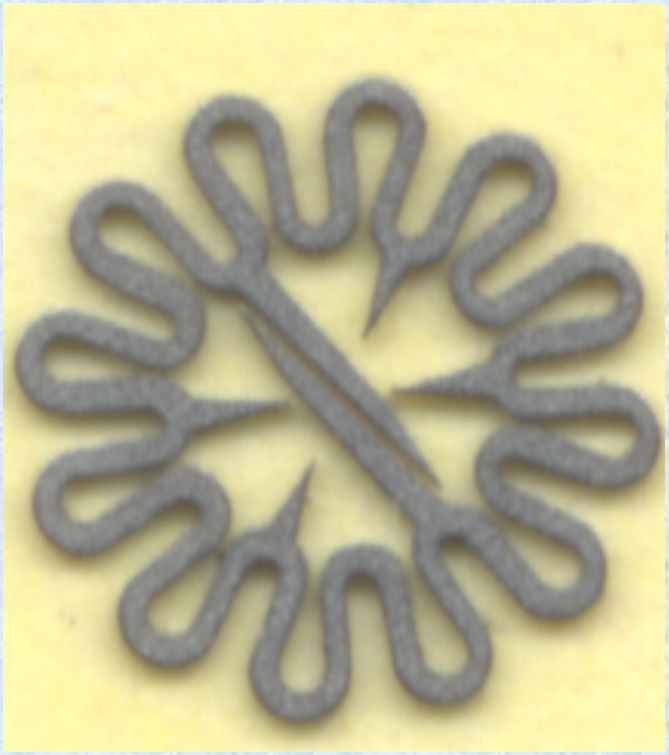
IVS StarClose™ Clip: Vascular Closure

- Lasercut from NiTi sheet
- Etching represents a cost-reduction strategy
- Long tines to grab tissue
- Short tines to pinch & seal
- FEA used to shorten design cycle & determine design margins



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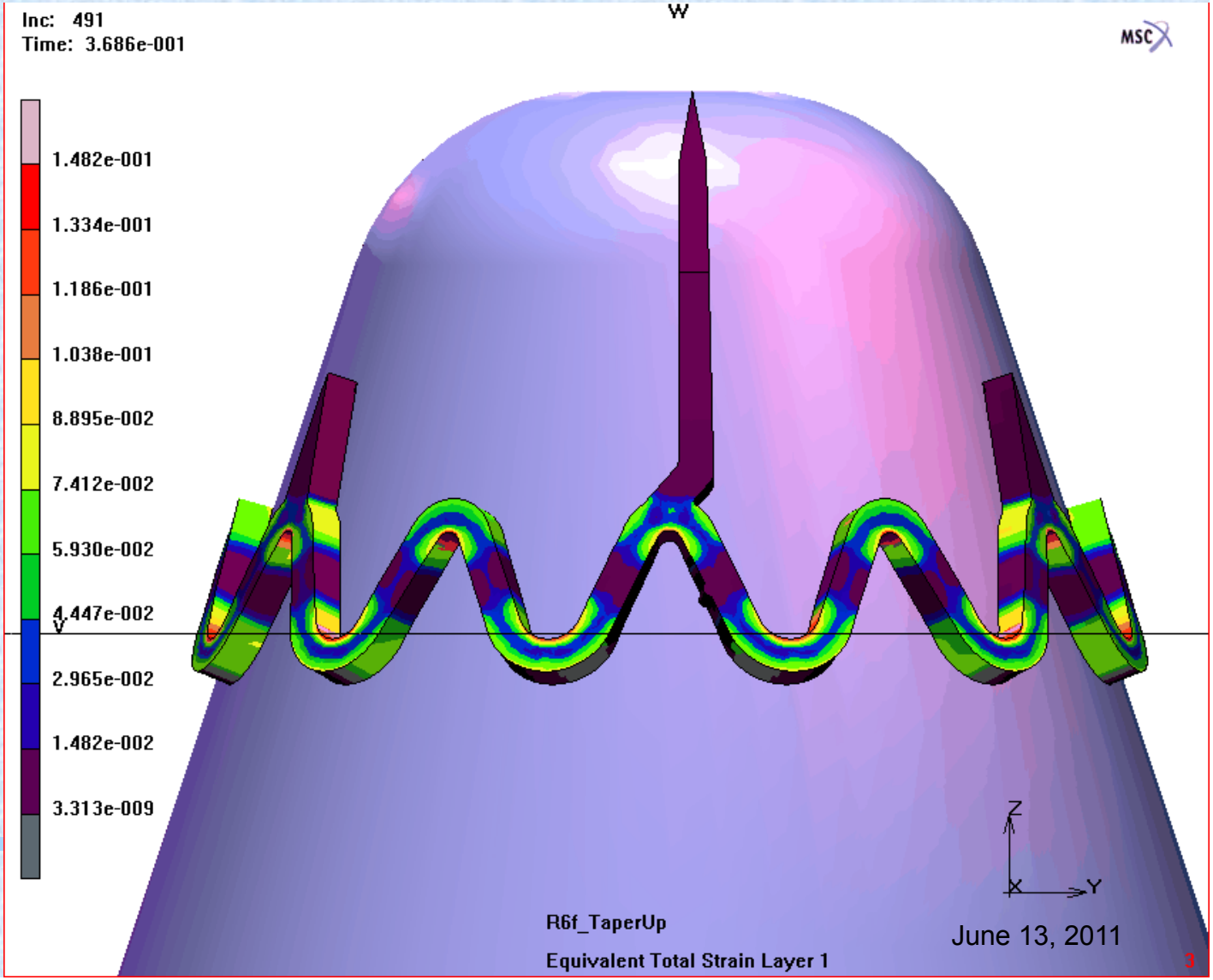
Finite Element Model: Clip on Mandrel

- Tines do not penetrate the artery wall



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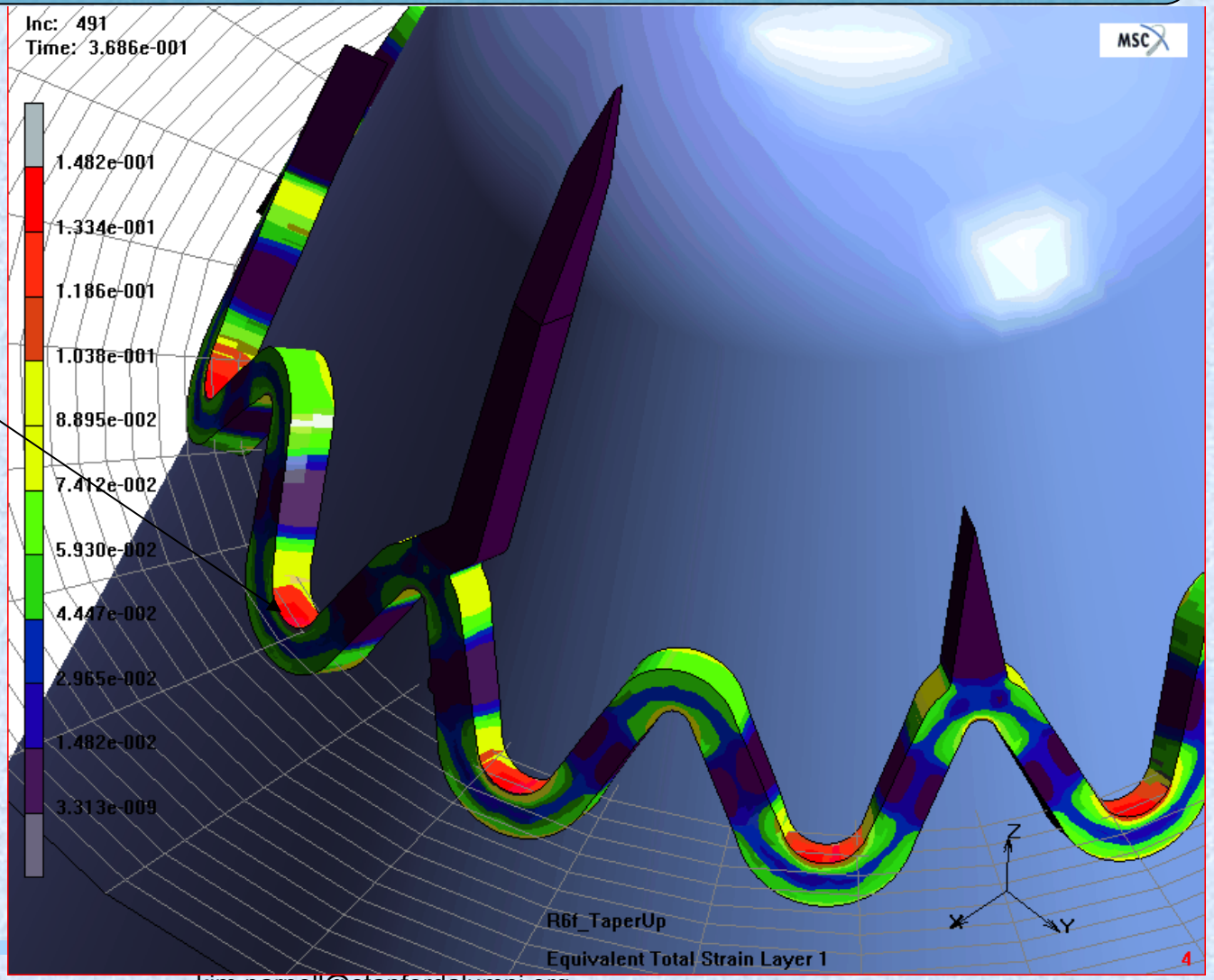
Finite Element Model: Clip on Mandrel

- Max. tensile strains are on inside of outer bends



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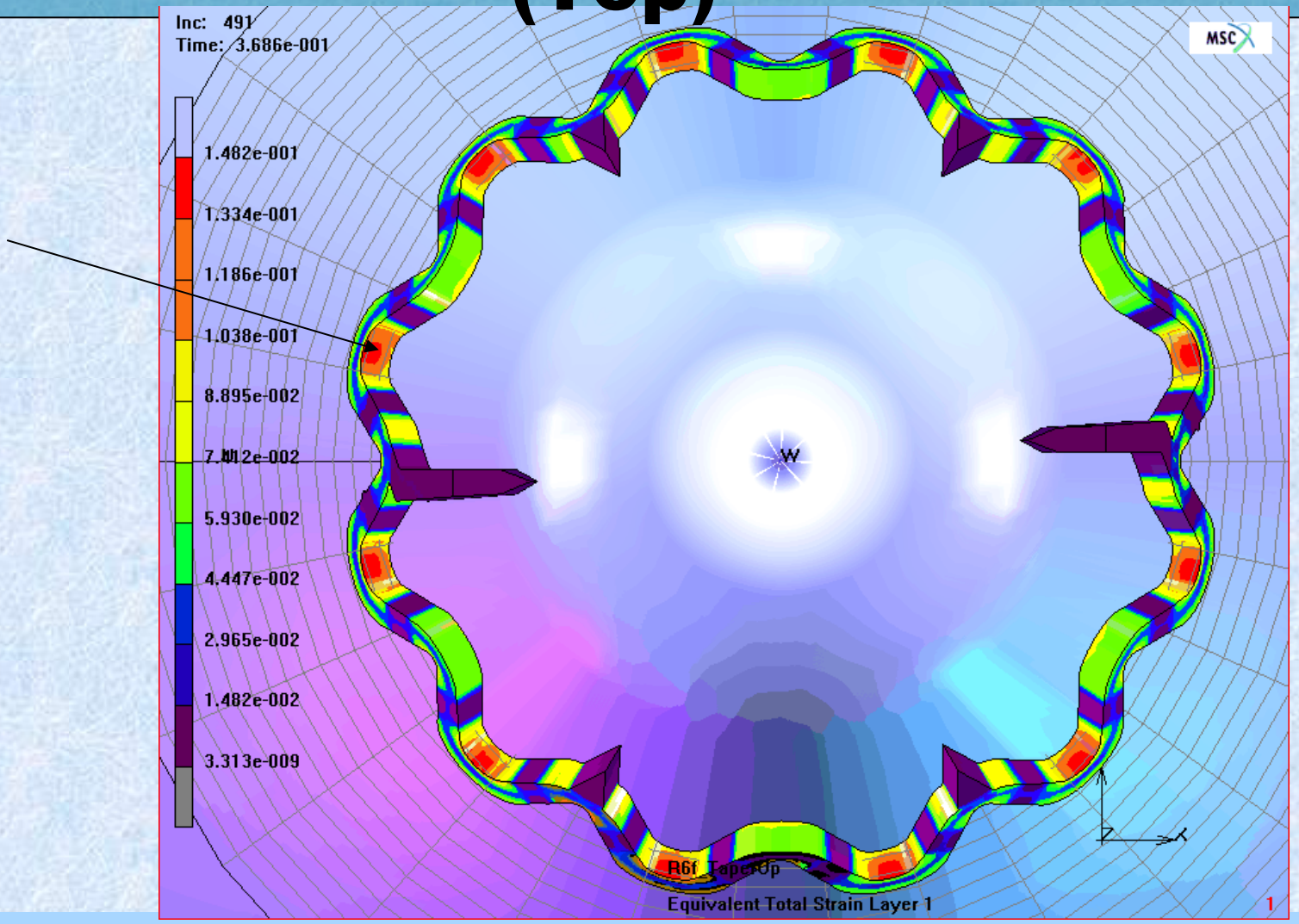
Finite Element Model: Clip on Mandrel (Top)



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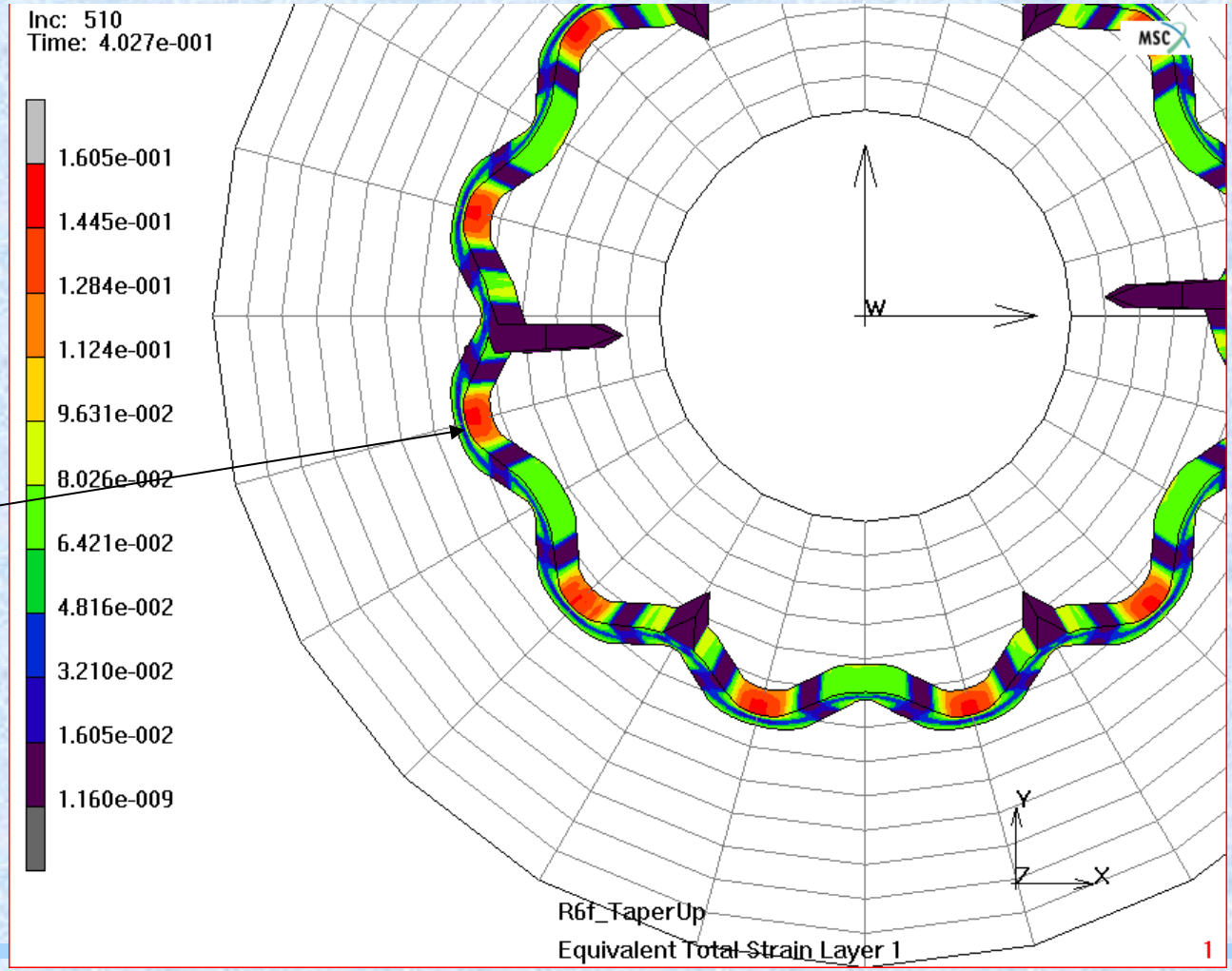

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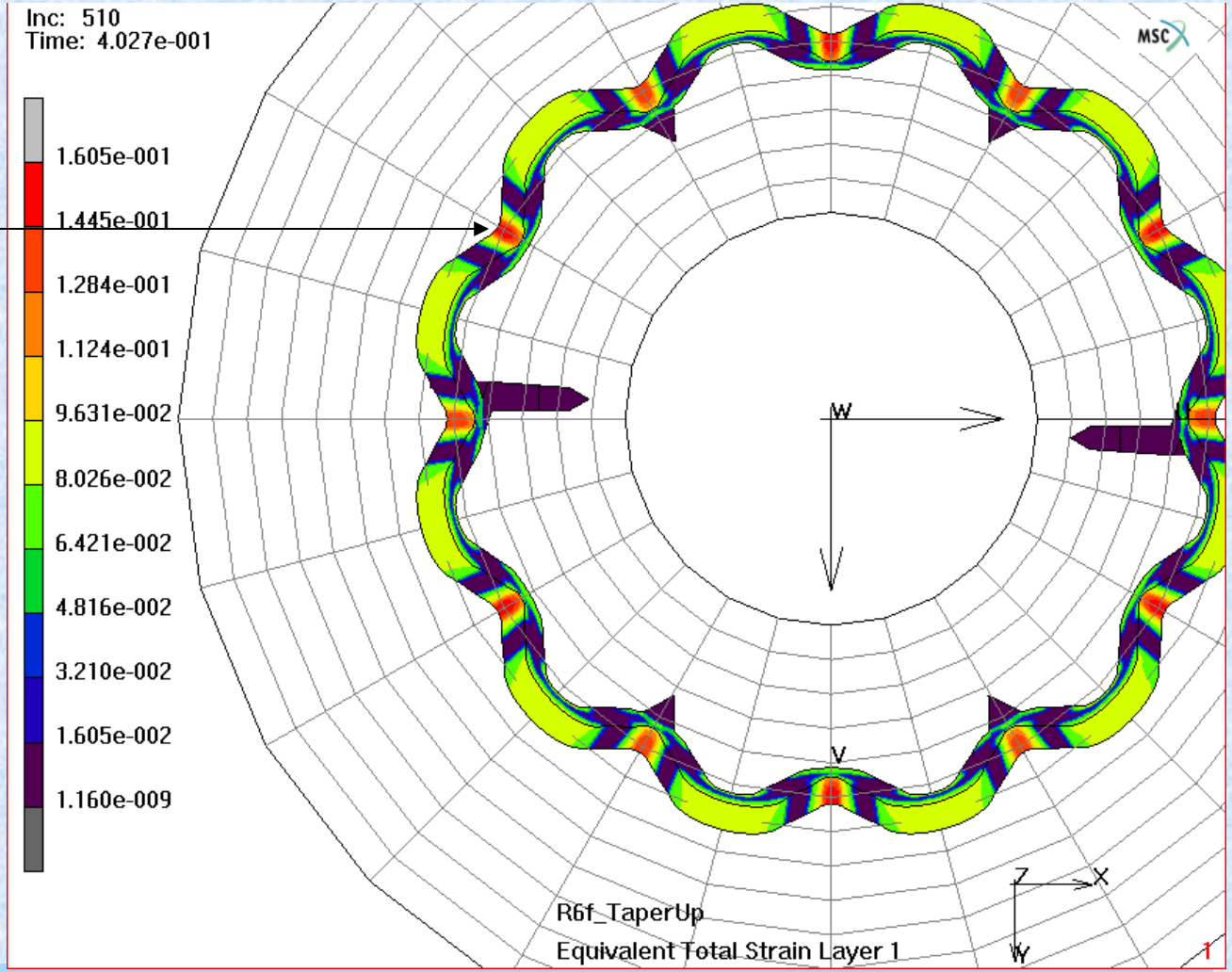
Finite Element Model: Clip on Mandrel (Bot)

- Max. strains on inside of inner bends are slightly lower



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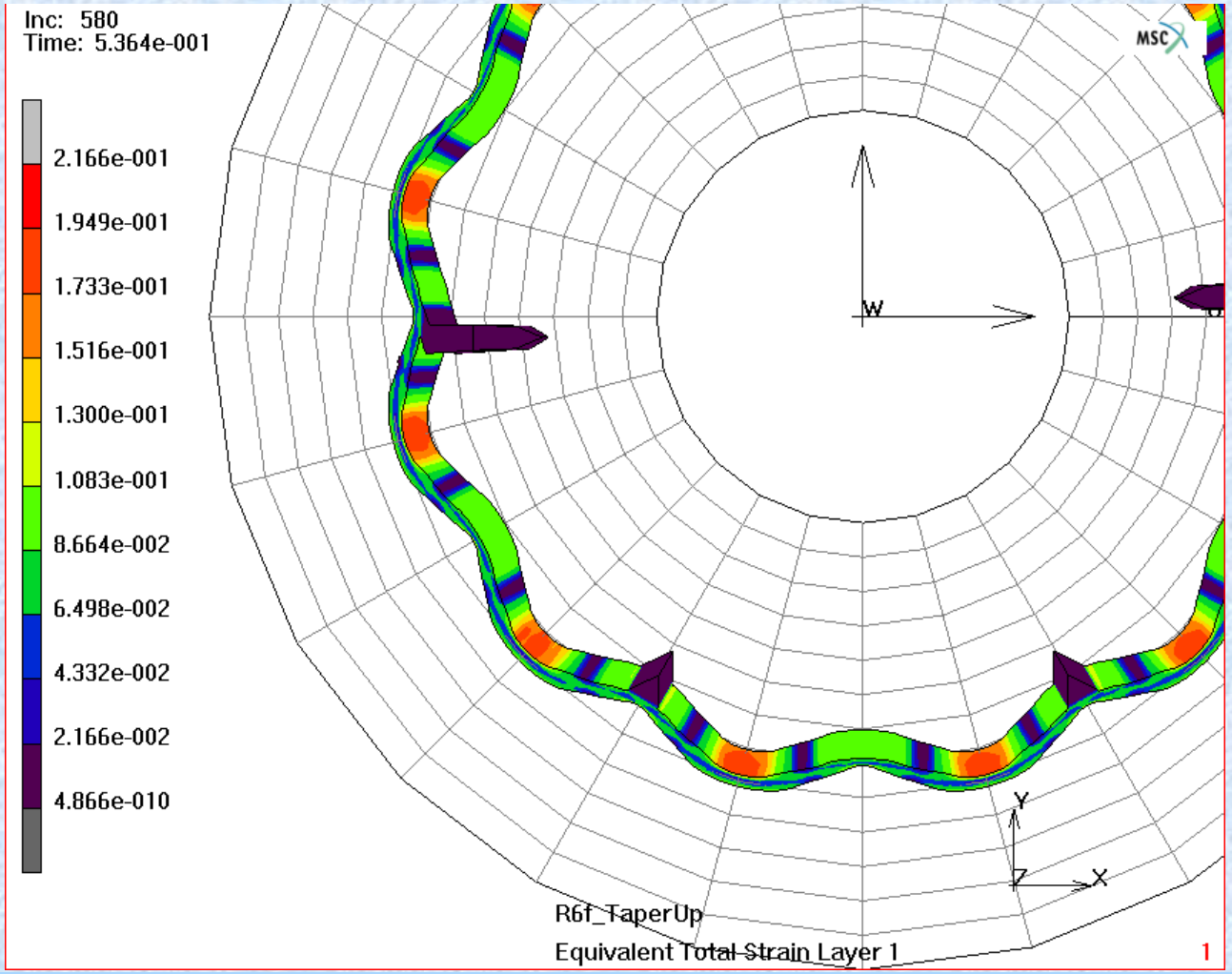

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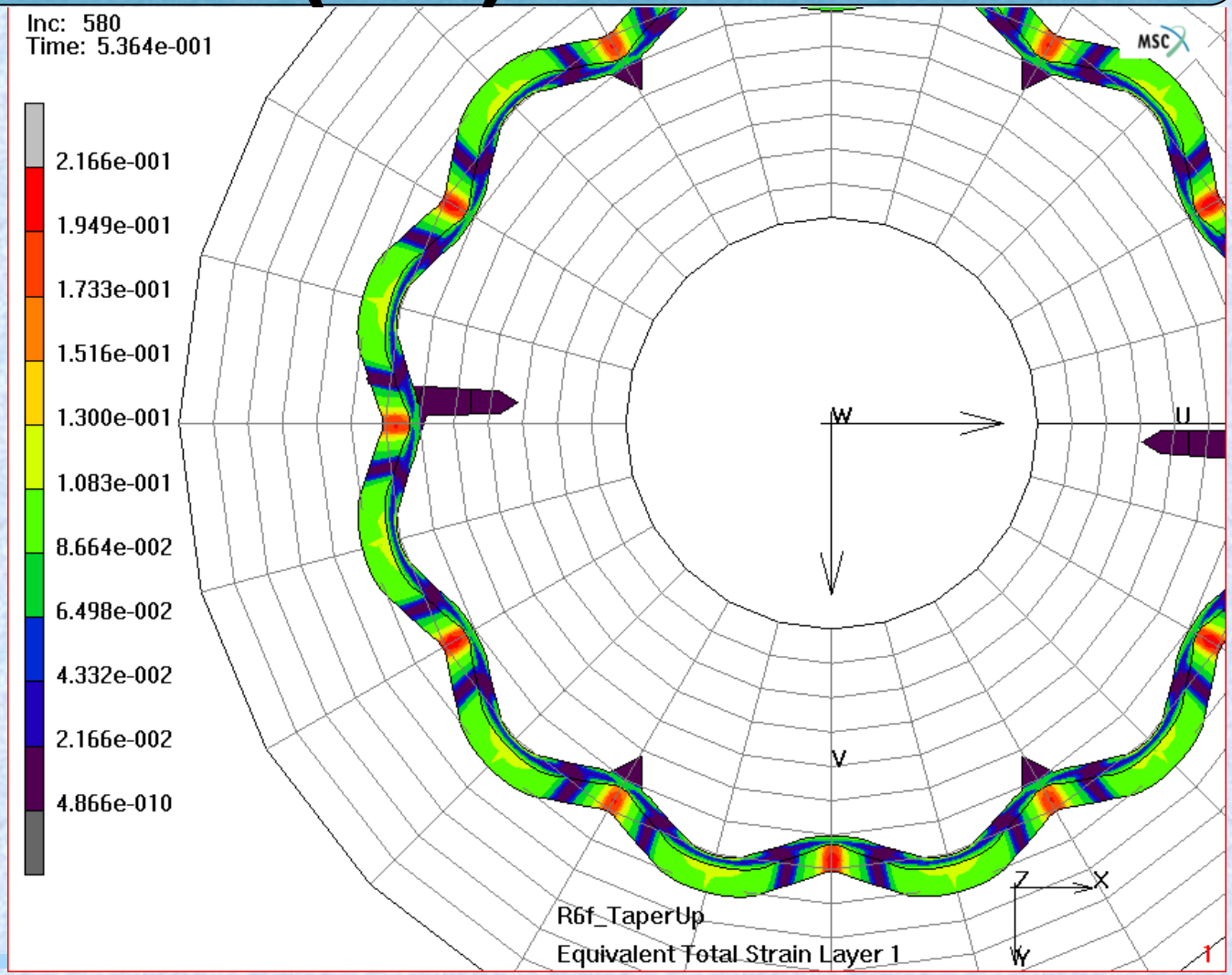

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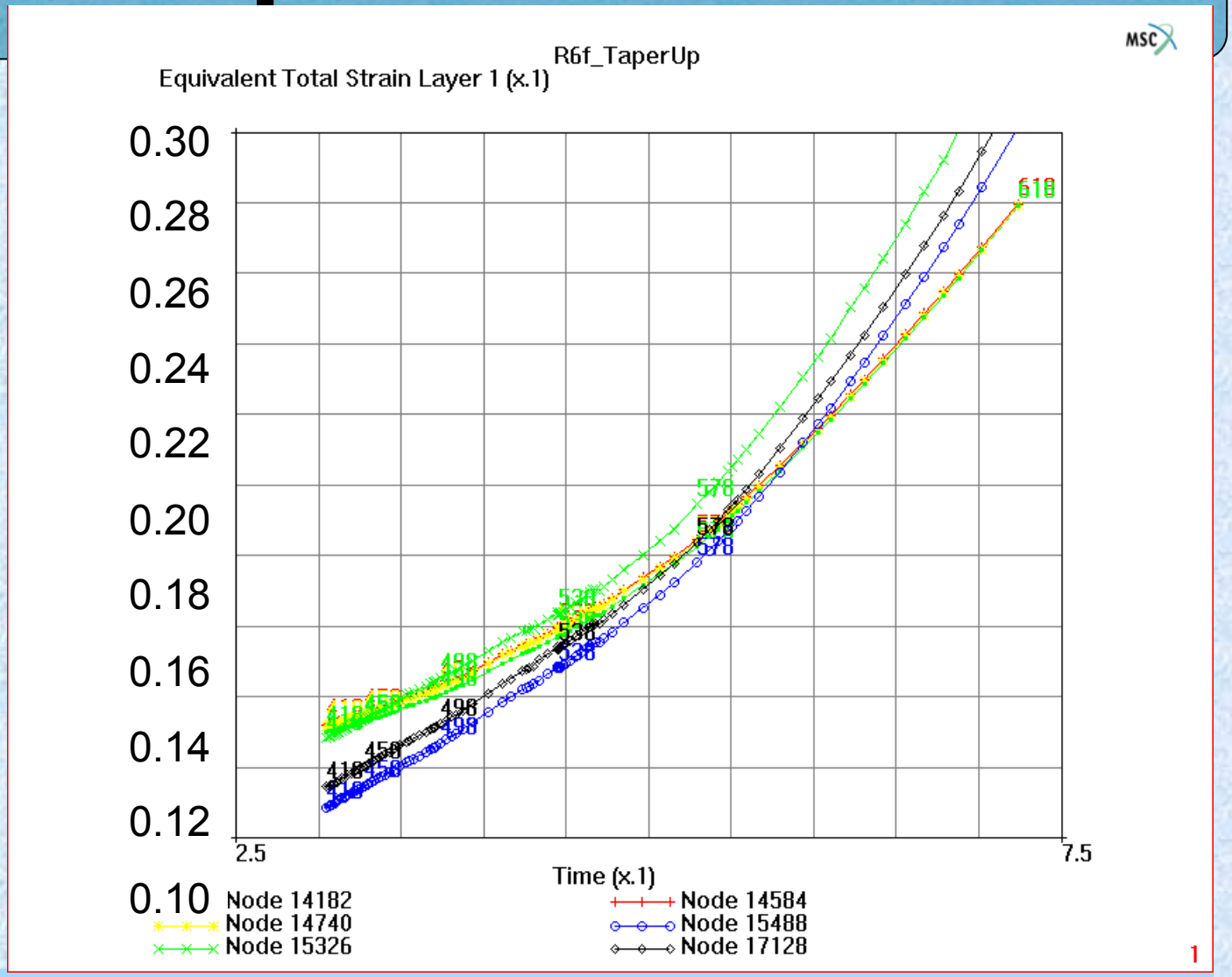
Max. Equivalent Strain



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