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I. INTRODUCTION

The ready-made garment (RMG) sector is the life-blood of Bangladesh economy achieving higher export growth every year. The sector is now the largest contributor not only to overseas trade but also to the national economy. Bangladesh textiles and RMG industry comprises 1,55,557 units – 1,48,000 handlooms units, 3,284 mechanized primary textile units, 5150 export-oriented readymade garments manufacturing units and 273 garments washing-dyeing units. The sector is a major foreign exchange earner for Bangladesh contributing 77 percent to the country's net exports. At the end of the fiscal year 2011, total export of Bangladesh garments was worth US\$ 23 billion, a 43

exports. At the end of the fiscal year 2011, total export of Bangladesh garments was worth US\$ 23 billion, a 43 percent increase over the previous year, accounting for almost 25 percent of the GDP (gross domestic product) [1]. Now a day, fashion & styles are changing rapidly. The rapid rate at which the whole process takes place, the interaction between workers, and the different transition times between workers make it increasingly more difficult for a human being to make correct decisions regarding how fast each operator should work in order to continue the process, while at the same time keeping productivity high and throughput at an acceptable level [2]. Different type bottom, top and underwear are manufactured in Bangladesh. Shorts are a garment worn by both men and women over their pelvic area, circling the waist and splitting to cover the upper part of the legs, sometimes extending down to the knees but not covering the entire length of the leg. Shorts are typically worn in warm weather or in an environment where comfort and air flow are more important than the protection of the legs [3]. Shorts owe much of their contemporary origins to the military. Possibly the earliest example (1880's) of modern-day shorts, is the uniform of the heavily respected Gurkha soldiers of the Nepalese army. During World War I, British Rear Admiral Mason Berridge, who stayed North American Headquarters in Bermuda and adopted a style for his fellow officers and named them "Bermuda Shorts". From then on this style is adopted as school uniform in Britain. In 1932, when Britain's top ranked tennis player, Bunny Austin appeared in the U.S. National Championships in Forrest Hills, Long Island, he wore flannel shorts instead of the standard white trousers. By the 1950's, in suburban America, Bermuda shorts were seen as essential. Today Hollywood and athletics greatly influences style, Michigan basketball's 1991's "best recruiting class ever" that created a cultural shift, from short shorts to a new, longer, baggy short, that asserted ego, personality and a new style of player [4]. In modern fashion trend, shorts belong as unisex formal and informal outerwear all over the globe. Although, they are a shortened version of trousers, many derivatives and designed shorts are available in Market.

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Baggies, Bermuda shorts, Boardshorts, Boxer shorts, Cargo shorts, Jorts, Cut-offs short etc. are used by men. Women use Boyshorts, Bun huggers, Culottes, Daisy Dukes, Dolphin shorts, Hotpants, Short shorts, Skorts etc. most [5].

To make shorts industrially about 44 operations are needed. Some of these are performed by helper manually and rest of operations is completed by the operator with help of machine.

Assembly Lines are used in high production situations where the work to be performed can be divided into small tasks and tasks assigned to the workstations on the line. Key advantage of using manual assembly line is specialization of labor. By giving each worker a limited set of tasks to do repeatedly [6].

A standard method is needed to get the maximum productivity by using the assigned time properly. The job is broken down into parts and the parts are timed. The parts are known as Element. Contents of each element should be homogeneous as possible. If the element is shorter, two or more should be combined into one [7]. In assembly line balancing, allocation of jobs to machines is based on the objective of minimizing the workflow among the operators, reducing the throughput time as well as the work in progress and thus increasing the productivity. Sharing a job of work between several people is called division of labor. Division of labor should be balanced equally by ensuring the time spent at each station approximately the same. Each individual step in the assembly of product has to be analyzed carefully, and allocated to stations in a balanced way over the available workstations. Each operator then carries out operations properly and the work flow is synchronized. In a detailed work flow, synchronized line includes short distances between stations, low volume of work in process, precise of planning of production times, and predictable production quantity [8].

Standard minute value is the standard time, to complete any given task by using best possible methods at standard level of performance. To estimate SMV we have to analyze the garment carefully and check different factors that affect the SMV. SMV of a product varies according to the work content or simply according to number of operations, length of seams, fabric types, stitching accuracy needed, sewing technology to be used etc.

Standard minutes (SMV) of few basic products have been listed down with its SMV range according to work content variation [9].

Breakdown is a listing of the content of a job by elements. A garment consists of some parts & some group of operations. Breakdown means to writing down all parts & all process/operation after one another lying with the complete garment according to process sequence. It is a must to write down the estimated SMV & type of machine beside each & every process [10].

Work study is a generic term for method study and work measurement which are used in the Examination of human work in all its contexts and which lead systematically to the Investigation of all the factors which affect the efficiency and economy of the situation being reviewed, in order to effect improvement [11].

Therefore, garment production needs properly rationalized manufacturing technology, management and planning [12].

Performance rating is the process during which the time study engineer compares the performance of the operator under observation with his own concept of normal performance. The concept of normal performance must be such that the time standards set from it and must be within the capacity of the majority of workers in the enterprise [13].

Line balancing is the allocation of sewing machine according to style and design of garment. It depends of that what type of garment we have to produce [14].

An experimental investigation for the distribution of SMV for each and every operation require for making a men's and provides a clear and details concepts for determining line balancing, machine requirements, man power allocation for setting a definite target within a reasonable efficiency.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The main objective of this study is to form a sequential list of all the elements (operation breakdown) in sewing line involving with producing double layer shorts as well as distributing Standard minute value for every element (tasks) of this job. Besides, following issues are concerned: To draw a clear job flow chart of making shorts, to determine the manpower and machine allocation, to define a way to minimize SMV and maximize productivity and to set up a balanced sewing line practically.

III. METHODOLOGY

A study was carried out in the garments Industry named Ehsan Garments Ltd. Located at Tongi, Gazipur, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Moonlight Garments Ltd. Located at Tongi, Gazipur, Dhaka, Bangladesh. We attempted this study for proper utilization of man and machine.

a) *Analysis of particular Garment (designed double layer shorts)*

Generally, two different types of fabric are used for double layer shorts. For our study we took 100% polyester single jersey fabric (width-58-60", weight-120gsm, technique-knitted) as lining fabric and ricehole mesh fabric (width58-60", 140gsm, warp knitted) as shell (outer) portion. As such type of shorts is used as nightwear, ready for the gym, walking fit wear, athletic fit and loose fitting appearance; Elastic waistband (2"

synthetic) with hidden drawstring (0.5" synthetic flat draw cord) and two side pockets are existed.

The investigation occurred for M size garments consisting with 32-34" waist and 8" inseam.



Figure.1: Basic figure of men's shorts

b) Making process of shorts

Preparatory section

- Care label attach to back
- ↓
- Side pocket bag close
- ↓
- Pocket bag join to body
- ↓
- Pocket opening 1/4 top
- ↓
- Side Pocket fixed tack
- ↓
- Pocket w/belt positions tack

Lining part section

- Back rise join lining part
- ↓
- Front rise join lining
- ↓
- Side seam join lining

Shell part section

- Front rise join Shell part
- ↓
- Back rise join shell part
- ↓
- Side seam join shell part
- ↓
- Side seam join position over

Assembly section

Lining part joins to shell part w/belt

- ↓
- Elastic mouth tack & mark
- ↓
- Elastic join to w/belt
- ↓
- Elastic join position over lock
- ↓
- Size label attaching
- ↓
- W/belt hole making
- ↓
- W/belt false tack
- ↓
- W/belt rolling
- ↓
- Inseam joins shell part
- ↓
- Inseam joins Lining part
- ↓
- Bar tack at pocket corner & inseam
- ↓
- Bottom hem over lock
- ↓
- Bottom hemming

c) Operation breakdown

- ❖ After analyzing the provided shorts construction in section by section (i.e. preparatory, lining section, shale section, assembly), had to list down operations. Once we had listed all operations cross-check with sample shorts again and visualize that if all operations are done as per our list we would get exactly complete shorts as per sample.
- ❖ Based on seam type used we selected one machine and enter into the sheet against each operation with name and description of attachments or folder or guides if needed for an operations.
- ❖ At this stage we had to find SMVs by conducting Time study (time study sheet) .SMV is shown at 100% efficiency and also converted SMVs into Target efficiency (i.e. 65%). Refer to the formula. $SMV \text{ at Target Efficiency} = SMV @ 100\% \text{ efficiency} / \text{Target efficiency}\%$
- ❖ By using following formulas we fixed up Production per hour at target efficiency% and Number of machines.
 $\text{Calculated Production/Hour @ target efficiency} = 60/\text{Operation SMV @ target Efficiency}$
 $\text{Calculated Machine number} = (\text{SMV @ target efficiency} * \text{Hourly production target}/60)$
- ❖ Last of all a table form summary of required number of machine was drawn to achieve hourly production target.

d) *Time study*

In order to balance the sewing line as well as to increase the efficiency of the line, at first a detailed work and time study was carried out to find the task durations.

However, the time required to complete a task depends on a lot of factors such as the task, the operator, the properties of fabric and sub materials, working environment, quality level of the product, the hour of the day, psychology of the operator etc.[16]

e) *Line balancing*

Standard Minute Value (SMV) is used as the most usable tool for the line balancing, production

control and the estimation of efficiency. After time study following steps are required to balance the line.

- Target setting
- Identification of bottleneck areas
- Eliminate bottlenecks from the line

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

a) *Operation breakdown sheet and time study sheet*

The following table denotes the operations breakdown (elements) sheet and number of required machines.

Table 1: Operations breakdown (elements) sheet

NO	OPERATION	M/C	M/C OPN		MNL OPN		REQ	
		TYPE	SMV	TGT	SMV	TGT	OP	HEL
1	Back rise join lining part	4 OL	0.3	200			1.27	
2	Care label attach to back part	SNL	0.23	261			0.97	
3	Front rise join lining part	4 OL	0.27	222			1.14	
4	Back + front part matching lining part	H			0.28	214		1.18
5	Side seam join lining part	4 OL	0.5	120			2.11	
6	Side pocket bag close	5 OL	0.3	200			1.27	
7	Pocket pair matching & thread cut	H			0.28	214		1.18
8	Front rise join Shell part	4 OL	0.29	207			1.23	
9	Pocket join position mark	H			0.28	214		1.18
10	Pocket bag join to body	SNL	0.9	67			3.80	
11	Pocket join position corner cut	H			0.28	214		1.18
12	Pocket opening 1/4 top stitch	SNL	0.65	92			2.75	
13	Side Pocket fixed tack	SNL	0.5	120			2.11	
14	Pocket w/belt position tack	SNL	0.28	214			1.18	
15	Sticker remove	H			0.25	240		1.06
16	Back rise join shell part	4 OL	0.25	240			1.06	
17	Back + front part matching shell part	H			0.26	231		1.10
18	Side seam join shell part	SNL	0.75	80			3.17	
19	Side seam join position over lock	4 OL	0.55	109			2.32	
20	Side seam join position iron	IRN			0.28	214		1.18
21	Shell part mark & fitting	H			0.28	214		1.18
22	Lining part & shell part matching	H			0.22	273		0.93
23	Lining part join to shell part w/belt position	SNL	0.75	80			3.17	
24	Body turning	H			0.30	200		1.27

25	Elastic mouth tack & mark	SNL	0.3	200			1.27	
26	Elastic join to w/belt	SNL	0.5	120			2.11	
27	Elastic Join position over lock	4 OL	0.25	240			1.06	
28	Hole mark	H			0.24	250		1.01
29	Size label attach	SNL	0.25	240			1.06	
30	W/belt hole	BH	0.27	222			1.14	
31	Elastic cut, mark & wash	IRN			0.28	214		1.18
32	W/belt false tack	SNL	0.5	120			2.11	
33	Side pocket up & down check	H			0.24	250		1.01
34	W/belt rolling make	KNS	0.58	103			2.45	
35	W/belt thread cut	H			0.25	240		1.06
36	W/belt tack remove	H			0.90	67		3.80
37	Body turning	H			0.28	214		1.18
38	Inseam join shell part	4 OL	0.3	200			1.27	
39	Inseam join Lining part	4 OL	0.3	200			1.27	
40	Bartack at pocket corner & inseam point	BTK	0.4	150			1.69	
41	Inseam body arrange & turn	H			0.28	214		1.18
42	Bottom hem over lock	4 OL	0.8	75			3.38	
43	Bottom hemming	FLAT LOCK	0.85	71			3.59	
44	Final thread trimming	H			0.75	80		3.17
TOTAL			11.82		5.93			21.89
			17.75					
SUPPORTING MC								
GRAND TOTAL			11.82		5.93	0.00	21.89	
			17.75					
M/C Operator	78	TARGET 100%	264pcs/hour					
Helper	22	TARGET 65%	171pcs /hour					
Ironman	06							
M/C Name	SNL	5 OL	4 OL	K-S	BH	BTK	FLAT LOCK	Total
Number	27	1	14	2	1	2	3	50

Table 2: Time study sheet

SI No	M/c	OP id no.	Process name	TIME(Second)					Avg. time	B.T. with allowance	S.M.V
				T-1	T-2	T-3	T-4	T-5			
1	OL	100	Back rise join lining part	15	16	15	14	15	15	18	0.30
2	SNL	348	Care label attach to back part	12	12	12	12	11	12	14	0.23
3	OL	321	Front rise join lining part	12	14	15	13	14	14	16	0.27
4	H	323	Back + front part matching lining part	13	14	15	13	14	14	16	0.28
5	OL	370	Side seam join lining part	26	27	25	24	25	25	30	0.50
6	OL	A-52	Side pocket bag close	15	14	15	14	16	15	18	0.30
7	H	B-81	Pocket pair matching & thread cut	12	16	14	12	13	13	16	0.28
8	OL	174	Front rise join Shell part	15	14	16	16	15	15	18	0.29
9	H	277	Pocket join position mark	14	15	12	15	13	14	16	0.28
10	SNL	24	Pocket bag join to body	46	44	48	43	47	46	54	0.90
11	H	339	Pocket join position corner cut	14	14	15	13	12	14	16	0.28
12	SNL	152	Pocket opening 1/4 top stitch	33	34	35	32	33	33	39	0.65
13	SNL	358	Side Pocket fixed tack	29	26	23	25	24	25	30	0.50
14	SNL	352	Pocket w/belt position tack	12	13	15	11	14	13	16	0.28
15	H	367	Sticker remove	12	10	13	12	14	12	15	0.25
16	OL	138	Back rise join shell part	15	11	10	12	13	12	15	0.25
17	H	361	Back + front part matching shell part	15	12	12	15	13	13	16	0.26
18	SNL	142	Side seam join shell part	39	37	35	39	40	38	45	0.75
19	OL	173	Side seam join position over lock	31	27	28	26	25	27	33	0.55
20	IRN	317	Side seam join position iron	13	10	16	12	14	13	16	0.28
21	H	373	Shell part mark & fitting	12	14	13	13	14	13	16	0.28
22	H	316	Lining part & shell part matching	13	9	12	9	11	11	13	0.22
23	SNL	327	Lining part join to shell part w/belt	41	39	37	37	38	38	45	0.75

			position								
24	H	77	Body turning	14	13	14	18	15	15	18	0.30
25	SNL	322	Elastic mouth tack & mark	15	13	16	14	16	15	18	0.30
26	SNL	37	Elastic join to w/belt	29	27	26	22	24	26	30	0.50
27	OL	226	Elastic Join position over lock	13	12	14	13	12	13	15	0.25
28	H	128	Hole mark	13	11	13	11	12	12	14	0.24
29	SNL	397	Size label attach	13	13	12	13	12	13	15	0.25
30	BH	179	W/belt hole	14	14	15	12	13	14	16	0.27
31	SNL	37	Elastic cut, mark & wash	12	15	14	13	14	14	16	0.28
32	SNL	232	W/belt false tack	31	23	23	22	26	25	30	0.50
33	H	368	Side pocket up & down check	14	10	11	11	12	12	14	0.24
34	KS	315	W/belt rolling make	28	29	31	27	32	29	35	0.58
35	H	334	W/belt thread cut	12	11	13	12	14	12	15	0.25
36	H	389	W/belt tack remove	44	46	48	45	47	46	54	0.90
37	IRN	317	Body turning	14	15	11	14	13	13	16	0.28
38	OL	172	Inseam join shell part	13	16	15	14	16	15	18	0.30
39	OL	11	Inseam join Lining part	15	14	11	16	17	15	18	0.30
40	BTK	223	Bar tack at pocket corner & inseam point	19	24	21	20	19	21	24	0.40
41	H	374	Inseam body arrange & turn	15	13	14	12	13	13	16	0.28
42	OL	233	Bottom hem over lock	40	38	43	39	41	40	48	0.80
43	FL	222	Bottom hemming	46	42	47	42	40	43	51	0.85
44	H	380	Final thread trimming	36	38	39	37	39	38	45	0.75

Calculation of SMV

Example for the first operation 'Back rise join lining part'

SAMV = Basic minute + Bundle allowances + machine and personal allowances

[Add bundle allowances (10%) and machine and personal allowances (10%) to basic time]

Now, we get Standard Minute value (SMV) = (0.25+0.05+0.05) = 0.3 minutes.

A. Line balancing Chart

Line balancing is the allocation of sewing machine according to style and design of garment. Line balancing Chart is such type of tool that indicates how a sewing line balanced. It describes every workstation and

required time for completing individual task in sequence with the cooperation of Basic pitch Time (BPT).

The line balanced according to our calculated SMV for the double layer men's shorts we found the following Line Balancing Chart:

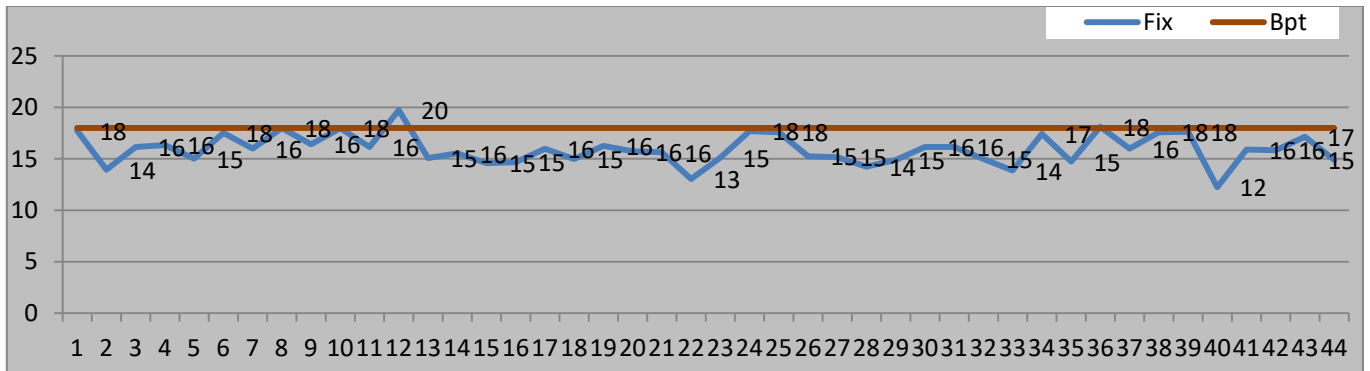


Fig.2. Line balancing Chart

The time consumption of every workstation is nearly about to BPT and that means the chances of bottleneck are reduced.

B. Discussion

During our investigation, we found few hours that failed to achieve our estimated target and bottleneck has risen up. The reason of this problem was listed out in below:

- Lack of skilled operator
- Improper supervising of sewing line
- Machine break down
- Lack proper training & improvement programs
- More allowance time
- Lack of high performance machines
- Lack of compliance issues
- Operators' absenteeism
- Lack of motivational activities

Following points are suggested to minimize Non-productive time (NPT).

- o Ensure continuous feeding to the sewing line
- o Feed fault free and precise cutting to line
- o Reduce line setting time
- o Use work aids, attachments, guides, correct pressure foots and folders
- o Hourly operator capacity check
- o Continuous training to sewing operators and line supervisors
- o Setting individual operator target
- o Using auto trimmer sewing machine (UBT)
- o Installing better equipment
- o Conduct R&D for the garment

- o Filling up compliance issues
- o Operator motivation
- o Plan for operator's Incentive scheme

V. CONCLUSION

This study on operation break down and SMV distribution of men's shorts is on the basis of time study for bulk production in industry. It is very important and critical task in an apparel production industry. In practice we may use more or less machines, man power, raw materials and other resources for want of proper balance of tasks and as well as the prior precise apparel industry. Thus it would reduce the all kinds of wastes and consume least resources i.e. man, machine, materials, money, etc. It will definitely help us to come the main goal of an industry that is making maximum profit.

By this study, we have described the whole job of making double layer short broken down into elements. This study was going on with experienced and non- experienced machine operators and helpers. The environment kept in standard for Bangladesh. It is suggested that to get better productivity all the people involved with production should be experienced and standard environment of workstations should maintain properly. According to our elements (operation) bulletin we also designed a line layout concerned with the SMVs sheet that taken by direct time study. Line balancing chart indicates succeed of the established line.

To conclude, this research has demonstrated the better synchronization among man machine and

materials which full fill our main study objective to increase the efficiency and productivity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Queuing Theory tries to answer questions like e.g. the mean waiting time in the queue, the mean system response time (waiting time in the queue plus service times), mean utilization of the service facility, distribution of the number of customers in the queue, distribution of the number of customers in the system and so forth. Even though, queuing systems in healthcare operations are complex since patient flows through various units of a particular hospital (Gupta 2013), this paper aims to model Queuing systems which attempts to provide answers to the following questions. Why do queues form? How long customers wait to be served? How many customers wait in crowd to be served at any time t ? What trade-offs must be considered by a service system architect when choosing system parameters?

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Customers go into a hospital to get service increasingly equate service quality with rapid service. However, Long waiting list or waiting time in public organization is a notorious problem in most of the countries all over the world. Particularly in healthcare delivery systems waiting in queue crowd lines are ubiquitous (Lade, et al. 2015). Waiting in a crowd queue is not usually interesting; especially waiting for non-value adding activity is undesirable. Because, delay in receiving needed services can cause prolonged discomfort and economic loss when patients are unable to work and possible worsening of their medical conditions that can increase subsequent treatment costs and poor health outcomes. In extreme cases, long queues can delay diagnosis and/or treatment to the extent that death occurs while a patient waits (S.Olorunsola, R.Adeleke and T. 47-53). By awaking this, more and more scholars and companies are focusing on queuing analysis. More recently, Health policy investigators have also sought to apply queuing analysis techniques more widely across entire healthcare systems even though models lack real-world validation (S.Olorunsola, R.Adeleke and T. 47-53). This paper aims to model phenomenon of waiting in lines using average queue length, and average waiting time in queue and analyze their implications on queue crowd management. Moreover,

All patients arriving Hospital with all case like referral, personally, emergency or scheduled appointments by OPD are received by Hospital triage. At triage patients will be welcomed (received), registered, pay registration fee, receive approval of free of charge (credit), screened receive personal cards and will be sent to the outpatient case team. Any emergency cases found here are directly sent to emergency case team without delay. Also, serves to identify priorities for patient care in emergency departments and most surge situations in which resources are rarely limited. Even though, registering and opening patient document/card and assigning them to the right physicians and keeping their documents in appropriate way and place is necessary activities in hospital, it is non-value adding activity. Hence, eliminating or at least reducing waiting time in Triage is important components of quality improvement. Furthermore, the accuracy of resulting expressions of the performance metrics at point of hospital entry or Hospital Triage is mandatory for hospital clinics queuing systems analysis. Thus, By awaking this, this paper intended to make it possible to write equations that describe how the number of

customers in case hospital Triage queue system changes over time; using mathematical modeling Approach.

Queueing theory is the mathematical study of waiting line models. A mathematical model usually describes a system by a set of variables and a set of equations that establish relationships between the variables. Usually, the inputs of a queueing model are the distribution of an arrival process and characteristics of the system under study. The characteristics of the system include the number of servers, the service order and discipline, and the distribution of service times. The output of a queueing model is a description of the performance attributes of the system under a specific policy. The solution of a queueing model determines, for example, the fraction of time that each server is idle, the expected waiting time of customers, the expected number of customers waiting in the queue, and the number of servers necessary to ensure some level of performance for the system (Gross and Harris, 1985). In this section mathematical model modeling Technique of the queuing system will be discussed.

A mathematical model is an abstract model that uses mathematical language to describe the behavior of a system. Mathematical models are tractable when closed-form or recursive formulae can be obtained, and in such cases the resulting expressions for the performance metrics are referred to as analytical results (Gupta 2013). The purpose of mathematical models of queues is to obtain closed-form or recursive formulae that allow system designers to analyze performance metrics such as average queue length, average waiting time, and the proportion of customers turned away. Thus, this paper model patient arrival and service distribution, write equations that describe queue pattern change over time and attempts to provide substantial answers to the following questions. How long customers wait to be served? How many customers wait in queue crowd to be served at any time t ? Why do queues form?

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODEL

To develop a mathematical model of a hospital in the form that describes the queuing systems requires some background study on Arrival pattern and distribution, service nature and distribution, service mix, arrival and service volume. The entry of a patient into the system (patient arrival) and the release of a patient upon completion (patient departure/exit) are considered as two main events that cause an instantaneous change in the state of the system.

In reality, number of patients arrives vary from shift to shift and time to time. Even, the entire system is not a black box; customers arrive before service start. Consequently, an arrival to a queueing system starts before service start while a departure from a queueing system starts empty. Moreover, time-decisive arrival and

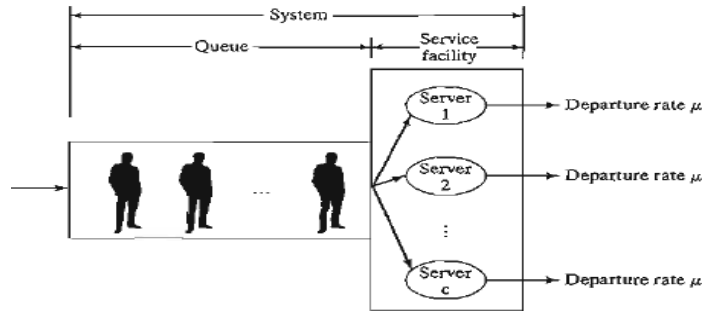
service parameters that have been in operation, such that time t , affects the distributions of number in system after that time and the performance of a system. To model observed arrival and service pattern, this paper uses Cumulative number of arrival and exit model and drive equations of the phenomenon of waiting in lines using representative measures of performance, such as average queue length and average waiting time in queue at working time x of a system. Total number of customers arrived and served up to any time can be used to determine all the basic measures of performance. Using Cumulative arrival and service the performance of a system with time-decisive parameters that has been in operation for a sufficiently long time such that time t no longer affects the distributions of number in system, number in different queues, waiting times, and total delay. Thus, to make analytical technique possible and write equations that describe queue crowd changes over time, this paper present Cumulative Approach Modeling Technique.

Let $Na(x)$ denote total number of customers arrived up to time x and $Ns(x)$ denote total number of customers served up to time x where time x is server working time. Using these basic setup basic measures of performance can be determined in the following order.

- i. The expected number of customers waiting in the queue at any time x is equal to the expected total number of customers arrived up to time x minus the expected total number of customers served up to time x . $Lq(x) = Na(x) - Ns(x)$
- ii. Expected waiting time in the queue of the customer arrived at any time t is equal to the Expected time at service, x , minus arrival time, t . assuming first-in-first-out (FIFO) service protocol Expected time at service, x , of the customer arrived at any time t can be derived from $NA(t) = NS(x)$. thus, $Wq(t) = x - t$
- iii. Expected number of customers in the system at any time x is equal to the expected number of customers in queue plus in service at time x . Where, the value of expected number of customers in service is equal to server utilization at time x . $Ls(x) = Lq(x) + \text{Expected number of customers in service where, Expected number of customers in service at time } x, p(x) \text{ is: } p(x) = Na(x)/Ns(x)$
- iv. Expected waiting time in the system of the customer arrived at any time t is equal to the expected waiting time in queue plus the expected service time.
- v. In most case, arrival rate of customer, μ , and/or the service rate of server, λ , is uneven or varies from time to time. Using discrete Data along a continuum on Total number of customers arrived and/or served up to any time x , The rate of change in these values with respect to time x can be denoted by fitting a curve along the discrete data points. In case, when arrival rate of customers, μ , and/or the service rate

of server, λ , is uniform or constant, total number of customers arrived up to time x is arrival rate of customers times time and total number of customers served up to time x is effective service

rate times time, where effective service rate is number of servers, c , times service rate. Thus, $N_a(x) = \mu * x$ and $N_s(x) = \lambda * c * x$



Using Discrete Data collected for values along a continuum and curve fitting Technique, trend lines equations for total number of customers arrived and total number of customers served up to time x can be easily derived and analytical result of the performance of a system of interest can be easily computed. The basic idea is to fit a curve or a series of curves that pass directly through each of the points. Using this Technique, this paper make it possible to estimate required points between these discrete values and model a function that approximately fit parameters of system of interest. This basic model, identifies the arrival and service pattern of the hospital and the variables used to determine the characteristics of queuing system. To shows how to apply this modeling technique, This paper model case Hospital Triage queuing network composed of two servers and approximate equations describing the queue system of service mechanism.

III. CASE HOSPITAL

The Case hospital, Hawassa University Referral Hospital (HURH) in Ethiopia which established in 1994 E.C, is providing Teaching and training service to health science students and medical service to 12,000,000 estimated populations with 350Beds capacity. As might be expected of any hospital, HURH have Triage worker designated to only patients with emergency cases to directly send them to emergency case team without delay, beside regular workers. Thus, this paper studied

all patients entered and registered in the regular Hospital Triage.

When patient enter hospital, Hospital Triage front-desk clerk ask them to provide name and reason for visit. The clerk also clarifies if patient was pre-registered for this service or not. If the answer is yes, the clerk gets patient's documentation ready for the registration representative. Then the patient receives an assigned number and is asked to wait in waiting or triage area for registration representative to call the name and number. Registration representative determines if the patient ever receives the service at the hospital and if so, pull up patient's data and verifies patient's personal information. If the patient is visiting the hospital for the first time, CT clerk creates patient's profile in the Hospital Database card. An attendant nurses in this room identifies and determines patient's Triage (OPD) Clinics and creates new account and then orders the carter to transport the card once a patient has paid a registration fee.

In collaboration with HURH Hospital Triage workers Statistical Data were collected on number of patients enter the system within one hour time Interval (T) for consecutive four weeks. It shows that on average 286 Patients visits hospital daily with varying arrival rate. On average 164 and 122 number of patients arrive in Morning and Evening Shift respectively as shown in table below.

Table 1: Number of Patients Enter The System Within One Hour Time Interval

Patients at Morning Time AM		Patients at Evening Time PM	
Intervals	N. Arrived	Intervals	N. Arrived
Before 8:00	19	Before 1:00	3
8:00-9:00	62	1:00-2:00	58
9:00-10:00	48	2:00-3:00	37
10:00-11:00	23	3:00-4:00	16
11:00-12:00	12	4:00-5:00	8

Similarly, Statistical Data on patients service time were collected for consecutive two weeks (10 working days) using 300 Sample patients selected randomly shows that CT patient service time varies from 2 to 3.8 minute per patient with 2.55 minute/patient mean server service time. This means 23 patients per hour per server service rate. Thus, HURH have effective mean service rate or service capacity of 46 patients per hour and 368 patients per day, assuming 8 working hour per day, which is much more than average number of Patients visits hospital daily (286). Moreover, Data from hospital Documentation Unit reveals insignificant correlation between days, Monday to Friday, which varies randomly. In general, The Hospital Triage system consist of one stations with two number and configuration of servers and Triage clinics with no customer classes, FIFO service protocols, and unlimited sizes of waiting room are modeled.

such as average queue length, and average waiting time in queue based on Arrival and service distribution trend lines curve fitting equations of Cumulative Approach Analytical Technique (CAAT). Based on Discrete Data collected for values along a continuum, of cumulative number of patients arrived and served up to time x are determined. Using these data representing all values along a continuum, equations of interest changes over time were derived. Estimating required points between these discrete values, equations were derived for every single curve that represents the general trend of the service data, Morning and Evening Arrival data trend lines where $0 \leq x \leq 4$ with 0.997 R² value or Square of the correlation coefficient. Thus, functions representing Total number of patients arrived and served up to morning and evening time x are denoted by:

IV. APPLICATION OF THE MODEL

This paper model the phenomenon of waiting in lines using representative measures of performance,

$$NA_m(x) = 0.2198x^3 - 10.196x^2 + 73.425x + 19 \text{ at } R^2 = 0.9978$$

$$NA_e(x) = 1.0676x^3 - 15.022x^2 + 72.708x + 3 \text{ when } R^2 = 0.9989$$

$$NS(x) = 46x \text{ with the } r\text{-squared value of } 1.$$

Table and figure below shows data and trend lines equations representing Arrival and Service data.

Table 2: Morning and Evening Arrival data

Morning shift					Evening shift				
$NA_m(x) = 0.2198x^3 - 10.196x^2 + 73.425x + 19$				Total Served $NS(x) = 46x$	$NA_e(x) = 1.0676x^3 - 15.022x^2 + 72.708x + 3$				
X	NA_m	equation (Y1)	e		x	NA_e	equation	e	$NS(x)$
0	19	18.642	0.358	0	0	2.8103	0.1897	0	
1	81	82.426	-1.426	46	1	61.7344	-0.7344	46	
2	129	126.852	2.148	92	2	96.8721	1.1279	92	
3	152	153.42	-1.42	138	3	114.7232	-0.723	138	
4	164	163.63	0.37	184	4	121.7875	0.2125	184	

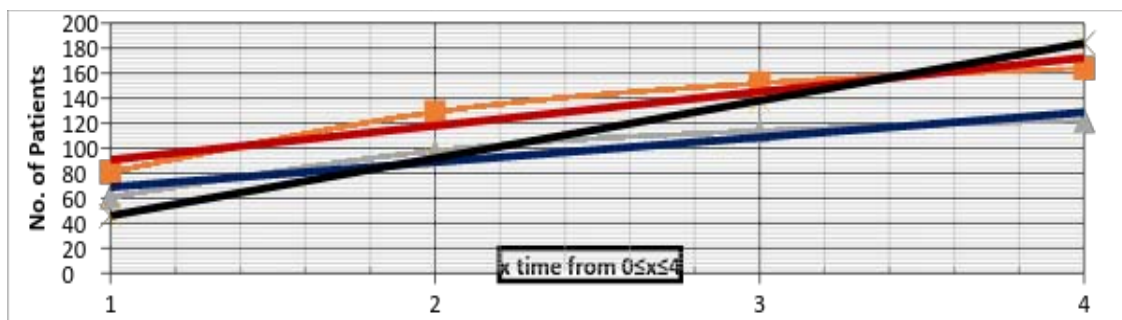


Figure 1: Arrival and Service data trend lines equations

Using this basic setup, Expected number of patients in the queue at time x $L_q(x)$ are denoted by:

$$\text{Morning } L_{qm}(x) = NA_m(x) - NS(x)$$

$$\text{Which is } L_{qm}(x) = 0.2198x^3 - 10.196x^2 + 27.425x + 19 \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Evening } L_{qe}(x) = NA_e(x) - NS(x)$$

Which is $L_{qe}(x) = 1.0676x^3 - 15.022x^2 + 26.708x + 3$ Therefore, Time where an expected number of patients in the queue is zero is where $L_q(x) = 0$ and Time t at which an expected patient in the queue is maximum is where slope of $L_q(x)$ curve is zero which means $dL_q/dx = 0$ and maximum Expected number of

patients in the queue is L_q at time t ($L_q(t)$). Thus, Expected number of patients in the queue L_{qm} is zero at 11:29: 10 AM when $x = 3.4863$ and L_{qe} is zero at 04:13:02 PM when $x=2.21744$ morning and evening shift respectively. As a result, Maximum Expected

number of patients in the queue is 38 patients at 09:24:32 AM and 16 patients at 01:59:38 PM when $x= 1.409100125$ and $x= 0.9939966$ in morning and evening shift respectively as shown in figure below.

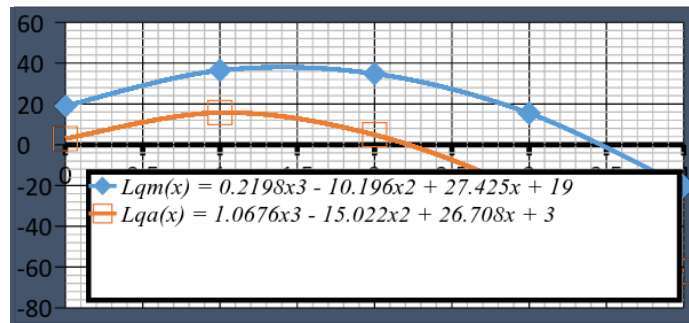


Figure 2: Average numbers of patients in the queue

Similarly, expected patient waiting time in the queue is denoted by Expected time to Service x minus customer arrival time t , which is $W_q(x) = x-t$. Since it has FIFO service protocol, arrival time t of patient to Service

at time x where $0 \leq t \leq x \leq 4$ can be modeled using NA (t) = NS(x). Therefore, Expected time to Service x of patient arrival at time t is:

Morning $46x = 0.2198t^3 - 10.196t^2 + 73.425t + 19$ and

$X_m = 0.004778t^3 - 0.22165t^2 + 1.5962t + 0.413$

Evening $x = 1.0676x^3 - 15.022x^2 + 26.708x + 3$ and

$X_e = 0.0232t^3 - 0.3266t^2 + 1.5806t + 0.0652$

Hence, expected waiting time in the queue of the customer arrives at morning and Evening time t , $W_{qm}(t)$ and $W_{qe}(t)$ respectively, are denoted by:

$W_{qm}(t) = 0.004778t^3 - 0.22165t^2 + 0.5962t + 0.413$

$W_{qe}(t) = 0.0232t^3 - 0.3266t^2 + 0.5806t + 0.0652$.

Thus, Figure below shows, expected time in the queue of the customer arrives at Morning and evening time t graphs.

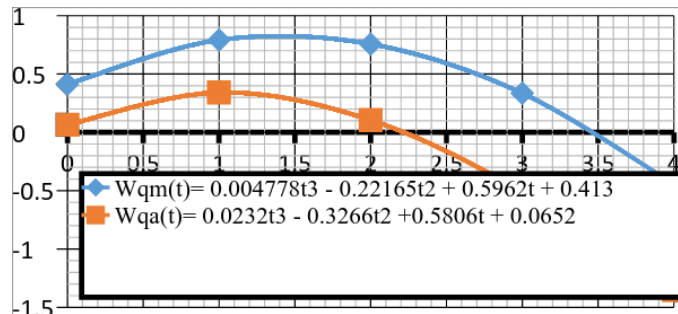


Figure 3: Average times spent in the queue

Time at which an expected patient waiting time in the queue is zero is where $W_q(x)=0$. Thus, customer arrives after 11:29:10 AM when time $t = 3.48629$ and after 04:13:02 PM when time $t= 2.216859$ at morning and evening shift respectively, Expect zero time in queue. The customer arrives at Time t when time in the queue is maximum is where slope of $W_q(t)$ curve is zero which means $dW_q/dx=zero$, Where, $0 \leq t \leq 4$. Expected Arrival time of patient spend Maximum time in queue are when: is W_q when

Morning time $t_m = 1.409100125$

Evening time $t_e = 0.9939966$

As a result, Maximum expected patient waiting time in the queue is 0.826hr (49.58 minutes) by patients arrived at 09:24:32 AM and 0.3425 hr (20.55 minutes) by patients arrived at 01:59:38 PM in morning and evening shift, respectively.

Results of the studied triage showed that the queue characteristics of the studied triage during the situation analysis were very undesirable in both morning and evening shifts. There were a big number of patients waiting in the queue and they waited for a long time before being registered. Thus, the average Maximum numbers of patients in the queue were 38 patients at 09:24:32 AM and 16 patients 01:59:38 PM in the

morning and evening shift, respectively. The Maximum times spent in the queue by patients arrived at 09:24:32 AM were 49.58 minutes in the morning and 20.55 minutes by patients arrived at 01:59:38 PM in the evening.

As shown in figures, this analytical technique shows how time customers arrive determines the time customers wait in queue lines and analysis the relationship between patient arrival time and average times the customer spent in the queue. customer arrives at 08:30 and 09:30 spent less time in queue waiting line than customer arrives at 09:00. The result has also revealed correlation between patients' waiting times and the number of patients waiting; a positive for patients arrives before number in queue reach its maximum and negative for patients arrives after as shown in figure xx above. Note that queue crowd increase until 09:24:32 AM and 01:59:38 PM when number of arriving patients is greater than server's effective service capacity. In this instance, for each unit of time that the server is available, the average time in queue increases as number of patients in the queues increases and decrease as number of patients in the queues decreases with the same rate.

Briefly, when total number of patients arrived per unit time is greater than total number of patients served per unit time queues continue to grow over time. When total number of patients arrived up to time t is greater than total number of patients served up to time t and total number of patients served per unit time interval t is greater than arrived, queues continue to decelerate over time interval. When Total numbers of patients arrived and served are equal, expected number of customers in queue and time in queue of the customer arrives after time t is zero. In addition, when total number of patients arrived up to time is less than total number of patients served up to time, crowd in queue is zero continuously over time. The customer arrives at time t when number of patients in the queue is Maximum, Expect maximum waiting time in queue and expected waiting time in queue is zero for the customer arrives exactly after time t at which number of patients in the queue is zero.

Furthermore, the analytical results showed that the time patients in queue share 87.157% and 55.421% of system service time while time at which no patients in queue share 12.843% and 44.579% of system service time in the morning and evening shift respectively. Hence servers are capable of serving all arriving patients, queue occurrence not due to server capacity. However, Queues form when customers arrive at a service facility at time they cannot be served immediately upon arrival. Thus, increasing number of server further increase time at which no patients in queue, which means server idleness increased. By specifying reasonable limits on conflicting measures of performance such as average time in the queue and

idleness percentage of the servers, anyone can determine an acceptable range of the service level through effective arrival management system. To manage arrival pattern, the arrival rate should be decreased during busy times and increased during "slow" periods. Since, This Analytical techniques show every fluctuation and pattern of queue characteristics of the system changes over time, it can be used to forecast the pattern of waiting time and pre inform customers. Using updated data, healthcare manager can recommend the best moment at which customer arrives and get service without waiting for long time in queue line.

In general, the findings show that, using Cumulative arrival and service parameters up to stationary time that has been in operation, this model limit random variables exist and time-decisive parameters that affects the distributions of number after that time t . Hence, it establish steady-state performance that has been in operation for a sufficiently long time such that time t no longer affects the distributions of number in system, number in different queues, waiting times, and total delay.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper develop Modeling *Technique* and model the phenomenon of waiting in line, using representative measures of performance, such as average queue length and average waiting time in queue at working time x , of tertiary teaching hospital Triage. This paper showed that, Developed Modeling *Technique*, *Cumulative Approach Modeling Technique*, make it possible to write equations that describe how the number of customers in each queue in the system of interest changes over time for Hospital Triage and facilities, which are open for a fixed amount of time during the day and experience time-varying customer arrival patterns. Using this model, this paper measures average queue length, and average waiting time in queue which describes the phenomenon of waiting in lines and performance of queuing systems over change of time. Thus, this model suit arrival and service pattern reality, and make it possible to write equations to analyze patients' waiting times and the number of patients waiting at any working time x of both shifts.

The first conclusion was that the Cumulative Approach Analytical Technique (CAAT) model is feasible to limits random variables exist, establish steady state system and drive equations of the phenomenon of waiting in lines using representative measures of performance, such as average queue length and average waiting time in queue at working time x , which can be used to simulate a queuing system's performance. Using this model, analytical result of the performance of a system with time-decisive parameters that has been in operation for a sufficiently long time

such that time t no longer affects the distributions of number in system, number in different queues, waiting times, and total delay are possible.

The second conclusion was that the Cumulative Approach Modeling Technique is useful since, it shows how time customers arrive determines the time customers wait in queue lines crowd and analysis the relationship between patient arrival time and average times the customer spent in the queues and queue crowd. On the other hand, it helps us to identify source of queue crowd at any time and easily specify reasonable limits on conflicting measures of performance such as average time in the queue and idleness percentage of the servers. Moreover, this model is useful to indicate how and time at which improvement in system change the queue performance indicators and at what time the queue performance indicators changed very little.

A third conclusion was that the model is flexible. While simple linear models were used in this application, no difficulty is foreseen in adapting the model for nonlinearities in either patient demands or service costs. In addition, the inherent flexibility of the model would permit it to adapt easily to sub models of patient admission rates in the various medical categories.

Finally, the author concludes that, the application of appropriate analytical techniques can offer better queue performance and queue crowd analysis result. Cumulative approach is useful to analyze patients' in queue crowd and waiting times to receive services in both shifts at any working time t better than transient queues techniques.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the process of producing steel and billets from scrap iron, the soaking pit furnaces are used to preheat the cast ingots after the casting process to provide for optimum temperature conditions before the rolling process. The latter process provides the desired metallurgical properties in the final products, so the input conditions for the rolling process are important. Therefore, the operational condition of the soaking process such as the efficiency of the combustion, uniformity of temperature and heat transfer, flame shape and flue gas composition largely influences the total energy consumption and pollution generation.

One promising method to control the pollution and to increase the combustion efficiency is to replace the air by a pure oxygen gas as the oxidant. This method was investigated intensely by International Flame Research Foundation (IFRF), where they focused on different aspects such as the measuring equipment,

combustion characterization, CFD development and validation (1).

Examples of studies on the subject include the study of Buhre et al. (2) in 2015 and the study by Kim, et al (3) in 2007. More specifically, Buhre et al. (2) studied the effect of employing the oxyfuel systems as a method for CO₂ sequestration (2). Furthermore, Kim, et al (3) investigated the effect of oxyfuel combustion with external flue gas recirculation systems on the NO emission, based on an experimental work. They also investigated the oxyfuel burner flame stability for different external recirculation rates (3).

Wall et al. (4) also studied the effect of the gas recirculation inside the flame region on combustion. They concluded that the gas recirculation controls the flame temperature and flow pattern of the flue gases (4). In another experimental study, Andersson et al. (5) compared the combustion chemistry in conventional air-fuel combustion with the oxyfuel burner combustion. They concluded that the oxyfuel combustion system produces up to 30% less NO_x emissions in comparison to the identical air combustion system (5). In 2010, Toftegaard et al. (6) carried out a comprehensive literature study on the subject of oxyfuel combustion and claimed that a big lack of research existed in the area (6). Beside this study, many numerical investigations were also published to study oxyfuel combustion (7) (8) (9). Also, many studies were focused on validating suitable CFD models to use for simulating the complicated case of oxyfuel combustion. In 2010, Johansson et al. (7) studied the effect of different radiation models on combustion when using oxyfuel burners and they compared predicted and measured data. More specifically, they studied special radiative characterization of flue gases in oxyfuel combustion and concluded that the Weighted Sum of the Gray Gases Model (WSGGM) is the most relevant radiation model to use(7). In 2012, Hjærtstam et al. (8) also carried out work to validate radiation models used to simulate oxyfuel combustion. They concluded that the gray-gas model is not sufficiently accurate to be used for this purposes compared to the non-gray gases model (8). In 2013, an

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investigation on a suitable combustion model was also enrolled by Galletti et al. (10). They reported that if it is necessary to consider a fast chemistry this will significantly reduce the accuracy in predicting the temperature when using oxyfuel combustion (10).

In general, many advantages are associated with using oxyfuel combustion compared to air-combustion. These include a higher productivity, a higher flame temperature and thermal efficiency, a better radiative characterization of the flue gases, lower exhaust gases volume, and improved flame stability (11).

As the industry has started to use this combustion system, some practical issues have also observed. Mainly the issues were concerning the high NO_x production, in case of air leakage into the combustion chamber. This emphasized that the lack of convective effects and high local temperature leads to the production of thermal NO_x in industrial applications. This issue is extensively described in the work by Fredriksson et al. (12). They studied the effect of air leakage on the total NO_x formation and reported that the sharp temperature gradient in the flame area produces a large amount of NO_x during the combustion. Buhre et al. (2) also investigated some issues associated with the use of oxyfuel combustion with respect to the heat transfer, flame stability and gaseous emissions (2). Since the formation rate of thermal NO_x is an exponential function of the flame temperature and a square root function of the oxygen concentration, it can be extremely reduced by controlling the flame temperature or by diluting it (13).

Based on the above described drawbacks with the oxyfuel combustion technology, a modified burner design was introduced by IFRF, namely the flameless oxyfuel technology (14). In this combustion system, a high Internal Flue Gase Recirculation (IFGR) is forced to the system to produce a leaner combusting mixture. The idea is to produce a low concentration of reactant so that the combustion is not initiated before the mixing process is completed (15). After reaching the auto-ignition temperature within the mixture, reactions takes place in a diluted manner. The flame in such combustion systems is very spread as well as it is invisible to the naked eye. This type of combustion, which can be implemented in both air oxidation combustion and oxyfuel combustion, is called flameless combustion (16).

The special aspects in these type of furnaces are two folded; an asymmetric and especial design of the injection nozzles, and very high (near-sonic) injection velocity of fuel and the oxidant. These aspects lead to the formation of a volumetric flame configuration that - in case of correct adjustments- results in a uniform temperature distribution and a lower local temperature within the flame. In this manner the high radiative bulk of

flue gases turn into a volumetric flame which is the source of radiation inside the chamber (14).

Even though the flameless combustion technology is very young, it is already widely used in many industrial applications. Examples of applications in the steel industry are: walking beam and catenary furnaces at Outokumpu in Avesta, soaking pit furnaces at Ascometal, Rotary heart furnaces at ArceloMetal in Shelby, and soaking pit furnaces at Ovako Sweden AB, in Hofors (12).

This implies the necessity of filling the gaps of knowledge about this modern combustion technology, since there are very few studies done on the subject. In 2006, Vesterberg et al. (17) studied 10 full scale reheating and annealing furnaces equipped with flameless oxyfuel burners. They concluded that the use of this technology had many advantages such as: a more uniform heat transfer, a shorter heating time and consequently lower energy consumption, an ultra-low NO_x formation. In addition, Krishnamurthy et al. (15) compared different combustion systems including flameless oxyfuel and High Temperature Air Combustion (HiTAC) burners with respect to their thermal efficiency, in-flame temperature distribution, heat flux, gas composition and NO_x emissions (15). They used a semi-industrial furnace equipped with flameless oxyfuel burners. These results were later used by Ghadamgahi et al. (18) to validate a CFD model for modeling flameless oxyfuel combustion in a soaking pit furnace equipped with flameless oxyfuel burner in Ovako Sweden AB.

In this study, the previously validated CFD model (18) is used to investigate the effect of the burner capacity on the temperature distribution profile, radiation profile and the overall operational conditions of the combustion system.

II. MATHEMATICAL MODELING

A 3-dimensional mathematical model was developed to simulate the combustion and turbulence by using Ansys Fluent 16.0. The equations were solved by considering the system to be in a steady state. It was also assumed that the flue gas mixture behaved like a perfect gas mixture. The following governing equations were solved:

Based on these assumptions, the following governing equations were solved:

Continuity equation:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Momentum equation:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\tau}) + \rho \mathbf{g} \quad (2)$$

Energy balance equation:

$$\rho c_p \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + S_h \quad (3)$$

where \mathbf{u} is the velocity vector (m/s), ρ is the density (kg/m³) and $\bar{\tau}$ is the stress tensor. Furthermore, $\rho\mathbf{g}$ and \mathbf{p} are the gravitational body forces and the pressure (Pa), respectively. In addition, k represents the thermal conductivity (W/m·K), and c_p defines the heat capacity at a constant pressure (J/kg·K) [26]. Also S_h counts for any volumetric heat sources. Regarding the incompressible behaviour of the flow, the Navier Stokes equation is solved, which can be written as follows:

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \omega + \mathbf{g} \quad (4)$$

where the parameter \mathbf{g} represents the gravity and ω is thermodynamic work on the system.

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho k u_i)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + G_k + G_b - \rho \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon u_j)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + \rho C_1 S_\varepsilon - \rho C_2 \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k + \sqrt{\nu \varepsilon}} + C_{1\varepsilon} \frac{\varepsilon}{k} C_{3\varepsilon} G_b \quad (6)$$

Where $C_1 = \max \left[0.43, \frac{\eta}{\eta + 5.1} \right]$, $\eta = S \frac{k}{\varepsilon}$, $S = \sqrt{2 S_{ij} S_{ij}}$ And $\sigma_k = 1.0$, $\sigma_\varepsilon = 1.2$, $C_2 = 1.9$, $C_{1\varepsilon} = 1.44$ and $C_{3\varepsilon}$ is described by equation (7).

$$C_{3\varepsilon} = \tanh \left| \frac{v_{\parallel}}{u_{\perp}} \right| \quad (6)$$

The combustion was solved by using a SLFM to solve the PDF. The developed model also treats the combustion chemistry, departed from the chemical equilibrium, which is a necessary consideration in modeling flameless combustion systems (19). In this mathematical solution, the thermochemistry parameters are a function of both the mixture fraction and the dissipation rate (χ), which are described in equations 7 and 8, respectively.

$$f = \frac{Z_i - Z_{i,ox}}{Z_{i,fuel} - Z_{i,ox}} \quad (7)$$

$$\chi = 2D |\nabla f|^2 \quad (8)$$

where D is the diffusion coefficient.

It is important to note that in this study the infiltration of air was assumed to be negligible and NO_x products were not considered.

The radiative Transfer Equation (RTE) was solved, using the DO model. In oxyfuel combustion systems the flue gas radiative properties are strongly promoted compared to conventional air-fuel combustions. It is also unsatisfactory for the predictions to consider the non-gray gas model (8). In this regards the WSGGM was also considered to count for the variation of the absorption coefficient of the flue gases. The accuracy of using his model in oxyfuel combustions has been investigated in many former studies (20) (21) (22) (23) (19). Also, the total emissivity over the distance \bar{s} can be presented as follows (24):

Furthermore, the parameter $\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$ is the kinematic viscosity (18).

The flow was assumed to be fully turbulent, incompressible and the diffusion coefficients for all the gaseous products were assumed to be equal. Therefore, turbulence was modeled by using a Realizable k- ε turbulence model to solve the Navier-Stokes equations. This selection of the sub-model is extensively explained in the work by Ghadamgahi et al. (19). However, it can briefly be stated that in this model the kinetic energy (k) and the turbulent dissipation rate (ε) were solved as shown in equation 5 and equation 6:

$$\varepsilon = \sum_{i=0}^I a_{\varepsilon,i} (T) (1 - e^{-k_i p s}) \quad (9)$$

where $a_{\varepsilon,i}$ stands for the emissivity weighting factor for the i :th fictitious gray gas and the quantity in the bracket stands for the i th fictitious gray gas emissivity. Furthermore, k_i is the absorption coefficient of the i th gray gas, p is the summation of the partial pressure of all absorbing gases, and s is the path length (19).

III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

a) Soaking pit furnace

The experimental work that has been done on a soaking pit furnace in Ovako Sweden AB, is extensively described in refernces (18) and (25). These furnaces are used to provide preheating on the ingots in order to prepare them for the rolling process. The furnaces are made of four cells which have a rectangular shape with a total volume of 14.11 m³. Figure 1 shows the configuration of one cell including the ingots. Each cell accomodates 6 ingots that seat inside the chamber with the aid of automatic hooks. During the heating, the soaking time and soaking temperature are essential parameters, that are set corresponding to the special type of the steel grade and the desired final steel properties (18).

The soaking pit furnaces in Ovako Sweden AB, are all equipped with REBOX® flameless oxyfuel burners that uses pure oxygen as the oxidant and LPG No.95 as the fuel (18). The injection velocity of the fuel and oxygen may easily be adjusted by the operators. The maximum burner capacity is 900 kW. However, in the soaking pit furnaces in Ovako, a lower amount (560 kW) is used to accomplish a flamelss oxyfuel combustion. This burner is mounted on the frontal wall

of the chamber, where both the controlling thermocouple and the exhaust channel are located. The controlling thermocouple is located 400 mm below the center of the burner and it continuously monitors the temperature (18).

The quality of operational conditions of the furnace has a major effect on the soaking cost and quality. Especially factors such as the temperature

and heat transfer uniformity inside the chamber, the level of pollution production, and combustion efficiency determines the overall state of the furnace effectiveness. The refractory walls are made of 230 mm AK60 A, 115 mm Porosil and Skamolex 1100 in 450 and 200 mm at the transverse and longitudinal walls, respectively.

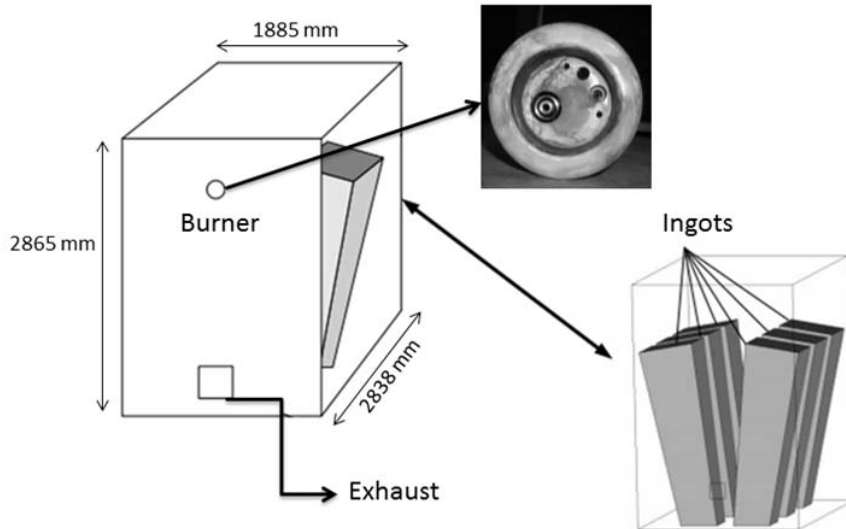


Figure 1: Soaking pit furnace configuration and arrangement of ingots inside the furnace (18)

b) Experimental Work

The experimental work which has been done in Ovako Sweden AB, is explained in detail in the work by Ghadamgahi et al. (18). For the experimental result used in the current study the local temperature of the flue gases was measured by using shielded S-type thermocouples. In addition, the locations of the sampling was carefully selected to provide a comprehensive view of the temperature profile inside the

chamber. Overall, eight thermocouples were inserted to the furnace from the top side. These were divided in two different groups that were located at two different levels inside the chamber. These levels are called the High and Low levels, which are located at the heights of 2016 mm and 1065 mm, respectively. The exact position of the probes are given in Table 2 and the configuration is illustrated in figure 2 (18).

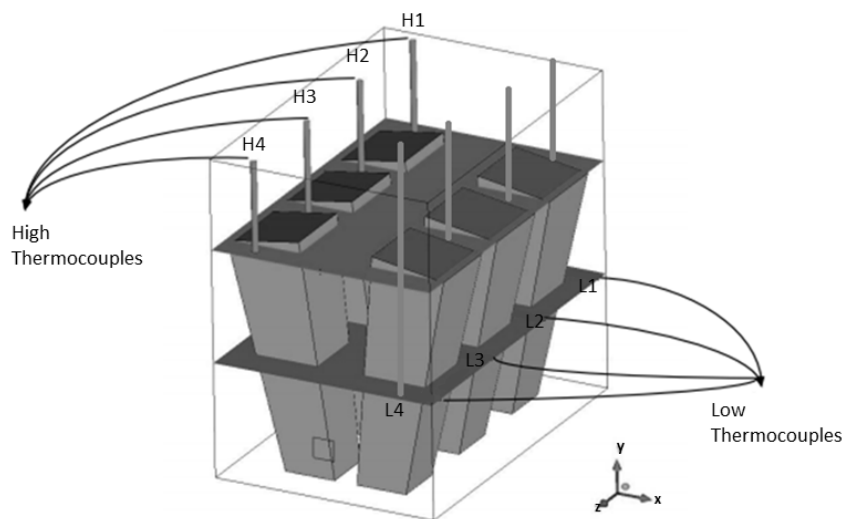


Figure 2: Arrangement of thermocouples in the soaking pit furnace (18)

Table 2: Coordinates of the S-types thermocouples inside the soaking pit furnace (18)

Thermocouple	Ref.	Low1	High1	Low2	High2	Low3	High3	Low4	High4
X (mm)	910	1487	514	1487	514	1487	514	1487	514
Y (mm)	1105	1065	2065	1065	2065	1065	2065	1065	2065
Z(mm)	0	2631	2631	1810	1810	987	987	246	246

c) Geometry and mesh

ICEM 13 was used to draw the geometry of the furnace as well as the mesh structure. Note, that the configuration of the ingots inside the chamber is simplified in this scheme compared to the original arrangement. More specifically, the ingots were assumed to be standing up in the chamber and therefore the effect of leaning them towards the walls was neglected. This helps to decrease the number of nodes from 980000 to 850000, which consequently reduces the computational costs (25).

A study on the grid independancy of the mesh was also done (18) by observing the results of the simulation from two mesh configurations, namely tetragonal mesh and hexagonal mesh. The unstructured tetrahedron mesh with a combination of the O-rings (Figure 3) for the inlet area was reported to be the best choice, regarding both the time required for a converged solution and an acceptable prediction accuracy (25). Also, the minimum orthogonal quality was 0.84, which is adequate according to the previously presented results (18) (19).

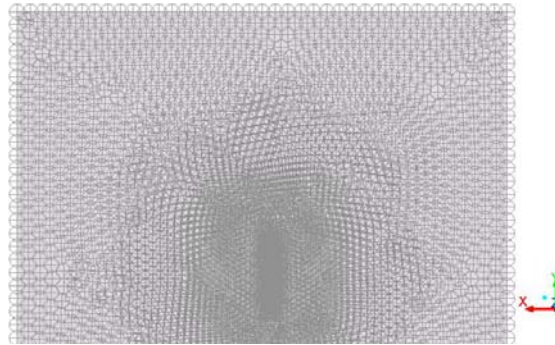


Figure 3: Unstructured mesh and O-rings located at the frontal face

d) Boundary conditions

The boundary conditions for the reference case at the inlets are shown in Table 1. These data are taken from the operational conditions of the furnace at the

plant. They were used in the simulations made by Ghadamgahi et al. (18) in order to validate sub-models for simulating the flameless oxyfuel burner at Ovako Sweden AB.

Table 1: Inlet boundary conditions for the reference model. (18)

Parameter	Propane	Oxygen
Mass Flow (kg/s)	0.013	0.06
Inlet temperature (°C)	22	25
Hydraulic Diameter (mm)	7	5
Turbulent Intensity (%)	5	6

In order to study the role of the burner capacity on the combustion, six cases with different inlet boundary conditions were simulated. The burner capacity in these cases gradually increased from 130 kW in case 1 to 907 kW in case 6. Also, the mass rate

for fuel and oxygen was calculated according to the corresponding burner capacity by assuming a constant lambda value for all the cases. These data are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Inlet boundary condition for the different cases in this study

Case Number	Inlet Fuel Rate (Kg/s)	Inlet Oxygen Rate (Kg/s)	λ	Burner Capacity(KW)
CASE 1	0.002	0.0074	1.02	130
CASE 2	0.005	0.0185	1.02	259
CASE 3	0.008	0.0296	1.02	389
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CASE 6	0.019	0.0703	1.02	907

It is important to note that the mentioned inlet boundary conditions are used to demonstrate that the flameless oxyfuel mode, which is applied after the chamber, reaches the self-ignition temperature.

In the simulation, fuel and oxygen are not preheated and therefore they enter the chamber at 22°C

and 25°C, respectively. Also, the refractories are defined as heat sinks with constant heat fluxes. These magnitudes are computed regarding the material of the

Table 3: Heat flux boundary condition parameters for the exterior walls (18)

Layer	Bottom	Longitudinal wall	Transversal wall	Lid
Heat loss (W/m ²)	530	450	500	650

The ingots are also considered as heat sinks, with a separate constant heat flux for each ingot. The procedure of calculating these magnitudes is extensively explained in the work by Ghadamgahi et al. (18). In this study, the total heat flux on each ingot was predicted by

assuming a fixed temperature for each of the ingots during the entire heating period. The final magnitudes for all the ingots are shown in Table 4 (18). The ingots' marking is illustrated in Figure 4.

Table 4: Wall boundary conditions for the ingots. (18)

Ingot	Heat flux (kW/m ²)
Ingot 1 (Front-right)	56.7
Ingot 2 (Middle-right)	43.7
Ingot 3 (Rear-right)	61.0
Ingot 4 (Front-left)	45.2
Ingot 5 (Middle-left)	48.4
Ingot 6 (Rear-left)	65.1

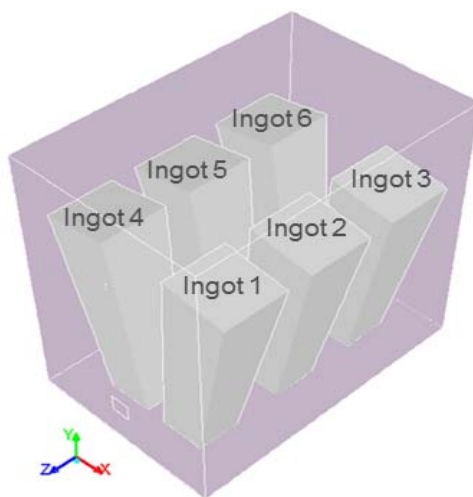


Figure 4: The marking of the ingots located in the soaking-pit furnace cell

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

a) Validation

In this section, the results of simulation and experiments done by Ghadamgahi et al. (18) are used to show that the sub-models used in this study have

been previously validated. The maximum deviation between the predicted results and experimental results, for all the thermocouples (High and Low) are shown in Table 5. The experimental work was done at the plant in Ovako Sweden AB, using a real-size soaking pit furnace (18).

Table 5: Maximum deviation between the CFD predictions and experimental data (18)

Thermocouple positions	Experimental Temperature (°C)	Predicted Temperature (°C)	% Deviation
High 1	1366	1230	9.95 %
High 2	1264	1220	3.48 %
High 3	1236	1119	3.47 %
High 4	1239	1193	3.71 %
Low 1	1320	1195	9.46%
Low 2	1277	1173	8.14%
Low 3	1225	1155	5.71%
Low 4	1206	1176	2.48

As shown in the table 5, the deviations between the predicted and measured temperatures varied between 3.47% and 9.95 %, which is considered to be fairly small for this type of furnace. Thus, the authors feel comfortable that the model can be used to make reliable predictions of temperatures in soaking pit furnaces.

temperature distribution, flame shape and the flame temperature. Figure 5 shows the results for predicted temperature at the centerline of the furnace for all the studied cases. The line of representation starts from the burner face on the frontal side and ends at a position of 2000 mm from the back-wall.

b) Temperature Distribution And IFGR

An increase of the burner capacity when using flameless oxyfuel burner combustion highly affects the

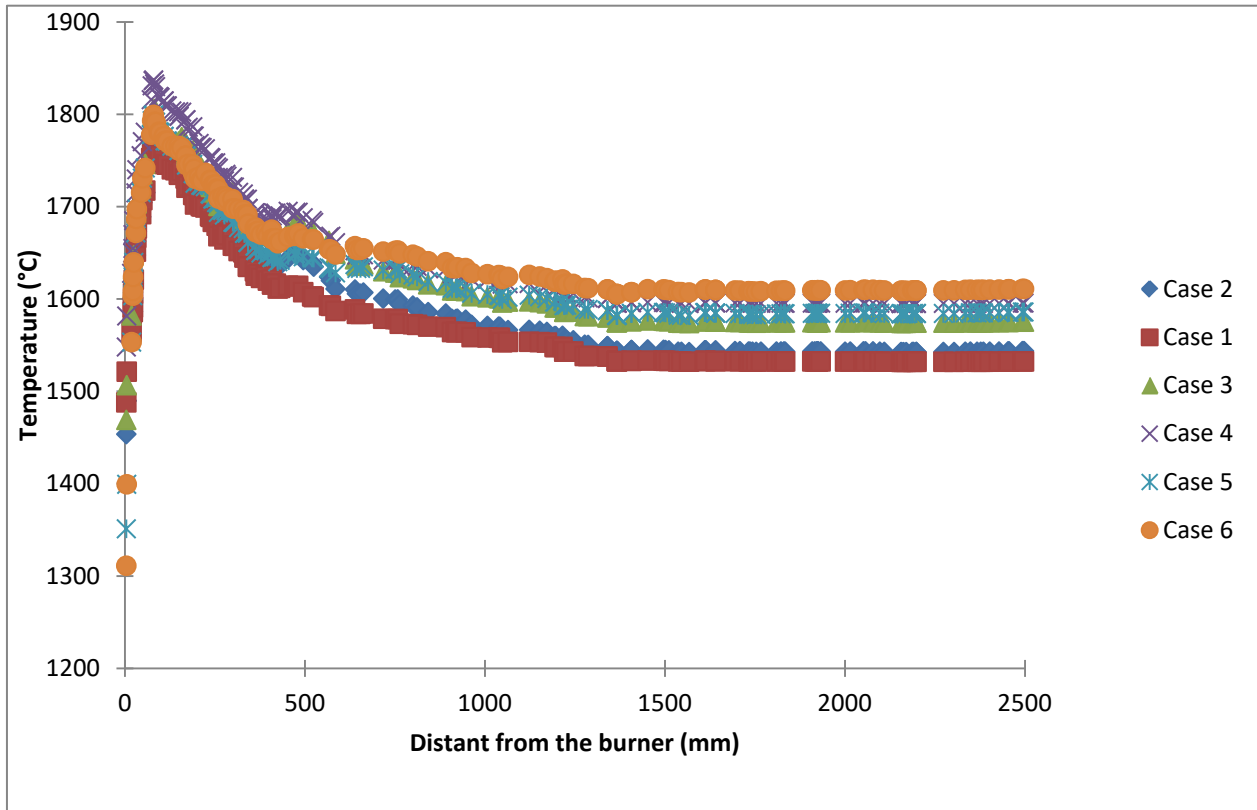


Figure 5: Local temperature in the flame region shown at a distance starting from the burner and ending on the back-wall

A very rapid increment for temperature is seen in regions very close to the burner side, which stands for the formation of the reaction zone for all the cases. This is followed by a rapid decrement for the temperature values at a distance of 500mm from the burner.

The maximum temperature in the flame region is highly dependent on the injection velocity. More specifically, this temperature is increasing while moving from case 1 with 130 kW to case 4 with 518 kW (1785 °C to 1820 °C). Afterwards, this temperature is decreasing

from case 4 with 518 kW (1820 °C) to case 5 with 717 kW (1812 °C) and case 6 with 907 kW (1799 °C). Also, the maximum difference (between the peak and chamber temperature) for cases 1, 2 and 3 are 255°C, 242 °C and 235°C, respectively. This magnitude for cases 5 and 6 is seen to be 172 °C and 149 °C, which is considerably smaller compared to the other cases. Figure 6 shows the magnitudes of these values with respect to the percentage of the temperature deviation at the centerline.

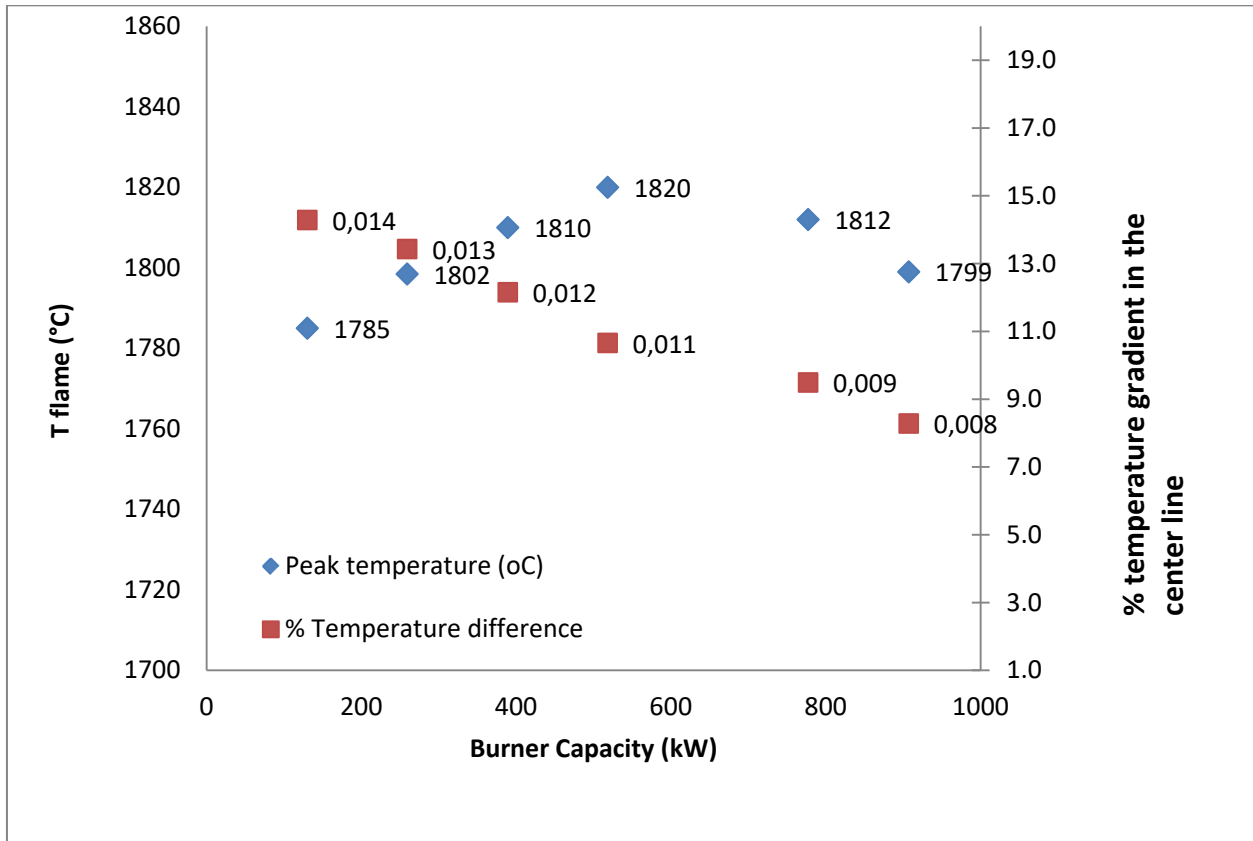


Figure 6: Predicted flame temperature (right axis) and the percentage of predicted temperature difference (left axis) at the centerline of the furnace

This figure indicates that the temperature uniformity is improved by increasing the inlet velocities of oxygen and fuel, as the temperature difference on the centerline decreases from 13% for case 2 to 8 % for case 6. This velocity increase leads to formation of a leaner reacting mixture and lower concentration of O₂ with a colder but more uniform flame. These results also show the effect of higher velocity on reducing the flame temperature in cases 5 and 6, which is in good agreement with the work done by Milani et al (26). Also in 2016, Ghadamgahi et al. (25) reported results on the influence of the lambda value on the operational conditions in form of increasing the inlet oxygen mass rate. More specifically, they looked into the effect of increasing inlet velocities on the temperature distribution and consequently the exhaust losses. They also

reported that although an increased oxygen velocity leads to a larger exhaust loss by 9.2%, it improves the temperature uniformity by 28%.

In order to further study the relevance between a total increase of the burner capacity and flame characterization, Figure 7 Shows the temperature distribution profile for the selected cases of 1, 2, 5 and 6 at a middle plane on a z-y axis.

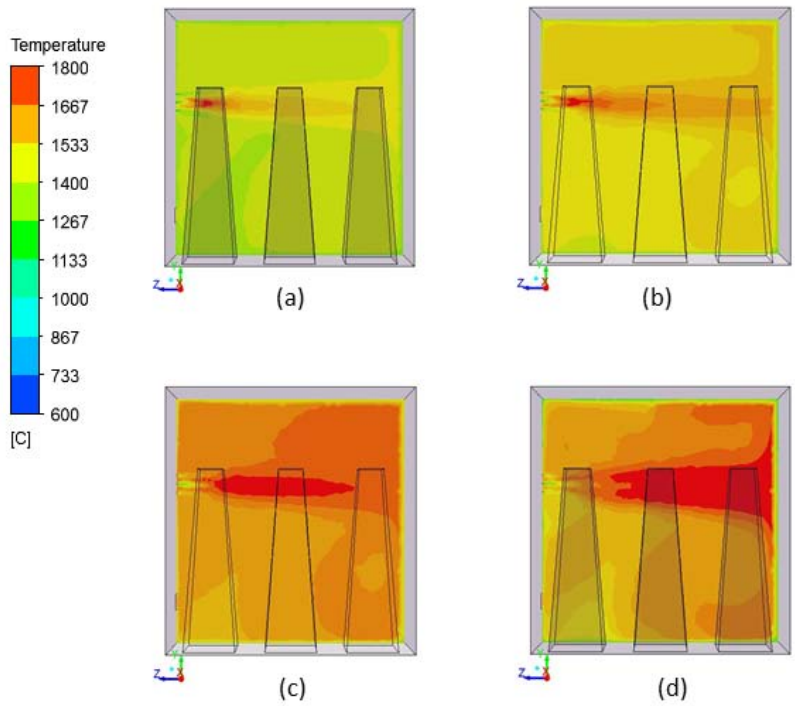


Figure 7: Temperature distribution profile for the following cases: (a) Case 1, (b) Case 3, (c) Case 5 and (d) Case 6 on a plane located in the middle of the z-y axis

As it is shown in Figure 7, an increase of the injection velocities leads to the formation of a more turbulent mixing flow and a better recirculation of gases inside the chamber. In Case 3, especially in areas with fluid impinging effect, a wider range of temperature spectrum (temperature difference of 422°C) on this z-y

plane is seen. Although a less temperature difference exists in case 6 (384°C), due to formation of large eddies and turbulence intensity. Figure 8 shows the predicted values of the turbulence intensity (%) for all the cases, in the length of the chamber.

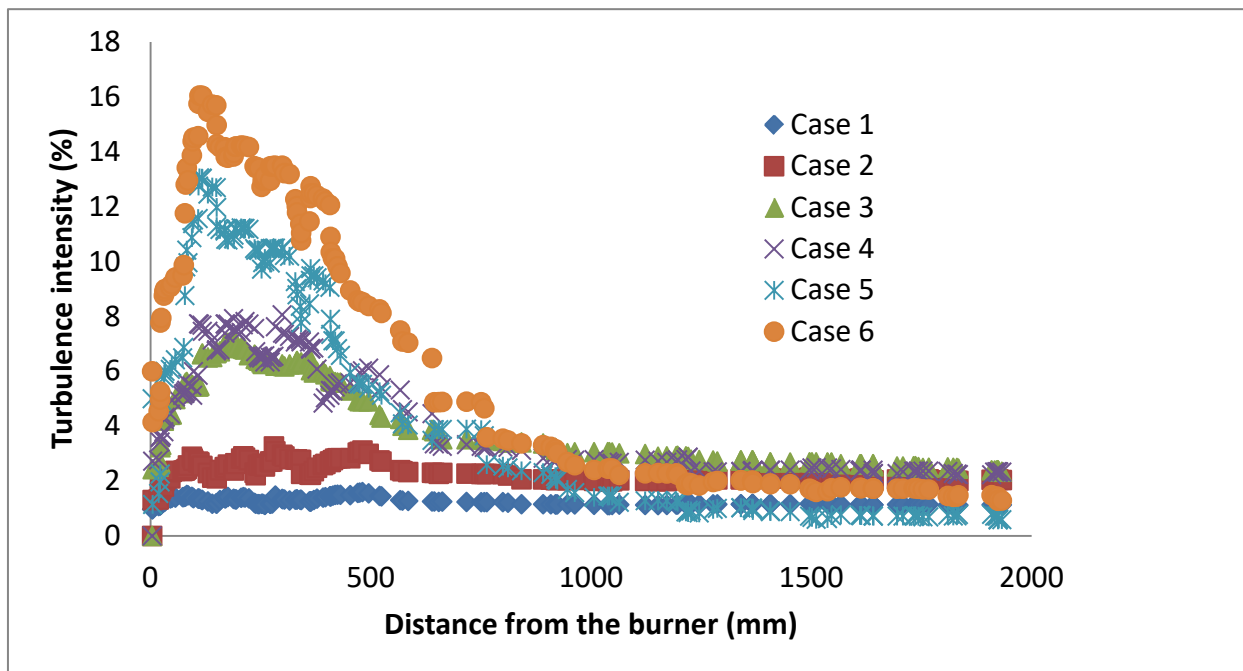


Figure 8: The turbulent intensity of the flow on an axial line for cases 1 to 6

As shown in Figure 8, turbulence intensity dramatically increases with an increased injection velocity, in the flame region (50-400 mm away from the burner). This effect, which is in line with the predicted results for temperature, shows the effect of turbulence in making a more uniform temperature distribution. Additionally, Figure 9 shows the temperature profile on an x-z plane in the middle of the furnace. A higher degree of volumetric flame is expected to form by going

from case 1 to 6 (increasing injection velocities), according to the results in this figure. However, the flame impinging effect on the rear wall suppresses this effect due to the chamber configuration. In the previous studies brought in sections 5 and 6 (supplements 2 and 3) the effect of a flame impingement on the temperature distribution was argued. Although this effect is neglected in this study, as **Figure 8** reports the turbulence far away from the impinging side.

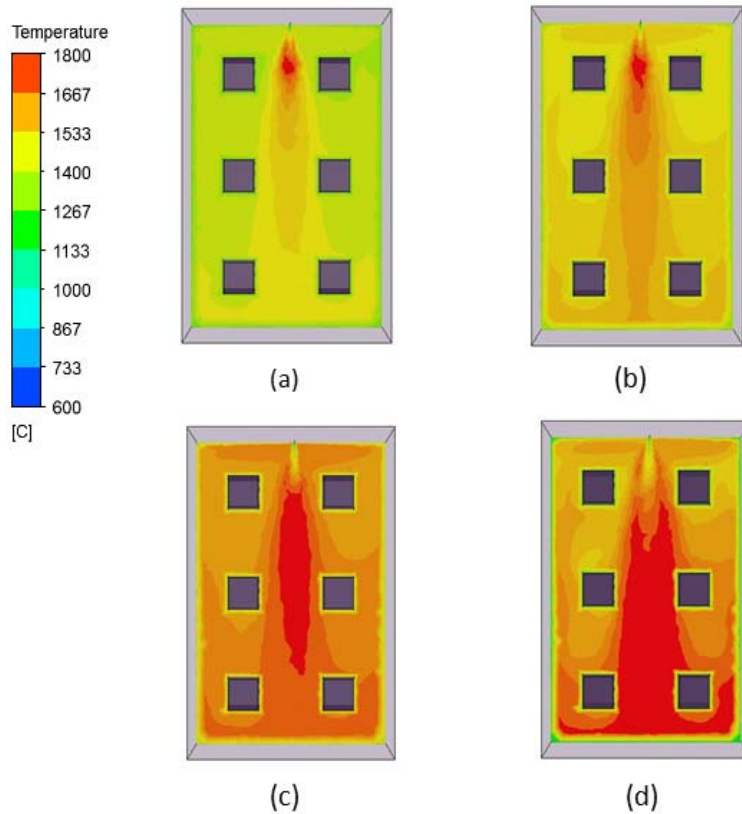


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In a flameless oxyfuel combustion, the chemical reactions happens with departure from chemical equilibrium, since the gas mixture of the reactants is leaned with recirculated flue gases. This is due to that the IFGR inside the chamber in the neighborhood of the flame region is increased (26). In this regard one of the most important factors for determining the flameless behavior of the combustion is the value of the recycle ratio of the combusting gases. This value was introduced by Hasegawa et al. (27) as:

$$k_v = \frac{M_e}{M_a + M_f} \quad (10)$$

where M_e is the internal exhaust gases flow rate that is recirculated into the mixing reactants before a reaction takes place. Furthermore, M_a is the combustion oxygen flow rate, and M_f is the fuel flow rate. Combustion is

conventionally stable for $k_v < 0.3$, although for $k_v > 0.3$ temperature of the furnace determines the stability of the flame (3). Higher recirculation of the flue gases threatens the flame stability and can even result in a flame lift-up and a blow-out case of a chamber temperature lower than the self-ignition temperature (29). Therefore, using a stable combustion with a high IFGR value is only beneficial in case of a sufficiently high temperature in the chamber (reactants temperature $> \sim 700 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). This, on the other hand, stresses the necessity of defining a gradual combustion process in order to avoid to operate the burner in the flameless mode in a cold chamber.

c) *Flame shape and total radiation on the ingots*

Heat transfer inside the industrial furnaces is mainly carried out by two heat transfer methods, namely

radiation and convection. Naturally the most effective parameters that influence the heat transfer ratio are the: i) flame temperature, ii) flame shape and emissivity, iii) ingots' initial temperature and emissivity, and iv) the temperature and emissivity of the walls. Oxygen content in the oxidizer plays an essential role in the final radiative fluxes from the flue gases, since it attains the final radiative properties of the flue gases. More specifically, by using oxygen as the oxidant instead of air a significant increment in the total flue gas emissivity is

obtained. It also causes a significant decrement in the total flue gas volume, compare to air-fuel combustion systems. Another special aspect of using flameless oxyfuel flames is the formation of a widespread flame shape with a lower peak temperature, as shown in Figure 8. This figure is taken from the work by Blasiak et al. (31). This ideally turns the flame into a large radiation source that has a uniform temperature, which highly influences the uniformity of the heat transfer.

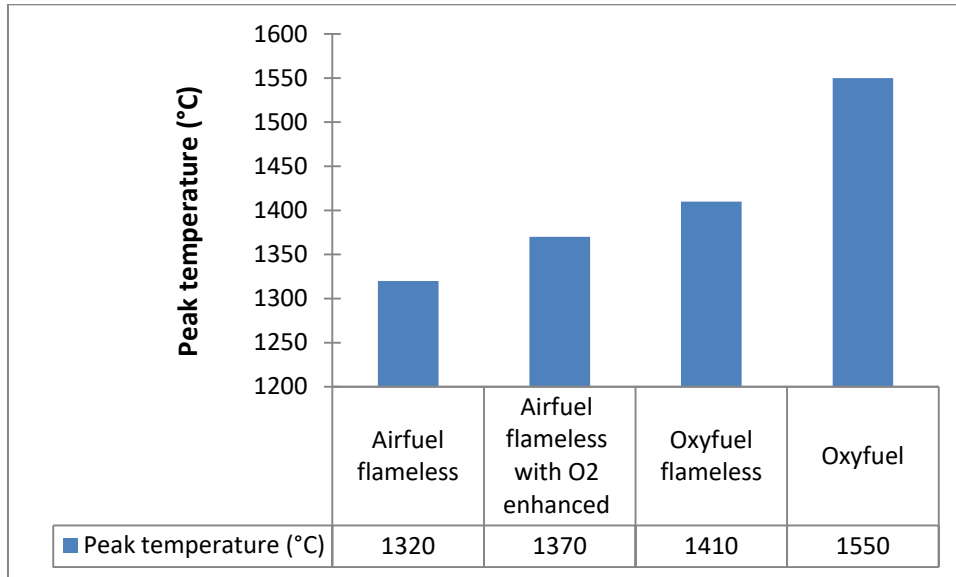


Figure 8: The peak temperature inside the flame region, for different burner configurations (31)

In 2007, Krishnamurthy et al. (13) developed a theoretical model that simply illustrates the radiation inside the industrial furnaces. This model is illustrated in

Figure 9 and demonstrates the heat transfer exchange between the flame, the ingots and the furnace walls (15).

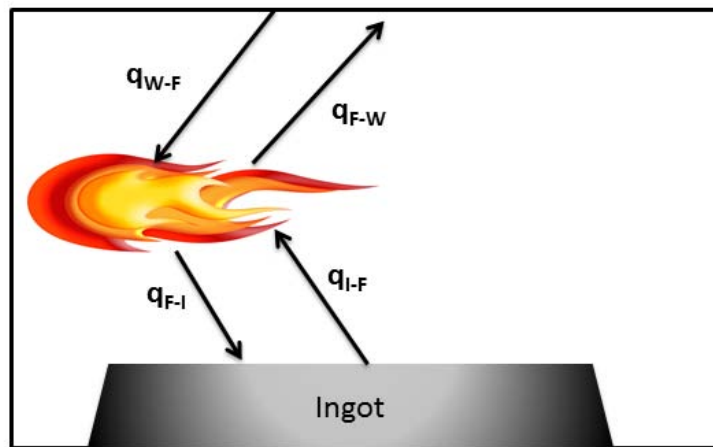


Figure 9: Radiation heat transfer inside a furnace

Overall, in flameless oxyfuel combustion flame has a lower temperature, but a more volumetric shape. These factors change the behavior of heat exchange between the flame and the ingots inside the chamber. Since the flame is the main radiation source, the heat is transferred to the slabs directly from the flame and

indirectly from the walls. Thereby a net heat flux from the flame to ingots can be obtained from the following correlation (31):

$$q_{net} = q_{F-I} - q_{I-F} = \frac{A\sigma(T_F^4 - T_I^4) + B\sigma(T_W^4 - T_I^4)}{C} \quad (16)$$

where

$$A = \epsilon_I \epsilon_F (2 - \epsilon_F - \epsilon_W + \epsilon_W \epsilon_F)$$

$$B = \epsilon_I \epsilon_W (1 - \epsilon_F)$$

$$C = 1 - (1 - \epsilon_F)^2 (1 - \epsilon_W) (1 - \epsilon_I)$$

The subscripts F, I and W correspond to the flame, ingots and refractory wall respectively. Furthermore, T_w is the furnace wall temperature (K), T_F is the flame temperature (K), and T_I is the ingots' temperature (K). Finally, ϵ_w , ϵ_i and ϵ_f are the emissivity values of the walls, ingots and flame respectively. The parameter σ is the Stefan–Boltzmann constant. With the assumption of ϵ_F , ϵ_W and ϵ_I to be 0.25, 0.8 and 0.85, respectively, and assuming the flame having a cylindrical shape, the total heat transferred from the flame to the ingots (kW) can be described as follows (31):

$$Q_{net} = \left[\frac{A\sigma(T_F^4 - T_I^4) + B\sigma(T_W^4 - T_I^4)}{C} \right] \frac{4V_F}{d_F} \quad (19)$$

where V_F , d_F and l_F stand for the flame volume, flame diameter and flame length, respectively. This equation illustrates the importance of the role of the wall temperature and flame temperature on the incident radiation on the ingots' surfaces. As if the combustion happens in a flameless manner, with a low and well-spread volume, the radiation is more uniform on the ingots. On the other hand, a high peak temperature in the flame area has an opposite effect. It can also be

understood that having a flame impinging effect on a refractory wall and formation of a thick thermal boundary layer, makes that area a compacted radiative source that jeopardizes the radiation uniformity (32).

In order to investigate this effect, we consider the entire flame as a volumetric source of radiation to the surroundings. Thus, the radiated energy from the flame can be expressed as follows:

$$Q_{rad} \approx \alpha_F V_F \sigma T_F^4 \quad (20)$$

where α_F is the Planck mean absorption coefficient for an optically thin flame. This simplification leads us to the introduction of a known term “ D ”, based on the study done by Turns in 1996 (32). D is defined as the ratio of the radiant heat transfer rate from the flame to the surroundings (Q_{rad}) to the total heat released by the flame (Q_0), and it can be written as follows:

$$D = \frac{Q_{rad}}{Q_0} \approx \frac{\alpha_F V_F \sigma T_F^4}{Q_0} \quad (21)$$

This can lead us to the following function for the flame volume:

$$V_F \approx \frac{D Q_0}{\alpha_F \sigma T_F^4} \quad (22)$$

Figure 15 shows the relevance between the flame volume, Q_{rad} and D , for all the studied cases.

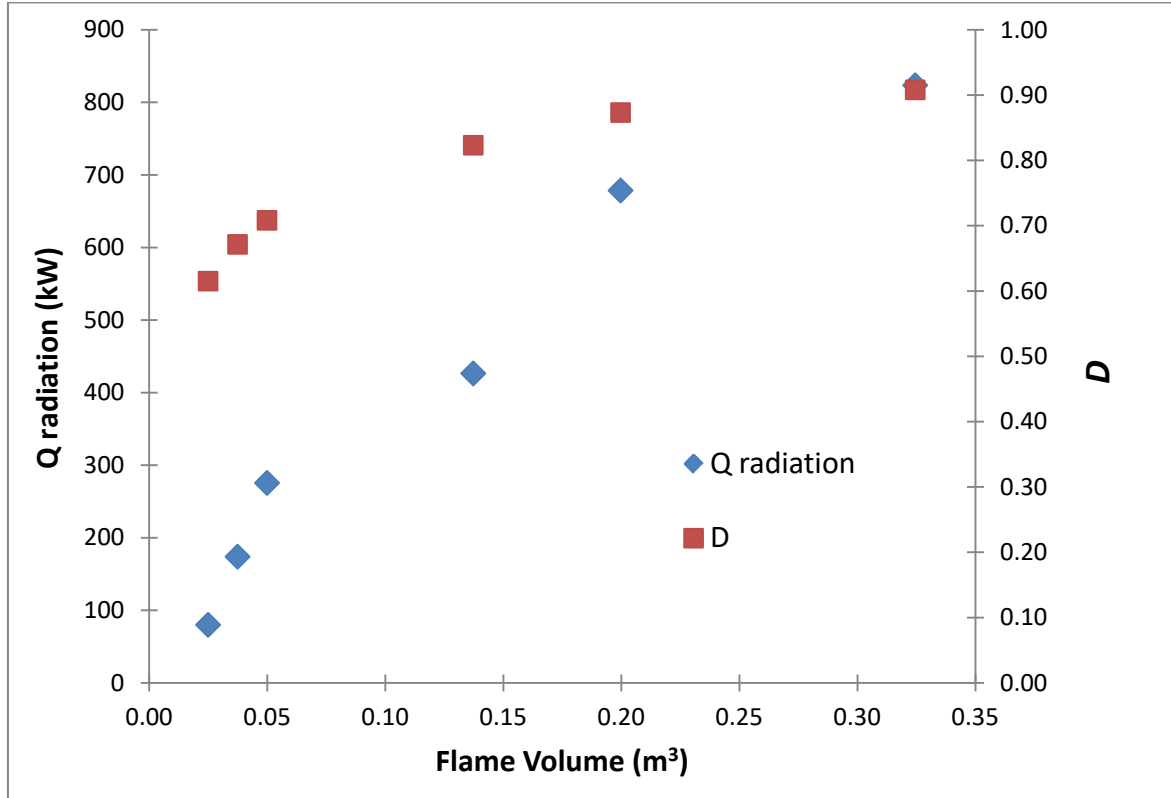


Figure 15: The ratio of the radiant heat transfer rate from the flame to the surroundings and total radiation flux (kW) as a function of the flame volume (m³)

This figure demonstrates the effect of flame volume on total radiation, meaning an increased flame volume increases the total radiation from the flame. It is also seen that the increase in the ratio between the radiative heat transfer and total released heat from the flame loses its significance after a radiation value of 700 kW. This calculation is done by assuming a 100% combustion efficiency.

In a general view, with the increase of flame volume, temperature drops, but total radiation heat flux increases (31). In 2007, Blasiak et al. (31) carried out the same calculations with the focus on studying the effect of gas emissivity and flame volume on the total heat transfer. They concluded that when the gas temperature distribution inside the furnace chamber (well stirred reactor) is uniform, the effect of the flame emissivity becomes smaller than the effect of the flame volume (31).

V. CONCLUSIONS

The aim in the current study was to simulate flameless oxyfuel combustion using a previously validated CFD model. More specifically, the focus was to investigate the effect of the injection velocity on the temperature distribution, flame temperature, flame volume, turbulence intensity, and flame radiation to the ingots. Based on the results of this study, the following main conclusions may be drawn:

- An increase of the injection velocity highly affects the flame temperature and temperature uniformity inside the chamber as the maximum temperature difference in the flame region drops from 14% to 8% for burner capacities of 130 kW and 907 kW, respectively.
- The formation of a more uniform temperature profile when using a higher burner capacity of 907 kW instead of a 130 kW capacity is due to the formation of a more volumetric flame. This, in turn, leads to the formation of a more turbulent flow and increased recirculation ratio of the flue gases in the reacting zone.
- An increased burner capacity from 130 kW to 906 kW leads to an increase of the flame volume from 0.02 m³ to 2.6 m³, an increase of the turbulence intensity from 1.8% to 16%.
- With an increase of flame volume from case 1 to case 6, temperature drops, but total radiation heat flux increases.
- The radiation from the flame to the ingots increases from 79.9 kW to 823.5 kW and the Q_{net}/Q_0 ratio increases from 0.36 to 0.85 with an increased burner capacity from 130 kW to 906 kW.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The use of high power amplifiers with high linearity for mobile and satellite communications systems is essential. For example, in second and third generation mobile systems, GSM (Global System Mobile), 3GPP (third Generation Partnership Project), a large number of signals with different frequencies are transmitted from BS (Base Station) by high power amplifiers at the same time [1]. To avoid interference of these amplified signals, the amplifier must operate linear and that linearization is not possible by classical methods. Since the amplitude of intermodulation signals at the output of the amplifiers depends on the size of the input signals, input signals with large amplitude limit the performance of the amplifier. If the connection between an amplifier input and output signals display as transformation function that is extended in the form of a series (for example Taylor's series), we see that for the larger signal, the role of higher degrees of expression is more and more important, that is, the behavior of amplifiers is no longer linear and amplifier operates in saturation (non-linear) region. The saturation region, due to high output power and resulting high efficiency in

mobile communications and satellite systems play an important role. Intermodulation signals with large amplitudes produce in this region of amplifier which leads to large distortion in output. Generally, nonlinearity in an amplifier can appear in two different forms: first production of new frequency components in the output of the amplifier and second dependence of gain amplitude and phase of the amplifiers to amplitude of input signals. If amplifiers have been multiple input signals frequency a type of distortion signals, that is, 3IMD-products (third order Intermodulation Distortion) should be considered more than other produced signals in output of amplifier, because they are near to frequency of original signals (input signals). They are in the range of useful bandwidth amplifiers and due to limitations in fabrication are not removable in practice [2].

The distortion signal of type 3IMD-products in base stations are propagated by high power amplifier in total send bandwidth and cause distortion and interference in band of inside channel as well as the neighboring channels. This problem occurs even on TV channels (by 3IMD-products and even 2IMD-products), where a large number of channels have placed at a close frequency near each other. The aim of this paper is to design a concept for a power amplifier with high linearity and high efficiency.

This paper presented the proposed circuit for improving linearization of the power amplifier based on the model of the Feed Forward circuit amplifier. In section 2, the principle of operation of the amplifier concept is discussed. A mathematical model of new amplifier concept is proposed in section 3. In section 4, a simulation model is used to investigate in detail the signals within the circuit and the performance and limitations of the amplifier. Finally in section 5, experimental proof of new amplifier concept is presented. Simulation and measurement results are compared and show good agreement.

II. NEW AMPLIFIER DESIGN

The classical parallel power combiner amplifier using two equal linear amplifiers have been used for many years in order to efficiently produce higher output power levels (doubles the available output power of one single amplifier) and also in order to improve the reliability and availability of the amplifier system component. However, linearity of amplification of each

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individual amplifier is not improved over the individual amplifiers. Power-added efficiency of the combiner amplifier circuit can be high when the amplifiers are driven close to the saturation level and consequently at high intermodulation level. Another successful concept in linearization of power amplifiers is pre-distortion, which can yield higher power efficiency, yet at lower cancellation ratios of unwanted products [3-6]. On the other hand, amplifiers for very high linearity requirements in mobile communications successfully employ the feed forward (FF) – amplifier scheme, Fig.1, which cancels the nonlinear intermodulation-products (IM) of a high power primary amplifier by superposition of signals from an auxiliary amplifier [7-11]. However, this concept suffers from a degradation of the efficiency of the amplifier which is mainly due to the linearity requirements on the auxiliary amplifier. The FF-amplifier entails a first loop to extract the intermodulation

distortion components from the power amplifier output while the second loop inverts phase and amplifies this signal in an auxiliary amplifier such that it destructively superimposes and cancels the original intermodulation signal at the output coupler. Distortions from the auxiliary amplifier have to be kept very low so that this amplifier needs to be operated far off saturation which means high dc power requirement. Since the auxiliary amplifier cannot contribute to the fundamental signal output power, its supply power degrades the power-added efficiency of the FF-amplifier [12-13] and also since the auxiliary amplifier is driven at low input power (low amplitude), a good ratio of cancelling of the 3IMD-products signals for small amplitude obtained, in other words, cancelling of the 3IMD-products signals for high output power is extremely low.

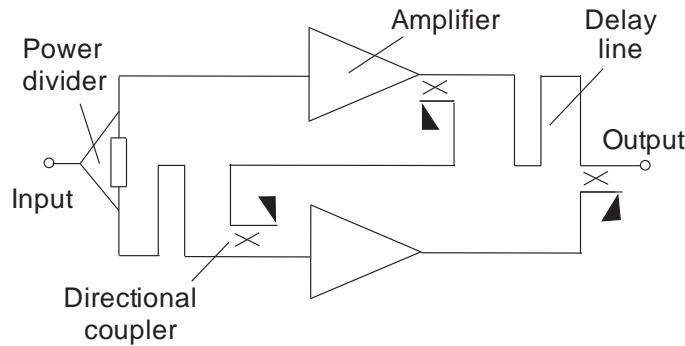


Fig. 1: Conventional feed forward amplifier

While the FF-amplifier has found wide application in communication systems due to its superior intermodulation suppression, its efficiency problem has inspired a modified concept which allows the auxiliary amplifier to contribute fundamental signal power in addition to cancelling the intermodulation products. The new circuit, Fig.2, exhibits a two-loop topology of a conventional feed forward amplifier, however, both loops are modified and the two amplifiers are assumed to be identical power amplifiers. In the first loop, the input power divider splits the input signal in a 1:3 ratio while at the output, the combiner is 1:1. The first loop acts as a pre-distortion stage while the second is a distortion cancelling and power combining loop.

For the presentation of the circuit's operation principle, we assume that the fundamental input voltage signal of the circuit is $s_{in}(t)$. When the first power splitter divides this signal at a ratio of 1 to 3, the input signal to the upper power amplifier A is $s(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot s_{in}(t)$ while the signal incident to the lower power amplifier B is $3 \cdot s(t)$. The two amplifiers are assumed to be identical with equal amplification v and distortion products $s'(t)$ and $s''(t)$ for power amplifier A and B, respectively, under identical drive conditions.

The output voltage of power amplifier A is a superposition of the fundamental signal amplified by voltage gain v and a distortion product: $v \cdot s(t) + s'(t)$. The upper coupler samples this combined signal and feeds it to the lower coupler in front of amplifier B. Assuming both coupling coefficients as jk (note: complex notation used to indicate a phase shift of 90°), the sampled signal offered to the input of amplifier B is $k^2 \cdot v \cdot s(t) - k^2 \cdot s'(t)$, which is combined with the input signal $3 \cdot s(t)$ after its travel through the lower delay line to give the total voltage signal, $(3 - k^2 \cdot v) \cdot s(t) - k^2 \cdot s'(t)$.

(Note, the coupler and delay line insertion loss have been neglected for simplification and time delay of the both power amplifiers is compensated by two delay line in two-loop)

With our aim to drive the lower amplifier at the same fundamental signal level as the upper amplifier, we choose $k^2 = \frac{2}{v}$ to achieve the total voltage signal $s(t) - \frac{2}{v} \cdot s'(t)$.

It is seen that this lower amplifier input signal is a pre-distorted version of the input signal of the upper amplifier, with the distortion component as a replica of the upper amplifier distortion, but reversed in phase. Assuming the distortion component to be much smaller

than the fundamental component, the lower amplifier will amplify the fundamental signal plus its distortion component by the voltage amplification v . In addition, in the same way as the upper amplifier, the lower amplifier will produce a distortion component due to its fundamental signal excitation. The resulting output signal of amplifier B is then $v \cdot s(t) - 2 \cdot s'(t) + s''(t)$. Assuming perfectly equal amplifiers A and B, the distortion signal originating from the lower amplifier is equal to the one generated by the upper amplifier, such that the output signal of the amplifier B is $v \cdot s(t) - s'(t)$.

In the upper signal path, the output signal of the power amplifier A travels through an upper delay line by neglecting the delay line's attenuation, appears at the combiner as: $v \cdot s(t) + s'(t)$. By comparing signals in the upper and lower path, we see that the fundamental signals are equal and thus can be combined to give double power while the distortion components incident to the combiner are equal and in anti-phase and thus cancel to give the total output power: $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot v \cdot s(t)$.

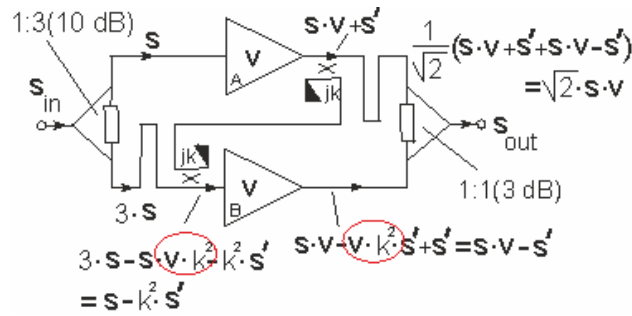


Fig. 2: Concept of the new amplifier circuit with signals indicate

It has to be noted that this analysis is oversimplified with the assumption of perfect identity of the two amplifiers and it neglects the effect of the increased driving level of the lower amplifier due to the added pre-distortion signal. With slightly unequal amplifiers and slightly unequal driving levels, it is still possible to achieve near-perfect cancellation of intermodulation at the price of a loss in the power combining efficiency, as can be shown by simulation, section 4. However, a major performance limitation of the new circuit was found by analysis of an experimental amplifier system in section 5, to originate in the drive power level dependence of the amplifier voltage gain (magnitude and phase) and the insertion loss of the delay lines.

III. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

a) Characterization of single power amplifiers

To describe the behavior of the entire circuit mathematically, each power amplifier should be first characterized separately, it means that each power amplifier should be represented as a mathematical model; all other components can be described by simple mathematical models, since their behavior can be assumed to be linear in the region of interest.

For nonlinear behavior of power amplifier, the power transfer function has been measured, in the other words, the behavior of each amplifier is measured regarding 1 dB compression point and intermodulation

products of orders 3, 5, 7 and 9 (3IMD-products, 5IMD-products, 7IMD-products and 9IMD-products) separately. To develop the mathematical description of this behavior, Amplifier output voltage to the input voltage is expanded in a series. At first, Taylor series is used, that due to stark non-linearity, model obtained was not fit to actual behavior of amplifiers. Next the volterra series is used that relation other series is more flexible and for description nonlinearity systems is more appropriate [14-16]. The measurements of the characteristics of the power transfer function has been done with two tone input signal. In the calculations performed, it has been demonstrated that if both amplitudes input signals are equal (such as common case in GSM), volterra series becomes Taylor series with complex coefficients [17]. Since for creating mathematical model of an amplifier with complex coefficient, complex measurements must be available, therefore, measurements of complex voltage gain in close saturation region is used.

For creating mathematical model, two sinusoidal voltage signal with equal amplitudes \hat{u}_{in} and Frequencies $f_1(\omega_1)$ and $f_2(\omega_2)$ are expended in Taylor series. The generated signals include main input frequencies and all new frequencies in output of amplifier can be summarized in a general form as follows [17]:

$$u_{out}(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\frac{(N-1)}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{n=m}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-m} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \cos \left(((m+1)\omega_1 - m\omega_2)t \right) \right\} + \sum_{m=0}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{n=m}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-m} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \cos \left(((m+1)\omega_2 - m\omega_1)t \right) \right\} \quad (3.1.1)$$

With

- N as maximum Taylor series degree
- n as variable index
- m as degree of the generated intermodulation signals
- c_n as Taylor series coefficients

The share of the original signal (or main frequency) and IDM-products various degrees (3 to 9) as follows:

$$\hat{u}_{out,F} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-3} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \quad (3.1.2)$$

$$\hat{u}_{out,3IMD} = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-1} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \quad (3.1.3)$$

$$\hat{u}_{out,5IMD} = \sum_{n=2}^{N-1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-2} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \quad (3.1.4)$$

$$\hat{u}_{out,7IMD} = \sum_{n=3}^{N-1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-3} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \quad (3.1.5)$$

$$\hat{u}_{out,9IMD} = \sum_{n=4}^{N-1} \binom{2n+1}{n} \binom{2n+1}{n-4} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^{2n+1}}{2^{2n}} c_{2n+1} \quad (3.1.6)$$

To determine the coefficients series, linear equation system of considered signals using the measured values are written. The equation system for main signals (3.1.2), which is formed of the number M_1 , the corresponding measured values \hat{u}_{in} and \hat{u}_{out} , can be summarized as follows (Since the measured values on the left side (3.1.2) is real, the absolute terms of right side is used):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_{out,F,1} \\ \hat{u}_{out,F,2} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{out,F,M_1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_{in,1} & \frac{9}{4} \hat{u}_{in,1}^3 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}}^2 \frac{\hat{u}_{in,1}^N}{2^{N-1}} \\ \hat{u}_{in,2} & \frac{9}{4} \hat{u}_{in,2}^3 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}}^2 \frac{\hat{u}_{in,2}^N}{2^{N-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{in,M_1} & \frac{9}{4} \hat{u}_{in,M_1}^3 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}}^2 \frac{\hat{u}_{in,M_1}^N}{2^{N-1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{j\varphi_{c_1}} \\ c_3 e^{j\varphi_{c_2}} \\ \vdots \\ c_N e^{j\varphi_{c_N}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.7)$$

The equation system for the 3IMD-products signals is too similar to the manner as the main signals

equation and the basis of (3.1.3) for the M_2 measured values can be summarized as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_{out,3IMD,1} \\ \hat{u}_{out,3IMD,2} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{out,3IMD,M_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,1}^3 & \frac{50}{16} \hat{u}_{in,1}^5 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \binom{N}{\frac{N-3}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,1}^N}{2^{N-1}} \\ \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,2}^3 & \frac{50}{16} \hat{u}_{in,2}^5 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \binom{N}{\frac{N-3}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,2}^N}{2^{N-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,M_2}^3 & \frac{50}{16} \hat{u}_{in,M_2}^5 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \binom{N}{\frac{N-3}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,M_2}^N}{2^{N-1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{j\varphi_{c_1}} \\ c_3 e^{j\varphi_{c_2}} \\ \vdots \\ c_N e^{j\varphi_{c_N}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.8)$$

The equation system of the intermodulation signals higher order are obtained same manner.

input voltage with amplitude \hat{u}_{in} and Frequency $f_1(\omega_1)$ is expended in Taylor series. In main frequency, output voltage can be summarized as follows:

To write equations system related to the gain amplifier, the output voltage signal according to the

$$\hat{u}_{out,G} = c_1 \hat{u}_{in} + \frac{3}{4} c_3 \hat{u}_{in}^3 + \frac{10}{16} c_5 \hat{u}_{in}^5 + \dots + \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in}^N}{2^{N-1}} c_N \quad (3.1.9)$$

The linear equation system of the gain amplifier for the M_3 measured values as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{M_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,1}^2 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,1}^{N-1}}{2^{N-1}} \\ 1 & \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,2}^2 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,2}^{N-1}}{2^{N-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \frac{3}{4} \hat{u}_{in,M_3}^2 & \dots & \binom{N}{\frac{N-1}{2}} \frac{\hat{u}_{in,M_3}^{N-1}}{2^{N-1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_3 \\ \vdots \\ C_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1.10)$$

Now magnitude and phase gain of amplifier ($\varphi_{S_{21}} = \angle \underline{v} \cdot |\underline{v}| = |S_{21}|$) should be regarded as real values separately. Since Taylor coefficients should satisfy all equations system, the individual linear

equation system should be solved simultaneously, that is, the following linear equations system for $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5, M_6$ measured values should be considered together:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [U_{out,F}]_{M_1 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,F}]_{M_1 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 [U_{out,3IMD}]_{M_2 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,3IMD}]_{M_2 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 [U_{out,5IMD}]_{M_3 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,5IMD}]_{M_3 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 [U_{out,7IMD}]_{M_4 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,7IMD}]_{M_4 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 [U_{out,9IMD}]_{M_5 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,9IMD}]_{M_5 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 |v_{out,G}]_{M_6 \times 1} &= |[D_{in,G}]_{M_6 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}| \\
 [\varphi_{v_{out,G}}]_{M_6 \times 1} &= \angle\{[D_{in,G}]_{M_6 \times N} \times [C_N]_{N \times 1}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

With

$U_{out,F}, U_{out,3IMD}, \dots$ as output voltag for main signals, 3IDM-products, ... in (3.1.2), (3.1.3), ...

$D_{in,F}, D_{in,3IMD}, \dots$, as main matrix in (3.1.2), (3.1.3), ...

$D_{in,G}$ as main matrix in (3.1.10) and

$$|v_{out,G}]_{M_6 \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} |v_1| \\ |v_2| \\ \vdots \\ |v_{M_6}| \end{pmatrix}, \quad [\varphi_{v_{out,G}}]_{M_6 \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{v_1} \\ \varphi_{v_2} \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{v_{M_6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad [C_N]_{N \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_3 \\ \vdots \\ C_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{j\varphi_{c_1}} \\ c_3 e^{j\varphi_{c_2}} \\ \vdots \\ c_N e^{j\varphi_{c_N}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The number of measurements M_1, M_2 etc. is not the same but has been selected depending on the available number of measurement points (length of the curve).

b) Optimization

To determine the complex coefficients, the transfer characteristics of the amplifier such as a model in the form of the mathematical approximation are presented; in other words using determine coefficients model, the difference between the model and measurements are minimized. To do this, the numerical optimization techniques are used. For optimization, the complex least square method is an appropriate technique, in which the model coefficients are determined through setting zero of the partial derivatives [18] that is:

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i (|y_m(\underline{C})| - y_i)^2 \tag{3.2.1}$$

Our research show that it is not possible to determine all the coefficients of the model with the same lowest error, especially the higher order ID-products can always be modeled worse [17]. Because of that, the weighting function (g_1, g_2, \dots) is added in the cost

$$e_{sum} = e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 + e_5 + e_6 = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i (|y_{1m}(\underline{C})| - y_{1i})^2 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^n g_i (|y_{6m}(\underline{C})| - y_{6i})^2 \tag{3.2.2}$$

$$e_{sum} = G_1 \times e_1 + G_2 \times e_2 + G_3 \times e_3 + G_4 \times e_4 + G_5 \times e_5 + G_6 \times e_6 \tag{3.2.4}$$

The accuracy of the model depends on the series degree (n). A better accuracy can be achieved in principle by increasing of this value. However, it is difficult to enhance the performance for $n > 13$.

For the numerical solution of the optimization problem, the function "minsearch" to find the minimum of the cost function in MATLAB has been used. Examples of the measured results and of the model

And for phase relationship

$$e = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i (\angle y_m(\underline{C}) - \varphi_i)^2 \tag{3.2.2}$$

With

- e as error function,
- y_i as measured output value
- y_m as model (desired) output value
- φ_i as measured output value for phase gain
- g_i as weighting function
- n as the measured value and
- \underline{C} as model parameters that must be found

It is natural that all discussed equations system must be considered in error function. For this reason, cost function (CF) as a function of the total error and the sum of all the dividual functions (functions error) are included andformed. For 6 output signals, we have:

function, the weighting factors for each output signal also be used so that be able to output signal or output signals with changes of this weights as requires to be optimized. So (3.2.3) is written in a new form as follows:

results can be seen in Fig. 3(a), where the voltage gain magnitude and phase of amplifier A is plotted as a function of input power level for single-tone excitation, and in Fig. 3(b), where the two-tone fundamental signal level and the intermodulation product levels are plotted versus input power level.

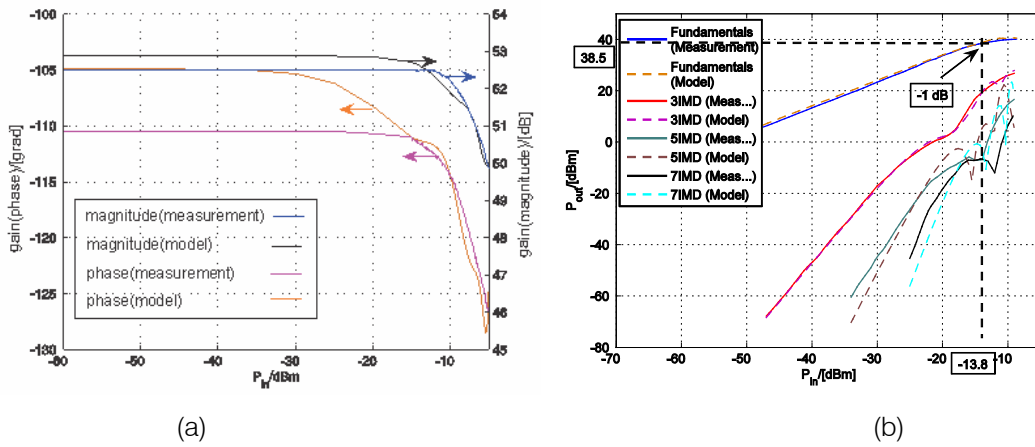


Fig. 3: Measured and modeled transfer characteristics of amplifier A: (a) Single- and two-tone gain, (b) two-tone fundamental and intermodulation products of orders 3, 5, and 7

Fig.3 shows some deviations between model and measurements in the fundamental signal levels as well as in the intermodulation products; note that in the optimization of the model coefficients the largest weights were used for the fundamental and third-order intermodulation products.

Fig. 3(a) shows a good match for the magnitude and phase of the amplifier. Error obtained for the phase just a few degrees and for the magnitude is less than 0.5 dB. Fig. 3(b) shows the divergence of the model when the two-tone input power goes beyond the highest input power level that was used as measurement data in the calculation of the Taylor series coefficients (-13.8 dB). Less dramatic but notable is the characteristic behavior below the divergence region:

Deviations appear as slight oscillations with increasing amplitude closer to the divergence limit.

Using the mathematical model, it was possible to calculate the phase variation of the fundamental output signals for two-tone excitation, Fig.4, which was not accessible when measuring with a spectrum analyzer. Again, a slight oscillatory deviation is included in the calculated variation of the phase versus input power since a smooth parabolic-shaped variation should be expected. The observed oscillatory model errors, though not large on an average over the total extent of the modeled amplifier characteristics, will be found as major sources of error in the simulation of the new circuit, section 4.

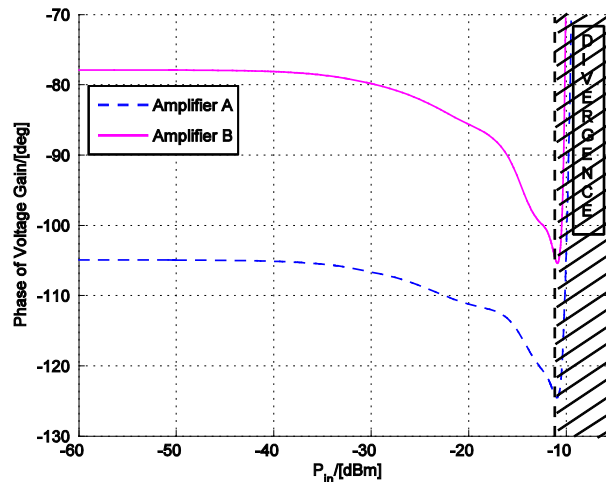


Fig. 4: Simulated phase variation of two-tone fundamental signals at amplifiers A and B as a function of input power level

IV. SIMULATION OF THE NEW CONCEPT

In order to understand the interdependencies in the intermodulation cancellation of the new circuit, the

experimental circuit was simulated using the Taylor-series models for the two individual amplifiers and using scattering matrix models for the other components in the circuit (perfect match for all components assumed. Due

to the high volume of the output signals of the amplifier A and B, discrete numerical methods (with help DFT - Discrete Fourier Transform) of the entire circuit in has been simulated in MATLAB which is more flexible than other software. Other simulation programs like ADS¹ have been shown restrictions to model [17].

One obvious deviation of the real circuit from the simplified concept of section 2 is the considerable insertion loss (1.6 dB) of the two delay lines: With reference to the principle of operation and designations of signals and test points given in section II, in the first loop, this insertion loss attenuates the input signal before the sampled signal from amplifier A gets subtracted, which requires a reduction of the amplitude of the sampled signal ($k^2 < \frac{2}{\gamma}$) in order to achieve equal fundamental signal amplitudes at the input of both amplifiers. Also this reduces the amplitude of the sampled distortion signal $s'(t)$ from amplifier A that fed into amplifier B and the resulting distortion signal at the output of amplifier B will be reduced accordingly.

On the upper signal path, the upper delay line attenuates the fundamental and distortion signals in the same way before they appear at the combiner. After the above-described adjustment of the first loop coupling from amplifier A to amplifier B, the signals at the input of amplifier B can be compared to the input signals of amplifier A. Fig. 5 presents the envelope peak voltages of the fundamental tones, of the third-order intermodulation products and of the total signal, normalized to the envelope peak voltage of the fundamental two-tone signal at the input of amplifier A. It is seen that the fundamental tones have been adjusted to be equal in magnitude at both amplifiers for the "null" input power level of +3 dBm. At this input power level, the intermodulation products contribute already more than 10% of envelope voltage to the total input voltage of amplifier B, which presents a serious deviation from the assumption made in section II that the drive conditions of both amplifiers are basically equal.

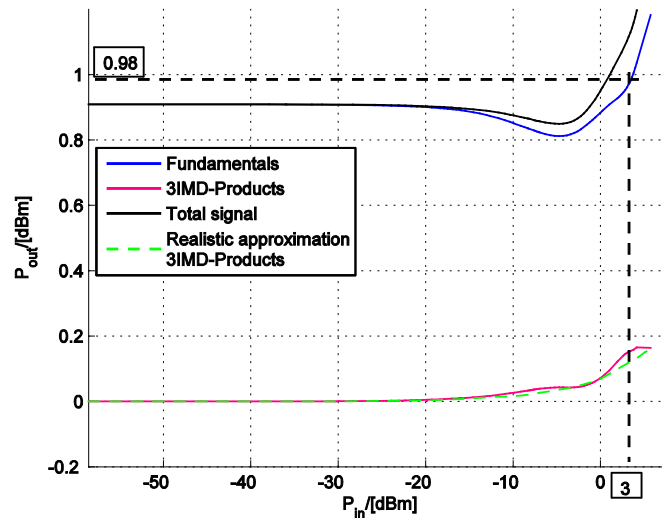


Fig.5: Envelope peak voltage of the fundamental tones, the third-order intermodulation products and the total voltage at the input of amplifier B, all normalized to the input voltage of amplifier A

Looking at lower drive levels, we find for the intermodulation products that the variation of voltage with drive power level exhibits an oscillatory error component as described in section 3; a more realistic indication of this variation is also given in the figure. The second notable effect is that the normalized fundamental signal voltage at amplifier B decays with reduced drive level. The reason becomes clear by inspecting Fig.3(a) and Fig.4: With reducing input power level the voltage gain of amplifier A increases and the insertion phase changes;

thus, at the input of amplifier B, an increased signal sample from amplifier A is subtracted from the

original input signal and creates a smaller fundamental signal component; the minimum around the drive level of -5 dBm is found to be due to the particular constellation of the amplification amplitude and phase variation with drive level.

Looking at the output side of both amplifiers, Fig. 6 shows the amplitudes and phases of the fundamental and distortion signals at the power combiner: At the +3 dBm "null" drive level; we find the fundamental signal from amplifier B larger than that of amplifier A, which is due to the attenuation of upper delay line. At the same time, the two signals exhibit a considerable phase difference of 36° which in combination with the amplitude imbalance affects a combiner loss of about 0.5 dB; note that the power-added efficiency of the combiner circuit is further

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reduced by about 0.8 dB due to the dissipation loss of 1.6 dB from upper delay line affecting half the generated power of the power combiner.

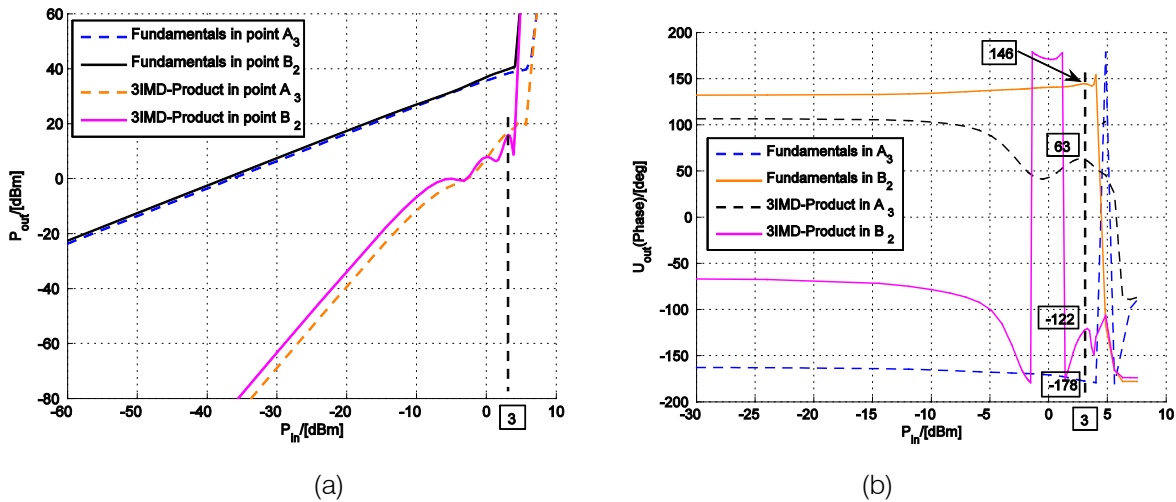


Fig. 6: Amplitude (a) and phase (b) of the fundamental two-tone signal and the third-order intermodulation product at the power combiner as a function of input power

Instead of for best combining efficiency, the delay line phase and the first loop coupling in this simulation were optimized for intermodulation suppression, seen by approximately equal intermodulation product amplitudes at the “null” drive level and a close to 180° phase difference; note the oscillatory variation in the intermodulation magnitude plot of Fig. 6(a), which again can be attributed to the approximation error in the single amplifiers’ Taylor series model. The intermodulation signal amplitudes are found approximately equal because the different effects of the insertion loss of the two delay lines in both loops nearly cancel, as both the intermodulation signals from amplifier A and of amplifier B get reduced in amplitude. Again, turning to lower drive power levels, we observe about equal fundamental signal amplitudes at approx. -5 dBm input power, where Fig. 5 has indicated a dip in the input signal of amplifier B, thus compensating the amplitude imbalance due to the upper delay line attenuation. At even lower drive level, the input signal amplitude of amplifier B recovers from the dip and the fundamental signal from amplifier B becomes larger again than that of amplifier A. At the same time, due to the reduced fundamental signal drive of amplifier B relative to amplifier A, this amplifier produces considerably less intermodulation ($s''(t)$) than amplifier A, approximately a 3 dB reduction for 1 dB reduction in drive power. The combination of the two intermodulation components $-2s'(t) + s''(t)$ at the output of amplifier B thus increases in magnitude as the drive power is reduced and the gain of amplifier A increases. With growing difference in the two intermodulation contributions at the combiner, the circuit loses its cancellation effect as can be observed in Fig. 10.

V. MEASUREMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMPLIFIER CIRCUIT

Before building an experimental new amplifier circuit, two power amplifiers were assembled and tested: The amplifiers used 900 MHz silicon FET power modules MHW916 in cascade with preamplifiers which gave a saturated output power of about 14 W at a gain of about 53 dB. Measurement of the forward transmission group delay was performed with single-tone at small-signal level using a vector network analyzer HP8722C and the result was used to specify the length of the two delay lines in the new amplifier circuit. Measurements of the complex valued single-tone voltage gain (scattering coefficient s_{21}) as a function of input power level were performed using the vector network analyzer and two tone measurements (910 MHz and 911 MHz) of the fundamental signals and up to the seventh-order intermodulation product were performed using a spectrum analyzer HP8565E (Figs.7 and 8). Both sets of measurements were used for the modeling of the amplifiers transfer characteristics based on a Taylor-series expansion with complex coefficients.

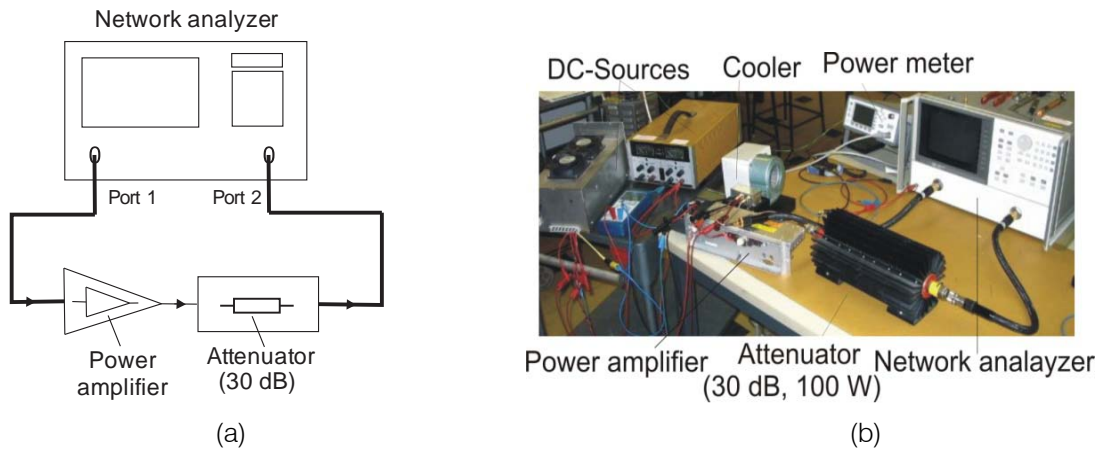


Fig. 7: The experimental single-tone voltage gain, (a) sketch of setup and (b) photograph of bench equipment and amplifier circuit

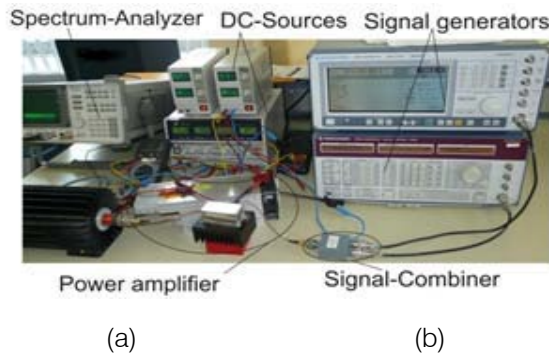
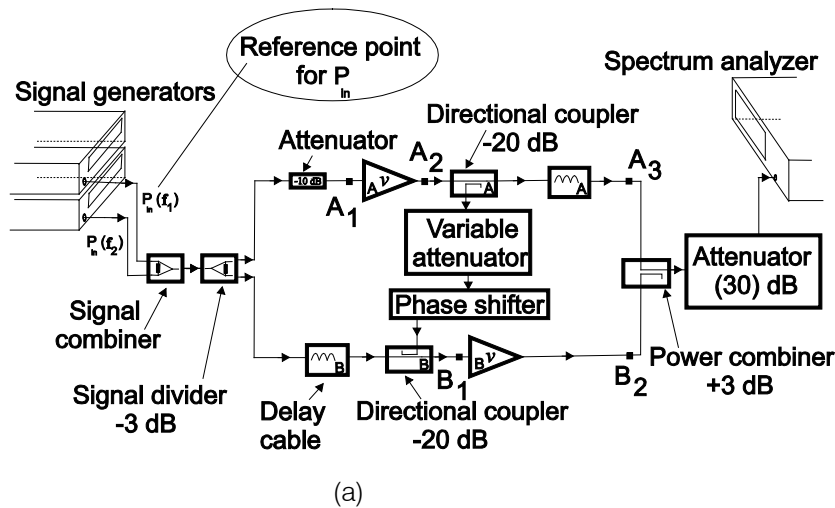


Fig. 8: The measured fundamental signals and up to the seventh-order intermodulation product, (a) sketch of setup and (b) photograph of bench equipment and amplifier circuit

The setup Sketch of the experimental proposed amplifier circuit (called the feed forward power combiner circuit) is presented in Fig.9. The fundamental two-tone input signal is produced by combining two signal generators and the input signal split of 1:3 voltage ratio is realized by a -3 dB divider with a 10 dB attenuator in the upper signal path to amplifier A. All components of the power combiner circuit are connected by coaxial cables which introduce some insertion loss and phase shift. In particular, the required time delays are realized

by about 4 m long coaxial cables RG213 which introduce about 1.6 dB of extra loss. Between the two directional couplers a variable attenuator and a variable phase shifter are inserted in order to allow compensation of amplitude and phase offsets in the first loop. At the output side, a power attenuator is inserted between the power combiner and the spectrum analyzer in order to save the instrument from damage by high incident power.



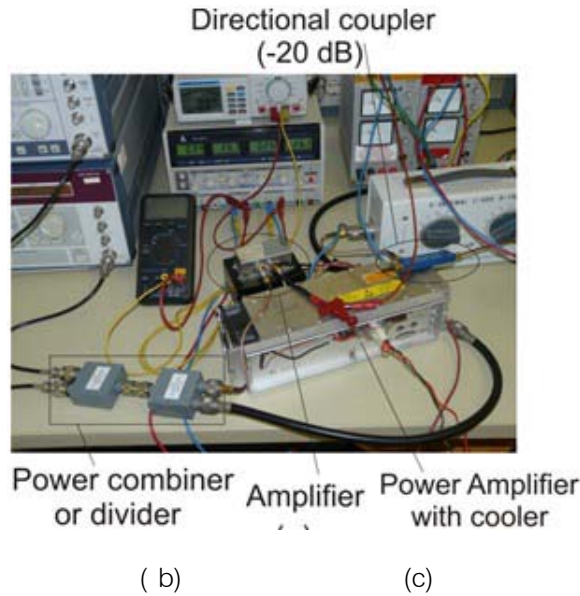


Fig. 9: (a) The measured proposed amplifier circuit and (b) the sketch of setup and (c) photograph of bench equipment and amplifier circuit

Adjustment of the circuit turned out to be difficult: In particular, the variation of the voltage gain in magnitude and phase as a function of input power level, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4, required selecting the drive power level for optimum linearity first of all. In our proof of concept experiment, we set the input power level to +3 dBm which corresponds to the 1 dB-saturation level of the individual power amplifiers.

With the drive signal level fixed, the signal at point γ at the input of amplifier B was observed using a spectrum analyzer and the upper delay line was adjusted and the variable attenuator and phase shifter were set such that the fundamental two-tone signals were approximately equal in level to the signals at point γ_1 at the input to power amplifier A. This setting, at the same time gives approximately the correct pre-distortion level necessary for intermodulation cancellation at the second loop. Final adjustment of the variable attenuator and phase shifter was based on the measurement of the signals at the combiner output; either an optimum cancellation of the third-order intermodulation products could be achieved with the fundamental signals from amplifiers A and B slightly unequal in amplitude and phase or nearly equal fundamental signals could be achieved with considerable difference in phase and amplitude of the intermodulation products. When the amplifier circuit was adjusted for optimum intermodulation cancellation, phase- and amplitude deviations gave rise to a loss in fundamental signal output power of about 0.4 dB.

In Fig. 10, the measurement of the proposed amplifier characteristic is presented and is compared to the expected characteristic of the conventional power

combiner circuit using two amplifiers type "A" in parallel if excited at the same input power level as the amplifiers in the proposed amplifier circuit.

It is seen that the proposed amplifier achieves a notable extension of the linear range for the fundamental signals around the 1 dB compression level of the individual power amplifiers while the third-order intermodulation products are reduced by 25 and 45 dB at the +3 dBm input level (the two 3IMD-products are unequal, as explained in [19]). However, the cancellation is confined to a limited range of power levels around the "null"-input level and the intermodulation products level is not improved relative to the level of the conventional parallel power combiner outside this narrow region and is even worse in some parts of the input level range. This is a fundamental limitation of the feed forward power combiner compared to the conventional feed forward amplifier which was investigated by simulation in section 4. For a practical application of the feed forward power combiner concept, this means that in an operation mode with dynamically changing drive conditions, e.g., changing numbers and levels of modulated carriers as in a mobile communications base station amplifier, the loop adjustment has to be adapted dynamically also. Otherwise, under more static drive conditions, as, e.g., in TV-satellite power amplifiers, the feed forward cancellation concept could improve the linearity of present parallel power combining amplifiers with only moderate adaptivity requirements.

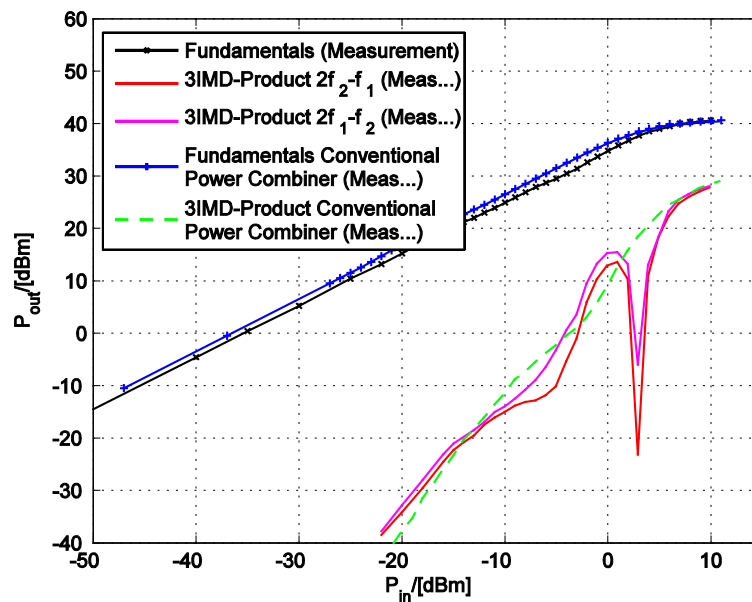


Fig. 10: Measured transfer characteristic of the experimental new amplifier circuit (feed forward-power combiner circuit) compared to the expected characteristic of a conventional parallel power combining amplifier

VI. CONCLUSION

The limitation of the feed forward power combiner circuit was shown to be due to the saturation effect of the upper power amplifier, with its gain variation offsetting the balancing of the circuit loops. However, driving the power amplifiers into the saturation range is a necessary condition for high power efficiency. Power-added efficiency of our experimental amplifier was about 36% which is in contrast to around 10% efficiency of conventional FF-amplifiers. As a price, the critical drive level dependence of the combiner circuit may require higher adaptivity and control of the loop adjustments than a conventional feed forward amplifier, depending on the dynamics of the signals to amplify. By simulation, it can be shown that at lower drive powers the limitations get weaker as the intermodulation cancellation exhibits broader "null" and cancellation is improved even far outside the "null", similar to the characteristics of the conventional feed forward amplifier, yet losing the advantage in power efficiency.

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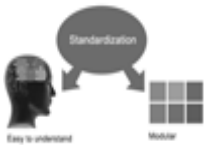
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