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I. FORMULATION OF A PROBLEM

nalysis of the literature [1 - 5] shows that the dynamic model of the car from rolling down the hill with built correctly. The recommended formulas for determination of the distance traveled in скатывании car with slides [1] do not take into account the motion of the car on the profile of the hills in pure rolling wheels of wheel pairs of carriages and the rolling elements of bearing on the inner and outer rings, if not believe that such a movement indirectly taken into account the concept of the main specific resistance wo, which found empirically. Estimated rate of dissolution of the car with the roller coaster is found by the formula freely falling body, which does not comply with the physical sense of the problem being solved, as it should be defined as a result of solution of a differential equation of motion of the car, how this is done in [6 - 9]. The work is not yet covers the solution of a number of practical problems getting the car to the hill.

Author: Urals State University of Railway Transport (USURT), Russia. Federation, Kolmogorov St., 66, Yekaterinburg 620034. e-mail: khturanov@yandex.ru Proceeding from this, in [10, 11] shows accounting moments of friction (net rolling wheel on the rail thread and in the bearings $\mathbf{6}_{\mathbf{YKCOBLIX}}$ nodes front and rear bogies of a wagon with their subsequent replacement of contingent slip friction. It was noted that, if the active force in the form of the projection of the force of gravity and the forces of aerodynamic drag to the direction of rolling the car, acting on the car, the more marginal the friction force at the same time with rolling it is also possible movement of wheels on the rail lines.

Thus, up to the present time out of mind researchers were missed construction of the model of the car from rolling down the hill with in strict accordance with the provisions of the classical theoretical mechanics and, accordingly, the definition of speed and covered distance from rolling on the profile of the hills in the counter and/or wind.

II. MAN-MADE ASSUMPTION

Consider the General case, when the car with the sorting slides forward with a specified initial velocity v0 (usually 4÷5 km/h or 1.1 ÷ 1,38 m/s, and the maximum value of 9 km/h or 2.5 m/s). When wagon rolling down the hump with the roller coaster car will be face-the impacts are mostly external forces in the form of the force of gravity of the car with or without cargo \overline{G} and the forces of aerodynamic drag (where $\overline{F}_{rw} \in \overline{F}'_{rwx}, \overline{F}'_{rwy}$). Distribution of the forces of gravity of the car body with a weight on the front and rear bogie depend on the technology of placing of cargo (symmetrically, or not symmetric about the axes of symmetry of the car) on the car.

Let the car roll off the sorting slides forward with portable speed $\overline{v}_e = \overline{v} = \overline{v}_w$ (unknown value) [12]. Wind speed in relation to the top of the hill (the earth) (i. e., the absolute velocity of the particles of air) $\overline{v}_{a.w}$ (the value specified by [13]) is directed along the horizontal axis *Oxyz*. Find the projection of the relative velocity of the particle air (wind speed) \overline{v}_{rw} (concerning the moving axes $O_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$, connected with the wagon).

Show the dependence of the projection of the relative velocity of the particle air (wind speed) \overline{V}_{rw} (the calculated value) of wind speed in relation to the top of the hill (the earth) (i. e., the absolute velocity of the particles of the air) $\overline{V}_{a.w}$ and the speed of the car $\overline{v} = \overline{v}_w$. Let us assume that the car rolls down from the top of the hill with a velocity $\overline{V}_e = \overline{v} = \overline{V}_w$ relative to the fixed coordinate system O_{xyz} , associated with the top of the hill. Take that with a wagon rigidly connected mobile coordinate system $O_1x_1y_1z_1$, and the particles of air, in turn, are moving at velocity \overline{V}_{rw} relative to the moving system of coordinates $O_1x_1y_1z_1$ (i.e., cars) (Fig. 1) [12].



Figure 1 : Vector diagram of the speed of the car and the wind

In Fig. 1 indicated by: O the beginning of the motionless coordinate system Oxyz, rigidly connected with the top of the hill; O_1 the beginning of the moving coordinate system $O_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$, rigidly connected to the wagon; (H, V and W horizontal, vertical and frontal plane; the angle of descent (in accordance with the profile of the hills value given); $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{r\mathbf{w}}$ the relative velocity of the particles of air (wind speed) in relation to the moving reference system $O_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$ (car) value (calculated); λ guide corner of the vector of relative velocity of the air particles along the axis Ox (calculated value); $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{a,w}$ the absolute velocity of the particles of the air against the earth (to the top of the hill) (value of the defined); ξ guide the angle of the vectors of absolute soon-of air particles along the axis Ox (the value given).

We believe that the relative velocity of the particles of air (wind speed) $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{r.w}$ is located on a horizontal plane \mathcal{H} and is directed at an angle λ (or λ_0) to

the horizontal axis (axis *Ox*), and drive speed (the speed of the car) $\overline{v}_e = \overline{v} = \overline{v}_w$ in the vertical plane *V* and is directed at an angle of descent of rolling down ψ (or ψ_0) to the horizontal axis (axis *Ox*).

According to the theorem of addition of velocities at the complex motion [14, 15], we write

$$\overline{v}_{a.w} = \overline{v}_{ex} + \overline{v}_{r.w}, \qquad (1)$$

where $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{a\cdot w}$ is the absolute velocity of a particle air (wind speed); $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{ex} = \overline{\mathcal{V}}_x = \overline{\mathcal{V}}_{wx}$ projection of portable speed (the speed of the car) $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_e = \overline{\mathcal{V}} = \overline{\mathcal{V}}_w$ on the axis *Ox*.

$$v_{ex} = v_x = v_{wx} = v_e \cos(\psi_0)$$
, (2)

Taking into account the fact that ψ (or ψ_0) the tilt angle of the hill to the horizontal axis (axis Ox);

 $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{r.\mathrm{W}}$ the relative velocity of the particles of air (wind speed) in relation to the car.

Keep in mind that if the wind direction is opposite to the direction of movement of the car (i. e. wind, see Fig. 1), the vector equation (1), in accordance with rule subtract of vectors [12, 14], can be written as:

$$\overline{v}_{aw} = \overline{v}_{ex} + (-\overline{v}_{rw}),$$
where
$$\overline{v}_{rw} = \overline{v}_{ex} - \overline{v}_{aw}.$$
(3)

Projection (3) on the axis Ox when the wind is of the form [12, 14]:

$$v_{r_{W,x}} = v_e \cos(\psi_0) - v_{a_W} \cos(\xi)$$
, (4)

where ξ the angle between the vector $\overline{\mathcal{V}}_{aw}$ (the absolute velocity of a particle air (wind speed) and longitudinal axis Ox, rad.

In accordance with the expression (4) the force of aerodynamic drag \overline{F}_{rw} for oncoming wind determined depending on the speed of the car from rolling on the profile of slides, <u>N</u>:

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the axis Ox

$$F'_{rwx}(v_e) = 0.5c_w \rho_w A_t \left(v_e \cos(\psi_0) - v_{aw} \cos(\xi) \right)^2;$$
(5)
the axis Q_V

$$F'_{rw.y} = 0.5c_{\rm w}\rho_{\rm w}A_{\rm b}(v_{rw}\sin(\lambda_0))^2.$$
(5, a)

In the last formulas [14]: c_w – dimensionless experimental coefficient resistor of air, depending on the shape of the body and how it is directed at the movement (usually take depending on the shape of the surface in the range from 0,55 up to 1.2, for example, the cylindrical body, having in the cross-section of a circle (trumpet) $c_w = 0,6$; for the flat surface of the $c_w =$ 1,1); ρ_w – average air density (kg/m³) (usually take 1,26 of 1.29); A_t – area of the front surface of the car with a cargo of, m²: $A_t = 2B \times 2H$ (where 2B and 2H – the width and height of the windward surfaces of wagons loaded with, m); A_b – area the side of the wagon loaded with: $A_b = 2L \times 2H$ (where 2L – the length of the windward side surfaces of wagons with cargo, m), m².

In (5, a), and guide the corner λ the relative velocity of the particle air (wind speed) $\overline{\nu}_{r.w}$ are according to the theorem of sinus

$$\sin(\lambda) = \frac{v_{aw}}{v_{rw}} \sin(\xi) .$$
 (6)

Note that according to (5) of the projection of the forces of aerodynamic drag \overline{F}_{rw} in the direction of the sliding carriages for the wind is a function that depends on the projection of the load speed of the wagon $\overline{v}_{ex} = \overline{v}_x = \overline{v}_{wx}$ (see. (2)), i. e. $F'_{rwx}(v_e)$.

III. Formation of a Design Model of the Car from Rolling

A simplified model of the car from rolling down the hill with, taking into account the friction rolling wheels car with a slip, take the model shown in Fig. 2, and the calculation model - in Fig. 3 [3 - 5, 11].



Figure 2: A simplified model of the car from rolling down the hill with

In Fig. 2. marked: $M_{fr:bA}$ ($M_{fr:bA} \in \{M_{fr:bA1}, M_{fr:bA2}, M_{fr:bA'1}, M_{fr:bA'2}\}$) and $M_{fr:bB} \in \{M_{fr:bB1}, M_{fr:bB2}, M_{fr:bB'1}, M_{fr:bB'2}\}$) internal forces in the form of points of friction in the bearings bucks nodes front and A rear B trolley car, and $M_{fr:b} = M_{fr:bA} + M_{fr:bB}$; P_{A1} , P_{A2} , P_{B1} , P_{B2} instant centers speeds [3 – 5].



Figure 3 : Calculation model of the car from rolling down the hill with a) the view from the side; b) the view from the top

The force of friction of the rolling of a wheel with a slip $F_{\rm fric}^{\rm sl}(\overline{v}_e)$, as the force of the braking of a wagon $F_{\rm torm.}(v_e)$, aimed in the direction opposite to the from rolling car with slides, can be represented in the form of [3, 4, 9, 11, 15]:

$$F_{\text{torm.}}(\overline{v}_e) = F_{\text{fric}}^{\text{r}}(v_e) + f_{\text{sl0}}F_{rwy}', \qquad (7)$$

where $F_{\rm fric}^{\rm r}(\overline{v}_e)$ is a conventional sliding friction in pure rolling wheels and the rolling elements in the bearings bucks nodes [10]:

$$F_{\rm fric}^{\rm r}(v_e) = f_0 \Big(G\cos(\psi_{0,50}) + F_{\rm rw}'(v_e) \times \sin(\psi_{0,50}) \Big). \tag{8}$$

where f_0 is a conditional (or) the coefficient of friction [11, 14, 15]:

$$f_0 = \frac{n_{\rm w} f_{\rm r}}{r_{\rm r}} + \frac{n_{\rm b} f_{r0}}{r_{\rm b}} \frac{k}{n_{\rm bn} n_{\rm tq}}; \qquad (8, a)$$

 $f_{\rm sl0}$ is the coefficient of sliding friction ridges of wheels on the rails (usually take $f_{\rm sl0} = 0.25$);

 F'_{rwy} projection of the forces of aerodynamic drag on the transverse axis of the car (according to (5) the value of the calculated) [15].

In (8, a), and the following designations are accepted: n_w number of wheels of the cart, pieces. ($n_w = 8$); f_r the friction coefficient of friction, since this ratio is equivalent to the shoulder of a friction pair of katreatment (the wheel on a track $f_r = 5 \times 10^{-6}$, steel hardened steel $f_r = 1 \times 10^{-6}$), r_r wheel radius, equal to the freight car 0,475 m; $n_{bn} = 8$ number bucks nodes in the cart, pieces.; f_{κ_0} the friction coefficient of the rolling elements in the rings of the bearing (usually take

 $0,001 \times 10^{-3}$), m; n_{tq} the total quantity of the rolling elements, which include the load in each of the bearing, pieces.; *k* is a constant factor, taken depending on the location of the rolling elements and type of bearings quality of (for the calculation shall take k = 4,6) [16]; n_{b} number in the bearings bucks nodes in the cart, pieces. $(n_{b} = 16)$; r_{n} outer radius of the inner ring of the bearing raceways, m (0,079 m).

Introducing the concept of "shift" $F_{\text{sh.}x}$ and "restraint" $F_{\text{res.}x}$ of forces, due to the active and all jet forces, we obtain [5 – 8]:

$$F_{\mathrm{sh}.x} = G_x = G\sin(\psi_0); \qquad (9)$$

$$F_{\text{res.}x}(v_e) = F'_{rwx}(v_e)\cos(\psi_0) + F_{\text{torm.}}(v_e)$$

Rewrite the last expression with the account of (7) and (8)

$$F_{\text{res.}x}(v_e) = F'_{\text{wx}}(v_e) \times \cos(\psi_0) + f_0 \begin{pmatrix} G\cos(\psi_0) + \\ F'_{\text{rwx}}(v_e)\sin(\psi_0) \end{pmatrix} + f_{\text{sl0}}F'_{\text{rwy}}$$

and after transformations

$$F_{\text{res.}x}(v_e) = F'_{\text{wx}}(v_e) \left(\cos(\psi_0) + f_0 \sin(\psi_0) \right) + f_0 G \cos(\psi_0) + f_{\text{sl}0} F'_{rwy}.$$
(10)

The condition of the car from rolling on the first main area of the slide with a slope of not steeper than 50 ‰ at the length of this section of up to 50 m is [10]

$$F_{\mathrm{sh}.x} >> F_{\mathrm{res}.x}(v_e). \tag{11}$$

Hence. the excess forces $\Delta F_{\kappa 50} = F_{\text{sh }x} - F_{\text{res }x}(v_e)$. This force arises in the first specialized site of the hill and is the driving force. It causes the slide car given the force of gravity G with a velocity $v_{a,50}(t)$ and the acceleration of the $a_{50}(t)$. The force depends on the foundations of the Mr. from the angle of rolling hills $\psi_{0,50}$ and, to some extent, from the coefficient of friction ridges of wheels on the rails, as well as the condition of rolling bearings in буксовых nodes carts. Therefore, in order to ensure the movement of the car at the end of the first specialized site slides with the velocity $v_{e,50}(t)$ less than the speed of input $v_{\text{evax}}(t)$ at the first brake position (I BP), i. e. $v_{e}(t) < v_{\text{evax}}(t)$, is sufficient selection of rational values $\psi_{0.50}$ as the basic geometric parameter slides.

IV. METHODS OF SOLUTION

The formation of dynamic and constructing a mathematical model of the car from rolling down the hill with is based on classical concepts and provisions of theoretical and applied mechanics (for example, the theorem of addition of velocities under complex movement, roll, slip, slide with rolling, communications, the reaction of communication, the principle clear constraints, the basic law of the dynamics of the absolute motion (the principle of the D'Alembert); basic concepts of differential and integral calculus [12 – 14]).

V. Methods of Constructing the Mathematical Model of the Car from Rolling Down the Hill with

We shall take into account, that the car rolled down the hills steadily so a portable acceleration of the car $\overline{a}_e = \overline{a}$ is the absolute acceleration $\overline{a}_{abs} = d\overline{v}_{abs} / dt$ [14, 15].

Substituting (9) and (10) of the basic law of the dynamics for a portable car (or the principle of D'Alembert) in the coordinate form [12 - 15] we have:

$$M\frac{dv}{dt} = F_{\text{sh.}x} - F_{\text{res.}x}(v_e).$$

where M is the mass of the car with the load, kg.

Transforming the last equation with account of (9) and (10) and the fact that G = Mg, for the first specialized site slides with a slope of not steeper than 50 ‰ at the length of this section of up to 50 m we obtain:

$$M\frac{dv}{dt} = Mg(\sin(\psi_{0,50}) - f_0\cos(\psi_{0,50})) - f_{sl0}F'_{rwy} - F'_{wx}(v_e)(\cos(\psi_{0,50}) + f_0\sin(\psi_{0,50})).$$

Imagine the last expression in the form of:

$$M\frac{dv}{dt} = F_0 - b_0 (v_e \cos(\psi_{0,50}) - c_0)^2, \quad (12)$$

where F_0 is the difference famous of the largest driving forces and the forces of resistance, the attached to the system "wagon - cargo", N:

$$F_0 = Mg(\sin(\psi_{0,50}) - f_0 \cos(\psi_{0,50})) - f_{sl0}F'_{rwy},$$
(13)

 b_0 famous for the largest constant factor in (5) for the location of the forces of aerodynamic drag $F'_{\rm wx}$ N/(m/s)²:

$$b_0 = 0.5c_{\rm w}\rho_{\rm w}A_{\rm t}\left(\cos(\psi_{0,50}) + f_0\sin(\psi_{0,50})\right); \tag{14}$$

 C_0 famous for the largest factor constant with the dimension of speed, m/s:

$$c_0 = v_{aw} \cos(\xi) \tag{15}$$

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 $v_e \cos(\psi_{0,50})$ via the *v* and sharing both parts of (14) on the b_b , we will have

$$\frac{M}{b_0}\frac{dv}{dt} = a_0^2 - (v - c_0)^2, \qquad (16)$$

where a_0^2 known constant with the dimension of speed, $(m/s)^2$:

$$a_0^2 = F_0 / b_0. \tag{17}$$

VI. Results of Solution

a) Mathematical Modeling of The Speed of Sliding and Passed Way of the Car with the Roller Coaster

Separating the variables in the equation (12), after transformation, we obtain [14, 15]:

$$\frac{b_0}{M} dt = \frac{dv}{a_0^2 - (v - c_0)^2},$$

 c_{0} famous for the largest factor constant with or, having in mind that $d(v-c_{0})=dv$,

$$\frac{b_0}{M}dt = \frac{d(v-c_0)}{a_0^2 - (v-c_0)^2},$$
 (18)

Taking the integrals of rational functions of both parts of the last equality, we have:

$$\frac{b_0}{M}t = \int_{v_0}^{v} \frac{d(v-c_0)}{a_0^2 - (v-c_0)^2}$$
(19)

The right side of the last equality is a table integral of the rational of functions of the form [17]:

$$\int \frac{dx}{a^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \frac{a + x}{a - x}, \text{ when } |x| < a \neq 0.$$

In accordance with this, the right-hand part of the expression (19) after the transformations are presented in the form of:

$$\frac{b_0}{M}t = \frac{1}{2a_0} \ln \left| \frac{a_0 - c_0 + v}{a_0 + c_0 - v} \right|_{v_0}^{v} \qquad (20)$$

Hence, substituting the limits of integration ν and ν_0 (initial speed of the car from rolling with slides), after transformations we obtain:

$$\frac{b_0}{M}t = \frac{1}{2a_0} \ln \left| \frac{a_0 - c_0 + v}{a_0 + c_0 - v} \frac{a_0 + c_0 - v_0}{a_0 - c_0 + v_0} \right|.$$
 (21)

Denoting the second factor of expression under the sign of natural logarithm, as the attitude of wellknown for the largest data,

$$d_0 = \frac{a_0 + c_0 - v_0}{a_0 - c_0 + v_0},$$
(22)

rewrite (21) in the form of:

$$2a_0 \frac{b_0}{M}t = \ln \left| \frac{a_0 - c_0 + v}{a_0 + c_0 - v} d_0 \right|.$$

Hence, the dependence of the time t on the speed of sliding carriage in portable moving $v(t) = v_e(t)$ has the form:

$$t = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left| \frac{a_0 - c_0 + v}{a_0 + c_0 - v} d_0 \right|.$$
 (23)

where α – known in size constant, which the dimension of the 1/s:

$$\alpha = 2a_0 \frac{b_0}{M} \tag{24}$$

Potentiating of the expression (23) and omitting intermediate mathematical calculations, we obtain:

$$v(e^{\alpha t} + d_0) = (a_0 + c_0)e^{\alpha t} - (a_0 - c_0)d_0$$

From here after a number of transformations find the projection of the velocity v(t) for from rolling of a wagon according to the profile of slides from the impact of the projection of the force of gravity and the wind on the longitudinal axis of the

$$v = \frac{a_0(e^{\alpha t} - d_0) + c_0(e^{\alpha t} + d_0)}{e^{\alpha t} + d_0} = c_0 + \frac{a_0(e^{\alpha t} - d_0)}{e^{\alpha t} + d_0}.$$

Convert the last expression

$$v = c_0 + \frac{a_0 e^{\alpha t} - a_0 d_0 + a_0 d_0 - a_0 d_0}{e^{\alpha t} + d_0} = c_0 + \frac{a_0 (e^{\alpha t} + d_0) - 2a_0 d_0}{e^{\alpha t} + d_0}.$$

Here we finally obtain the projection of the velocity of sliding the car to the axis Ox (see Fig. 1)

$$v(t) = c_0 + a_0 - \frac{2a_0d_0}{d_0 + e^{\alpha t}}.$$

From the last formula, given that $v = v_e \cos(\psi_{0,50})$ (see equation (16)), find the speed of the car $v_e(t)$ in the direction of the slide of the hill on the axis $O_1 x_1$

$$v_e(t)_{50} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,50})} \left(c_0 + a_0 - \frac{2a_0 d_0}{d_0 + e^{\alpha t}} \right).$$
(25)

Analyzing (25) note that the dependence of the speed of the car from rolling on the profile of the hills in time $v_e(t)$ exponential: the car can quickly get up to speed on the profile of the hill and continue almost uniformly, if you do not take any practical measures for its reduction, for example, do not use the brake devices. In addition, the speed of the car when rolling on the profile of the hills in the main depends on the angle of

descent slides ψ_0 to the horizontal axis (Ox axis). The more the angle of descent ψ_0 , the less the denominator of (25) (i. e. $\cos(\psi_0)$), and the more the $v_e(t)$. From this it is clear that the required speed of the car to the drain of the roller coaster at constant external power factors should be found by modifying the profile of the roller coaster.

Again separating the variables (25) given that $v_e = \frac{dx_1}{dt}$, we will have

$$dx_{1} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,50})} \left((c_{0} + a_{0})dt - 2a_{0}d_{0}\frac{dt}{d_{0} + e^{\alpha t}} \right)$$

Integrating the obtained expression in the range from 0 to *t*, we have:

$$x_{1} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,50})} \left((c_{0} + a_{0})t - 2a_{0}d_{0}\int_{0}^{t} \frac{dt}{d_{0} + e^{\alpha t}} \right).$$
(26)

The second member of the right side of the last equality is a table integral containing the Exhibitor in the following form [17]:

$$\int \frac{dx}{a+be^{\alpha x}} = \frac{x}{a} - \frac{1}{\alpha a} \ln \left| a + be^{\alpha x} \right|, \ a \neq 0, \ \alpha \neq 0.$$

Introducing (26) in accordance with the last integral and substituting the limits of integration (0, t) of this ratio, we finally obtain the:

$$x(t)_{50} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,50})} \left((c_0 + a_0)t - 2a_0 \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left| \frac{d_0 + e^{\alpha t}}{d_0 + 1} \right| - t \right) \right).$$
(27)

From this it is clear that the distance traveled (path) of the car depending on the time describes the dependence of (27): with the increase of the time of sliding *t* car distance x(t) is almost increases linearly.

In the particular case, from the expression (27) at t = 0, we have v = 0, x = 0.

Passing to the limit as $t \! \rightarrow \! \infty,$ you can get the maximum speed of the car

$$v_{\max} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,50})} (c_0 + a_0). \tag{28}$$

If the first specialized site slides with a slope of not steeper than 50 ‰ has a length of more than 50 m, this area may consist of two core elements, and the second element can be made with a slope of $30 \div 35$ ‰. In this case the speed of the roll of the car and the path to find (25) and (27) in the form of:

$$v_{e,30} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,30})} \left(c_0 + a_{0,30} - \frac{2a_{0,30}d_{0,30}}{d_{0,30} + e^{\alpha_{30}t}} \right);$$
(25, a)

$$x(t)_{30} = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0,30})} \left((c_0 + a_{0,30})t - 2a_{0,30} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_{30}} \ln \left| \frac{d_{0,30} + e^{\alpha_{30}t}}{d_{0,30} + 1} \right| - t \right) \right),$$
(27, a)

where $b_{0,30}$, $a_{0,30}$, $d_{0,30}$ and $\alpha_{0,30}$ according to (14), (17) (22) and (24) are constant, determined from the following relationships

$$b_{0,30} = 0.5c_{\rm w}\rho_{\rm w}A_{\rm t}\left(\cos(\psi_{0,30}) + f_0\sin(\psi_{0,30})\right); \tag{14, a}$$

$$a_{0,30}^2 = F_{0,30} / b_{0,30}$$
(17, a)

taking into account the fact that, according to the (13),

$$F_{0,30} = Mg(\sin(\psi_{0,30}) - f_0 \cos(\psi_{0,30})) - f_{c\kappa 0} F'_{rwy}; \qquad (13, a)$$

$$d_{0,30} = \frac{a_{0,30} + c_0 - v_{0,30}}{a_{0,30} - c_0 + v_{0,30}},$$
(22, a)

taking into account the fact that $v_{0,30}$ the initial velocity of the car from rolling on the second core element of the roller coaster at $t = t_1$, which is equal to the finite speed of the first core element $v_{0,50}$ for $t = t_1$, $v_{0,30} = v_{0,50}$.

$$\alpha_{30} = 2a_{0,30} \frac{b_{0,30}}{M}$$
 (24, a)

Analyzing the obtained results of the research, we note that the speed of sliding cars $v_{e,30}(t)$ at $t = t_2$ (see. (25, a)), as the speed of the input $v_{eMX}(t)$ at the first brake position (I BP), obtained with the method of

selection of rational values of the gradient of slides $\Psi_{0,30}$ and $\Psi_{0,30}$ should be less than the maximum speed input on I BP, i. e. $v_{e,30}(t) = v_{evx}(t) < [v_1] = 8,5$ m/s [11, 18]. This must be a condition to the speed of sliding the car at the end of the second section of the $v_{e,30}(t)$ at $t = t_2$ would be less than the speed at the end of the first section of the $v_{e,50}(t)$ for $t = t_1$, i. e. $v_{e,30}(t) = v_{e,50}(t)$.

Using the method of binding decisions of the piecewise-linear equations on the basis of the dimensionless delayed a single function Heaviside [19], the speed of movement of the subway car and the path traversed by any stretch of the slides within a profile up to the moment of braking, s:

$$v_{e}(t) = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_{0})} \left(c_{0} + a_{0} - \frac{2a_{0}d_{0}}{d_{0} + e^{\alpha t}} \right) \sigma_{0}(t - t_{i});$$
⁽²⁹⁾

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\cos(\psi_0)} \left((c_0 + a_0)t - 2a_0 \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left| \frac{d_0 + e^{\alpha t}}{d_0 + 1} \right| - t \right) \right) \sigma_0(t - t_i),$$
(30)

where $\sigma_0(t-t_i)$ (where $t_i \in (t_1, t_2)$) dimensionless delayed single Heaviside function, allowing you to imagine the time t one analytical expression, fit for any value of the coordinates of the t_i in the interval of $0 \le t \le t_i$, and $\sigma_0(t-t_i) = 0$ for $t_i < t$.

Thus, using the principle of the D'Alembert mechanics, method of separation of re-variables, the table integrals of rational functions and integral containing the Exhibitor, as well as linking method of solutions of piecewise-linear functions are deduced analytical formulas for determining the speed of the car from rolling on the profile of slides $v_e(t)$ and the distance x(t) with the passage of time.

VII. Conclusions

a) Obtained on the basis of classical provisions of theoretical mechanics, computational and mathematical models rolling off the wagon with the sorting slides under the influence of the projection of the forces of gravity and the force of resistance to the wind on the longitudinal axis of the allowed us to determine the speed of the car from rolling $v_e(t)$ and the distance x(t) on the first main area of the slide with the passage of time. In the particular case, the

obtained analytical expressions of the dynamics of rolling the car will find the ultimate formula to determine the speed and distance covered, or only from the impact of the projection of the force of gravity on longitudinal axis, or from the effects of only the wind.

- b) Analysis of the results of analytical researches allowed to establish, that the speed of the car when **CKATEBAHUM** on the profile of the hills in the main depends on the angle of descent slides ψ_0 to the horizon. The more the angle of descent ψ_0 , the less cos (ψ_0) and the more than $v_e(t)$. From this it is clear that the required speed of the car to the drain of the roller coaster at constant external power factors should be found by modifying the profile of the roller coaster.
- c) The results of analytical studies of the dynamics of rolling of a wagon according to the first high-speed site slides can be used for all other parts of the slide with account of peculiarities of deceleration forces on these sites.

The distinctive feature of (novelty) derived analytical formulas for the speed of the car from rolling on the high-speed road rolling down the hump is in the representation of the forces of aerodynamic resistance of the wind depending on the speed of the car from rolling ve(t) on the profile of slides and correct accounting of the forces of resistance, resulting in the movement of the car. The obtained results of the research, are available for designers sorting slides, are a step forward in solving this problem.

The advantage of (importance) of this methodology is the possibility to construct a mathematical model of the car from rolling with sorting slides taking into account the dependence of the force of aerodynamic resistance of the wind to the speed of the car from rolling ve(t), speed and direction of air flow (ξ).

In the perspective of the received results of researches can be used in solving the technical problem of definition of rational geometric parameters (profile ψ 0) slides and kinematics characteristics of the car (v(t), x(t)) at its from rolling with sorting the roller coaster.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A efficiency results in light weight and high operating stresses. The major part of the aircraft structure consists of built-up panels of sheets and stringers, such as wing and fuselage skin panels, spar webs and stiffeners. Despite all precautions, cracks have arisen in many of these structural elements. These cracks reduce the stiffness and the total load carrying

capacity of the structure. Thus, they reduce the performance of the aircraft and limit the availability of the aircraft at the time of aircraft maximum performance. The fuselage is the main structure in the aircraft that holds crew, passengers and cargo. An aircraft fuselage structure must be capable of withstanding many types of loads and stresses. The principal source of the stresses in this structure is the internal pressure in high altitude caused by difference of cabin pressurization and reduction of the outside pressure with increase in altitude, but the structure is also subjected to other loads, such as bending, torsion, thermal loads, etc. The aircraft fuselage is composed of the skin consisting of a cylindrical shell typically 2 mm thick, circular frames and axial stringers, and normally these components are manufactured with an aluminium alloy and are connected by rivets. The skin of fuselage is to carry cabin pressure and shear loads, longitudinal to carry the longitudinal tension and compression loads due to bending, circumferential frames to maintain the fuselage shape and redistribute loads into the skin, and bulkheads to carry concentrated loads including those associated with pressurization of the fuselage.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Fatigue loads in a pressurised fuselage are mostly due to pressure cycles that occur with each takeoff or landing cycle during flight. The most common fatigue crack orientation in a pressurised fuselage is a longitudinal crack along the direction of maximum hoop stress. Damage tolerant designs use fracture mechanics data and analysis to predict crack growth rates and critical crack lengths [1]. Cabin pressure results in radial growth of the skin and this radial growth is resisted by frames and stringers giving local bending along the fastener lines. Fuselage skin panels are curved and these panels are under biaxial tension loading due to cabin pressure. Cabin pressurization is the main source of loading causing longitudinal skin cracks. Two types of damage most frequently associated with the structural integrity of the fuselage are longitudinal cracks under high hoop stresses induced by cabin pressurization and circumferential cracks under stresses from vertical bending of the fuselage. The prime objective was to present a systematic investigation of the damage

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tolerance design capability of typical aircraft fuselage structure for longitudinal cracks using linear elastic fracture mechanics [2]. Damage tolerant fuselage is supposed to sustain cracks safely until it is repaired or its economic service life has expired. Strength assessment of the structures is necessary for their in service inspection and repair. Damage tolerance analysis should provide information about the effect of cracks on the strength of the structure. Damage tolerance evaluation must include a determination of the probable locations and modes of the damage due to fatigue, corrosion, or accidental damage. The aircraft must be capable of successfully completing a flight during which likely structural damage occur as a result of bird impact. The crack propagation stage is studied by using stress intensity factor approach [3].

There are different methods used in the numerical fracture mechanics to calculate stress intensity factors (SIF). The crack opening displacement (COD) method and the force method were popular in early applications of FE to fracture analysis. The virtual crack extension (VCE) methods proposed by Parks [5] and Hellen [4] lead to increased accuracy of stress intensity factor results. The virtual crack extension method requires only one complete analysis of a given structure to calculate SIF. Both the COD and VCE methods can be used to calculate SIF for all three fracture modes. The equivalent domain integral method which can be applied to both linear and nonlinear problems renders mode separation possible [6]. The VCCT, originally proposed in 1977 by Rybicki and Kanninen [7], is a very attractive SIF extraction technique because of its good accuracy, a relatively easy algorithm of application capability to calculate SIF for all three fracture modes. Andrzej Leski [8], the implementation of the Virtual Crack Closure Technique in engineering FE calculations. SIF was fundamental quantity that governs the stress field near the crack tip. It depends on the geometrical configuration, crack size and the loading conditions of the body. The stresses are higher in the vicinity of the crack tip, which are characterized by the parameter stress intensity factor. Sethuraman.R and S.K. Maiti [9] have given the mathematical formulae for calculating the stress intensity factor using finite element software tool called as modified virtual crack closure integral technique for mode I. Shamsuzuha Habeeb and K.S. Raju [10] worked on Crack Arrest Capabilities in Adhesively Bonded Skin and Stiffener. The crack arrest capabilities and the load bearing characteristic of a stiffened panel subjected to uniform remote displacement field. Stringers were usually joined to the skin using rivets. Fracture analyses were conducted on stiffened panels with crack tip opening displacement fracture criteria. A linear elastic static stress analysis was performed and the stress intensity factor was calculated for both the stiffened panel for various crack lengths keeping the same loading condition. Fracture occurs when the stress intensity factor reaches a critical value.

The fatigue tests on cracked structures for a range of aircraft aluminium alloys and spectra to reveal a generalized relationship between crack growth and crack size that is consistent with the Frost-Dugdale hypothesis [11], predicted linear relationship between the log of the crack length. The problems that arose when attempting to predict crack growth led to the statement by Newman et al. [12] that, the threshold regime, there is something missing either in the model or the test data is being affected by the load reduction test procedure. Further study is needed to improve the determination of the threshold and near threshold behaviour for metallic materials. The ability of the Frost-Dugdale law to partially overcome these deficiencies is shown in [13] where the law is used to predict crack growth on a cycle by cycle basis in full-scale aircraft fatigue tests. As a structure ages, we frequently encounter the phenomenon of crack/damage growth. Elber and Wolf [14], worked on fatigue crack closure under cyclic tensile loading. The results showed that a fatigue crack can be closed at the crack tip for up to half of the loading amplitude, leaving this portion of the cycle ineffective in propagating the crack. An expression for the crack propagation rate in terms of effective stress amplitude was proposed. This expression was fitted to existing constant amplitude crack data for 2024-T3 aluminum alloy.

III. FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

The finite element method is a numerical technique for solving engineering problems. It is most powerful analysis tool used to solve simple to complicated problems. The pre-processing stage involves the preparation of nodal co-ordinates & its connectivity, meshing the model, load & boundary conditions and material information for finite element models carried in MSC PATRAN described in Fig. 1. The processing stage involves stiffness generation, modification and solution of equations resulting in the evaluation of nodal variables, run in MSC NASTRAN. The post-processing stage deals with the presentation of results, typically the deformed configurations, elemental stresses and forces etc.



Figure 1 : Steps involved in Finite Element Analysis

a) Geometrical Configuration

Fuselage has cylindrical panel of radius 2000 mm, length 2500 mm and thickness of skin is 2 mm. It is the sectional cut out of the fuselage to do global stress analysis. The stiffened panel represents a most generic in fuselage structure. The stiffened panel dimensions are 2500 mm in the longitudinal direction and 1750 mm in transverse direction. The thickness of the stiffened panel skin is 2 mm. The stiffened panel has five frames (four bays) with 500 mm spacing and seven stringers (six bays) with 250 mm spacing. The frame has Z & L cross section with 753 mm² of cross sectional area and stringer has Z cross section with 177 mm² of cross sectional area. The thicknesses of all flanges of the stiffened panel are 3 mm. The frames and stringers are attached to the skin by row of rivet, 5 mm diameter placed at a pitch of 25 mm shown in Fig. 2 and corresponding cross sections shown in Fig. 3 and geometric modeling is carried out using CATIA V5 software as shown in Fig. 4.



Figure 2 : Detailed drafting view of the stiffened panel







Figure 4 : CAD model of the stiffened panel

b) Material Used for Analysis

Selection of aircraft materials depends on any considerations, which can in general be categorized as cost and structural performance. The key material properties that are pertinent to maintenance cost and structural performance are

- Density
- Young's modulus
- Fatigue strength
- Ultimate and Yield strengths
- Damage tolerance (fracture toughness and crack growth)
- Corrosion, etc.

Mechanical properties of the skin, stiffening members and rivets are required for finite element models. There is little information on the material properties of skin, stiffening members, and rivet material in the literature. Aluminium 2024-T3 and 2117-T4 is used for components fuselage and rivet respectively. Table 1 describes few material properties used for analysis.

Table 1 : Material properties used for the analysis
[18-20]

Property	Aluminium 2024-T3	Aluminium 2117-T4			
Density	2.77 g/cm ³	2.77 g/cm ³			
Ultimate Tensile Strength	483 MPa	490 MPa			
Tensile Yield Strength	362 MPa	350 MPa			
Young's Modulus	72 GPa	71.7 GPa			
Poisson's Ratio	0.33	0.33			
Fracture Toughness	72.37 MPa√m	76.54 MPa√m			
Material Constant, C	5 x 10 ⁻¹¹	$4x 10^{-11}$			
Material Constant, n	3	3.2			

IV. Stress Analysis of the Stiffened Panel

It involves in pre-processing stage, processing stage and post processing stage. Pre-processing stage involves details of mesh, load & boundary conditions. Pre-processing and post-processing stage is carried in MSC PATRAN.

Product description	Type of elements	No. of elements	Aspect ratio < 5
Skin	QUAD4	66820	1.00
Frame	QUAD4,TRIA3	38428	2.12
Stringer	QUAD4	42180	1.01
Rivet	BEAM	1340	

Table 2 : FE model summaries of the stiffened panel

a) Discretization of Geometrical Model

The components of the stiffened panel are meshed by four noded shell elements. Skin of the stiffened panel is meshed by shell elements. Frame of the stiffened panel is meshed by 4 noded and 3 noded shell elements. Fine mesh is carried at mouse hole of frame to get accurate results. Three noded shell elements are used for the sake of continuity from fine mesh region to the coarse mesh region. The rivets are placed on the skin to hold the frames and stringers. Riveting is carried out by selecting the node on the skin and the corresponding node on the other component. Rivets are stimulated by using beam elements indicated in yellow color shown in Fig. 5 & Fig. 6. Aspect ratio should be less than 5 in all components of the stiffened panel. Meshing is checked for any duplicate nodes and elements. Table 2 gives number of elements and element type in the stiffened panel.



Figure 5 : FE Model of the stiffened panel



Figure 6 : Close up view of the stiffened panel with rivets

b) Load and Boundary Conditions

A differential internal pressure of 6 psi is considered for the current case. The hoop stresses are developed in the fuselage structure by application of internal pressurization. The hoop stress can be related with internal pressure in a thin walled pressure vessel:

The hoop stress,
$$\sigma_h = \frac{\mathbf{p} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{r}}{\mathbf{t}}$$
 (1)

Where r is the radius of fuselage shell (2000 mm) and t is the thickness of skin (2 mm). After applying these values, we get, the hoop stress 4.2 kg/mm². The radial hoop stresses developed in the fuselage cylindrical shell are equals to tensile stresses of the stiffened panel. The hoop stress developed in the model and corresponding cross sectional area gives the tensile load. This tensile stress is uniformly distributed over the cross section. Uniformly distributed tensile load is applied on the stiffened panel in transverse axial direction. Uniformly distributed load is applied on edges of skin and frame in the transverse direction. But, the stringers are not subjected to any loading, because stringers are passing in longitudinal direction in the stiffened panel. At other end, all the edge nodes of stiffened panel are constrained in all six degree of freedom.

c) Stress Contour for skin and frame

The maximum stress on skin is found at the rivet location where the rivets are used to fasten the frames and stringer on the skin. The tensile stress is uniformly varying from fixed end to loading end. The magnitude of maximum tensile stress is 8.19 kg/mm² shown in Fig. 7 at rivet location. The maximum stress locations are the probable locations for crack initiation. Skin is the most critical stress locations for the crack initiation. Generally longitudinal crack is initiated from rivet hole.

The maximum stresses are induces at mouse hole cut outs and found magnitude of maximum tensile stress is 13.4 kg/mm² shown in Fig. 8. This stresses are uniform in all the stringer cut outs. The maximum tensile stress locations are the probable locations for crack initiation.



Figure 7 : Stress contour for skin

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Figure 8 : Stress contour for frame

d) Crack Intiation in the Stiffened Panel

From the stress analysis of the stiffened panel, cracks are initiated from the maximum tensile stress location. There are two structural elements at the rivet location near the high stress location. Even though maximum stresses are found on mouse hole cut outs, cracks are initiated in perpendicular to the loading direction. Skin is the most critical stress locations for crack initiation. So, the maximum tensile stress location on stiffened panel is at skin near the rivet hole. Crack iniation period is studied by using stress concentration factor. Once crack is initiating from rivet location and it linkup with next rivet location, then it become lead crack and finally it leading to catarostrophic failure. Longitudinal crack is initiating from rivet location, which is perpendicular to loading direction. The crack is propagating as a function of number of fatigue cycles due internal pressurization.

The first approximation of the stiffened panel with a centre longitudinal crack is considered for varying crack length in the skin shown in Fig. 9. Crack iniation period is studied by using stress concentration factor, which does not play much important role.



Figure 9 : Crack iniation in the stiffened panel

V. Estimation of Fatigue Crack Growth in Stiffened Panel

The crack propagation stage is studied by using stress intensity factor approach. The stress intensity factor plays major role in crack growth period, which is determined by using modified virtual crack closure integral (MVCCI) method. The skin is meshed by four noded shell elements shown in Fig. 10. Fine meshing is carried out near the crack upto crack length of 1000 mm to get crack propagation results. For mesh continuity from fine mesh to coarse mesh different four noded and three noded shell elements are used. The elemental edge length 1.5625 mm is maintained at crack region.



Figure 10 : FE Model of the stiffened panel skin near the crack

a) MVCCI method for calculation of SIF

Modified Virtual Crack Closure Integral (MVCCI) method is used to determine stress intensity factor for different crack lengths in the stiffened panel. MVCCI method is based on the energy balance. In this technique, SIF is obtained for fracture mode from the equation.

$$G_i = \frac{k_i^2}{E} \beta$$
 (i= 1,2,3) (2)

Where G_i is the energy release rate for mode i, K_i is the stress intensity factor for mode i, E is the modulus of elasticity and β is 1 for plane stress condition.

Calculation of the energy release rate is based on Irwin assumption that the energy released in the process of crack expansion is equal to work required to close the crack to its original state as the crack extends by a small amount Δ a. Irwin computed this work as

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\Delta a} u(r) \sigma(r - \Delta a) dr, \qquad (3)$$

Where u is the relative displacement, r is the distance from the crack tip, Δa is the change in virtual crack length.

Therefore, the strain energy release rate is

$$G = \lim_{\Delta a \to 0} \frac{W}{\Delta a} = \lim_{\Delta a \to 0} \frac{1}{2\Delta a} \int_{0}^{\Delta a} u(\mathbf{r}) \sigma(\mathbf{r} - \Delta \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{r}, \quad (4)$$

After simplification, modified strain energy release rate is

$$G = \frac{\mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} \Delta \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{2} \mathbf{x} \Delta \mathbf{a} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{t}} \quad N/mm \tag{5}$$

Where F is forces at the crack tip, Δu is crack opening displacement (COD), t is thickness of the skin and Δa is the elemental edge length near the crack tip. The stress intensity factor value at the crack tip can be calculated as follows: (i) Force at the crack tip is calculated by means of adding two elemental forces above the crack tip, and (ii) Crack opening displacement is calculated by means of subtracting the two elemental displacement values at the crack tip.

From FE software (MSC NASTRAN)

For crack length of 100 mm (2a=100 mm, a=50 mm)

Crack opening displacement (COD), $\Delta \mathrm{u} = 0.029099$ mm

Forces at the crack tip opening displacement, F = 889.2991 N

Elemental edge length at the crack tip, $\Delta a = 1.5625 \text{ mm}$

Thickness of the skin, t = 2 mm

Then, Strain energy release rate, G=4.1408 N/mm

Therefore, Stress intensity factor for mode I loading,

 $K_{I FEA} = 16.8619 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$



Figure 11 : Close up view of stress contour for skin at crack tip

A linear static stress analysis is performed for the stiffened panels for various crack lengths keeping the same loading condition. Figure 11 shows the stress contour for the stiffened panel skin crack. Orientation of crack is in longitudinal direction and crack widens due to loading in transverse direction. The stresses at crack tip are found maximum and its magnitude is 30.2 kg/mm².

The above calculation is carried for different crack length considering a known load. The stress intensity factor value is calculated by using MVCCI method for the stiffened panel. The stress intensity factor is tabulated in steps of 50 mm crack length shown in Table 3.

Table 3 : Stress intensity factor of the stiffened panel

Crack	COD	Elemental	Strain energy	SIF,
length	(∆u) in	forces at	release rate	K _{I FEA}
(2a) in	mm	crack tip (G) in N/mm		in
mm		(F) in Ñ		MPa√m
50	0.022	605.07	2 502	12.10
30	0.022	093.07	2.302	15.10
100	0.029	889.29	4.142	16.86
150	0.033	1026.3	5.533	19.49
200	0.036	1141.9	6.739	21.52
250	0.041	1245.5	8.172	23.69
300	0.044	1340.6	9.506	25.55
350	0.045	1363.2	9.702	27.16
400	0.049	1512.4	12.08	28.79
450	0.053	1590.9	13.38	30.31
500	0.055	1666.1	14.67	31.75
550	0.057	1736.5	15.96	33.11
600	0.059	1802.1	17.21	34.37
650	0.062	1863.2	18.39	35.54
700	0.063	1918.3	19.50	36.60
750	0.065	1966.7	20.51	37.53
800	0.066	2036.4	21.36	38.31
850	0.067	2037.3	22.02	38.89
900	0.068	2058.6	22.48	39.29
950	0.069	2079.1	22.92	39.67
970	0.066	2017.8	21.39	39.14
1000	0.068	2046.7	22.22	39.06

b) Damage Growth under Fatigue Loading

The fatigue strength of a component or structure can be significantly reduced by the presence of a crack or any other sharp discontinuities. More commonly fatigue cracks propagate from the initial to the critical crack size before the final failure occurs. The most common type of sub-critical crack growth is due to fatigue in the presence of an existing crack. In materials science, fatigue is the progressive, localised, and permanent structural damage that occurs when a material is subjected to a cyclic load. In general, the fatigue process is depicted by three distinct regions. Region III is associated with rapid crack growth and as such is typically thought to account for a small fraction of the total life. Region II has received the greatest attention as it is in this region where the "Paris" crack growth law [15] can be applied to predict fatigue crack growth propagation.

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C x \left(\Delta K\right)^m \tag{6}$$

Where, ΔK is stress intensity factor range under cyclic loads, N is the number of cycles, and C and m are the material constants obtained from experiments. ΔK is obtained by:

$$\Delta K = K_{max} - K_{opening} MPa \sqrt{m}$$
(7)

$$K_{opening} = K_{max} (0.5 + 0.4 R)$$

$$R = \text{stress ratio} = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}} = 0 \text{ (since } \sigma_{min} \rightarrow 0)$$

First step of calculating fatigue crack growth rate [16],

For crack length 2a= 50 mm, Stress Intensity Factor Range $\Delta K = 6.55 \text{ MPa}/\text{m}$, Fatigue Crack Growth Rate $\frac{da}{dN} = (5 \text{ x } 10^{-11}) (6.55)^3$ = 1.405 x 10-8 mm/cycle, No. of cycles for crack $\Delta N = \Delta a/(\frac{da}{dN}) = 1/(1.405 \text{ x } 10^{-8})$ = 71.174 x 10⁶ cycles = $(1 \text{ x } 10^{-3})/(1.405 \text{ x } 10^{-8})$ = 71174 cycles

The above calculation is carried for different crack length considering a known load. The fatigue crack growth rate and number of cycles is tabulated in steps of 50 mm crack length shown in Table 4.

Table 4 : Number of cycles required for crack growth

rate

Crack	$\Delta \mathbf{K}$	da No. of		N =
length (2a)	in	dN In	cycles for	$N + \Delta N$
in mm	MPa√m mm/cycles 1mm crae		1mm crack	cycles
50	6.55	1.405E-8	71174	71174
100	8.43	2.995E-8	33384	104558
150	9.74	4.627E-8	21611	126169
200	10.76	6.228E-8	16054	142223
250	11.84	8.309E-8	12034	154257
300	12.77	1.042E-7	9592	163849
350	13.58	1.252E-7	7986	171835
400	14.39	1.491E-7	6704	178539
450	15.15	1.740E-7	5745	184284
500	15.87	2.000E-7	4999	189283
550	16.55	2.268E-7	4408	193691
600	17.18	2.537E-7	3940	197631
650	17.77	2.805E-7	3564	201195
700	18.30	3.064E-7	3263	204459
750	18.76	3.303E-7	3026	207485
800	19.15	3.514E-7	2845	210330
850	19.44	3.676E-7	2720	213050
900	19.64	3.791E-7	2637	215687
950	19.83	3.901E-7	2562	218249
970	19.57	3.747E-7	2668	220917
1000	19.53	3.724E-7	2684	223601

VI. Result and Discussion

From the linear static stress analysis of the stiffened panel has been carried out. A differential internal pressure of 6 psi was considered for the current problem. Fatigue crack propagation stage was studied by using SIF approach for the stiffened panel. Fatigue crack growth rate was calculated using Paris law to predict life of the structure. SIF value was calculated for the stiffened panel with different crack lengths.

a) Study of crack propagation in the stiffened panel

Stress Intensity Factor v/s different crack lengths are plotted shown in Fig. 12. It is observed that, SIF increases gradually with increase in the crack length. When the crack reaches nearer to the frame, the value of SIF keeps decreasing. It found that, the value of SIF 13.10 MPa \sqrt{m} at crack length of 50 mm and increases to 39.06 MPa \sqrt{m} at crack length of 1000 mm.

The maximum stress intensity factor is $39.67 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ found at crack length of 950 mm. There is a decrement in SIF value due to presence of frame at 1000 mm. This plot indicates the frame is able to arrest the further crack propagation.





b) Study of fatigue crack growth rate in the stiffened panel

Fatigue crack growth rate is calculated using Paris law of damage crack growth rate equation. After crack gets initiated from rivet hole location. This was achieved by initiate the longitudinal crack in the stiffened panel with steps of 50 mm crack length. This crack grows as number of cycles increased. The fatigue process is depicted by three distinct regions.



Figure 13 : Variation of Fatigue Crack Growth Rate and $$\Delta {\rm K}$$

Region I is associated with slow crack growth, region III is associated with rapid crack growth and as such is typically thought to account for a small fraction of the total life. Region II has received the greatest attention to predict crack growth. The presence of two separate parts, skins and stringers, guarantee the structural integrity of the component when propagating defects and cracks are present and are thus the key factor in aircraft structures [17]. Fatigue crack growth rate is found 1.405 x 10^{-8} mm/cycles for crack length of 50 mm and number of cycles required 71174 cycles for 1mm crack growth. Figure 13 shows Fatigue Crack Growth Rate v/s Stress Intensity Factor Range. Crack growth rate is drastically increases as number of cycles and crack growth rate 3.901 x 10^{-7} mm/cycles are found maximum at crack length of 950 mm. Finally crack growth rate is reduces to 3.72×10^{-7} mm/cycles at frame location [21]. This predicts frame is able to arrest the further crack growth. Figure 14 gives information regarding number of cycles required to propagate crack. Number of cycles required 2,23,601 cycles are required to grow crack length of 1000 mm.





VII. Conclusions

Stress analysis of the stiffened panel was carried out and maximum tensile stress was identified at the rivet hole of skin. Center longitudinal crack was initiated from rivet location of skin. Fatigue crack propagation was estimated by using stress intensity factor approach [22]. Stress intensity factor calculations were carried out for various incremental cracks from 50 mm to 1000 mm. The maximum value of stress intensity factor 39.67 MPa/m was observed at crack length of 950 mm. The value of stress intensity factor 39.06 MPa√m was observed at frame location. The obtained value of stress intensity factor 39.06 MPa/m at crack length of 1000 mm, which is less than fracture toughness of material 72.37 MPa/m. This can conclude that, frame is able to arrest the crack propagation. Fatigue crack growth rate and stress intensity factor range was estimated with of Paris law of damage crack growth.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Being relatively new to the aerospace industry, Electro Hydraulic actuators are being used widely in aircraft. The quantum of knowledge as compared to ones accumulated for the other actuator types are much less and especially when it comes to Acceptance Testing. Lack of health monitoring data from the system installed in field and prohibitive costs of carrying out real flight tests push for the need of building system models and designing affordable but realistic experimental setups.

An electro-hydraulic system comprising an electromagnetic actuator and a hydraulic actuator relatively arranged such that the movement of the hydraulic actuator is controlled by the movement of the electromagnetic actuator.

The electromagnetic actuator is preferably a linear motor with a piston rod arranged to reciprocate in response to electric signal supplied to the electromagnetic actuator. A pump is preferably arranged between the electromagnetic actuator and the hydraulic actuator and causes movement of the hydraulic actuator as a result of the movement of the shaft of the linear motor. [J. Edge, 1978] [G. Daneker, 1973].

Electro-Hydraulic Actuators (EHA) are presently used in numerous aerospace applications, from robotic applications to thrust vector control of rocket engines, where they accomplish a range of rotational and translational functions [Pawel Rzucidlo, 2006]. Of the various kinds of actuators, EHAs were chosen for this study because of their growing role in the aerospace field. They are relatively compact and can offer high power-to-weight ratios and motion velocities. [Andrew Goldenberg & Saeid Habibi, 1999].

Actuator Acceptance Testing at Assembly and Production Flooris to determine, if the requirements of a specification or contract are met. It may involve functional tests, physical tests, or performance tests. But for EH based actuator it's a performance testing, which included Testing the aircraft actuator for its basic functionality, including sensors functionality under the hydraulic pressure and real condition environment. [H. Moon and W. Knowles, 1970] [G. McGrath, 1964].

Electrical actuation technologies have to comply with demanding aircraft requirements concerning reliability, performance, weight, and environmental conditions. Electro Hydraulic actuation use comes from customer and airworthiness requirements for clean and more environment friendly aircraft.

The use of Electro Hydraulic actuators helps in aircraft maintenance. Airlines across the globe are looking for more efficient aircraft that can increase their net profit. The increasing fuel price is a major driving factor, forcing the aircraft manufactures to opt for more fuel efficient actuation systems.

With the primary functions in the aircraft more powered by electrical and hydraulic system; rather than conventional Pneumatic system aircraft will be able to achieve reduced fuel burn, higher reliability, reduction in maintenance cost, and more dispatch availability. Many R&D programs are going on in this industry for saving fuel and enhancing operational efficiency.

The instrumentation requirements in the area of automotive testing has increased many folds owing to the increasing and stringent demands imposed by several regulatory bodies such as the BIS, CMVR, EEC, etc. The type of tests to be carried out depends upon the purpose of evaluation such as for certification, design validation, etc. The parameters to be evaluated pertaining to the testing of vehicles are many. Presently, a number of dedicated instruments are being employed for the above purpose, each instrument meant to carry out evaluation of a specific parameter. However, one of the major disadvantages in such instruments is that their functionality is rigid and is difficult for reconfiguration. It

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requires the adjustments of many hardware components to achieve the desired functional behavior. It was, therefore intended to have an instrumentation system, which could be completely customized to the users requirements and at the same time be flexible enough to cater for the changing requirements of the test methodologies pertaining to the variation in the test standards.[S V Londhe et al, 1999]In view of this Moog Inc has developed test controller hardware for testing and validating the EH actuators.

A detailed description has been provided about the architecture of acceptance systems and how various cases for acceptance are tested in the test environment and corresponding data is collected to verify the physics based models.

A design and development of test system has been included to outline the details of experimental data collection and calculate the results depending upon the collected data and predetermined data. Furthermore, some idea about how actuator performs in real flight environments through actual flight tests and using real flight data have been presented. Finally, the roadmap leading from this effort towards developing successful Test System for aircraft electro-hydraulic actuators is discussed.

II. Overview of the System

The Moog Portable Test Controller is made user friendly with only having small amount of control keys available. The majority of the functions can controlled through the push/turn knob that is located in the middle.

The test system uses PTC, a digital servo controller to command and control the load and position. It is a 1 to 4 channel digital servo controller with Liquid Crystal Display (LCD). This controller gives the flexibility to add additional hardware like the digital and analog inputs and outputs that includes vibration inputs, strain gauge amplifier inputs, remote control units etc.

The connection between the SCU's and the real-time front end is established by using a low-cost real-time Ethernet communication link, enabling the controller to be placed very close to the actuator. The analogue cabling, usually an expensive and noise prone part of a test system, can be kept as short as possible, introducing very high signal-to-noise ratios.

The Test System has capability to measure Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT) sensor on UUT (Unit Under Test), to measure the position and communicate as a voltage signal back to the PTC for the position loop closure. The Acceptance Test Procedure (ATP) test setup is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1 : Acceptance Test Setup

III. Implementation

- a) Software Implementation
 - Acceptance test software has three major parts.
- LabVIEW Software Module
- Hardware Abstraction Layer(HAL)
- PTC Low Level Drivers

Figure 2 shows the interface between the LabVIEW Software Module and PTC Low Level Drivers through HAL layer. The PTC hardware is connected to LabVIEW software through the IP address. Hence, Test System and Host Computer are connected using a Cross Cable or on Local Area Network (LAN).

HAL: A hardware abstraction layeris an abstraction layer, implemented in system software, between the physical hardware of a computer and the software that executes on that computer.

- *b) PTC Module has three major functions*
- Safety Module: It basically consists of an E-Stop, failsafe conditions.
- Position Loop: PTC generally uses the FCSLoop to bind position loop with SCU1.The FCS loop is a Moog unique control loop with dual mode controller, which allows to switch between force and position control modes. The SCU has all necessary I/O hardware to connect a typical actuator. Usually this will be a hydraulic, servo-controlled actuator. Each SCU is connected to its own actuator. It's the job of the controller to modify the output connected to the actuator in such a way that the feedback is always as close as possible to the commanded value.

Load Loop: In this the PTC uses the FCS Loop to bind Load loop with SCU 2.

Host Computer gives the input command to PTC low level Drivers which will interact with hardware system and hardware system gives the feedback command to Host Computer through PTC.



Figure 2 : Acceptance Module Block Diagram

LabVIEW Software Module: This Software interacts with the operators and engineers. The overall functionalityof this module is divide into two major parts, viz; Edit and Graphical User Interface (GUI) window.

Edit Window: The functional logic has four states and every state task is shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3 : Edit Window Functional Logic

GUI window: This window has two different while loopswhich are continuously executing and controlled with a control button. "While Loop 1" is implemented to execute the Acceptance Test Procedure and a case structure inside the While loop is execute the logic flow. This case structure states contains the HAL and PTC drivers to make communication with the PTC hardware. While Loop 2 is basically used for plotting the Real Time graphs on the GUI front window by means ofcollecting the data from the PTC hardware through User Datagram Protocol (UDP) communication. Loop synchronization is an important part to plot the real and proper data.

The functional logic of GUI for Air Purging Test is shown in Figure 4. Figure 5 and Figure 6 shows the LabVIEW code of the Air Purging Test for both the loops respectively.



Figure 4 : GUI window functional logic







Figure 6 : LabVIEW code for plotting Real Time graph

a) Hardware Software Integration

To interface hardware with software, the settings of the PTC need to be changed according to the project requirements.

b) Loop Configurations

Two channels are required to bind to open/closed loops.

Channel1 is for Position Loop, which is bound with SCU1 and connected through FCS type Loop.

Channel2 is for Force Loop, which is bound with SCU2 and connected through FCS type Loop.

Figure 7 shows the selected PTC channels and Figure 8 shows how these channels bind with respective SCU's.



Figure 7 : PTC Channel Configurations

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Figure 8 : Channel Bindings

c) Calibrations

Before calibration and tuning can be performed on a Test controller system, we have to make sure that the channels Loop. Polarity is correct. The loop polarity tuning parameter changes the polarity of the control loop by effectively reversing the connections to the servovalve. LVDT Calibration is performed with the Vendor Calibration report and the PTC calibration utilities. The following figure shows the calibration procedure of LVDT:

- i. Select the LVDT sensor in Figure 9 and press next.
- ii. Fill the giving values with the help of vendor calibration report in Figure 10.
- iii. Measure the LVDT value at specific points and enter these values in the measured box of Figure 11.
- iv. Do the calibration for minimum five points and save the calibration settings.



Figure 9 : LVDT Calibration - Step 1
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-200.00							
-250.00							
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Ramp Rate (EU/s):		Units:	%		Polarity:		•
Rest Value (EU): 0		Full Scale Max:	100				
		Full Scale Min:	-100				
				Pr	rev	Next	Cancel
ST1 > Setup > St	ation > Calibration	>					
Wizard	Manual	Tare Analog Inputs	Tare SCU In	puts			Load/Save





Figure 11 : LVDT Calibration - Step 3

a) Position Loop Tuning

After binding the loop and LVDT calibration, Tuning has to be performed for better output following with respect to input commands. A Proportional– Integral–Derivative controller (PID controller) is uses to control the loop feedback mechanism. PID is the most commonly used feedback controller. A PID controller calculates an "error" value as the difference between a measured process variable and a desired setpoint. The controller attempts to minimize the error by adjusting the process control inputs. Figure 12 shows the Position loop tuning.

- i. Position Loop Tuning procedure
- Set all the PID values to zero, so that the closed loop becomes the open loop.
- Now apply the null bias servo value offset current to the UUT.
- Now slightly increase and decrease the offset current to move the UUT in Extend and Retract direction respectively.
- Now Set the PID values in such a way that the system will not go in unstable mode. And set the

optimum PID values so that output signal follows the input command exactly or nearly exact.



Figure 12 : Position Loop Tuning

IV. Test Results

Acceptance Testing is used to test the performance of the Electro-Hydraulic actuator in the real environment conditions. For Electro-Hydraulic actuator, there are several tests. All the tests have different test conditions and parameters. The test steps are classified into two categories:

- Open Loop Command Test
- Closed Loop Command Test

Open Loop Command Test: In this, servo current is used as an input command and actuator will move according to the amount of current giving to the EHSV. Electrical Phasing Test comes in this category.



Figure 13 : Electrical Phasing Test Result

• Analysis

In Figure 13, the Servo valve current is changing +/- from its null bias value. Therefore the actuator is moving in Extend and Retract direction respectively. Position Command signal is not playing any role in this type of test.

Closed Loop Command Test: In this Position Commanded signal is used as an input command and Electro-Hydraulic actuator will move according to the commanded signal position value. Air Purging Test comes in this category. And actuator shall cycle smoothly throughout the entire stroke range after the fourth cycle.

• Analysis

In Figure 14, Position Feedback signal is changing according to the Position Commanded signal. Actuator is moving smoothly after the 4th cycle.



Figure 14 : Air Purging Test Result

V. Conclusion

The intended test equipment has been built and system software for controlling the test equipment has been developed in LabVIEW. A new approach used in this paper to test the actuator using PTC hardware. The advantage of PTC used in Acceptance software is cost reduction of the Testing and the reduction in the development time. On the basis of this approach and its derivative system design, we can further make different test system with large scale testing, which is going to be applied widely in the automation and industrial field.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Utra-fine grained metals are becoming promising for engineering applications due to the recent progress in technology. Therefore, for envisaged structural applications of Ultra-fine grained metals, attention has been paid to fatigue performance, such as cyclic properties, S-N characteristics, the formation of shear bands (SBs) and persistent slip band (PSBs)^[1].

In order to quantify the fatigue damage, it is important to understand what kind of change is brought about by cyclic loading, and to know the critical conditions for fatigue life. Using carbon steel (S45C) specimens, Murakami and Miller showed that crack initiation and growth could be regarded as the damage caused by fatigue loading and that fatigue life was almost equivalent to the number of cycles for the initiated cracks growing to the critical size^[2]. Kamaya had done a research based on observation of Fatigue Crack Initiation and Growth in Stainless Steel ^[3]. The fatigue loading causes various microstructural changes such as an increased number of dislocations, formation of cell structures, and alternation of deformation properties. However, these changes have minor influence on the fatigue life under the same strain range. Therefore, the fatigue damage can be correlated to the

Authors α σ ρ: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology. e-mail: rusho moran@yahoo.com crack size. It is possible to measure the fatigue damage by investigating the size of a crack initiated in components, or if no crack is found, it can be confirmed that damage has not been accumulated yet ^[3]. The fatigue life can be divided into two phases: the number of cycles to crack initiation (hereafter called initiation life) and the remaining life until the failure of the specimen (hereafter called growth life) ^[4].

In this study crack initiation and propagation behaviour are observed before and after heat treatment.

Cyclic loading is a common phenomenon for different structures. When cyclic loading is applied on metallic structures a common incidence occur called fatigue failure. Fatigue failure is a continuous process which starts with a small crack. The crack propagates up to failure of the structure. Sometimes it is seen then there are more than one cracks initiate and propagate, but their initiation time is not same for all, and the propagation is not homogenous for all of them. Some cracks propagate up to certain cyclic loading and then remain unchanged. They are not directly responsible for the failure of structure, although they weaken the structure and cause more cracks to initiate. Even the crack initiation and propagation nature of cracks are not same before and after the heat treatment. From this study it is found that, crack propagation time is greater after heat treatment i.e. fatigue life is better after heat treatment.

II. Test Material & Experimental Procedure

a) Material Properties

The material used for the fatigue test was Type 304 austenitic stainless steel, which was provided in a cylindrical bar shape. Its chemical composition (in mass %) was: C, 0.07; Si, 1.0; Mn, 2.0; P, 0.05; S, 0.02; Ni, 10.5; Cr, 19.5 and balance Fe. The ultimate tensile strength, yield tensile strength is 600MPa and 300MPa respectively. The material had an approximately equiaxial grain structure.

b) Procedure

The working procedure of this study is shown below-----

- > The required metal (ss-304) was collected.
- The metal was assured by determining ultimate and yield strength by using universal testing machine.
- The suitable shape was given to the metal according to the requirement. Fig 2.1 shows the schematic diagram of the tested specimen.



Figure 2.1 : Schematic diagram of Fatigue testing specimen

- By using various grades of emery paper such as P320C, 600AW, P1000C, P1200C, C1500CW, C2000CW specimen surface were polished smoothly.
- After polishing by the emery papers, Aluminum oxide (AL₂O₃) powder was used for fine polishing and ethanol was used to remove the black spots from the specimen.
- A load was chosen for which the stress was produced on the tested specimen lies between the ultimate (600MPa) and yield strength (300MPa).

$$\sigma = \text{Stress}$$

Moment of inertia, I = $\frac{\pi d^*}{64}$

 $C = \frac{d}{2}$ = Perpendicular distance to neutral axis.

F = Load.

x = Distance between the load applied & stress developed point.

So stress, $\sigma = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{64Fx}{2\pi d^3}$

- By using this selected load the fatigue life (the number of cycle at which the structure fully fractured) of the tested specimen was determined with the help of fatigue testing machine.
- By selecting 10% of the fatigue life the specimen was examined with the help of fatigue testing machine.

Spring balance Specimen Bearing Motor Base



Figure 2.2 : Fatigue testing machine

The predicted space of the specimen was inspected microscopically to observe the crack initiation.

- The previous two steps were followed until the final crack of the tested specimen was occurred.
- Every times crack propagation of the tested specimen was observed microscopically.
- > The above steps were performed after heat treatment of the tested specimen.

III. Results and Discussion

a) Observation of Crack Initiation & Propagation

Cyclic loading is one of the main reasons for crack initiation and propagation. Crack is microscopic in nature. For stainless steel (SS-304) the change of length of PSBs due to fatigue is observed by using Metallurgical Microscope. In optical microscopic image, it is shown that the PSBs length is increased with increasing cyclic load after starting the crack growth. Fig 3.1 represents the calibration scale through which the length of slip band is measured. Fig 3.2 represents the surface of the specimen before polishing. Fig 3.3 represents the surface of the specimen after polishing.



Figure 3.1 : Calibration scale



Figure 3.2 : Surface of the Specimen before polishing



Figure 3.3 : Surface of the Specimen after polishing

b) Changing behavior of slip band length at 400MPa before heat treatment

Fig. 3.4 represents the optical microscopic images at a stress of 400MPa before heat treatment under different cycles. From the figure it is shown that,

at N=0 cycle there is no crack in the tested specimen surface. At N=45750 cycles a crack is appeared on the surface of the tested specimen. At N=51850 cycles the crack propagates and after that at N=54900 cycles fatigue failure occurs.



N=0 cycle

N=51850 cycles

Figure 3.4 : Optical microscopic images at different cycle before heat treatment

N=45750 cycles

Fig. 3.5 represents the number of cycle vs. length of slip band curve under 400MPa stress before heat treatment of the specimen. The length of slip band is determined with the help of calibration scale whereas the number of cycle is directly found from the fatigue testing machine. From the Fig. 3.5, it is shown that crack 1, crack 2, crack 3 propagates up to certain cycle but they do not cause the final fatigue failure. On the other hand, crack 4; crack 5 propagates up to the fatigue failure.



Figure 3.5 : Number of cycle vs. length of slip band curve

c) Changing behavior of slip band length at 400MPa after heat treatment

Fig. 3.6 represents the optical microscopic images at a stress of 400MPa after heat treatment under different cycles. From the figure it is shown that, at N=0

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Figure 3.6 : Optical microscopic images at different cycle after heat treatment

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Figure 3.7: Number of cycle vs. length of slip band curve

IV. Conclusion

Fatigue is one of the primary reasons for the failure of structural component. Fatigue cracks are microscopic in nature. The initiation & propagation of fatigue cracks are observed by optical method. Various stresses are applied on the tested specimen. It is found that, in every case more than one crack initiates & propagates. But the crack initiation & propagation

nature are not same for all tested specimen. The fatigue life of the tested specimen at 400MPa stress before & after heat treatment are 54900 cycles & 61000 cycles respectively. The fatigue life reduces with the increasing stresses but for same stress fatigue life increases after heat treatment. So, better life of designed can be provided by considering the phenomenon of crack initiation and propagation. It also provides better longevity of materials.

Appendix A

Table A-1 : Data of length of slip band for 400MPa stress before Heat Treatment [Fig. 3.5]

Number of	Length of Slip Band(µm)							
Cycle(N)	Crack 1	Crack 2	Crack 3	Crack 4	Crack 5			
3050	0	0	0	0	0			
6100	0	0	0	0	0			
9150	0	0	0	0	0			
12200	0	0	0	0	0			
15250	490	0	0	0	0			
18300	820	450	0	0	0			
21350	1350	1560	0	0	0			
24400	1420	2730	0	0	0			
27450	1920	4130	0	0	0			
30500			260	0	0			
33550			1100	0	0			
36600			1600	0	0			
39650			3300	0	0			
42700				0	510			
45750				870	1870			
48800				1680	2370			
51850				3200	3060			

Table A-2: Data of length of slip band for 400MPa stress after Heat Treatment [Fig. 3.7]

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Cycle(N)	Crack 1	Crack 2	Crack 3	Crack 4	Crack 5	
3050	0	0	0	0	0	
6100	0	0	0	0	0	
9150	0	0	0	0	0	
12200	317	0	0	0	0	
15250	795	976	0317	0	0	
18300	1590	1748	1112	0	0	
21350	2383	2700	1794	0	0	
24400	2837	2860	2588	750	0	
27450	3014	3495	3881	1100	0	
30500				1950	0	
33550				3178	341	
36600				4188	1180	
39650				4744	2065	
42700					2860	
45750					3383	
48800					3666	
51850					4562	
54900					4721	
57950					5403	

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I. INTRODUCTION

A booster is a device that amplifies available line pressure in order to perform work requiring much higher pressure. It operates a hydraulic cylinder without the need for a hydraulic power unit. The low pressure is converted by the booster to a much higher hydraulic pressure on the output side.



Figure 1 : Image of Booster

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The principle of the air booster works much the same as our liquid pumps in which a larger air drive piston is directly connected to a smaller pumping piston. The incoming air from the compressor drives the booster and also feeds the supply to the unit. 90% of industrial facilities use compressed air in their process. Unfortunately, most compressed air systems are inherently inefficient, converting less that 20% of their energy input into useable compressed air. Consequently, reducing unnecessary compressed air usage and improving the efficiency of the compressed air systems themselves are excellent energy-saving strategies. Compressed air is often used because it is believed to be convenient, safe, and labor-saving. These advantages may justify the high cost of compressed air, but often more energy-efficient alternatives exist. Air leaks, improper pressure regulation, and airflow restrictions can easily reduce a system's useful capacity by 50% or more. Typically, these problems are "solved" by adding a new compressor, when fixing the problem would be much more cost effective and energy-efficient. The Automatic Airline Booster Pump was designed to boost airline pressure automatically in surge tanks or die cushions, or for any high pressure application, such as testing, where small quantities of high pressure air are needed. To operate this booster you simply pipe airline pressure to the master control valve, to the intake side of the booster, and run a high pressure line from the booster to your surge tank. The booster will then operate automatically to boost pressure in the die cushion or surge tank in the desired ratio. This booster is completely valved, ready to operate, with only three airline connections necessary. The booster is completely air actuated with no electrical connections necessary.



Figure 3 : Layout of executed Air Booster

Principle & Working of Design Air II. BOOSTER



Figure 2 : Circuit diagram of Air Booster of single/multistage compression

A booster, or pressure intensifier, is a device that amplifies available line pressure in order to perform work requiring much higher pressure. It operates a hydraulic cylinder without the need for a hydraulic power unit. A booster is basically a cylinder and is similar in internal design, except that the rod end of the piston does not extend outside. The rod becomes a ram for hydraulic fluid. A booster is equivalent to a transformer, or pulley system, in that it changes the ration of pressure input to pressure output but does not amplify power. Low pressure air, as found in most plants or shops, is connected to the large cylinder. Pressures are typically 80 to 100 psi. This low pressure is converted by the booster to a much higher hydraulic pressure on the output side. This discharge has an amplified pressure potential equal to the product of the supply pressure and the booster ratio. Total power is not changed, as the low pressure input air must operate against a large area piston in order to produce high pressure from a much smaller surface area. This total force is exerted by means of piston rod, or ram, to the output section of the booster. The output section contains there hydraulic fluid. Just the end of the rod applies pressure to this fluid.

Low pressure air enters the input section of the booster. It pushes against a large area piston. For example, if a 100 psi air supply pushes against a 4" diameter piston, it is working against an area of approximately 12.6 square inches, for a total force of 1,260 pounds. This total force is exerted by means of the piston rod, or ram, to the output section of the booster. The output section contains a hydraulic fluid. Just the end of the rod applies pressure to this fluid. Let's say that the rod end has a 1" diameter. Its area is about .8 square inches. Divide the .8 square inches into the total applied force of 1,260 pounds and the result is 1,590 pounds per square inch. We have transformed 100 psi into 1,600 psi, or a ratio of 16 to 1. Standard boosters are available in ratios running from approximately 2 to 1 up to 36 to 1. In the selection of a particular booster, not only does the ration have to be taken into account, but also the output volume has to be matched to the cylinder which the booster will drive.

In our example above, we have an output of 1600 psi hydraulic pressure. When this 1600 psi is bed to a cylinder, the total area of the piston in the cylinder in now under a pressure of 1,600 psi! Therefore, instead of an air cylinder which would have to work under 100 psi air pressure, we now have a cylinder working under 1600 psi hydraulic pressure. True, this cylinder will only perform work at this pressure through a volume of fluid in the cylinder that is equal to the same volume displacement in the booster, but for many operations, this volume displacement at such increased pressures is completely satisfactory. In shop air is used as the power source, as this is the most common way boosters are used. It is, however, quite possible to use oil as the operating power source, particularly for extremely high pressure applications. For example, if you need to develop 40,000 psi and had a choice of 80 psi air or 3,000 psi oil, the air booster ratio would be 500:1 and the oil only about 13:1. It's obvious that using an oil to oil booster system would be far less expensive. Standard boosters are air to oil only.

CALCULATIONS AND GRAPHS IV.

According to the relation

Pressure = force/area; P=F/A;

But, Force=mass flow rate *velocity;

 $F=m^*v/A;$

Mass flow rate = density*area*velocity;

Therefore;

 $P = \mathbf{o}^* a^* v^* v$:

Therefore according to this relation;

V=620.20m/s;

Calculations of Mass Flow Rate a)

For tank inlet at 5 bar pressure with 2.54 cm diameter of inlet pipe ;

 ρ , density of air=1.298;

V, velocity = 620.65;

D, diameter of inlet pipe = $2.54 \times 10E-2$;

 $m = 1.298 \pi/4(2.54 10E-2)E2 620.65;$

m = .414 kg/s;

Mass flow rate = .414 kg/s;

Mass flow rate of air for tank inlet at 7 bar;

At 7 bar pressure, according to the relation;

Velocity, v=734.37 m/s; Mass flow rate, $m = \rho^* a^* v$; Where: ρ , density of air=1.298; V, velocity = 734.37; D, diameter of inlet pipe = $2.54 \times 10E-2$; $m = 1.298 \times \pi/4(2.54 \times 10E-2)E2 \times 734.37;$ m = .48 kg/s;Mass flow rate through booster at 7 bar pressure; According to the relation; $m = \rho^* a^* v;$ Velocity of flow is given by; V=734.37 m/s; Diameter of inlet pipe of booster. D=0.82*10E-2; According to the relation; $P = \rho^* a^* v^* v$: Mass flow rate through booster is given by; $m = 1.298 \times \pi/4(0.82 \times 10E-2)E2 \times 734.37;$ m = 0.05031 kg/s; Therefore, number of booster required is given by the relation: No. of booster = mass flow rate through tank/mass flow rate through booster; N = 0.48/0.0503: N = 10 (approx.); b) Calculations for No. of Boosters Stroke length of cushion cylinder = 300 mm;Bore diameter of cushion cylinder, D = 1120 mm; Ram speed, v = 100 m/s; Reset time, t = 1 minute; Therefore. According to the relation, discharge is given by; $Q = \pi/4*D*D*S/10E6$ ltr; $Q = \pi/4*1120E2*300/10E6$ ltr; Q = 295 ltr; Flow rate is given by: Flow rate = Q*60/t ltr/min; Where. Time for one stroke, t = 3 seconds; Therefore flow rate is given by: Q = 295*60/3;Q = 5408 ltr/min; therefore flow rate at 1 bar pressure is given by;

Q = 5408 ltr/min;

Therefore flow rate at 7 bar pressure is given by; $Q = 5408^{*}(0.707 - 0.101/0.101);$ Q = 46854 lt/min;

VBA2000, 4000 **Flow Characteristics** 1.0 0.9 0.8 pressure (MPa) 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 RA 3 0.3 =0. 0.4M 02 0.1 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 Outlet air flow (/min (ANR)) 0 200

Figure 4 : Plot for output pressure vs flow rate of air

According to the graph; From 0.5bar to 0.7bar; $Q_b=1350$ ltr/min; Because $Q>Q_b$;

As the discharge of tank of cushion is more than the discharge through the booster, an extra tank will be installed for the storage of booster output to maintain the pressure.

Tank specifications:

Stroke time, $T_c =$ stroke length/speed;

 $T_c = 300/100;$

 $T_c = 3 \text{ sec};$

c) Calculations for Tank Capacity

According to the relation;

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Volume of tank required, V = (Q-Q_b/2)^*(T_c^*K/60)/(P_{3}-
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P₂)*9.9;

Where;

K, single side stroke = 1;

 P_{3} , max. Pressure = 10 bar = 1 MPa;

 T_c , stroke time = 3 sec;

 Q_b , discharge through booster = 1350 lpm;

Q, discharge through the tank = 46854 lpm;

Taking all the values in relation, volume of tank required

is given by ;

V = (46854 - 1350/2)(3*1/60)/(1 - 0.75)*9.9;

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d) Time Required Charging The Tank Is Given By Relation

$$\Gamma = V/10^* (t_2 - t_1)/N;$$

Where,

N, no. of booster required
$$= 1$$
;

$$P_2/P_1 = 0.7/0.5;$$

 $P_2/P_1 = 1.4;$

From the graph shown;

Time required for 10 litres of tank = 0.5;

T = 38 sec;

Therefore time required to fill the tank is 38 seconds.

V. Advantages

a) Long Holding Time

Another case is where you want to exert a high pressure for a long time, such as maintaining pressures on printing rolls. A booster-cylinder system will maintain a continuous pressure with very little power input. In a pump-cylinder system, the pump must be kept in continual operation. (In order to achieve such holding pressure, there must be a relief valve inserted in the system.

b) Extreme High Pressure

Pressures over 10,000 psi can be obtained with special boosters while virtually impossible with ordinary pumps. When you require an inexpensive way of achieving high pressures, even up to 50,000 psi, the booster is the answer.

c) Cost Ratio

Another reason for using boosters is the cost ratio of a booster system vs. pump system. You have a machine which requires a linear actuator pressure of 5,000 psi. If you were to design in a complete 5,000 psi hydraulic system into this one machine, it could cost you many times a booster system! Again, remember that we are talking about one machine requiring intermittent high pressure.

d) Save Space & Weight

In many applications, booster driven cylinders can replace an extremely large, low pressure air cylinder with a small, efficient, high pressure hydraulic cylinder. Coupled with reduced circuitry, the overall weight of a machine can be reduced, as well as the total space required.

e) Lower Cost

A booster system is less expensive than an overall hydraulic system with its pump-motor requirements. They also require only a fraction of the air of a direct air cylinder installation. Hydraulic requirements are also much smaller to operate a given function. This system is a low cost solution when high pressure and relative high volumes of air is required in a pneumatic application. This system can save money when requirements need up to a 600 PSI supply of air with reserve capacity

VI. Applications

a) High pressure from ship air

One of the principal applications for boosters is in the conversion of low pressure shop air to high pressure hydraulic operation for a specific function where a hydraulic cylinder is required. Many operations require the smooth power inherent in a hydraulic cylinder, yet do not require the expenditure for a complete hydraulic installation. The small, yet powerful movement of a booster driven hydraulic cylinder can be used to hold a piece for riveting, as a spot welding clamp, for punching, piercing, forming, crimping, bending, stamping, shearing, marking, etc. The complete installation of booster, air-oil tank and cylinder can be mounted directly on the equipment itself.

b) Testing

Testing of manufactured parts for physical strength, leaks or burst rating can easily be accomplished with a booster-cylinder combination or a booster alone. A hydraulic cylinder will give a precise, high pressure force for mechanical testing, and a booster can be linked up directly, to a die casting, for instance, to test for leaks.

c) Fluid Transfer

Fluids that are difficult or impossible to transfer with a conventional pump can be fed through a valvebooster combination. Depending on the type of fluid, boosters can be produced with special metals, such as stainless steel.

d) Liquid Injection

High pressure injection of liquids are readily handled with a booster. Such liquids, injected into high pressure gas lines or containers, might include lubricants, antifreeze or odorants.

VII. Conclusion

I have been successful in implementing the booster system to increase the pressure of press by a desired ratio. For this no extra power input is needed. The pressurized air from the main compressor is taken as input to booster. It saves a lot of power consumption. Further no major modification is required in the circuit. Only small space is required for booster, reservoir and valves.

The press is a try-out press. Now the press can be used for pressure higher than company pressure. Thus various pressures can now be applied for pressing the sheet metal. Thus we can decide for which pressure the sheet gets pressed to desired shape to obtain good surface finish and wrinkle free surface. Thus the efficiency of pressing operation and machine is increased.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A thermal power station is a power plant in which the prime mover is steam driven. Water is heated, turns into steam and spins a steam turbine which drives an electrical generator. After it passes through the turbine, the steam is condensed in a condenser and recycled to where it was heated; this is known as a Rankine cycle [1]. Barapukuria power plant is a power station which follows the Rankine cycle. Barapukuria is the only natural coalmine reserve in Bangladesh that is in currently operation. The overall capacity of Barapukuria Thermal Power Plant is 250MW. Total electricity generation is extracted into two units as 2x125MW. In order to alleviate the electricity crisis in Bangladesh, Barapukuria Coal and Power project is a blessing indeed [2].

Besides the blessing indeed property Barapukuria power plant has some adverse effect also. One of the major effects of the power station is the exhaust emission. Due to continuous & long lasting emission of $SO_x \& NO_x$, which are the principal pollutants coal based plants.. It is also worth to note that very high amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission (0.9-0.95kg/kWh) from thermal power plants contribute to global warming leading to climate change [3].

Also Thermal Power Plants have been found to affect Environmental segments of the surrounding

Authors α σ ρ: Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology. e-mail: masud.08ruet@gmail.com region very badly. Environmental deterioration is attributed to emission of large amount of SO_x, NO_x & SPM which disperse over 25kms radius and cause respiratory and related ailments to human beings and animal kingdom. The SPM also includes RSPM (respirable suspended particulate matters) and both types of fine particles normally spread over 25kms from the Thermal Power station.

Alam et al. [4] in their study gives emphasis on the evaluation of possible environmental impacts for Barapukuria thermal power plant and coal mine. In his work an attempt was taken to conduct environmental impact assessment of Barapukuria thermal power. Tamim et al. [5] shows the analysis of fly ash of Barapukuria thermal power plant. Fly ash is one of the common residues produced from combustion of coal. But the study was not enough to recommend the possible measurement to reduce the adverse impact of Barapukuria Power Plant. Now the aim is that, to find out the possible environmental impacts by studying the data from water treatment plant, coal handling unit, ash handling unit and I &C department of Barapukuria thermal power plant and recommending the possible way to minimize the impacts.

II. Methodology

The study was based on field observations, sample collections and data collection. Coal, soil and drain water samples were collected from the study area for sampling. Coal sample and soil data are collected from the authority of Barapukuria thermal power plant.

Overall thesis work was completed by following steps:

Data Collection: The thesis covers both secondary and primary data. Here secondary and primary data sources are used to estimate the emissions and their effects from Barapukuria thermal power plant.

Secondary Data: Secondary data were collected from the authority of Barapukuria thermal power plant, sequentially from the water treatment plant, I&C department, coal & ash handling unit.

Primary Data: Primary data were collected from the analysis of several thesis work based on Barapukuria thermal power plant.

Drain water sample was collected from the Barapukuria thermal power plant and data of drained water collected from the chemistry department to find

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out the level of concentration of different metals or elements.

plant. Fly ash quantities was calculated from the data given by the authority.

Exhaust gas emission data was collected from the I&C department of the Barapukuria thermal power



Figure 1 : Methodological Procedures

III. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

As mentioned in the methodology that the data is collected from the different sources.

Survey to the inhabitants: A survey was directed to the surrounding area within about 5km from the power plant. A conversation was made among 210

people of different profession nearby the plant area to investigate the impact on their health. They informed about their health condition (suffered by the Barapukuria power plant). The survey was based on several questions about asthma, allergy, skin diseases, and other respiratory problems on their health impact. Result of the survey given in table (1).

Table 1 : Health impact on inhabitants (degree of responsive analysis)

Variable	Asthma	Allergy	Skin diseases	Other respiratory problem	Total	Percentages %
Agree	5	7	6	12	30	14
Undecided	35	33	24	28	120	58
Disagree	20	10	30	30	80	38
Total	60	50	60	50	210	100

The above Table 1 reveals that 14% of the inhabitants suffer from allergy, asthma, skin diseases and other respiratory problems and the 58% of the inhabitants were undecided and rest of the 38% were disagreed about the effect of exhaust emission from the Barapukuria thermal power plant.

Conversation was also made with the local doctors about the patient condition around the power plant area. They informed that the skin diseases and the respiratory problems have been increased since when the Barapukuria power plant started operation in 2006.





Variable	Less production	Ash in the air Ash deposited on the leaf		Total	Percentage %
Agree	40	20	30	90	47.36
Undecided	15	15	20	50	26.33
Disagree	15	15	20	50	26.31
Total	70	50	70	190	100

Table 2 : Impact on production and atmosphere

The above Table 2.2 reveals that 47.36% of the inhabitants were agreed that it causes less production,

ash in the air, ash deposited in the leaf, and the 26.33% were undecided and the 26.31% were disagreed.



Figure 3 : Percentage of degree of response of production and atmosphere

IV. ANALYSIS OF WASTE WATER (DRAINED)

The test result of drained water sample showed that pH is slightly basic.

Water parameters	Gut side boundary drain water	Outside drain water
Mn	0.19 mg/L	0.26mg/L
рН	7.2	7.4
Total count	7.5x10⁴ C.F.U/100mL	10x10 ⁴ C.F.U/100mL
Total coliform	28	28
Fecal coliform	9	9
Δc	0	0
715	0	U
SO4 ²⁻	2.4mg/L	3.1mg/L
SO4 ²⁻ NO3 ⁻ N	2.4mg/L 0.4mg/L	3.1mg/L 1.6mg/L

Table 3 : Drained water analysis

It is clear from the analysis that the Mn concentration was found in the range 0.19 to 0.26 mg/L.

The ph was found slightly acidic (7.2 to 7.4). Bacteria is within WHO ranges. The concentration of bacteria was found from 7.5. It is also found that SO_4^{2-} concentration is 2.4 mg/l in gut side boundary drain water and 3.1 mg/l in outside boundary water, which is within the WHO range $.NO_3$ is slightly varied from the standard range and the concentration of Fe3 was found within the WHO range.

V. COAL ANALYSIS

Coal, the most important fossil fuel remained essential in achieving a diverse, balance and secure energy mix. Barapukuria Coal field has been operating officially since 2004, with a coal reserve of 390 Million Tones. The yearly production is 1 million tones, out of which 65% is supplied to the Barapukuria Coal fired Thermal Power Plant, the only operating thermal power plant of Bangladesh, with a capacity of 250MW [6].

- a) Coal consumption (at rated load)
- Each unit per day: 1200 M.ton
- Total for 2 units per day: 2400 M.ton
- Coal consumption/kWh: 0.4 kg

- Annual ash generation: 0.08 million M.ton
- Cooling water consumption/h: 800-1200 M.ton

b) Fly ash analysis

The ash analysis of Fly ash obtained from Barapukuria Power Plant.

Oxides	Percentage
SiO ₂	54.4
Al ₂ O ₃	35.6
Fe_2O_3	2.9
TiO ₂	3.2
Mn ₃ O ₄	0.11
CaO	0.56

K ₂ O	0.66
Na ₂ O	0.06
MgO	0.18

c) Fly ash Disposal

Fly ash disposal is carried out by two techniques, namely dry disposal scheme and Wet disposal scheme. In dry disposal, the produced fly ash is transported from site by various methods (truck, conveyor belt etc.) and disposed into a dry embankment. In wet disposal, the fly ash is mixed with water to form a slurry, which is transported by pipes to be disposed off in a confinement called the 'ash pond'[7].



Figure 4 : Ash pond of Barapukuria Thermal Power Plant

d) Exaust Gas Emission

Table 4 : Exhaust gas emission from stack of the power plant (analytic data of I&C department)

Date	Particulates	Units	Time: 12.00	Time: 24.00
12-8-2012	NO _x	mg/Nm ³	182.22	182.26
	SO ₂	mg/Nm ³	327.20	327.20
	CO ₂	mg/Nm ³	10.48	10.49
	O ₂	%	6.37	6.37
	Dust	mg/Nm ³	125.20	125.20
14-8-2012	NO _x	mg/Nm ³	172.42	171.26
	SO ₂	mg/Nm ³	357.20	348.29
	CO ₂	mg/Nm ³	9.44	10.49
	O ₂	%	6.67	6.37
	Dust	mg/Nm ³	122.29	121.22
16-8-2012	NO _x	mg/Nm ³	179.33	180.26
	SO ₂	mg/Nm ³	318.23	315.20
	CO ₂	mg/Nm ³	11.45	11.33
	O ₂	%	6.97	6.87
	Dust	mg/Nm ³	128.20	129.50
18-8-2012	NO _x	mg/Nm ³	168.32	169.26
	SO ₂	mg/Nm ³	344.76	344.46

CO ₂	mg/Nm ³	9.58	9.79
O ₂	%	6.65	6.78
Dust	mg/Nm³	129.35	129.54

All the reading are taken away from the emission point of power plant, this show that emission is somehow more than allowable limit. When the power plant which are in construction phase when they start their operation then this limit is easily exceeded. So we should take care of all such factors as well as take necessary preventive action to control this emission level.

VI. Summerisation of Impacts on Environment



Figure 5 : Emission from the stack of Barapukuria thermal power plant

Air Quality Around the coal based plants the ambient concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide, Oxides of Nitrogen and SPM are high. Epidemiological Studies have shown that of the area surrounding coal based thermal plants, population living within a 2 -5 km radius of the plant suffers from respiratory disorders. Two other gases, carbon dioxide and ozone are emitted. The high amount of carbon dioxide emission from thermal power plants contribute to global warming leading to climate change is significant Ground level ozone, which is formed due to photolytic reactions of NO_x and its impacts are under study Mercury vapour is also emitted with these gases and its toxicity has far reaching consequences on all life forms.

Impact on water: The water requirement for Barapukuria thermal power plant is 60ton/hr for each unit. Among these water 30 ton/hr is drained and rest of water is recycling. Ash pond decant contains harmful heavy metals like B, As, Hg which have a tendency to leach out over a period of time. Due to this the ground water gets polluted and becomes unsuitable for domestic use. 9m³/h of industrial waste water is discharged directly into the Tilai River without waste water cleaning.



Figure 6 : Drain water disposal at Tilairiver from Barapukuria thermal power plant

Effect of fly ash on soil environment: Large amount of land is used to dispose fly-ash from the coal based plants. Due to this there is change in natural soil

properties. It becomes more alkaline due to the alkaline nature of fly ash. Soft bodied soil workers like earthworms will die out. 2014

VII. Recommendation

- a) The drained water which is directly disposed to the Tilai river without cleaning waste water should be cleaned before disposing.
- b) There is not any process of reusing the ash, directly thrown in the nearest ash pond. Fly ash can be used in different construction purposes. From the study of this thesis shows that the analyzed fly ash are of useful component for recovery of alumina, opencast mine filling, road reclamation, cement and concrete production, waste water treatment and various agricultural applications.
- c) Flue Gas De-sulphurization (FGD) process can be applied to remove sulphar from the flue gas
- d) More source of water can be thought not only by using the ground water

VIII. Conclusion

The analysis showed that the emission of $SO_{x_{x}}$ NO_x and particulates matter is in allowable range but this may cause adverse effect to the environment of the surrounding region.

- Total emissions from the Barapukuria thermal power plant is 1.1ton/hr.
- The high amount of CO₂ emission from thermal power plants before 2009 was 756,020 tons, that make the Barapukuria thermal power plant a red marked power plant in this zone
- Problem associated with ground water is the main challenge of Barapukuria Thermal Power Plant.
- There found poor productivity of cultivating crops due to the lack of water source.
- Upper surface of land become more alkaline due to components of fly ash.
- A significant amount of inhabitants (14%) suffered by the impacts of Barapukuria thermal power plant.
- 47.3 % of inhabitants ensured about less production of their crops, ash in the air, and leaf damage due to fly ash or flue gas.

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- Nomenclature
- A aspect ratio, A = L/b
- *B* channel width [*m*]
- Da Darcy number, $Da = K/b^2$
- e_p porous layer thickness, [m]
- e_p^* dimensionless Porous layer thickness, e_p/b
- *K* thermal conductivity $[Wm^{-1}K^{-1}]$
- K permeability
- L channel length [m]
- Nuw average Nusselt numbre
- P pression, [Pa]
- *P* dimensionless pression, $(p + \rho_o gy)b^2/\rho_o \alpha^2$
- Pr Prandtl number, ν/α
- *Ra* Rayleigh number, $g\beta(T_h T_a)b^3/\nu\alpha$
- R_k thermal conductivity ratio, k_s/k_f
- T temperature, [K]
- T_o average temperature, $(T_h + T_a)/2$, [K]
- *u*, *v* velocity component along *x*, *y* $[m s^{-1}]$
- *U*, *V* dimensionless velocity components along *x*, *y*. $U = ub/\alpha$, $V = vb/\alpha$
- *x*, *y* cartesian coordinates [*m*]

- X, Y dimensionless cartesian coordinates, X = x/b, Y = v/b
- α thermal diffusivity $[m^2 s^{-1}]$
- β volumetric expansion coefficient $[K^{-1}]$
- ΔT maximal difference temperature, $\Delta T = (T_h T_a)$
- λ dimensionless viscosity ratio, $\lambda = \mu_s/\mu_f$
- θ dimensionless temperature, $\theta = (T T_0)/(T_C T_F)$
- Θ dimensionless temperature, $\Theta = T/T_C$
- μ dynamic viscosity

I. INTRODUCTION

he study of the natural convection mode in vertical porous channel is particularly developed in recent years because it relates to various applications such as cooling of electronic equipment, nuclear reactors, thermal insulation heat exchangers, building industry, geophysical flows and crystal growth [Chu and Hwang (1977), Nield, Bejan (1992), Mezrhab (1997)].

In recent years, a large number of experimental and numerical researches have been devoted to study the heat transfer in fully or partially porous vertical channels. [Debbissi (2000)] studied the water evaporation by natural convection between two flat plates. A uniform heat flux is imposed on one wet wall whereas the other plate is insulated or heated and supposed impermeable and is kept at a constant flow by taking into consideration the radiation plates.

[Yan and Lin (2001)] studied the combined effects of buoyancy forces and heat and mass diffusion in a laminar natural convection flow inside a vertical pipe. These authors investigated the effects of wet walls temperatures, air humidity and the aspect ratio on the flow and heat and mass transfer. Recently, [Orfi, Debbissi, Belhaj and Nasrallah (2004)] examined the thin liquid film evaporation flowing down on the inner face of a vertical channel plate. The wet wall is subjected to a uniform heat flux and the second plate is insulated and impermeable.

The purpose of this work is to study numerically the natural convection in a vertical channel with two porous layers arranged vertically by examining the effect of the porous layers thickness on the flow structure, the

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average Nusselt number and the temperature distribution within the channel.

II. Formulation Mathématique du Problème

The configuration of the problem studied is depicted in Figure 1. It shows the geometry of a vertical parallel-plates channel partially occupied by two porous layers. The vertical plates are isothermal and kept at the hot temperature T_{h} . The analysis assumes that the porous media is homogeneous and isotropic. The fluid flow is incompressible, laminar and two-dimensional. The momentum equations are simplified using Boussinesq approximation, in which all fluid properties are assumed constant except the density in its contribution to the buoyancy force.



Figure 1 : Schematic configuration of the problem

The two-dimensional governing equations based on the Brinkman–Darcy model can be written in the following dimensionless form:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \tau} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial X} + \lambda Pr\left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial Y^2}\right) - \frac{Pr}{Da} \frac{U}{K_x}$$
(2)

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \tau} + U \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y} + \lambda Pr \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial Y^2} \right) - \frac{Pr}{Da} \frac{V}{K_y} + RaPr\theta$$
(3)

$$\sigma \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} + U \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial Y} = R_k \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial Y^2} \right)$$
(4)

Where $\lambda = 1$, $R_k = 1$, $\sigma = 1$ in the fluid region

$$\lambda = \infty$$
 , $R_k = k_s / k_f$, $\sigma = \frac{(
ho c)_p}{arepsilon(
ho c)_f}$ in the porous

region.

inlet.

The boundary conditions corresponding to the considered problem are as follows:

Solid plates boundary conditions: $0 \le Y \le 1$, X = 0and X = 1

$$U = 0, V = 0, \theta = 1, \frac{\partial P}{\partial X} = 0$$

Inlet boundary conditions: $0 \le X \le A$ and Y = 0

$$U = 0, \ \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = 0, \ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial Y} = 0, \ P = \frac{-Q_{\text{in}}^2}{2}$$

Where Q_{in} is the mass flow rate at the channel

$$Q_{in} = \int_{0}^{1} [V(X)]_{Y=0} dX$$

Outlet boundary conditions: $0 \le X \le A$ and Y = 1

$$U = 0, \ \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = 0, \ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial Y} = 0, \ P = 0$$

III. NUMERICAL PROCEDURE

A series of calculations was done for the set of parameters given in Table 1, to determine the optimum non-uniform grid (i.e. the best compromise between accuracy and computational costs). A numerical simulations of the problem considered for two Rayleigh number $Ra = 1 \times 10^6$ and 10^7 , A = 5 and Pr = 0.71 were performed with six different grids. From the table 1, it was found that the difference in Nusselt number obtained with a 30×140 grid and a 30×160 grid is only 0.1% percent. Therefore, all the computations in the present study were done with a non-uniform 30x140 grid.

		$Ra = 10^{6}$			$Ra = 10^6$ $Ra = 10^7$			
	Nuw	ψ_{max}	Q	Nuw	ψ_{max}	Q		
(14x90)	16.885	389.01	0.41495.10 ³	18.282	783.18	0.83540.10 ³		
(14x100)	16.891	390.49	0.41653.10 ³	18.287	790.92	0.84365.10 ³		
(20x100)	17.575	408.209	0.43542.10 ³	19.125	853.69	0.91060.10 ³		
(20x120)	17.582	410.489	0.43786.10 ³	19.132	896.143	0.93509.10 ³		
(24x120)	17.847	413.260	0.44081.10 ³	19.513	882.758	0.94161.10 ³		
(24x130)	17.849	414.15	0.44176.10 ³	19.517	896.14	0.95589.10 ³		
(28x130)	18.046	415.27	0.44296.10 ³	19.797	895.557	0.95526.10 ³		
(28x140)	18.047	416.06	0.44380.10 ³	19.800	908.96	0.96956.10 ³		
(30x140)	18.155	417.57	0.44541.10 ³	19.907	915.19	0.97621.10 ³		
(30x160)	18.156	418.705	0.44662.10 ³	19.914	941.68	1.0045.10 ³		

Table 1: Results of the grid independence study for Pr = 0.71: $Ra = 10^6$ and $Ra = 10^7$

Furthermore, the numerical code has been validated by taking into account some numerical studies available in the literature. Firstly, it was validated on the problem of natural convection in a square porous cavity [Beckermann, Vistkanta and Ramadhyani (1986)]. The results found for the average Nusselt number for different Rayleigh number *Ra*, the Prandlt number *Pr* and Darcy number *Da* are in good agreement with the present results as shown in Table (2).

Table 2 : Average Nusselt number for differentscontrols parameters and for A = 1

Ra	Da	Pr	Beckermann et al.(1986)	Nos Résultats
10 ⁵	10 ⁻¹	1.0	4.724	4.648
10 ⁵	10 ⁻¹	0.01	4.724	4.648
10 ⁸	10-4	1.0	24.97	24.891
10 ⁸	10 ⁻⁴	0.01	24.97	24.891
10 ¹²	10 ⁻⁸	1.0	48.90	48.854
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Secondly, the code has been tested on the problem of natural convection in an asymmetrically heated vertical channel partially filled with a porous medium. A comparison of the velocity profile for three fluid layer thickness and for $Da = 10^{-2}$ between the predicted results and those obtained by [Paul, Jha, Singh (1998)] is shown in figure 2. Results show an excellent agreement.



Figure 2: Velocity profiles for $Da = 10^{-2}$

IV. Results and Discussion

Numerical simulations are performed for Pr = 0.71, A = 5, $R_k = 1$ and for Darcy number and porous layer thickness ranged respectively between $10^{-8} \le Da \le 1$ and $0.05 \le e_p^{-1} \le 0.3$. A survey of the heat transfer and flow overall results obtained is presented and discussed. Some local results are also reported by means of isotherm, streamline, average Nusselt number and dimensionless temperature.

Figure 3 shows the variation of the average Nusselt number *Nuw* according to Darcy number for different Rayleigh number and for three porous layer thickness: $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.05$, $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.1$, $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.2$.

In general, we observe that for a fixed Darcy number, heat transfer increases with increasing Rayleigh number. However, for a given *Ra*, there is a significant decrease of Nusselt number *Nuw* as the permeability decreases. Moreover, from these figures, we can distinguish three zones: A first zone with low permeability $Da \leq 10^{-6}$: the Nusselt number remains almost constant, in this range of Da, and the porous layers acts as an impermeable wall where the flow is almost zero. A second zone characterized by high Darcy numbers $Da \ge 10^{-3}$: the average Nusselt number is higher and practically independent of Da. The porous layers do not hinder the fluid flow and the heat transfer is more important as Rayleigh number increases. This is due to the fact that the Darcy number becomes negligible compared to the convective terms in the governing equations system. A final intermediate zone $10^{-5} \le Da \le 10^{-3}$: we note that the average Nusselt number increases significantly with the permeability. This increase is even higher for $Ra = 10^6$ and $Ra = 10^7$ and for low porous layers thicknesses.





Figure 3: Evolution of the average Nusselt number as a function of Darcy numberfor different Ra: (a) $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.05$, (b) $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.1$, (c) $e_{\rho}^{*} = 0.2$

Figure 4 displays the isotherms and the streamlines obtained for various porous layer thickness and respectively for two Darcy number Da = 1 and $Da = 10^{-6}$.

Let us note that for Da = 1, which corresponds to a permeable porous layer (Figure 4. a), the variation of the thickness has no significant effect on the streamlines shape. However, for $Da = 10^{-6}$, which corresponds to the porous layers of low permeability (Figure 4. b), we note the absence of flow circulation in the porous media witch behaves like solid walls. The flow is confined in the fluid medium and becomes lower as the thickness increases. The isotherms are parallel to the channel walls and are thinner for Da = 1.

 $e_{p}^{*}=0.1$

 $e_{0}^{*} = 0.2$

 $e_{0}^{*} = 0.3$

 $e_{p}^{*} = 0.05$





Figure 4: Isotherms and streamlines for various e_{ρ}^{*} for $Ra = 10^{7}$: (a) Da = 1, (b) $Da = 10^{-6}$

Figure 5 gives the variation of the average Nusselt number *Nuw* versus the porous layers thickness e_{ρ}^{*} for five different Darcy numbers and for two Rayleigh number $Ra = 10^{6}$ and $Ra = 10^{7}$.

As can be seen the different curves are located between two limiting curves corresponding to the fluid and solid behavior of the porous material Da = 1 and $Da = 10^{-8}$. It is observed that the heat transfer decreases with increasing the porous layers thickness, which is more important as the Darcy number decreases. Indeed, we note that for sufficiently large permeability (Da = 1 and $Da = 10^{-2}$) the influence of the porous layer thickness on heat transfer is negligible and the average Nusselt number remains constant. However, for relatively low permeability the Nusselt number decreases with increasing e_{ρ}^{*} . It should be noted that it is sufficient to introduce porous layers of thickness less than 0.1 to reduce significantly heat transfer.





Figure 5: Evolution of the Nusselt number as a function of e_{ρ}^{*} for different Darcy number: (a) $Ra = 10^{6}$, (b) $Ra = 10^{7}$

To understand the shape of the isotherms, we plotted in Figure 6 the evolution of the dimensionless temperature profiles θ in the horizontal median plane of the channel for different porous layers thickness and for two Darcy number Da = 1 and $Da = 10^{-6}$.

As we have previously reported, for large Darcy number (Figure 6. a), the introduction of porous layers has a negligible effect on dimensionless temperature whatever their thickness. However, for $Da = 10^{-6}$ (Figure 6. b), note that the curves slope decreases significantly for large thickness values and θ is much smaller that the thickness e_{ρ}^{-1} is low.



Figure 6: Evolution of the dimensionless temperature as a function of X for differents e_{ρ}^{*} and for $Ra = 10^{7}$: (a) Da = 1, (b) $Da = 10^{-6}$

V. Conclusion

This paper presents a numerical study of natural convection in a vertical parallel-plate channel partially filled with porous medium. Numerical calculations were performed to investigate the effect of Rayleigh numbers Ra, Darcy number Da and porous layers thickness e_o^* on the flow field and heat transfer. We examined the Rayleigh number effect characterizing the convection intensity and we concluded that the heat transfer increases with increasing Rayleigh number Ra. We also showed that the variation of the porous layers permeability, through the Darcy number, affects significantly the heat transfer. Indeed, we have identified three zones and we found that for a fixed Rayleigh number and high value of Da, the Nusselt number Nuw is nearly constant and the flow is similar to that observed in a fluid channel. Whereas, for small Darcy numbers, the average Nusselt number decreases until it reaches a minimum for $Da = 10^{-6}$ where there is no convective exchange in the porous layers. Results show also that the heat transfer decreases significantly when the porous layer thickness is less than 0.1 ($e_{\rho} \stackrel{*}{=} 0.1$). Finally, note that the isotherms and streamlines are very sensitive to variation of the porous layers thickness for relatively large Darcy number.

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I. INTRODUCTION

oday's world is extensively and rapidly inclining to miniaturizing of electronic components to meet the demands and flexibility. Miniaturization of electronic devices has led to tremendous integration levels, with complicated network of conductive layer assembled together on a chip area no larger than a few square centimeters [1]. The thermal characteristics of the incorporated conductive layer undergo a huge amount of current [2]. This phenomenon is unavoidable in modern electronics, so it is indeed an urge of time to investigate the electro-thermal problems and determine the associated resultant temperature fields properly, as far as the reliability of electronic devices is concerned. When an electrically conducting material is subjected to a current flow, Joule heating is induced, which eventually leads to the generation of heat in the conductor. This electrical and thermal conduction ultimately causes thermal stress in the materials, which is considered to be one of the major reasons of metal line failure in electronic packaging [3].

The problem of heat conduction in a layer under the influence of current flow has been explained theoretically by Carslaw and Jaeger [4]. Steady temperature distribution near the tip of a crack in a homogeneous isotropic conductive plate was analyzed by Saka and Abe [5] under a direct current field with the help of pathindependent integrals. Further, the analysis was extended by Sasagawa et al. [6] to

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determine the current density and temperature distributions near the corner of an angled metal line subjected to direct current flow. Greenwood and Williamson [7] treated the case of a conductor subjected to a direct current flow, in which temperature dependent material properties were considered, and showed that equipotential were isothermals under the assumption that the relationship between the temperature and electrical potential at the positions of current input and output satisfied the condition of zero electro-thermal heat flux vector [8], and

the remaining portion of the boundary was insulated both electrically and thermally.

This paper represents a study on the electrical and thermal conduction through a conductive metal layer having edge cracks or internal holes subjected to constant current density. The method of Greenwood and Williamson was extended by Jang [9] is used to obtain a solution to the coupled nonlinear problem of steady-state electrical and thermal conduction across a crack in a conductive layer for which material properties were assumed to be functions of temperature.

The main aim of the current work is focused on conducting a comprehensive numerical modeling of potential distribution and thermal gradient due to the effect of various relevant parameters like varying crack depth and internal holes of different geometrical shapes.

II. Physical Model

The physical model considered in the present study is a two-dimensional rectangular film of copper as shown in Fig. 1. The length and width of the layer is 0.2m and 0.1m respectively. The constant current density, $J_a = 30$ MAm⁻² is injected from the left boundary (1) which passes through the whole layer and exists from the right boundary (4). The left and right boundaries are kept at temperature $T_i = 328K$ and $T_o = 273K$ respectively while the top (3) and bottom (2) edges are kept both thermally and electrically insulated.

We considered the current and heat balances in a two dimensional approximation of the real geometry, as the thickness considered is negligible.



Figure 1 : Schematic diagram of the physical domain with boundary conditions

a) Parameters

Table 1 : List of parameters

PARAMETER		UNIT	
Co	ommon Pa	aramete	rs
Length (L)		m	0.2
Width (W)		m	0.1
Thickness (t)		m	0.001
Current Density (J)		MAm ⁻²	30
Thermal Conductivity (k)		Wm⁻¹K	400
Electrical Resistivity (p)		Ωm	1.754 e-8
Ambient Temperature		K	298
Inlet Temperature (T _i)		K	328
Outlet Temperature (T _o)		K	273
Edge Cracks			
Crack Width (w)		m	0.001
Varying Crack Depth (d)		m	0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05
Internal Holes			
Hole Shape	Dimension		Figure
Diamond	x= 0.02 m		\sim
	x= 0.04 m		\bigvee_{\uparrow}
	r = 0.008m		α^{-r}
Circle	r = 0.016m		
Hole Shape	Dimension		Figure
Rectangle	a= 0.014m		
	a= 0.028m		
Triangle (J	h=0.0187m		\triangleleft
vertex)	h=0.0374m		→ h ←
Triangle (J enters from the base)	h=0.0187m		\triangleright
	h=0.037	74m	→ h ←

III. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

When a conductive layer is subjected to a constant current, there will be potential difference throughout the layer. The electric potential strongly depends on electrical resistivity of the layer material and the value of injected current. That potential difference affects heat generation, which finally involves in calculating thermal distribution. The energy generation term in the governing equation is calculated based on the distribution of electrical potential, there by leading to a coupled analysis of heat transfer problem with electrical problem.

a) Electrical Problem

At a point in space, the electric potential is the potential energy per unit of change that is associated with a static (time invariant) field. The electric field at a point is equal to the negative gradient of the electric potential over there. In symbols,

$$E = -\nabla\varphi \tag{1}$$

Where, $\varphi(x, y, z)$ is the scalar field representing the electric potential at a given point and E is the corresponding electric field.

The continuum form of Ohm's law is

$$\nabla \varphi = -\rho J \tag{2}$$

Which is only valid in the reference form of the conductive material. Equation (2) can be written for orthographic / isotropic material as,

$$iJ_{x} + jJ_{y} + kJ_{z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left[i\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} + j\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} + k\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z} \right]$$
(3)

If the material is anisotropic, we can conclude as,

$$J_x = -\frac{1}{\rho_x} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}, \ J_y = -\frac{1}{\rho_y} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}, \ J_z = -\frac{1}{\rho_z} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}$$
(4)

According to conservation of current law, for stationary current and no free charge in that region,

$$\frac{\partial J_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial J_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial J_z}{\partial z} = 0$$
(5)

From (4) and (5), for the two dimensional analysis,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \tag{6}$$

The boundary conditions for prescribed electrical potential distribution are:

$$\varphi(0,H) = \varphi_1, \qquad \qquad \varphi(L,H) = \varphi_2$$

$$\varphi(L,0) = 0, \qquad \qquad \varphi(0,H) = 0$$

And for electrical insulation or prescribed current density,

At
$$x = 0$$
, $\frac{d\varphi}{x} = -\rho J$
At $x = L$, $\frac{d\varphi}{dx} = \rho J$
At $y = 0$, $\frac{d\varphi}{dy} = 0$
At $y = b$, $\frac{d\varphi}{dy} = 0$

 $\frac{1}{A}$

b) Thermal Problem

The temperature distribution of a conductive layer is easily understood when the wire is subjected to both-endfixed temperature, open to atmosphere at bothends etc. But if the layer is subjected to Joule heating or heating due to current, temperature distribution largely depends on thermal conductivity, convection co-efficient of a material.

The energy balance equation for the volume element is stated as-

$$\begin{pmatrix} Net \ rate \\ of \\ heat \ gain \\ by \\ conduction \\ (I) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} Net \ rate \\ of \\ heat \ loss \\ by \\ convection \\ (II) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Rate \ of \\ energy \\ generation \\ (III) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Rate \ of \\ increase \\ of \\ thermal \\ energy \\ (IV) \end{pmatrix}$$

So arranging we get,

$$\frac{1}{A} \frac{[Aq]_x - [Aq]_{x + \Delta x}}{\Delta x} - \frac{h^p}{A} [T(x) - T_\infty] + g = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(7)

Applying, $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ with the flux by Fourier law

$$\frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(Ak\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) - \frac{hP}{A}\left[T(x) - T_{\infty}\right] + g = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(8)

So, the basic governing equation for two dimensional heat problems-

$$\frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(Ak_{x}\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(Ak_{y}\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) - \frac{hP}{A}[T(x) - T_{\infty}] + g = \rho C_{p}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(9)

For variable area and conductivity,

$$\frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(Ak_{x}\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(Ak_{y}\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) - \frac{hP}{A}\left[T(x) - T_{\infty}\right] + g = 0$$
(10)

For constant area and variable conductivity,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(k\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(k\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) - \frac{hP}{A}[T(x) - T_{\infty}] + g = 0 \quad (11)$$

For constant area and constant conductivity,

$$k(\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2T}{dy^2}) - \frac{hP}{A}[T(x) - T_{\infty}] + g = 0$$
(12)

For variable area, variable conductivity and insulated layer,

$$\frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(Ak_{x}\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(Ak_{y}\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) + g = 0 \qquad (13)$$

The boundary conditions are,

$$\begin{array}{l} x=0, \ T(x)=T_{-\infty} \\ x=L, \ T(x)=T_{-L} \end{array} \right\} \ (\text{For prescribed temperature})! \\ x=0, \ q_{0}=-kA\frac{dT}{dx} \\ x=L, \ q_{0}=kA\frac{dT}{dx} \end{array} \right\} (\text{For prescribed heat flux}) \\ x=0, \ A\frac{dT}{dx}=h(T-T_{\infty}) \\ x=L, \ kA\frac{dT}{dx}=h(T-T_{\infty}) \end{array}\} (\text{For convection})! \\ \end{array}$$

Coupling Electrical and thermal problems,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(Ak_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(Ak_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{hP}{A} [T(x) - T_{\infty}] + g = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(13)
And, $g = \rho \left(J_x^2 + J_y^2 \right) = \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right\}$ (14)

Here, potential distribution, which is found by electrical analysis of a conductive layer, is put in above equation and the heat generation is calculated. Then heat generation is used in thermal analysis where temperature distribution of that conductive layer is evaluated.

c) Electro-Thermal Heat Flux

Electro-thermal heat flux of a conductive layer is the difference between the thermal heat flux and the flux generation by the potential distribution of that layer. Electro-thermal Heat Flux for two dimensional electrothermal problem,

$$P = q - \frac{1}{2k\rho} \varphi \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right)$$
(15)

d) Solution Procedure

In this study, the Galerkin weighted residual method of finite-element formulation is used as a numerical procedure. The finite element method begins by the partitions of the continuum area of interest into a number of simply shaped regions called elements. These elements may be of different size and shapes. Within each element, the dependent variable is approximated using interpolation functions.

The coupled governing equations (14)-(15) are transformed into sets of algebraic equations using the finite element method to reduce the continuum domain into discrete triangular domains. The system of algebraic equations is solved by iteration technique. The solution process is iterated until the subsequent convergence is satisfied.

 $|\psi^{m+1} - \psi^m| \le 10^{-4}$ Where m is the number of iteration and is the general dependent variable.

IV. Results and Discussion

In this study, the electro-thermal characteristics of thin conductive metal layer are measured through a simulation study using the COMSOL Multiphysics software by finiteelement- method (FEM).



Figure 2: Geometry of a rectangular copper plate having an edge crack at mid-length position of the layer

Figure 2 shows the geometric configuration of the copper plate and Figure-3 visualizes the generated temperature distribution profile. Figure-6 illustrates the effect of crack depth on the electrical potential. Electrical potential is a function of axial position and it follows a linear shape. We can see that, changing the crack depth increases the maximum electrical potential. When the copper layer with an edge crack at mid-length position of the layer, with constant material property and unchanged boundary conditions is subjected to uniform current density, then Figure 7 depicts the trend of generated temperature along the length.



Figure 3 : Temperature profile of a rectangular copper plate having an edge crack at mid-length position of the layer

As the generated temperature is the function of position, so the figure is dome shaped. The temperature increases along length until the center and decreases thereafter. Increasing the crack depth obviously increases the maximum temperature as at the points of crack, the current density increases which raises the temperature. Therefore, the position of maximum generated temperature is at the position of the crack, more appropriately around the tip of the crack. From Figure-7, it is obvious that generated maximum temperature increases proportionally with the ratio of crack depth to crack width, which ultimately depicts that temperature is proportional to crack depth, as crack width is constant.





Figure 8 shows the variation of heat flux when varying the crack depth. It should be noticed that at the position of crack, the shape changes. The heat flux sharply decreases at the crack as the sectional area decreases. Moreover, the minimum heat flux is at the top of the crack.

In case of holes, Figure 5 shows the general trend of temperature distribution of a rectangular copper plate having a right-angled diamond-shaped hole at its center. Figure 10 represents the change of temperature with change of hole shape keeping the boundary condition unchanged.



Figure 5 : Temperature profile of a rectangular copper plate having a right-angled diamond-shaped hole at its center







Figure 7: Comparison of temperature at the centerline along X- axis for various crack depth of a rectangular copper plate having an edge crack at mid-length position of the layer



Figure 8 : Comparison of heat flux at the centerline along X- axis for various crack depth of a rectangular copper plate having an edge crack at mid-length position of layer

The temperature is dependent on heat generation and $g \propto |\nabla V|$ i.e. g is dependent on axial position. The figure shows that the shape is almost same for circle, diamond and rectangle. But with reversed triangle (Vertex is opposite to current input direction) the temperature is little lower.



Figure 9: Comparison of electric potential (developed at the upper edge along X-axis) of a rectangular copper plate having various types of holes at its center



Figure 10 : Comparison of temperature (at the upper edge along X-axis) of a rectangular copper plate having various types of holes at its center



Figure 11 : Comparison of heat flux (generated at the upper edge along X-axis) of a rectangular copper plate having various types of holes at its center

Making the hole diameter as a variable quantity, which shows that with the increment of the size ratio, temperature increases as it withstand the same current input within a smaller region, makes another analysis. Here temperature is a function of size ratio (the ratio of hole diameter to plate diagonal)




Shape	Size Factor	Size Ratio	Maximum Temperat ure (K)
Diamond	Hole Diagonal/ Plate Diagonal	0.089	516.08
		0.134	528.76
		0.179	548.06
		0.224	577.84
Rectangle	Hole Diagonal/ Plate Diagonal	0.089	516.21
		0.179	547.89
Circle	Hole Diameter/ Plate Diagonal	0.071	515.51
		0.143	544.57
Triangle (J enters	le Hole ers Height/	0.084	499.31
topmost Diagon point)	Diagonal	0.167	535.28
Triangle (J enters from the base)	Hole Height/ Plate Diagonal	0.084	499.32
		0.167	535.03

Table 2 : Effect of varying Size Ratio of the Hole

V. Conclusion

Thermal and electrical characteristics of uniform and non-uniform conductive layers are studied in this research and the analysis was done by computer simulation using COMSOL Multiphysics. In this paper, conductive layers with different types and shapes of internal holes as well as edge cracks are studied.

When analyzing edge crack, it is also seen that crack on conductive layer affects electrical potential and the temperature distribution. An interesting result is found that increasing the crack depth has more significant effect than changing the crack position when other parameters are unchanged. Sharp drop of electrical potential at crack position indicates the sudden change of temperature at that position.

It has been investigated that any kind of hole in a conductive layer increases the temperature. Impacts of circular, diamond-shaped, rectangular and triangular holes are studied. Changing the shape of the internal hole creates little fluctuation on characteristic curves.

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Symbol	Meaning	Unit
J	Current density	Am⁻²
k	Thermal conductivity	Wm⁻¹K⁻¹
h C _p	Convective HT co-efficient Specific heat capacity	Wm ⁻² K ⁻¹ KJKg ⁻¹ °C ⁻¹

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