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## ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates impact strain signal analysis during Charpy impact test. Impact strain signals were used to examine strain signal patterns under various parameters. It includes the correlation between energy absorbed with power spectrum density (PSD) and area under strain-time graph at different material, impact speed and thickness of material. Thickness effect on impact duration is presents as well. Besides that, stress-strain curve is relates with the impact strain signal. Recently, the number of accident on highway has been increased due to loss of structure integrity to withstand high impact load. Therefore, materials that have ability to provide adequate protection to passengers from harmful and improve occupants' survivability during crash event are needed. Tough material with high energy absorption capability is required to reduce damage on structure when high impact energy is applied. Impact test is often performed to determine toughness of material by determine the amount of energy absorbs. However, most of energy absorbed is not accurate and only calculated as an estimation value. This scenario brings an idea to correlate the energy absorbed with strain energy by installing strain gauge to striker hammer that connected to data acquisition system (SOMAT eDAQ). Besides that, mechanical testing of tensile test is carried out to obtain the material behaviour and to identify the material properties that being used in calculation of impact duration. Results indicate a great correlation is observed between energy absorbed with strain energy. Strain energy is directly proportional to the energy absorbed. In term of material's type, Aluminium 6061-T6 shows a good energy absorber compared to the Magnesium AM60 because aluminium is more ductile than magnesium. Impact duration of experiment, theory and previous study shows a same pattern where it was increased if material's thickness is increased but decreased when applied speed is increased. Relation of strain signal from Charpy test and stress-strain curve from tensile test shows a great finding where the material deforms and fracture points is identified through the strain pattern and stress-strain curve. Aluminium 6061-T6 has the highest of energy absorbed, maximum strain and strain energy under PSD graph compared to Magnesium AM60. This concludes that characteristics of strain signal from Charpy test needs to be classified as an alternative method to predict properties of a material.

## ABSTRAK

Tesis ini mengkaji analisis isyarat terikan impak ketika ujikaji Charpy. Isyarat terikan impak digunakan untuk mengenalpasti corak isyarat terikan dengan pelbagai parameter. Ia termasuklah korelasi di antara tenaga serapan dengan kuasa kepadatan spektrum (PSD) dan kawasan di bawah graf terikan-masa pada jenis bahan, kelajuan impak dan ketebalan bahan yang berbeza. Kesan ketebalan bahan kepada tempoh impak juga dibentangkan. Selain itu, lekuk tegasan-terikan dihubungkan dengan isyarat terikan. Pada masa kini, bilangan kemalangan di lebuhraya telah meningkat disebabkan kehilangan struktur integriti untuk menahan beban impak yang tinggi sangat diperlukan. Oleh itu, bahan yang mempunyai keupayaan untuk memberikan perlindungan yang mencukupi kepada penumpang daripada keadaan membahayakan dan meningkatkan daya hidup penumpang semasa berlakunya kemalangan. Bahan yang kuat dan mempunyai keupayaan penyerapan tenaga yang tinggi sangat diperlukan untuk mengurangkan kerosakan pada struktur apabila dikenakan tenaga impak yang tinggi. Ujian impak kerap kali dilakukan untuk menentukan kekuatan bahan dengan menentukan jumlah penyerapan tenaga. Walau bagaimanapun, kebanyakan tenaga yang diserap tidak tepat dan hanya dikira sebagai nilai anggaran. Senario ini telah memberi idea untuk menghubungkan tenaga yang diserap dengan tenaga terikan dengan memasang tolok terikan pada tukul mesin Charpy yang disambungkan dengan sistem pemerolehan data (SOMAT eDAQ). Selain itu, ujian mekanikal iaitu ujian tegangan dijalankan untuk mengenal pasti tingkah laku mekanikal dan sifat-sifat bahan yang digunakan dalam pengiraan tempoh impak. Keputusan menunjukkan korelasi yang baik dapat diperhatikan di antara tenaga serapan dengan tenaga terikan. Tenaga terikan berkadar terus dengan tenaga serapan. Jenis bahan menunjukkan Aluminium 6061-T6 adalah penyerap tenaga yang baik berbanding dengan Magnesium AM60 kerana aluminium lebih mulur daripada magnesium. Oleh itu, aluminium mempunyai kawasan elastik dan plastik yang banyak sebelum patah. Keputusan tempoh impak daripada eksperimen, teori dan kajian terdahulu menunjukkan corak yang sama di mana ia meningkat apabila ketebalan bahan meningkat manakala menurun apabila halaju yang dikenakan meningkat. Hubungkait di antara isyarat terikan daripada ujian Charpy dan lekuk tegasan-terikan daripada ujian tegangan menunjukkan keputusan yang baik apabila titik bentuk dan titik patah bahan dapat dikenalpasti melalui isyarat terikan dan lekuk tegasan-terikan. Aluminium 6061-T6 mempunyai tenaga serapan, terikan maksimum dan tenaga terikan di bawah graf PSD yang tertinggi berbanding Magnesium AM60. Disimpulkan bahawa ciri-ciri isyarat terikan daripada ujian Charpy perlu diklasifikasi sebagai kaedah alternatif untuk meramal sifat-sifat bahan.

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ASTM	-	American Society for Testing and Materials
CNT	-	Carbon nanotube
CVN	-	Charpy V-notch
DBT	-	Ductile-brittle transition
EA	-	Energy absorbed
FBG	-	Fibre Bragg grating
FEA	-	Finite element analysis
FEM	-	Finite element method
FFT	-	Fast Fourier Transform
GF	-	Gage factor
GFRP	-	Glass fibre reinforced plastic
HAZ	-	Heat Affected Zone
ISO	-	International Organization for Standardization
KCV	-	notch toughness
LYS	-	Low yield strength
PSD	-	Power Spectrum Density
PVC	-	Polyvinyl chloride
PZT	-	Piezoelectric ceramic material
TRIP	-	Transformation induced plasticity
UKM	-	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

- USE - Upper shelf energy
- UTM - Universal Testing Machine
- VA - Variable amplitude

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$A$	-	Area
$c$	-	Damper of viscous damping coefficient
$C_t$	-	Total compliance
$\varepsilon$	-	Strain
$E$	-	Young Modulus
$E_{\text{abs tot}}$	-	Total energy absorbed
$E_b$	-	Bending energy
$E_c$	-	Contact energy
$E_d$	-	Deformation energy
$E_{\text{del}}$	-	Delamination energy
$E_{\text{frac}}$	-	Fracture energy
$E_k$	-	Kinetic energy
$E_m$	-	Membrane energy
$E_{\text{petal}}$	-	Petaling energy
$E_s$	-	Shear energy
$F$	-	Force
$G(j\omega)$	-	Frequency spectrum
$J$	-	Impulse
$k$	-	Spring stiffness
$k_b$	-	Bending spring constant

$k_c$	-	Contact spring constant
$k_{eq}$	-	Equivalent spring constant
$k_m$	-	Membrane spring constant
$k_s$	-	Shear spring constant
$M$	-	Total mass
$ms$	-	miliseconds
$N$	-	Shape parameter
$P$	-	Instantaneous crushing load
$p$	-	Linear momentum
$P_m$	-	Mean crushing load
$P_{max}$	-	Maximum load
$P_{xx}$	-	Power spectral density
$R$	-	Radius of spherical impactor
$r_o$	-	Scale parameter
$r_{xx}$	-	Autocorrelation function
$s$	-	Car crush
$t$	-	Impact duration
$t_c$	-	Contact time
$T_p$	-	Crash pulse duration
$\nu$	-	Poison's ratio
$v$	-	Velocity
$V_c$	-	Closing velocity
$w$	-	Vertical deflection
$\gamma$	-	Surface potential
$\rho$	-	Density