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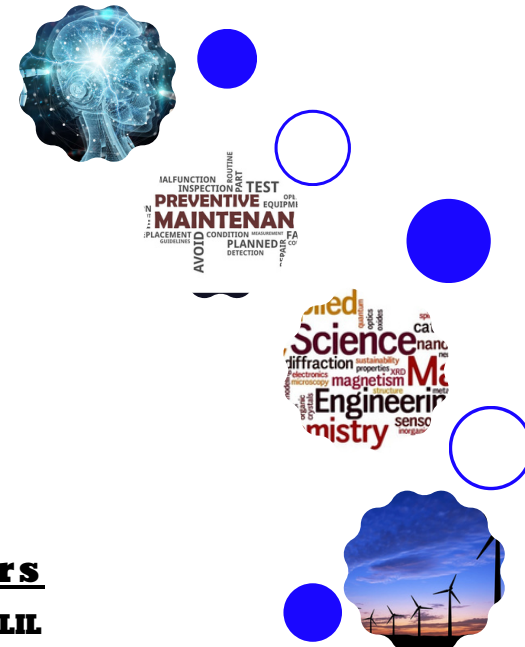
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Plenary I- Prof. Samir LECHEB, Director of Incubator, University M'hamed Bougara Boumerdes, Algeria ; *“Support of startups and spinoffs to obtain label by university incubators for develop innovation in Algeria”*



As part of ministerial decree 1275 for the support of end-of-cycle students: third year bachelor's degree, second year master's degree and doctoral student, innovative project leaders, to create startups and spinoffs, through workshops and training at the level university incubators and accelerators, in collaboration with research centers and the socio-economic sector. In order to develop innovation and encourage as many young people as possible to enter the field of business in Algeria.

Keys Words: Startup, Spinoff, Innovation, Incubator, University

Plenary II- Prof. Kamel Mohammedi, University M'hamed Bougara Boumerdes, Algeria ; *“ Green Hydrogen and Long Term Energy Strategies”*



Plenary III- Prof. Leila ALIOUANE, University M'hamed Bougara Boumerdes, Algeria; *“artificial intelligence in earth sciences for porosity prediction in petroleum reservoir from geophysical well-logs data”,*



Artificial Intelligence techniques are becoming very popular in earth sciences, in the last decade, mainly in petroleum exploration and exploitation. Reservoir characterization by geophysical well-logs data analysis is commonly conducted and plays a central role in formation evaluation in petroleum domain. The most petrophysical parameters that describe the reservoir are the porosity, the permeability and the water saturation where the porosity is the main key. Using conventional methods, the estimation of the porosity is very difficult, mainly in shaly reservoirs where the presence of clay affects considerably, the porosity and the permeability. For that, we propose to accurately predict the porosity from geophysical recordings crossed the formation of wells using machine-learning methods such as multilayer neural network. The input layer are constituted by the petrophysical well-logs data and the output layer presented by one neuron corresponding to the porosity predicted.

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VALORIZATION OF WASTE PALM FIBER AND USE AS REINFORCEMENT IN BIOCOMPOSITE MATERIALS

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Abstract

The good compatibility interfacial adhesion in composite materials makes the properties exciting, such as lightweight, high strength, corrosion resistance, withstands high temperatures, stiffness, and are easier to form in the industrialization process than traditional materials. In this research, palm fibers have been used to reinforce polypropylene (PP) with a loading rate from 10 to 30%, to open up further possibilities in waste management. The fibers were treated with 5% alkaline (NaOH) solution for 30 min as well as 3% methacrylic acid solution for 1 hour (AA) to modify the fiber properties. Therefore, the modification effectiveness demonstration was examined by FTIR analysis. Also, the effect of different fiber treatments on the composite properties were investigated. Results illustrate that chemical modification has a great effect on the fiber-matrix interactions, and the new composite version enhancement is evident from multiple tensile properties.

Keywords: *Interfacial adhesion, Polypropylene, Date palm fiber, Alkaline treatment, Mechanical properties.*

STRUCTURAL AND UV-VISIBLE ABSORPTION, PHOTOLUMINESCENCE PROPERTIES OF SQUARE-PLANER NICKEL(II) COMPLEXES

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Abstract

The square-planar Ni (II) compounds show unexpectedly strong photoluminescence, with the emission mainly caused by a fluorescent ligand. In this work, a series of alkynyl-nickel (II) complexes with bidentate phosphine ligands and different substituents were studied using DFT-based quantum calculations. The 1,2-bis(di-n-pyridylphosphino) ethane (Dppe) ligand was modified; the pyridyl groups were replaced by the azine groups in order to determine the effect of the increase in nitrogen on the structural and optical properties. The results of the DFT and TD-DFT calculations of the singular and triplet states of molecular geometry were used to evaluate the factors influencing the emission energy. These new theoretical data of increasing interest are a considerable help for the advancement of luminescent models.

Keywords: DFT, TD-DFT, Nickel, square-planer, absorption spectra, luminescent..

HOMOGENIZATION TECHNOLOGIE TO ACHIEVE NUMERICAL ESTIMATION OF MULTI MATERIAL MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR IN MICROELECTRONICS

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Abstract

The homogenization method is presented as a promising approach to simplify the initial complex structure of the microcomponent into an equivalent simple structure. However, Knowledge of the mechanical properties of materials is essential for the design and manufacture of technical devices. In order for the technical object to fulfil its overall function and withstand the various stresses it undergoes, it is important to select the appropriate materials. Subsequently, the proposed method is applied to 3D model composed of three different materials was proposed by using finite element software, such as ABAQUS CAE, applied to it periodic boundary conditions in several phases -Tensile, Compression, Shear- This study focuses on the comparison between the homogenized behaviour and the a full model behaviour. Therefore, a good agreement is observed between those two, thus our approach is reliable.

Keywords: Multi-Material, Abaqus, Periodic boundary condition, 3D modelling, Homogenization, Finite element modeling.

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Abstract

In this work, three Fe-based Heusler alloys Fe₂ZrZ (Al, Ga and In) have been studied by first-principles calculations. On that, Fe₂ZrGa and Fe₂ZrIn are being investigated for the first time. These compounds were characterised by calculating lattice parameters, elastic constants, electronic band structures, majority and minority spin polarized density of states (DOS) as well as total and atomic magnetic moments. The calculated elastic constants confirm that all compounds are mechanically stable. The elastic constants are also used to calculate bulk modulus, shear modulus, Young's modulus, Pugh's ratio, Young's modulus and isotropic factor. Furthermore, Fe₂ZrAl, Fe₂ZrGa and Fe₂ZrIn alloys showed a nearly half-metallic character with a high polarisation of 73%, 84% and 91%, and magnetic moments of 0.83μB, 0.88μB and 0.92 μB respectively. These results are expected to improve the integration of Fe-based full Heusler alloys into spintronic devices.

Keywords: Fe-based, polarisation, Full-Heusler, magnetic moments, Spintronic..

STARCH NANOPARTICLES PREPARATION VIA A SIMPLE NANOPRECIPITATION TECHNIQUE

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Abstract

Starch is an abundant, renewable and biodegradable biopolymer produced by all green plants. The most starches in the native form present numerous limitations, hence, nano sized starch particles have attracted much attention in many fields of research due to their unique properties. The present study aims to develop starch nanoparticles (SNPs) via a simple nanoprecipitation technique. A non-toxic, eco-friendly and inexpensive solvent was used to dissolve starch. The obtained SNPs were characterized by dynamic light scattering (DLS), X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR). The results showed that particles with a mean size diameter of 262 nm and a polydispersity index of 0,372 were obtained. XRD analysis demonstrated their amorphous nature, while FT-IR spectroscopy indicated that no change in the chemical structure of SNPs occurred. Accordingly, the developed SNPs hold promise for diverse applications in industries such as food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, materials and more.

Keywords: *Starch, Nanoparticles, Nanoprecipitation..*

HETEROGENOUS FENTON-LIKE DEGRADATION OF METHYLENE BLUE IN PRESENCE OF MAGNESIUM FERRITE NANOPARTICLES

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Abstract

Magnesium ferrite (MgFe_2O_4) was successfully synthesized by an inexpensive coprecipitation method. The photocatalytic activity under sunlight irradiation was studied to measure the photocatalytic performance. The structural, morphological, and optical properties of prepared samples were investigated by X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM-EDX), Brunauer-Emmet-Teller (BET), UV-visible spectrophotometer. It was found from the DRX diagram that the crystallin size of the MgFe_2O_4 sample to be 12.098 nm, and a specific surface area of about 57.23 m^2/g , with an irregular particle shapes, will the UV-vis spectroscopy data reveal that the optical band gap is about 2.50 eV. The maximum photocatalytic degradation of Methylene blue under sunlight irradiation was achieved for the MgFe_2O_4 (35.23%) in absence of hydrogen peroxide and presence of hydrogen peroxide the degradation achieve 88.02% within

Keywords: *Magnesium Ferrite; Coprecipitation; Fenton-Like; Photocatalytic activity; Sunlight.*

OPTIMIZATION OF SAND CONCRETE PERFORMANCE VIA MIXTURE DESIGN METHOD

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Abstract

There is a lack in the design modeling approaches application in the material and mechanical domains of civil engineering. For this reason, this study aims to develop a mathematical model for predicting the impact of mineral additives on the mechanical properties of sand concrete (SC). The statistical analysis software JMP7, provided by SAS, was utilized for this purpose. A mixture design modeling approach optimizes sand concrete mixtures without many experiments by replacing cement with silica fume (SF) and Dune sand grind (DSG) in proportions up to 20%. A total of twenty-one sand concrete mixtures are generated by the utilization of this analytical technique in both binary and ternary systems to evaluate the compressive strength (CS) at 7 and 28 days. The results indicate that derived models based on an experimental design approach effectively explain interactions between mixture parameters. The mathematical models show strong correlation coefficients ($R^2= 0.90$ and 0.92 for a CS at 7 and 28 days, respectively) for all studied responses. In comparison to the reference sand concrete SC21, the binary mixture SC15 and ternary mixture SC18, which incorporate additives SF and DSG, exhibit notably enhanced mechanical strength.

Keywords: Sand concrete (SC) , Mixture design modeling approach (MDM) , Silica fume (SF) , Dune sand grind (DS) , Mechanical strength..

FIRST-PRINCIPLES INVESTIGATION OF STRUCTURAL, ELECTRONIC, ELASTIC, THERMODYNAMIC, OPTICAL, AND THERMOELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF MGSNO₃ PEROVSKITE COMPOUND

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Abstract

Our research aims to contribute to the broader understanding of the MgSnO₃ material and showcasing its potential applications. We studied theoretically the Structural, Electronic, Elastic, Thermodynamic, Optical and Thermoelectric properties of MgSnO₃ perovskite compound, using (FP-LAPW) method based on (DFT) integrated into the Wien2k code. The (PBE-GGA) has been used for optimization constant of lattice which is found to be 4.02 Å and the calculations indicated a negative formation energy and stability for MgSnO₃ in cubic space group 216 (F-43m) structure. The electronic properties using SCF calculation and modified Becke and Johnson (mBJ), represented by BS, PDOS and TDOS, revealed MgSnO₃ is a semi-conductor with an indirect bandgap of 3.26 eV in (Γ-M). We have observed a significant contribution in this energy gap from O-p state. The important optical coefficients such as electrical conductivity, reflectivity, absorption coefficient, and refractive index are presented within an energy range of 0-14 eV. Also, debye temperature, constant-volume heat capacity and entropy are calculated from 0 to 500 K using Gibbs2 method. Finally, utilizing Boltzmann's quasi-classical theory, we probed thermoelectric properties including the Seebeck coefficient, conductivity, and figure of merit (ZT). We found a high ZT value of 0.998 at a temperature of 400 K.

Keywords: DFT, Wien2k, Thermoelectric, Optical, MgSnO₃, perovskite..

**X ray diffraction study of structural properties of Fe86Cr14 mechanical alloys,
Effect of process control agent**

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Abstract

Fe-14%Cr nanoparticles with different PCA content (Acetone, Methanol and Ethanol) were elaborated by mechanical ball milling process during 72 h at room temperature. The PCA has been included in the Fe-14%Cr matrix with 5 wt.% of the total mass of each sample. From x-ray diffraction analysis indicated the formation of bcc and Trigonal phases, the lattice parameter remained constant while the grain size D changed with changing on the different of PCA.

Keywords: *Mechanically alloying materials, ball milling process, process control agent, X ray diffraction, structural properties.*

A NOVEL C0 STRAIN BASED FINITE ELEMENT FOR STATIC ANALYSES OF FUNCTIONALLY GRADED PLATES

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Abstract

The static bending of functionally graded material (FGM) plates is examined by altering the volume proportion of the ceramic and metallic elements using a simple power law distribution. The deflection and stresses are estimated numerically using a four-node quadrilateral finite element called QSBP20 (Quadrilateral Strain-Based Plate with 20 degrees of freedom) created by Belounar et al. This element is created by superimposing two strain-based elements, the first being a membrane based on the strain approach with two (U, V) degrees of freedom per node and the second being a Reissner-Mindlin plate based on the FSDT with three (w , θ_x , θ_y) degrees of freedom per node at each of the four corner nodes. To simplify the issue and prevent membrane-bending coupling, the idea of the neutral surface position is developed. The current model's comparison with existing literature is full and determined to be logical. For the current task, in-house MATLAB code has been built. The parametric research is being conducted to investigate the influence of the side-to-thickness ratio, aspect ratio, thickness, and volume fraction index on stresses and transverse displacements

Keywords: Strain based • Static Bending • FGM plate • Finite element . Reissner-Mindlin plate.

THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF HYDROXYAPATITE CERAMIC

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Abstract

Hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$ also known as (Hap) is a biomaterial with superior biocompatibility and bioactivity due to similarities with the mineral phase of bones and teeth. It is widely used in medical fields such as organ transplants, drug delivery systems, and implants to replace amputated bone in tissues. The crystalline microstructure of hydroxyapatite is hexagonal with the following lattice parameters ($a=b=9.4260\text{\AA}$, $c=6.8850\text{\AA}$) and space group P63/m. It has a regular spherical porous surface particle morphology. Density functional theory (DFT) is the basis of quantum chemistry and is an important tool for understanding structural configurations and explaining complex physical and chemical properties. The primary focus of this work is the synthesis of hydroxyapatite using the double-decomposition method. The fine powders were characterized using a variety of analytical techniques, including scanning electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction, and infrared spectroscopy, and density measurement. The geometry of the complex isolated using density functional theory (DFT) method was optimized in open air and in various solvents. TD-DFT calculations were carried out in order to obtain the UV-visible absorption spectra of the complex and to determine the excitation energies and the associated oscillator forces of the studied complex, in order to deduce their electronic spectra. The GaussView and Origin software packages were used to obtain the theoretical absorption spectra.

Keywords: Hydroxyapatite, Biomaterial, Microstructure, DFT, TD-DFT..

HARD MATERIALS POLISHING USING CERIUM OXIDE

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Abstract

Certain special materials, such as transparent ceramics, sapphire, or glass-ceramics, are increasingly being used in the optical field, posing a significant challenge for manufacturing as well as other performance parameters. It is these same performance characteristics that make them highly desirable for use in challenging environments. Nevertheless, manufacturing optical components from hard materials presents a considerable difficulty. In this study, optical surfaces made of hard materials (transparent ceramics, sapphire, or glass-ceramics) were polished under various conditions and parameters (cerium oxide as a slurry, polyurethane used as a polishing pad) with high velocity , and the surfaces were characterized. Throughout the process, the influence of polishing parameters on the quality of optical surfaces was investigated. Dissolution rate, roughness, and optical transmission were measured, and the results were discussed. A high-quality surface is obtained, with few micro-scratches or damage, and a very smooth and better surface roughness. However, the polishing time is extremely long compared to the polishing of optical glasses such as flints and crowns usually used as optical components. The results obtained allow us to conclude that the polishing solution and the hardness of the sam-ples considerably influence the surface quality.

Keywords: *Hard Materials, Polishing, Material Removal, Roughness.*

THE APPLICATION OF ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF GLAZE CERAMIC COMPOSITIONS AND STRUCTURES

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Abstract

The production of high-quality ceramic coatings reveals the importance of unique, high-quality and aesthetically pleasing properties that meet the needs of local markets. By supporting the local economy, it contributes to expanding ceramic activities in the region by exploiting local raw materials. By optimizing combinations of elements and elemental fractions, it is possible to achieve optimum results in the production of ceramic coatings. This optimization is achieved by using the results of elemental characterization and incorporating advanced science and expertise in special elements and desired physical and aesthetic properties. Producing ceramic glazes involves combining different ingredients, developing recipes, mixing proportions carefully and following precise firing steps. It is crucial to master the chemical reactions that occur during firing and the physical and aesthetic properties required to achieve optimum results. Ceramists can experiment with different proportions of ingredients, set precise firing temperatures and apply layering techniques to achieve unique, personalized results.

The objective of this study is to determine the necessary adjustments to the mixtures of raw materials based on the characterization results obtained on these initial materials. This will enable the formulation of locally manufactured glazes to be optimized, By adopting these strategies, local economies can successfully thrive and contribute to regional and national development.

Keywords: Ceramic glazes, production, raw materials, formulation, firing..

THE STRUCTURAL AND ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF BROOKITE TiO₂: A FIRST-PRINCIPLES STUDY

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Abstract

In this study, we have studied the structural and electronic properties of the Brookite TiO₂, which crystallize in the structure orthorhombic and belong to the group Pbc₂. We used the ab-initio calculation method, which is that of the pseudopotential and plane waves (PP-PW) in the framework of the density functional theory (DFT) and implemented in the Quantum espresso, by processing the Exchange energy and correlation by the approximation of the generalized gradient (GGA-PBEsol), we have first calculated the lattice parameters (a, b and c) of the bulk of the brookite structure and we also discussed the electronic properties: band structure, total and partial electronic density diagrams (TDOS and PDOS).

Keywords: TiO₂, brookite, DFT, electronic properties..

STUDY OF PHOSPHORUS, NITROGEN AND ARSENIC DOPED GERMANIUM

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Abstract

In this study, we are examining the implantation of nitrogen, phosphorus, and arsenic ions into a germanium target using the SRIM software (Stopping and Range of Ions In Matter). Our main objective is to analyze the various phenomena associated with ion implantation and the interaction between these ions and the material. Therefore, we have determined the distribution profiles of the implanted ions for the three types of dopants, at various implantation energies (10, 100, and 180 keV).

Keywords: ion implantation, germanium, nitrogen, phosphorus, arsenic, interactions, SRIM software..

EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF LIGHTWEIGHT FOAM CONCRETE USED IN THERMAL INSULATION OF BUILDING

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Abstract

This work is devoted to study the mechanical and thermal properties of lightweight foam concrete used in insulating buildings. The thermal insulators tested have good thermal insulation properties. The thermal tests were carried out at our center (National Center of Building Integrated Studies and Research). The results of the thermo-physical characterization of foam concrete revealed the following thermal conductivity: 0.10 W/m.K when using a flux-meter device, and 0.09 W/m.K when using a CT-meter device. The effect of density on thermal conductivity and mechanical proprieties are studied in detail in this paper. The mechanical compression tests have been carried out both before and after immersion in water. The compressive strength of foam concrete exceeded 1 MPa. In addition, the UPV test (Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity) has also been conducted on different samples. The results of the measurements obtained are in agreement with the results of measurements from international laboratories such as the laboratory of the Scientific and Technical Center for Building (CSTB), the CERIB laboratory and the Lafarge laboratory. This material can be used to enhance the thermal rehabilitation of buildings and contribute to strengthening the national housing program in Algeria.

Keywords: *Thermal insulation, foam concrete, mechanical strength, thermal conductivity, UPV.*

EFFECT OF RECRYSTALLIZATION ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COLD ROLLED X38 STEEL

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Abstract

This work aims to study the evolution of the mechanical and structural properties of X38 steel deformed by cold rolling and recrystallization annealing at 820°C. Optical microscopy and micro Vickers hardness are the main analysis techniques used to monitor structural evolution and mechanical properties during the different stages of rolling. The results obtained confirm the notable influence of the deformation rate on the size of the recrystallized grains.

Keywords: Cold rolling, recrystallization, Grains, X 38.

NUMERICAL OPTIMIZATION OF THE DEEP DRAWING OPERATION OF DC04 STEEL SHEET

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Abstract

The aim of this work is to optimize the deep drawing operation of DC04 steel sheet, in order to avoid a problem of rupture preceded by the appearance of necking on drawn parts, produced in a forming workshop of a manufacturing company. A 3D numerical simulation explicit model of the forming operation was performed by the finite element calculation code Abaqus/CAE. With the process simulation, we can identify, evaluate and solve industrial problems. Where, the tests can be carried out without time-consuming and costly workshop intervention. An incremental approach by a series of univariate tests and from the numerical results we have determined the influence degree of each factor. The common optimal levels of the deep drawing parameters respectively the punch speed and the die radius are obtained after combinations of the different levels of these two factors, using FEM. The mathematical modeling of the deep drawing process carried out according to the chosen experimental design, allows us to predict the effect of parameter levels on the steel DC04 sheet material behavior to plastic strain in the studied field.

Keywords: Optimization, Numerical simulation, Deep drawing, DC04 steel sheet, Plastic strain.

OPTIMIZING OF ANTIREFLECTIVE COATINGS: A SIMULATION STUDY USING TiO₂ AND SiO₂ DEPOSITIONS

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Abstract

Over the past few years, antireflective (AR) coatings have attracted much attention. AR coatings are thin films applied to optical surfaces to reduce reflection and increase transmission of light. These coatings are commonly used on ophthalmic lenses, camera lenses, solar cells, and other optical elements to improve the efficiency and performance of the optical system. The key purpose of AR coatings is to minimize the amount of light that is reflected at the surface of an optical component, thereby enhancing the amount of light that is transmitted through it. In this work, we chose a glass substrate with a refractive index of 1.5 and applied titanium oxide (TiO₂) and silicon oxide (SiO₂) for deposition, while using the open-source software "OpenFilters" to simulate the antireflective filter. We investigate the influence of the number of layers in the AR coating, specifically double and triple layers, on reflectance and transmittance. Furthermore, we compare the behavior of incident light beams striking a triple layer AR coated glass at different angles.

Keywords: *Antireflective, Coating ,Layer, Reflectance, Transmittance..*

EFFECT OF ROTARY FRICTION WELDING (RFW) PARAMETERS ON STRAIN HARDENING BEHAVIOR OF AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL JOINTS.

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Abstract

The objective of this work is to analyse the work hardening behaviour for AISI 304 and AISI 316 austenitic stainless steels after characterization of rotary friction welding operations carried on these two metals, separately (similarly) then combined (mixed welding). The stress-strain curves of welded joints were analysed in terms of Ludwik, Hollomon, Swift and Ludwigson equations to modeling work hardening behaviour and to determine work hardening exponent values. For the two welded joints AISI 304 - AISI 304 and AISI 304 - AISI 316, the Swift's law gives better predictions compared to the other Laws. Moreover, these two joints are manifested by a greater decrease in mechanical properties and a high hardening capacity. Also, their work hardening behaviour has completely changed, resulting in the existence of a single work hardening stage; therefore, the base metal AISI 304 has more influence on the work hardening behaviour for a dissimilar welded joint. For the welded joint AISI 316 - AISI 316 Ludwigson's law better describes the work hardening behaviour. This welded joint is characterized by quite similar mechanical properties to base metal. The work hardening behaviour for this welded joint remains practically unaffected compared to base metal AISI 316, describing by the presence of two work hardening stages. A higher work hardening exponent (n) is recorded for the similar welded joints at a friction time 6.5 s. However, a higher (n) value is recorded for the dissimilar welded joint at a friction time of 10 s.

Keywords: *Austenitic stainless steel; Direct friction welding; Behaviour laws; Tensile properties; Work hardening behaviour; Microstructure..*

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EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON THE ELABORATION OF NICKEL COATINGS ON COPPER

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Abstract

Due to its wide use in several applications and requirements as in electrical connector contact and thermal nuclear energy fields, copper has been extensively investigated. However, it's considered as an active metal susceptible to corrosion in humid conditions. The present research aims to investigate the behavior of copper in watts bath and then after to the electrodeposition of nickel layers on copper substrates by cyclic voltammetry from watts bath at a scan rate of 20 mV/s and at different bath temperatures between 25 and 55 °C . The electrochemical behavior and corrosion properties were evaluated by cyclic voltammetry, potentiodynamic and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) . While the surface analysis of nickel coatings at different temperatures was conducted by optical microscopy and white light interferometer (WLI). The obtained results show that the Ni layers have been deposited successfully on the Cu substrates. It was found that raising the bath temperature leads to smoother, dense, compact and recovering Ni coatings with a decrease in the grain size and average roughness and an increase in the deposits thickness .While the polarization resistance of copper in watts bath decreases by increasing the temperature of the bath to reach 315.2 Ω /cm² at 55°C.

Keywords: Ni coatings , Cyclic voltammetry , Copper corrosion , WLI , Temperature ..

STUDY OF THE SOLID-LIQUID INTERFACE USING THE SPECS METHOD

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Abstract

Electrical double layer capacitors (EDLCs), also known as supercapacitors, are devices that store electrical energy by creating a double layer at the interface between the charged electrode and the electrolyte. More specifically, when an electronic conductor comes into contact with an ionic conductor, a charge distribution occurs at this interface, a phenomenon known as electrical double layer (EDL). Various electrochemical methods have been developed to analyze the contribution of different charge storage mechanisms, such as the electrical double layer and diffusion-limited processes at the solid/liquid interface. In this study, the interface consists of glassy carbon immersed in an electrolyte solution of H₂SO₄. Here, we present the application of the stepped potential electrochemical spectroscopy (SPECS) technique to elucidate the various charge storage mechanisms, including capacitive and diffusional processes. This research demonstrates the effectiveness of the SPECS technique in characterizing the electrochemical performance of the solid/liquid interface, providing valuable information.

Keywords: *Electrical double layer, Charge storage, Step potential electrochemical spectroscopy, specific capacitance.*

MODELING THE PROPERTIES OF ZERO-DIMENSIONAL ARSENIC NANOMATERIALS DOPED WITH ONE TRANSITION METAL ATOM

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Abstract

We report herein the ab-initio modeling on the structural, electronic and magnetic properties of Pd-doped arsenic nanomaterials (PdAs_n (n = 0-20)). A detailed study on the atomic composition dependent physical properties of these PdAs_n clusters has been performed employing spin polarized density functional theory (DFT) with the generalized gradient (GGA) approximation implemented in the SIESTA code. Structures, stabilities, electronic and magnetic properties are presented and discussed. Our theoretical investigation reveals that the transition metal atom Pd enhance the stability of pure arsenic clusters. The optimized clusters reveal that the most stable structures and their corresponding isomers have three dimensional configurations. The lowest energy structure of PdAs_n generally differs from that of pure arsenic clusters. The relative stabilities have been studied in terms of the binding energies, fragmentation energies and second-order difference of energies for all PdAs_n nanostructures. The binding energy per atom of doped arsenic clusters increases with the size n. The fragmentation energies show an oscillating behavior for all structures. The values of HOMO-LUMO gaps have a decreasing tendency along with the increasing number of As atoms in the cluster. The HOMO-LUMO gaps decrease considerably in our studied clusters which suggest an increase of metallic property. The total magnetic moment depends on the geometry, the position of Pd atom in the cluster, the charge transfer and orbital hybridization. The vertical ionization potential (VIP), vertical electronic affinity (VEA), chemical hardness (η), adiabatic electronic affinity (AEA) and adiabatic ionization potential (AIP) have also been investigated and discussed.

Keywords: Ab-initio modeling, DFT, SIESTA, physical properties, arsenic nanomaterials.

FADDEEV-JACKIW QUANTIZATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO MAXWELL FIELD.

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Abstract

According to the postulates of quantum mechanics, one can describe the temporal evolution of a system in terms of operators expressed using Poisson brackets for regular systems and Dirac brackets for singular systems with constraints. The exploration of constraints has emerged as a foundational objective in the field of quantification research. Faddeev and Jackiw have presented a direct approach for quantifying systems characterized by constraints. This method obviates the requirement for constraint prioritization, as all constraints are uniformly evaluated against the same standard. The Faddeev-Jackiw quantization method is employed to study the Maxwell field. We show that the zero modes of the symplectic matrix are the generators of the gauge transformation. After fixing the gauge, the generalized brackets are calculated.

Keywords: *Singular systems, constraints, Dirac brackets, Faddeev-Jackiw formalism, Maxwell vectorial field..*

ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF (INN)N/(GAN)N(001) SUPERLATTICES

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Abstract

This paper reports first-principles investigations of structural and electronic properties of standard InN/GaN superlattices oriented following the (001) axes with different numbers of InN and GaN monolayers using the full potential linear muffin-tin orbitals method (FP-LMTO) within density functional theory. The effect of periodicity layer numbers n on the band gaps and the optical activity of InN, GaN and their (InN) n /(GaN) n superlattices (SLs) are investigated and compared. Because of prospective optical aspects of (InN)/(GaN) n such as light-emitting applications, this theoretical study can help the experimental measurements.

Keywords: InN, GaN, Growth axis, Superlattices, Electronic structure, Optical properties..

THE EFFECT OF HYBRID NANO-FLUID \square AL \square _2 O_3-CNT/WATER IN A HEAT EXCHANGER RECTANGULAR-SHAPED TUBE

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Abstract

Heat transfer plays an important role in industrial and thermal systems, it manifests itself in various forms radiation, conduction and convection, the latter is the most targeted in certain specific areas such as the cooling of processors, electronic components, radiators and heat exchangers. In this work a numerical study of a turbulent flow in free convection in a heat exchanger the Rectangular-shaped tube filled with a coolant; either a mixture of a base fluid (water) and Alumina and/or CNT nanoparticles, for a Reynolds number ranging from 2350 to 2700, and a density fraction of nanoparticles ($0.01 < \phi < 0.04$). The finite element method is used to model the problem. The results are presented as isotherms, Streamlines, and medium Nusselt profiles. The presence of nanoparticles in the heat transfer fluid improves heat exchanger thermal performance.

Keywords: Nanoparticles; exchanger; density fraction; heat transfer..

TRIBOLOGICAL AND MORPHOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF FILMS DEPOSIT ON METALLIC PROSTHESES

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Abstract

Stainless steel, titanium and CoCrMo alloys are the most widely used biomaterials for orthopedic applications. The most common causes of failure of orthopedic implants after implantation are infection, poor corrosion resistance, low mechanical strength, dissolution of toxic elements and excessive wear. To solve the problems associated with implant materials, various design, material and surface modifications have been developed. Among the different methods, the coating is an effective method to improve the performance of implant materials. This work aims to synthesize hydroxyapatite coatings on metal prostheses to improve biocompatibility and increase the corrosion resistance, wear and find better osseointegration. The hydroxyapatite coating will be prepared by the sol-gel technique technique that has an excellent potential for deposition the biocompatible HAp and has many advantages over other methods and we will study the effect of the temperature, PH and Ca/P molar ratio on the tribological and morphological properties of hydroxyapatite. The results obtained indicate that hydroxyapatite synthesized by sol-gel technique is more advantageous and that this coating improves the resistance to corrosion and wear, also, indicate that had a low friction coefficient and the surface morphology of HAp observed by SEM shows that the deposit has an uniform and homogenous appearance . The results also showed that the realized coating has good properties and could be a potential and promising implant for orthopaedic surgery.

Keywords:Hydroxyapatite, Tribological, Sol-gel ; Morphological.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF TUBE / SHELL HEAT EXCHANGERS USING ZNO-MWCNT/WATER HYBRID NANO FLUID

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Abstract

tube / shell heat exchangers have become popular recently in many practical applications one of them is the metallurgical industry. For example, heat exchangers can be used as a system to cool or warm fluids at different stages and keep baths at temperature, and also used for cooling pressed micro-chips in smaller and smaller spaces, with very little space to evacuate heat. Therefore, improving their heat transfer characteristics is a key issue for the development of small-scale integrated systems. In this work a numerical study of a turbulent flow in a shell/tube heat exchanger filled with a coolant; either a mixture of a base fluid (water) and ZnO and/or MWCNT nanoparticles, for a Reynolds number ranging from 2300 to 2700, and a volume fraction of nanoparticles ($0.02 < \phi < 0.08$). The finite element method is used to model the problem. The results are presented as isotherms, isocontours, and middle Nusselt profiles. The presence of nanoparticles in the heat transfer fluid improves the heat performance of the exchangers.

Keywords: Nanoparticles; exchanger; volume fraction; heat transfer

DFT CALCULATIONS OF CUBIC PEROVSKITE BASNO3 FOR OPTOELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS

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Abstract

Electronic, structural properties of the cubic perovskite BaSnO₃ have been calculated using the full potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) based on density functional theory (DFT) implemented in the Wien2k code. The exchange-correlation potential was treated using approximation GGA-08 to calculate the structural properties. The modified Becke and Johnson potential approximation (mBj-GGA) is also used to improve the estimate of the energy band gap for BaSnO₃ compound. For structural parameters, there is excellent agreement between the computed findings and the experimental data for the predicted lattice parameter ($a = 4.1284 \text{ \AA}$), bulk modulus ($B = 151.7 \text{ GPa}$), and its pressure derivative ($B_p = 4.914$). In addition the band structure and electrical density of states (DOS) in the ground state are calculated extensive.

Keywords: BaSnO₃; perovskites; DFT; Band structure; DOS; properties.

Contribution à l'étude des propriétés physiques et mécaniques du bois de chêne zeen en Algérie effet station

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Abstract

The Zean oak (*Quercus canariensis* Willd), represents an important forest resource in Algeria where it occupies vast forest massifs and plays an ecological and socio-economic role and its wood could be valued on the industrial level. It is an essence that was used, during the colonial period, for the manufacture of railway ties and was, during the post-independence period, locally used in the Akfadou (Adekar), in cabinetmaking and carpentry, by a craftsman who was able to highlight the qualities of his wood. In the context of sustainable forest management, it is possible to take wood for industrial uses, which requires prior knowledge of the technological properties of wood for optimal recovery. Our work contributes to a better understanding of the physical, mechanical and chemical properties of wood of this species. Zeen oak wood was harvested in two stations of the Akfadou (Mehaga, Iguessefen) and one station of Jijel. The physical and mechanical tests were carried out on standardized specimens and concerned the determination of humidity; axial (RA), radial (RR) and tangential (RT) retreats; total volumetric shrinkage (RVT); volumetric shrinkage coefficient (CRVT) ; four-point bending strength; shear strength and axial compression. The results of the study show the influence of the station on the properties of wood. They also show that the species under consideration has interesting mechanical characteristics, which opens up prospects for its use in wooden structures (house, shed, etc.).

Keywords: *Quercus canariensis* Willd, mechanical test, physical test, wood, recovery.

INFLUENCE OF THE MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION LAWS OF THE VOIGT AND MORI-TANAKA MODEL ON THE FREE VIBRATION OF A THICK BEAM

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Abstract

This work presents a first-order shear deformation theory (FSDT) for the analysis of free vibrations of functionally graded beams. The number of unknowns and governing equations of the current theory is reduced, making it simple to use. Unlike other theories, the number of unknowns involved in the displacement field is only four, as opposed to five or more in the case of other shear deformation theories. Distributions of ceramic and metal materials across is the height of the beam according to two models of Voigt and Mori-tanaka. This beam theory approach accounts for both transverse shear deformations and satisfies zero-tension conditions on beam surfaces with the use of a shear correction factor. Hamilton's principle is used here to derive the equations of motion. The influence of the laws of the Voigt model and the Mori-Tanaka model, as well as their effects on the free vibrations of an FGM beam, has been successfully studied. The correctness of the proposed solution is verified by comparing it with other closed-form solutions available in the literature.

Keywords: FREE VIBRATION, VOIGT'S LAWS, MORI-TANKA, FSDT, FUNCTIONAL GRADIENT BEAMS..

GSTC-FDTD SIMULATION OF LORENTZIAN DISPERSIVE METASURFACES

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Abstract

Metasurfaces are sub-wavelength thick electromagnetic structures that can be used to control the scattering of electromagnetic waves. Due to their low thickness, they can be considered as the two-dimensional counterparts of volumetric metamaterials. However, compared to metamaterials, metasurfaces offer the advantages of being less bulky, less lossy and easier to fabricate in both the microwave and optical regime. Metasurfaces can be modelled by zero-thickness films (equivalent boundary conditions), which can simultaneously exhibit electrical and magnetic discontinuities. The Generalised Sheet Transition Conditions (GSTC) technique is the only known approach to rigorously model metasurfaces in the general case. It describes the metasurface in terms of susceptibility tensors in the spatial domain. This susceptibility tensor based algorithm has recently been adapted to the Yee scheme on which the FDTD method is based. In this work, an efficient auxiliary differential equation (ADE) method is proposed to implement dispersive metasurface, described by a Lorentz model, in the FDTD algorithm.

Keywords: GSTC-FDTD, ADE method, Dispersive metasurface, deflectors, surfacic susceptibilities..

Characterization of galactoglucomannans from *Pinus halepensis* for biopolymer applications

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Abstract

The effectiveness of extraction in optimal conditions of galactoglucomannans (GGMs) from *Pinus halepensis* with pressurized hot water extraction was investigated for applications like coatings and films in packaging. For this purpose, optimal molecular masses with high yields are required, presenting a serious challenge for hot water extraction processes. The extraction of GGMs was carried out in an accelerated solvent extractor (ASE) and the isolation was performed by precipitation in ethanol. Three temperatures in the range 160-180°C and five extraction times 5-90 min were tested in order to optimize extraction parameters of GGMs, avoiding thermal and chemical degradation in hot water. Total dissolved solids (TDS) were determined gravimetrically after freeze-drying and weight average molar masses (M_w) were determined by High Performance Size Exclusion Chromatography (HPSEC). Total non-cellulosic carbohydrates were determined by gas chromatography (GC) after acid methanolysis. Free monomers were additionally analyzed by GC. Lignin in water extracts was measured by a UV method. Acetic acid was determined after alkaline hydrolysis of acetyl groups and analyzed by HPSEC. The main parameters influencing the extraction processes of the GGMs, namely, extraction time and temperature were studied. Optimal extraction parameters of GGMs were identified at 170 °C and 20 min extraction time, with average M_w of extracted fraction of 7 kDa leading to a GGM yield of approximately 56 mg g⁻¹ (o.d.m)⁻¹, corresponding to 6% on dry wood basis.

Keywords: Coatings; films packaging; GGMs; hot water; *Pinus halepensis*..

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INVESTIGATE THE STRUCTURAL, ELECTRONIC, AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF THE QUATERNARY HEUSLER ALLOY COMNVSİ

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Abstract

This study investigates the structural, mechanical stability, electronic, magnetic, and thermal properties of the quaternary Heusler alloy CoMnVSi, by using the full-potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) method, as a part of the Density Functional Theory (DFT) as implemented in wien2k software. The potential for exchange and correlation is described by the generalized gradient approximation as proposed by Wu and Cohen (WC-GGA) to calculate the structural and mechanical properties, whereas the Becke and Johnson modified by Tran–Blaha (TB-mBJ) approximation is applied for the electronic and magnetic properties. The total energy calculated as a function of the volume shows that the Type-II ferromagnetic (FM) structure is the most stable for this material. The elastic constants and their associated elastic moduli, as well as the thermal properties, were calculated. The results indicate that the alloy is mechanically stable with extremely high mechanical anisotropy and interatomic central forces in all types of structures. Additionally, CoMnVSi alloy in its Type-II phase exhibits a half-metallic behavior with the total magnetic moment equal 1:B, there by satisfying the Slater-Pauling rule. These results classify CoMnVSi as a new half-metallic Ferromagnets (HM-FM) material with a 100% spin polarization which is suitable for spintronic applications.

Keywords://.

**ETUDE THÉORIQUE DES PROPRIÉTÉS STRUCTURALES, MÉCANIQUES,
THERMIQUES ET TRANSPORTS DES ALLIAGES HALF- HEUSLER,
POUR UNE SIMULATION PAR MEF D'UN ACTIONNEUR
ÉLECTROTHERMIQUE MEMS**

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Abstract

The aim of this work is to select a new compound similar to polysilicon and conduct a numerical simulation to predict the performance of an electrothermal actuator using the new material before manufacturing. The carefully chosen new compound belongs to the well-known family of Half-Heusler compounds in the field of materials physics and semiconductors. This family possesses mechanical, thermal, and thermoelectric properties that are adaptable to the fields of electrical and microelectronic applications. Until now, it has been the focus of researchers who have sought to understand its properties through either synthesis or ab-initio simulations. In this study, we selected the Half-Heusler compounds and performed an ab-initio investigation within the framework of Density Functional Theory (DFT) to determine their elastic properties. We employed the FP-LAPW (Full-Potential Linearized Augmented Plane Waves) method using the Wien2k code to solve the Density Functional Theory (DFT). In this study, we utilized the GGA-WC (Generalized Gradient Approximation with WC functional) approximation for our calculations. Leveraging the computational capabilities of the Gibbs and Boltztrap codes, we solved the quasi-harmonic Debye equation and the Boltzmann equation to calculate several thermal and transport properties. These properties will subsequently be utilized in a multiphysics simulation model using Ansys to predict and observe the behavior of an actuator with the physical properties of this new compound

Keywords://.

STRUCTURAL, ELECTRONIC, MAGNETIC AND MECHANIC PROPERTIES OF THE FULL-HEUSLER ALLOY CO₂MNGA

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Abstract

In this work, we will study the structural, electronic, magnetic and mechanical properties of the full-Heusler Co₂MnGa alloy with functional density theory (DFT). The structural, electronic and magnetic calculations will be performed using the maximum potential linear augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) using the WIEN2K code where we used the generalized gradient approximation (GGA-WC). The stiffness constant of the spin wave (D) and the Curie temperature (T_c) are calculated also the mechanical parameters, including the three elastic constants, the compression modulus, the Young's modulus and the shear modulus. This theoretical study provides detailed information on the compound Co₂MnGa full-Heusler, in different aspects and can also provide information on the application of this material.

Keywords://.

**MODELING THE RESPONSE OF FIBER-REINFORCED CONCRETE
BEAMS – EFFECT OF TIRE-RECLAIMED FIBERS**

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Abstract

This work is dedicated to the study of the structural response of concrete and fiber concrete beams. We will be particularly interested in the failure modes of these beams under quasi-static stress. To do this, a numerical model is built using the Abaqus finite element commercial code. This model was validated in comparison with the available experimental results and after calibration of the parameters of the Concrete Damaged Plasticity (CDP) model. The constitutive material of these beams is assumed to contain two kinds of steel fibers added to the concrete: Industrial Steel Fibers (ISF) and Tire-Reclaimed Fibers (TRF). The capacitance curves predicted by the CDP model for the three percentage of TRF used demonstrate how fibers improves both strengths and ductility of the beams. With the added benefit of protecting the environment and reducing steel waste, TRF exhibits behavior that is comparable to or better than using industrial fibers for the same percentage of fibers.

Keywords://.

MULTI-OBJECTIVE OPTIMISATION OF TURNING PROCESS PARAMETERS USING MAIRCA METHOD

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Abstract

Manufacturers nowadays attempt to cut machining costs by lowering energy usage, boosting productivity, and ensuring product quality. In order to identify the cutting conditions and provide improved performance characteristics, this work presents a multi-objective optimization analysis of the turning process. The experimental trials were conducted in accordance with Taguchi's orthogonal array (L9) methodology, using dry machining techniques for the turning process of a 30% glass fibre-reinforced polyamide (PA66-GF30) material. A metal carbide cutting tool was used for the machining operations. Cutting speed (V_c), feed rate (f), and depth of cut (a_p) are the three input parameters. Also, the desired performance parameters are surface roughness (R_a), cutting power (P_c), cutting force (F_z), and material removal rate (MRR). The MAIRCA (multi-attributive ideal-real comparative analysis) method is applied to solve multi-objective problems. The aim is to find the significance of the cutting conditions on the performance parameters and also to obtain an optimal combination of the machining parameters by the multi-attributive ideal-real comparative analysis optimization method. The objective of this study is to minimize the performance parameters such as surface roughness (R_a), cutting power (P_c), and cutting force (F_z) and maximize the material removal rate (MRR).

Keywords: *Manufacturers, PA66-GF30%, Optimization and MAIRCA method..*

OPTIMIZING CUTTING PARAMETERS WHEN MACHINING AISI 4140

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Abstract

The objective of modern manufacturing is to ensure quality while reducing production costs and increasing productivity. In this context, the selection of cutting materials is crucial due to their numerous applications. This presentation outlines an experimental study conducted during the machining of the alloyed steel AISI 4140, aiming to determine the optimal cutting parameters to achieve minimal surface roughness (R_a) as quality criteria, and maximum material removal rate (MRR) as productivity criteria. Two optimization approaches were employed: single-objective optimization using the Taguchi method to maximize MRR and minimize R_a , and multi-objective optimization using the TOPSIS (Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution) method to simultaneously optimize MRR and R_a . The Taguchi L16 experimental design was implemented to arrange 16 trials, taking into account cutting speed (V_c), feed rate (f), and depth of cut (a_p) as input parameters, each set at four levels. The optimal combination obtained through the Taguchi was as follows: $V_c=250$ m/min, $f=0.11$ mm/rev, and $a_p=1.4$ mm for $R_a=0.616$ μ m, and $V_c=333$ m/min, $f=0.22$ mm/rev, and $a_p=1.4$ mm for $MRR=102,564$ mm³/min. To achieve both minimal R_a and maximal MRR simultaneously, the optimal values of cutting parameters were as follows: $V_c=310$ m/min, $f=0.14$ mm/rev, and $a_p=1.4$ mm, based on the results of multi-objective optimization for $R_a=1.135$ μ m and $MRR=60.760$ m³/min. The Taguchi proved to be more effective for single-objective optimization, while the TOPSIS emerged as the best approach for multi-objective optimization.

Keywords: *Machining, AISI 4140, Taguchi, TOPSIS, Optimization.*

CUTTING PERFORMANCE AND WEAR MORPHOLOGY OF TIN AND TIALN COATED CARBIDE AND UNCOATED CARBIDE TOOLS DURING DRY TURNING OF Ti-6Al-4V

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Abstract

Ti-6Al-4V is extensively used in machining because of its exceptional physical and mechanical characteristics. Nonetheless, machining this material is widely recognised as challenging because of its exceptional strength and toughness, limited heat conductivity, and chemical reactivity. To reduce overheating, tool wear, and workpiece damage, it is necessary to use specialised cutting tools, machining methods, and coolants. This research conducted a range of parametric experiments to assess the wear performance of TiN- and TiAlN-coated carbide tools, as well as uncoated carbide tools. The cutting speed (CS), feed rate (FR), and depth of cut (Doc) were consistent throughout these experiments. The findings are relevant to mechanical manufacturing firms and university researchers involved in Ti-6Al-4V manufacturing.

Keywords: Ti-6Al-4V, TiN, TiAlN, Tool wear, Turning.

Improvement of the surface roughness of an aluminum alloy 2017 by the application of the ball burnishing process.

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Abstract

Ball burnishing is a cold working process with superficial plastic deformation that changes the basic properties of the surface layers of the material. In this work the process was applied on Aluminum 2017 by means of a device specially designed and manufactured for this purpose. It was used gradually as a finishing operation which gives additional advantages such as: the increase in surface hardness, resistance to fatigue, resistance to wear and to the generation of residual compressive stresses. The experimental results indicate that feed, burnishing force and speed are the most important and significant parameters to improve roughness surface. The number of passes is in addition to other parameters of burnishing has a significant effect on the turning surface. The turning surface roughness about 1.5 μm was decreased to 0.03 μm after burnishing with a rate of 98 %.

Keywords: Aluminum 2017 – ball Burnishing - Surface roughness..

MODELING OF TECHNOLOGICAL PARAMETERS IN A FINISHING TURNING OPERATION OF Ti-6Al-4V TITANIUM ALLOY USING THE ANOVA ANALYSIS AND THE ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK METHOD (ANN)

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Abstract

This work was dedicated to present the results of the modeling methodologies used. The response surface method (MSR) allowed us to develop models by multiple regression of surface roughness, cutting forces and vibrations. These responses were measured in finishing turning of the Ti-6Al-4V titanium alloy by two different types of tools, the experiments of which were carried out by varying the cutting speed (V_c), the depth of cut (a_p), feed (f) and tool type (coating). The effects of input parameters on studied responses were quantified using analysis of variance (ANOVA), and visualized through response surface plots. The artificial neural network is also adopted for modeling technological parameters.

Keywords: Modeling, Ti-6Al-4V, ANOVA, ANN, Turning.

STATIC ANALYSIS OF THE BEHAVIOR OF SMART SANDWICH BEAMS IN MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL ELASTOMER – HONEYCOMB

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Abstract

The study's main objective is to understand the response mechanisms of magnetorheological elastomers (MREs) and explore their applications in vibration control and damping. Additionally, we seek to assess the static behavior of new intelligent composite material structures in three-point bending tests, allowing for stiffness regulation, improved vibration attenuation, enhanced damping, and noise reduction. The methods employed include dynamic shear characterization of an elastomer with 30% micrometric iron particles under a magnetic field, numerical simulations using Abaqus software to analyze the static behavior of a sandwich beam honeycomb core with a magnetorheological elastomer layers, and the study of stress variations with deformations for each beam case. The results show that the addition of CIP particles enhances the shear modulus and improves stiffness and damping. The three-point bending tests on MREs beams demonstrate significant stiffness and damping, especially in the case of the honeycomb MREs beam. The developed specimens with a honeycomb core and an MREs layer offer substantial potential for improving damping capabilities. Notably, there is a considerable nonlinear increase in stress with deformation in the case of MREs honeycomb hybrid beams.

Keywords :Structures hybrides, matériaux complexes, Analyse statique, magnetorheological elastomer..

VIBRATION BASED CONDITION MONITORING APPROACH USING THE NONLINEAR AUTOREGRESSIVE MODEL WITH EXOGENOUS INPUT AND THE DECISION TREE ALGORITHM.

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Abstract

Ball bearings are critical components in the rotating machines, in which their deterioration will produce other faults, such as misalignment, fatigue, and machine looseness, leading to complicated maintenance decisions making. This study aims to provide a methodology based on the Decision Tree (DT) algorithm and the nonlinear autoregressive model with exogenous input (NARX) model to monitor the degradation state evolution of the ball bearing. raw vibration data accrued from a real accelerated run to failure test rig are used. First time domain features are extracted from the vibration Condition Monitoring (CM) signal, second The Decision Tree algorithm is used to select the most important features that reflect on the degradation evolution of the critical components, and in the last step the selected features are feed into the Nonlinear Autoregressive Model with Exogenous Input (NARX), the overall of the obtained results indicate the effectiveness of the proposed approach for monitoring the ball bearing which helps for a proper maintenance decision making.

Keywords: Decision Tree (DT), Condition Monitoring (CM), Nonlinear Autoregressive Model with Exogenous Input (NARX)..

REMAINING USEFUL LIFE PREDICTION BASED ON THE SUPPORT VECTOR REGRESSION AND THE STEPWISE ALGORITHM.

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Abstract

Machine breakdown through the years has grown in an extended way, leading to a huge loss and huge disasters. This paper aims to prevent from the machine failure by determining the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of the ball bearings based on the Support Vector Regression (SVR) and the Stepwise algorithm. The Stepwise algorithm permits of selecting the most appropriate features extracted from the time domain vibration signal, to be fed into the SVR approach to model the nonlinear relationship of bearing behavior, the SVR model permit of obtaining the future values of the RUL which allows to determine the future state of the machine. Data gathered from the run to failure bearing operation PRONOSTIA dataset is used for training and testing the proposed model and its performance is evaluated in terms of the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), the Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and the Coefficient of Determination (R²). The overall of the proposed methodology shows high performance and effective RUL estimation.

Keywords: Remaining Useful Life (RUL), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Condition Based Maintenance (CBM)..

ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATION OF THE VIBRATIONAL PATTERN OF MECHANICAL DEFECTS VIA A NEURAL MODEL

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Abstract

The present study proposes a methodology for developing a monitoring system that aims to detect various types of faults that may cause harm to rotating machinery. The proposed strategy for achieving the desired outcome involves the utilization of vibrational analysis methodologies, which are a set of techniques used to study the behavior and characteristics of vibrations. These methodologies are employed in conjunction with synthetic neural networks. The perceptron, which includes a single hidden layer in addition to the input and output layers, demonstrated rapid convergence when trained using the back-propagation algorithm with the error gradient associated with the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm. The suggested approach uses vibrational analysis methods and synthetic neural networks. The convergence is quick, with only 14 iterations needed for learning. The training process was completed within a very short time frame, specifically a few hundredths of a second. The obtained results have major importance, as all three correlation coefficients surpass 98% and the mean square error demonstrates negligible magnitude. Furthermore, this neural network has demonstrated a significant level of efficacy, on the other hand, the comparison of the values estimated by the model with those of the desired outputs allowed us to observe that out of the 3920 indicator values, 3763 were successfully detected and only 9 false detections, thus achieving a success rate surpassing a detection accuracy of 95% when presented with errors that differ from those used during the training process. The implementation of the proposed approach for online monitoring holds significant importance in the sector.

Keywords: *Fault diagnosis, Monitoring, Neural networks, Vibration analysis.*

ASSESSMENT OF MAINTENANCE EFFICIENCY IN THE MODELS : AGE REDUCTION, REDUCTION OF INTENSITY AND HYBRID

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Abstract

The evaluation of maintenance efficiency is crucial in decision-making and selecting maintenance strategies. Various modelling approaches have been developed by researchers to closely align with reality and evaluate the effects of maintenance actions. Throughout history, maintenance impact modelling has primarily focused on three approaches: virtual age models, where repairs decrease the system's age; intensity reduction models, where maintenance reduces failure intensity; and hybrid models that combine elements of both approaches. The present study explores the assessment of maintenance efficiency through various models to quantify the impact of maintenance operations and evaluate their effectiveness. The approach is implemented by analyzing a specific dataset.

Keywords: *maintenance efficiency, imperfect maintenance, age reduction, maximum likelihood.*

MONITORING AND DIAGNOSIS OF ROTATING MACHINE FAULTS IN THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN

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Abstract

Vibration analysis is a method for detecting possible malfunctions and monitoring their evolution in order to plan or postpone a mechanical intervention. However, experience has shown that vibration is the most reliable parameter for early and optimal detection of the state of deterioration of a rotating machine. All machines produce vibrations and as the condition of the machine deteriorate: imbalance, bearing defects, gear defects, belt transmission problems, and the level of vibration increases.

This paper provides a vibration analysis of the main defects of rotating machines, with particular emphasis on the extraction pump, following a detailed procedure.

Keywords: *Dynamic, Vibration analyses, Unbalance fault, Misalignment..*

APPLICATION OF SIGNAL PROCESSING FOR FAULT DIAGNOSIS OF MECHANICAL COMPONENTS SUBJECTED TO VIBRATION

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Abstract

The monitoring and analysis of vibration signals from bearings allow for the early prediction of malfunctions and potential breakdowns. Due to its non-stationary nature, the vibration signal of bearings proves challenging to interpret with traditional analysis tools, which can lead to erroneous interpretations. We propose using envelope analysis (Hilbert Transform). By exploiting the signal from a transmission, we demonstrate the advantages of this method in diagnosing bearing systems. A three-degree-of-freedom dynamic model was considered, taking into account the translations of the bearing elements. To simulate the signal for analysis, we intentionally introduced flaking-type defects on the bearing components. To numerically solve the obtained system of differential equations, we opted for the MATLAB software.

Keywords: *Diagnosis, Signal processing, Bearing defects, defect modelling, Mechanical Defect..*

Study of the parameters influencing the surface roughness of a steel material

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Abstract

This paper investigates the influence of tribo-finishing processes on the surface condition of steel parts under different parameters. The vibratory abrasion process is a chemical-mechanical process, which involves the use of low frequency impact vibration in the presence of abrasive and chemical additives. It is a chemical-mechanical process which aims to remove the smallest metal particles and oxides on the surface to be treated. Thus, it causes a plastic deformation of the surface layer of the elements in contact. In this process of treatment, there are multiple micro impacts in different angles between the tool (media) and the parts to be treated. The improvement of the surface quality is determined by three parameters: the treatment time, the type of abrasive and the oscillation amplitude of the working chamber.

Keywords: *vibro-abrasion process, roughness, vibration..*

DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR AND VIBRATION CONTROL OF ROTATING MACHINERY WITH VARIABLE BEARING DAMPING

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to investigate the critical speed analysis and response of rotating machinery with variable bearing damping, the use of the finite element method makes to establish dynamic equations of the movement. Numerical calculations of the model developed, can extract the natural frequencies and modal deformed vibration of the rotor, and this reduce is nonlinear. The Campbell diagram plot used to determine the critical speeds. Experimentally the study of the rotor in transient system allowed determining the vibratory responses due to the unbalances and various excitations.

Keywords: *stability, rotor, dynamic, critical speed.*

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS TO EVALUATE THE CRACK ENERGIES BY THE FEM METHOD OF A CRACKED STRUCTURE OF A TWO-DIMENSIONAL MODEL IN THE ELASTOPLASTIC MATERIAL

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Abstract

Fracture mechanics is a very broad field, as it deals with the study of crack propagation in materials. Moreover, in fracture mechanics, most components or structures generally contain defects of varying nature and magnitude. It uses methods of analytical solid mechanics and numerical simulation codes, to calculate and model the different crack characteristics of the different problems studied. This article deals with the evaluation of the crack parameters such as the different energies, deformation, internal, external and the total energy, of a cracked structure model containing a hole of diameter ($\varnothing h=0.1\text{mm}$ and $\varnothing h=0.4\text{mm}$), by the finite element method and using the Abaqus computer code. The 8-node biquadratic plane stress quadrilateral elements (CPS4R) with the reduced integration were used. In addition, the validation of the results obtained in this work was compared between two hole modeling models, one of 0.1mm in diameter and the other of 0.4mm in diameter with the initial crack length $a=1\text{mm}$.

Keywords: *hole, energy, crack, FEM, Numerical modeling, 2D.*

FRETTING FATIGUE SIMULATION ON HOMOGENEOUS ISOTROPIC LINEAR ELASTIC MATERIALS BY THE FEM METHOD OF A 2D

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Abstract

Fretting fatigue is a phenomenon that occurs when two contacting surfaces are subjected to oscillating tangential forces. In the modality the constraint is variable, contact fatigue can be defined as the accumulation of surface damage due to small plastic deformations that occur in a material, even below the elastic limit, generating microcracks that can lead to its rupture by micropitting. The objective of this work is to study the variation of the J-integral and the stress intensity factor (KI and KII) during the increment of time of a cracked fretting fatigue model of the homogeneous isotropic linear elastic materials. These parameters were studied and evaluated by the two-dimensional finite element method using the Abaqus calculation code. The friction coefficient 0.5 was applied to the crack length (a). In addition, elements of type (CPE4R) and the maximum tangential stress criterion were applied.

Keywords: *SIF(KI, KII), Fretting fatigue, J-integral, Crack, 2D.*

MODELING THE EFFECT OF TRIAXIALITY AND LODE ANGLE ON THE RUPTURE OF STAINLESS STEEL USING A DISLOCATION DENSITY - BASED MODEL

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Abstract

This work is dedicated to the study of the effect of the triaxiality and lode angle on the rupture of tubular structures. A micromechanical-based model incorporating several deformation mechanisms and formulated in the framework of the dislocation density theory is used to describe the viscoplastic behavior of a 316 stainless steel. The model has been implemented into the finite element code Abaqus using a Fortran coded subroutine VUMAT. After calibration of the model parameters with experimental available results, simulations of healthy and notched tubular specimens were carried out. In order to vary the triaxiality and Lode angle, we used specimens of different sizes and notch shapes. The results showed the capacity of the model to reproduce the experimental results of tubular structures. It was found that the strength of the material and its ductility of the specimens depended on the triaxiality and the Lode angle. The distribution of dislocation densities, according to the mechanisms considered in the model, also showed a dependence on these parameters.

Keywords: *Finite element simulations, Dislocation density approach, elasto-viscoplastic, Stress triaxiality, VUMAT subroutine.*

EFFECT OF GEOMETRIC PARAMETERS ON STRESS CONCENTRATION IN PLATE WITH A HOLE SUBJECTED TO A TENSILE FORCE

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Abstract

The presence of holes in structures leads to weakening due to local stress concentration. When these holes cannot be avoided, it is crucial to determine the stress concentration factor associated with their geometry. In our study, we focused on the common case of tensile stress in a plate with a circular hole. This analysis was carried out for small perturbations, in an isotropic medium, with linear elastic behaviour. The aim of our study was to understand the impact of geometric parameters and loading on the stress concentration factor K_t resulting from the presence of a circular hole in a plate subjected to tensile loading. We used analytical and numerical methods to do this. In addition, we verified our results using the constitutive equations of Heywood and Howland, as well as a MATLAB program. To obtain more accurate data, we also used ANSYS software, a design tool, to extract stress concentration factors for various materials, including aluminium 2024. In summary, the aim of our study is to gain a better understanding of how holes in plates affect stress distribution, particularly in the case of tensile loading of a plate with a circular hole, and to provide useful data for analysing the safety and performance of structures subjected to this type of loading.

Keywords: *Stress concentration factor, Numerical methods, Hole plate, ANSYS, Heywood and Howland constitutive equations.*

NUMERICAL STUDY OF A CRACKED PLATE REPAIRED BY WELDING

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Abstract

This study examines the effectiveness of welded parts in reinforcing damaged components and preventing crack propagation. Using numerical simulations, the study evaluates the performance of soldered patches compared to components without patches. The results demonstrate that welded parts significantly reduce crack severity and improve overall structural integrity. Additionally, the results highlight the practical implications of using welded parts to improve the safety and durability of critical structures. A plate subjected to tension was simulated using the Ansys software, based on the stress intensity factor and the length of the crack. By reinforcing the cracked area, the weldment aims to prevent crack propagation and improve the overall structural integrity of the component

Keywords: cracked plate 1 , Stress Intensity Factor 2 , repair 3 , welding 4 , numerical simulation 5.

EFFECT OF THE AGING OF THE ADHESIVE ON THE BEHAVIOR OF REPAIRED CREAKED STRUCTURES IN PURE MODE I AND II

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Abstract

Moisture absorption is a major parameter affecting the mechanical behavior of adhesives, since it causes plasticization of the polymer with a swelling effect if the immersion time is sufficiently long. The mechanical properties of the aged adhesive in distilled water at room temperature were experimentally measured to provide the data for finite element modeling. These properties were introduced into a numerical model consisting of a cracked aluminum 2024 T3 plate and repaired by a composite patch bonded with the Adekit A140 adhesive. The effects of the degradation of the mechanical properties of the adhesive and the crack length on the variation of the J integral and the size of the plastic zone at the crack tip were highlighted. The obtained results showed that moisture absorption has a negative effect on repair performance, since the fracture energy increases with increasing immersion time. The decrease in mechanical properties by water absorption leads to a decrease in repair performance.

Keywords: *J Integral; Plastic zone; Repair Composite patch; Mechanical properties; Aging effects..*

PROBING CFRP FIBER ORIENTATION WITH EDDY CURRENTS: A NON-DESTRUCTIVE APPROACH

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Abstract

Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRPs) have emerged as vital structural materials in various industries due to their exceptional strength-to-weight ratio. The fiber orientation in CFRPs significantly influences their mechanical properties, making it a critical aspect to assess for quality and performance. This paper presents a non-destructive investigation into the assessment of CFRP fiber orientation using Eddy Current Testing (ECT), it highlights the potential of Eddy Current Testing as a non-destructive means to assess and understand CFRP fiber orientation, offering valuable insights to improve the performance and structural integrity of CFRP components. Eddy Current Testing, a widely applied non-destructive testing technique, offers a unique avenue for assessing CFRP fiber orientation. This study explores the underlying principles and methodologies of ECT as applied to CFRPs, detailing the interaction between eddy currents and fiber orientation in these composites. By illustrating the effectiveness of ECT in quantifying fiber orientation in CFRPs, this research contributes to the understanding of how changes in fiber alignment can be detected through variations in eddy current responses.

Keywords: Non Destructive Testing, Eddy Current, Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers, Fiber Orientations..

NONDESTRUCTIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF FERROMAGNETIC STEELS BY MAGNETIC BARKHAUSEN NOISE TECHNIQUE

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Abstract

This work aims to characterize the metallurgical transitions during quenching of X70 steel by magnetic Barkhausen noise (MBN) non-destructive technique. In order to monitor the relationship between mechanical properties and micromagnetic parameters, a direct quench (DQ) treatment is used at the inter-critical annealing (IAT) temperature ranges applied to the samples from 740°C to 820°C. MBN were performed using the MikroMach instrument. Hardness measurements and microstructure examinations were carried out using a durometer and optical microscopy. The experimental results show that the DQ treatment revealed a hard martensite distributed in a ductile ferrite matrix. Martensite volume fraction (MVF) and hardness increase with increasing IAT. These treatments make it possible to obtain the highest hardness in DQ treatment at higher temperature. Indeed, the MBN method proved to be very sensitive to changes in microstructure and MVF morphologies.

Keywords: *Nondestructive characterization, metallurgical transitions, direct quenching treatment, magnetic Barkhausen noise.*

USING A NON-DESTRUCTIVE TECHNIQUES FOR WOOD CHARACTERIZATION AND DEFECTS DETECTION

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Abstract

Non-destructive methods (NDT) play an indispensable role in assessing the integrity and soundness of materials and structure in the industry field, furthermore it takes place in materials characterization, in this abstract, we emphasize on two methods, which are ultrasonic testing (UT) .Ultrasonics employ high-frequency sound waves to determine materials properties, detect defects, and measure thickness.The use of this techniques offers a comprehensive approach to structural assessment, and enabling the identification of defects at various materials including wood species.

Keywords:*Non-destructive testing, ultrasonic, characterization, defects detection, wood species.*

ARTIFICIALLY FROZEN SAWDUST-ICE MIXTURE (PYKRETE): A REVIEW OF ITS USABILITY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS

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Abstract

Sawdust, the residue of furniture manufacturing, has been extensively utilized for environmental remediation. For this reason, using sawdust-ice mixtures can reduce the need for expensive materials. This study focuses on the usability of the artificially frozen sawdust-ice mixture (Pykrete) in the fields of civil engineering. Over the last decade, there has been a growing interest in composite materials. Insufficient studies have been conducted to investigate the mechanical properties associated with Pykrete utilization. This study provides a comprehensive overview of related publications that discuss the usability of Pykrete in structural and geotechnical engineering. It reviews the most common types of Pykrete systems, their basic configurations, and their main applications. Throughout the literature review, it is concluded that the subject of Pykrete material utilization has received a lot of attention in the last 20 years, especially in civil engineering applications. However, the number of experiments is very limited, and there is a vast opportunity for research and development in the usability of the Pykrete material to meet the needs of innovation structures, diaphragm walls, slope stability, and deep excavation via artificial ground freezing approaches. Consequentially, it is recommended to utilize sawdust as a component in combination with other substances across diverse domains.

Keywords: *Sawdust, Pykrete, Composite materials, Mechanical properties, Environmental and civil engineering, Geotechnical engineering..*

COUPLED DAMAGE EFFECT IN THE STABILITY OF A COMPOSITE HELICOPTER ROTOR BLADE

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Abstract

In this paper, a coupled damage effect in the stability of a composite helicopter rotor blade is presented, under dynamic loading response in the stationary analysis condition. The analysis of the stress which operates the rotor blade is done. Calculations of different energies and the virtual work of the aerodynamic loads from the rotor blade are developed. The use of the composite material for the rotor blade offers a good result. Numerical calculations on the model developed prove that the damage effect has a negative effect on the stability of the blade. The study of the composite blade in transient system allowed determining the stress distribution due to various excitations.

Keywords: composite blade, fatigue, damage, crack, vibration..

DURABILITY OF A MORTAR CONTAINING SAND PLASTIC WASTE PVC TUBES

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Abstract

The main purpose of this study is to show technically the possibility of recuperating the plastic wastes obtained by sawing PVC tubes as a partial substitute in mortar. The plastic waste used in this study is a sand plastic wastes. To achieve this work, we have studied the effect sand wastes PVC substitution in ordinary sand in mortar with rates of 2%, 4% et 6%; comparing the results obtained with reference samples (0%) on the density, compressive and tensile strength at 90days and sustainability parameters, water absorption by immersion and capillary, porosity accessible to water and chemical attack by H₂SO₄. The results obtained show that the partial replacement of ordinary sand with plastic waste sand in the formulation of a mortar makes the latter lighter and absorbs less water by capillarity; however it negatively affects absorption by immersion and chemical resistance.

Keywords: *mortar, PVC wastes; valorization; sand; substitution; characterization; sustainability*

NUMERICAL STUDY OF THE ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A NEW ALGAN/GAN MOSHEMT DESIGN ON 4H-SiC SUBSTRATE WITH QUATERNARY ALINGAN SPACER LAYER

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Abstract

Due to their ability to ensure high power and high frequency operations, AlGa_N/Ga_N MOSHEMTs (Metal Oxide Semiconductor High Electron Mobility Transistors) attract a lot of attention for the upcoming generation of power switching circuits. Their outstanding performance is caused by the natural presence of high mobility of two-dimensional electron gas (2DEG) formed and accumulated at the AlGa_N/Ga_N interface owing to a strong polarization-induced charge. In order to enhance the electron confinement of the conventional AlGa_N/Ga_N device, a thin quaternary Al_xIn_yGa_N spacer layer is inserted between the barrier and the channel, with an aluminum content of 80%, an indium content of 18% and a thickness of only 2 nm. In this paper, a new heterostructure design of AlGa_N/AlInGa_N/Ga_N MOS-HEMT is investigated, with a 10 nm T-gate-shaped length and 5 nm TiO₂ oxide layer grown on silicon carbide (4H-SiC) substrate. The analytical polarization model and sheet charge density of this structure are theoretically developed. In addition, the static analysis (DC) and the dynamic analysis (RF) of the proposed Ga_N MOS-HEMT are numerically investigated using an exhaustive two-dimensional (2D) simulation of the TCAD SILVACO Software at 300K. The developed device exhibits an excellent drain current (I_{DS,max}) with a value of 1800 mA/m, a positive threshold voltage (V_{th}) of 2.47 V, and a maximum extrinsic transconductance (G_{m,max}) of 3000 mS. Therefore, the positive shift of V_{th} is due to the insertion of the TiO₂ insulating layer, and the activated interface charge oxide/semiconductor by 1.85×10^{13} cm⁻² donors. This negative charge is accumulated at the heterointerface. Thus, the 2DEG is depleted and V_{th} shifts more positive value. On the other hand, the experimental research demonstrates that V_{th} shifts towards positive value by using a thin layer of AlInGa_N spacer.

Keywords: AlGa_N/Ga_N1, InAlGa_N spacer2, TiO₂-based MOS-HEMT3, Maximum oscillation frequency4, SILVACO5..

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THE INFLUENCE OF SURFACE TREATMENT ON THE FIBER PHYSICAL AND THERMAL PROPERTIES

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Abstract

Surface treatments of natural fibers are processes aimed at modifying the surface of fibers to improve their physical and chemical properties. Surface treatments can be two main categories: physical treatments and chemical treatments. The surface treatment of natural fibers can have a significant influence on the physical and thermal properties of a biocomposite. Surface treatment can modify the surface structure of the fibers and improve adhesion between the fibers and the polymer matrix, which can have an impact on the physical and thermal properties of the bio composite. For example, treatment can improve the dimensional stability of the bio-composite, while improved adhesion between the fibers and the polymer matrix can reduce swelling and shrinkage of the material. Surface treatment can also affect the thermal conductivity of the bio-composite. For example, surface treatment can improve the dispersion of fibers in the polymer matrix, which can reduce the material's overall thermal conductivity. In this presentation, we will treat natural fibers using the best-known chemical method, using the chemical agent Naoh to eliminate all non-cellulosic elements in the fiber, and we'll look at thermal properties and the difference between treated and untreated fibers.

Keywords: *Thermal property; Chemical treatment; Characterization; Natural fiber; Bio composite..*

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DETERMINATION OF CARBON FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMER COMPOSITES BY ULTRASONIC

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Abstract

Composite materials are widely used in various industries due to their high strength-to-weight ratio and excellent mechanical properties. However, defects can occur during the manufacturing process or service life, which can compromise the structural integrity and performance of composite plates. Ultrasonic testing is a non-destructive testing method that utilizes high-frequency sound waves to detect and evaluate flaws, thickness variations, and material properties. When ultrasonic waves propagate through a material, they experience changes in velocity and attenuation based on the material, composition and internal structure. By analyzing the characteristics of the ultrasonic waves after they interact with the CFRP material, valuable information about its properties can be obtained. The principal objective of this work composite calculation consists in determining the characteristics mechanics of the material according.

Keywords: COMPOSITE MATERIALS, MECHANICAL PROPERTIES, CFRP, NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING..

THE OPTIMIZATION OF THE GEOMETRIC PARAMETERS OF COMPOSITE LAMINATE USING GENETIC ALGORITHM

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Abstract

The use of composite material is widespread in the last decades thanks to their various advantages that they are providing compared to the traditional material, as it allows the

conception of the global properties of structure that corresponds better to the particular need of any situation and can be malleable to fit to any complex shape. As a further advantage, configuration of a laminate, i.e. fiber orientation, ply thickness, stacking sequence, reinforcement geometry can be tailored to reduce its weight without compromising its performance, or improve the performance without increasing its weight.

These numerous advantages give the engineers the freedom of tailoring the geometry and structure along with mechanical properties that respond better to the precise problem. Yet it gives a complex task for the engineer to find the correct number of layers and ply orientation angles that will provide a structure with the best performance given certain loading conditions and boundary conditions as well as failure constraints. In other hand, the structures made of laminate cost a lot that is why it is very important to take a wise decision. For this reason, in this research, the optimization using genetic algorithm as intelligent artificial technique is used to select the best design among countless number of designs. Among these variables, those who allow a better feasible structure modified to suit the needs of the problem at hand and creating new combinations in order to create new designs based on the evaluation according to Tsai-Wu criteria to finally obtain new optimized lamination configurations. The best panel obtained after 200 iterations had five layers where its thickness made it have the aspect of a sandwich panel. As in perspective, a sandwich panel where its bottom and top skin will be made of laminated panels could be an interesting topic to explore.

Keywords: design, Genetic Algorithm, composite laminate, optimization, Tsai-Wu.



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FREE VIBRATION ANALYSIS OF LAMINATED COMPOSITE PLATES REINFORCED WITH CARBON FIBERS IN THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS

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Abstract

The study aims to investigate the effect of temperature on the vibrational behavior of laminated composite plates. The analysis is carried out by the finite element method with the quadratic isoparametric element, which takes elevated temperatures into account. The first order shear deformation (FSDT) is used to derive the governing equations. Material properties of each lamina are assumed to be temperature dependent. A validation study is carried out to compare our findings against existing literature. Various numerical parameters, including temperature variation, length-to-width and aspect ratios, fiber orientation, and boundary conditions, are comprehensively investigated to understand their influence on the free vibration behavior of laminated composite plates. The results demonstrate a reduction in the natural frequency with an increase in temperature

Keywords: Free vibration; temperature environment; Finite element method; Composite plates; Carbon fibers.

**ANALYSIS OF THE DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR OF
MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL ELASTOMER COMPOSITE: ELABORATION
AND IDENTIFICATION OF RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

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Abstract

The present work is devoted to experimental analysis of the magnetorheological elastomer composite behavior under dynamic loading. The elastomer is charged to 40% of ferromagnetic particles. The characterization of the rheological properties was performed and the relation between the loads and the applied magnetic field has been studied. The results found show that this composite presents strong energy dissipation, further accentuated by the structure and the magnetic field.

Keywords: *Magnetorheological elastomer, Silicon, Dynamic loading, Rheological properties, Energy dissipation.*

ANALYSIS OF HIGH VELOCITY OBLIQUE IMPACT ON HONEYCOMB SANDWICH PANELS WITH FGM SKINS

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Abstract

This paper examines high-velocity oblique impact, a critical phenomenon in the field of space exploration, focusing on its effect on honeycomb sandwich panels. These panels, equipped with Functional Graded Material (FGM) skins, play an essential role in the design of light and resistant space vehicles. Functionally Graded materials are known for their ability to provide optimal mechanical properties at different locations, making them valuable for spatial design. The paper explores how these properties influence the response to oblique impacts, taking into account factors such as angle of incidence, orbital velocity and honeycomb sandwich panel structure. The study aims to analyze the ballistic performance of these structures in the face of oblique impacts, by simulating impact conditions similar to those encountered in low Earth orbit. The results of this research contribute to improving our understanding of the impact resistance of honeycomb sandwich panels with FGM skins, which is essential for the design of robust and lightweight structures for space vehicles. This knowledge is crucial to guarantee the safety of space missions and the integrity of equipment in Earth orbit.

Keywords: *Oblique impact, Angle of incidence, Orbital speed, FGM, Honeycomb, Sandwich panel..*

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NEW POLYMER COMPOSITE MATERIALS

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Abstract

The aim of this study is a synthesis, material polymer composites materials by an immersion-precipitation method using Cellulose acetate (CA) as membrane matrix, Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) as pore forming agent and commercial Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) as adsorbent additive. All the components were dissolved in N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) to prepare the casting solutions. The effect of the PAC on the structure and the performance of the polymer composite membranes were studied. The obtained polymer composite membranes were characterized by scanning electron microscopy (SEM), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), X-ray diffraction and infrared spectroscopy (FTIR-ATR). Results of all characterization techniques revealed homogenous and significant blending of CAP content into the pure CA matrix. It was found that all the CA/CAP Composite membranes had higher porosity, more vertically finger like pores than CA membrane. With an increase in CAP content in the casting solution from 0.1% to 0.3%. DSC scan and FTIR analysis confirmed that CA was trapped in the membrane matrix.

Keywords: polymer composites, Cellulose acetate (CA), Thermal analysis, X-ray diffraction, FTIR-ATR..

EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR IN SHEAR AND BENDING TEST OF SANDWICH PANELS

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Abstract

This study focuses on the competing collapse mechanisms for composite laminates subjected to tensile tests and sandwich beams simply supported with composite faces subjected to three-point bending tests. The faces comprise two different weights of glass taffeta fabric, an 8-beam satin fabric of the BMS 9-3 Style 7781 type and a single-weave dry carbon fabric (BMS 9-8 3K-70) is also used in this work. The mechanical properties of the surface sheets are measured independently, laminates and sandwich panels are produced by vacuum infusion of epoxy resin, tensile and bending tests and three-point tests are carried out according to the methods of current standards.

Keywords: sandwich beams , laminates , bending , epoxy resin, tensile , carbon fabric , glass fabric ..

MULTI-OBJECTIVES OPTIMIZATION OF COMPOSITE LAMINATE STRUCTURES USING NSGA-II AND FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

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Abstract

With their lightweight character and high rigidity, composite laminates have increased importance in many engineering fields. The goal of this work is to investigate and optimize composite laminates by taking into account the thicknesses and orientation of layers contained in composite laminates to achieve better rigidity to deflection according to the total mass of the composite structure. Multi-objective optimization was performed to achieve the optimum design of a laminate with less weight and greater flexural stiffness. The winding thickness and angles of the composite layers are chosen as design variables. The maximum elastic displacement proposed and minimum possible weight in design are two constraints that have been carried out. The optimization work was performed by coupling NSGA-II with FEA software. Optimization results can lead to a set of optimal solutions. Each has its own configuration, depending on the thickness and orientation of the layers. This method guides the design of a lightweight composite laminate structure for engineering applications of different complexity and design.

Keywords: *Composite Materials, Optimization, Multi-objectives Optimization, Laminate, lightweight.*

STUDY OF MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF A BIO-COMPOSITE MATERIAL

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Abstract

In this work, we are interested in studying the mechanical properties of American agave fibers. This plant grows in Algeria in several regions. For the first time, we have extracted fiber from this plant. Then we dried these fibers, and these fibers are used in the composition of materials that contain resin, which are used in various industries. In the extraction method, we used three methods: mechanical, biological and traditional; the tensile experiment showed us how much force fibers alone can withstand. The average diameter of these fibers is 300 μm ; It allowed us to calculate the pressure, Strength and deformation. We then improved these results by using these fibers as a reinforcement material in the composite material. Composite materials consist of a reinforcement and a matrix whose mechanical properties improve when natural fibers are used.

Keywords: *Natural fibres, Agave Americana, Bio-composite, Tensile test.*

DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A COMPOSITE MATERIAL BASED ON EPOXY RESIN AND MINERAL FILLERS (SILICA)

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Abstract

The study focuses on investigating the impact of mineral loads, specifically silica, on the mechanical properties of epoxy resin-based composite materials. The primary goal is to develop composites with varying silica percentages to ascertain whether mineral fillers enhance the final properties of the resin, particularly its mechanical aspects, while maintaining the intrinsic properties of the host matrix. An additional objective is to determine the optimal percentage for optimizing the mechanical properties of the epoxy/silica mixture. To delve deeper into the topic of silica, the study examines active rates of 0%, 1%, 3%, 5%, and 7%. The research revolves around the preparation and mechanical characterization, specifically tensile testing, of epoxy/silica composites. Findings underscore the positive impact of silica on improving epoxy resin properties, with the composites containing 3% and 5% silica exhibiting the most favorable mechanical properties according to tensile test results. Results reveal an increase in rupture stress and elastic modulus, coupled with a simultaneous decrease in elongation at rupture as the silica content in the epoxy/silica mixture rises. However, the study identifies a limit to the silica content, beyond which positive effects reverse due to uneven dispersion, leading to the formation of agglomerates and adversely impacting the overall material. Additionally, the loads exhibit the ability to enhance mechanical properties by increasing rigidity, with this improvement correlating with the increase in the load rate. The study concludes that silica imparts unique properties to epoxy resin, contributing to both enhanced mechanical characteristics and cost reduction in composite material outcomes.

Keywords: *Resin epoxy, Mineral load, Mechanical properties, Silica, Composite material.*

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NANOMATERIAL (AG-OXIDE PILLAR/CLAY).

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Abstract

To expand the domain of clays application as nanocomposite; it is necessary to treat the problem of their leaf's closure, speaking to 200 ° C. The possibility of incorporating multivalent or bulky cations allows clays to increase their surface acidity or their porosity and thereby become acidic molecular sieves with large pores. Ag-nanocomposite clay was synthesized using AgNO₃ solution as pillaring agent at pH 8 and 10-3 mol/L Ag + concentration, reduced Ag⁺ into Ag⁰ nanoparticles on montmorillonite by using trisodium citrate (Na₃C₆H₅O₇·2H₂O). The Ag-nanoparticles intercalated into the montmorillonite interlayers, which formed Ag-PILC, has a high specific surface area and basal spacing, it is expected to own a stronger PILC structure than the PILCs synthesized through ion exchange method. The pillaring clays contain total surface acidity that varies with the pillaring agent which can be studied by IR spectroscopy using pyridine or n-butylamine adsorption-desorption process. The experimental study consists to designate the optimal activation conditions (concentration: 4.5 M at temperature T = 80° C, activation time = 3h, adsorbed H₂SO₄ = 1.85 meq / g clay, CEC = 62 meq/100 g clay) to obtain an adequate activated bentonite which is ready for pillaring operation .Modified clay were characterized by different techniques which was / (XRD, XRF) and physic-chemical analysis (Cation exchange capacity; CEC, specific surface area; SBET). Silver pillared material was synthesized from activated bentonite at 4.5 M/T=80°C using the AgNO₃ solution as pillaring agent. Silver pillar clay was characterized by physic-chemical analysis (XRD, CEC, surface acidity, specific surface area, Average pore diameter and density). The d-spacing for the intercalated clay and silver pillar is respectively in 40.5 Å and 38.25 Å. The specific surface areas of silver pillared clay and natural clay are respectively in 390 and 65 m² /g order. With specific properties, the complexing clay matrices are highly reactive nonmaterials and can be used in industrial wastewater treatment process and can be used as resin for dental treatment.

Keywords: *Synthesis, nanomaterial , Characterization, nanocomposite, Ag-Oxide Pillar..*

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BUCKLING ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONALLY GRADED BEAMS USING THE DIFFERENTIAL QUADRATURE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD BASED ON REFINED BEAM THEORY

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Abstract

The present study developed a Differential Quadrature Finite Element model according to refined higher-order shear deformation beam theory for the buckling analysis of functionally graded (FG) beam by considering the agglomeration effect of single-walled carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and different patterns CNTs in polymeric matrix. The material properties of the FG beams are estimated by using the Eshelby–Mori–Tanaka approach based on an equivalent fiber. For the calculation of kinetic energy and stiffness energy, the higher-order shear deformation beam theory was used, and the matrices of elements and systems are developed using Differential Quadrature Finite Element Method (DQFEM) derived from the differential quadrature method (DQM). Equilibrium equations of the FG beam are obtained by employing Hamilton's principle. The results are compared with analytical results in the literature. It is remarked that mechanical properties and therefore critical buckling loads of FG beams are seriously affected by CNTs agglomeration. Several aspects of beam types, carbon nanotube volume fraction, boundary conditions, etc., are taken into investigation.

Keywords: FG beam, Buckling analysis, DQFEM, CNTs, Agglomeration effect of CNT, refined higher-order beam theory..

**COMPOSITE NANOARCHITECTONICS OF GRAPHENE OXIDE FOR
BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON STRUCTURAL EFFECTS ON
PHOTOCATALYTIC PERFORMANCE FOR METHYLENE BLUE**

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Abstract

The synthesis of metal organic frameworks/ graphene oxide composites (MOF/GO), and their utilization for the remediation of organic dyes have been received much attention because of their economic, safety, and environmental points of view. The aim of the present study was the synthesis and structural characterization of MOF/GO composites and the analysis of their morphology and photocatalytic activities. The MOF/GO composites have been synthesized by in situ growth. The structural investigation of the synthesized composites was carried out using X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transforms infrared radiation (FT-IR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and UV-Visible. Meanwhile, their photocatalytic activities were investigated, using various models, by the degradation of methylene blue (MB) under solar irradiation. The degradation of methylene blue was performed under varying conditions of pH and mass ratio. Our results indicate that, MOF-5/GO achieved 92% degradation at pH=6.8 of MB.

Keywords: MOF/GO, Methylene blue, Wastewater, Photocatalysis..

**STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF THE SHAPE FACTOR AND THE
ORIENTATION ANGLE OF THE FIBERS ON THE STRESS
CONCENTRATION FACTOR IN THE ORTHOTROPIC/ISOTROPIC
PLATES OF AN AIRPLANE WING**

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Abstract

The aircraft wing is that complicated structure found on the aircraft due to its complicated behaviour towards different loads and manoeuvres. The wing rib with cut-outs reduces the weight and can bear more load. Stress concentration in an elastic body can be caused mainly by two mechanisms, namely concentrated loads or forces acting on a body and geometric discontinuities in a body such as holes or a sudden change in its surface geometry. The presence of cut-outs in aircraft wing ribs creates a concentration of stresses, which ultimately reduces the mechanical strength of the structure. In this work, to obtain equivalent stresses and strains for a wing rib without a cut-out and with a circular cut-out, we considered a perforated plate as the test piece. We studied the stress concentration factor around a central circular hole in isotropic and orthotropic rectangular plates subjected to tensile loading using the finite element method. The present work focuses on the effect of different variables: the plate diameter-to-width ratio (d/W), the effect of the fibre orientation angle (θ°), the effect of the length-to-width ratio (L/W) on the overall and net stress concentration factor around the hole in isotropic and orthotropic plates. ABAQUS software is used as design software to extract stress concentration factors for various materials such as 2024-T3 aluminium and glass/epoxy. These results were then compared with the program formula using MATLAB as the programming software, and a good correlation of results was obtained for both types of material.

Keywords: Aircraft wing 1 ,rib 2, stress concentration factor 3 ,isotropic plates and orthotropic plates 4 , Heywood and Howland constitutive equations 5 , fiber orientation angle 6 , ABAQUS 7 , MATLAB 8.

Study on impact behavior of composite sandwich with foam core

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Abstract

Sandwich composite panels are widely used in aerospace and civil structures consist of two thin fiber reinforced composite face sheets bonded to a thick light weight foam core, one of the main concerns in the application of sandwich composite structures is the fact their load carrying ability may be significantly reduced by the presence of a local damage. In this study of composite sandwich by FEA finite element analyses in dynamical part the first ten modes shapes, secondly in this work the goal is to what extent the stiffness is added foam core in core in composite structure in impact.

Keywords: Composite sandwich, frequencies, impact, foam core..

THE EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON THE MECHANICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF BIO COMPOSITES

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Abstract

The major lock of the production of the natural fiber composites is to integrate hydrophilic character fibers into polymeric matrices generalities of hydrophobic nature. The increasing use of composite materials creates resulting waste management problems. We are therefore moving more and more towards the implementation of biodegradable products, either by using biodegradable polymers, or by incorporating biodegradable fibers into polymeric materials. The latter requires in most cases a stage of accounting by chemical treatment of the fibers, in order to improve the adhesion between the matrix and the reinforcement. Various treatments of plant fibers allow the modification of their surfaces. These treatments reduce water retention, improve fiber anchoring, create a strong bond at the fiber-resin interface and therefore give better mechanical properties of composite materials. Improving the adhesion between the fabric and the matrix that is our essential goal, the jute fabrics are deposited in alkaline treatments of 5% NaOH for 2 hours for different temperatures that vary from 90°C to 200°C. As well as, the mechanical tensile behavior of jute/polyester fabric composites. The tensile strength is better at 90°C compared to the other temperatures. This indicates that the treatment with NaOH at 90°C leads to a better modification of the mechanical properties of composite.

Keywords: Polyester; vegetable fiber; chemical treatment; thermal effect and vacuum molding.

ANALYSIS OF DAMAGE TO A 2024-T3 ALUMINUM STRUCTURE IN THE PRESENCE OF A V NOTCH REPAIRED BY COMPOSITE PATCH USING XFEM-CZM / XFEM-VCCT TECHNIQUES

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Abstract

During their use, metallic structures are exposed to various mechanical stresses which, in the presence of geometric discontinuities, lead to a failure at the level of these zones of strong concentration of stresses. The repair by the process of bonding composite patches of these damaged structures is very widespread to prolong the life of the structures by reducing the concentration of stresses. Carrying out mechanical tests on damaged and repaired structures is sometimes expensive, which has prompted researchers to develop new techniques for modeling damaged and repaired structures such as XFEM, CZM and VCCT. This work is part of this context, the objective is to analyze the damage of Al2024-T3 structure in the presence of a V notch repaired and not by composite patch of type carbon / epoxy using the techniques cited above. The numerical results of the force-displacement curves will be compared and validated by the results of the mechanical tests. The initiation and propagation of the crack in the aluminum plate is modeled by the XFEM method, which uses the maximum principal stress criterion (MAXPS) for the prediction of the damage initiation. However, the damage to the adhesive layer is modeled by CZM and in a second case by VCCT. A good agreement was found between the experimental and numerical results of the tensile curves of the repaired and unrepaired plates

Keywords://.

TENSILE PROPERTIES AND FRACTURE MECHANISM IN POLYAMIDE-12 NANOCOMPOSITES REINFORCED WITH GRAPHENE NANOPATELETS AND NANOCCLAY

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Abstract

Nanocomposites based on polyamide-12 matrix with nanoscale reinforcement (graphene nanoplatelets and nanoclay) are prepared by melt compounding. We report the synergistic reinforcement of polyamide-12/graphene/nanoclay nanocomposites with the tensile properties being improved greatly. Particularly, the modulus of composite with 5wt% of graphene and 5wt% of nanoclay were improved by more than 75% when compared to the neat polyamide-12. However, it is noteworthy that when we introduce fillers even at low percentage, a significant reduction in strain at break is observed. This phenomenon can be attributed, in part, to the reaggregation of graphene nanoplatelets. Microstructural observations were carried out on the fracture surface of hybrid nanocomposite and clearly show the origin of the brittle fracture. We present a hypothesis explaining the mechanism behind the fracture behaviour observed in these highly filled nanocomposites.

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NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF FORCES ON THE CRACK IN A COMPOSITE PLATE IN ABAQUS SOFTWARE

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Abstract

Composite materials are extensively utilized, but they are susceptible to deterioration over time, leading to damage. This study investigates the cracking processes of composite sheets reinforced with jute fiber under uniaxial tension, employing Abaqus software. The experiments involve varying displacement speeds at 10, 20, and 30 mm/min. The composite plate dimensions are $25 \times 35 \times 10$ mm³ with a 7 mm crack length. Findings indicate that crack propagation in vehicle plates is influenced by mechanical properties in relation to load, especially with increased travel speed. Stress concentrations around the crack are noted, and the displacement speed has a discernible impact on crack behavior. Utilizing finite element analysis, the cohesive J-integral is obtained. The calculation results for the integral paths of the two sample types reveal a 90.90% relative error in the mean absolute value ΔJ .

Keywords: *Abaqus , J-integral, traction, crack, composite.*

DAMAGE AND REPAIR OF COMPOSITE STRUCTURES

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Abstract

The degradation of the mechanical properties of strategic structures can have catastrophic consequences if the problem is not effectively solved, and if advanced repair technology is not developed. Our study is mainly devoted to the repair of components, metal or composite structures. Structures damaged by fatigue or impact can be repaired by patch of composite material, to increase rigidity and reduce stress intensity, displacement, deformation as well as natural frequencies. Our study aims to find the ideal shape and type of patch to use in relation to the detected failure in the structure, using numerical simulation and experimentation.

Keywords://.

EXPERIMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPOSITE MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL ELASTOMER

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Abstract

This work presents an analysis experimental of dynamic properties of composite magnetorheological elastomer (CMRE) by a dynamic mechanical analyzer (DMA). The charge of magnetized iron particles is 30% of the total volume. A dynamic mechanical analysis DMA was carried out, in the scanning mode of the amplitude of shear strain, and for magnetic field densities varying from 0mT to 325mT. The storage modulus G' and the loss modulus G'' , of the elastomer decrease, when the amplitude of the strain increases. This trend is more pronounced under a higher magnetic flux density (250mT and 325mT). In the presence of the magnetic field, the level of these two dynamic moduli and of the damping increases considerably, passing from one value to another of the applied external magnetic field. As a result, the MR effect of MRE elastomers has increased significantly with increasing magnetic flux density.

Keywords://.

ANALYTICAL AND NUMERICAL RESOLUTION OF VISCOELASTIC UPPER-CONVECTED MAXWELL FLUID IN COUETTE FLOW WITH THERMAL EFFECTS

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Abstract

In this study, the commercial software Fluent used in combination with a calculation code developed in C++, via sub-programs defined by User Defined Functions and User Defined Scalars. The purpose of this study is to compare the results with the analytical solution; which makes it possible to validate the numerical results by using the code developed in C++ and also, to give an assurance to use this code in the numerical simulation of several problems in UCM fluid, which does not exist on the data base of the Fluent software. The results obtained in this study, shows the effectiveness of the code developed in C++.

Keywords: *Viscoelastic fluid, UCM model, Computational Fluid Dynamic, Couette Flow, heat transfer.*

INVESTIGATIONS ON THE WEAR BEHAVIOR OF ORGANIC MATRIX COMPOSITE MATERIALS IN DRY FRICTION.

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Abstract

Organic matrix composite materials are used extensively in the automotive industry and in handling equipment (cranes, forklifts, overhead travelling cranes and elevators). Typical applications include brake linings, where the function of stopping movement by braking is crucial to safety and environmental protection. Since the banning of asbestos as an additive in the composition of materials intended for braking, manufacturers have been on a continuous quest to develop a composite with the minimum of environmentally-friendly components. Our comparative experimental study is based on tribological testing of the pin/disc pair on a CSM instrument tribometer of composite materials, one commercial, and the other locally developed. By varying the parameters sliding speed (V) and normal load (P); mass loss, tangential force and coefficient of friction are recorded at each test. Using SEM spectroscopy, microscopic observations of the wear tracks and flow rates, an EDAX analysis of the samples was carried out to evaluate the composition and interpretation of the phenomena observed, with the aim of developing a material with optimum behavior in compliance according to the international standards and normative requirements.

Keywords: *Wear, dry friction, composite materials, tribology, mass loss, EDS.*

EFFECT OF O₂ FLOW RATE ON THE STRUCTURE, WETTABILITY, TRIBOLOGY AND MECHANICAL BEHAVIOURS OF SPUTTERED Zr-O-N THIN FILMS

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Abstract

Wettability and tribo-mechanical properties of Zr-O-N films deposited by reactive magnetron sputtering with a varying flow rate are investigated. The films are characterized using scanning electron microscopy, energy dispersive x-ray analysis, atomic force microscopy, nanoindentation and wear tests. O₂ content seem to have a significant effect on the structures, wettability, tribo-mechanical properties of Zr-O-N films. The Zr-O-N films showed a dense structure with a mixture of zirconium oxides and nitrides and the preferred orientation changed from (111) ZrN to (200) ZrN with increasing O₂ flow rate. Adding of O₂ progressively reduced the lattice parameter and grain refinement from 19.5 to 7.0 nm. The ZrON film deposited exhibited the highest contact angle, highest hardness, and lowest coefficient of friction at 10 sccm of oxygen flow rate. The enhancement in the properties of ZrON film is due to the formation of a hard solid solution.

Keywords: Magnetron sputtering, Zr-O-N, Microstructure, Wettability, Surface Energy, Nanoindentation, Friction..

OPTIMIZING OF DC MOTOR SPEED WITH INTERNAL MODEL CONTROL AND PID-FRACTIONAL ORDER APPROACH

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Abstract

This paper introduces a novel Fractional Order Controller (FOC) known as IMC-PID-FOF, engineered for the accurate control of Direct Current (DC) motor speed. The proposed controller is systematically developed, drawing upon the Internal Model Control (IMC) structure and Bode's ideal transfer function. Comprehensive simulation results are provided to emphasize the impact of non-integer orders and time constants as vital tuning parameters. Furthermore, the performance of the IMC-PID-FOF controller is rigorously assessed regarding its effectiveness in achieving set-point tracking and load torque compensation. This innovative FOC, IMC-PID-FOF, has the potential to significantly enhance the efficiency and precision of DC motor speed control systems, making it a valuable contribution to the field of control engineering.

Keywords: DC motor, IMC control, Bode's ideal transfer function, PID controller, non integer order.

CONSTRAINED SOF FUZZY CONTROL OF QUAD-CAR ACTIVE SUSPENSION SYSTEM

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Abstract

This paper deals with the problem of vibration control in vehicle active suspension systems in the presence of actuator saturation and unavailability of measurement of some state variables. Firstly, a Takagi-Sugeno model for the nonlinear active suspension system is established via a sector nonlinearity method. Then, a quadratic Lyapunov function is used to determinate the stabilisation conditions of H^∞ Static Output Feedback control (SOF) in term of Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI). Finally, the simulation results are made to show the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

Keywords://.

FUZZY NON-PDC CONTROL FOR ACTIVE SUSPENSION SYSTEM UNDER ACTUATOR SATURATION

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This paper is deals with the problem of improving ride comfort of quad-car active suspension system through an H^∞ non quadratic Parallel Distributed Compensation (PDC) controller in the presence of actuator saturation and external disturbances. The nonlinear active suspension system with actuator saturation is represented first by a Takagi–Sugeno fuzzy model in continuous time. Then, a non-quadratic Lyapunov function is used to determinate the asymptotic stabilization conditions via Non-PDC controller in term of linear matrix inequality (LMI). Finally, the proposed control schemes are applied to a quad-car active suspension system. Simulation results show the effectiveness of the proposed control approach.

Keywords://.

COOLING PERFORMANCE INVESTIGATION OF PURE LOW-GWP REFRIGERANTS AS SUBSTITUTES FOR THE PHASE-OUT R134A (1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE) IN COOLING SYSTEM : SEARCH FOR AN ADEQUATE REFRIGERANT

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Abstract

Knowing that from 2030 working fluids used in refrigerating engineering should have a global warming potential (GWP) of less than 150 and zero ozone depletion potential (ODP), searching for eco-friendly working fluids with good cooling performance and minimal environmental impact (Low-GWP and Zero ODP) to substitute the Phase-out R134a (GWP=1430) commonly used in cooling systems represents a great challenge for researchers. This study focuses on energy performance investigation and environmental impact analysis of four pure refrigerants (R1234yf (GWP=4), R1234ze (GWP=6), R161 (GWP=12) and R131i (GWP=0)) as possible alternatives to high GWP refrigerant R134a. To reach this objective, a numerical model is developed using MATLAB software to evaluate and compare the cycle performance parameters of the single-refrigerants considered in this work with R134a, like cooling capacity, coefficient of performance, volumetric refrigerating capacity and the pressure ratio. The comparison was made at evaporating temperatures (T_e) ranging from (-10 to 10 °C) and the constant condensation temperature (T_c) of 50 °C. The results proved that the application of the working fluid R161 exhibited a higher of COP, cooling capacity, volumetric refrigerating capacity, as well as lower pressure ratio compared with the traditional R134a, which confirms that it could be a good suitable substitute for the R134a in terms of cycle performances and environmental protection.

Keywords: Pure refrigerants, Low-GWP, Cooling system, Energy efficiency, Volumetric refrigerating capacity..

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HIGH-ORDER COMPACT NONLINEAR SCHEMES FOR SOLVING COMPRESSIBLE FLOWS

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Abstract

The accuracy solution of compressible flows presented in industrial engineering is a challenging topic due to the strong discontinuities such as shock waves and turbulence multi-scales structures which affected by numerical dissipation. In this current study, we present a comparison of high-order compact schemes WENO and their variants WCNS's for solving compressible flows. The approximate dispersion relation (ADR) analysis is carried out using a scalar conservation law to investigate the superior resolution ability of the schemes. Furthermore, a series of extensive one- and two-dimensional classical benchmark tests (the 1D sod and Lax shock tube tests, Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, the double Mach reflection problem where the strong Mach 10 shock, the Rayleigh-Taylor instability and the Riemann problems) are performed to examine the performance of the presented schemes. These different test cases show the ability of the WCNS's schemes to capture the small-scale structures and strong discontinuities in a robust and stable way in comparison to WENO.

Keywords: *WENO scheme, Shock wave, Compressible flows, Hyperbolic conservation laws.*

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF FLOW CHARACTERISTICS AROUND A ROTATING PROPELLER

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Abstract

In the present paper, the flow dynamics around submerged propellers has been studied using the open source computational fluid dynamics software Open-FOAM 5.0. The whole computational domain has been meshed using the snappyHexMesh. To capture accurately the flow structure, grids mesh quality and distribution around the blades has been analyzed. Indeed, the hexagonal-mesh elements have been employed with a refinement near the blades regions in order to capture accurately the evolution of the flow structure around the rotating propeller. In this work we focus our attention on the impact of the aerodynamic shape of the propeller on the flow characteristics. The effect of the number of blades has been also investigated. The numerical results show that the number of blades has a significant impact on the flow dynamics and propeller efficiency.

Keywords: *Open-FOAM, Propeller, Blades, SnappyHexMesh, CFD.*

JOB SHOP SCHEDULING PROBLEM WITH BLOCKING AND NO_WAIT CONSTRAINTS

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Abstract

Scheduling system can generally be defined as the process of assigning restricted resources to a set of tasks that have different processing times and that need to be processed according to a given routing. This paper deals with job shop scheduling problem with blocking and no-wait constraints where there is no intermediate buffer between machines. The blocking constraints means that after a completion of an operation, a job remains on its machine, thus blocking it, until the next machine in its routing becomes available for processing. While in the no-wait constraints, the job starts its processing on the machine from the start to the end without any interruption either on or between machines. Our goal is to find a feasible order of operations on machines with the objective of minimising the maximum completion time. This problem is known to be NP-hard (Hall and Sriskandarajah, 1996). In this work, we start by describing the problem, and presenting the disjunctive and alternative graph corresponding to this problem. Some pertinent literature works are given. We will formalize the problem with an integer linear programming model. Numerical experiments on some classical benchmarks problems are performed in order to show the effectiveness of our model.

Keywords: *Job shop scheduling, Blocking2, No_wait, mathematical model.*

Electrical signal processing for mechanical fault detection and diagnosis in asynchronous motor

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Abstract

This paper presents an efficient approach for signal processing method to detect a mechanical defect using an electrical signal. This approach can be considered similar to the instantaneous power method; however, the proposed approach only requires the use of one current sensor (measurement of current) but the instantaneous power method use of two sensors (line current and voltage). The approach can detect and identify at early stage the induction machine and also the broken bars defects. For this purpose, an electrical model of induction machine is proposed. Simulation results are presented in order to confirm the theoretical assumptions. The results show that Motor Square Current Signature analysis can effectively detect abnormal operating conditions in induction motor applications by minimizing the number of sensors used.

Keywords: *Stator currents —defective rotor bars— Signal Processing —Induction motor.*

DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TRANSPORT SYSTEM (TSP-SONATRACH) USING GENETIC ALGORITHMS

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Abstract

A natural gas transport system by pipeline (TSP) is composed of one or more parallel gas pipelines interconnected by through a certain number of compression stations placed at various distances throughout the TSP in order to give the transported flow the power (pressure) necessary for its routing from the departure terminal (origin) to the arrival terminal (destination). The main objective targeted through this study is to determine an optimal operating regime of the TSP, which makes it possible to maximize the flow rate on arrival in order to satisfy customer demand while minimizing the overall operating cost of the TSP while respecting all operating constraints. To achieve our objective, we will determine the optimal combination of compression stations as well as the optimal number of turbochargers to operate in each station. The analysis of the mathematical model of our problem shows that we are in the presence of a non-linear problem which is a function of continuous and bivalent variables. We plan to use approximate methods such as genetic algorithms for its resolution.

Keywords: A natural gas transport system , genetic algorithms.

OPTIMIZING SHOP SCHEDULING THROUGH RESOURCE COORDINATION AND ROBUST STRATEGIES

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Abstract

In the present socio-economic environment, production systems operate in a non-deterministic and uncertain environment. Furthermore, the need for flexible organizational frameworks becomes imperative in order to tackle disruptions. Many Research orientations revolve around the implementation of decision support tools and a central axis concerns the scheduling problems. Scheduling problems are considered as NP-Hard due to their combinatorial aspect, and many research efforts were conducted considering a deterministic execution environment. However, in practice, the predictive solution may quickly become obsolete during the real-time execution. Indeed, many parameters are not static but are subject to perturbations (machine failures, arrival of new customer orders). In this context, resolving scheduling problems both offers solutions in deterministic scenarios, an assumption considered restrictive, and addresses the flexibility and robustness challenges in real-time. Our research work deals with job-shop scheduling problem involving multiple machine under an evolutionary environment while minimizing the total duration C_{max} of the schedule (makespan). We propose a novel robust approach where sequential flexibility is allowed enabling each resource to manage its robust local schedule, and hence, to handle against uncertainties. The flexibility is linked to the fact that several alternative job sequences are allowed with a best and a worst values of finishing time for each job. However, due to the precedence constraint, the problem of incoherence between local schedules arises. To achieve this, the proposed approach involves defining a model ensuring convergence to a consistent global scheduling. Many experimentations have been done on some benchmarks existing in the literature. The results show the efficiency of the proposed robust approach that allowed characterizing in a very reasonable time, bounds comparable to the known optimal solutions.

Keywords: Job Shop Scheduling , Coordination, Robust Strategies, Flexibility , Uncertain environment..

PROCESS OF EXTRACTING AN ORGANIC MATERIAL FROM CRUDE OIL

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Asphaltene a complex aromatic molecule, is largely contained in petroleum and coal processing residues, it is considered the heaviest part of the petroleum. Since oil is transported in pipelines and metal equipment in general, the asphaltene can precipitate in the presence of ferric ions combined with acidic conditions, blocking and obstructing the free flow of the petroleum, which has a large blocking capacity of the porous spaces of the deposit, causing a reduction in the permeability and a remarkable decrease in the output flow of the petroleum. The main idea of this research work focuses on the extraction of organic pollutants from Algerian petroleum (asphaltene-resin). This study could lead to characterize the interactions between the two compounds in different solvents of different polarities. According to the experimental protocol recommended by the AFNOR T 60-115 standard, asphaltenes correspond to the fraction insoluble in normal heptane at its boiling point, but soluble in hot benzene using an organic solvent (n-heptane). To do this, this method will be used to extract asphaltenes from a petroleum residu. The main objective of this work is to solubilize asphaltenes, we studied the effect of the addition of a natural inhibitor, the resins on the precipitation of asphaltenes, both extracted from a residue of petroleum collected at the refinery Arzew. Toluene and n-heptane were used, respectively, as dispersants and flocculants to determine the occurrence of asphaltene precipitation using a UV-visible spectrophotometric method. The flocculation threshold is an essential parameter for characterizing the stability of petroleum. For this reason, its experimental methods for detecting it are of practical interest for the purpose of minimizing the blockage of porous spaces, and thereby increasing the flow of production.

Keywords: *petroleum ; flocculation ; spectrophotometry ; asphaltene ; resin..*

EFFICIENT CYBERSECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS

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Abstract

Faced with the security challenges of Industry 4.0, industrial cybersecurity represents a major opportunity in the process of identifying, assessing, and managing potential internal or external risks associated with industrial activities. The aim is to reduce these risks to acceptable levels and preserve the company's future and the interests of its customers. A cyberattack on an industrial system could lead to disastrous failure of the factory's main equipment, and expose people to dangerous situations. Since 2021, ransomware attacks have significantly disrupted the manufacturing industry. Indeed, in many countries around the world, cyberattacks are increasingly targeting pharmaceutical companies, defense equipment manufacturers, power plants, water treatment plants, etc. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has published the first draft of the Operational Technology Security Guide (NIST SP 800-82r3 ipd). This guide provides an overview of Operational Technology (OT) and its topologies, identifies typical OT threats and vulnerabilities, and provides recommended security measures and countermeasures to manage the associated risks. According to ISO 27001v2022, the three essential properties to maintain security are confidentiality, integrity, and availability. This work proposes a multi-objective optimization-based approach to determine a set of efficient Cybersecurity protocols for Industrial Systems. This is an approach that seeks to optimize multiple objectives simultaneously, such as maximizing returns and minimizing risks, while satisfying various constraints. In addition, the efficiency of the proposed method is evaluated and compared to the classical one on some available data sets in the literature.

Keywords: *Industrial cybersecurity 1, Industry 4.0 2, Multi-objective optimization 3, Combinatorial optimization 4, ISO 27001 5..*

OPEN-PHASE FAULT DETECTION AND DISCRIMINATION IN A PERMANENT MAGNET SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR DRIVE SYSTEM

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Abstract

In order to guarantee safety and continuity of service of the control systems, a control technique has been developed called Fault-Tolerant Control (FTC), which allows detection and isolation of faults, as well as the reconfiguration of the control system, to ensure continuity of service and to protect the healthy elements of the control loop from the effects of faulty ones. Certainly, several studies have been carried out on this subject in different Open-phase fault in permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) drive system occurs as the phase winding is disconnected or one leg of the inverter bridge fails. It may generate large electromagnetic torque ripple and serious mechanical vibration. Therefore, a rapid fault detection method is greatly required to identify this fault at early stage and prevent damage to the system. This paper develops a method of the open-phase fault detection and discrimination for the PMSM drive system based on the zero-sequence voltage components, in which the discrimination of the fault types, namely internal stator winding failure and switches failure of the inverter is realized. Then, appropriate fault-tolerant measures may be taken according to the different fault types. The experimental platform is established, and the experimental results verify the effectiveness of the proposed method, showing that not only the open-phase fault can be rapidly detected, but also the fault type can be effectively discriminated.

Keywords: *fault-tolerant control, fault detection and isolation, permanent magnet synchronous machine (MSAP), FTC control, Open-phase fault..*

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION USING VGG16 AND EFFICIENTNETB0

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Abstract

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) plagues millions of people globally, presenting a critical eye condition that demands early detection and diagnosis to thwart vision loss and bolster patient outcomes. The advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has upended the medical field, offering a promising solution to the early detection of diseases. Our study delves into the significance of AI in the early detection of diabetic retinopathy and evaluates the efficacy of two convolutional neural network (CNN) pre-trained models - VGG16 and EfficientNetB0 - through fine-tuning and transfer learning in the detection of DR and non-DR images. We employed two datasets, with different formats RGB and filtered Gaussian images obtained from Kaggle, to educate and appraise the models. Our results revealed that VGG16 with fine tuning and EfficientNetB0 with transfer learning achieved 95.21% and 97.54% accuracy, respectively, a testament to their effectiveness in detecting diabetic retinopathy.

Keywords: VGG16, EfficientNetB0, Diabetic, retinopathy..

L'ÉCOSYSTÈME DES PROJETS INNOVANTS (START-UP – PME)

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Abstract

La valorisation de la recherche consiste à rendre utilisables ou commercialisables les résultats, les connaissances et les compétences de la recherche, via une mise en relation du monde de la recherche et du monde socio-économique L'Algérie vient de recenser plus 5000 Start-up dont près de 1100 ont obtenu le Label « Start-up » ou celui de « Projet Innovent » ou le nombre d'incubateur actifs sur le territoire national serait lui, passé de 14 à 94 au cours de ces trois dernières années. En effet, l'accélération de la croissance économique exige l'intégration des technologies nouvelles, la digitalisation des administrations, l'autosuffisance alimentaire et hydrique, et aussi et surtout de promouvoir tout azimut, l'innovation et l'entrepreneuriat en ligne de mire l'employabilité dans nos entreprise de production, nos Universités et nos Ecoles. Étant donné que l'employabilité fait partie des priorités des politiques tant qu'au niveau régional et ou international, à l'exemple de l'Algérie qui figure parmi les pays ayant adoptée la synergie entre le développement de l'environnement de l'entreprise dans toute sa diversité entrepreneuriale afin d'asseoir un tissu industriel pouvant contribuer à la politique de l'employabilité à partir d'un rapprochement entre l'université et l'entreprise. C'est ce qui vaut aujourd'hui l'émergence des PME (Petites et Moyennes Entreprises) telles que les start-up qui occupent une place primordiale dans les orientations du Président de la République. L'écosystème est appelé à faire l'objet d'un triptyque : "UNIVERSITÉ – ENTREPRISE - ECONOMIE DE LA CONNAISSANCE POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES TART-UP". Aujourd'hui l'université ne peut se désengager de son rôle central pour rapprocher l'ensemble des secteurs économiques pour soutenir la politique de création des Start-up et des PME et contribuer à mettre en place un espace favorable appelé écosystème.

Keywords: *Écosystème, entrepreneuriat, start-up, tissu industriel, économie.*

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE SERVICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH VALUATION

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Abstract

Our research paper focuses on the theme of valuing scientific research, especially at the universities, where a lot of great ideas and technological advancements are often overlooked due to not being harnessed and valued. This is achieved through various mechanisms aimed at enhancing the value of scientific research results and innovative ideas. Collaboration with university interfaces who play a crucial role in supporting and guiding the valuation process, particularly in the form of startups such as business incubators, Entrepreneurship Development Center CDE, Technology and Innovation Support Center CATI, University-Industry Liaison Office BLEU. These interfaces aim to support and accompany students with innovative ideas through many activities such as awareness campaigns, training, guidance, and mentoring activities

Keywords: *scientific research; commercialization (valorization), entrepreneurship, innovation, startups,*

NANOFLUIDS AND HYBRID NANOFLUIDS: COMPARATIVE STUDY OF NATURAL CONVECTION IN A ROUND BOTTOM FLASK.

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Abstract

This research project focuses on the numerical investigation of the natural convection of Hybrid nanofluids in a round bottom flask commonly used in organic chemistry synthesis. The aim of this study is to improve the thermal properties of the reaction medium and enhance the rate of chemical reactions by using hybrid nanofluids. The flat bottom wall of the flask is maintained at a constant high temperature, while the top, left, and right walls are kept at a low temperature. The nanofluids used in this study contain suspended Cu and Al₂O₃ nanoparticles in pure water. The governing equations are solved numerically using the finite-volume approach and the Boussinesq approximation. The effects of the volume fraction of nanoparticles (ϕ) ranging from 0% to 5%, the Rayleigh number from 103 to 106, and the type of nanofluid (Cu and Al₂O₃) on the flow streamlines, isotherm distribution, and Nusselt number are examined in the simulation. The results indicate that the addition of Cu and Al₂O₃ nanoparticles increases the mean Nusselt number, which improves heat transfer and significantly alters the flow pattern. Moreover, the mean Nusselt number increases with increasing Rayleigh number and volume fraction, with Cu- Al₂O₃ hybrid nanofluid producing the best results.

Keywords: *Natural convection, Hybrid nanofluids, Numerical simulation.*

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF HILL CLIMBING AND INCREMENTAL CONDUCTANCE MPPT TECHNIQUES FOR PV SYSTEMS

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Abstract

Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy is expanding more and more into the power system to meet the growing demand. An important aspect of optimizing PV system output lies in the implementation of an efficient maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller since PV characteristics are non-linear. In this context, this research presents a simulation-based comparative study of Hill Climbing (HC) and Incremental Conductance (INC) MPPT controllers, considering dynamic response and steady-state efficiency. By modeling a 500 kW PV array, along with both MPPT methods, a boost converter, and pulse width modulation (PWM), simulation tests for each technique were conducted in Matlab/Simulink under Standard Test Conditions (STC) and variable meteorological conditions. Simulation results demonstrate that both HC and INC controllers effectively track the maximum power point, with INC outperforming HC in terms of speed, accuracy, and overall efficiency, especially under sudden changes in irradiance and temperature. Additionally, a test exploring the impact of perturbation step size on dynamic response and steady-state efficiency provides insights into optimizing MPPT controller performance.

Keywords: Photovoltaic (PV) System, Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT), Hill Climbing (HC), Incremental Conductance (INC), Perturbation step size..

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF THERMAL COMFORT IN VENTILATED ROOMS USING THE LATTICE BOLTZMANN METHOD

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Abstract

People have a strong need for a high level of comfort, with a specific focus on thermal comfort, which is directly linked to the indoor air temperature. In this study, we employed the Lattice Boltzmann method with a multiple relaxation time (LBM-MRT) to numerically simulate mixed convection heat transfer within a rectangular ventilated room. Air displacement ventilation was implemented through two diagonally opposed openings, while the Darcy-Brinkman-Forchheimer model was used to simulate the porous partition material. Adiabatic conditions were maintained on the other walls, with the right wall exposed to a uniform hot temperature. The mathematical resolution was achieved using the Lattice Boltzmann method with a multiple relaxation time (MRT). Initially, the porous partition had a height of $H_p=0.6$ and a permeability value of $Da=10^{-6}$. The results were presented in terms of streamlines and isotherms as functions of the different control parameters, Reynolds, and Richardson numbers. We also examined how the height of the porous partition influenced ventilation efficiency.

Keywords: Lattice Boltzmann method, thermal comfort, heat transfer, ventilated room, porous partition..

NUMERICAL STUDY OF A DARRIEUS TANDEM WIND TURBINE WITH DOWNSTREAM BLADE DISPLACEMENT

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Abstract

This study presents a numerical investigation into the performance of a tandem Darrieus wind turbine configuration with downstream displacement. The primary objective is to assess the impact of relative positioning between the upstream and downstream turbines on power extraction and efficiency. Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations are conducted to analyze the flow patterns, velocity distributions, and power generation characteristics under varying displacement distances. The results reveal that optimizing the downstream displacement can lead to significant improvements in power generation for the tandem configuration. By adjusting the spacing between the two turbines, it is possible to mitigate the negative effects of wake interactions and enhance overall system efficiency. The study also identifies the optimal displacement distance that maximizes power output while minimizing aerodynamic losses. These findings have practical implications for the design and deployment of tandem Darrieus wind turbine systems, offering insights into strategies for enhancing their performance in real-world wind conditions. The numerical approach presented here provides a valuable tool for assessing and optimizing the configuration of such turbines, contributing to the advancement of renewable energy solutions.

Keywords: H-Darrieus turbine, tandem configuration, NACA0015, power coefficient, aerodynamic performance..

CARACTÉRISATION DE LA FRACTION INORGANIQUE DES PARTICULES ATMOSPHÉRIQUES DES ZONES INDUSTRIELLES (BEJAIA)

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Abstract

Nowadays, atmospheric pollution is increasingly better evaluated, unlike particles which remain difficult to quantify precisely, due to the complexity of the parameters characterizing them. As part of this contribution, we were interested in the analysis, characterization and identification of sources of atmospheric particle emissions within the Alphasitex unit (Bejaia). The samples were taken from approximate blocks and rooms using the passive method. Several techniques have been chosen for the physicochemical characterization of these particles, including atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), X-ray fluorescence (XRF), X-ray diffraction (XRD) and SEM scanning electron microscopy. The results obtained show that the atmospheric particles analyzed from this hospital belong to natural and anthropogenic sources.

Keywords: atmospheric particles, quantification, aerosol, modeling, caractérisation.

STUDY OF THE PERFORMANCE OF A SELF-EXCITED ASYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR FOR AUTONOMOUS WIND POWER GENERATION

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Abstract

Renewable energies are seen as the solution to the world's energy problem, with green energy sources proving their reliability and benefits over the years. Electricity generation from wind turbines is one of the most promising forms. Wind power systems installed in remote areas use self-excited induction generators, which are an excellent choice for this type of application. These generators are specially designed to operate in remote locations with no access to the power grid. They can harness the power of the wind and convert it into electricity, providing a reliable and sustainable source of energy for these remote areas. In addition, self-excited induction generators are simple and robust in design, making them easy to maintain and repair and even more suitable for isolated installations. In the present work, we will study the performance of a self-excited asynchronous generator in the presence of different types of loads. We will provide a detailed explanation of the self-excitation phenomena, create a generator model using finite elements, and test our findings using simulation.

Keywords: *Self-excitation; Performance; Wind power; Asynchronous generator.*

PERFORMANCES ASSESSMENT OF AN INTEGRATED SOLAR COMBINED CYCLE SYSTEM POWERED BY GAS TURBINES AND PARABOLIC TROUGH COLLECTORS.

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Abstract

In the last decade, integrated solar combined cycle system (ISCCS) projects have been a promising way and the silver bullet of concentrated solar power (CSP) technologies projects implementation. This concept was developed by Luz Solar International Company in the early 1990s, to integrate parabolic trough concentrators in a combined cycle power plant. The Integrated solar combined cycle system (ISCCS) is technical-economically interesting to overcome the problem of solar energy storage. Its performance is, however, strongly dependent on the intensity of the solar input and the heat transfer fluid (HTF) from solar energy to the combined cycle asset. In order to convert solar thermal energy to electricity, heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) is used downstream of an economizer, to produce high pressure saturated steam which is returned to the HRSG for superheating by the gas turbine exhaust gases. The ISCCS Hassi R'mel SPP1 plant consists of a Siemens steam turbine unit with a maximum capacity of 80 MW and a solar field of 18 Ha. Two gas turbines with natural Gas combustors provide back-up. The steam turbine unit and two heats recovery steam generators with a design stack temperature of 130°C work in parallel with the solar steam generator. In this paper, energy and exergy analyses have been done in order to optimize the whole power plant cycle.

Keywords: *Integrated solar combined cycle system, Steam turbine, concentrated solar power CSP, power plant..*

MICROBIAL FUEL CELLS MFC FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY

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Abstract

The unsustainable nature and the environmental impact of fossil fuels have shifted attention to renewable energy and fuel cells, especially in the transportation sector. In this study, the generation of electricity based on the electrons released from biochemical reactions facilitated by microbes is evaluated. Microbial fuel cell (MFC) represents an eco-friendly approach to generating electricity while purifying wastewater concurrently, achieving up to 50% chemical oxygen demand removal and power densities in the range of 420–460 mW/m². The system utilizes the metabolism power of bacteria for electricity generation. This mini-review is quite comprehensive. It is different from other reviews, it is all-inclusive focusing on the; types of MFCs; substrates and microbes; areas of applications; device performances; design, and technology configuration. All these were evaluated, presented and discussed which can now be accessed in a single paper. It was discovered that higher power density and coulombic efficiency could be achieved through proper selection of microbes, mode of operation, a suitable material for construction, and improved MFC types. Also, the full-scale application of MFC is impeded by materials cost and the wastewater low buffering capacity. Though the electricity generated is still at the demonstration stage, to date, there is no industrial application. Therefore, this study reviewed articles on the technology to set new and insightful perspectives for further research and highlighted steps for scale-up while reinforcing the criteria for microbe selection and their corresponding activity.

Keywords: *Microbial fuel cell , wastewater, microbe selection.*

AERODYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS OPTIMISATION OF WIND TURBINE BLADE

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Abstract

The present study aims to predict the aerodynamic coefficients of the S809 airfoil, which is widely used for horizontal axis wind turbines, using the commercial codes Fluent 17.2 and Gambit 2.4.6. Two parameters are taken into account, the influence of the curvature correction and the comparison of the turbulence models. Three turbulence models are used: Spalart-Allmaras, Shear Stress Transport $k-\omega$ and Transition SST. The numerical results of the simulation are compared with the experimental results of the 1.8 m \times 1.25 m low-turbulence wind tunnel at the Delft University of Technology for a Reynolds number of 106 . The results show that the use of the curvature correction improves the prediction of the aerodynamic coefficients for all the turbulence models used. In further work, the curvature correction is used since it gave better results. For turbulence modeling, the Transition SST model is the one that gives the best results for the lift coefficient, followed by the Shear Stress Transport $k-\omega$ model, and finally the Spalart-Allmaras model. For the drag coefficient, Transition SST model is the best, followed by the Spalart-Allmaras model, and finally the Shear Stress Transport $k-\omega$ model.

Keywords: Aerodynamic coefficients, Curvature Correction, Numerical simulation, Turbulence models, Wind turbine..

MICROWAVE AS PRETREATMENT METHOD FOR THE REDUCTION OF FFA FROM WASTE VEGETABLE OIL.

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Abstract

Numerous research endeavors in the realm of utilizing vegetable oils and animal fats for biodiesel synthesis have concentrated on enhancing biodiesel output. This has been achieved through pre-treatment methodologies designed to lower the Free Fatty Acid (FFA) content. Literature highlights that the efficacy, both economically and environmentally, of converting cooking oils into biodiesel is contingent upon the pre-treatment phase. Indeed, the presence of Free Fatty Acids (FFA), at a certain level, promotes saponification, leading to a reduction in the efficiency of the transesterification reaction. Several pre-treatment methods, including chemical processes such as esterification and physical methods such as adsorption, have been applied. While effective, these methods come with significant drawbacks they consume substantial amounts of chemicals, water, energy, time, and generate waste. In the present work, microwave waves were applied, for the first time, as an unconventional oil pre-treatment method oils to reduce FFA. The cooking oil was 100% soybean and had an acidity value (AV) of 4.48 mg KOH/g oil. The considered factors for the MW pretreatment were power and time ranging. The results showed that microwaves, when applied under optimum conditions, enable FFA to be reduced in a reasonable time and without the use of products or generation of waste. This process could be used as a pretreatment process for the use of oils rich in free fatty acids in transesterification for biodiesel production.

Keywords:Waste cooking oil, Free Fatty Acids, Unconventional oil pretreatment method, Microwave, Biodiesel..

WIND ENERGY CONVERSION CHAIN MODELING

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Abstract

The wind turbines are equipped with a control system based on electronic converters to adapt to wind conditions. The wind system is controlled in such a way as to maximize the power produced by constantly looking for the operating point at maximum power. In this paper, we will focus on the modeling of the wind conversion chain based on MADA, analytical models of the different mechanical components of the wind system have been established. Park's transformation was used to model the generator. Next, the inverter was modeled; This allowed us to obtain the curves of variation of the electrical and mechanical parameters for the different operating regimes of the MADA.

Keywords: Wind turbine, DFIG, Co.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNIQUES IN REDUCING THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF BUILDINGS LOCATED IN A MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE

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Abstract

One of main research directions in the construction field is the reduction of the energy consumption, which supposes materials, technology and conception of buildings. The existing buildings in Algeria are inadequate and energy-intensive. As these dwellings have not been subject to any thermal or energy regulatory requirements at the time of their construction, it is therefore necessary to reduce their energy consumption and environmental impact by promoting the concept of thermal rehabilitation in order to control energy consumption. The main objective of this work is to compare an analytical calculation and a dynamic thermal simulation under TRNSYS of the energy needs of a dwelling located in the climatic zone "A" before and after thermal rehabilitation using passive energy efficiency techniques. The methods carried out in this work consists in studying the effect of the thermal insulation of the envelope, the types of windows and glazing of an existing dwelling on the energy consumption. The results showed a significant reduction in energy needs after thermal rehabilitation which also reduces greenhouse gases.

Keywords: *Thermal rehabilitation, energy consumption, dynamic thermal simulation, thermal insulation, windows.*

A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON WIND TURBINE FAULTS AND DIAGNOSIS METHODS

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Abstract

Wind energy is one of the most important sources of clean energy, although its manufacturing and system maintenance costs are significant. In this research, we present a comprehensive study of wind turbine components, their sensitivity within the system, as well as the most critical diagnostic methods and methodologies for extracting fault features, aiming to achieve proactive system maintenance and minimise losses.

Keywords: *Wind turbine fault, Diagnosis methods, Artificial intelligence, Signal processing.*

STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF BUBBLE DIAMETER ON THE EFFICIENCY OF TWO-PHASE FLOW CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS

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Abstract

Centrifugal pumps are highly efficient in transporting single-phase fluids. However, the efficiency of this type of pump is adversely affected by two-phase flows, where the accumulation of the gaseous phase significantly deteriorates the performance of centrifugal pumps. Numerous research studies have been conducted to understand the effect of two-phase flows on the performance of these pumps. Many of these studies are based on the Euler–Euler Two-Fluid model, where a liquid is considered the continuous phase and gas is the non-continuous phase (dispersed phase), with gas bubbles assumed to have a constant diameter. This work aims to study the effect of the diameter of gas bubbles on the efficiency of centrifugal pumps and the credibility of using this type of pump in analyzing the behavior of two-phase centrifugal pumps

Keywords: *Two-phase flows - Gas accumulation - Centrifugal pump - Euler–Euler Two Fluid model - Bubble Diameter.*

NANOTECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

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Abstract

Nanotechnology is generating a lot of attention these days and therefore building great expectations not only in the academic community but also among investors, the governments, and industry. Its unique capability to fabricate new structures at atomic scale has already produced novel materials and devices with great potential applications in a wide number of fields. Among them, significant breakthroughs are especially required in the energy sector that will allow us to maintain our increasing appetite for energy, which increases both with the number of people that join the developed economies and with our demand per capita. This needs to be done in a way that includes the environment in the wealth production equation as we gather more evidences of the human impact on the climate, biodiversity and quality of the air, water and soil.

This research does not cover in detail all the specific contributions from nanotechnology to the various sustainable energies, but in a broader way, it collects the most recent advances of nanotechnology to sustainable energy production, storage and use. For this review paper, solar, hydrogen and new generation batteries and super capacitors are described as the most significant examples of the contributions of nanotechnology in the energy sector. Therefore, to present some significant contributions from many research groups who are mainly unconnected and are working from different viewpoints, to find solutions to one of the great challenges of our time, i.e., the production and use of energy, without compromising our environment, from one of the most exciting and multidisciplinary fields, nanotechnology.

Keywords: Energy, Nanotechnology, Technology, Environment, Batteries..

FENE- Dumbbell Model of Surfactants solutions in Microchannel

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Abstract

Microfluidics is a phenomenon that dates 20 years back, gives rise to a great interest for several domains .In our case we are interested by the flow in microchannels of aqueous solutions of surfactant, well known as corrosion inhibitor and hydrodynamic drag reducer such as polymer solutions. Compared to polymer solutions, they are less sensitive to mechanical degradation.The FENE- dumbbell model is here considered to represent these surfactant aqueous solutions. The corresponding equations to describe the dynamic of such a flow (equations of motion together with the FENE- dumbbell model constitutive equations) are handled analytically. Owing to their complexity, we first proceed to a phenomenological analysis of these equations in order to determine the characteristic parameters (confinement, Deborah and Reynolds numbers....) and then, we can find analytical solutions by taking into account the confinement and distinguished situations, weak flow and strong flow situations. This analytical solutions are very different in macroscopic-scale. Using the commercial Finite Volume software Fluent 6.3 together with an appropriate developed computational code, via UDF (User Defined functions) were applied to define the flow hydrodynamic characteristics parameters as well as pressure and velocity field and the rheological proprieties like stress field, and shear viscosity.

Keywords:*Confinement, FENE-dumbbell model, Deborah number, microfluidic, non- Newtonian fluids polymer solution, surfactant, weak flow, UDF, hydrodynamic characteristics parameters..*

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FIRST-PRINCIPLES STUDY OF CUBIC CS-BASED PEROVSKITES CSGEX3 (X=BR, CL AND F)

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Abstract

The structural and electronic properties of cubic Cs-based perovskites CsGeX₃ (X=Br, Cl and F) have been calculated by using the first-principles density function theory (DFT) as implemented in the WIEN2K code [1]. The FP-LAPW method within the (GGA) [2] and (mBJ) [3] approximations are chosen in the computational approach. The perovskite CsGeX₃ (X=Br, Cl and F) crystallize in cubic structure with space group Pm-3m N° 221. These compounds are semiconductors with a direct gap (R-R) varying between 1.0 and 2.2 eV calculated by GGA, 1.4 and 3.6 eV by mBJ. The electronic properties are determined mainly by Cs-X bonding which, in turn, depends on Ge-X bonding. Our results: optimized lattice parameters, bulk modulus, band structures, as well as densities of states are in good agreement with the available theoretical data that previously reported in the literature. Our investigation suggests that the CsGeX₃ or their modified versions are very good candidate for optoelectronic devices.

Keywords: *Ab-initio, First-principles, Perovskites, DFT.*

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF SB-DOPED SnO₂ THIN FILMS: DOPING EFFECT

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Abstract

In the present work, we have successfully deposited Sb antimony doped tin dioxide (SnO₂) thin films with different concentrations (0 at% and 1 at%) from a stannous (II) chloride dihydrate solution (SnCl₂·2H₂O), by the pyrolysis chemical spray deposition technique on microscope glass substrates preheated to a fixed temperature of 350 °C. After deposition, the films were annealed at temperatures 400 °C for 4h. The aim of this work is on the one hand to study the morphological properties of pure and doped tin dioxide thin films and to determine the different morphological parameters such as: the roughness Ra, Rq and on the other hand to study the effect of Sb doping on the morphological properties of SnO₂ thin films. To achieve this purpose, the thickness of all the films was estimated by profilometer with standard scan type. The structural properties have been investigated using grazing incidence X-ray diffraction (GIXRD). The morphology of the films was examined by atomic force microscope (AFM) in tapping mode at room temperature to visualize the surface of our samples (the structure, size and morphology of crystallites ... etc). GIXRD diagrams show that the films deposited before and after doping are polycrystalline with a tetragonal rutile type structure and preferred orientation direction along [110]. It has been also noted that the grain size changes between 22 nm and 24 nm. The 2D and 3D AFM images confirm the formation of nanostructures on the surface, with shapes and dimensions influenced by the amount of antimony doping. All the samples show a polycrystalline morphology, and the grain size progressively decreases with the increase of the Sb concentration. We noticed that the roughness increased after doping, and the root mean square (RMS) surface roughness values for samples with Sb concentrations (1%) were found to be 7.704 nm.

Keywords: *Thin films, SnO₂ tin dioxide, Spray Pyrolysis, Grazing Incidence X-ray Diffraction (GIXRD), AFM atomic force microscopy, Annealing temperature..*

RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract

Renewable Energy Sources (RES), used to produce energy from natural processes, are nowadays used to meet the ever-increasing energy requirements worldwide, replacing conventional energy sources. Conventional energy sources are finite and under depletion. On contrary, renewable energy sources are constantly appearing in the natural environment. The main forms of RES are solar energy, wind energy, hydroelectric energy, geothermal energy and biomass. Many countries around the world have adopted the application of RES in order to become energy independent. However, the acceptance or the rejection of RES by citizens has an important role, as no new technology related to them can be effectively implemented without the social acceptance. RES can meet many times the present world energy demand, so their potential is enormous. They can enhance diversity in energy supply markets, secure long-term sustainable energy supplies, and reduce local and global atmospheric emissions. They can also provide commercially attractive options to meet specific needs for energy services (particularly in developing countries and rural areas), create new employment opportunities, and offer possibilities for local manufacturing of equipment. There are many renewable technologies. Although often commercially available, most are still at an early stage of development and not technically mature. They demand continuing research, development, and demonstration efforts. In addition, few renewable energy technologies can compete with conventional fuels on cost, except in some niche markets. But substantial cost reductions can be achieved for most renewables, closing gaps and making them more competitive. That will require further technology development and market deployment—and boosting production capacities to mass production.

Keywords: Renewable energy, Emissions, Technology, Environment, Development..

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PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL with aging

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Abstract

The performance of photovoltaic modules can be degraded due to several factors, including temperature, humidity, irradiation, dust, and mechanical shocks. This degradation leads to a progressive damage in the characteristics of a component or system, which can alter its ability to operate within the limits of acceptability criteria and is caused by service conditions. The degraded state of the photovoltaic module can become problematic when the degradation exceeds a critical threshold. Photovoltaic module manufacturers consider a module to be degraded when its power reaches a level lower than 80% of its initial value. During the lifetime of the module assessed to 20-25 years, the model specifies that the relative efficiency undergoes a loss of 13.35%. This decline in performance is mainly due to the transmittance deterioration which has a share of 86.5% on this loss. Much smaller rundowns are supplied by the series resistance and the parallel one, respectively with proportions of 2.5% and 11%, both caused by the alteration of the electrical properties of the PN junction and of the electrodes.

Keywords: *Photovoltaïque module, performance, aging.*

SOLAR ABSORPTION HEAT STORAGE SYSTEM

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Abstract

This paper presents a simulation of an solar energy absorption system operating with a lithium bromide working pair using the Aspen Plus program. The aim of this research is to present a method for evaluating the characteristics and performance of an absorption machine and storage solar energy . The obtained results showed that the performance of the proposed system improves by increasing the operating temperatures of the generator, and the results also showed that the best coefficient is achieved by decreasing the absorption and condensation temperatures

Keywords: *absorption system, solar ,lithium bromide.*

THERMAL ANALYSIS OF LIQUID-SENSIBLE HEAT STORAGE UNITS FOR LOW-TEMPERATURE SOLAR APPLICATIONS

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Abstract

The main limiting factor of solar applications is that it is a cyclical and time-dependent energy source. Therefore, solar energy systems requires energy storage to ensure their operation during nighttime and cloudy weather. This paper proposes two configurations of liquid-sensible heat storage unit for low-temperature solar applications. In the first configuration, which is an air-based system, the storage element is water, while the hot and cold heat transfer fluids are air. In the second one, which is a water-based system, the storage element is thermal oil, while the hot and cold heat transfer fluids are water. Concerning the second configuration, sunflower and engine oils have been tested to store the heat. The inlet temperatures of hot heat transfer fluids have been measured experimentally using air and water flat-plate solar collectors. The duration of the complete charge-discharge cycle has been calculated for each storage element. Besides, the temperature of storage element, the outlet temperature of the energy storage system and the amount of heat stored during a day of storage have been examined. During the storage process, it is found that the temperature of the liquid bath and the temperature of the heat transfer fluid leaving the system gradually increase. In addition, the effect of variation in the volume (mass) of the storage element on the storage element temperature, the amount of heat stored, and the temperature of the heat transfer fluid exiting the system was investigated.

Keywords: *Energy conversion, liquid media sensible heat storage, sensible heat storage, Solar energy, storage material.*

ANALYZING THE INFLUENCE OF PARTIAL SHADING ON PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

The growing demand for renewable energy has led to the widespread adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. However, PV systems are susceptible to various faults and operating conditions, which can impact their reliability and efficiency, among them the shading fault which is caused by leaves, soil, trees, poles and building or tough to expect due to clouds, and snow etc. The principal focus of this study is to thoroughly investigate and clarify the ramifications of partial shading specifically on the current-voltage (I-V) and power-voltage (P-V) traits inherent to a photovoltaic panel. This inquiry is rigorously pursued via simulation techniques employing MATLAB/Simulink. The discernments derived from this research unveil substantial disparities in operational efficacy between scenarios involving shading and those without, showcased comprehensively through graphical representations encapsulating all study outcomes.

Keywords: *Partial Shading; PV Fault; Photovoltaic Systems, Modeling and Simulation, Current-Voltage Curves..*

MULTICRITERIA DECISION SYSTEMS FOR SMALL SCALE DESALINATION UNIT POWERED BY HYBRID SYSTEMS

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Abstract

Simultaneous Electricity production and water desalination with renewable energy are great issues when it comes to consider sustainable development goals application in remote arid areas. Use of hybrid PV-Wind-Diesel systems to produce water and energy is largely justified on all levels: technical feasibility, economic viability and above the obvious social and environmental benefits offered by this alternative, especially for rough and isolated sites. However, the optimal planning of rural hybrid systems is a challenging and complex task, especially when different alternatives and sustainability aspects are considered. This paper develops an integrated decision-making approach for the optimal planning of renewable energy supply system comprising solar, wind sources- RO unit. Economically, the specific cost of energy and the annual cost of the installation are more important in a conventional system (diesel only) than in the hybrid system. On the other hand, the use of such installation is strongly linked to the available potential of renewable energy, which justifies the presence of Diesel genset in all possible configurations. This means that Renewable energy alone does not guarantee the satisfaction of demand at any time of year, especially for autonomous systems. We present a PV-Wind-Diesel hybrid renewable energy system case study for electricity production including a reverse osmosis desalination unit.

Keywords:*multicriteria decision, hybrid system, reverse osmosis, homer.*

EXPLORING NI-P, CO-NI, AND CO-NI-P CATALYSTS FOR ENHANCED HYDROGEN EVOLUTION REACTION IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY APPLICATIONS.

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Abstract

Fossil fuels, despite their undeniable role in powering human progress, present a host of environmental, economic, and social challenges. The combustion of fossil fuels releases vast amounts of greenhouse gases, contributing significantly to climate change and global warming. Thus, hydrogen fuel is emerged as the most sustainable and a versatile energy carrier to replace fossil fuels. For that, hydrogen can be produced through various methods, such as Steam methane reforming and water splitting however, the first one has drawback which it emits CO₂. Therefore, the demand for designing electrocatalysts with a high surface area and facilities electron transfers are crucial for Hydrogen evolution reaction (HER). In this work, three metal phosphide-based Ni-P, Co-Ni and Co-Ni-P were investigate as electrode to produce hydrogen via water splitting. The three electrodes were synthesis by electrochemical deposition at different current density. The evaluation of the performance of the as-prepared electrodes for hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) was analyzed through polarization curves, Tafel slope, and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS). As a result, the polarization curve indicates an improvement in HER performance with increasing current deposition, accompanied by small Tafel slope values. In addition, the EIS analysis showed that as the current deposition increased, a corresponding enhancement in the HER efficiency was observed, underscored by minimal resistance of charge transfer (R_{ct}) values and small semi-circle. Also the comparization of these three electrodes reveals that the Co-Ni-P and Co-Ni exhibits a better performance than Ni-P. This research contributes valuable findings to the development of efficient and sustainable electrodes for advancing water splitting technologies in the pursuit of clean hydrogen energy. It also offers insights into optimizing their structure and composition for enhanced electrocatalytic performance, marking a significant step toward advancing hydrogen production technologies.

Keywords: Hydrogen evolution reaction, Renewable energy, Polarization curve, Water splitting.

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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SUPERCRITICAL CO₂ AND AIR FLOW IN A CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR

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Abstract

The compression of supercritical gas flows is essential in various industrial applications, with supercritical carbon dioxide (CO₂) at the forefront for its environmental benefits. This work concerns the modeling and numerical simulation of supercritical CO₂ flow in a centrifugal compressor, followed by a comparison with air flow. The aim of this study is to understand the behavior of supercritical CO₂ in a centrifugal compressor, taking into account the complex thermodynamic properties and transport phenomena specific to supercritical conditions. Numerical simulation of this complex flow using ANSYS provided detailed results. The results were compared with those of the air flow simulation, providing an essential basis for comparison. This comparison highlighted significant differences in the behavior of the two fluids, supercritical CO₂ and air, and in the energy performance of the compressor. Key parameters such as pressure, temperature, flow velocity and compressor efficiency were analyzed for both fluids. This study is crucial to ensure reliable and efficient performance of centrifugal compressors in applications involving supercritical CO₂. The results provide valuable information to guide the design and operation of supercritical CO₂ compression systems.

Keywords: CFD , centrifugal compressor , CO₂ supercritical , energy performance ..

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CONVENTIONAL MPPT TECHNIQUE P&O AND FUZZY LOGIC COLNTRROLLER IN PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM UNDER VARIABLE CONDITIONS

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Abstract

In today's time the user of photovoltaic energy showed strong growth worldwide. the majority of photovoltaic installation are made up of the same parts : PV array, boost or buck converter , inverter, grid , but each installation has its own parameters and specific control mode . the MPPT control have a crucial role, to fixe the maximum power at single point because the PV system has no linear I-V characteristic in optimizing the performances and efficiency of photovoltaic system. This work presented a simulation of PV array controlled by P&O technique and fuzzy logic control to track the maximum power of PV array and provides them to the load using boost converter under matlab/simulink under constant and variables external conditions, the MPPT performaces of two techniques are analysed and compared, finally the reliability and validity of the PV array using FLC methode provide a higher efficacy of MPPT.

Keywords: Photovoltaic System, MPPT Control, Fuzzy Logic Controller , Perturb and Observe , Matlab/Simulink..

COMPREHENSIVE NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE IN ASYMMETRIC PROFILES AND INFLUENTIAL FACTORS

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Abstract

In the field of aerodynamics, the study of asymmetric profiles, such as those used in aircraft wings and turbine blades, is of paramount importance for enhancing performance and energy efficiency. In this context, the present study focuses on a detailed comparison of different turbulence models, including $k-\omega$ SST, $k-\omega$, $k-\epsilon$, and Spalart-Allmaras, through advanced numerical simulations conducted using ANSYS software. The aim is to ascertain their efficacy in predicting aerodynamic stall, as well as in visualizing pressure and velocity fields around the profiles. Exploring various configurations, especially by varying angles of attack and Reynolds numbers, the study seeks to understand how these models perform under diverse operational conditions. This approach is essential in identifying the most appropriate model for accurately predicting critical phenomena and for a detailed analysis of aerodynamic dynamics. Additionally, a comparison of the study's findings with experimental results was carried out. The conclusions drawn from this analysis provide valuable insights for the development of more advanced and efficient aerodynamic technologies. They also underscore the importance of carefully selecting turbulence models that are best suited to the specific requirements of each application.

Keywords: Aerodynamic performance, Asymmetric profile, CFD, Turbulence Modeling, Stall, Airflow..

NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION OF ENHANCING TANGENTIAL FAN PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

Cross-flow fan performance is a crucial aspect of engineering design and has become a hot topic for researchers to investigate. Our study will build upon a previous article authored by Junichiro Fukutomi and Rei Nakamura. In our research, we conducted a numerical investigation utilizing commercial software to predict the aerodynamic performance of a tangential fan, employing the K-epsilon turbulent model. The results obtained are in form of pressure distribution, velocity distribution, flow rate, streamlines, and efficiency analysis

Keywords: *Cross flow fan, ANSYS Fluent, aerodynamic performance.*

MODELING AND OPTIMIZING BATTERY REVENUES IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS

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Abstract

Batteries play a crucial role in the efficient integration of renewable energies. Renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, are intermittent and weather-dependent. Batteries can store the energy produced during periods of overproduction, and release it when demand is high, or when renewable energy sources are not very active. By maximizing revenues from batteries, electricity market players encourage greater use of renewable energies, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and contribute to the transition to a more sustainable, low-carbon energy system. The active participation of batteries in electricity markets also contributes to the stability and reliability of the power grid, avoiding problems such as overloads or blackouts. It has the further advantage of reducing the high cost of setting up additional infrastructure to manage these variations. This paper proposes the integration of a sophisticated economic model and advanced optimization techniques, in order to develop efficient management strategies for energy storage batteries. This enables players to estimate the potential revenues generated by the participation of their batteries in electricity markets.

Keywords: *Battery Energy Storage Systems 1, Renewable Energy Sources 2, Combinatorial Optimization 3.*

CONTROL OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM CONNECTED TO POWER GRID USING DIRECT POWER CONTROL (DPC)

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Abstract

In this paper, we present a new control method entitled direct power control of a grid connected photovoltaic (PV) system on two stage converters, where a DC-DC converter is connected between the PV array and the DC-AC converter. The DC-DC converter performs the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) and the voltage amplification. The incremental conductance method is used as a boost converter controller in order to allow the PV array to operate at maximum power for any weather conditions. The DC-AC converter transfers the maximum power extracted from the PV array into the grid. The DPC is a control strategy used to directly manipulate and control the reactive and active power output of a system. In this technique the switches states of inverter are selected from a table of switching based on the immediate errors between the active and reactive powers and their reference values. The modeling and the control are carried out using MATLAB/Simulink environment. The simulation results are presented with the validation of grid connected PV system performance and the chosen control schemes.

Keywords:Power directe control (DPC), Grid connected photovoltaic system, The incremental conductance method..

NUMERICAL SIMULATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE THERMO-HYDRAULIC STUDY OF A HEAT EXCHANGER WITH HELICAL BAFFLES

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Abstract

This present work is a contribution to the study of the thermo-hydraulic performance of a tube-and-shell heat exchanger equipped with disc quadrant baffles arranged in a pseudo-helical manner, studied in comparison with a conventional tube-and-shell heat exchanger, i.e., equipped with straight baffles. A numerical simulation was carried out using Fluent from Ansys R19.2 Student version for three types of exchangers: two helical ones with quadrant inclinations of 15° and 25°, and another with segmental baffles. Various aspects of the flow were investigated, including the overall heat transfer coefficient and pressure drop, such as streamlines, velocity field, and temperatures. The analysis of the results revealed that, in addition to straight baffles, the disc quadrants effectively induce a helical flow, eliminating undesired recirculation zones that appear with the former. In terms of thermo-hydraulic performance, it was found that the helical baffles with a 25° inclination were the most efficient among the three types considered. Although the 15° inclination resulted in more efficient heat transfer by creating more turbulence, it came at the expense of pressure drop. For the segmental baffle case, the dead zones (rare in fluid) appearing after each straight baffle caused less competitive heat exchange compared to the other two cases.

Keywords: Tube-and-shell heat exchanger – Segmental baffles – Helical baffles – Inclination angle - Overall thermal exchange coefficient – Pressure drop..

ANALYSIS OF THERMODYNAMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DIFFERENT COMBINED CYCLE CONFIGURATIONS FOR GAS TURBINE APPLICATIONS

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Abstract

The objective of this study is to identify the combined cycle that contributes the most to improving the performance of the simple gas turbine cycle and reducing CO₂ emissions through the recovery of exhaust gases. In this work two different combined cycles were analyzed: Joule-Brayton cycle combined with air bottoming cycle and Joule-Brayton cycle combined with inverted Brayton cycle. The aim is to evaluate the benefits of the best combined cycle based on energy performance and environmental impact. The energy analysis shows a significant improvement in energy efficiency compared to that of the cycle without recovery. The analysis considers key parameters to understand the behavior and integration of these technologies. Furthermore, the amount of CO₂ emissions can be substantially reduced, contributing to environmental sustainability in power generation.

Keywords://.

SYMMETRY BREAKING IN ONE DIMENSIONAL BIN-PACKING PROBLEM

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Abstract

The one-dimensional bin-packing problem is a highly symmetrical problem, which considerably increases the difficulty of finding an optimal solution with exact solution algorithms. Intuitively, exploiting these symmetries allows fewer nodes in the search tree to be visited, thereby reducing the computation time and memory space of the solution methods. One technique for breaking symmetries is to (a) detect the symmetry either algorithmically or because of some mathematical properties. (b) Reformulating the mathematical program so that certain symmetrical solutions are infeasible (c) Solve the reformulated problem. This paper studies exploiting symmetries in the one-dimensional bin-packing problem by modeling it as a linear integer program. We also show that there exists a subgroup of the symmetry group of this problem to which we associate a set of symmetry-breaking constraints, which allows us to reformulate the linear program as an integer. To illustrate these theoretical results, we give a few examples.

Keywords://.

COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN TWO APPROCHES CFD AND BEM TO INVESTIGATE THE WIND TURBINE PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

the current study focused on the design and analyses the performance of micro-horizontal axis wind turbine blade based on comparison between two approaches. Moreover, has been used the blade- element- momentum theory (BEM), for design and evaluated blade performance based on the open source (Qblade) software after choosing the optimal tip speed ratio of TSR-3.5 in lower Reynolds number, Re-10, for NACA4412 airfoil profile, the CFD analyses based on the RANS equations has been used to investigate and gives 3D flow characteristics, pressure field between the upper and lower surface of blade and performance for the turbine blade with higher accurate. the difference results between two approaches are estimated approximately 10%. additionally, when using BEM with all corrections can be gives realistic condition during operation for wind turbine.

Keywords://.

EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS OF A LOW-GRADE HEAT DRIVEN EJECTOR REFRIGERATION INSTALLATION

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Abstract

In this work, an ejection refrigeration installation thermally activated by a low temperature heat source (70°C-90°C), which could be from a solar source, has been studied experimentally. Indeed, the tests cover a range of primary mass flow of R245fa going from 0.50 to 0.66 kg/s with a cooling power of 35kW at the evaporator, whose temperature is varied between 10°C to 20°C and the cooling sink temperature from 20°C to 27°C. To study the behavior of the installation, a parametric analysis was presented, showing the influence of certain parameters on the operation of the installation; namely operational parameters, such as evaporation and condensation temperatures.

Keywords://.

STUDY OF THE THERMAL BEHAVIOR OF A WALL CONTAINING TEXTILE INSULATION INCORPORATING PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS

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Abstract

The use of phase change materials (PCMs) to enhance the performance of thermal insulation in the building envelope is one of the effective solutions for energy efficiency, sustaining thermal comfort in buildings and contributing to the reduction of environmental pollution by releasing and absorbing energy during the phase change. This study deals with numerical study of the thermal behavior of new fiber insulation composite containing a microencapsulated PCM that can be embedded as a component in passive solar walls. Numerical simulation, it is based on the enthalpy method. Such a simulation was performed using a finite volume method (FVM). Then, a comparison between the two approaches is performed. It is found that our numerical findings match the analytical results. Our results obtained affirm that the thermal storage capacity of this new insulation incorporating PCMs in microcapsules is greatly improved due to the presence of PCMs.

Keywords://.

PRODUCTION OF GREEN HYDROGEN BY WATER SPLITTING USING A NI-W ELECTRODES

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Abstract

hydrogen is A clean, sustainable, and environmentally friendly energy source. Given this, hydrogen generation for energy systems appears to be the most promising replacement for limited fossil fuel supplies in the future. From this vantage point, electro-catalytic water splitting is gaining a lot of attention in comparison to other methods of producing hydrogen (such as coal gasification and steam reforming) because of its fair efficiency, lower prices, and environmental cleanliness. Consequently, electrochemistry's most studied topic is the hydrogen evolution process (HER) in both acidic and alkaline media. For the aim of production of hydrogen, in this work we elaborate 6 electrodes of Ni-W and Ni-Mo with different concentration ratio by electrodeposition method using a three electrodes electrochemical cell for hydrogen evolution reaction; the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) activity on the obtained electrodes was studied using linear voltammetry, Tafel slope and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) in alkaline solution (KOH 1M). Linear voltammetry showed an improvement of the electrocatalytic activity of the electrodes following the ratio Ni-W 1/2, 1/1, 2/1 which presented tafel slopes of -95.9, -122.2, -151.8 mv/dec with an active surface area 176.5, 134 and 143.5 respectively.

Keywords: Hydrogen evolution, electrochemical energy, NiW alloys, Alloys..

NUMERICAL STUDY OF METHANOL STEAM REFORMING FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION (FUEL CELLS)

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Abstract

The current work presents a numerical study of hydrogen production for fuel cells (production the electric power). This hydrogen is extracted from methanol steam reforming reactor; this reaction is occurred over the commercial catalyst CuO/ZnO/Al₂O₃. The COMSOL Multiphysics have used for the simulations. The objective of this work is to show the evolutions of each chemical species, also their efficiency of methanol consumption, and hydrogen production. The results showed that; the consumption of CH₃OH and H₂O and the production of H₂, CO₂ then little of CO. From current simulation conditions; the optimal mole fraction of Methanol is equal 0.51 %, consequently more fuel cell operating time.

Keywords:Hydrogen production, Methanol steam reforming, reactor efficiency..

A CASE STUDY OF A STANDALONE WIND/HYDROGEN SYSTEM

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Abstract

The significance of a wind-based hydrogen production system lies in its capacity to harness the renewable energy generated by wind sources. This approach addresses the intermittency of wind power and offers both a sustainable and clean energy solution. Hydrogen boasts several advantages, including high mass-energy density and a versatile energy capacity. It can be stored for long periods without energy loss and serves as a viable alternative to fossil fuels or converted into electricity through fuel cells. In this work, an off-grid wind-based hydrogen system is studied. This system consists of a wind turbine of 300 kW supplying a main load of about 1 GWh/year, the excess of wind energy is converted into hydrogen via a 50 kW alkaline electrolyzer. In the case of a lack of wind energy, a secondary generator provides the power difference. The results showed an annual hydrogen production of approximately 2,5 tons, with wind energy of 0.99 GWh/year (CF = 37.7 %), shortage of 511 MWh, and energy losses of 173 MWh. It is necessary to introduce another renewable source, study the complete value chain, optimize the system, and carry out a technical-economic study later.

Keywords: *Hydrogen, water electrolysis, wind energy, off-grid system..*

EFFECT OF RECYCLED GRAVEL ON THE DURABILITY OF SELF-COMPACTING CONCRETE WITH DOUBLE-HOOK STEEL FIBER

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Abstract

To enable concrete to be used in structures with more intricate and heavily reinforced sections, research has recently been conducted in Japan to develop concrete formulations with high workability while remaining stable. low bleeding, compaction, and segregation) with good mechanical qualities. Self-compacting concrete (SCC), a novel type of concrete that can fulfill the aforementioned properties, is the outcome of this research. The use of high volume of fines, a high volume of paste, superplasticizers, and a low volume of gravel are what set SCC apart. In order to further the objectives of environmental preservation and sustainable development, recycled gravel may eventually replace crushed gravel due to the rising demand for aggregates. To enhance the properties of recycled concrete and gravel SCCs, steel fibers are added. The purpose of this study is to investigate the physico-mechanical properties and durability of SCC made from recycled gravel. The best recycled gravel contains 50%, and adding 0.5% fibers enhances the properties of these SCC, according to the results.

Keywords: Double-hook steel fiber, Self-compacting concrete, Physico-mechanical properties, Durability, Recycled gravel..

FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A CENTRAL RECEIVER CONCENTRATED SOLAR POWER PLANT FOR GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION IN ALGERIA.

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Abstract

Green hydrogen is considered as a silver bullet for long term energy strategy when it comes to define pathways towards a low-carbon and sustainable future. In 2021, China produced about 33 million metric tons of hydrogen, making it the world's largest hydrogen producer as it aims to establish an ecosystem of diverse green hydrogen applications including transportation and energy storage. The present work gives insight for a pre-feasibility study of a solar concentration technology power plant for green hydrogen production in Algeria. The models used take into account project costs and site characteristics and integrate engineering knowledge (economic, social, technical and environmental). The obtained results are: the total cost of the project, indicators with economic, social, technical and environmental aspects. The study was carried out using SAM software which showed its capabilities and its usefulness for producing expertise for the different stakeholders through an application on a given site.

Keywords: *Green hydrogen, Concentrated Solar Power, Solar tower, SAM,*

EXPERIMENTAL AND FACTORIAL DESIGN OF THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CONCRETE MIXED WITH RUBBER AND PLASTIC WASTE

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Abstract

The environment and human health are negatively impacted by the buildup of plastic and rubber trash. Some researchers used these wastes in civil engineering, in this work, we used these waste in the concrete. The aim of this work is to compare the laboratory results with the results of the JMP pilot test program, and find out if there is a match between the results, where rubber was substituted in cement with 2 % and 4 % ratios, and plastic was substituted in sand with ratios of 2 %, 4 %, and 6 %. The tests were carried out on concrete in fresh properties, namely: consistency, density, and air content. The results indicated that the workability and fresh density decreases with increasing the percentage of rubber and plastic and the air content increases with increasing the percentage of rubber and plastic. The numerical modeling is assessed to have an appropriate coefficient R2 close to 1 for the workability, fresh density, and air content.

Keywords: *Rubber, Plastic, Fresh properties, Full factorial design..*

COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF WASTE FOUNDRY SAND AS A HOLISTIC SUBSTITUTE FOR NATURAL SAND IN CONCRETE

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Abstract

In the pursuit of advancing sustainable construction methodologies, the exploration of alternative materials in concrete production has become imperative to alleviate the environmental impact associated with conventional construction materials. Natural sand, a critical component of concrete, has historically been extracted from riverbeds and quarries, contributing to environmental challenges such as habitat disruption, riverbank erosion, and the depletion of vital water resources. This necessitates the exploration of innovative materials to curtail the ecological footprint of the construction industry. This research endeavors to delve into the potential of waste foundry sand as a partial substitute for natural sand in concrete, addressing both environmental concerns and disposal challenges associated with this byproduct of the metal casting industry. The conventional disposal of waste foundry sand has posed significant environmental burdens; however, its incorporation into concrete not only mitigates disposal issues but also presents a spectrum of advantages, including the conservation of natural resources, reduction of landfill space, and a decrease in carbon emissions linked to traditional sand mining and transportation. The primary objective of this study is to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the feasibility of utilizing waste foundry sand as an eco-friendly alternative to natural sand in concrete mixtures. The research aims to evaluate the mechanical, physical, and environmental properties of concrete by incorporating varying proportions of waste foundry sand. Through a systematic analysis, this study aims to contribute valuable insights to the discourse on sustainable construction practices, providing a foundation for the adoption of waste foundry sand as a viable and environmentally friendly substitute in concrete production.

Keywords: Sustainable construction, waste foundry sand, environmental impact, alternative materials, natural sand substitute.

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THERMOMECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF A COMPOSITE MATERIAL UNDER BENDING LOADS

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Abstract

The present work is mainly interested in the thermo-mechanical behavior of a structure reinforced with CFRP sheets and the effect on the durability of the reinforcement at the concrete-CFRP interface. By developing analytical models validated by numerical developments, with simulations on a structural design software to develop technical suggestions for the long-lasting repair of reinforced concrete structures. By following analysis procedures that estimate the strength of adhesively bonded single-lap and lap-shear joints, a theoretical analysis on interface shear stresses of a simply supported concrete beam pre-cracked and bonded with a CFRP plate was established. Based on an evaluation of all current treatments, the fracture impact is ignored. The CFRP plate-bonded reinforced concrete structure's mechanical parameter change is taken into account in the finite element model. The analytical advancement in the current work is contrasted with results of tested CFRP reinforced concretes produced by ANSYS WB numerical results and other researchers. To clarify the consequences of the different features of CFRP, a parametric study was established to explain the effects of the variation property of CFRP and the effectiveness of thermal protection of insulation. The determined temperature of CFRP sheets is 218 C°, above this temperature the carbon fibers lose their strength and structural integrity. The increase in temperature affects and reduces the stress distribution of the concrete/CFRP interface as opposed to the applied load.

Keywords: Composite, Mechanic, Temperature, Carbon Fiber, Shear Stress..

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF RC FRAMES RETROFITTED USING RC JACKETED COLUMNS

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Abstract

Strengthening and retrofitting approaches are typically used in existing buildings to upgrade their seismic behavior. RC jacketing columns is one of the most popular methods used for retrofitting an existing RC building. This effective technique improves the stiffness, flexural capacity and increases the lateral shear capacity of the columns. This technique employs an extra RC layer situated outside the original member's perimeter, with longitudinal and transverse reinforcements. The purpose of this research is to assess the impact of RC jacketing of columns on increasing the structural capacity of RC frames. Wherefore, a numerical investigation of the seismic performance of non-retrofitted and retrofitted one-, three- and five-story RC frames was carried out through the static pushover analysis using the non linear material and geometric software seismostruct. The results were presented by determining the base shear capacity of frames before and after using the RC jacketing method for columns frames. The numerical results show that the solutions proposed of using the RC jacketing in the three existing frames has good agreement results in terms of increasing the base shear capacity. Furthermore, the RC jacketing columns of the deficient RC frames not only retrieve their original strength but also significantly increase the lateral load capacity.

Keywords: Seismic retrofit, RC columns jacketing, RC frames, Pushover analysis..

THERMAL BEHAVIOR OF STEEL COLUMN

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Abstract

Structure behavior and their collapse are the most important fields of civil engineering. Many factors, such as earthquakes, explosions, landslides, and fire, may lead to collapse in structures. The exposure to fire is one of the dangerous factors that result a major loss of life and destruction of residential buildings. The goal of structural fire engineering is to determine how buildings and other structures will function in the event of an unintentional fire. Resent researches are mostly taking into account fire decay (cooling phase) in their numerical study ,this researches has proved that this phase is a critical phase for concrete structures because the high temperatures cause a degradation in their mechanical characteristics. This research presents a numerical study of the behavior of steel column subjected to naturel fire in order to investigate the effect of cooling phase for this steel elements .As a first step the study has examined the effect of exposing column to fire increasing temperature up to 1200 C° with different ventilation factor (0,1 , 0,02) .In the second step a protection was placed on the steel section, then both the result of both steps were compared for objective to determine the effect of protection the temperature field .

Keywords: *Steel column , thermal behavior , Cooling phase , Naturel fire.*

THE IMPACT OF POROSITY DISTRIBUTION ON THE BENDING OF POROUS FUNCTIONALLY GRADED SQUARE PLATE UNDER A UNIFORM LOAD

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Abstract

an eight-node quadrilateral isoparametric element with 5 degrees of freedom per node is proposed to investigate the bending response of porous functionally graded (FG) square plate using an improved first shear deformation theory. The modified first-order shear deformation theory (FSDT) refines the conventional Mindlin–Reissner theory by assuming a parabolic shear strain distribution to give a more realistic distribution of the shear strain through the thickness. The equations of motion are established through Hamilton's principle then solved by employing the finite element method. Numerical results for porous FG square plate under a uniform load are presented. These results are compared with existing literature to demonstrate the accuracy and efficiency of our findings.

Keywords: //.

APPLICATION OF INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHMS TO A GROUP OF ROBOTS

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Abstract

With the continuous advancement of technology, collaborative robots in artificial intelligence have seen a very important and rapid development due to their use in all domains, especially in hostile, dangerous, and hard-to-reach environments where many robots are designed to perform jobs that are dangerous to humans. Several studies have made progress in this domain using various artificial intelligence algorithms. In this paper, we highlight two important algorithms and apply them to a group of robots in different challenging environments based on the gazebo simulator. The first algorithm is the search-based planning library (sbpl) algorithm, and the second is the a-star algorithm, and we compare them. The experimental results showed that both algorithms are suitable, but the a-star algorithm is best suited for robots to cooperate with each other to reach the targets without hitting obstacles in the shortest time compared to the sbpl algorithm because making the right decision will take a lot of time.

Keywords: Swarm Robot, Collaboration Algorithms, Path Planning, ROS, Gazebo..

ENHANCED HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION THROUGH HAND DETECTION

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Abstract

Our research focuses on advancing the capabilities of robotics systems by integrating a state-of-the-art hand detection approach based on YOLOv7 (You Only Look Once version 7). We modified the proposed architecture depending to the input parameters, so that it is applicable for either single class detection (human hand) or two-class detection (both person and hand). For training, we used EgoHands datasets that encompasses a wide range of hand poses, backgrounds, and lighting conditions, ensuring the model's adaptability to real-world environments. The YOLOv7 architecture is employed for its efficiency and speed, allowing for real-time processing of visual input, a crucial factor in interactive robotics. Training the YOLOv7 model involves fine-tuning on the hand-specific dataset, leveraging transfer learning from pre-trained weights. The resulting model exhibits a heightened sensitivity to human hand features, providing accurate bounding box predictions. Post-processing techniques, including confidence score thresholding and non-maximum suppression, refine the detections for enhanced precision. The practical implications of this research extend to various HRI applications, including collaborative manufacturing, assistive technologies, and service robotics. The integration of YOLOv7-based hand detection into robotics systems facilitates intuitive gesture-based control, enabling users to convey commands and interact with robots in a more natural and efficient manner. Results from extensive experimentation showcase the effectiveness of the proposed approach in diverse HRI scenarios, demonstrating the model's robustness to occlusion, varying hand poses, and dynamic environmental conditions. The outcomes of this research contribute to the evolution of HRI by providing a reliable and responsive framework for hand gesture recognition, ultimately fostering a more symbiotic relationship between humans and robots. In conclusion, this research presents a comprehensive exploration of YOLOv7-based hand detection for Human-Robot Interaction, offering a significant stride towards creating intelligent and perceptive robotic systems capable of understanding and responding to human gestures with precision and speed.

Keywords: *Human-Robot-Interaction, Hand Detection, Deep Learning, YOLOv7, EgoHands.*

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DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROTOTYPE INTELLIGENT SYSTEM USING TINY-MACHINE LEARNING FOR MONITORING A GAS TURBINE

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Abstract

We are interested in this paper in the study of the speed control system of a gas turbine at the level of the combined cycle thermal power plant of RAS-DJENET of the company SONELGAZ, with the realization of a prototype of intelligent monitoring using artificial intelligence techniques namely Tiny-Machine Learning (Tiny-ML) and Tensorflow for Microcontrollers based on an Arduino board. This prototype is essentially composed of two parts: The hardware part which contains all the components used, namely: Fan (which acts as the gas turbine), temperature and speed sensors, power batteries and microcontrollers, etc. The second part is the software part it contains two main programs: the Arduino program and the deployment of the learning model on an ATmega328P microcontroller of an ArduinoUno board. The test results of our prototype showed that the learning technique used was effective for intelligent system monitoring.

Keywords: *Tiny-ML , Tensorflo, wmonitoring a gas turbine.*

NEW STATE FEEDBACK CONTROLLER OF TS FUZZY SYSTEMS WITH UNMEASURED PREMISE VARIABLES: APPLICATION TO SINGLE-LINK FLEXIBLE JOINT ROBOT

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Abstract

This abstract presents a novel control methodology that leverages algorithms based on variables that are not directly measurable, employing a sector non-linearity approach with an emphasis on robotic control techniques. It offers a comparative analysis between traditional quadratic state feedback control and a more sophisticated nonquadratic method. The efficiency of these methods has been confirmed through numerical simulations, with a special focus on assessing their precision and dynamic performance using the Mean Value Theorem (MVT) as a standard of comparison. The findings highlight the robustness and efficacy of the proposed algorithms, particularly in managing the state of flexible joint links.

Keywords: *sector non-linearity, traditional quadratic, Mean Value Theorem power, flexible joint links ..*

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EARTH SCIENCES FOR POROSITY PREDICTION IN PETROLEUM RESERVOIR FROM GEOPHYSICAL WELL-LOGS DATA. APPLICATION TO ALGERIAN SAHARA

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence techniques are becoming very popular in earth sciences, in the last decade, mainly in petroleum exploration and exploitation. Reservoir characterization by geophysical well-logs data analysis is commonly conducted and plays a central role in formation evaluation in petroleum domain. The most petrophysical parameters that describe the reservoir are the porosity, the permeability and the water saturation where the porosity is the main key. Using conventional methods, the estimation of the porosity is very difficult, mainly in shaly reservoirs where the presence of clay affects considerably, the porosity and the permeability. For that, we propose to accurately predict the porosity from geophysical recordings crossed the formation of wells using machine learning methods such as multilayer neural network. The input layer are constituted by the petrophysical well-logs data and the output layer presented by one neuron corresponding to the porosity predicted. The training step of neural network machine (NNM) is processed using core data (CORPOR) by minimizing the root mean square error using Radial Basis Function algorithm (RBF). Once trained, the model is then applied to the target wells to predict the porosity (PORRBF). The predicted porosity match the core values with good accuracy. This approach provides significantly a robust computation method and reduces dependency on prior domain knowledge.

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence Earth sciences, Porosity prediction, geophysical well-logs.*

CONTROL AND DIAGNOSTICS OF ROTATING MACHINES USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHMS

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Abstract

This work presents fault detection in rotating machines using artificial neural networks (ANN). An experimental test bench is used to acquire bearing vibration signals. During this study, we first implemented algorithms which allowed us to extract characteristics from the signals of a rotating machine. Then, we set up a system to monitor the state of this machine by setting a threshold for proper operation and another to trigger an alarm when the latter is reached. Secondly, we used artificial intelligence algorithms to classify the different levels of failure.

Keywords: *Neural network, Random Forest, fault classification.*

NONLINEAR SYSTEM STATE ESTIMATION WITH UNMEASURABLE PREMISES: A NOVEL APPROACH USING LINE INTEGRAL LYAPUNOV FUNCTION

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Abstract

This research introduces a groundbreaking technique by utilizing a non-quadratic Lyapunov function, aiming to significantly enhance the accuracy of nonlinear observers in continuous-time Takagi–Sugeno fuzzy systems, especially those with Unmeasurable premise variables. Such systems are inherently more complex than their counterparts with measurable variables, presenting unique analytical challenges. To address these, the study innovatively applies the mean value theorem combined with sector nonlinearity transformation. This dual approach effectively transforms the nonlinear error dynamics characteristic of these systems into a linear parameter-varying model. A central innovation of this study is the introduction of the line integral Lyapunov function. This function, based on the integration of membership functions, is pivotal in ensuring the global stability of the fuzzy systems under study. It marks a significant departure from traditional quadratic Lyapunov functions and offers multiple advantages. Moreover, this approach excels in accurately capturing the trajectory behavior of the system, a critical aspect often overlooked in conventional models. The stability conditions proposed in this research are articulated as linear matrix inequalities. These conditions are less restrictive compared to traditional methods and can be resolved efficiently through linear programming techniques, utilizing state-of-the-art software tools. This makes the proposed method not only more effective but also more accessible for practical applications. To demonstrate the practicality and robustness of the proposed methodology, the study includes a real-world application. The results from this test are compelling, clearly illustrating the superiority of the proposed method over conventional techniques. The success of this experiment underscores the potential of this novel approach to significantly improve the precision and efficiency in managing complex fuzzy systems, opening new avenues for research and application in the field.

Keywords: TAKAGI-SUGENO, FUZZY SYSTEMS, MEAN VALUE THEOREM, NONLINEAR SYSTEMS, FUZZY OBSERVER..

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DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF A DECOUPLED UNKNOWN-INPUT OBSERVER FOR THE SYNCHRONOUS RELUCTANCE MOTOR USING TAKAGI-SUGENO FUZZY REPRESENTATION

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Abstract

This study presents the design of an Unknown-Input Observer for Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) systems, tailored for the Synchronous Reluctance Motor (SynRM). The proposed observer is based on the decoupling approach that minimize the effect of unknown inputs on the estimation error dynamics. This method improves precision in estimating the states and the unknown inputs. Using the quadratic Lyapunov function, stability conditions are formulated as linear matrix inequality (LMI) constraints, guaranteeing the estimation error convergence. The method's efficiency is confirmed through simulation test.

Keywords: *Synchronous Reluctance Motor, Takagi-Sugeno Systems, Decoupled Unknown Input Observer, Fuzzy Observer.*

USING GRAMMER AND SINGER DIRECT MULTI-CLASS SVM FOR SHORT-CIRCUIT FAULTS DETECTION AND DISCRIMINATION IN HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES.

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Abstract

The power grid is a critical part of our energy infrastructure, enabling electrical energy distribution and transmission. The electricity network is mainly subdivided into four levels, the production level, whose role is to produce electricity; the transmission level, which allows electricity to be transported to consumption regions; the distribution level and the dispatching level, which are responsible for adapting the voltage for special infrastructures and for consumers respectively. To guarantee efficient and stable distribution of electricity, the electrical network employs a constituents set that are equally important to each other. All the same, transmission lines remain the electrical network key component. It plays a crucial role in the transmission and distribution process by enabling the efficient transfer of electrical energy. However, the lines are regularly confronted with mistrust which can be caused by various factors, more particularly, extreme environmental conditions. However, short circuits remain the most persistent faults and are regularly the main cause of other faults types. In this sense, the proposed paper aims to propose a new automatic system for the detection and discrimination of short circuits in high voltage transmission lines with photovoltaic energy source. First, the current and voltage signals are split into a set of small segments each lasting 20 ms. Secondly, the segments are reduced to 60 samples using the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), these samples are then normalized in order to have all the descriptors at the same level. Thirdly, a system based on a Grammer and Singer direct multi-class SVM is proposed for the detection and then identification of the short circuit type. The proposed system was validated on a database consisting of signals obtained from a PV energy source line simulated in accordance with the Algerian standard [1]. The results obtained are of the order : of 100% for identification and of 98.75% for classification, thus improving the effectiveness of the proposed automatic system.

Keywords: Short-circuit, direct M-SVM, DWT, Grammer and Singer M-SVM, High voltage power lines..

REAL-TIME IMPLEMENTATION OF A FUZZY-PID CONTROLLER FOR A HELICOPTER SYSTEM

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Abstract

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in integrating artificial intelligence into control system design. Fuzzy logic, proposed by Zadah in 1965, introduced the concept of using linguistic variables to emulate human reasoning in decision-making. Unlike conventional PID controllers that rely on fixed, pre-defined parameters, a fuzzy PID controller incorporates linguistic rules and membership functions to adapt the gains to changing conditions and uncertainties based on real-time system behavior. In this work, a fuzzy PID controller is designed to achieve trajectory tracking of a 2-Degree-of-Freedom (2-DOF) helicopter system. The performance of the controller is evaluated in real-time using the Quanser Aero 2 Helicopter system available at the control laboratory of the Center of Development of Advanced Technologies (CDTA, Algiers). Results demonstrate robust trajectory tracking for sinusoidal reference trajectories for both pitch and yaw angles. The study contributes to the understanding of fuzzy PID controllers in dynamic, real-world applications.

Keywords: Trajectory tracking, helicopter, fuzzy logic, pid, hardware validation.

A NEW ADVANCED OXIDATION PROCESS FOR THE DEGRADATION OF EMERGING ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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Abstract

Industries such as textiles, paper, cosmetics, leather, agricultural research, pharmaceuticals and food produce large volumes of wastewater polluted by high concentrations of dyes and other components . It has been estimated that the textile industry consumes around 21-377 m3 of water per tonne of textile produced . The concentrations of dyes in the effluent must be reduced to acceptable limits before they are released into the environment. In order to preserve and improve the quality of these waters, several conventional treatment techniques have been developed in recent years. They involve a number of physico-chemical processes, chemical oxidation coagulation/flocculation and biodegradation . However, several studies have reported that these conventional are unable to eliminate all the organic matter present in textile effluent in textile effluents . Consequently, advanced advanced oxidation processes are applied for the chemical treatment of wastewater to achieve complete mineralization of pollutants, or at least to transform them into biodegradable and more harmless products . In this work,the degradation of an organic pollutant by an innovative periodate/hydroxylamine (PI/HA) process . The effect of treatment conditions and minerals such as salts on the efficiency of the PI/HA process was examined.

Keywords:ORGANIC POLLUTANT , PERIODATE/HYDROXYLAMINE.

**MODILISATION OF ELECTRON-MATTER INTERACTION:
SHORTRANGE POTENTIAL EFFECT IN THE INITIAL STATE**

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Abstract

Electron impact ionization of atoms and molecules is a basic process in collision physics, which plays a significant role in number of fundamental areas. The triply differential cross section (TDCS) obtained in (e, 2e) experiments represent the most detailed description of the ionization process. A new theoretical approach is used to calculate (TDCS) of (e,2e) reactions, which is the most sensitive test for theoretical models. We use here two models to calculate the TDCS, where the post collisionnal interaction (PCI) between the outgoing electrons is taken into account. In the First model (called BBK), the interaction between the projectile and the target is purely Coulombic. The second model called BBKS where the interaction between the projectile and the target now is no longer purely Coulombic but includes in addition to this the short range potential.

Keywords: *ionization, Electron, Cross Section, Post-Collisional Interaction.*

ENHANCING LUBRICANTS USING GRAPHITE NANOPATES

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Abstract

In the pursuit of refining the tribological characteristics of lubricants, a variety of additives are employed, among which nanoparticles, specifically graphene, hold a prominent position. These additives play a crucial role in reducing both friction and wear by averting direct contact. With a focus on harnessing the remarkable tribological benefits offered by graphene, we shall now delve into the primary methods of its production. Undoubtedly, the most favorable technique for obtaining graphene to enhance lubricants is the liquid-phase shear exfoliation of crystalline graphite. This method ensures the homogeneous dispersion of nanoplates within oil mixtures, thereby ensuring the stable performance of lubricants in scenarios involving friction. Extensive research has demonstrated that when lubricants are fortified with graphite nanoplates, they not only manifest improved tribological properties but also generate a protective anti-friction film on the surfaces experiencing friction. Our analysis encompasses an examination of the composition of this anti-friction film, as well as the outcomes resulting from its application. Furthermore, we shall outline approaches aimed at enhancing the technological processes involved in modifying lubricants with graphite nanoplates. These advancements seek to optimize the performance of lubricants, thus contributing to the ongoing evolution of tribological systems.

Keywords: *tribological characteristics, graphite nanoplates, lubricants, exfoliation, graphene.*

THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF AN UNSATURATED POLYESTER COMPOSITE REINFORCED WITH HALFA FIBERS ARE EXAMINED IN RELATION TO THE ADDITION OF MARBLE POWDER AND ITS CHEMICAL TREATMENT

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Abstract

The unsaturated polyester matrix was reinforced with Alfa fibers and treated with marble as an additive throughout the preparation of the composite. Enhancing the mechanical qualities of this composite is the goal of this research. High physical and chemical qualities that are abundant in nature, such as light weight, biodegradability, and affordability, define alfalfa fibers. Vegetable fibers were able to compete with synthetic fibers due to these qualities. To enhance the Alfa fibers' surface, we treated them for 24 hours with benzoyl, 0.2% permanganate, and 9% soda, then microwaved them for 10 minutes. As compared to the untreated fibers, the mechanical properties of the composite and the fibers improved after being treated with soda at a concentration of 9% for 24 hours, according to the findings of the tests performed on the material. Additional treatments demonstrated that the marble addition significantly improved the mechanical behavior. This study used tensile testing and infrared spectroscopy as diagnostic tools.

Keywords: Additive, *Stipa Tenacissima*, Unsaturated Polyester, Composite, Tensile strength.

FINITE ELEMENT SIMULATION OF ELASTIC CONTACT PROBLEM

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Abstract

The numerical method is applied to the contact problem of an elastic layer partially reposing on a rigid circular base, and is indented along the upper surface with a rigid punch. The contact between the medium and the rigid base is smooth. For this aim, two-dimensional analysis has been performed using Finite Element Method (FEM) based software called ABAQUS. The distribution of normal displacement and normal stress are obtained for various values of the thickness layer and the base radius with discussion..

Keywords: Contact mechanics, Elastic layer, Circular base, Rigid punch, Finite Element Method..

TENSILE BEHAVIOR AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF NEW NATURAL FIBERS AS POTENTIAL REINFORCEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL POLYMER BIOCOMPOSITES

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Abstract

Researchers are increasingly drawn to the potential of Washingtonia fiber (WF) as a substitute for commonly utilized fibers like synthetic or glass fibers. The objective of this work was to ascertain the mechanical properties of Washingtonia fibers with a gauge length (GL) of 40 mm under quasi-static tensile conditions. A series of tensile experiments were conducted on a sample of 30 plant fibers in order to ascertain the strain at break and Young's modulus of these fibers. A statistical analysis is required to account for the variability in the mechanical tensile properties of WF fibers, as is commonly observed in natural fibers. Therefore, in order to investigate this dispersion, statistical techniques such as the two- and three-parameter Weibull distribution at a 95% confidence level (CI) and the one-way analysis of variance ANOVA were employed.

Keywords: *natural fibers, polymer biocomposites, reinforcement, ANOVA..*

CHARACTERIZATION OF THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF A WELDED JOINT BETWEEN TWO (02) DISSIMILAR MATERIALS

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Abstract

In the present work, the interest is focused on the characterization of the mechanical properties of a welded joint of two (02) dissimilar materials, duplex steel and iron-carbon steel. The mechanical properties of the weld joint of the 02 materials considered were obtained from the characterization tests planned for these specimens, i.e. the behavior of the weld joint in tension and hardness. A simulation was carried out using ABAQUS software to model the two weld seams and the heat-affected zone (HAZ) of the two steels and the filler metal. Observational analyses of the two bond zones (HAZ) on a microscopic scale using a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and on a macroscopic scale using a Morphological Microscope (MM) were also carried out on this weld joint. In conclusion, the yield strength and toughness of the specimens produced were accepted. The properties of the welded joints meet the acceptability criteria defined by the standards applied to the transport of hydrocarbons.

Keywords: Duplex steels, dissimilar steels, HAZ. of two different steels.

ANALYSE OF THE RELIABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF THE ALGIERS METRO TRACTION SYSTEM

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Abstract

Rail transport by metro is a socio-economic form of transport, and the reliability of traction systems is considered to be one of the key factors required to ensure its smooth operation, safety and public comfort. As well as providing rapid mobility for citizens between different areas of a city and reducing road congestion in urban areas by offering a fast, efficient transport alternative. To this end, a study to assess and compare the reliability and availability of two series of traction systems of the same type for the Algiers metro is needed to minimise unplanned downtime and maintain a high level of service for users. This research is based on in-depth analysis of the most frequent uptime data, failures and breakdowns (mechanical, electrical, ...etc.) of these traction systems obtained by the El djazair metro company, using Weibull's law (Probability of correct operation $R(t; \gamma, \eta, \beta)$) to determine their reliability, model their lifetimes and estimate their failure rate over time. The results obtained show a difference between the Weibull parameters ($\beta, \eta, \gamma=0$) for each study case according to their MTBF and that the failure rate of the first series of the traction system is higher and its reliability and lower compared to the second series of the traction system is a little over 50%. This will enable the right type of maintenance to be chosen, tasks to be properly managed and planned, repair times to be reduced, and the overall, reliability and availability of the Algiers metro's traction system to be improved..

Keywords: Failures, Weibulls Law, Reliability, Availability, MTBF.

NON-DESTRUCTIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF ALFA/PLA BIO-COMPOSITE USING IMPULSE EXCITATION TECHNIQUE (IET)

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Abstract

This study investigates the mechanical properties of Neat PLA and bio-composite Alfa Short Fibers/PLA, which are sustainable materials with promising applications in various industries. The study uses the Impulse Excitation Technique (IET), a non-destructive method that measures the mechanical behavior of materials by exciting vibrations and analyzing their response. The IET results are compared with conventional flexural tests to assess the efficiency and reliability of the non-destructive technique. The results show that the average modulus of elasticity (E) for the Alfa/PLA bio-composite is 2.9 GPa with flexural tests and 3.6 GPa with IET, while for the Neat PLA it is 2.6 GPa with flexural tests and 3.1 GPa with IET. The average difference between the experimental and the IET results is about 19%. The study concludes that IET can effectively characterize the mechanical properties of Neat PLA and the Alfa short fibers/PLA bio-composite, providing valuable insights into their mechanical performance. The study demonstrates the potential of IET as a non-destructive tool for advancing the development and utilization of eco-friendly materials in the engineering and manufacturing sectors.

Keywords: *mechanical properties, bio-composites, non-destructive testing, Impulse Excitation Technique (IET)..*

THE CREATION OF AN ELECTROCHEMICAL SENSOR THAT RELIES ON A COMPOSITE MATERIAL COMPOSED OF P2MTH/ MWCNTS /NPS

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Abstract

The study aims to create a modified electrode by poly2methylthiophene (P2MTh) with multi weld carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) and Nanoparticles (NPs) to enhance electrochemical and electronic properties. Carbon nanotubes, discovered in 1991, have been extensively researched due to their high electrical conductivity and large specific surface area. The composite materials were synthesized using electrochemical methods, and the electrochemical behavior was evaluated using cyclic voltammetry, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy, and square wave voltammetry. The insertion of MWCNTs improved the polymer's conductivity properties, reducing resistance in the composite electrode materials. The electrocatalytic performance of the modified electrode showed better catalytic activity compared to the poly2methiophene film. The use of P2MTh/ MWCNTs /NPs nanocomposite allows for better sensitivity due to increased electrode conductivity and fast charge transfer interface. The modified films impedance diagrams also show decrease resistance and increase oxidation peak intensity. This modified electrode can be used for various biological molecule detection. The surface morphology of pure P2MTh and P2MTh/ MWCNTs /NPs we used scanning electron microscope (SEM) and atomic force microscope (AFM). The obtained findings also serve to illustrate that the utilization of the P2MTh/ MWCNTs /NPs nanocomposite facilitates heightened sensitivity as a result of the augmentation of the electrode's conductivity and the swift transfer of charge at the interface of the electrode and electrolyte

Keywords: Composite material; Nanoparticles; MWCNTs; P2MTh; electrochemical sensor; SEM.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN TWO APPROCHES CFD AND BEM TO INVESTIGATE THE WIND TURBINE PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

The current study focused on the design and analyses the performance of micro-horizontal axis wind turbine blade based on comparison between two approaches. Moreover, has been used the blade- element- momentum theory (BEM), for design and evaluated blade performance based on the open source (Qblade) software after choosing the optimal tip speed ratio of TSR-3.5 in lower Reynolds number, $Re=10$, for NACA4412 airfoil profile, the CFD analyses based on the RANS equations has been used to investigate and gives 3D flow characteristics, pressure field between the upper and lower surface of blade and performance for the turbine blade with higher accurate. the difference results between two approaches are estimated approximately 10%. additionally, when using BEM with all corrections can be gives realistic condition during operation for wind turbine.

Keywords: //.

PREDICTION OF CHATTER STABILITY OF THIN-WALLED PARTS CONSIDERING VARIATION OF DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS BASED ON SURFACE ROUGHNESS MEASUREMENT

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Abstract

The chatter cutting phenomenon is more common for milling thin-walled parts due to low rigidity, which can have a detrimental effect on the machined surface of the part. In addition, the dynamic characteristics of thin-walled parts vary along the tool path. In order to avoid the chatter phenomenon, a new model based on the influences of dynamic characteristics and using the semi-discretization method was established in this paper. Experimental tests were carried out to validate the established model. In addition, a parametric study is carried out by varying the cutting parameters to discuss the machining stability.

Keywords: *milling; cutter cutting; surface roughness.*

IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF HIGH-VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS USING THE MODULAR MULTILEVEL MULTICELL CONVERTERS

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Abstract

High voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission is currently expanding worldwide. There are two main reasons for this development. The first is the difficulty of building new overhead lines to support the development of the high-voltage network, which means that underground cables are increasingly being used. Beyond this limit, the solution is generally to transport the energy in direct current. The second factor is related to the development of offshore wind power, which requires the connection of power of several hundred MW to the regional/continental grid by means of cables whose length can reach several hundred km, and which therefore requires HVDC transmission. Rapid technological developments of voltage-source converters for high-voltage direct-current (VSC-HVDC) transmission systems in recent years have attracted significant research interest in high-voltage high-power converters and DC switchgear. Integrating these converters into high-voltage electrical energy transmission systems provides better performance for managing a large quantity of electrical energy transported and distributed on the electrical network. At present, modular multilevel converters (MMCs) are the preferred choice of electric power sectors when designing VSC-HVDC transmission systems with important powers. The reasons are the following: their modularity permits easy incorporation of redundant cells into each arm to facilitate continued operation should a (limited) number of cell capacitors and switching devices fail; offers the best tradeoff between semiconductor loss and performance; and seamless current commutation between converter arms. The objective of this research work is to model the different elements of an HVDC chain and then to perform simulations on a proposed configuration of the HVDC network to see the robustness of the control systems and to verify the operation of the system in the presence of multiple disturbances..

Keywords: HVDC, VSC-HVDC, MMC, Power Transmission, High-Voltage Network.

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EFFECT OF TREATED NANOCLEYS ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF POLYPROPYLENE/POLYAMIDE66 NANOCOMPOSITES

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Abstract

Nanocomposites based on polypropylene/polyamide66 (PP/PA66) nanoblends containing organophilicmontmorillonite (OMMT) and maleic anhydride grafted polypropylene (PP-g-MAH) were prepared by melt compounding method followed by injection molding. Two different types of nanoclaywere used in this work, i.e. DELLITE LVF (untreated): is a nano-clay deriving from a naturally occurring especially purified montmorillonite and DELLITE 67G (treated with a high content of quaternary ammonium salt (dimethyl dehydrogenated tallow ammonium). The rheological results revealed a drastic reduction in MFI with a levelling off at 5 wt.% for the nanoblends containing treated clay. The impact properties of PP/PA66 modified nanoblends were improved significantly in the presence of treated nanoclay. The morphology of the nanocomposites was studied using the XR diffraction (XRD). →XRD results revealed the formation of nanoblends as the nanoclay was intercalated and exfoliated.

Keywords: *Polymer nanocomposites, Nanoclays, Mechanical properties, Melt processing, XR diffraction.*

OPTIMIZATION OF CONTACT SURFACES IN SHRINK-FIT ASSEMBLIES OF THIN-WALLED CYLINDERS

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Abstract

The shrink-fit assembly is one of the most important mechanical assemblies and it has been used for several years, because it is economical as it needs only two components, an axis and an axle, as the outer diameter of the axis is greater than the inner diameter of the hub and the Which means that there is an interference, which is the difference between them. The shrink-fit assembly is used in several fields such as the manufacture of Aircraft, cars, connecting oil and gas pipelines,...etc. Assembly is achieved either by heating the hub, cooling the axis, or by force. When assembling, contact pressure is formed on the contact area between the axis and the hub. Usually the contact area is considered perfect, but in fact it contains defects that vary in capacity and number. In this article, we study the role of the form defect and interference in the 3D assembly by studying its effect on the extraction force and assembly coherence, with use a numerical simulation to ascertain in that. Component separation experiment was applied to validate the simulation results.

Keywords: Radial stress, Hoop stress, Strain, Interference, Shrink-fit, Form defect.

CHARACTERIZATION OF ALGERIAN PHOSPHATE MARLES REJECTS OF DJEBEL ONK TEBESSA

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Abstract

The phosphate ore production is steadily increasing due to its high demand for agriculture, medicine, and others. Ore extraction generates a considerable quantity of waste rocks that are generally stocked in piles. Marls present high volume of phosphate waste rocks that are chemically inert, but their disposal creates diverse environmental issues. The current research aims to investigate the characterization of phosphate mine waste rocks generated from Djebel Onk mine site. Several techniques were used such as XRF, X-Ray diffraction and SEM to identify the major and minor phases as well as trace elements existing in this reject. According to the XRD patterns of raw marl (RM), it shows a high percentage of dolomite phase ($\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$), Anorthite-sodium-ordered, while hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$ and fluorapatite $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{F}$ are present in low amount. According to the SEM results, the figure showed the spherical shaped particles with clumped distributions mentioning the existence of Hydroxyapatites and fluorapatite, rhombic dolomite crystals confirming the presence of dolomite and anorthite in accordance with XRD results. Thus, the results carried out by X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) reveal that the reject chemical composition contains large amounts of CaO, P₂O₅ and MgO, as SiO₂ is about 4.3 (wt.%); Fe, Ni, Zn, Ti and sulfurs are trace elements standing in low proportions.

Keywords: *Djebel-Onk mine; Mining wastes; Phosphate marls; Environment.*

CHARACTERIZATION OF MARL REJECTS FROM EXPLOITATION OF EL -OUENZA IRON MINE

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The main objective of this study is to characterize the release of marl from the exploitation of iron ore from El-Ouenza, the latter is the main supplier of hematitic iron ore to the el Hadjar steel complex. But it generates large quantities of waste consisting mainly of waste rocks, poor iron ore, limestone and marl stored in the open air. Depending on local climatic conditions, the physico-chemical and mineralogical nature of the discharges having a negative impact on the environment, human health, atmospheric pollution and landscape degradation. An in-depth physicochemical, mineralogical and thermal characterization (FRX, DRX, SEM and ATG/DSC) is carried out on representative samples taken from the site. Its main composition is slice, hematite and alumina as well as other oxides in small percentages. X-ray diffraction analysis shows that the marl sample is mainly made up of quartz, calcite, muscovite and goethite. From the microscopic observation of the sample, the result revealed that the marl is made up of various mineral crystals. The analysis of this sample revealed a dominance of quartz, a minor presence of iron and traces of calcite. The ATG/DSC curve of the marl sample shows four mass losses. According to these results, iron ore rejects mainly contain quartz, hematite and alumina.

Keywords: *El-Ouenza mine, characterization, marl rejects, environment.*



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