot (n^2 - 1)}{12(1 - \nu^2) R^3} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \left\{ \frac{\cos^2 n \theta}{\sin^2 n \theta} \right\} R d\theta = \frac{E_s \cdot e^3 \cdot \pi n^2 \cdot (n^2 - 1)}{12(1 - \nu^2) R^3} \quad (7)$$

The natural frequencies of the structure are given by [1]:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_s(n, n)}{m_s(n, n)}} = \frac{n^2}{R} \left( \frac{e}{R} \right) \sqrt{\frac{E_s}{12(1 - \nu^2)} \frac{(n^2 - 1)}{(n^2 + 1)}} \quad (8)$$

Free and rigid in plane translations corresponds to  $n=1$ . The shapes constitute a subspace spanned by the two orthonormal vectors:

$$u_{1l} = \cos \theta; v_{1l} = -\sin \theta; u_{2l} = \sin \theta; v_{2l} = \cos \theta; \quad (9)$$

The mode shapes  $n>1$  corresponds to axial bending

### 2.2. CONSIDERING THE EFFECT OF FLUID IN THE CYLINDER

To calculate the added mass coefficient of the fluid inside the cylinder, a strip model is used. The basic assumption of the strip model is to consider a narrow strip between  $z$  and  $z+dz$ , located sufficiently far from the ends  $z=0$  and  $z=H$ . We now turn our attention towards motion of the fluid forced by a radial vibration of the shell of the type:

$$U(\theta : t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n^1 \cos n \theta + q_n^2 \sin n \theta \quad (10)$$

Where eq1 and eq2 stand for modal displacements of the shell. Pressure is governed by the boundary value problem [1]:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -\rho_f \Sigma (\ddot{q}_n^1 \cos n\theta + \ddot{q}_n^2 \sin n\theta); r = R \quad (12)$$

Splitting the above eqns. into sine and cosine families:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p_n^1}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p_n^1}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 p_n^1}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial p_n^1}{\partial r} = -\rho_f \ddot{q}_n^1 \cos n\theta; r = R$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 p_n^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p_n^2}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 p_n^2}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial p_n^2}{\partial r} = -\rho_f \ddot{q}_n^2 \cos n\theta; r = R \quad (15)$$

Solving the above equations the pressure field can be determined as:

$$p_n^1(r, \theta, t) = -\frac{\rho_f H \ddot{q}_n^1}{n R^{n-1}} r^n \cos n\theta \quad (16)$$

$$p_n^2(r, \theta, t) = -\frac{\rho_f H \ddot{q}_n^2}{n R^{n-1}} r^n \sin n\theta \quad (17)$$

In the present problem, the added mass matrix, as expressed in the structural mode basis is diagonal and the mode shapes of the shell are the same as in vacuum. The generalized force exerted by the fluid on a shell strip of unit length is

$$Q_n = -\frac{\rho_f \ddot{q}_n^1}{n} H R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \cos^2 n\theta d\theta = -\frac{\rho_f \cdot \Pi \cdot H \cdot R^2}{n} \ddot{q}_n^1 \quad (18)$$

Where  $\vec{u}$  is the unit normal vector in the radial direction, the added mass coefficients per unit length of the shell is given by:

$$M_a = \frac{\rho_f \pi \cdot H R^2}{n} \quad (19)$$

Where the mode shape is normalized by the condition  $\max u_n^{(1,2)}(\theta) = 1$  and  $m_f = \rho \pi R^2 H$ , stands for the physical mass of the fluid contained in the shell of unit length.

### 1. ANSYS FORMULATION:

In modelling section cylinder is modelled as shell element both 2 and 3 mm thickness. Finite element model is shown in below figure for pre processing model. Boundary condition for cylinders for all models fixed at ground position and as well as cap as modelled as shell element as shown in figure. Inside fluid modelled as fluid element and for fluid structure interaction fluid velocity and density given for modal analysis and random analysis. Inside cylinder fluid element node to node connectivity is given to cylinder and fluid element.

Stainless steel hollow shell of 3mm thick, 100mm outer diameter, 300mm height is modeled with lid. The material properties of Aluminum with density ( $\rho$ ) = 7850 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, modulus of elasticity  $E = 2.1 \times 10^{11}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>, Poisson's ratio ( $\nu$ ) = 0.29, element type SOLID185 Element is considered as shell element. Fluid with properties of Water density ( $\rho$ ) = 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, sonic velocity = 1498 m/s<sup>2</sup>, Viscosity = 0.00089 pa.s and element type for water as Fluid30 has been considered to prepare model using ANSYS 17.0

The geometry is discretized into finite elements using solid 185 and fluid30 for structural and fluid respectively. Outer peripheral nodes of fluid domain and inner peripheral nodes of structural container are normally coupled. Boundary conditions are provided at the bottom end of the shell. With the ANSYS solver modal analysis carried out.

The below figures depicts mode shapes of hollow and water level varied 3mm stainless steel shell.

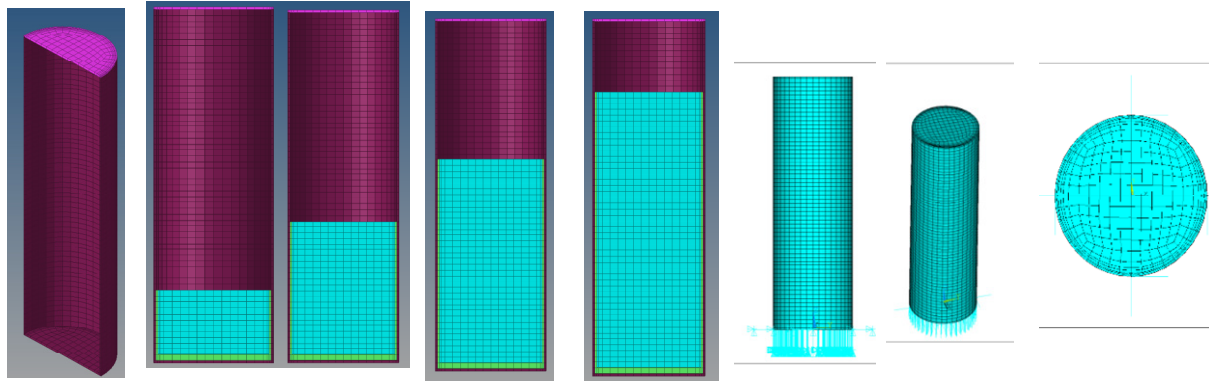


Figure1.: Empty and varying water level of shell model

**2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

Firstly, did modal analysis for above model and results are shown in below figure. Modal analysis performed for without water inside cylinder and with water 60,120,180,240 mm length from bottom of cylinder. Extracted first five mode shapes and frequencies in lanconze method shown in below figure.

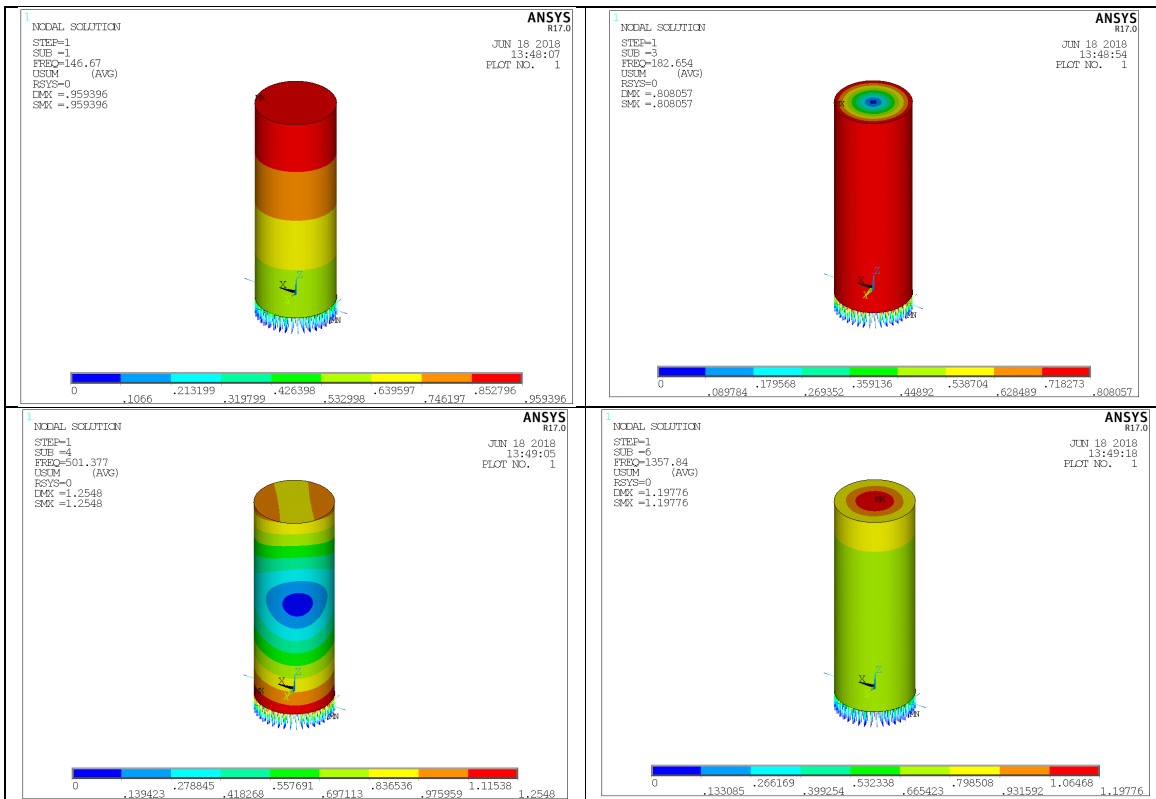


Figure 2: -First four mode shapes of cylinder no fluid inside.

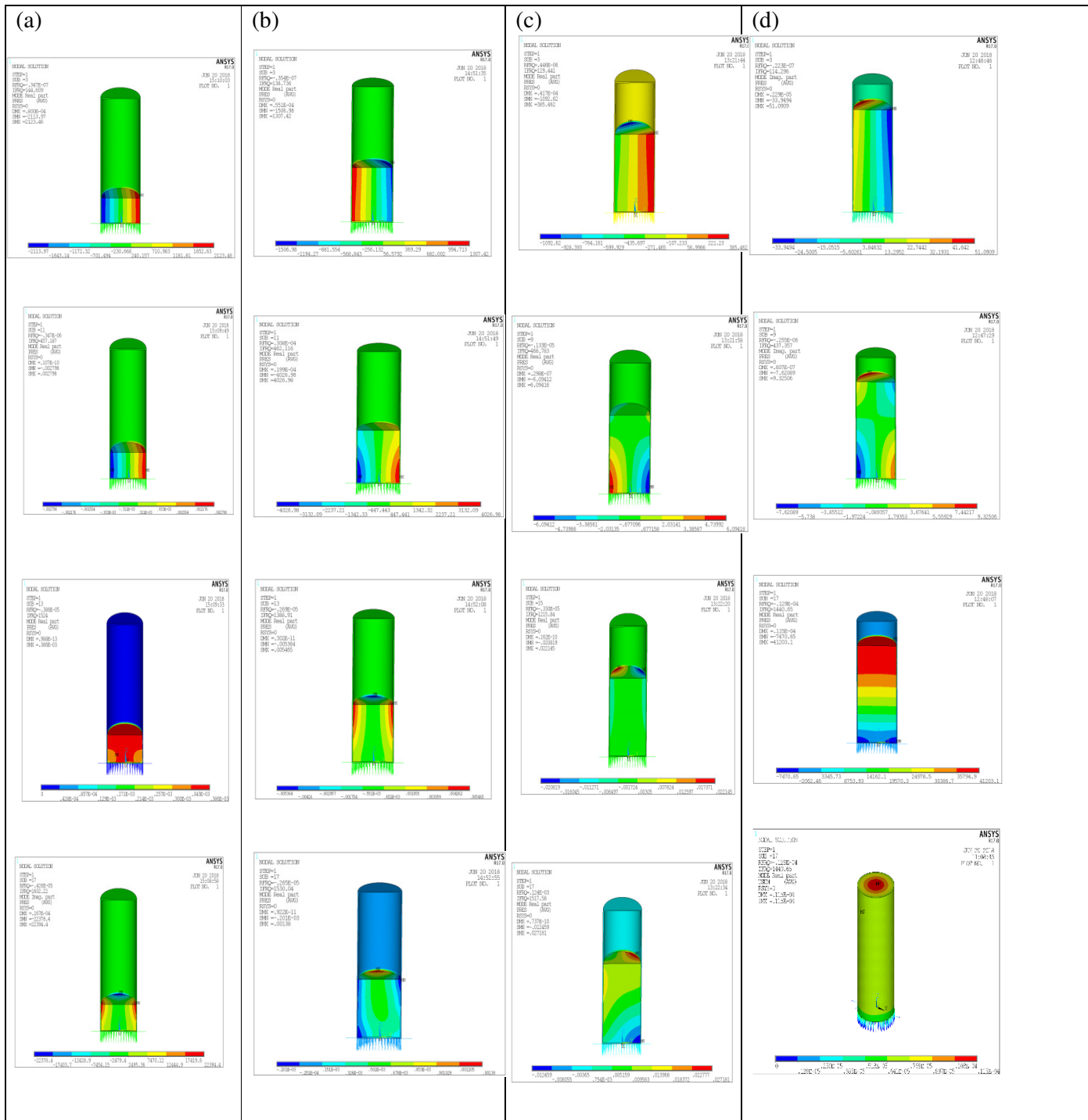


Figure 3:(a) 60 mm water mode shapes of cylinder, (b) 120 mm water mode shapes of cylinder, (c) 180 mm water mode shapes of cylinder, (d) 240 mm water mode shapes of cylinder.

Table 1: - Fundamental Frequencies and Damping ratios of Stainless Steel Cylinders of various thicknesses for different water column lengths

Thickness (mm)	Parameter	Water column length				
		0	60	120	180	240
2mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	139.82	135.40	132.06	128.99	126.13
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz(ANSYS)	146.7	144.6	138.7	129.4	114.3
	% of error	4.04	6.43	4.78	0.3	10.85
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.8336	3.0591	3.1381	3.1534	3.1571
3mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	170.86	167.57	164.24	161.49	158.91
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz(ANSYS)	175	155	165	160	152
	% of error	3.0	3.45	4.07	1.5	8.63
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.9802	2.1416	2.5597	2.5873	2.8523

Table 2: - 2<sup>nd</sup> natural Frequencies and Damping ratios of Stainless Steel Cylinders of various thicknesses for different water column lengths

Thickness (mm)	Parameter	Water column length				
		0	60	120	180	240
2mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	540	531	520	489	470
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	501.0	457.0	462.0	468.7	437.0
	% of error	4.65	3.30	4.41	5.38	7.02
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.5	3.15	3.20	3.38	3.45
3mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	825	807	796	790	785
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	830	855	800	805	802
	% of error	0.6	5.94	0.5	1.89	2.16
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.1	3.5	3.8	3.95	4.15

Table 3: - 3<sup>rd</sup> natural Frequencies and Damping ratios of Stainless Steel Cylinders of various thicknesses for different water column lengths

Thickness (mm)	Parameter	Water column length				
		0	60	120	180	240
2mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	1400	1398	1280	1290	1100
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	1357	1524	1389.0	1215.4	1128.0
	% of error					
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.85	3.6	4.8	7.8	9.1
3mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	1260	1360	1284	1300	1100
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	1259	1359	1347	1339	1275
	% of error					
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	2.4	3.3	5.5	7.4	8.0

Table 4: - 4<sup>th</sup> natural Frequencies and Damping ratios of Stainless Steel Cylinders of various thicknesses for different water column lengths

Thickness (mm)	Parameter	Water column length				
		0	60	120	180	240
2mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	1600	1642	1630	1610	1605
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	1647	1602	1620	1587	1560
	% of error	2.93	2.43	0.06	1.42	2.8
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	1.7	2.8	3.3	4.5	5.0
3mm	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (Analytical)	1722	1680	1500	1301	1320
	1 <sup>st</sup> Natural Frequency Hz (ANSYS)	1733	1697	1540	1397	1310
	% of error	0.63	1.01	2.66	7.37	0.07
	1 <sup>st</sup> mode Damping Ratio %	3.4	4.7	6.8	8.6	7.0

## 5.CONCLUSION

- The acceleration ratios are reduced for stainless steel thincylinder shell, the natural frequencies of the hollow cylinders increased with increase in thickness.
- The natural frequencies of the hollow cylinder is reduced as the length of the water column increases, due to the added mass effect of the water column and presence of the water column in the hollow cylinder, the damping ratios are also increased.
- The natural frequencies of the stainless steel thin cylinder were determined analytically and validated using numerically.

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