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Abstract

Pin-loaded attachment lugs are the most responsible for wing-to-fuselage load transfer during the flight and, therefore, their structural integrity is crucial for overall aircraft safety. The potential failure of the wing-fuselage attachment lug would almost certainly result in wing loss and, subsequently, loss of life. As a result, special attention must be devoted to the fatigue design of these parts. Since lugs are the most heavily loaded components, their load-bearing capacity must be checked in accordance with recommendations defined by aviation regulations. During the service, the highest stresses are expected to occur in the region around the attachment lug's hole; thus, potential fatigue damage could occur and spread in this area. To prevent this, materials used in the wing-fuselage attachment manufacturing are expensive high strength fatigue-resistant alloyed steels and according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations these attachments are not the subject of experimental verifications since they are designed as safe-life components.

However, some recent events in commercial aviation indicate that damages in the wing-fuselage attachment might occur quite unexpectedly. Cracks were found on the pickle forks (parts of the wing-fuselage attachment of Boeing 737NG jets) with less time in service than meets the threshold for mandatory inspections. The cracking issue has led many airlines to check their airplanes and it's reported that approximately 50 jets have been grounded worldwide in a search of a solution for this problem. Thus, numerical investigation of this kind of attachment is absolutely justified since the evaluation of aircraft safety is of the highest importance.

The research presented in this thesis was based on three main steps: i) analytical evaluation of loads acting on the wing of the light aerobatic aircraft during the flight, ii) experimental analysis of real aerobatic aircraft wing under presumed loads, and iii) numerical evaluation – based on the use of the extended finite element method (XFEM) and finite element method (FEM) – of stress intensity factors (SIFs) in the case of fatigue crack occurrence in the wing-fuselage attachment lug (SIF values are the most important for fatigue life estimation). All three steps are connected since the results of one step are used in others with the ultimate goal: to achieve the best design of lugs which will significantly increase the fatigue life of damaged lug and prevent catastrophic consequences.

Experimental analysis of full-scale wing was carried out for the purpose of numerical model verification. Comparisons of deformations measured and deformations calculated in FE simulations of aircraft wing deflection under load showed very good agreement, also confirming that loads acting on the wing-fuselage attachment lug were accurately evaluated in the analytical step. The detailed analysis has shown that the total maximum axial force transferred to lug by pin would be $P_{ax,max} = 208,830.7$ N, whereas the maximum transverse force would be $P_{tr,max} = 20,177.3$ N.

Then, to demonstrate how dangerous the crack appearance could be and to estimate the residual strength and fatigue life of the cracked component, a finite element model of the actual attachment lug was made, and analyses were carried out using the maximum forces. It was assumed that due to very high stress both the corner crack and through crack may appear in the lug, i.e. that there is a possibility of damage presence which does not spread throughout the whole thickness of the lug and a possibility of the appearance of damage through the whole thickness. The idea was to compare the growth of the corner crack with the growth of the through crack, both located at the same position, and then to assess the risk of losing the integrity of wing-fuselage attachment once the crack has occurred. The calculated number of cycles to complete failure (obtained with the help of Paris law and using XFEM in Abaqus) was – as expected – low, confirming the fact that the actual attachment lugs must be redesigned using a fail-safe approach.

The assessment of obtained values of a number of cycles in XFEM analysis might be a problem since the experimental data are missing; thus, classical FEM was used to evaluate the number of cycles obtained by XFEM. The same geometry was imported into Ansys Workbench and the simulation based on the use of Unstructured Mesh Method (UMM) and Separating Morphing and Adaptive Remeshing Technology (SMART) was carried out, achieving very similar results. Differences in calculated mean values of SIFs are not significant (XFEM results are somewhat higher), while the evaluated number of cycles in Ansys is close to the number obtained using XFEM. It is important to point out that – unlike the XFEM where the same mesh is used through the whole simulation – mesh around the crack front in Ansys changes and adapts with every growth step for the purpose of better capturing the field values around the crack front nodes.

Finally, after completing the above-mentioned three steps, in the final phase of work alternative designs of the wing-fuselage attachment were analyzed with the goal of achieving longer fatigue life of the damaged lug (fail-safe approach). Several geometrical parameters have been changed during the redesign process with a predefined target: increase of the number of cycles until complete failure. The new proposed design of lug brings increased mass (but not a significant increase when compared to the mass of whole attachment), but significantly improved fatigue life which reduces the possibility of lug failure before the crack is observed in regular maintenance inspections.

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Сажетак

Ушке окова са носећом осовиницом најодговорније су за пренос оптерећења са крила на труп током лета, па је њихов структурни интегритет кључан за укупну безбедност летелице. Потенцијални лом ушки окова везе крило-труп скоро сигурно би резултирао губитком крила и, последично, губитком живота путника. Због тога се посебна пажња мора посветити пројектовању ових елемената са аспекта лома услед замора. С обзиром да су ушке најоптерећенији делови окова, њихова носивост се мора проверити у складу са препорукама дефинисаним ваздухопловним прописима. Очекује се да ће током радног века доћи до појаве великих напрезања у области око отвора ушки; стога би се у овом подручју могле појавити и проширити прслине као резултат замора материјала. Да би се то спречило, материјали који се користе у производњи окова везе крило-труп јесу легирани челици високе чврстоће отпорни на замор и према прописима Федералне управе за ваздухопловство (ФАА) окови нису предмет експерименталних провера јер се пројектују као тзв. *safe-life* компоненте на којима током века није дозвољена појава било каквог оштећења.

Међутим, неки недавни догађаји у комерцијалном ваздухопловству указују на то да би оштећења на вези крило-труп могла настати сасвим неочекивано. Откривене су прслине на тзв. носећим виљушкама (деловима везе крило-труп трупа авиона Boeing 737NG) пре времена предвиђеног за обавезни преглед овог склопа. Проблем уочених прслина навео је многе авио компаније да провере своје авионе и око 50 млазних летелица приземљено је широм света у потрази за решењем проблема. Стога је нумеричко истраживање ове врсте везе апсолутно оправдано јер је процена безбедности кључних делова авиона од највећег значаја за сигурност летелице и путника.

Истраживање представљено у овој тези засновано је на три основна корака: 1) аналитичкој процени оптерећења која делују на крило лаког акробатског авиона током лета, 2) експерименталној анализи реалног крила акробатског авиона изложеног претпостављеним оптерећењима, и 3) нумеричкој процени – заснованој на употреби проширене методе коначних елемената (ПМКЕ) и методе коначних елемената (МКЕ) – фактора интензитета напона (ФИН) у случају појаве заморне прслине на ушкама окова везе крило-труп (правилно израчунате вредности ФИН-а најважније су за добру процену века елемента изложеног замору). Ова три корака су повезана јер се резултати из једног користе у другим с јасним циљем: остварити најбољи дизајн ушки који ће значајно повећати њихов век под замором кад се појави прслина и тиме спречити катастрофалне последице.

У циљу верификације нумеричког модела извршена је експериментална анализа крила у пуној величини. Поређења измерених деформација и израчунатих деформација у МКЕ симулацијама угиба крила авиона под оптерећењем, показала су веома добро слагање, потврђујући да су оптерећења која делују на ушку окова везе крило-труп добро процењена у аналитичком кораку. Детаљна анализа је показала да би укупна максимална аксијална сила пренета на ушку преко осовинице била Р_{ах,max} = 208,830.7 N, док би максимална трансверзална сила била Р_{tr,max} = 20,177.3 N.

Затим, како би се проучило колико би појава прслине могла бити опасна и како би се проценила преостала чврстоћа и век трајања под замором оштећене компоненте, направљен је модел коначних елемената ушке окова и спроведене су анализе коришћењем максимални вредности сила. Претпостављено је да се због врло великог напрезања на ушки могу појавити и угаона и продорна прслина, односно да постоји могућност појаве оштећења које не иде по целој дебљини ушке и могућност појаве оштећења по целој дебљини. Идеја је била да се упореди раст угаоне прслине са растом продорне (дубинске) прслине, обе смештене на истој позицији, а затим да се процени ризик од губитка интегритета окова везе када дође до појаве оштећења. Израчунати број циклуса до потпуног лома (добијен помоћу Парисовог закона коришћењем ПМКЕ у Abaqus-y) био је очекивано низак, што потврђује чињеницу да се пројектоване ушке окова морају

редизајнирати коришћењем тзв. *fail-safe* приступа који дозвољава појаву и раст прслине до одређене дужине.

Процена добијеног броја циклуса коришћењем ПМКЕ може представљати проблем јер не постоје експериментални подаци о расту прслина на оковима; стога је класична МКЕ коришћена за процену броја циклуса добијених у Abaqus-y. Иста геометрија је увезена у Ansys Workbench и извршена је нумеричка симулација заснована на коришћењу методе неструктуриране мреже (МНМ) и SMART технологије инкорпориране у Ansys Workbench: добијени су врло слични резултати онима из Abaqus-a. Разлике у израчунатим средњим вредностима ФИН-ова нису биле значајне (вредности добијене коришћењем ПМКЕ су нешто више), док је процењени број циклуса у Ansys-y близу броја циклуса добијеног у Abaqus-y. Важно је истаћи да се – за разлику од ПМКЕ где се иста мрежа користи током целе симулације – мрежа око фронта прслине у Ansys-y мења и прилагођава са сваким кораком раста у сврху бољег "хватања" вредности поља око чворова мреже у близини фронта прслине.

Коначно, након што су завршена сва три корака, у завршној фази рада анализирани су алтернативни облици ушке окова везе крило-труп са циљем да се постигне дужи век трајања оштећене ушке коришћењем *fail-safe* приступа. Неколико геометријских параметара је варирано током процеса редизајна са унапред дефинисаним циљем: повећати број циклуса до потпуног лома услед замора. Нови предложени дизајн ушке доноси повећану масу (али не и значајно повећану у поређењу са масом читавог окова), али и значајно побољшан век под замором што смањује могућност потпуног лома ушки пре него што се оштећење примети у редовним прегледима као делу одржавања летелице.

Кључне речи: ПКМЕ, Раст заморне прслине, Ушка окова везе крило-труп, Лак акробарски авион Научна област: Област техничких наука, машинство Ужа научна област: Ваздухопловсво УДК број: 629.735:621.791.05: 539.42(043.3)

| Nomenclature | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L _T | Horizental tail lift (N) |
| Lw | Wing Lift (N) |
| Mac | Mean aerodynamic centre |
| XAC | Position of aerodynamic centre (m) |
| XC.G | Position of centre of gravity (m) |
| XC.G nom | Position nominal of centre of gravity (m) |
| FT | Transversal forces due to aerodynamic loading (N) |
| MF | Bending moment due to aerodynamic loading (N) |
| Хср | Positions of center of pressure (m) |
| Fr | Equivalent concentrated forces (N) |
| Frt | Total Equivalent concentrated forces (N) |
| Mf | Equivalent concentrated moment (Nm) |
| Mrf | Total Equivalent concentrated moment (Nm) |
| q | Aerodynamic load per unit length (N/m) |
| Р | local pressure (N/m ²) |
| S_E | Area of elliptic wing (m ²) |
| CE(y) | Local chord of equivalent elliptic wing (m ²) |
| C _{SE} | Chord of equivalent elliptic wing at plane of symmetry (m) |
| Z(y) | Local upward force (N) |
| L(y) | Local lift force (N) |
| \overline{m} | Mass of the wing per unit span (N/m)) |
| MT(Y) | Local torsion moment (N.m) |
| Ma(Y) | Aerodynamic moment about aerodynamic center (Nm) |
| X0 (N) | Main spar reaction in X direction (N) |
| $Y_0(N)$ | Main spar reaction in Y direction (N) |
| $Z_0(N)$ | Main spar reaction in Z direction (N) |
| $Y_{I}(N)$ | Main spar reaction in Y direction (N) |
| $Z_{I}(N)$ | Main spar reaction in Z direction (N) |
| m_F | Mass of fuel (kg) |
| m_w | mass of the half empty wing (kg) |
| \vec{G} | Gravity force (m/s^2) |
| Cf | Friction coefficient |
| α_n | Root section incidence angle (deg) |
| α_W | Induced angle from the wing in tail region (downwash angle) v(deg) |
| α | Angle of attack (deg) |
| AR | Aspect ratio |
| b | Wing span (m) |
| С | Wing Chord (m) |
| C_L | Lift coefficient of the airplane |
| C_D | Drag coefficient of the airplane |
| CG | Airplane center of gravity |
| Смас | Moment coefficient about aerodynamic center |
| g | Gravity acceleration $g = 9.81(m/s)^2$ |
| MS | Margin of safety |
| n | Load factor |

| n_1 | Airplane positive maneuvering limit load factor |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> ₂ | Air plane negative maneuvering limit load factor |
| <i>n</i> ₃ | Load factor on wheels |
| ρ | Air density (kg/m^3) |
| S_W | Wing area (m^2) |
| S.f | Factor of safety |
| Ň | Airspeed (m/s) |
| VA | Design maneuvering speed (m/s) |
| V_C | Design cruising speed (m/s) |
| V_D | Design diving speed (m/s) |
| V_{DF} | Design flap speed (m/s) |
| VNE | Never exceed speed (m/s) |
| Vs | Stalling speed (flaps retracted) (<i>m/s</i>) |
| V _{SF} | Stalling speed (flaps full extended) (m/s) |
| a | Crack length (m) |
| <i>a</i> 0 | Initial crack length (m) |
| Ε | Young's modulus |
| F | Applied force (N) |
| K | Stress intensity factor (MPa mm ^{0.5}) |
| K_I | Mode-I stress intensity factor (MPa mm ^{0.5}) |
| <i>K</i> ₁₁ | Mode-I stress intensity factor (MPa mm ^{0.5}) |
| <i>K</i> ₁₁₁ | Mode-I stress intensity factor (MPa mm ^{0.5}) |
| $K_{e\!f\!f}$ | Effective stress intensity factor (MPa mm ^{0.5}) |
| ν | Poisson's ratio |
| c | Constant (in Paris equation) |
| m | Constant (in Paris equation) |
| da/dN | Fatigue crack growth rate (mm/Cycle) |
| ΔK | Stress intensity factors range |
| R | Stress ratio |
| Ν | Number of cycles |
| XGw | Wing c.g in x direction (m) |
| XGw | Wing c.g iny direction (m) |
| XGw | Wing c.g in z direction (m) |
| XGF | Fuel c.g in x direction (m) |
| XGF | Fuel c.g in y direction (m) |
| XGF | Fuel c.g in z direction (m) |
| Abbreviations | |
| EASA | European Aviation Safety Agency |
| FAR | Federal Aviation Regulations |
| SIF(s) | Stress Intensity Factor |
| XFEM | Extended Finite Element Method. |
| LEFM | Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics |
| CTOD | Crack Tip Opening Displacement |
| FEM | Finite Element Method |
| BEM | Boundary Elements Method |
| GFEM | Generalized Finite Element Method |
| DEM | The Displacement Extrapolation Method |
| | |

| SN | Stress Level Versus Number of Cycles (curve) |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| VCCT | Virtual Crack Closure Technique |
| GDC | Generalized Form Displacement Correlation Method |
| MCCI | Modified Crack Closure Integral |
| PUM | Partition of Unity Method |
| DOF | Degrees of freedom |
| UMM | Unstructured Mesh Method |
| PUFEM | Partition of unity finite element method |
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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

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1.1 Background and Motivation

The wing spar is connected to the supporting elements of the aircraft fuselage through specially designed elements-aircraft fittings. In most cases, to the main frame of the fuselage. All loads from the wing are transmitted to the main frame and through the wing-fuselage fitting.

It is needless to point out the extreme importance of the accurate design of this fitting: its fatigue damage leads to an immediate separation of the wing from the fuselage and a consequent loss of aircraft. During the flight, fatigue cracks appear on the parts of the wing exposed to tensile stresses. These cracks are monitored, and certain measures are taken when they reach a critical length, but their appearance is not tolerated in the wing-fuselage fittings. This is also the reason why the cracks growth in these has not been studied so far and why the experimental tests of the remaining fatigue life of the damaged fitting were not required from the manufacturer.

This, of course, does not mean that fatigue cracks did not appear and that they cannot appear in practice: a few recent cases, which only by sheer luck did not turn into tragedies, confirm this. Namely, in November 2019, the appearance of fatigue cracks on the wing-fuselage fitting for two Boeing737 NG aircraft was reported by the Indonesian Airline Lion Air. These cracks were accidentally discovered before their regular inspection [1].

After that, over 50 aircraft of this type were landed around the world to determine the condition of their wing-fuselage fitting (Ryanair discovered 3 cracked wing-fuselage fitting in its fleet) [2]. The institutions of the international aviation authorities in charge of aircraft safety are now widely considering the introduction of mandatory fatigue tests for damaged fittings to estimate their remaining fatigue life.

By redesigning the wing-fuselage attachment, it is possible to extend the life even in the event of damage, but this will not change the long-adopted approach (safe-life) in their design. The intention is to increase the aircraft's safety and guarantee it even in the event of unforeseen damage. Of course, the question arises about the size of the "safe" damage to the fitting, i.e., the crack size that will not lead to its failure.

The answer to this question can be given most precisely by experiments that are often timeconsuming and expensive. As a suitable alternative to the experimental verification of a newly designed (or modified) fitting, numerical modelling is imposed. Over the years, many numerical techniques, such as the finite element method (FEM), the boundary element method (BEM), the mesh less process, and the extended finite element method (XFEM), have been presented to simulate fracture mechanics problems, such as fatigue crack growth.

By using XFEM, a conformal mesh is not required, which makes modelling of variable discontinuities or crack growth significantly simplified. On the other hand, by applying the Unstructured Mesh Method (UMM), FEM has been improved by enabling alteration of the finite element mesh only in the immediate vicinity of the crack, which considerably simplifies the modelling of crack propagation with this method as well.

1.2 Literature review

Pin-loaded attachment lugs (Figure 1.1) are the most responsible for wing-to-fuselage load transfer during the flight and, therefore, their structural integrity is crucial for overall aircraft safety. The potential failure of the wing-fuselage attachment lug would almost certainly result in wing loss and, subsequently, loss of life.

As a result, these parts have to be carefully designed as far as fatigue is conserved. The loadbearing capacity of the lugs must be checked following recommendations defined by the aviation regulations since they are the most heavily loaded components. During the service, the highest stresses are likely to occur in the region around the attachment lug's hole; thus, potential fatigue damage could occur and spread in this area. In order to avoid this, materials used in the wing-fuselage attachment manufacturing are expensive high strength fatigueresistant alloyed steels.

Lugs are redesigned and optimised regularly to reduce costs while maintaining required safety, but new shape must be approved before manufacturing.





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S. Barter et al. (1994) [3]. Inspected two F/A-18 trailing-edge flap (TEF) hinge lugs, and large cracks were found to be present. These cracks were found in different regions around the monoball bearing hole, and they were similar. The surfaces of both hinge lug bearing holes indicated extensive pitting corrosion and, in one case, extensive fretting, while the fracture surfaces revealed clear proof of fatigue. They concluded that the crack growth rate was approximately 10 times quicker than the rate evaluated by the manufacturer, and it is likely to be accelerated by the corrosive environment. Therefore, the contributing factor in unexpected failure was corrosion fatigue. They suggested that performing a combined photography and laboratory investigation can find the reason for a failure and improve inspection methods to avoid future disastrous failures. Fractography offered the possible crack growth rate, which showed that non-destructive investigation (NDI) are needed frequently and sensitively. A new NDI procedure allowed for the detection of smaller cracks.

A three-dimensional boundary element method (BEM) and the J-integral were used by R.

Rigby and M. H. Aliabadi (1997) [4]. Used the BEM and mixed-mode J-integral to investigates crack behaviour in attachment lugs. Stress intensity factors for both single and two-quarter elliptical cracks were obtained for several crack length ratios and radius ratios. To evaluate the stress intensity factors for cracks at attachment lugs. Also, they used the BEM and mixed-mode J-integral to investigates crack

behavior in attachment lugs. Stress intensity factors for both single and two-quarter elliptical cracks were obtained for several crack length ratios and radius ratios.

C.R.F. Azevedo et al. (2002) [5]. Studied the failure of an aircraft landing gear; the failure was caused by the fracture of the outer cylinder lug. The results revealed clear evidence of both stable and unstable crack propagation caused by the orientation of the microstructure adjacent to the free surface. Moreover, the corrosion cavities located in a critical area and the severe loads absorbed by the outer cylinder during the landing procedure may be the reason for this failure.

Jong-Ho Kimu Honget et al. (2003) [6]. This research conducted by stress intensity factors for cracks passing through the thickness initiated from lug holes was compared using the weight function method, the boundary element method (BEM), interpolating the Brussat solution. The authors found that the prediction of fatigue crack growth based on the numerical stress intensity factor was quite similar to the experimental expectation. Also, it was found that the fatigue life of an attachment lug decreases as the clipping level increases because the clipping of high load cycles reduces the delay effect.

Katarina Maksimović et al. (2004) [7]. Suggested analytical and numerical methods for estimating fatigue crack growth life and calculating stress intensity factors for cracks at the attachment lugs. The stress intensity factor results obtained from finite element numerical methods were in good agreement with the analytical results for the damaged lugs. The presented analytical methods satisfy the requirements for damage tolerance analyses of lugs-type joints.

Lucjan Witek (2006) [8]. Analyze the failure of a wing-fuselage connector for an agricultural aircraft. The careful observation indicated that the original crack surface was covered with corrosion products; therefore, the failure had a combined fatigue and corrosion character. A method of nonlinear finite element was employed to analyse the stress state of the connector during the operating condition. The wing lug failure occurred due to the high-stress areas in the wing lug region. The results were then included in the total fatigue life (S-N) and crack initiation (e-N) analyses conducted for the load time history corresponding to 10 minutes of light operation. Visual inspection revealed a typical fatigue fracture with impact marks. The crack growth was accelerated by the corrosion which covered the crack original surface. It was clear that the extreme stress in the critical area of the lug was the main reason for premature fatigue failure. Based on his study, he advised redesigning the wing-fuselage connector for better fatigue durability.

A. Lanciotti et al. (2006) [9]. Examined two different specimens experimentally.

The first specimen was tested using constant amplitude loading to validate the fatigue crack growth rate data contained in NASGRO 4 software which is used for Damage Tolerance evaluations. This specimen was also tested under variable amplitude loading to validate crack growth models used in this study. The second specimen was tested using both constant and variable amplitude loading fatigue tests, a lug-fork joint designed as the actual joints present on the aircraft. They observed a higher crack propagation rate in the lug surface direction than in the lug thickness direction, in contrast to what was observed previously in the literature. Moreover, they observed that the crack shapes were not concerning variable amplitude loading or residual stress field produced during bushing installation. Also, they observed that fatigue life is increased more than five times when ForceMate bushings are used, compared to the shrink fit bushings. **Huan and Moan (2007)** [10]. Presented the fatigue life to failure is evaluated through the crack growth

concept. The behaviour of fatigue of the damaged lug is investigated to consider the effect of the lug head. The failure analysis results compared with the relevant experimental results show that the developed model can be used for a reliable estimate of the fatigue strength of the pin-loaded lug with crack through-the-thickness of a hole.

L. Allegrucci et al. in (2009) [11]. Examined a lever reverse of the canopy balancing system of an MB339 CD aircraft. The lever reverse forged a 7075-T6 aluminium alloy, was broken into two parts during a pre-flight inspection. Visual observation showed the failure of the lever reverse resulted from high-cycle fatigue caused by the application of an abnormal force due to an over length of the actuator

lugs. The corrosion pit also aggravated the fatigue. Visual observation indicated that an over the length of the actuator lugs caused a severe force on the lever reverse, resulting in high-cycle fatigue failure. A corrosion pit also boosted the fatigue.

Li-Ming Wu and et al. (2011) [12]. Built a finite element model of a straight attachment lug subjected to an oblique loading less than 450 using ANSYS software, a boundary condition of cosine pin-bearing pressure is assigned at the lug hole. By studying the influence of some dimensionless parameters such as crack length, radius ratio, and pin-load angle (β) on the SIFs values. The SIF expression for the straight attachment lug with a single through-the-thickness crack is determined and validated, which can be used to calculate the stress intensity factor's amplitude (Δ K). The fatigue crack growth model is established, and the fatigue crack growth behaviour of 30CrMnSiA straight attachment lugs was investigated analytically and experimentally.

N. Antoni and F. Gaisne (2011) [13]. Suggested analytical models for bush fitting and pin-loading condition, leading to an entire calculation of the stress distribution in the lug. Their results were verified by comparing them with that obtained from finite element numerical simulations, which show the validity of the adopted assumptions, such as geometric axisymmetry. The main phenomena of friction pin deformation and local plastic effects under pin-loading are considered to enhance the models. Based on stress or strain approaches, analytical fatigue models have been derived by considering a fatigue lifetime calculation of connecting lugs.

S. Mikheevskiy et al. (2012) [14]. Calculated stress intensity factor using the weight function method; this factor is essential for analysing fatigue crack growth. Also, they have determined the rate of load shedding by computing the amount of the load transferred through the cracked ligament with the help of the finite element method. Simulations of the fatigue crack growth under two-variable amplitude loading spectra have been conducted using the UniGrow fatigue crack growth model. They compared their computed results with experimental data to prove the ability of the UniGrow model to precisely predict fatigue crack growth behaviour of two-dimensional planar cracks under a complex stress field. Moreover, they have indicated that the relatively accurate prediction of fatigue lives of cracked bodies subjected to complex variable amplitude service loading spectra can be attained using appropriate 'memory rules' and the two-parameter driving force. The significance of the load shedding in lugs has been estimated by accounting to reduce the resultant load in the cracked cross-section. They also concluded that eliminating this in the fatigue crack growth analysis could result in a high underestimation of the life of fatigue crack growth.

Boljanović and Maksimović (2013) [15]. They proposed a computational model to assess the residual strength of a damaged lug subjected to cyclic loading. A crack through-the-thickness situation was theoretically studied by using fracture mechanics based on numerical and analytical models.

Mookaiya et al. (2013) [16]. Proposed a computational model used to analyse crack growth in the attachment lugs with single quarter-elliptical crack and those with single through-the-thickness crack. The proposed model also addresses the fatigue life estimation, the stress analysis and the crack path simulations. The commercial software ANSYS and quarter-point (Q-P) finite element were used to analyse the stress around the crack tip and estimate the stress intensity factor.

Naderi and Iyyer (2015) [17]. Used a three-dimensional finite element method (FEM) and extended finite element method (XFEM) available in ABAQUS to calculate the stress intensity factor (SIF) in straight lugs of Aluminium 7075-T6. Also, they estimated the crack growth and fatigue life of single through-thickness and single quarter elliptical corner cracks in the attachment lug. They have compared their results with the available experimental data for two different load ratios equal to 0.1 and 0.5. They concluded that the results of the SIF obtained from the XFEM indicate that the estimated fatigue life was significantly affected by the introduction of different loading boundary conditions.

Slobodanka Boljanović et al. (2017) [18]. They have developed a calculation procedure for evaluating the strength of a pin-loaded lug with a crack through the thickness. Cyclic loading with either constant

amplitude or an overload is applied to the lug. The constructed procedure considers both the calculation of the stress intensity factor and the assessment of the residual strength. The stresses are addressed through both analytical and numerical approaches. The fatigue life up to failure is calculated using Walker's two-parameter driving force model and the Wheeler retardation model for constant amplitude cyclic loads and overloads, respectively. The suggested crack growth procedure is evaluated by comparing the computed results with the experimental data available in the literature. A good agreement between the different results implies that the developed procedure offers a reliable estimation of the strength for a pin-loaded lug with a crack passing through the thickness under cyclic load. Besides, such a procedure is carried out to examine the differences between the residual fatigue life under constant amplitude loads and that under overloads. Finally, they analysed the effect of the width, the diameter of a hole and the thickness on the lug strength.

Abraham J. Pulickal et al. (2017) [19]. They considered the design of a Wing-Fuselage Lug attachment for a transport aircraft with a mid-wing configuration. They observed that the maximum elongation was at the spar only, and the maximum stresses were at the rivet holes that are close to the lugs. They also found that the best material that can be used for this design is Aluminium AA 2024 as it has a factor of safety of 2.15. They concluded that the material properties affect strains but not on stresses in FE calculations (linear elastic conditions). The calculated fatigue life obtained the maximum allowable working period of the designed wing-fuselage lug attachment.

Sumanth M H and Ayyappa T (2018) [20]. Study the wing-fuselage lug attachment bracket employed the finite element approach. This study was performed in two cases. In the first case, steel alloy AlSI 4340 and aluminium alloy 2024 T351 were used, whereas in the second case, titanium alloy Ti 6Al 4V and aluminium alloy 7075 T6 were used. Several iterations were performed for a mesh-independent value for a maximum stress result. The materials utilized in the second case have better properties than those used in the first case in the aircraft industry. Comparing the total weight of the brackets used in the first and second cases were 36.187 kg and 24.435 kg, respectively. Therefore, materials used in the second case are better and could be used for bracket fabrication. As previously mentioned, several numerical techniques have been proposed to simulate fracture mechanics problems, such as fatigue crack growth.

Sedmak (2018) [21]. Provided an overview of the state of the art of computational fracture mechanics, beginning with initial efforts and going as far as recent achievements. Discussion of some problems of specific aspects of elastic-plastic and linear elastic fracture mechanics has been presented. These problems include static loading, which its numerical simulation is not an easy task because of complex geometries, material nonlinearity, and heterogeneity. This complexity becomes more serious, especially if crack growth is included. Thus, micromechanical modelling of elastic-plastic crack growth is proposed as a novel and promising approach to address some of the gaps in traditional approaches. In addition to static loading, some other important practical issues are addressed, such as fatigue crack growth, with the remaining service life at the focus of the study, utilizing empirical laws for crack growth rates. Numerical simulation of fatigue crack growth is a challenging problem because of both the complex processes of material damage and the lack of a strong theoretical basis for defining them. Therefore, the combination of the theoretical, experimental and numerical approach is presented here to provide a reliable and efficient estimate of the service life under fatigue loading. This study showed that most current methods, such as extended finite element methods (XFEM) and improved finite element methods (FEM), have shown remarkable progress in a very short time and that they have been successfully used in various research [22], [23], [24], [17], [25], [26], [27]. Still, it has also shown that their potential is not yet fully appreciated.

James C Sobotka et al. (2019) [28]. They have proposed a new SIF solution for tapered lugs and oblique loads. These solutions offer driving force estimates for fatigue and fracture across the elliptical quartercorner cracks and cracks under pin load. These solutions also include a wide range of geometries based on comments received from the industry partners. The powerful novel methods employed in their study can easily be extended to build new reliable SIF solutions for other complex combinations of cracked geometries and loads. For example, SIF solutions address other important features of lug-pin connections.

K. Shridhar et al. (2019) [29]. They have used MSC Patran/Nastran to study the stress distribution for a pin-loaded lug and detect the maximum tensile stress location, which is likely to be a region of developing fatigue cracks. Finally, they came up with some remarks; such as, increasing radius ratio reduces stress concentration factor, the largest stress concentration occurs at the location perpendicular to the loading direction which, indicates exponential decline as we move further towards the lug edge, the stress intensity factor (SIF) values are more critical for smaller radius ratios that indicate a significant change for smaller variations in crack length. The maximum number of cycles to failure increases as the radius ratio increases, and a higher fatigue crack growth rate occurs in lugs with smaller radius ratios.

1.3 Objective and thesis organization

1.3.1 Objective

The mentioned studies and research activities undoubtedly have significant scientific and engineering contribution. Most of them were case studies in which analytical and finite and boundary element based numerical methods were used to determine the causes of cracks appearing in the first place and then their growth. They did not deal with the fatigue life assessment of the damaged fitting part nor its optimization.

Based on the previously mentioned, the main goal of the research conducted within the thesis was to determine the fatigue behaviour of the real damaged wing-fuselage fitting of a light aircraft by using the newest numerical methods, namely improved finite element methods (FEM) and extended finite element methods (XFEM). It is expected that the dissertation will contribute to further upgrading of the design of integral aircraft elements, in the sense that based on its results, verified numerical models, and adopted methodology, it will be possible to efficiently and accurately determine how resistant a newly designed (or modified) structure is and how long its remaining life is under the effects of various fatigue loads.

In accordance, with the mentioned research goal, in this thesis, special attention was paid to the determination of the load that is transferred from the wing spar to the wing-fuselage attachment lug by using analytical methods and CFD analysis, then experimental verification of the numerical model of the wing and, finally, numerical analysis of fatigue behaviour (FEM and XFEM).

Based on the conclusions about the fatigue life of the damaged fitting, guidelines for improving its fatigue characteristics will be defined, both through a suggestion to change the geometry (while preserving or even reducing the weight of the fitting) and through a material suggestion that would allow longer fatigue life than that obtained by using numerical methods. These methods will also be used to estimate the fatigue life of the improved wing-fuselage fitting.

1.3.2 Thesis organization

The thesis comprises e chapters.

- Background of the thesis topic, literature review, and the thesis objectives and content were presented in the first chapter.
- In the second chapter theoretical background necessary for thesis research is presented: concepts of linear-elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM), fatigue crack growth propagation and fatigue life determination.
- ➢ In the third chapter the determination of the load that is transferred from the wing spar to the wing-fuselage attachment lug was carried out by using analytical methods and CFD analysis.

- In the fourth chapter Numerical Determination of Loading of Wing-Fuselage Fitting "Based on the data obtained in previous chapter in this chapter the determination of the wingfuselage attachment load was carried out."
- In the fifth chapter XFEM and improved FEM (implemented in software packages Ansys Workbench and Morfeo for Abaqus) were employed for necessary stress-deformation analyses of the damaged wing-fuselage fitting and numerical simulation of the crack growth propagation and fatigue life assessment.
- Experimental verification of the numerically calculated stresses and deformations obtained in the third chapter was presented in the sixth chapter.
- Optimization of the wing-fuselage attachment lug, together with the numerical analysis of its fatigue behavior with mentioned methods, and comparison of fatigue lives of original and optimized attachment lug, were conducted in the seventh chapter.
- Finally, in the eighth chapter, the conclusions and guidelines for further research, together with the thesis's achieved contributions, are given.

CHAPTER 2 LINEAR ELASTIC FRACTURE MECHANICS and FATIGUE

2 Linear-Elastic Fracture Mechanics

2.1 Fracture Mechanics and Fatigue

Fracture mechanics is a scientific and engineering discipline dealing with the study of mechanical phenomena, such as stress distribution, in materials with geometrical discontinuities, namely cracks. Fracture mechanics uses two different approaches to describe the behaviour of cracked structures. The first is linear-elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM), and the second is elastoplastic fracture mechanics (EPFM). LEFM represent an analytical approach to fracture by linking the stress distribution in the vicinity of the crack tip/front to other parameters such as the nominal applied stress and the geometry and orientation of the crack.

Linear elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM) can be applied only as long as the nonlinear material deformation domain is restricted to a small zone surrounding the crack tip. But, for many materials, LEFM cannot be used for fracture characterization. In those cases, an alternative fracture mechanics model is required, and that is EPFM. EPFM applies to materials that exhibit time-independent, nonlinear behaviour (i.e., plastic deformation) [30].

2.2 Stress Concentration

Stress concentration factors, Kt, can be determined by theoretical formulas, testing or computational methods. The index near K stands for theoretical because it is determined recurring to the elastic theory. Usually, theoretical modes of obtaining Kt are through the Elastic Theory, and the computational ones are through the Finite Element Method. It is possible to get Kt through testing as well by using photo-elasticity or strain gauges. This parameter is also very important for crack initiation and propagation, as a crack is normally formed due to stress concentration on the micro crack's tip. As so, designers should try to avoid stress concentration on the components to prevent fatigue.

Additionally, geometrically similar components have the same Kt, but different stress gradients will be found in the two components. This occurs because the stress concentration factor is a dimensionless parameter. Consequently, the biggest components will have higher areas and volumes where there will be highly stressed material, thus contributing to an increase in fatigue effects. This is known as the fatigue size effect. Stress concentration around fastener holes is one of the most critical aspects leading to fatigue in aircraft. As so, its comprehension and determination are of great importance.



Figure 2.1 A prototype of a notched part (strip with central hole)

Geometrical notches such as holes cannot be avoided. The notches are causing an inhomogeneous stress distribution, as shown in Figure 2.1.

The theoretical stress concentration factor, Kt, is defined as the ratio between the peak stress, the stress concentration point (the root of the notch) and the nominal stress present if a stress concentration did not occur.

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{peak}}{\sigma_{normal}} \tag{2.1}$$

The stress concentration is depending on the geometry of the notch configuration. Reducing stress concentrations as much as possible is required to avoid fatigue problems. The present section is dedicated to various aspects of stress concentrations and the effect of the geometry on Kt. This is one of the fundamental issues of designing a fatigue-resistant structure. Problems discussed in the present section covers definitions of stress concentration factors, calculations and estimations of Kt-values, stress gradients, aspects related to size and shape effects, superposition of notches and methods to determine K_t -values.

2.3 Analytical calculations

As shown in Figure 2.2, the displacement functions u(x,y) and v(x, y) has to be found for a twodimensional problem. The strains follow these functions, and the stresses are linked to the strains by Hooke's law. Then the problem is solved. The tensile strains, $\varepsilon_x(x, y)$ and $\varepsilon_y(x, y)$, and the shear strain $\gamma_{xy}(x, y)$ must satisfy the compatibility equation. The stresses σ_x , σ_y and τ_{xy} are linked to the strains by three equations representing Hooke's law, including the elastic constants of the material.



Figure 2.2 An elliptical hole with stress concentration.

The Airy stress function φ leads to a biharmonic equation. The problem then is to find a function φ that satisfies this equation. The solution will still contain unknown constants, which should follow the boundary conditions. These conditions are essential for solving a particular problem. For the tensile strip with a central hole in Figure 2.1, the boundary conditions are:

1. At the upper and lower edge: $\sigma_y = S$, $\sigma_x = 0$, $\tau_{xy} = 0$.

2. At the side edges $(x = \pm W/2)$: $\sigma_x = 0$, $\tau_{xy} = 0$.

3. At the edge of the hole: the stress perpendicular to the hole edge, and the shear stress is zero. An exact analytical solution for the simple case of Figure 2.1, a strip with a hole, is not available, but accurate numerical approximations were obtained. However, for an infinite sheet with an elliptical hole, the exact solution was obtained [31].

This problem is known as a classical problem in the theory of Elasticity [32]. It is not a simple problem. Elliptical coordinates and complex functions are used to arrive at the solution, which then provides the stress distribution in the entire plate. The results illustrate several interesting features of stress distributions around the hole. The tangential stresses along the edge of the hole are of great interest. The maximum stress, σ_{peak} , occurs at the end of the main axis (x=a, y=0), see Figure 2.2. The semi-axes of the elliptical hole are *a* and *b*, respectively. The tip radius at the end of the major axis follows from $\rho = \frac{b^2}{a}$. The equations for the peak stress and K_t are simple:

$$\sigma_{peak} = S\left(1 + 2\frac{a}{b}\right) = S\left(1 + 2\sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}\right)$$
(2.2)

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{peak}}{\sigma_{normal}} = 1 + 2\frac{a}{b} = 1 + 2\sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}$$
(2.3)

The last equation indicates that a small notch root radius ρ will give a high K_t . A significant radius results in a low Kt value, illustrated in Figure 2.3.



Figure 2.3 Hole shape and its effect on K_t

Using large radii in notched components is to reduce the stress concentration. A circular hole is a particular case obtained from an ellipse with equal axes; a = b. The K_t -value according to Equation (2.3) is equal to 3. The K_t -value will be somewhat lower because the component has a finite width. In practice, fatigue cracks have indeed frequently occurred in structures at open holes.

The tangential stress at the end of the vertical axis (y = b, x = 0) in Figure 2.2 is compressive stress, equal to the tensile stress applied to the infinite plate. This result is valid for all ellipses and a circular hole (see Figure 2.3). Along the edge of the hole, starting from a to the top of hole b, the tangential stress changes from +3S to -S, following the equation:

$$\sigma_{\varphi} = S(1 + 2\cos 2\varphi) \tag{2.4}$$
The value of the tangential stress must go through zero ($\sigma_{\varphi} = 0$) which occurs at $\varphi = 60^{\circ}$.

2.3.1 Stress Intensity Factors

If the notch root radius ρ is reduced to a minimal value, the stress concentration factor Kt tends to approach infinity. In that case, the notch becomes crack. So, the K_t-value is no longer a meaningful concept to indicate the severity of the stress distribution around the crack tip. A new concept to describe the stress distribution around the crack tip is called stress intensity factor K. This concept was originally developed through the work of [33] Irwin. The stress intensity factor K is the fracture mechanics parameter, and it describes the stress distribution around crack tips. The crack initiation life is highly dependent on the Kt -value. The crack initiation period is followed by the fatigue crack growth period, see Figure 2.4.



Figure 2.4 Factors of different phases of the fatigue life.

The application of the stress intensity factor to present fatigue crack tip data and predict fatigue crack growth is referred to as "linear elastic fracture mechanics".

The stress concentration factor K_t is given by Equation:

$$K_{t} = 1 + 2\frac{a}{b} = 1 + 2\sqrt{a/\rho}$$
(2.5)

with the tip radius $\rho = b^2/a$. The elliptical hole becomes a crack by decreasing the minor axis *b* to zero. If b = 0 the hole is a crack with a tip radius $\rho = 0$, stress concentration factor is $K_t = \infty$, regardless of the semi-crack length. This result is not valid. However, the stress distribution around the tip of a crack shows a characteristic picture; this is illustrated in Figure 2.5 by photo-elastic results of a specimen with three cracks loaded in tension.



Figure 2.5 Three types of cracks are shown by Photo-elastic picture

Note the similar butterfly pattern at each crack tip. Similar isochromatic pictures occur at the tips of the three cracks, which suggest similar stress distributions at the crack tips. The "intensity" of the crack tip stress distribution is depending on the stress intensity factor K, which can be written as:

$$K = \beta \, S \, \sqrt{\pi} a \tag{2.6}$$

In this equation, S is the remote loading stress, a is the crack length, and β is a dimensionless factor depending on the specimen's geometry or structural component. The important feature is that stress distribution around the tip of the crack can be fully described as a linear function of the stress intensity factor K. The concept of the stress intensity factor is presented in this chapter. First, different cracks are listed, followed by more details about stress intensity factors for several geometries. Some basic aspects of the stress analysis of cracked configurations are addressed, including differences between plane stress and plane strain situations, crack tip plasticity and determination of K factors. The basic principle of the application of K factors to fatigue crack growth is considered.

2.3.2 Fracture modes

I. Mode I

Mode I (Figure 2.6-MODE I) encompasses all normal stresses that cause the crack to open, i.e., the crack edges to be removed symmetrically with respect to the crack plane. A pure state of mode I stress thus always exists when there is a symmetrical force flow path with respect to the crack plane. For example, this is the case in tensile-loaded and bending-loaded components when the crack grows perpendicular to the normal stress. Since extended fatigue crack growth occurs under the influence of normal stress, fatigue cracks whose loading direction does not change in the cracking process are generally in a state of mode I loading.



Figure 2.6 The three basic crack loading types in Mode I, Mode II, and Mode III of fracture mechanics

II. Mode II

This loading mode (Figure 2.6-MODE II) is associated with all shear stresses that engender opposed sliding of the crack surfaces in the direction of the crack. This is the case, for example, in components that are subjected to plane shear loading, either globally or locally.

III. Mode III

This loading mode (Figure 2.6-MODE III) corresponds to the non-plane shear stress state, which causes the crack surfaces to move against each other at a right angle to the crack direction, i.e., in the direction of the crack front. Mode III loading can be encountered, for example, in torsional loaded shafts when the crack is found in a plane that is perpendicular to the shaft axis.

IV. Mixed mode

The basic crack loading types described above can also appear in a combination called mixedmode loading. It is a plane mixed-mode situation when, for example, mode I and mode II are superimposed. Mixed-mode loading can be recognized, among other ways, by its asymmetrical force flow distribution with respect to the crack. If all three crack loading mode types are superimposed, it is referred to as a general or spatial mixed mode state. For example, this is associated with surface cracks, internal cracks, or edge cracks lying at an angle to the loading direction within the component or on the component surface, or cracks in multiaxially loaded component [34].

2.3.3 The Energy Release Rate

This method is known as energy balance. The energy release rate G is defined by the energy necessary to make the crack fronts extending the crack length by a unit length [35]:

$$G = -\frac{dW_{pot}}{da} \tag{2.7}$$

Where:

 $W_{pot} = W_{\varepsilon} - W_{ext}$ (Wext is the work of external forces, and W_{\varepsilon} is the strain energy of structure). The energy release rate G corresponds to the decrease in the total potential energy Wpot of the cracked body.

The relation between G to the stress intensity factors is given by:

$$G = \frac{(K_I^2 + K_{II}^2)}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu}$$
(2.8)

Where:

E' = E for plane stress, and $E' = E/(1 - v^2)$ for plane strain. μ is the shear modulus.

2.3.4 J-integral

J-integral is a parameter to deal with the Non-linear fracture problem. J-integral is based on the concept of conservation of energy. It is less dependent on the crack tip, which means there is no need to do the special treatment on the mesh around the crack tip. The J-integral equation is given by: [35], [36]. This means there is no need to do the special treatment on the mesh around the crack tip. The J-integral equation is given by:

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left(W dx_2 - T_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right) ds$$
(2.9)

Where:

W is the strain energy density, T_i is the traction vector, u_i is the displacement vector, and ds is an element of arc along the integration contour (see Figure 2.7).



Figure 2.7 Counter clockwise loop around the crack tip with a clockwise loop

In the LEFM method, the stress and displacement components at the crack tip are known as functions relative to the crack tip. But for a multi-mode loading, they have been used by the SIF K_I, K_{II} and K_{III}. The integration path is usually required to be only a circle around the crack tip; this can be done because the J-integral is path-independent. The J-integral is related to the SIF. In Mode I, the J-integral is equivalent to the energy release rate G. This means that J-integral can be used in the crack growth criteria of LEFM as a replacement for K and G [35], [36].

Plane stress
$$J = \frac{1}{E} K_I^2$$
 (2.10)

Plane strain
$$J = \frac{(1-\nu^2)}{E} K_I^2$$
(2.11)

2.3.5 Fatigue Crack Propagation

Fatigue is a process of local strength reduction. The phenomenon is often referred to as a process of damage accumulation in a material undergoing fluctuating loading, which occurs in engineering materials such as metallic alloys, polymers and composites. Different parameters are used to define the mechanical fatigue process that occurs when a structure is subjected to repeated loads, like cyclic load, stress intensity, and crack growth rate. The maximum load is Pmax, the minimum load Pmin [kN], and the ratio between the minimum and maximum load is (Pmin/Pmax) is called the load ratio R, which is often used to measure the mean stress. Crack growth rate da/dN is the crack increment da per loading cycle increment dN. The stress intensity factor K [MPa \sqrt{m}], working on the crack tip, is calculated from the applied load P and actual crack length and direction in a construction. The maximum stress intensity is Kmax, the minimum Kmin, and the difference between both is ΔK , see Figure 2.8. Fluctuating loads can lead to fluctuating local high stresses, and small microscopic cracks may appear. Once a crack exists in a structure, it will tend to grow under cyclic loading. Even if the maximum of the cyclic load on construction is below the material's elastic limit, fatigue may lead to failure. Fatigue is progressive in which the damage develops slowly in the early stages and near the end of a structure's life, and it accelerates very quickly towards failure.



Figure 2.8 Fatigue loading vs number of cycles

However, details of the fatigue process may differ between materials. The fatigue process can be defined generally as [37] "The process of the cycle-by-cycle accumulation of local damage in a material undergoing fluctuating stresses and strains."

2.3.6 Description of the fatigue phenomenon

Fatigue of metallic in structures has been studied since the beginning of the 19th century. Railroads, bridges, steam engines: a whole gamut of new structures and machines was developed, made of steel in the Industrial Revolution. Many of them were exposed to cyclic stresses during service life, and many of them failed; the origin of failure was unknown until Albert [38] made the first report about failure caused by fatigue in 1829. He observed the failure of iron mine-hoist chains caused by repeated small loads. Ten years later, in 1839, Poncelet, a professor of mechanics at the école d'application, Metz, introduced the term fatigue in his lectures. Rankine [39] recognized the importance of stress concentration in 1843. He noted that fracture occurs near sharp corners. However, until then, the phenomenon was described qualitatively only.

Wöhler made a major step in 1860. Wöhler, a railroad engineer, started performing systematic experimental research on railroad axles. He observed that steel would rupture at stress below the elastic limit if cyclic stress were applied. However, there was a critical value of cyclic stress, the fatigue limit, below which failure would not occur. He found a way to visualize "time to failure" for specific materials. the stress amplitude σ is plotted as a function of the number of cyc' to failure In the S-N-curve approach (see Figure 2.10) [40] [36].



Figure 2.9 Stress vs. number of cycles curves for low-carbon steel 1045 and AA 2014

A logarithmic scale is used for the horizontal axis, while the stress is plotted using either a linear or logarithmic scale. Fatigue limit: the stress below which a material can be stressed cyclically for an infinite number of times without failure. Fatigue strength: the stress at which failure occurs for a given number of cycles.

The first crack surface investigations were made by Ewing [41] in 1903. He showed the nature of fatigue cracks using a microscope, see Figure 2.10.



Figure 2.10 Ewing & Humfrey showed crack surface in 1903

Around 1920, Griffith investigated the discrepancy between a material's theoretical strength and the actual value, sometimes 1000 times less than the predicted value. He discovered that many microscopic cracks and/or other imperfections exist in every material. He assumed that these small cracks lowered the overall strength. Because of the applied load, high-stress concentrations are expected near these small cracks, which magnify the stresses at the crack tip. These cracks will grow more quickly, causing the material to fail long before reaching its theoretical strength. Any voids, corners, or hollow areas in the internal area of the material also result in stress concentrations. Mostly fracture will begin in one of these areas simply because of this phenomenon [42].

After 1960: Paris and Elber have made an important push to understand Paris, and Elber made the fatigue process. In 1961, Paris found a more or less linear correlation on double logarithmic scales between crack growth rate da/dN and cyclic stress intensity factor ΔK for some part of the fatigue curve (See Figure 2.11) [43]. This well-known Paris' law reads:

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^n \tag{2.12}$$

Where: $\Delta K = Kmax$ - Kmin and C and m are experimentally determined scaling constants. Paris' law will be discussed in more detail in the next section.



Figure 2.11 Linear correlation between crack growth rate da/dN and stress intensity factor K on a loglog scale (Paris'Law)

2.3.7 Fatigue crack growth regions

Fatigue crack propagation, referred to as stage II in Figure 2.12, represents a large portion of the fatigue life of many materials and engineering structures. Accurate prediction of the fatigue crack propagation stage is of utmost importance for determining the fatigue life. The main objective of the fatigue crack propagation may be presented in this form: "Determine the number of the cycles N_c required for a crack to grow, from a certain initial crack size a_0 to the maximum allowable crack size a_c , and the form of this increase a = a(N), where the crack size a corresponds to N loading cycles.



Figure 2.12 The rate of crack growth in different regions

As shown in Figure 2.13, fatigue crack growth results cover a range of K-values and crack growth rates. It does not give indications about crack growth rates outside this range. More extensive experiments have shown that two vertical asymptotes occur in a da/dN- Δ K graph (see Figure 2.12. The left asymptote at K = Kth indicates that K-values below this threshold level are too low to cause crack growth. The other asymptote at the right-hand side occurs for a K cycle with Kmax = Kc. It means that Kmax reaches a critical value which leads to complete failure of the specimen. If da/dN is plotted as a function of K on a double log scale, the function da/dN = fR(K) is supposed to cover three different parts, indicated by I, II, and III [44]. The corresponding Δ K-regions are referred to as:

- Stage I the threshold K-region: transition to a finite crack growth rate from no propagation below a threshold value of ΔK .
- Stage II the Paris-K-region: "power law" dependence of crack growth rate on ΔK .
- Stage III the stable tearing crack growth region: acceleration of growth rate with ΔK , approaching catastrophic fracture.

2.3.8 Crack growth

The data on fatigue crack propagation is obtained from pre-cracked specimens subjected to fluctuating loads, and the change in crack size as a function of loading cycles is reported. The size of the crack is proportional to the number of loading cycles for various load amplitudes. The stress intensity factor is used as a correlation parameter. Typically, experimental results are plotted as a log (K) versus log (da/dN) graph. K denotes the range of the stress intensity factor, and da/dN denotes the crack propagation rate. Typically, the load is sinusoidal in shape and has a constant amplitude and frequency. To define the variance in the stress intensity factor during a loading period, two of the four parameters Kmax, Kmin, K =Kmax - Kmin, or R=Kmin /Kmax, are required.

Figure 2.12 illustrates a standard plot of the characteristic sigmoidal of a log(K)-log(da/dN) fatigue crack growth rate curve. Three distinct regions may be identified. In area I, da/dN quickly decreases to a minimal value. There is a threshold value for the stress strength factor range Kth for certain materials, indicating that no crack propagation occurs when K < than Kth, ultimately resulting in catastrophic failure.

The experimental results show that the fatigue crack growth rate curve is proportional to the ratio R and that as R increases, the curve shifts toward higher da/dN values. Cyclic stresses caused by constant or variable amplitude loading can be represented using two of a variety of alternative parameters. Cyclic stresses with constant amplitude are characterized by three parameters: mean stress (σ_m), stress amplitude (σ_a) and a frequency (ω , υ). The frequency does not have to be defined to convey information about the severity of the stresses. Only two parameters are necessary to accurately describe the stresses generated by a constant amplitude loading period.

Other parameters, such as the minimum stress (σ_{min}) and the maximum stress (σ_{max}), can describe the stresses completely. Additionally, the stress range, $\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}$, can be used in conjunction with any of the others, except a. Additionally, another parameter is frequently more convenient. This is referred to as the stress ratio R, which is defined as R=min/max.

One of the above parameters can be replaced by the load ratio R to define the cyclic load. Any of the following combinations fully describe the stresses in a constant amplitude loading: $\Delta \sigma$ and R, σ_{\min} and R, σ_{\max} and R, σ_a and R, and σ_m . and R. The case of R=0 defines the condition in which the stress always rises from, and returns to 0. When R= -1, the stress cycles around zero as a mean, called fully reversed loading.

To study the parameters that affect fatigue crack growth, a through-thickness crack is considered a wide plate subjected to remote stressing that varies cyclically between the constant minimum and maximum values. The stress range is defined as $\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}$.

The fatigue crack growth rate is defined as the crack extension, Δa , during a small number of cycles, ΔN , the propagation rate is $\Delta a / \Delta N$, which in the limit can be written as the differential da/dn. It has been found experimentally that provided the stress ratio $R = \sigma_{min} \sigma_{max}$ is the same then ΔK correlates fatigue crack growth rates in specimens with different stress ranges and crack lengths and also correlates crack growth rates in specimens of different geometry. This correlation is presented in

Figure 2.13



Figure 2.13 (a)Crack length vs number of cycles, and (b) logda/dn vs log dK

The data obtained with a high-stress range, $\Delta \sigma_{high}$, commence at relatively high values of da/dN and ΔK . The data for a low-stress range, $\Delta \sigma_{low}$, commence at lower values of da/dN and ΔK but reach the same high values as in the high-stress range case.

Furthermore, the stress ratio R can have a significant influence on the crack growth behaviour. In other words, besides the stress intensity factor range, ΔK , there is an influence of the relative values of K_{max} and K_{min} since R= $\sigma_{min}/\sigma_{max} = K_{max} / K_{min}$. This is presented in Figure 2.12 The rate of crack growth in different regions shows that crack growth rates at the same stress intensity range ΔK values are generally higher when load ratio R increases. It is important to note that the effect of the load ratio R has proved to be from the bibliography strongly material dependent [45] [36].



Stress intensity factor range∆ K, MPa √m

Figure 2.14 Mean stress effect on fatigue crack for Aluminium alloys

Several different quantitative continuum mechanics models of fatigue crack propagation have been proposed in the literature. All these models lead to relations based mainly on experimental data correlations. They relate da/dN to such variables as the external load, the crack length, the geometry, and the material properties. As previously mentioned, one of the most widely used fatigue crack propagation laws proposed by Paris and Erdogan is usually referred to in the literature as the "Paris law". It has the form:

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^n \tag{2.13}$$

Where $\Delta K = K_{max}$. K_{min} , with K_{max} and K_{min} referring to the maximum and minimum values of the stress intensity factor in the load cycle. The constant C and m are determined empirically from a $\log(\Delta K)$ - $\log(da/dN)$ plot. The value of m is usually taken equal to 4 for aluminium alloys, resulting in the so-called "4th power law", while the coefficient C is assumed to be a material constant. Paris Law relation represents a linear relationship between log (ΔK) and log (da/dN) and is used to describe the fatigue crack propagation. Experimental data are well predicted using the Paris Law equation for specific geometrical configurations and loading conditions. The effect of a mean stress, loading, and specimen geometry is included in the constant C. "Paris law" has been widely used to predict the fatigue crack propagation life of engineering components.

The crack growth mechanism shows that a fatigue crack grows by a small amount in every load cycle. Growth is the geometrical consequence of slip and cracks tip blunting. Re-sharpening of the crack tip upon unloading sets the stage for growth in the next cycle. It can be concluded from this mechanism that the crack growth per cycle, Δa , will be larger if the maximum stress in the cycle is higher (more opening) and if the minimum stress is lower (more re-sharpening). The local stresses at the crack tip can be described in terms of the stress intensity factor K, where $K = \beta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$ If σ is the nominal applied stress. In a cycle, the applied stress varies from σ_{min} to σ_{max} over range ΔK . Therefore, the local stresses vary by the following equation:

$$\Delta K = \beta \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \tag{2.14}$$

An amount of crack growth is defined as Δa in one cycle, which is expressed in m/cycle. If growth were measured over, e.g. $\Delta N = 10000$ cycles, the average growth per cycle would be $\Delta a/\Delta N$, the crack propagation rate. In the limit where $N \rightarrow 1$, this rate can be expressed as the differential da/dN. When a structural component is subjected to fatigue loading, a dominant crack reaches a critical size under the peak load during the last cycle leading to catastrophic failure. The basic objective of the fatigue crack propagation simulation is the determination of the crack size, a, as a function of the number of cycles, N. Thus, the fatigue crack propagation life N_p is obtained. When the type of the applied load and the expression of the stress intensity factor is known, the application of one of the foregoing fatigue laws enables a realistic calculation of the fatigue crack propagation life of the component. For example, consider a plane fatigue crack of the length $2a_0$ in a plane subjected to a uniform stress σ perpendicular to the plane of the crack. The stress intensity factor K is given by:

$$K = f(a)\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} \tag{2.15}$$

Where f(a) is a geometry-dependent function. Integrating the fatigue crack propagation law expressed by equation 2.12 gives:

$$N - N_0 = \int_a^{a_0} \frac{da}{C(\Delta K)^m}$$
(2.16)

where N_0 is the number of load cycles corresponding to the half crack length a_0 . Introducing the stress intensity factor range ΔK , where K is given from equation 2.13, into the previous equation results in:

$$N - N_0 = \int_a^{a_0} \frac{da}{C[f(a)\Delta\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}]^m}$$
(2.17)

Assuming that the function f(a) is equal to its initial value $f(a_0)$ so that $\Delta K = \Delta K_0 \sqrt{a/a_0}$, where $\Delta K_0 = f(a_0) \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a_0}$, so, the previous equation gives:

$$N - N0 = \frac{2a_0}{(m-2)C(\Delta K_0)^m} \left[1 - \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \right]$$
(2.18)

Form $\neq 2$. Unstable crack propagation occurs when $K_{max} = K_{IC} = f(a)\sigma_{max}\sqrt{\pi a}$. From which the critical crack length a_0 is obtained. Then, the equation 2.15 for $a = a_0$ gives the fatigue crack propagation life $N_p = N_c - N_0$. Usually, since f(a) varies with the crack length a, the integration of the previous equation cannot be performed directly, but only through numerical methods.



Figure 2.15 Constant amplitude fatigue crack growth under small yielding conditions

Since 1960 Paris, et al. [43], [46] and [36] confirmed the application of fracture mechanics to fatigue problems, and it has become almost routine. The techniques for investigating fatigue under constant amplitude loading at small-scale yielding conditions are fairly well established. Still, several uncertainties remain. The concept of similitude, when it applies, provides the theoretical basis for fracture mechanics. Similitude implies that the crack tip conditions are uniquely defined by a single loading parameter such as the stress intensity factor. Consider a growing crack in the presence of constant amplitude cyclic stress intensity

Figure 2.15. Behind the plastic zone, which is developed at the crack tip, a plastic wake is formed. When it is small, the plastic zone is embedded in an elastic singularity zone. In that case, the conditions at the crack tip are uniquely defined by the current K value, and Kmin and Kmax describe the crack growth rate. For the similitude assumption to be valid, the crack tip of the growing crack needs to be sufficiently far from its initial position, and external boundaries should be remote.

Soon after the Paris law gained wide acceptance as a predictor of fatigue crack growth, many researchers realized that this simple expression was not universally applicable. As Figure 2.12 illustrates, a log-log plot of da/dN versus ΔK is sigmoidal rather than linear when crack growth data are obtained over a sufficiently wide range. Also, the fatigue crack growth rate shows a dependence on the R ratio, especially at both extremes of the crack growth curve. A discovery by Elber [47] provided at least a partial explanation for both the fatigue threshold and R ratio effect.

2.3.9 Crack closure

Paris' law is generally accepted for a wide range of different materials; however, the physical meaning is limited. The primary issue at that time was how to explain stress ratio effects. In 1970 Elber published a famous article titled "Fatigue Crack Closure under Cyclic Tension" [47]. In this article, he assumed crack closure to be the cause of stress ratio-effects. He meant contact of the crack surfaces by crack closure at a load above the minimum load. Elber assumed that, when crack closure occurs, the effective cyclic stress intensity range Δ Keff that works on the crack tip is lower than the expected or applied Δ K-range, see Figure 2.16. The crack growth rate is no longer a result of the total Δ K magnitude but only of its part.



Figure 2.16 Elber's principle of crack closure theory

When a specimen is cyclically loaded at K_{max} and K_{min} , the crack faces are in contact below K_{op} , the stress intensity at which the crack opens. Elber assumed that the portion of the cycle that is below K_{op} does not contribute to fatigue crack growth. Since the definition of the effective stress intensity range is $\Delta K_{eff} = K_{max} - K_{op}$. A modified version of equation 2.11 proposed:

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K_{eff})^m \tag{2.19}$$

Crack closure occurs as a consequence of crack tip plasticity. At the tip of a growing fatigue crack, each loading cycle generates a monotonic plastic zone during increased loading and a much smaller reversed plastic zone during unloading. Approximately the reversed plastic zone size is onequarter of the size of the monotonic plastic zone. Due to this, there is a residual plastic deformation consisting of monotonically stretched material. As the crack grows, the residual plastic deformation forms a wake of monotonically stretched material along the crack edges. Because the residual deformation results from tensile loading, the material in the crack edges are elongated normal to the crack surfaces and have to be accommodated by the surrounding elastically stressed material, this is no problem as long as the crack is open. Since then, the crack edges will show a displacement normal to the crack surfaces. However, as the fatigue load decreases, the crack will tend to close during unloading, and the residual deformation becomes important.

2.3.10 Effect of Residual Stresses on Crack Propagation

Our knowledge of the correlation between residual stress and fatigue strength is perplexed because:

- The fatigue strength depends significantly on the condition of the surface. Such major factors overshadow the effect of residual stress as weld geometry and surface irregularities.
- A fatigue crack may initiate in a region containing tensile residual stresses. The rate of crack growth may be amplified due to the presence of tensile residual stresses. However, when the crack grows and enters regions containing compressive residual stresses, the crack growth rate may be reduced. As a result, it is questionable whether or not the total effect of residual stresses on the overall crack growth is significant.
- When residual stresses are altered by heat treatment such as peening, the metallurgical and mechanical properties of the metal are also changed. A schematic presentation of the stress field behind and in front of a crack tip under cyclic loading without welding residual stresses is illustrated in Figure 2.17.



Figure 2.17 The reverse plastic zone forms during periodic loading [48].

How residual stresses affect the plastic zone shown in Figure 2.17 and the fatigue strength of a welded structure is still a matter of debate. Some researchers had reported that the fatigue strength increased when specimens had compressive residual stresses, especially on the specimen surfaces; others believe that residual stresses have only a negligible effect on the fatigue strength of the weld elements. It has been suggested that in a good weld, residual stresses can be ignored. Also, it has been recommended that geometry affects fatigue behaviour much more than residual stresses. But, others researchers feel that there is significant evidence that residual stresses affect fatigue strength. Munse [49] summarizes as follows:

"Based on the available data, it is believed that the effects of residual stresses may differ from one instance to another, depending upon the materials and geometry analyzed parts, the state of stress, the scale of applied stress, the type of stress cycle, and perhaps other factors. Many of the investigations designed to evaluate the effects of residual stress have included tests of members that have been subjected to different stress relief heat treatments. The changes in fatigue behaviour resulting from these heat treatments, in some cases, have been negligible. In contrast, in other investigations, the various stressrelief treatments have increased fatigue strength by as much as twenty percent. Since it is impossible to carry out heat treatment for stress relief without altering the metallurgical and mechanical properties of weldment, the question always arises as to whether benefits are derived from the reduction of residual stresses or the improved properties in other respects."

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"In order to conduct the fatigue life analysis of the wing-fuselage fitting, it was necessary to determine the appropriate wing loads. To do that, all necessary aerodynamic parameters were calculated for all the load cases, in accordance with EASA CS 23 requirements. Based on these aerodynamic parameters the corresponding forces and moments that are acting on the wing were obtained (including weight of the aircraft and fuel), and the critical load cases were determined and the analysis of the wing structure using finite element method was carried out. These calculations are presented in this chapter."



Figure 3.1 Forces acting during symmetric equilibrium manoeuvre

3.1 Equilibrium equations:

$$L_w + L_T - nW = 0 \tag{3.1}$$

$$T - D = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

$$M_{AC} + L_w \cdot d_W - L_T \cdot d_T - T \cdot h = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

Assuming that thrust and drag are in-line, then h=0 so the drag or thrust are not involved in the moment equation for vertical loads, lift forces may be solved directly a

$$M_{AC} + L_w \cdot d_W - L_T \cdot d_T = 0 \tag{3.4}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_W + d_T} \tag{3.5}$$

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$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.6}$$



Figure 3.2 Variations of a position of the centre of gravity

$$W = mg \tag{3.7}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V \cdot S_W \cdot C_M \cdot \overline{c}$$
(3.8)

3.2.1 C.G. at D_0.23

$$d_W = x_{0.23} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.9}$$

$$d_W = 0.0558 m$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.23}$$
(3.10)

$$d_T = 4.4532 m$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4762 \, mm \tag{3.11}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.12}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.13}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_D^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.14}$$

3.2.2 C.G. at D_0.28

$$d_W = x_{0.28} - x_{0.266} = 0.217 \, m \tag{3.15}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.28} = 4.455 \, m \tag{3.16}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4767 \, m \tag{3.17}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACD} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_W + d_T} \tag{3.18}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.19}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACA} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.20}$$

As L_W , L_T and nW changes their directions, while M_{AC} don't, and the previously obtained equations will be changed

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} - nW \cdot d_W}{d_W + d_T} \tag{3.21}$$

3.2.3 Case D Loads

$$\begin{split} m &= 920 \; Kg \;, \; W = mg = 9022.12 \; N \\ n &= 6 \;, \; nW = 54132.71 \; N \\ V_D &= 107.06 \; m/s \;, \rho = 1.225 \; Kg/m^3 \;, S_W = 15.027 \; m^2 \;, \overline{c} = 1.55 \; m \;, C_{MAC} = -0.066 \end{split}$$

 $x_{WE} = 4.486 m$

$$M_{ACD} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_D^2 \cdot S_W \cdot C_{MAC} \cdot \overline{c}$$
(3.22)

$$M_{ACD} = -10792.16 \, N \cdot m \tag{3.23}$$

a. C.G. at D_0.23

$$d_W = x_{0.23} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.24}$$

$$d_W = -0.0558 \, m \tag{3.25}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.23} \tag{3.26}$$

$$d_T = 4.4532 \, m \tag{3.27}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4762 \, m \tag{3.28}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.29}$$

$$L_T = -3085.48 \, N \tag{3.30}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.31}$$

$$L_W = 57218.20 \, N \tag{3.32}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_D^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.33}$$

$$C_L = 0.5424$$
 (3.34)

b. C.G. at D_0.28

$$d_W = x_{0.28} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.35}$$

$$d_W = 0.0217m \tag{3.36}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.28} \tag{3.37}$$

$$d_T = 4.455 \, m \tag{3.38}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4767 \, m \tag{3.39}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACD} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.40}$$

$$L_T = -2148.34 \, N \tag{3.41}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.42}$$

$$L_W = 56281.05 \, N \tag{3.43}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_D^2 \cdot S_W}$$
(3.44)

$$C_L = 0.5335$$
 (3.45)

3.2.4 Case A

$$m = 920Kg, W = mg = 9022.12N$$

 $n = 6, nW = 54132.71N$
 $V_A = 66.905 m/s, \rho = 1.225 Kg/m^3, S_W = 15.027 m^2, \overline{c} = 1.55 m, C_{MAC} = -0.0663$
 $M_{ACA} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_A^2 \cdot S_{W:} \cdot C_{MAC} \cdot \overline{c}$ (3.46)

$$M_{ACA} = -4214.74 \, Nm \tag{3.47}$$

a. C.G. at A_0.23

$$d_W = x_{0.23} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.48}$$

$$d_W = -0.0558 \, m \tag{3.49}$$

 $d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.23} \tag{3.50}$

$$d_T = 4.4532 \ m \tag{3.51}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4762 \ m \tag{3.52}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.53}$$

$$L_T = -1616.22 \, N \tag{3.54}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.55}$$

$$L_W = 55748.93 \, N \tag{3.56}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_A^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.57}$$

$$C_L = 1.3531$$
 (3.58)

b. C.G. at A_0.28

$$d_W = x_{0.28} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.59}$$

$$d_W = 0.0217m \tag{3.60}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.28} \tag{3.61}$$

$$d_T = 4.455m (3.62)$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4767m \tag{3.63}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACA} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.64}$$

$$L_T = -679.08 \, N \tag{3.65}$$

 $L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.66}$

$$L_W = 54811.79 \, N \tag{3.67}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_A^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.68}$$

$$C_L = 1.330$$
 (3.69)

3.2.5 Case E

$$\begin{split} m &= 920 \; Kg, W = mg = 9022.12 \; N, n = 3, nW = 27066.355 \; N \\ V_E &= 107.06 \; m/s, \rho = 1.225 \; Kg/m^3, S_W = 15.027 \; m^2, \overline{c} = 1.55 \; m, C_{MAC} = -0.0663 \end{split}$$

$$M_{ACE} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_G^2 \cdot S_{W:} \cdot C_{MAC} \cdot \overline{c}$$
(3.70)

$$M_{ACE} = -10792.16 \, Nm \tag{3.71}$$

As L_w , L_T and nW changes their directions, while M_{AC} don't, and the previously obtained equations will be changed.

a. C.G. at E_0.23

$$d_W = x_{0.23} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.72}$$

$$d_W = -0.0558 \, m \tag{3.73}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.23} \tag{3.74}$$

$$d_T = 4.4532 \ m \tag{3.75}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4762 \, m \tag{3.76}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACE} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.77}$$

$$L_T = -2748.41 \, N \tag{3.78}$$

 $L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.79}$

$$L_W = 29814.765 \, N \tag{3.80}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_E^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.81}$$

$$C_L = 0.2826$$
 (3.82)

b. C.G. at E_0.28

$$d_W = x_{0.28} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.83}$$

$$d_W = 0.0217 \, m \tag{3.84}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.28} \tag{3.85}$$

$$d_T = 4.455 \, m \tag{3.86}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4767 \, m \tag{3.87}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} - nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.88}$$

$$L_T = -2541.94N \tag{3.89}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.90}$$

$$L_W = 29608.295 \, N \tag{3.91}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_E^2 \cdot S_W}$$
(3.92)

$$C_L = 0.2806$$
 (3.93)

3.2.6 Case G

$$\begin{split} m &= 920 \; Kg, W = mg = 9022.12 \; N, \; n = 3, nW = 27066.355 \; NV_G = 66.905 \; m/s \; , \rho = 1.225 \; Kg/m^3, \\ S_W &= 15.027 \; m^2, \; \overline{c} = 1.55 \; m, \\ C_{MAC} = -0.066 \end{split}$$

$$M_{ACG} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_G^2 \cdot S_W \cdot C_{MAC} \cdot \overline{c}$$
(3.94)

$$M_{ACG} = -4214.74 \, Nm \tag{3.95}$$

a. C.G. at G_0.23

$$d_W = x_{0.23} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.96}$$

$$d_W = -0.0558 \, m \tag{3.97}$$

$$d_T = x_{WE} + x_{0.26} - x_{0.23} \tag{3.98}$$

$$d_T = 4.4532 \ m \tag{3.99}$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4762 \, m \tag{3.100}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{ACG} + nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.101}$$

$$L_T = -1278.996 \, N \tag{3.102}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.103}$$

$$L_W = 28345.351N \tag{3.104}$$

$$C_L = \frac{L_W}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_G^2 \cdot S_W} \tag{3.105}$$

$$C_L = 0.6880 \tag{3.106}$$

b. C.G. at G_0.28

$$d_W = x_{0.28} - x_{0.266} \tag{3.107}$$

$$d_W = 0.0217m \tag{3.108}$$

$$d_T = 4.486 + x_{0.26} - x_{0.28} \tag{3.109}$$

$$d_T = 4.455m (3.110)$$

$$d_w + d_T = 4.4767m \tag{3.111}$$

$$L_T = \frac{M_{AC} - nW \cdot d_W}{d_w + d_T} \tag{3.112}$$

$$L_T = -1072.683 \tag{3.113}$$

$$L_W = nW - L_T \tag{3.114}$$

$$L_W = 28139.038N \tag{3.115}$$

$$C_{L} = \frac{L_{W}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V_{A}^{2} S_{W}}$$
(3.116)

$$C_L = 0.6830 \tag{3.117}$$

3.2.7 Overview of defined cases Table 3.1

Table 3.1 Summary of defined cases

| Case | n | V (m/s) | $P_d(N/m^2)$ | $L_{T}\left(N ight)$ | $L_T(m)$ | $L_W(m)$ | CL |
|-------|---|---------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| A_023 | 6 | 66.90 | 2741.311 | -1616.08 | -3085.480 | 55748.930 | 1.353 |
| A_028 | 6 | 66.90 | 2741.311 | -10792.16 | -2148.340 | 54811.789 | 1.330 |
| D_023 | 6 | 107.06 | 7020.379 | -4214.74 | -1616.220 | 57218.199 | 0.542 |
| D_028 | 6 | 107.06 | 7020.379 | -4214.74 | -679.080 | 56281.051 | 0.533 |
| E_023 | 3 | 107.06 | 7020.379 | -10792.16 | -2748.410 | 29814.766 | 0.283 |
| E_028 | 3 | 107.06 | 7020.379 | -10792.16 | -2541.940 | 29608.295 | 0.281 |
| G_023 | 3 | 66.90 | 2741.721 | -4214.74 | -1278.996 | 28345.352 | 0.688 |
| G_028 | 3 | 66.90 | 2741.721 | -4214.74 | -1072.683 | 28139.037 | 0.683 |

3.3 Approximate span-wise distribution of aerodynamic load

Schrenk examined experimental results for many untwisted wing plan forms and devised. The approximate rule that distribution of the additional lift (lift associated with the chord distribution without twist) is nearly proportional at every point to the ordinate that lies halfway between the elliptical and actual chord distribution for the same total area and span. For the untwisted wing, the basic lift equal to zero.

The area of the real wing is:

$$S = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} c(y) \cdot dy$$
 (3.118)

While the area of the elliptic wing is:

$$S_E = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot c_{SE} \cdot b \tag{3.119}$$

As the area of real wing and equivalent elliptic one are equals, so c_{SE} -chord of the equivalent elliptic wing at the plane of symmetry is $c_{SE} = \frac{4 \cdot .S}{\pi b}$, where b - is span (equal for both wings)

The local chord of the equivalent elliptic wing is:

$$c_E(y) = c_{SE} \cdot \sqrt{1 - (\frac{y}{b/2})^2}$$
 (3.120)

Lift equation is written as:

$$L = \int_{-\frac{b}{2}}^{\frac{b}{2}} p(y) \cdot c(y) \cdot dy$$
 (3.121)

Where local pressure is defined as:

$$p = \left(\frac{N}{m^2}\right) = k \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{c_{SE}}{c(y)} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{y}{b/2}\right)^2}\right]$$
(3.122)

and factor of proportionality: $k = \frac{L}{S'}$ So we find:

$$p(\frac{N}{m^2}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{c_{SE}}{c(y)} \sqrt{1 - (\frac{y}{b/2})^2} \right] \cdot \frac{L}{S'}$$
(3.123)

Schrenk's approximate span wise distributed aerodynamic load is:

$$q_A(\frac{N}{m}) = \frac{1}{2} [c(y) + c_{SE} \sqrt{1 - (\frac{y}{b/2})^2}] \cdot \frac{L}{S'}$$
(3.124)

Aerodynamic Load:

A Fortran Code WING_LOADING is used to calculate aerodynamic load and the results can be found in Appendix A



Aerodynamic Loads

Figure 3.3 Span-wise distribution of aerodynamic loading



Figure 3.4 Shear forces due to aerodynamic loading



Figure 3.5 Bending moment due to aerodynamic loading

3.4 Loading of wing

Table 3.2 Load cases at y = 0

| Case | Y(m) | q (N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) |
|--------|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| A_0.23 | 0 | 7066.73 | 28023.35 | 61340.898 |
| A_0.28 | 0 | 6947.93 | 27552.28 | 60309.77 |
| D_0.23 | 0 | 7252.97 | 28761.91 | 62957.566 |
| D_0.28 | 0 | 7134.18 | 28290.82 | 61926.41 |
| E_0.23 | 0 | 3779.32 | 14987.01 | 32805.383 |
| E_0.28 | 0 | 3753.14 | 14883.22 | 32578.203 |
| G_0.23 | 0 | 3593.05 | 14248.37 | 31188.576 |
| G_0.28 | 0 | 3566.9 | 14144.67 | 30961.568 |



Figure 3.6 Chord wise distribution of p for A023 and D023 cases

3.5 Analysis of the wing structure using finite element method

For these two cases, the distributed pressure loading is recalculated in equivalent systems of forces distributed along each rib.

These forces are distributed over the ribs of the wing. The bending moments at positions of ribs cross-sections are equal to moments of distributed pressure loading. The moments of systems of forces and moments of distributed pressure loading about the wing's leading edge are similar too.

The transversal forces and bending moments for a case of distributed pressure loading and loading of concentrated forces on ribs.

| Case: D_023 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| Y (m) | Distributed p | pressure loading | Equivalent concentrated forces. | | | |
| | Ft (<i>N</i>) | Mf (Nm) | Fr (<i>N</i>) | Frt (N) | Mrf (Nm) | |
| 0 | 28761.9 | 62957.566 | 0 | 28399.4 | 62957.566 | |
| 0.08 | 28471.8 | 60685.621 | 1150.51 | 28399.4 | 60685.621 | |
| 0.337 | 26696.5 | 53682.66 | 1791.9 | 27248.9 | 53682.66 | |
| 0.593 | 24883.4 | 47165.68 | 1943.93 | 25457 | 47165.68 | |
| 0.884 | 22860.6 | 40323.383 | 2213.92 | 23513 | 40323.383 | |
| 1.24 | 20446.6 | 32740.896 | 2346.85 | 21299.1 | 32740.896 | |
| 1.596 | 18088.3 | 25993.887 | 2269.9 | 18952.3 | 25993.887 | |
| 1.922 | 15960.7 | 20555.436 | 2095.28 | 16682.4 | 20555.436 | |
| 2.247 | 13876.3 | 15814.63 | 2046.53 | 14587.1 | 15814.63 | |
| 2.573 | 11830 | 11726.408 | 1990.7 | 12540.6 | 11726.408 | |
| 2.895 | 9861.32 | 8329.353 | 1994.26 | 10549.9 | 8329.353 | |
| 3.23 | 7880.97 | 5463.226 | 1915.81 | 8555.6 | 5463.226 | |
| 3.565 | 5982.19 | 3238.893 | 1814.33 | 6639.8 | 3238.893 | |
| 3.899 | 4187.69 | 1627.189 | 1752.12 | 4825.46 | 1627.189 | |
| 4.235 | 2512.09 | 594.546 | 1243.98 | 3073.35 | 594.546 | |
| 4.56 | 1055.8 | 92.727 | 1829.37 | 829.369 | 0 | |

Table 3.3 Results of Loads for Case D_0.23 for Transversal Forces and Bending Moments

Table 3.4 Results of Loads for Case E_0.23 for Transversal Forces and Bending Moments

| Case: E_023 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| Y (m) | Distributed p | pressure loading | Equivalent concentrated forces | | | |
| | Ft (<i>N</i>) | Mf (Nm) | Fr (<i>N</i>) | Frt (N) | Mrf (Nm) | |
| 0 | 14987 | 32805.383 | 0 | 14798.1 | 32805.383 | |
| 0.08 | 14835.8 | 31621.535 | 599.517 | 14798.1 | 31621.535 | |
| 0.337 | 13910.8 | 27972.502 | 933.646 | 14198.6 | 27972.502 | |
| 0.593 | 12966 | 24576.682 | 1012.94 | 13264.9 | 24576.682 | |
| 0.884 | 11912 | 21011.355 | 1153.65 | 12252 | 21011.355 | |
| 1.24 | 10654.1 | 17060.344 | 1222.85 | 11098.3 | 17060.344 | |
| 1.596 | 9425.29 | 13544.67 | 1182.79 | 9875.49 | 13544.67 | |
| 1.922 | 8316.67 | 10710.849 | 1091.79 | 8692.7 | 10710.849 | |
| 2.247 | 7230.54 | 8240.551 | 1066.4 | 7600.92 | 8240.551 | |
| 2.573 | 6164.26 | 6110.296 | 1037.29 | 6534.52 | 6110.296 | |
| 2.895 | 5138.45 | 4340.188 | 1044.14 | 5497.23 | 4340.188 | |
| 3.233 | 4097.51 | 2835.044 | 997.215 | 4453.09 | 2835.044 | |
| 3.565 | 3117.15 | 1687.694 | 941.461 | 3455.87 | 1687.694 | |
| 3.899 | 2182.09 | 847.881 | 912.978 | 2514.41 | 847.881 | |
| 4.235 | 1308.98 | 309.8 | 648.202 | 1601.43 | 309.8 | |
| 4.56 | 550.145 | 48.318 | 953.231 | 953.231 | 0 | |



Figure 3.7 Numbers of points i x and y directions at which the forces are applied



Figure 3.8 Numbers of applied forces at nodes on lower side of ribs



Figure 3.9 Ribs Positions and numbers

3.6 Load distribution along the chord

Distributed load P(x) per m^2 , along the cord *c* of the airfoil at a distance *y* from the plane of symmetry:

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Table 3.7 Load cases distribution of forces and pressure

Table 3.5 Load distribution of forces and pressure case D0.23

Table 3.6 Load distribution of forces and pressure case E0.23

$$P(x) = q \cdot [C_L \cdot f_L(\theta) + \overline{C} \cdot f_M(\theta) + \beta \cdot f_\beta(\theta, \phi)]$$
(3.125)

q – Dynamical pressure.

 β -angle of aileron or flap deflection.

 C_L - Local lift coefficient due to angle of attack α and angle β of aileron or flap deflection.

$$C_L = C_{L(\beta=0)} + \frac{dC_L}{d\beta} \cdot \beta \tag{3.126}$$

 \bar{C}_M -coefficient of the moment without deflection of aileron or flap, which corresponds to the angle of attack α for case $C_{L(\beta=0)}$.

This moment coefficient is related to the point at $x = 0.28 \cdot c$

$$\bar{C}_M = C_{M(\beta=0)} - 0.28 \cdot C_{L(\beta=0)}$$
(3.127)

 $C_{M(\beta=0)}$ —moment coefficient related to the point at the leading edge of an airfoil. $C_L \cdot f_L(\theta)$ -function of load distribution for straight-line airfoil at the angle of attack α (Without deflection of aileron or flap) having:

$$C_L = C_{L(\beta=0)} + \frac{dC_L}{d\beta} \cdot \beta \tag{3.128}$$

 $\overline{C}f_M(\theta)$ -function of load distribution for the parabolic airfoil, with lift equal to zero and curvature, is such that the coefficient of the moment at $x = 0.28 \cdot c$ is exactly \overline{C}



Figure 3.10 Stringer with an effective thickness of skin

 $\beta f_{\beta}(\theta, \phi)$ -function of load distribution of straight-line airfoil with deflected aileron or flap for angle β , and with lift equal to zero.

$$\theta = \arccos\left(1 - \frac{2x}{c}\right) \tag{3.129}$$

$$\emptyset = \arccos\left(\frac{2c_{a,f}}{c} - 1\right) \tag{3.130}$$

Curve-1

$$f_L(\theta) = 0.716 \cdot \cot g\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$
 (3.131)

Curve-2

$$f_M(\theta) = 5.8 \cdot \sin(\theta) - 3.26 \cdot \cot g\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$
 (3.132)

Curve-3

$$f_{\beta}(\theta, \phi) = 1.3 \cdot \log\left(\frac{1 - \cos\left(\theta + \phi\right)}{1 - \cos\left(\theta - \phi\right)}\right) + \left(0.024 - 1.273 \cdot \sin\left(\phi\right)\right) \cdot \cot g\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad (3.133)$$







Figure 3.12 Actual chord-wise pressure distributions at positions of ribs Case D0.23



Figure 3.13 Distributions of applied equivalent forces at nodes of ribs Case D0.23

3.7 Flap and aileron loading

Pressure on point 26 at the end of the rib is the pressure at the leading edge of the flap or aileron.

Position of flap ribs equals positions of (1,2,3,4,5 and 6) wing ribs, while positions of aileron ribs are equal to positions of 6,7,8,9,10 and 11 wing ribs.

Instead of lightly curvilinear, it is assumed that chord-wise distributions of pressure over flap and aileron are linear (triangle shape). Chords of aileron and flaps approximatively are 0.4 m, and the distance between their ribs approximatively is 0.32 m, so the distributed loading is a = 0.4 m.

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot p \ (N/m) \tag{3.134}$$

| Rib | y (m) | p (N/m ²) | q (N/m) |
|-----|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | 1.240 | 497.046 | 99.4092 |
| 2 | 1.596 | 436.415 | 87.283 |
| 3 | 1.922 | 298.809 | 59.7618 |
| 4 | 2.247 | 260.396 | 52.0792 |
| 5 | 2.573 | 216.398 | 43.2796 |
| 6 | 2.895 | 219.205 | 43.841 |
| 7 | 3.230 | 157.382 | 31.4764 |
| 8 | 3.565 | 77.421 | 15.4842 |
| 9 | 3.899 | 28.392 | 5.6784 |
| 10 | 4.235 | 72.026 | 14.4052 |
| 11 | 4.560 | 89.269 | 17.8538 |

Table 3.7 Load cases for Ribs

Instead of lightly parabolic span-wise load distribution over aileron and flap, the linear ones are assumed.



Figure 3.14 Actual and assumed distributed loads over flap and aileron for **D_023** load case.

3.8 Inertial loading (constant chord) Case D_0.23

Mass of the complete wing: 50.142 kg Mass of the wing without flap and aileron: 42.181 kg Position of c.g x = 623 mm, y = 1561 mm Mass per unit span of wing:

3.8.1 Moment due to aerodynamic loading:

 $M_{x(y=1.40)}^{A} = 29599.908 (Nm)$ Mass of wing structure: M = 50.142 (kg)Mass per unit length of the wing (y - ystart) = 3.32 m

$$M = \frac{M}{(y - ystart)}$$
(3.135)

$$M = 15.1 \ (kg/m) \tag{3.136}$$

3.8.2 Distributed loading due to inertial loading in case *D_023*

Inertial loading data:

Mass of the complete wing: 50.142 kg Position of c.g. x = 734 mm, y = 1575 mm Mass of the wing without flap and aileron: 42.181 kg Position of c.g x = 623 mm, y = 1561 mm Mass per unit span of wing: 42.181/(4.56-1.24) = 42.181/3.32 = 12.705 kg/m Distributed inertial loading in D flight case: n=6

$$q_1^l = m \cdot g \cdot n \tag{3.137}$$

$$q_I^n = 747.561 \, (N/m)$$

| Rib | y (m) | p (N/m2) | q (N/m) | FT (N) | Mf(Nm) |
|-----|-----------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 1.24 | 497.046 | 99.409 | 2481.926 | 4119.997 |
| 2 | 1.596 | 436.415 | 87.283 | 2215.792 | 3283.803 |
| 3 | 1.922 | 298.809 | 59.672 | 1972.084 | 2601.179 |
| 4 | 2.247 | 260.396 | 52.079 | 1729.125 | 1999.733 |
| 5 | 2.573 | 216.398 | 43.28 | 1485.418 | 1475.762 |
| 6 | 2.895 | 219.205 | 43.841 | 1244.701 | 1036.213 |
| 7 | 3.23 | 157.382 | 31.476 | 994.265 | 661.186 |
| 8 | 3.565 | 77.421 | 15.484 | 743.830 | 370.055 |
| 9 | 3.899 | 28.392 | 5.678 | 494.142 | 163.314 |
| 10 | 4.235 | 72.026 | 14.405 | 242.959 | 39.481 |
| 11 | 4.56 | 89.269 | 17.854 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

Table 3.8 Reults of Inertial Loads case **D_0.23**



Figure 3.15 Shear forces due to inertial loading of the wing



Figure 3.16 Span-wise distribution of bending moment due to inertial loading

3.8.3 Distributed loading due to inertial loading in case E_{-023}

$$q_1^I = m \cdot g \cdot n \tag{3.138}$$
$q_I^n = 373.780 \; (N/m)$

| Rib | y (m) | q (N) | <i>Ft</i> (<i>N</i>) | Mf (Nm) |
|-----|-------|--------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 1.24 | 373.784 | 1240.963 | 2059.998 |
| 2 | 1.596 | 373.784 | 1107.896 | 1641.902 |
| 3 | 1.922 | 373.784 | 986.042 | 1300.590 |
| 4 | 2.247 | 373.784 | 864.562 | 999.866 |
| 5 | 2.573 | 373.784 | 742.709 | 737.881 |
| 6 | 2.895 | 373.784 | 622.350 | 518.107 |
| 7 | 3.23 | 373.784 | 497.133 | 330.593 |
| 8 | 3.565 | 373.784 | 371.915 | 185.028 |
| 9 | 3.899 | 373.784 | 247.071 | 81.657 |
| 10 | 4.235 | 373.784 | 121.480 | 19.740 |
| 11 | 4.56 | 373.784 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

Table 3.9 Results of Inertial Loads case *E_0.23*



Figure 3.17 Transversal forces due to inertial loading of wing



Figure 3.18 Span-wise distribution of bending moment due to inertial loading

3.9 Finite element model of the wing structure



Figure 3.19 Wing structure – without skin



Figure 3.20 Finite element model of the wing structure – with skin



Figure 3.21 Finite element model of the wing structure – without skin



Figure 3.23 Case E_0.23: Loading of wing structure J = 1.0 applied at ribs



Figure 3.24 Fittings and constrained displacements of wing

3.10 RESULTS OF FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS



Figure 3.25 Deformed and undeformed configuration of wing structure for CASE D_023 J=1.0 (maximum displacement at the tip of the wing is 63.3 mm)



Figure 3.26 Deformed and undeformed configuration of wing structure for CASE D_0.23 J=1.55 (maximum displacement at the tip of the wing is 98.1 mm)



Figure 3.27 CASE D_0.23 J=1.0 total displacements, maximum displacement 35.9 mm



Figure 3.28 CASE D_0.23 J=1.55 Total displacements, maximum displacement 55.6 mm

CHAPTER 4

NUMERICAL DETERMINATION of LOADING of WING-FUSELAGE FITTING

4 Numerical Determination of Loading of Wing-Fuselage Fitting

"Based on the data obtained in previous chapter in this chapter the determination of the wing-fuselage attachment load was carried out."

4.1 Loads on wing

Calculations performed in this chapter are done following the requirements in EASA CS 23 [50]. Loads on the wing are calculated by the small program that utilizes the Anderson method to calculate span-wise load distribution. Deflection of elevators determined for each flaying condition to maintain the equilibrium of moments acting on the airplane. Loads on the wing and reactions of the supports are presented schematically in

Figure 4.2. It is assumed that the main spar is loaded by lift and drag force.



Figure 4.1 Airplane geometry (all dimensions in mm)

Geometrical data necessary for calculation are given in the

Figure 4.1.

4.1.1 Input data

Loads in a vertical direction are calculated from the local distribution defined as:

$$dZ_{(y)} = dZL_{(y)} - n \cdot g \cdot \overline{m} \cdot d_y \tag{4.1}$$

Z(y) is the local upward force, L(y) is the local lift force, \overline{m} is the mass of the wing per unit span:

$$\overline{m} = \frac{m}{(b - 2y_{wstart})/2}$$

$$\overline{m} = 13.85 \ kg/m$$
(4.2)

Local torsion moment about the aerodynamic centre is calculated by

$$M_{T(y)} = M_{a(y)} - n \cdot g \cdot \overline{m} \cdot \left(t_{cg} - \overline{c}_W / 4 \right)$$
(4.3)

MT(Y) is the local torsion moment; Ma(Y) is the aerodynamic moment about the aerodynamic centre.



Figure 4.2 Loads and reactions

4.1.2 Load cases

According to EASA [50] CS 23.333(d), CS 23.349(b), CS 23.345, CS 23.455(a) (ii) and CS 23.455, the load cases specified in the

Table 4.1 are identified.

Table 4.1 Load cases data

| EASA | Load | Speed | | I | Deflection | n |
|--------------|------|--------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| CS23. | case | (m/s) | n | $\delta_{F}(^{o})$ | δ _A (°) | <i>б</i> н(°) |
| | А | 67.12 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| 333 d | D | 107.22 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| 555 u | Е | 107.22 | -3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| | G | 46.65 | -3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| | AA+ | 67.12 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | - |
| 349 h | AA- | 67.12 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -23.0 | - |
| 5170 | DA+ | 107.22 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | - |
| | DA- | 107.22 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -7.7 | - |
| 345 | AF | 33.5 | 2.0 | 30 | 0.0 | - |
| | AFA+ | 33.5 | 2.0 | 30 | 15.0 | - |
| 455 a | AFA- | 33.5 | 2.0 | 30 | -23.0 | - |
| 155 u | DFA+ | 49.14 | 2.0 | 30 | 5.0 | - |
| | DFA- | 49.14 | 2.0 | 30 | -7.7 | - |
| | AH | 67.12 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| 455 | AH+ | 67.12 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.0 |
| | AH- | 67.12 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -20.0 |

Deflections of the horizontal tail are calculated later in this section since it depends on the airplane's lift to maintain trim of the airplane. Necessary lift of the horizontal tail calculated from:

$$C_{LH} = \frac{q}{q_H} \cdot \frac{S}{S_H} \left(C_L \cdot \frac{x_{cg}}{r_H} + \frac{C_{MWF} \cdot \bar{c}}{r_H} \right)$$
(4.4)

Necessary deflection of the horizontal tail is calculated from:

$$C_{LH} = \frac{\delta C_{LH}}{\partial \alpha} \left(\alpha_H - \frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H} \cdot \delta_H \right) = \frac{\delta C_{LH}}{\partial \alpha_H} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \alpha} \left(\alpha_H - \frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H} \cdot \delta_H \right)$$
(4.5)

Derivative $\partial \alpha_H / \partial \delta_H$ *is* calculated by:

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H} = -\lambda_H + k \left[\left(\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \delta_H} \right)_{k=1} + \lambda_H \right]$$
(4.6)

$$\left. \frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H} \right|_{K=1} = -\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_H (1 - \lambda_H)} + \arcsin \sqrt{\lambda_H} \right) \tag{4.7}$$

So:

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H}\Big|_{K=1} = 1 \tag{4.8}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \delta_H} = -1 \tag{4.9}$$

Gradient $\partial \alpha_H / \partial \alpha$ is calculated as $\partial \alpha_H / \partial \alpha = (1 - \epsilon_\alpha)$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_H}{\partial \alpha} = (1 - \varepsilon_\alpha) \tag{4.10}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 4.44 \cdot (K_{\Lambda} \cdot K_H)^{1.19} \tag{4.11}$$

$$K_{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{AR} - \frac{1}{1 + AR^{1.7}} \tag{4.12}$$

$$K_H = \frac{1 - \left|\frac{b_H}{b}\right|}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{2_{rH}}{b}}}$$
(4.13)

Where: K_{Λ} , K_{λ} , and K_H are wing aspect ratio factor, taper ratio factor, and horizontal tail location factor.

After substitution in Equ's 4.11,4.12 and 4.13 we get:

 $K_{\Lambda} = 0.116$ $K_{H} = 0.0.67$

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 0.2124$$

Necessary deflection of the elevator is:

$$\delta_{H} = \frac{1}{\frac{\partial \alpha_{H}}{\partial \delta_{H}}} \cdot \left[\alpha - \alpha_{W} - \alpha_{n} - \frac{C_{LH}}{\frac{\partial C_{LH}}{\partial \alpha_{H}} \cdot (1 - \varepsilon_{\alpha})} \right]$$
(4.14)

Figure 4.3 Definition of horizontal tail angle of attack

Based on the previous figure:

$$\alpha_H = \alpha - \alpha_W - \alpha_n \tag{4.15}$$

 α_n is the mounting angle of the horizontal tail, α_W is induced angle from the wing in the tail region (downwash angle), which can be approximately calculated as:

$$\alpha_W \approx \left(2 + \frac{1}{4\xi^2}\right) \cdot \frac{C_{LW}}{\pi \cdot AR} \tag{4.16}$$

$$\alpha_W = \left(2 + \frac{b_F^2}{4r^2H}\right) \cdot \frac{C_{LW}}{\pi \cdot AR} \tag{4.17}$$

$$\alpha_W = 0.1016 \cdot C_{LW} \tag{4.18}$$

By substituting values of α , α_W and α_n in Eq 3.15, we get α_H

Where $\alpha_n = 0$

$$\alpha_H = \left(\frac{C_{Lw}}{a_0} + \alpha_0\right) \cdot 1016 \cdot C_{Lw} \tag{4.19}$$

Where α_0 is wing zero-lift angle of attack in radian, a_0 is the wing lift curve slope in 1/radian. Note: the zero-lift angle of attack, the moment coefficient, and the wing slope are changed when flaps are used.

$$\delta_H = -(\alpha_H - 0.3359) \cdot C_{LH} \tag{4.20}$$

$$C_{LW} = \frac{(r_H - x_{cg}) \cdot C_L - C_{M0} \cdot \bar{c}}{r_H}$$
(4.21)

$$C_L = \frac{C_{LW} \cdot r_H + C_{M0} \cdot \bar{c}}{r_H - x_{cg}} \tag{4.22}$$

After adding the increment due to flap and aileron deflections to the moment, wing lift, and angle of attack equations, we get the new following equations:

$$C_{LH} = \frac{q}{q_H} \cdot \frac{S_W}{S_H} \cdot \left(C_L \cdot \frac{x_{cg}}{r_H} + \frac{\left(C_{M0} + \frac{S_F}{S_W} \cdot \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \delta_F} \cdot \delta_F + \frac{S_A}{S} \cdot \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \delta_A} \cdot \delta_A \right) \cdot \bar{c}}{r_H} \right)$$
(4.23)

$$C_{LW} = \frac{\left(r_H - x_{cg}\right) \cdot C_L - \left(C_{M0} + \frac{S_F}{S_W} \cdot \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \delta_F} \cdot \delta_F + \frac{S_A}{S_W} \cdot \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \delta_A} \cdot \delta_A\right) \cdot \bar{c}}{r_H}$$
(4.24)

$$\alpha = \frac{C_{LW}}{\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha}} + \alpha_0 + \left(\frac{S_F}{S_W} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \delta_F} \cdot \delta_F + \frac{S_A}{S_W} \cdot \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \delta_A} \cdot \delta_A\right)$$
(4.25)

4.1.3 **Deflection of Elevator to Balance Airplane**

Eight characteristic weights of the airplane are chosen to calculate required aerodynamic coefficients for stationary flight (for all cases in

Table 4.1. Wing lift coefficient, deflection of the elevator, and other parameters are computed from equations extracted from the previous paragraph; only the lift coefficient of the aircraft calculated by the equation below:

$$C_L = \frac{2 \cdot n \cdot m \cdot g}{\rho V^2 S} \tag{4.26}$$

4.1.4 Summary of Aerodynamic Parameters

The result of calculations shows that the maximum bending moment occurred at full fuel weight what mean it's the proper fuel weight. Tables from Table 4.2 to Table 4.5 show the result of calculations for case A, D, E and G. the results of other cases are in appendix C Table 4.2 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point A ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = 6.0, V = 66.87m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $lpha_{H}\left(^{o} ight)$ | δ _Н (°) | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.9728 | -0.1499 | 1.0007 | 4.136 | -7.022 | 9.87 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.9728 | -0.1407 | 0.9990 | 4.125 | -6.832 | 9.85 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 1.0294 | -0.0618 | 1.0409 | 4.407 | -5.596 | 10.37 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 1.1780 | -0.0264 | 1.1829 | 5.364 | -5.873 | 12.14 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 1.3195 | -0.0241 | 1.3240 | 6.315 | -6.780 | 13.90 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 1.3195 | -0.0511 | 1.3290 | 6.349 | -7.333 | 13.96 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 1.2629 | -0.1300 | 1.2871 | 6.067 | -8.569 | 13.44 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 1.1143 | -0.1476 | 1.1418 | 5.087 | -7.929 | 11.63 |

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | CL | CLH | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.37829 | -0.1332 | 0.40312 | 0.10746 | -2.67 | 2.45 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.37829 | -0.1295 | 0.40244 | 0.10293 | -2.60 | 2.45 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.40031 | -0.0989 | 0.41874 | 0.21276 | -2.12 | 2.65 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.45809 | -0.0851 | 0.47396 | 0.58501 | -2.22 | 3.34 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.51312 | -0.0842 | 0.52882 | 0.95485 | -2.58 | 4.03 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.51312 | -0.0947 | 0.53078 | 0.96804 | -2.79 | 4.06 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.49111 | -0.1254 | 0.51449 | 0.85821 | -3.27 | 3.85 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.43332 | -0.1323 | 0.45798 | 0.47731 | -3.02 | 3.14 |

Table 4.3 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point D ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = 6.0, V = 107.22 m/s)

Table 4.4 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point E ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = -3.0, V = 107.22 m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | -0.1891 | 0.1278 | -0.2130 | -4.05 | 6.51 | -5.29 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | -0.1891 | 0.1260 | -0.2126 | -4.04 | 6.47 | -5.28 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | -0.2002 | 0.1107 | -0.2208 | -4.10 | 6.23 | -5.38 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | -0.2290 | 0.1038 | -0.2484 | -4.28 | 6.28 | -5.73 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | -0.2566 | 0.1034 | -0.2758 | -4.47 | 6.46 | -6.08 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | -0.2566 | 0.1086 | -0.2768 | -4.48 | 6.57 | -6.09 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | -0.2456 | 0.1239 | -0.2687 | -4.42 | 6.81 | -5.99 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | -0.2167 | 0.1274 | -0.2404 | -4.23 | 6.68 | -5.63 |

Table 4.5 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point G ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = -3.0, V = 42.25 m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C _{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | -0.974 | 0.1500 | -1.0019 | -9.36 | 12.25 | -15.20 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | -0.974 | 0.1407 | -1.0002 | -9.35 | 12.06 | -15.18 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | -1.0306 | 0.0617 | -1.0421 | -9.64 | 10.82 | -15.70 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | -1.1794 | 0.0263 | -1.1843 | -10.59 | 11.10 | -17.49 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | -1.3211 | 0.0240 | -1.3256 | -11.55 | 12.01 | -19.26 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | -1.3211 | 0.0510 | -1.3306 | -11.58 | 12.56 | -19.33 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | -1.2644 | 0.1300 | -1.2887 | -11.30 | 13.80 | -18.80 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | -1.1157 | 0.1477 | -1.1432 | -10.32 | 13.16 | -16.97 |

Table 4.6 Table 4.16 shown in Appendix C.

Table 4.6 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AA+ ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 15^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 66.87m/s) Table 4.7 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AA- ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = -23^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 66.87m/s) Table 4.8 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DA+ ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 5.0^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 107.22m/s) Table 4.9 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DA- ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = -7.7^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 107.22m/s) Table 4.10 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AF ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -0.0^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s) Table 4.11 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AFA+ ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -23^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s) Table 4.12 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AFA- ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -23^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s) Table 4.13 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA+ ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -5.0^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 49.14m/s) Table 4.14 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA+ ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -7.7^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 49.14m/s) Table 4.15 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA- ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -7.7^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 49.14m/s) Table 4.16 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA- ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -0.0^\circ$, n = 1.0, V = 66.87m/s)

4.2 Reactions of Supports (Internal forces and moments):

Reactions are shown in

Figure 4.2. Necessary wing geometric data are: $x_{S0} = 0.619 \ m$ main spar position $x_{S1} = 0.116 \ m$ front spar position $t_{CG} = 0.769 \ m$ empty wing center of gravity position $x_{Fcg} = 0.370 \ m$ fuel center of gravity position

4.3 Characteristic point coordinates

Point "0": $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \equiv (0,0,0)$ Point "1": $(x_1, y_1, z_1) \equiv (x_{50} - x_{51}, 0, 0) = (0.619 - 0.116, 0, 0) \approx (0.503, 0, 0)$ Wing c.g.:

$$(x_{Gw}, y_{Gw}, z_{Gw}) \equiv (-(t_{CG} - x_{S0}), y_{Gw}, 0) = \left(-(t_{CG} - x_{s1}), \frac{b/2 - \frac{2.48}{2}}{2}, 0)\right) \approx (0.15, 1.83, 0)$$

Fuel c.g.:

 $(x_{GF}, y_{GF}, z_{GF}) \equiv (x_{S0} - x_{Fcg}, y_{GF}, 0) = (0.619 - 0.370, 0.811, 0) \approx (0.249, 0.811, 0)$ Vector position of the characteristic points for "0" is given as:

$$\vec{r}_{i} = 0.503\hat{\imath} + 0\hat{\jmath} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_{GW} = -0.15\hat{\imath} + 1.83\hat{\jmath} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_{GF} = 0.249\hat{\imath} + 0.811\hat{\jmath} + 0\hat{k}$$

(4.27)

4.4 Equilibrium of forces:

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F}_0 + \vec{F}_1 + \vec{L} + \vec{D} + \vec{G} = 0$$
(4.28)

Where $\overrightarrow{F_0}$, $\overrightarrow{F_1}$, \overrightarrow{L} , \overrightarrow{D} and \overrightarrow{G} are lift, drag and gravity force

$$\vec{F}_0 = X_0 \hat{\imath} + Y_0 \hat{\jmath} + Z_0 \hat{k} \tag{4.29}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = Y_1 \hat{j} + Z_1 \hat{k} \tag{4.30}$$

Where $\overrightarrow{F_0}$, $\overrightarrow{F_1}$, \overrightarrow{L} , \overrightarrow{D} and \overrightarrow{G} are lift, drag and gravity force

Or in component form:

$$\sum F_i = X_0 - D = 0 \tag{4.31}$$

 $\Rightarrow X_0 = D$

$$\sum F_j = Y_0 - Y_1 = 0 \tag{4.32}$$

$$\sum F_K = Z_0 + Z_1 + L - G = 0 \tag{4.33}$$

 \Rightarrow

$$Z_0 + Z_1 = G - L (4.34)$$

4.5 External forces

4.5.1 Lift force

The lift vector found by the equation below:

$$\vec{L} = q \cdot \hat{k} \int_{y_{wstart}}^{b/2} C_l(y)c(y)dy$$
(4.35)

4.5.2 Drag force

Drag force has consisted of friction drag and induced drag.

$$\vec{D} = -D\hat{\imath} = -\hat{\imath} \int_{y_{wstart}}^{b/2} d_i(y) dy - \hat{\imath} C_{D0} q(S/2)$$
(4.36)

Where:

 y_{Wstart} is the distance of the wing connection point from the centre of the aircraft. (Note: the wing is not adjacent to the fuselage), *S*: is the wing area (the wing area divided by 2 because we calculated for semi wing), di(y): induced drag at position *y* and is calculated as:

$$d_i(y) = \rho \cdot V_{\infty} \cdot \alpha_i(y) \cdot \Gamma(y) \tag{4.37}$$

$$d\vec{D} = d_i(y) \cdot dy(-\hat{\imath}) \tag{4.38}$$

Anderson's method (NACA report 572) [51] express $\alpha(\theta) \& \Gamma(\theta)$ as:

$$\alpha_i(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^N nA_n \frac{\sin(n\theta)}{\sin\theta}$$
(4.39)

$$\Gamma(\theta) = 2bV_{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{N} A_m \sin(m\theta)$$
(4.40)

Where: $y = -(b/2) \cdot \cos \theta$, $dy = (b/2) \cdot \sin \theta$).

Circulation Coefficients *Ai*: are determined by a small program (see appendix) which implements Anderson's method (NACA report 572) [51].

 θ : Transformed span-wise coordinates (polar) (Glauert method) We used a small Matlab program to calculate the induced drag coefficient. Friction and form drag coefficient (see appendix):

$$C_{D0} = k_i C_f S_{wet} / S_W \tag{4.41}$$



FLAT PLATE FRICTION COEFFICIENT WITH TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER at M = 0.50

Figure 4.4 Friction Coefficient

Where:

Cf = 0.0038 friction coefficient calculated from Figure 4.4 corresponding to Reynold number. It's clear that Cf decreases with increasing the speed, but we deal here with the cruising speed, and we use the same value for other calculations to avoid reducing Cf. Because of certain irregularities in the wing surface due to exposed rivets, skin overlap, etc., the friction coefficient is increased by 10% to 20%, so to be on the safe side, the correction factor 1.2 is applied, and Cf = 0.0038*1.2 = 0.0456.



Figure 4.5 Form Factor

 $K_i = 1.35$ form coefficient found from Figure 4.5, which is constant since it depends on thickness ratio and sweepback angle.

 $S_{wet} = 23.146 \text{ m}$, wetted area of the wing (projected exposed area of the wing S_{exp} multiplied by 1.02 because of curvature of the wing airfoil and duplicated because of the upper and lower surface). By adding the friction coefficient to the induced, we will get the total drag coefficient.

4.5.3 Gravity force

$$\vec{G} = -\vec{G}\vec{k} \tag{4.42}$$

The wing is subjected to its weight and the inertial weight of fuel in fuel tanks. Weight of the wing and fuel contributes to gravity load as:

$$\vec{G} = \vec{G}_F + \vec{G}_w \tag{4.43}$$

$$\vec{G} = -n(m_F + m_w) \cdot g\hat{k} \tag{4.44}$$

Where *n*: load factor, g: earth gravity acceleration (g = 9.81 m/s²), *m_F*: mass of fuel (m_F =100/2=50 kg), m_W : mass of the half empty wing (m_W = 49.702 kg).

4.6 Design fuel load

According to EASA CS 23.343 [50]. If fuel is carried in the wings, the maximum allowable weight of the airplane without any fuel in the wing tank(s) must be established as "maximum zero wings fuel weight" if it is less than the maximum weight.

The maximum zero wings fuel weight (MZFW) doesn't mean the maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) minus full fuel. This definition is incorrect. The MZFW intends to design the wing for the condition where airplane weight is maximum, but the wing fuel tanks are only partially full. Because the fuel load alleviates wing bending loads, using the proper fuel load to determine MZFW is important.

To determine the proper weight of the fuel that gives the maximum bending moment, we increase the fuel weight from zero to full tank, and we calculated the corresponding bending moment for

each case. The calculations show that the maximum bending moment occurred at total fuel weight, which means it's the proper fuel weight.

Table 4.17 to Table 4.20 show the result of calculations for cases A, D, E, and G. The used gravity force equation:

$$G_{w+F} = g \cdot (m_w + x \cdot m_F) \tag{4.45}$$

$$G_{w+F} = 9.81 \cdot (49.702 + x \cdot 50) \qquad 0 \le x \le 1 \tag{4.46}$$

thus:

$$\vec{G} = -n \cdot 9.81 \cdot (49.702 + x \cdot 50)\hat{k} \tag{4.47}$$

Table 4.17 Fuel Weight Effect Case A

| No. | Fuel | C_{Lw} | C_D | L(N) | D (N) | G-L (N) | M_{Ex} (Nm) | $M_{EY}(Nm)$ |
|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | 0.0 | 1.0007 | 0.06128 | 15545.44 | 951.91 | -12619.98 | 18793.20 | -2055.73 |
| 2 | 0.0 | 0.9990 | 0.06108 | 15518.57 | 948.81 | -12593.11 | 18751.47 | -2050.17 |
| 3 | 0.0 | 1.0409 | 0.06548 | 16169.38 | 1017.16 | -13243.92 | 19762.38 | -2184.70 |
| 4 | 0.0 | 1.1829 | 0.08188 | 18375.19 | 1271.91 | -15449.73 | 23188.66 | -2640.64 |
| 4.2 | 10.0 | 1.2111 | 0.08588 | 18813.41 | 1334.05 | -15299.35 | 23392.00 | -2584.66 |
| 4.4 | 20.0 | 1.2393 | 0.08988 | 19251.63 | 1396.18 | -15148.97 | 23595.34 | -2528.67 |
| 4.6 | 30.0 | 1.2675 | 0.09388 | 19689.86 | 1458.32 | -14998.60 | 23798.68 | -2472.69 |
| 4.8 | 40.0 | 1.2958 | 0.09788 | 20128.08 | 1520.45 | -14848.22 | 24002.02 | -2416.71 |
| 5 | 50.0 | 1.3240 | 0.10018 | 20566.79 | 1556.18 | -14698.33 | 24206.12 | -2360.83 |
| 6 | 50.0 | 1.3290 | 0.10098 | 20644.93 | 1568.61 | -14776.47 | 24327.49 | -2376.99 |
| 7 | 50.0 | 1.2871 | 0.09518 | 19994.12 | 1478.51 | -14125.66 | 23316.59 | -2242.46 |
| 8 | 50.0 | 1.1418 | 0.07698 | 17737.04 | 1195.79 | -11868.58 | 19810.65 | -1775.92 |

Table 4.18 Fuel Weight Effect Case D

| No. | Fuel | C_{Lw} | CD | L(N) | D (N) | G-L(N) | M_{Ex} | $M_{E^{y}}(Nm)$ |
|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 0.0 | 0.4031 | 0.01790 | 16102.80 | 715.03 | -13177.34 | 19658.95 | 337.76 |
| 2 | 0.0 | 0.4024 | 0.01790 | 16075.94 | 715.03 | -13150.48 | 19617.23 | 343.31 |
| 3 | 0.0 | 0.4187 | 0.01857 | 16726.75 | 741.79 | -13801.29 | 20628.13 | 208.79 |
| 4 | 0.0 | 0.4740 | 0.02116 | 18932.55 | 845.25 | -16007.09 | 24054.41 | -247.15 |
| 4.2 | 10.0 | 0.4849 | 0.02186 | 19370.77 | 873.21 | -15856.71 | 24257.75 | -191.17 |
| 4.4 | 20.0 | 0.4959 | 0.02256 | 19809.00 | 901.18 | -15706.34 | 24461.09 | -135.19 |
| 4.6 | 30.0 | 0.5069 | 0.02326 | 20247.22 | 929.14 | -15555.96 | 24664.43 | -79.21 |
| 4.8 | 40.0 | 0.5178 | 0.02396 | 20685.44 | 957.10 | -15405.58 | 24867.77 | -23.23 |
| 5 | 50.0 | 0.5288 | 0.02408 | 21124.15 | 961.77 | -15255.69 | 25071.87 | 32.65 |
| 6 | 50.0 | 0.5308 | 0.02416 | 21202.30 | 965.25 | -15333.84 | 25193.25 | 16.50 |
| 7 | 50.0 | 0.5145 | 0.02331 | 20551.49 | 931.06 | -14683.03 | 24182.34 | 151.02 |
| 8 | 50.0 | 0.4580 | 0.02040 | 18294.40 | 814.97 | -12425.94 | 20676.40 | 617.56 |

| N | o. Fuel | C_{Lw} | CD | L (N) | D (N) | G- $L(N)$ | M_{Ex} | $M_{E^y}(Nm)$ |
|----|---------|----------|---------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | 0.0 | -0.21297 | 0.01087 | -8507.41 | 434.09 | 7044.68 | -10537.80 | 6082.92 |
| 2 | 0.0 | -0.21264 | 0.01085 | -8493.98 | 433.56 | 7031.25 | -10516.94 | 6080.14 |
| 3 | 0.0 | -0.22078 | 0.01101 | -8819.39 | 439.73 | 7356.66 | -11022.39 | 6147.40 |
| 4 | 0.0 | -0.24839 | 0.01155 | -9922.29 | 461.44 | 8459.56 | -12735.53 | 6375.37 |
| 4. | 2 10.0 | -0.25388 | 0.01168 | -10141.40 | 466.49 | 8384.37 | -12837.20 | 6347.38 |
| 4. | 4 20.0 | -0.25936 | 0.01181 | -10360.51 | 471.60 | 8309.18 | -12938.87 | 6319.39 |
| 4. | 6 30.0 | -0.26485 | 0.01193 | -10579.62 | 476.71 | 8233.99 | -13040.54 | 6291.40 |
| 4. | 8 40.0 | -0.27034 | 0.01206 | -10798.73 | 481.83 | 8158.80 | -13142.21 | 6263.41 |
| 5 | 50.0 | -0.27583 | 0.01219 | -11018.09 | 487.02 | 8083.86 | -13244.26 | 6235.47 |
| 6 | 50.0 | -0.27680 | 0.01221 | -11057.16 | 487.78 | 8122.93 | -13304.95 | 6243.55 |
| 7 | 50.0 | -0.26866 | 0.01201 | -10731.76 | 479.58 | 7797.53 | -12799.50 | 6176.28 |
| 8 | 50.0 | -0.24041 | 0.01139 | -9603.21 | 454.92 | 6668.98 | -11046.53 | 5943.01 |

Table 4.19 Fuel Weight Effect Case E

Table 4.20 Fuel Weight Effect Case G

| No. | Fuel kg | C _{Lw} | CD | L (N) | D (N) | G-L (N) | M_{Ex} (Nm) | М _{ЕУ} (Nm) |
|-----|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 0.0 | -1.00193 | 0.06023 | -7576.36 | 455.47 | 6113.63 | -9091.59 | 2562.53 |
| 2 | 0.0 | -1.00020 | 0.05999 | -7563.27 | 453.64 | 6100.54 | -9071.26 | 2559.82 |
| 3 | 0.0 | -1.04215 | 0.06451 | -7880.46 | 487.78 | 6417.73 | -9563.96 | 2625.38 |
| 4 | 0.0 | -1.18432 | 0.08140 | -8955.53 | 615.49 | 7492.80 | -11233.86 | 2847.60 |
| 4.2 | 10.0 | -1.21257 | 0.08518 | -9169.11 | 644.14 | 7412.08 | -11326.95 | 2818.47 |
| 4.4 | 20.0 | -1.24081 | 0.08897 | -9382.69 | 672.75 | 7331.36 | -11420.03 | 2789.33 |
| 4.6 | 30.0 | -1.26906 | 0.09275 | -9596.28 | 701.37 | 7250.65 | -11513.11 | 2760.20 |
| 4.8 | 40.0 | -1.29730 | 0.09654 | -9809.86 | 729.98 | 7169.93 | -11606.19 | 2731.07 |
| 5 | 50.0 | -1.32558 | 0.10032 | -10023.68 | 758.62 | 7089.45 | -11699.64 | 2701.98 |
| 6 | 50.0 | -1.33061 | 0.10108 | -10061.76 | 764.33 | 7127.53 | -11758.80 | 2709.86 |
| 7 | 50.0 | -1.28867 | 0.09523 | -9744.57 | 720.08 | 6810.34 | -11266.10 | 2644.29 |
| 8 | 50.0 | -1.14319 | 0.07631 | -8644.51 | 577.07 | 5710.28 | -9557.37 | 2416.91 |

4.7 External Moments

4.7.1 Moment due to Lift force:

Moment due to lifting force about point "0" is calculated by:

$$\vec{M}_{OL} \equiv \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} \vec{r}(y) \times d\vec{L}$$
(4.48)

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Where:

$$d\vec{L} = C_l(y) \cdot q \cdot C(y) \cdot dy\hat{k} \tag{4.49}$$

Product $c(y) \cdot dy$ represents elementary wing area ds, Dynamic pressure is defined as $q = 0.5 \cdot \rho \cdot V^2$, $C_l(y)$ is local lift coefficient at position y, b is the wing span, and vector r(y) is given as:

$$\vec{r}(y) = x_S \hat{\imath} + y_S \hat{\jmath} + z_S \hat{k} \tag{4.50}$$

Where: x_s distance of the centre of pressure from the main spar (point 0):

$$x_{S} = x_{S0} - x_{cp} \tag{4.51}$$

$$x_s = 0.619 - x_{cp} \tag{4.52}$$

$$x_{cp} = \left[\left(\frac{x}{c} \right)_{ac} - \frac{C_{MAC}}{C_L} \right] \cdot c \tag{4.53}$$

$$x_{S} = x_{S0} - \left[\left(\frac{x}{c} \right)_{ac} - \frac{C_{MAC}}{C_{L}} \right] \cdot c$$
(4.54)

$$x_{S} = 0.619 - \left[0.266 - \frac{C_{MAC}}{C_{L}}\right] \cdot c$$
(4.55)

Where:

$$Z_S = 0$$

Since we have a constant chord so: $C_l(y) = \overline{c}_a = 1.55 \text{ m}$. The integral will be:

$$\vec{M}_{OL} \equiv q \cdot c \cdot \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} \left(x_S \hat{\imath} + y_S \hat{\jmath} + z_S \hat{k} \right) \times C_l(y) \hat{k} \cdot dy$$
(4.56)

$$\vec{M}_{OL} \equiv -q \cdot \bar{c}_a \cdot x_S \hat{j} \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} C_l(y) \cdot dy + q \cdot \bar{c}_a \cdot y_S \hat{i} \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} C_l(y) \cdot y dy + 0$$
(4.57)

$$\vec{M}_{OL} \equiv -(x_S \cdot L_{(y_{Wstart})}) \cdot \hat{j} + M_{L(y_{Wstart})} \cdot \hat{i}$$
(4.58)

Note: the moment sign is by the right-hand rule.

4.7.2 Moment due to Drag force:

As mentioned, the drag force has consisted of friction drag and induced drag. Friction drag acts approximately in the middle of the wing exposed to airflow, while induced drag distribution depends on induced velocity distribution and intensity of the circulation.

$$\vec{M}_{OD} \equiv \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} \vec{r} \cdot \left(y \times d\vec{D}\right)$$
(4.59)

$$\vec{M}_{OD} = \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} \left(x_S \hat{\imath} + y_S \hat{\jmath} + z_S \hat{k} \right) \times \left(d_i + q \cdot C_{D0} \cdot c(y) \right) \cdot dy \cdot (-\hat{\imath})$$
(4.60)

be:

Since the drag approximately acts on the same level as point "0", $z_s = 0$ and the equation will

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Since the drag approximately acts on the same level as point "0", so $z_s=0$ and the equation will be:

$$\vec{M}_{OD} = \hat{k} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{Wstart}}^{b/2} y_{S} \cdot d_{i} \cdot dy + \hat{k} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{Wstart}}^{b/2} y_{S} \cdot q \cdot C_{D0} \cdot c(y) \cdot dy$$
(4.61)

$$\vec{M}_{OD} = \hat{k} \cdot (M_{Di} + M_{D0}) \tag{4.62}$$

$$\vec{M}_{OD} = \hat{k} \cdot M_D \tag{4.63}$$

The procedures of calculation of friction and induced drag are mentioned in drag force calculation. We suppose that the total resultant drag force act at the middle of the wing exposed to airflow for approximation.

4.7.3 Moment due to Gravity forces:

Moment due to gravity force about "0" is calculated by the following equation:

$$\vec{M}_{0G} \equiv \vec{r}_{GW} \times (n \cdot m_W \cdot g) \cdot \left(-\hat{k}\right) + \vec{r}_{GF} \cdot (n \cdot m_F \cdot g) \cdot \left(-\hat{k}\right)$$
(4.64)

4.7.4 Equilibrium of Moments:

Equilibrium of moments requires that moment of the external forces and reaction forces about any point is equal to zero. We take point "0" to calculate the equilibrium of moments so:

$$\sum \vec{M}_E 0 = \vec{r}_1 \times \left(Y_1 \hat{j} + Z_1 \hat{k} \right) + M_x \hat{i} + \vec{M}_{0L} + \vec{M}_{0D} + \vec{M}_{0G} + \vec{M} =$$
(4.65)

Or

$$(r_{1y}Z_1 - r_{1z}Y_1) \cdot \hat{\imath} - (r_{1x}Z_1 - r_{1z}0) \cdot \hat{\jmath} + (r_{1x}Y_1 - r_{1y}0)\hat{k} + M_x\hat{\imath} = -\vec{M}_E$$
(4.66)

On the left-hand side of this equation are unknown reactions y_1 and z_1 , while on the right – hand side is pitching moment and moments due to lifting, drag and weight of the wing segment (as mentioned, no need for pitching moment if we deal with the centre of pressure). To shorten the expressions, we gave the external moments the name M_E .

After sorting and combining moments and forces equations (with corresponding numbers), we get the following system of equations:

$$X_0 = D \tag{4.67}$$

$$Y_0 + Y_1 = 0 (4.68)$$

$$Z_0 + Z_1 = G - L (4.69)$$

$$M_x = -M_{Ex} \tag{4.70}$$

$$0.503Z_1 = M_{Ey} \tag{4.71}$$

$$0.503Y_1 = -M_{Ez} \tag{4.72}$$

Where:

$$\vec{M}_{EX} = ML_{(Ystart)} - n \cdot g(m_w \cdot y_{Gw} + m_F \cdot y_{GF})$$
(4.73)

$$\vec{M}_{Ey} = -(X_s \cdot L_{(Ystart)} + n \cdot g(m_w \cdot x_{Gw} + m_F \cdot x_{GF} + q \cdot \bar{c}_a \int_{y_{Wstart}}^{b/2} C_m(y) \cdot c(y) \cdot (4.74)$$

$$dy)$$

Again we deal with the centre of pressure so that the equation will be:

$$\dot{M}_{Ey} = -(X_s \cdot L_{(Ystart)}) + n \cdot g(m_w \cdot x_{Gw} + m_F \cdot x_{GF}$$
(4.75)

$$\overline{M}_{EZ} = M_{Di} + M_{D0} = M_D \tag{4.76}$$

4.7.5 Load Distribution over Wing

For the load cases given in

Table 4.1 with deflection of command surfaces and corresponding angles of attack of the wing, the wing's load distribution was calculated using a small program. All eight cases are to be considered

for different masses of the airplane. The load distribution over the wing is used to determine the load on ribs to use in the structural dimensioning and testing. Reactions for symmetrical load cases are identical on right-hand and left-hand semi-wing.

For unsymmetrical load cases such as AA+ and AA- reactions on the right-hand semi-wing for loading case AA+ are equal to the reactions to the left-hand semi-wing for the loading case AA- and vice versa. Only reactions on left-hand side semi-wing loads are calculated; it is also assumed that $C_n = C_l$ since angles of attack for the most intensive loads is smaller than 14°. Semi-wing's support reactions for load cases given in Table 4.21.

| Jenn | wing s support reactions for | 1 0010 4.21. |
|------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | |

| No | m (kg) | α (°) | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | $X_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_0(N)$ | $Z_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_{I}(N)$ | $Z_{I}(N)$ | M_x (Nm) |
|----|--------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | 9.87 | -7.02 | 951.91 | 4636.555 | -8533.04 | -4636.56 | -4086.93 | -18793.20 |
| 2 | 687.4 | 9.85 | -6.83 | 948.81 | 4621.423 | -8517.22 | -4621.42 | -4075.89 | -18751.47 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 10.37 | -5.60 | 1017.16 | 4954.335 | -8900.59 | -4954.33 | -4343.33 | -19762.38 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 12.14 | -5.87 | 1271.91 | 6195.188 | -10199.95 | -6195.19 | -5249.77 | -23188.66 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 13.90 | -6.78 | 1556.18 | 7579.799 | -10004.83 | -7579.80 | -4693.51 | -24206.12 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 13.96 | -7.33 | 1568.61 | 7640.328 | -10050.86 | -7640.33 | -4725.62 | -24327.49 |
| 7 | 892.4 | 13.44 | -8.57 | 1478.51 | 7201.49 | -9667.49 | -7201.49 | -4458.18 | -23316.59 |
| 8 | 792.4 | 11.63 | -7.93 | 1195.79 | 5824.445 | -8337.92 | -5824.45 | -3530.66 | -19810.65 |

Table 4.21 Support Reactions at case A, at point A, ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = 6.0, V = 67.12 m/s)

Table 4.22 Support Reactions at case D, at point D, ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = 6.0, V = 107.22m/s)

| No | m (kg) | α(°) | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | $X_{0}(N)$ | $Y_0(N)$ | $Z_{0}(N)$ | $Y_{I}(N)$ | Z_1 (N) | M_x (Nm) |
|----|--------|------|--------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | 2.45 | -2.67 | 715.03 | 3482.74 | -13848.82 | -3482.74 | 671.48 | -19658.95 |
| 2 | 687.4 | 2.45 | -2.60 | 715.03 | 3482.74 | -13833.00 | -3482.74 | 682.52 | -19617.23 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 2.65 | -2.12 | 741.79 | 3613.10 | -14216.37 | -3613.10 | 415.08 | -20628.13 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 3.34 | -2.22 | 845.25 | 4117.03 | -15515.73 | -4117.03 | -491.36 | -24054.41 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 4.03 | -2.58 | 961.77 | 4684.58 | -15320.60 | -4684.58 | 64.91 | -25071.87 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 4.06 | -2.79 | 965.25 | 4701.51 | - <mark>15366.63</mark> | -4701.51 | 32.80 | -25193.25 |
| 7 | 892.4 | 3.85 | -3.27 | 931.06 | 4534.96 | -14983.26 | -4534.96 | 300.24 | -24182.34 |
| 8 | 792.4 | 3.14 | -3.02 | 814.97 | 3969.55 | -13653.69 | -3969.55 | 1227.75 | -20676.40 |

Table 4.23 Support Reactions at case E, at point E, ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = -3.0, V = 107.22m/s)

| No | m (kg) | α (°) | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | $X_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_0(N)$ | $Z_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_{1}(N)$ | $Z_{1}(N)$ | M_x (Nm) |
|----|--------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -4.71 | 1.48 | 434.09 | 2114.36 | -5048.59 | -2114.36 | 12093.27 | 10537.80 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -4.71 | 1.45 | 433.56 | 2111.75 | -5056.50 | -2111.75 | 12087.75 | 10516.94 |
| 3 | 727.4 | -4.81 | 1.21 | 439.73 | 2141.84 | -4864.82 | -2141.84 | 12221.47 | 11022.39 |
| 4 | 827.4 | -5.16 | 1.26 | 461.44 | 2247.57 | -4215.14 | -2247.57 | 12674.69 | 12735.53 |
| 5 | 932.4 | -5.50 | 1.44 | 487.02 | 2372.16 | -4312.70 | -2372.16 | 12396.56 | 13244.26 |

| 6 | 932.4 | -5.51 | 1.54 | 487.78 | 2375.85 | -4289.68 | -2375.85 | 12412.61 | 13304.95 |
|---|-------|-------|------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 7 | 892.4 | -5.41 | 1.78 | 479.58 | 2335.94 | -4481.37 | -2335.94 | 12278.89 | 12799.50 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -5.06 | 1.66 | 454.92 | 2215.81 | -5146.15 | -2215.81 | 11815.14 | 11046.53 |

Table 4.24 Support Reactions at case G, at point G, ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0^\circ$, n = -3.0, V = 46.65 m / s)

| No | m (kg) | α (°) | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | $X_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_0(N)$ | $Z_{0}(N)$ | $Y_{I}(N)$ | $Z_1(N)$ | M_x (Nm) |
|----|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -14.62 | 7.23 | 455.47 | 2218.47 | 1019.14 | -2218.47 | 5094.48 | 9091.59 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -14.60 | 7.04 | 453.64 | 2209.59 | 1011.43 | -2209.59 | 5089.11 | 9071.26 |
| 3 | 727.4 | -15.13 | 5.80 | 487.78 | 2375.88 | 1198.28 | -2375.88 | 5219.45 | 9563.96 |
| 4 | 827.4 | -16.91 | 6.08 | 615.49 | 2997.93 | 1831.57 | -2997.93 | 5661.23 | 11233.86 |
| 5 | 932.4 | -18.69 | 6.99 | 758.62 | 3695.05 | 1717.71 | -3695.05 | 5371.74 | 11699.64 |
| 6 | 932.4 | -18.75 | 7.54 | 764.33 | 3722.87 | 1740.15 | -3722.87 | 5387.39 | 11758.80 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -18.23 | 8.78 | 720.08 | 3507.37 | 1553.30 | -3507.37 | 5257.04 | 11266.10 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -16.40 | 8.14 | 577.07 | 2810.76 | 905.29 | -2810.76 | 4804.99 | 9557.37 |

4.7.6 Overview of Maximum Loading Cases

From the results of all loading cases given in the previous section, it is concluded that in each case, the most of the highest value of *Z* reactions are in number 4, and the other reaction loads are higher in number 6. An overview of reactions is given in

Table 4.25 below. The maximum reactions are found in cases A. 6, D. 4, D. 6, E. 4 and E. 6, so these loading cases have to be used to dimension structural elements.

The maximum positive and negative bending moment are found in case D. 6 and case E. 6. We used the bending moment of case D. 6 for dimensioning and testing of the wing (main spar). The maximum torsion moment found in case E. 4, so this case also should be tested in the structural test. For the structural test, we will test case D. 6 for maximum bending moment and case E.4 for maximum torsion moment about the main spar (chapter 7).

| Load case | $X_{\theta}(N)$ | $Y_0(N)$ | $Z_0(N)$ | $Y_1(N)$ | Z ₁ (N) | M_x (Nm) | My (Nm) |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| A. 4 | 1271.91 | 6195.19 | -10199.95 | -6195.19 | -5249.77 | -23188.66 | -2640.64 |
| A. 6 | 1568.61 | 7640.33 | -10050.86 | -7640.33 | -4725.62 | -24327.49 | -2376.99 |
| D. 4 | 845.25 | 4117.03 | -15515.73 | -4117.03 | -0491.36 | -24054.41 | -247.15 |
| D. 6 | <mark>965.25</mark> | <mark>4701.51</mark> | <mark>-15366.63</mark> | <mark>-4701.51</mark> | <mark>0032.80</mark> | <mark>-25193.25</mark> | 16.50 |
| D. 8 | 814.97 | 3969.55 | -13653.69 | -3969.55 | 1227.75 | -20676.40 | 617.56 |
| E. 4 E. 6 | 461.44 | 2247.57 | -4215.14 | -2247.57 | 12674.69 | 12735.53 | 6375.37 |
| | 487.78 | 2375.85 | -4289.68 | -2375.85 | 12412.61 | 13304.95 | 6243.55 |
| E. 8 | 454.92 | 2215.81 | -5146.15 | -2215.81 | 11815.14 | 11046.53 | 5943.01 |

Table 4.25 Maximum Loading Cases

| G. 4 | 615.49 | 2997.93 | 1831.57 | -2997.93 | 5661.23 | 11233.86 | 2847.60 |
|------|--------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| G. 6 | 758.62 | 3695.05 | 1717.71 | -3695.05 | 5371.74 | 11699.64 | 2701.98 |

4.8 Fittings Analysis

In the fitting analysis, we use the critical forces and moments summarized in

Table 4.25.

We have a double shear type of lug in the front spar and multiple shears or finger type in the main spar in the fitting. See Figure 4.6. The female lug attached to the wing's spar. The used material is steel 1.6604.6. According to EASA CS 23.619 and CS 23.625 [50](a), the safety factor must be multiplied by a specific factor known as a fitting factor, which is equal to 1.5, so the fitting safety factor will be:

 $F_s = 1.5 \cdot 1.15 = 1.725$



Figure 4.6 (a) Double Shear; (b) Multiple Shear or Finger Type

4.9 Main Spar

The reactions used for lug analysis of the main spar are taken from Table 4.26. Also, we added the force caused by the moment about the *x*-axis to the Y_0 reactions. The value of the X_0 reaction is so small compared with the value of Y_0 and Z_0 reactions, so we ignored it.

The value of Y_0 before adding the force due to moment about x is $Y_0 = 4701.51N$, and divided over two because there are two connection points in the fitting of the main spar (Figure 4.7), the force due to moment is:

$$Y_{OM} = \frac{M_x}{Z_{spar}} \tag{4.77}$$

$$Y_{OM} = 125966.25 N$$

So:

$$Y_0 = \frac{y_0}{2}$$

 $Y_0 = 2350.755N$

Where: $Z_{spar} = 0.2 m and M_x = 25193.25 Nm$.

 Y_0 (Tension) = $Y_{0M} + Y_0$ 125966.25

 Y_0 (Compression) = $Y_{0M} - Y_0$ 123615.495

Table 4.26 The reaction used for the lug analysis

| Case | <i>Z</i> ₀ (N) | $Y_0(N)$ Tension | Y_0 (N) Compression |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| D. 4 | -15515.7 | | |
| D. 6 | | 123615.48 | 128316.99 |



Figure 4.7 Connections Points in the Fitting of Main Spar

This value-added to Y_0 of the upper connection point (Y_0 compression) and subtracted from the lower one (Y_0 tension). Also, the value divided by 4 for one lug.

4.9.1 Applied Load Cases

We have two applied load cases in our fitting loading, namely, Case I: axial load and Case II: Transverse load see Figure 4.8.



Figure 4.8 Applied load cases for axial and transverse

4.9.2 Axial load analysis

The lug failure modes for this load case are shown in Figure 4.9.



Figure 4.9 Lug tension and shear-tear out failures

For our Lug: *W* = 3.22 *cm*, D = 1.4 *cm*, *a* = 1.69 *cm*.

a) Tension failure:

The following equation gives the tension load:

$$P_{tux} = K_t \cdot F_{tux} \cdot A_t \tag{4.78}$$



Figure 4.10. Axial Loading

Where:

*P*_{tux}: Ultimate load for tension failure

 K_t : Net tension efficiency factor is taken from

Figure 4.10. *Kt* =0.90 [52].

 F_{tux} : Ultimate tensile stress of the lug material in the x-direction. and for steel, 1.6604.6 $F_{tux} = 1300 Mpa = 1300 \cdot 10^6 N/m^2$ A_i : Minimum net section for tension $A_t = (W - D) \cdot t = 1.092 \ cm^2 = 1.092 \cdot 10^{-4} \ m^2$ t: lug thickness = 0.6 cm

So:

$$P_{tux} = K_t \cdot F_{tux} \cdot A_t \tag{4.79}$$
$$P_{tux} = 127764 N$$

The Margin of Safety (MS):

$$MS = \frac{P_{tux}}{F_{s.f} \cdot P} - 1 \tag{4.80}$$

$$MS = 1.40 \ ok$$

Where: $P = Z_0 / 4$.

b) Shear-Bearing failure

It consists of shear tear-out of the lug along with a (40°) the angle on both sides of the pin (Figure 4.9), and bearing failure involves the crushing of the lug by the pin bearing. Both of them are critical in tension load.

The following equation gives the ultimate load:



Figure 4.11 Axial Loading

Where:

*P*_{bru}: Ultimate load for shear tear-out and bearing failure

 K_{br} : shear bearing efficiency factor is taken from the Figure 4.11 [52] at a/D = 1.21 and D/t = 2.33 (t: thickness of one lug = 0.6 *cm*), so: $K_{br} = 1.55$

 F_{tux} : Ultimate tensile stress of the lug material in x-direction. For steel 1.6604.6:

 $F_{tux} = 1300 Mpa = 1300 \cdot 10^6 \text{ N}/m^2$

 A_{br} : projected bearing area $A_{br} = D \cdot t = 0.84 \ cm^2 = 0.84 \cdot 10^{-4} \ m^2$. So

$$P_{bru} = K_{br} \cdot F_{tux} \cdot A_{br} = 125580 N$$

The Margin of Safety (MS):

$$MS = \frac{P_{bru}}{F_{tyy} \cdot P_{tr}} - 1 \tag{4.82}$$
$$MS = 1.36 \quad ok$$

c) Pin-shear-off failure

Pin single shear-off failure is given by

$$P_{ps} = F_{su} \cdot A_p \tag{4.83}$$

Where:

*P*_{ps}: Ultimate load for pin shear-off failure

 F_{su} : Ultimate shear stress of the pin material (steel 1.4534.6) (For steel, ultimate shear stress is 0.75 of ultimate tensile stress) $\sigma_t = 1500 \times 10^6 N$

 $F_{su} = 0.75 \cdot \sigma_t = 1125 \cdot 10^6 N/m^2$ $P_{p,s}: \text{Pin cross-section area}$ Ap: Pin cross-section area $A_p = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = 1.54 \ cm^2 = 1.54 \times 10^{-4} \ m^2$ So:

$$P_{p,s} = \sigma_t \cdot A_p \tag{4.84}$$
$$P_{p,s} = 173250 N$$

The Margin of Safety (MS):

$$MS = \frac{P_{p,s}}{1.725 \cdot P} - 1 \tag{4.85}$$

MS = 2.25 ok

Where:
$$P = Y0/4$$
 case D6, $Y0 = 2350.755N$
 $P = \frac{Y_0}{4}$
 $P = 587.68875$ N

d) Pin bending failure

If the pin used in the lug is too small, the pin can bend enough to precipitate failure in the lug. Since a weak or smaller pin can cause an inner lug (t_2) to fail at a smaller load, larger pins (ample MS) are always recommended.

The moment arm is given by (Figure 4.12):

$$b = \frac{t_1}{2} + \delta + \gamma \cdot \left(\frac{t_2}{4}\right) \tag{4.86}$$

 $\delta = 0.05 \ cm$ is a gap (lug chamfer or use flange bushings) as shown in Figure 4.12



Figure 4.12 Pin Moment Arm for Determination of Bending Moment



Figure 4.13 Peaking Factor for Pin Bending







 $\frac{(P_u)_{\min}}{A_{br} \cdot F_{tux}} = \frac{P_{bru}}{2 \cdot A_{br} \cdot F_{tux}}.$

*A*_{br}: the new area was calculated by using the thickness of the female lug. (P_{min}) : The smaller of P_{bru} and P_{tu} for the inner lug (same as for outer lug).

So, the moment arm is $(t_1 = 0.6 \ cm, t_2 = 1.2 \ cm)$ $b = \frac{t_1}{2} + \delta + \gamma \cdot \left(\frac{t_2}{4}\right) = 0.425 \ cm$, and the pin bending moment $(P = Y_0 / 4 \ case \ (D6))$ is:

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{Y_0}{4}$$

P = 587.68875 N

$$M = \frac{P}{2} \cdot b = 68.17 Nm$$

Note: we used the compression force (Y_0 compression) because it gives the maximum bending moment.

Given the ultimate tensile stress of the pin material, for Ultimate bending moment, assume the ultimate bending moment is the moment that produces tension stress at the surface of the pin (tension part) equal to the ultimate tensile stress of the material, then

$$M_{u} = \frac{\sigma_{t} \cdot \pi \cdot r^{4}}{4 \cdot r} = \frac{\sigma_{t} \cdot \pi \cdot r^{3}}{4}$$

$$M_{u} = 2035.75 Nm$$
(4.87)

The Margin of Safety (MS):

$$MS = \frac{M_u}{F_{s,f} \cdot M} - 1 \tag{4.88}$$

 $MS = 16.31 \ ok$

4.9.3 Transverse load analysis

The lug failure modes for the transverse load case are shown in Figure 4.14 type I below.



Figure 4.14 Failure mode of transverse load

The critical transverse load of our lug is found in case D. 4 (

Table 4.25), and since we have two connection points, the value is divided over two, and there are four lugs in one connection (the central lug represent two lugs).

a) The ultimate load

The ultimate load is obtained by:

$$P_{tru} = K_{tru} \cdot A_{br} \cdot F_{tuy} \tag{4.89}$$



Figure 4.15 Transverse Loading Kt

 $P_{tru} = 115752N$

Where:

 P_{tru} : Ultimate transverse load $K_{tru} = 1.06$ Efficiency factor for transverse load, calculated based on Figure 4.15 [52] A_{br} : Projected bearing area $A_{br} = 0.84 \times 10^{-4} m^2$ F_{tuy} : Ultimate tensile stress of lug material in *y*-direction (Approximately equal to the ultimate tensile in *x* direction) $K_{tuy} = 1300 \times 10^6 N/m^2$

So, the ultimate load is:

b) The yield load The yield load is given by:

$$P_{y} = K_{try} \cdot A_{br} \cdot F_{tuy} \tag{4.90}$$

Where:

 P_{v} : Yield transverse load

 $K_{try} = 0.91$: Efficiency factor for transverse yield load calculated based on [52]

 A_{br} : Projected bearing area $A_{br} = 0.84 \times 10^{-4} m^2$

 F_{tuy} : Tensile yield stress of lug material in y-direction

The Tensile yield is approximately=0.89 of the ultimate tensile stress from high strength steel, so Ftuy= 0.89 $\cdot 1300 \times 10^{6} = 1157 \times 10^{6} N / m$.

The Margin of Safety (MS):

$$MS = \frac{P_{tru}}{F_{s,f} \cdot P_{tr}} - 1 \tag{4.91}$$

MS = 33.6 Large

CHAPTER 5 NUMERICAL CRACK PROPAGATION ANALYSIS
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5.1 Introduction

In this chapter, numerical analyses of the damaged wing-fuselage attachment lug were conducted by XFEM and improved FEM. So a summary of these methods and their implementation in corresponding software packages are given at the beginning.

5.2 Finite element method (FEM)

The evaluation of Stress Intensity Factor (SIF) for various types of crack positions and geometries in the finite element method is widely used to evaluate Stress Intensity Factor (SIF) for several types of crack positions geometries. Some procedures usually use extrapolation procedures based on point matching techniques with nodal displacements due to their application in many crack configurations. An example of this type of technique is the displacement extrapolation method (DEM).

The number of elements depends on the distributed nodes around the crack tip, which can be set by the user, as shown in Figure 5.1. The stresses are computed from the displacement solutions that are the primary output of the FE programs [53]. Souiyah et al. employed this method to predict the crack propagations directions, calculate the Stress Intensity Factors (SIFs), and then validated the predicted SIF and cracked path with the corresponding numerical and analytical results obtained by other researchers. The comparison showed that the program could demonstrate the SIF evaluation and the crack path direction satisfactorily [54].



Figure 5.1 The cut and patch procedure of generating singular elements around a crack tip

One of the best-known numerical approaches is the adaptive re-meshing technique based on the finite element method. The literature [55], Table 4.2 to Table 4.5 aimed by Ricardo Branco et al. to provide an overview of adaptive remeshing technique proposals developed to evaluate the crack shape progression and fatigue life. In [56], [57] the SIF of an aluminium plate with central crack was computed by A. Gopichand et al., using the virtual crack closure technique (VCCT). Compared with empirical values and displacement extrapolation method values, the values obtained were compared with empirical values and found to be in order.

In [58] (displacement distribution, stress distribution, weight function method, J-integral, interaction integral) were applied to calculate and compare KI values by using the FE software ABAQUS. The selected methods were applied on the benchmark model: the compact tension specimen, and the results were compared. Based on this comparison, it was concluded that:

(1) The J-integral method and the interaction integral implemented thru ABAQUS provide consistent K values with the one calculated by ASTM. So it is established that those are appropriate methods to determine accurate K values for both 2D and 3D cracks.

(2) The displacement and stress extrapolation method deliver consistent results with acceptable accuracy. Once the stress and displacement distributions are available, mentioned methods can be used for a SIF calculation. KI values were lower than those with J-integral or interaction integral and similar to the surface values (lower constraint).

(3) The 3D model provides more accurate results than 2D models.

(4) With J-integral, it is not possible to separate KI, KII and KIII. However, this disadvantage can be resolved by using the integral interaction method. The interaction integral was the most consistent method. In the literature [59], [57] two different crack growth criteria and the crack trajectory prediction for various applications were compared using the maximum circumferential stress criterion and the strain energy density criterion. For each example, the angle of direction at each crack increment length and the final crack propagation path was determined. The displacement extrapolation method was used to determine the stress intensity factors under mode I and mixed-mode loading. Numerical calculations made by the finite element methods showed that this technique could correctly describe the stress and deformations field near the crack tip. The two criteria gave good results on the crack propagation path, and the results between them were very close.

5.2.1 The effect of the mesh

The two criteria gave good results on the crack propagation path, and the results between them were very close. In finite element analysis, mesh size is the critical issue. Because it directly affects the accuracy, computing time and efforts needed for creating the finite element models. The accuracy of the result obtained is determined by the mesh element size [60]. Shashikant T. More and Dr. R. S. Bindu [57], [61] presented a study of the effects of the mesh element size on the accuracy of the numerically obtained results. The guidelines for choosing the appropriate mesh strategy in finite element modelling were based on these results. The analyses were conducted by using Femap and NX-Nastran. It was found that for static analysis, which assumes steady loading and response conditions, the model discredited into elements of size 40 mm to obtain satisfying results, consuming fewer computer resources and computing time. For buckling analysis, the FE model, which was meshed between 30 and 50 mm, gave optimal accuracy and efficiency. Three element types and eight-element sizes were used to compare the accuracy of modal analysis by Weibing Liu et al. As curve and surface boundary of a higher-order element can accurately approach structure boundary, calculation accuracy under hexahedral 36 elements was higher than tetrahedral element.

Meanwhile, the calculation accuracy of modal analysis can be improved by increasing the number of nodes. In that case, the order of algebraic equations obtained by the discrete differential equation is increased. After mesh type was selected, the calculation accuracy of modal analysis could also be increased by changing element size. But when mesh size was changed to a point or a place, the changes of calculation accuracy became stable. There is no significance for improving the calculation of modal analysis by changing the mesh element size continuous [62].

5.3 Extended Finite Element Method (XFEM)

5.3.1 Introduction

The requirement of re-meshing the discontinuous of crack's domain is the notable restriction of FEM, which represents a significant issue for modelling the crack propagation in complex geometry. To mitigate the difficulties of computational crack propagation in FEM, Belytschko and Black [63] suggested the extended finite element method (XFEM). This method can resolve the problem of FEM by enriching in the proximity of the crack and simulate the domain re-meshing. This method is based on the partition of unity and also provides using higher-order elements or particular finite elements without significant changes in the formulation. It has been widely acknowledged that this method since it uses the assumptions of linear elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM), simplifies the fracture growth modelling.

Since its introduction in ,1999 many new upgrades and applications have been proposed in the scientific literature [57], [64].

Compared to the finite element method, the XFEM provides many improvements in the numerical modelling of fracture propagation. In the FEM, the crack model must follow mesh element edges, while crack geometry in the XFEM does not need not be aligned with the mesh element edges, which is significant flexibility. This capability has been illustrated in Figure 5.2, [65], [36], [57].



Figure 5.2 Comparison of a crack path in FEM (left) and XFEM (right)

The extended finite element method (XFEM) is also known in the literature as a generalized finite element method (GFEM) or partition of unity method. (PUM) is a numerical procedure that upgrades the traditional finite element method (FEM) by extending the solution space for solutions to differential equations with discontinuous functions. The extended finite element method was designed to solve the problems with localized features that could not be efficiently resolved by mesh refinement.

A key advantage of XFEM is that the finite element mesh does not need to be updated to track the crack path in such problems. This method has more general use in solving problems with singularities, material interfaces. With the regular meshing of microstructural features such as voids, a localized advantage can be described by an appropriate set of basic functions [66].

The extended finite element method (XFEM) has proved to be a competent mathematical tool that enables a local enrichment of approximation spaces. The partition of the unity concept recognizes the enrichment. This concept gives an approximate solution with well-known non-smooth characteristics in small parts with computational domains, i.e. discontinuities and singularities near the crack tip. Standard numerical methods such as a finite element or finite volume often exhibit poor accuracy for crack growth simulation problems. The XFEM offers significant advantages by enabling optimal convergence for these applications [67], [57].

The XFEM is based on the enrichment of the FE model by adding extra degrees of freedom added to the nodes of the elements cut by the crack. In this way, crack is included in the numerical model without modifying the domain discretization, because the mesh is generated completely independent of the fracture. Therefore, only a single mesh is needed for any fracture length and orientation. In addition, nodes surrounding the crack tip are enriched with functions that reproduce the asymptotic crack tip behaviour. This enables the modelling of the crack within the fracture-tip element and increases the accuracy in calculating the stress intensity factors [65], [57].

5.3.2 Partition of unity

Partition of unity is a set *R* of continuous functions from X to the interval [0,1] such that for every point, $x \in X$,

- there is a neighbourhood of x where all but one finite number of the functions of R are 0,

- the sum of all the function values at x is 1, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(x) = 1$.

Partitions of unity are helpful because they often allow extending local constructions to the whole space. They are also important for interpolation of data, signal processing, and the theory of spline functions. An example of partition of unity for 4 functions is illustrated in Figure 5.3 [65].



Figure 5.3 Partition of unity of a circle with four functions

If this condition is verified, any point x in X has only finite i with $f_i(x) \neq 0$. It can be shown that the sum in Equation does not have to be identically unity to work; for any function $\phi(x)$, it is verified that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(x)\phi(x) = \phi(x)$$
(5.1)

It can also be shown that the partition of unity property is satisfied by the set of finite element shape functions Nj, i.e.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} N_j(x) = 1$$
(5.2)

By improving a finite element approximation, the enrichment procedure may be applied. In other words, the accuracy of the solution can be enhanced by including the analytical solution of the problem in the finite element formulation. For example, in fracture mechanics problems, if the analytical fracture tip solution can be added to the framework of the finite element discretization, predicting fracture tip fields may be improved and cause an increase in the number of degrees of freedom.

The partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM) [68] using the concept of enrichment functions along with the partition of unity property, can help to obtain the following approximation of the displacement within a finite element.

$$u^{h}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} N_{j}(x)(u_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}(x)a_{ji})$$
(5.3)

where, $p_i(x)$ is the enrichment functions and a_{ji} is the additional unknowns or degrees of freedom associated with the enriched solution. *m* and *n* are the total numbers of nodes of finite elements and the number of enrichment functions p_i .

Based on the discussion above, for an enriched node χ_k Equation (5.3) [69].

$$u^{h}(x_{k}) = (u_{k} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}(x_{k})a_{ji})$$
(5.4)

Which is not a possible solution. To overcome this problem and satisfy interpolation at the nodal point, i.e. $u^h(xki) = ui$, a slightly modified expression for the enriched displacement field was proposed as:

$$u^{h}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} N_{j}(x) [u_{j} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (p_{i}(x) - p_{i}(x_{j}))a_{ji}$$
(5.5)

A significant improvement in finite element discretization is provided by the generalized finite element method (GFEM), which represent a major improvement in finite element discretization, in which two separate shape functions are used for the ordinary and the enriched part of the finite element approximation [70] [57], where:

$$u^{h}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} N_{j}(x)u_{j} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \overline{N_{j}}(x) \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}(x)a_{ji}$$
(5.6)

Where $\overline{N_j}(x)$ are the shape functions associated with the enrichment basis function $p_i(x)$. For a reason which explained in the previous section, equation.

$$u^{h}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} N_{j}(x)u_{j} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \overline{N_{j}}(x) \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}(x)a_{ji}$$
(5.7)

should be modified as follows:

$$u^{h}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} N_{j}(x)u_{j} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \overline{N}(x) \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} (p_{i}(x) - p_{i}(x_{j}))a_{ji} \right]$$
(5.8)

5.3.3 Enrichment functions

In two-dimensional problems, crack growth modelling is characterized using two different types of enrichment functions:

5.3.4 The Heaviside function

For the elements wholly cut by the crack, The Heaviside function H(x) is applied for enrichment. The splitting of the element by the fracture results in a jump in the displacement field, and the Heaviside function provides a simple mathematical approach to model this kind of behaviour. For a continuous curve Γ , representing a fracture within the deformable body Ω , we can consider a point x(x, y) in Ω (Figure 5.4). The objective is to determine the position of this point concerning the fracture location. If the closest point belonging to Γ is $\overline{\chi}(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ and the outward normal vector to Γ in \overline{x} is n, the Heaviside function might be defined as follows:

$$H(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & for \quad (x-\bar{x}) \cdot n > 0 \\ -1 & for \quad (x-\bar{x}) \cdot n < 0 \end{cases}$$
(5.9)

This function introduces the discontinuity across the fracture faces.



Figure 5.4 Evaluation of Heaviside function

5.3.5 Asymptotic near-tip field functions

For those elements that are not wholly fractured and containing crack tip, the Heaviside function cannot be used to approximate the displacement field in the entire element. For the crack tip, the enrichment functions originally introduced by Fleming [57], [71] for use in the element free Galerkin method. They were later used in XFEM formulation by Belytschko. These four functions describe the crack tip displacement field. The first function is discontinuous at the fracture tip.

$$[F_{\alpha}(r,\theta), \alpha = 1] = \begin{cases} \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \\ \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \end{cases}$$
(5.10)

In this formulation r, θ are polar coordinates defined at the fracture tip. The above functions can simulate the asymptotic mode I and mode II displacement fields in LEFM, representing the near-tip singular behaviour in strains and stresses. These functions significantly improve the accuracy of the calculation of KI and KII, [72] [57].

Four different additional degrees of freedom in each direction for each node are added to the finite element formulation using the enrichment functions. The term $\sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$ discontinuous and therefore can represent the discontinuous behaviour at the fracture tip. The remaining three functions are used to enhance the approximation of the near crack tip. Figure 5.5 shows a part of a mesh with four-node bilinear types of elements. The circled nodes are the nodes of elements wholly cut by the fracture

and therefore enriched with Heaviside function. The nodes with the green square are containing fracture tip and are enriched by the fracture tip particular function mentioned in the equation:



Figure 5.5 The Enriched nodes in extended finite element method. [73]

Based on what discussed about the enrichment functions, the following expression for the XFEM approximation might be formulated:

$$u^{h} = u_{FEM}(x) + u_{Enr}(x)$$
 (5.11)

$$u_{xfem} = \sum_{i \in I} N_i(x) u_i + \sum_{j \in J} N_{ij}(x) [H(x)] a_j + \sum_{k \in K_I} [N_k(x) \sum_{l=1}^4 b_k^{ll} F_l^I(x)] + \sum_{k \in K_{II}} [N_k(x) \sum_{l=1}^4 b_k^{llI} F_l^{II}(x)]$$
(5.12)

where, *J* is the set of nodes whose elements is completely cut by the crack and therefore enriched with the Heaviside function (*x*), *K*I and K_{II} are the sets of nodes containing the fracture tips 1 and 2, and crack tip enrichment functions are: $F_l^I(x)$ and F_l^{II} . u_i are the standard degrees of freedom, and a_j , b_k^{II} , b_k^{III} are the vectors of additional nodal degrees of freedom for modelling fracture faces and the two crack tips, respectively.

5.3.6 Level set method for modelling discontinuities

In some cases, numerical simulations include moving objects, such as curves and surfaces on a fixed grid. This kind of modelling and tracking is difficult and requires a complex mathematical procedure. The Level Set Method (LSM) is a numerical technique that can help to solve these difficulties. The critical point in this method is to represent the moving object as a zero level set function. To fully characterize a fracture, two different level set functions are defined:

1. A normal function, $\phi(x)$

2. A tangential function, $\psi(x)$.



Figure 5.6 Construction of level set functions normal function for $\phi(x)$ and tangential function, $\psi(x)$

For evaluating the signed distance functions, assume Γc be the crack surface (shown in Figure 5.6) and x the point we want to evaluate the $\phi(x)$ function. The normal level set function can be defined as:

$$\phi = (\chi - \chi) \cdot n \tag{5.13}$$

Where $\overline{\chi}$ and *n* are defined previously.

In Figure 5.7, the plot of the normal signed function $\phi(x)$ for a fracture is illustrated. The tangential level set function $\psi(x)$ is computed by finding the minimum signed distance to the normal at the fracture tip.



Figure 5.7 Picture of normal level set function of $\psi(x)$ for (a) 2D contour of $\psi(x)$ and (b) 3D contour of $\psi(x)$

In case of an interior fracture, two different functions can be applied. However, a unique tangential level set function can be defined as:

$$\psi(x) = \max(\psi_1(x), \psi_2)$$
 (5.14)

In conclusion, referring to Figure 5.6, it may be written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} for \ \chi \in \Gamma_{cr} \ \phi(x=0) & and \ \psi(x\le 0) \\ for \ \mu \in \Gamma_{cr} \ \phi(x=0) & and \ \psi(x\le 0) \end{cases}$$
(5.15)

(for
$$\chi \in I_{lip} \phi(x=0)$$
 and $\psi(x=0)$

Where indicates the fracture tips location.

5.3.7 Numerical integration and convergence

The Gauss quadrature has been used for polynomial integrands. For non-polynomial ones, this method may reduce the accuracy of results. Introducing a fracture in the finite element discretization changes displacements and stresses into non-linear fields, which the Gauss quadrature cannot integrate.

A-triangulation procedure was proposed [74] in which elements edges align with the fracture faces. This approach is illustrated in Figure 5.8). Within these sub-elements, the standard Gauss integration procedure can be used.



Figure 5.8 Sub-triangulation of elements cut by a fracture

Therefore, for elements containing the fracture tip, including the singular stress field, this procedure might be inaccurate if Gauss points of sub-triangles are too close at the fracture tip.

Fracture modelling with the standard finite element method is performed by remeshing the domain so that elements boundaries match the fracture geometry. But newly created elements have to be well conditioned and not badly shaped. Accordingly, remeshing procedure is a complicated and computationally costly operation. On the other hand, since the sub-triangulation is performed only for integration purposes, no additional degrees of freedom are added to the system and sub-triangles are not forced to be well-shaped.

An alternative method based on eliminating quadrature sub-elements has been proposed [75], [57].

In such an approach, discontinuous non-differentiable functions are replaced with equivalent polynomial functions. So, consequently, the Gauss quadrature can be carried out over the whole element.

The XFEM method provides more accurate results than the FEM one when there is a discontinuity in the domain. But, it cannot improve the convergence rate due to the presence of the singularity, and the convergence is lower than expected by using the FEM method in smooth problems. Several methods have been proposed during the last decades to achieve an optimal rate of convergence, e.g. XFEM with a fixed enrichment area, high-order XFEM [76] as a modified construction of blending elements.

5.3.8 XFEM implementation in ABAQUS

The first formulation of the XFEM goes back to 1999, and therefore, there is a shortage of commercial software that has been using such a method. The enormous improvements provided by the XFEM have made many attempts to include XFEM in multi-purpose commercial FEM software. Among the commercial software, the most famous ones are LS-DYNA and Abaqus and ANSYS.

Other software, including ASTER and Morfeo, which have included this capability XFEM module, was introduced in Abaqus in 2009 with the Abaqus 6.9 release [77]. The XFEM implementation in Abaqus/Standard is based on the phantom nodes method [76] in which phantom nodes are superposed to the real ones to reproduce the presence of the discontinuity.

Abaqus's crack surfaces and tips are identified with a numerical procedure based on the Level Set Method. Once the mesh discretization has been created, each node of the finite element grid is characterized with three coordinates for the global coordinate system and two additional parameters, called PHILSM and PSILSM. These parameters are nonzero only for the enriched elements, and they might be easily interpreted as the nodal coordinates of the enriched nodes in a coordinate system centred at the fracture tip and whose axes are, respectively, tangent and normal to the fracture surfaces at the fracture tip [77] [57].

5.3.9 Improved Finite Element Method

By applying the Unstructured Mesh Method (UMM), FEM has been improved by enabling the change of the finite element mesh just in the immediate vicinity of the crack, which significantly simplifies the modelling of crack growth. Implementing UMM, ANSYS Mechanical has introduced the Separating Morphing and Adaptive Re-meshing Technology (SMART) for crack growth simulation [78], [79].

This technology automatically updates the mesh at each solution step but only near the crack, so the SIFs solutions are computed for every new position of the propagating crack front. This feature implies applying one specific element type and patch conforming tetrameshing method, a restriction made using the software itself. The simulation of crack growth is done thru the crack increment. The minimum crack increment is 0.25 times the average element size along the crack front, and the maximum crack increment is 1.5 times the average element size along the crack front.

So, selecting the average element size along the crack front is of paramount importance, which implies that the successful application of SMART highly depends on the mesh definition of the crack which propagation is to be simulated. Although new, this improved FEM has been successfully applied in several studies [80], [81], [82].

The integral interaction method, calculating SIFs for opening mode along the crack front in ANSYS, uses area integration for 2D problems and volume integration for 3D problems. The interaction integral I is defined as [69]:

$$I = \frac{-\int_{V} q_{i,j} \left(\sigma_{kl} \varepsilon_{kl}^{aux} \delta_{ij} - \sigma_{kj}^{aux} u_{ki} - \sigma_{kj} u_{ki}^{aux}\right) dV}{\int_{S} \delta q_n ds}$$
(5.16)

Where:

 $\sigma_{ii}, \varepsilon_{ii}, u_i$ are stress, strain and displacement respectively

 $\sigma_{ii}^{aux}, \varepsilon_{ii}^{aux}, u_i^{aux}$ are stress, strain and displacement of the auxiliary field respectively

 q_i is crack-extension vector.

Here, the interaction integral I is associated with the stress intensity factors as:

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{2}{E^*} \left(K_1 K_1^{aux} + K_2 K_2^{aux} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu} K_3 K_3^{aux}$$
(5.17)

Where K_i (i = 1, 2, 3) is mode I, II, and III SIFs modes; K_i^{aux} (i = 1, 2, 3) are mode I, II, and III SIFs auxiliary modes; $E^* = E$ for plane stress; $E^* = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2}$ for plane strain and E_{ν} , μ are Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio and shear modulus, respectively.

5.3.10 Finite Element Analysis of the Wing-fuselage Attachment Lug

In this research, a pin-loaded attachment lug, whose resistance to external forces occurring during the flight was analyzed, is shown in Figure 5.9 with all dimensions [83].



Figure 5.9 The dimensions of wing-fuselage attachment lugs used in the analysis

The lug is part of the assembly developed in CATIA v5 during the design of the light aerobatic aircraft Safat 03, and firstly the whole assembly was exported to MSC Patran/Nastran for classical finite element analysis (FEA). The highest stresses in the wing-fuselage attachment were identified around lug holes

Figure 5.10b. A magnified view of one of the lugs

Figure 5.10a, provides insight into the values of Von Mises stresses in the zone around the hole: the stress ranges from 725 MPa to 886 MPa, and these values were obtained in the case when the attachment was subjected to maximum expected external forces (load factor was n=6 indicating the flight

case with a g-force of 6g). The wing-fuselage attachment material was steel with an adopted Young modulus of 206,000 MPa, and the Poisson's ratio is 0.3 [83].



Figure 5.10 The stress distribution (a) in wing-fuselage attachment, (b) around the lower lug hole

The detailed analysis of loads to which light aircraft is exposed during the flight has shown that the total maximum axial force transferred to lug by pin would be $P_{ax,max} = 208,830.7$ N, whereas the maximum transverse force would be $P_{tr,max} = 20,177.3$ N. Considering that the wing-fuselage attachment has a pair of lugs with the exact dimensions and of the same shape Figure 5.9, the values of forces acting on each lug should be equal to one-half of the above values, i.e. $P_{ax,max} = 104,415.35$ N and $P_{tr,max} = 10,088.65$ N. The resultant force (Figure 5.11) will then be $P_{ob,max} = 104,901.6$ N, and the angle α will take the value $\alpha = 5,52^{\circ}$. Taking into account that $P_{ob,max}$ is significantly greater than $P_{tr,max}$, and that it only slightly deviates from the horizontal component, it was decided that to simplify the numerical model – only the axial component should be used in the analysis of the possible crack growth from the lug hole. However, its magnitude was adopted as $P_{ax} = 104,901.6$ N [83].



Figure 5.11. The lug dimensions and forces necessary for evaluation of $\sigma_{t,max}$

Light-sport aircraft regulations [84] suggest that maximum allowed tensile stress $\sigma_{t,max}$ along the axial direction of pin-loaded attachment lug can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\sigma_{t,max} = \frac{P_{ax}}{(W - D_0) \cdot t \cdot K_{ax}}$$
(5.18)

where K_{ax} represents the axial tension failure factor which can be determined – for selected material and W/D_0 ratio – from the diagrams in [85], while W, D_0 and t are shown in Figure 5.11. In the case of the lug analyzed here $W/D_0 = 32/14 = 2.286$ and the material is steel, thus the value of K_{ax} is approximately 0.583, and taking into account that t = 12 mm and $P_{ax} = 104,901.6$ N, using previous equation, the maximum calculated stress in the axial direction is approximately $\sigma_{t,max} = 833$ MPa. This value falls within the range of stresses around lug hole obtained in FEA (725 MPa to 886 MPa), hence $P_{ax} = 104,901.6$ N can be adopted as the external load for the crack growth simulation to assess the number of cycles of such high stress that will lead to complete failure of damaged pinloaded attachment lug.

5.3.11 XFEM analysis of the crack growth in the lug

The lug model used in XFEM simulation Figure 5.12 was obtained in CATIA v5 by "cutting off" the wing-fuselage attachment model. After that, it was imported to Abaqus and the previously calculated load $P_{ax} = 104,901.6$ N was applied in the red zone (Figure 5.12), as well as the adequate boundary conditions. It was then assumed that due to very high stress, both the corner crack and through crack might appear in the lug, i.e., a possibility of damage presence that does not spread throughout the lug's possibility of the appearance of damage through the whole thickness. The idea was to compare the growth of the corner crack with the growth of the through crack, both located at the same position, and then to assess the risk of losing the integrity of wing-fuselage attachment once the crack has occurred [83].



Figure 5.12 The lug model used for XFEM analysis of crack growth

For that purpose two different finite element meshes were used: one made of linear hexahedral elements of type C3D8R (Figure 5.13) and the other made of quadratic tetrahedral elements of type C3D10 (Figure 5.14). Meshes with the different number of nodes and elements have been used in the research to analyze the influence of mesh density to values of cycles obtained, and in thesis two significantly different meshes will be presented: hexahedral with 221,708 nodes and 111,023 elements, and tetrahedral with 1,121,350 nodes and 695,350 elements. It will be shown that both produce more or less the same results [83].

5.3.12 XFEM simulation of the corner crack growth

In first two XFEM simulations, with two different element types, a penny-shaped corner crack was generated using a circular surface with a radius of 2 mm.



Figure 5.13 (a) Initial penny-shaped crack in hexahedral mesh, and (b) crack after 6th step of propagation





In a case of hexahedral mesh, crack growth was forced to be in a single plane, i.e. newly formed crack fronts remained in the plane of initial penny-shaped crack, while in a case of tetrahedral mesh crack growth was not limited to a single plane, allowing the new fronts to be generated in the most probable directions determined by the calculated values of kink angle. All the stress intensity factors (SIFs) calculations have been done with the help of the software add-in named *Morfeo/Crack for Abaqus* [79], which allows the user to choose whether the growth will be simulated in a single plane or not.

After six steps of propagation and SIFs calculations, with maximum increment of 1 mm per step, both cracks – in hexahedral and tetrahedral mesh – reached the depth of 8 mm (as can be seen in Figure 5.13b and Figure 5.14b). Cracks' propagation was then terminated. Some of the nodes on the crack fronts negative values of stress intensity factor were calculated, indicating that crack growth stopped in a certain direction(s). This can be clearly seen in Table 5.1 and

Table 5.2 [83] in, which values of equivalent stress intensity factors K_{eq} and Mode I stress intensity factors K_I for two meshes are given. In both cases in 7th step negative values of K_I occurred ($K_I = -33.38$ MPa mm^{0.5} and $K_I = -9.23$ MPa mm^{0.5} respectively) even if the shapes of cracks were not the same: crack forced to grow in a single plane kept the regular circular shape (Figure 5.13b), while the crack that "freely" propagated got irregular shape (Figure 5.14b) [83].

mesh Penny shape edge crack (hexahedral elements) Equivalent SIF Mode I SIF K_{ea} (MPa mm^{0,5}) K_{I} (MPa mm^{0,5}) No. of Crack nodes Mean Mean Step depth Max Min Max Min on the value value (mm)

1203.12

1395.40

1560.34

1667.47

1781.63

1872.15

1956.56

1282.92

1605.83

1806.29

1983.72

2138.81

2244.99

2342.47

1203.04

1323.43

1552.45

1668.65

1777.70

1873.75

1707.04

1117.88

1093.75

1415.71

1498.86

1585.82

1693.98

-33.38

Table 5.1 SIF values calculated for corner crack growth in the lug model with hexahedral

Table 5.2 SIF values calculated for corner crack growth in the lug model with tetrahedral mesh

1119.81

1266.39

1420.85

1496.79

1588.09

1696.40

1799.61

| | | | Penny shape edge crack (tetrahedral elements) | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|--|--|
| | | | Equivalent SIF Mode I SIF | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | K _e | q (MPa mm | l ^{0,5}) | K_I (MPa mm ^{0,5}) | | | | |
| Step | Crack depth (mm) | No. of nodes on the front | Max Min | | Mean value | Max | Min | Mean value | | |
| 1 | 2 | 40 | 1299.94 | 1044.84 | 1155.38 | 1306.22 | 1039.67 | 1153.84 | | |
| 2 | 3 | 53 | 1929.91 | 1208.76 | 1382.53 | 2447.42 | 1203.42 | 1433.43 | | |
| 3 | 4 | 67 | 1682.04 | 1298.76 | 1481.61 | 3243.83 | 1303.75 | 1603.01 | | |
| 4 | 5 | 81 | 1932.62 | 1161.30 | 1563.13 | 1823.81 | 1081.39 | 1487.99 | | |
| 5 | 6 | 120 | 1866.75 | 670.82 | 1354.84 | 1545.87 | 473.17 | 1218.96 | | |
| 6 | 7 | 91 | 1630.91 | 349.70 | 1087.30 | 1723.08 | 90.87 | 857.08 | | |
| 7 | 8 | 87 | 1746.87 | 512.43 | 1132.67 | 1932.71 | -9.23 | 987.56 | | |

The other SIFs values presented in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 will be discussed later.

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Along with the SIFs calculations, *Morfeo/Crack for Abaqus* employs Paris law to determine the number of applied load cycles that will grow crack to a certain length. In this case, the stress ratio R = -1 was adopted (since during the flight wing load varies from tensile to compressive), while Paris coefficient n = 2.26 and $C = 7.526 \cdot 10^{-11}$ were taken from fatigue tests [69], [86] with the steel used for manufacturing the wing-fuselage attachment showed in Figure 5.9. Results of the integration of the Paris function are shown in the graph in Figure 5.15. It shows the change of crack depth with the number of applied load cycles for both free growth and in-the-plane crack propagation. The maximum number of cycles N = 701 (for crack depth 8 mm) was obtained with mesh consisting of hexahedral elements, whereas the number of cycles needed to grow the initial crack to the same depth with tetrahedral elements was N = 632. Obviously, slightly greater number of cycles was obtained with hexahedral elements, but difference is less than 10% suggesting that both free and in-the-plane propagation results in similar

fatigue life assessments, regardless of the final crack shape (regular or irregular), element type, mesh density and SIF deviations (visible in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 [83].



Figure 5.15. Number of cycles vs crack depth for hexahedral and tetrahedral mesh

5.3.13 XFEM simulation of the through crack growth

Considering the observed "behavior" of the corner crack, which propagated more or less in the same manner in both meshes and "produced" approximately the same number of cycles, it was decided to perform a XFEM simulation with the through the crack in FE model with hexahedral mesh only (Figure 5.16). The reason why this model was selected prior to the model with tetrahedral mesh was simple: a higher number of nodes in tetrahedral mesh produced longer calculation time considerably in XFEM based analyses of corner cracks' growths without producing significantly different results. Thus, there was a belief that the number of cycles obtained with tetrahedral mesh would not be substantially different from the values obtained with less dense hexahedral mesh [83].

The growth simulation of through crack was performed using both approaches, free and in-theplane propagation, and the results of in-the-plane growth are presented here.



Figure 5.16 (a) Initial through crack, and (b) through crack after 9th step of propagation

The total number of propagation steps was nine, and since the initial crack depth was 1.25 mm, a growth increment of 0.75 mm produced the final crack depth of 7.25 mm (Figure 5.16). As can be seen in Figure 5.16b through crack almost reached the outer surface of the lug.

| Table 5.3 SIF values of | calculated for through | crack growth in th | ne lug model with | hexahedral mesh |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | U | 0 | 0 | |

| | | | Through crack | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
| | | | E | quivalent SI | F | Mode I SIF | | | | |
| | | | K _{ea} | , (MPa mm ⁰ | ^{0,5}) | K_I | (MPa mm ⁰ | ,5) | | |
| Step | Crack depth (mm) | No. of nodes on the front | Max | Min | Mean value | Max | Min | Mean value | | |
| 1 | 1.25 | 58 | 2020.73 | 1878.97 | 1975.73 | 2019.43 | 1876.97 | 1974.27 | | |
| 2 | 2.00 | 60 | 2245.33 | 2182.45 | 2224.09 | 2244.20 | 2180.66 | 2222.10 | | |
| 3 | 2.75 | 58 | 2380.99 | 2345.09 | 2371.53 | 2378.64 | 2320.31 | 2360.68 | | |
| 4 | 3.50 | 58 | 2486.80 | 2440.17 | 2457.58 | 2449.92 | 1971.08 | 2316.70 | | |
| 5 | 4.25 | 61 | 2762.26 | 2413.78 | 2516.19 | 2734.97 | 2360.57 | 2481.08 | | |
| 6 | 5.00 | 63 | 2776.20 | 2609.50 | 2674.60 | 2776.03 | 2288.89 | 2614.89 | | |
| 7 | 5.75 | 58 | 2918.78 | 2702.31 | 2818.05 | 2885.23 | 2696.31 | 2790.51 | | |
| 8 | 6.50 | 58 | 3145.00 | 2965.41 | 3052.80 | 3114.52 | 301.08 | 2598.67 | | |
| 9 | 7.25 | 67 | 3532.27 | 2142.87 | 3084.65 | 3642.05 | 1301.12 | 2762.92 | | |



Figure 5.17 Von Mises stresses after 9th step of through crack growth

The SIFs values presented in Table 5.3 were used to calculate the number of cycles to the final depth, assuming the same Paris coefficients as for the corner crack. In Figure 5.17 enlarged FE model of cracked lug after 9th step of crack propagation can be seen, as well as the stress distribution. This stress distribution was used later for comparisons as expected (high values were detected in the vicinity of the crack front) [83].

5.3.14 Improved FEM analysis of the crack propagation in the lug

Since the wing-fuselage attachment must be designed according to the safe-life approach, its experimental analysis is not required by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In the case of lighter aircraft structures, there is a requirement to evaluate the innovative design numerical analyses since they are used for obtaining the stresses or number of cycles. However, it can be problematic because of the lack of experimental data.

In this case, traditional FEM was used to evaluate the number of cycles obtained by XFEM in Abaqus. Then the same geometry was analyzed in Ansys Workbench v 19.2, where tetrahedral mesh with element type SOLID187 was created. This type of analysis could only be conducted with tetrahedral mesh (mandatory by Ansys)). The simulation is based on the use of the Unstructured Mesh Method (UMM) that creates tetrahedral mesh for crack fronts, achieving the same high-fidelity results as a simulation run with "the ideal" hexahedral mesh configuration [20]. Separating Morphing and Adaptive Remeshing Technology (SMART) has been introduced by Ansys, which enables automatic re-meshing during the crack growth simulation.

So, unlike the XFEM method implemented in Abaqus, where there is no re-meshing during the simulation, mesh around the crack front in Ansys changes and adapts with every growth step to better capture the field values around the crack front nodes.



Figure 5.18 Von Mises stresses after "opening" of through crack in Ansys simulation

The same load and boundary conditions previously used in Abaqus were applied to the FE model in Ansys. Automated crack growth was defined with the same values of Paris coefficients used in XFEM based analysis. Figure 5.18 shows the initial mesh and Von Mises stresses (linear elastic analysis) after crack "opening".

The equivalent stress distribution was compared to the distribution obtained in Abaqus, and no significant difference was found confirming that FEM and XFEM model were equivalents. The extreme stress values were not considered since they represented singularities.



Figure 5.19 Von Mises stresses and the crack shape at the end of propagation (magnified view)

Then, the crack was propagated in Ansys until it reached the same depth as in Abaqus. The shape of the crack is shown in Figure 5.19, and obtained stress distribution was compared to the stress distribution (Figure 5.17) obtained in Abaqus. Once more, good agreement of the results was found, and

since Ansys has incorporated procedure for the calculation of the number of cycles using Paris law, crack length vs the number of cycles graph was made. The figure shows the comparison of the mean K_I values calculated in Abaqus (XFEM) and Ansys (FEM), while graphs in Figure show the comparison of the obtained number of cycles of applied load obtained using FEM and XFEM approach [83].



Figure 5.20 The mean K_I values calculated for the through crack growth using XFEM and FEM



Figure 5.21 Crack depth vs number of cycles graphs obtained using XFEM and FEM

CHAPTER 6

EXPERIMENTAL VERVE CATION of NUMERICALLY OBTAINED LOAD

6 EXPERIMENTAL VERVE CATION of NUMERICALLY OBTAINED LOAD

From the financial point of view of such a project that involves the development and manufacturing of the light aerobatic aircraft wing, it is expensive to build several prototypes just to validate the wing concept and all wing attachments and connections. On the other hand, it is impossible to obtain the license to fly without testing a prototype since civil aviation authorities require testing. In the previous Chapter, numerical simulations of wing behavior have been presented, and obtained results (deformations and stresses) allow us to predict the specific reactions of the designed wing under specific loading conditions. Numerical modelling is not expensive (compared to prototype manufacturing and full-scale wing testing), but the accuracy of the FE model has to be evaluated and confirmed before a variety of different numerical simulations can be done. Thus, a comparison with the experimental values is the only way to validate the quality of the numerical model if the deformation of the wing tip obtained in the experiment is close to the wing tip deformation obtained in FE analysis under the same load. In that case, we can claim that deformations and stresses numerically evaluated in the wing areas not covered in the experiment (since they are not easily accessible, for instance) can be accepted as accurate within a reasonable margin of error. Prototype of the wing used in experiments presented in Figure 6.1 Prototype of the wing used in experiments



Figure 6.1 Prototype of the wing used in experiments

Therefore, a single set of wings (Figure 6.1 and

Figure 6.2) has been manufactured to validate the mechanical behavior under different loading conditions and to evaluate the numerical results presented in the previous Chapter. As shown in
Figure 6.2, the wing prototype has a completely functional aileron and flap, while Figure 6.3 shows the shape of rib number 11. All elements of the wing prototype have been manufactured using aluminium alloy 2024-T3, except the wing-fuselage attachment (the material was high-quality steel). The numerical model of the wing showed in the previous Chapter was made according to the original wing drawings used for prototype manufacturing, too: so, the difference between the actual wing and the 3D model is slight if we neglect a number of small features (holes, cut-outs, brackets...) with no considerable influence on the load-carrying capabilities of the wing.



Figure 6.2 Completely functional flap and aileron

The primary structure of the wing that supports the bending load is the spar. The spar is connected to the fuselage through wing-fuselage attachment, which consists of two components: one of them is part of the spar, the other is part of the main fuselage frame (bulkhead). They both have two pairs of lugs, and to connect them; pins are used (Figure 6.3). To reduce experimental costs, the part of the wing-fuselage attachment that belongs to the bulkhead was not manufactured (due to the complexity of its shape), and a simple thick steel plate with holes (Figure 6.3 and Figure 6.4) was used instead. The steel plate has two pairs of lugs that fit the lugs of the spar, while the holes on the other side are used to attach the wing to steel I-beams in the laboratory (test bench, Figure 6.5), thus holding the wing in a horizontal position during tests. The auxiliary spar and the smaller steel plate (visible in Figure 6.3 and Figure 6.4) were also used to connect the wing to steel I-beams (Figure 6.5).



Figure 6.3 Rib number 11 and pins (circled) used to connect the central spar to steel plate



Figure 6.4 Steel plate (circled) with holes used to fix the wing and hold it in a horizontal position



Figure 6.5 Test bench consisting of 6 I-beams carries the wing prototype during experiments

To measure displacements and strains under predefined loads. A metrology system was installed to correlate the numerical simulation values with the tests' results. As mentioned above, the main goal was to compare the displacements (deflections) measured in different zones of the wing prototype with the ones obtained numerically. Displacements were measured at 10 positions, while the strain was measured at 26 separate locations. In total, 36 strain gauges have been glued to the wing on both upper and lower surface (Figure 6.6 and Figure 6.7). The force transducer was also used to measure the applied load. For data acquisition, the QuantumX data acquisition system produced by HBM was used. Several 4-channel universal amplifiers were utilized, and collected signals were processed using Catman software from HBM. Catman allows visualization of sensor data, stores data in a binary format, analyses data during the tests, and generates output in different forms (including MS Excel files, Figure 6.8) which can be used for further data processing.



Figure 6.6 Strain gauges used to monitor deflections and strains on the upper surface of the wing



Figure 6.7 Strain gauges used to monitor deflections and strains on the lower surface of the wing

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| -611 | 565 | -406 | 216 | -67 | 66 | -170 | 95 | -220 | 183 | -88 | |
| -933 | 808 | -600 | 335 | -171 | 44 | -172 | 147 | -417 | 272 | -95 | |
| -1074 | 930 | -713 | 400 | -304 | -3 | -204 | 170 | -478 | 308 | -88 | |
| -1196 | 1030 | -804 | 469 | -295 | -49 | -164 | 191 | -559 | 343 | -68 | |
| -1254 | 1065 | -825 | 502 | -283 | -75 | -122 | 201 | -588 | 359 | -46 | |
| -1307 | 1102 | -843 | 534 | -279 | -115 | -103 | 209 | -615 | 372 | -23 | |
| -1354 | 1146 | -859 | 570 | -276 | -169 | -88 | 217 | -640 | 386 | 0 | |
| -1390 | 1169 | -865 | 590 | -271 | -246 | -74 | 221 | -659 | 392 | 31 | |
| -1393 | 1167 | -866 | 589 | -270 | -246 | -73 | 222 | -660 | 393 | 35 | |
| -988 | 691 | -489 | 287 | -247 | -171 | -146 | 129 | -455 | 239 | -34 | |
| -825 | 524 | -372 | 193 | -206 | -139 | -130 | 100 | -381 | 185 | -49 | |

Figure 6.8 Data from Catman software exported to MS Excel

6.1 Test setup

As mentioned above, the central spar was connected by two pins to a thick steel plate, fixed to the test bench through threaded bolts. This configuration was designed to create infinitely rigid conditions in the wing root, providing conservative test results from the point of view of actual conditions during the flight. More than 20 different loading conditions (cases) were used in wing prototype tests over the period of one month; here, experimental results for the critical loading condition (case D, n=6, no fuel considered) will be presented.

The test principle was this: once we calculate loads along wingspan for any case defined by regulations, we introduce them to wing prototype using whiffle-tree configuration (Figure 6.9). The decision to use a whiffle-tree was made because we needed to apply different loads along the wingspan to simulate the nearly parabolic distribution of aerodynamic forces in combination with inertial forces. Since we had a single hydraulic jack (Figure 6.10) to introduce the load, the choice of spreaders and link rods (stirrups) seemed to be the only solution (the alternative approach was to use bags with sand).



Figure 6.9 Scheme of the whiffle-tree for wing structure testing

The choice of spreader location allows us to introduce the forces produced by the winglet (the winglet was not attached to the wing during experiments). Stirrups' locations and spreaders' lengths must be determined carefully to impose the load in the experiment that will be close to the load obtained in calculations. It is important that the connecting link rods are normal to the central spar when the load factor reaches 6g. As a reminder, more than 20 tests were carried out on the test bench and the setting was made to suit all the tests. However, spreader lengths and stirrups positions had to be determined by considering deflections of the wing when the applied load is equivalent to flight conditions with an acceleration 6g. The spreaders have been balanced by considering stirrups weight to avoid inducing extra loading to the wing. To protect the wing structure from damage and ensure that the designed load was applied along the wing chord. Wooden pads with rubber lining have been used. The wooden pads consist of two separated parts to provide easy assembling and disassembling.



Figure 6.10 Hydraulic jack (with force transducer) used to apply loads on the wing

It was decided to apply loads using the whiffle-tree on the ribs' positions along the wingspan. As a result, the whiffle-tree shown in Figure 6.11 was designed in Catia v5 software. But the determination of stirrups' locations and spreaders' lengths turned out to be a challenging task.



Figure 6.11 Designed whiffle-tree system for wing structure testing (CATIA drawing)

6.2 Determination of loads for critical case D and whiffle-tree system dimensions

Determining the chord-wise and span-wise distribution of the resultant load, the magnitude of the applied loads, as well as the method of applying those loads on the wing are important steps in the structural test. Here we suppose that the *y*-axis goes through the central (main) spar. The moment of external load about the *y*-axis for each wing segment is calculated using the relation:

$$M_{y_{seg}} = -\left(x_s \cdot L_{y_{seg}}\right) + n \cdot g \cdot \left(m_{w_{seg}} \cdot x_{Gw} + m_{F_{seg}} \cdot x_{GF}\right)$$
(6.1)

Chord-wise position of the resultant load from the main spar is now calculated using:

$$x_{T_{seg}} = \frac{M_{y_{seg}}}{L_{T_{seg}}} = \frac{-(x_s \cdot L_{y_{seg}}) + n \cdot g \cdot (m_{w_{seg}} \cdot x_{Gw} + m_{F_{seg}} \cdot x_{GF})}{L_{y_{seg}} - n \cdot g \cdot (m_{w_{seg}} + m_{F_{seg}})}$$
(6.2)

Here, x_s is the distance of the centre of pressure x_{C_p} from the central spar

$$x_s = x_{s_0} - x_{c_p} = 0.619 - x_{c_p} \tag{6.3}$$

where:

$$x_{C_p} = \left[\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)_{ac} - \frac{C_{MAC}}{C_{L_W}} \right] \cdot c \tag{6.4}$$

In the case D (n=6) $C_{L_W} = 0.5308$ and $C_{MAC} = -0.0663$, thus the load distribution (lift force minus inertial force) and the moment distribution along the span and chord-wise position of the resultant load from the central spar are given in Table 6.1 (the fuel is not considered):

Table 6.1 Load and moment distribution along the span for case D, n=6 (without fuel)

| y (m) | L (N) | W (N) | L-W (N) | M (Nm) |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| 4.90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4.87 | 25.64 | 23.98 | 1.66 | 0.02 |
| 4.82 | 105.14 | 63.94 | 41.20 | 0.81 |
| 4.75 | 276.54 | 119.90 | 156.64 | 7.60 |
| 4.66 | 566.26 | 191.83 | 374.43 | 32.57 |
| 4.54 | 994.12 | 287.75 | 706.37 | 92.67 |
| 4.40 | 1573.89 | 399.65 | 1174.24 | 218.2 |
| 4.2 | 2313.9 | 527.5 | 1786.37 | 446.4 |
| 4.1 | 3217.95 | 671.42 | 2546.53 | 824.73 |
| 3.86 | 4285.91 | 831.28 | 3454.63 | 1406.47 |
| 3.64 | 5514.57 | 1007.13 | 4507.44 | 2249.96 |
| 3.4 | 6898.12 | 1198.96 | 5699.16 | 3411.12 |
| 3.15 | 8428.68 | 1398.79 | 7029.89 | 4972.24 |
| 2.88 | 10096.74 | 1614.6 | 8482.14 | 6987.14 |
| 2.6 | 11891.42 | 1838.4 | 10053.02 | 9515 |
| 2.3 | 13800.82 | 2078.2 | 11722.62 | 12606.06 |
| 1.99 | 15812.15 | 2325.98 | 13486.17 | 16319.11 |
| 1.68 | 17397.77 | 2573.77 | 14824.00 | 20726.77 |
| 1.35 | 19086.23 | 2837.54 | 16248.69 | 25800.87 |
| 1.24 | 21202.3 | 2925.46 | 18276.84 | 27580.02 |

The load and the moment distribution along the span are given in Figure 6.12 and Figure 6.13.



Figure 6.12 Load (L - W) distribution along the span



Figure 6.13 Moment distribution along the span

Since the first rib of the wing prototype is at position y = 4.54 m, and rib number 10 is at position y = 1.566 m (measured from the *x*-axis), values of L - W and M had to be recalculated for the ribs' positions (let us not forget that decision was made to apply loads on the ribs in the experiment). For

that purpose, polynomial interpolation was used, and values calculated at rib positions are given in Table 2. Obtained values fit well to original graphs, as can be seen for moment values at ribs shown in Figure 6.14 Moment calculated at ribs' positions (orange squares) vs moment distribution.

| Rib No. | y (m) | L- $W(N)$ | Moment (Nm) |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | 4.54 | 706.37 | 92.67 |
| 2 | 4.206 | 1669.38 | 482.42 |
| 3 | 3.872 | 3474.64 | 1340.09 |
| 4 | 3.535 | 5033.16 | 2729.79 |
| 5 | 3.200 | 6728.67 | 4651.38 |
| 6 | 2.865 | 8517.27 | 7129.60 |
| 7 | 2.543 | 10312.08 | 10053.12 |
| 8 | 2.217 | 12192.68 | 13570.28 |
| 9 | 1.891 | 14125.21 | 17664.78 |
| 10 | 1.566 | 15433.47 | 22337.97 |

Table 6.2 Calculated loads and moments at ribs.



Figure 6.14 Moment calculated at ribs' positions (orange squares) vs moment distribution

As mentioned above, the ribs are supported with wooden pads, and through them, the loads will be applied. To define the lengths of all stirrups and spreaders, as well as their exact positions in whiffle-tree that will provide the application of precise loads on ribs. The static equilibrium equations must be used. Since the whiffle-tree shown in Figure 6.11 is complex for hand calculations, we decided to use the Ms Excel file *Whiffletree.xlsm* available for free download at the website [87]. Figure 6.15 shows the screenshot of the main sheet of the *Whiffletree.xlsm* file. Using the macro integrated into this Excel file, we obtained the whiffle-tree dimensions, forces, and moments shown in Figure 6.16 Forces, moments, and dimensions of the whiffle-tree and Table 6.3.

| ID 9F | Number of Load Load Wa | oading Points ling Directior arning Length Factor | s: 10 n: Y n: 2 rs 1 | Inp Ca | Space: out Dialog atia Scale | 3 Up-left 25.4 | De Dec | Unit L: Unit W: cimal L: :imal W: | m N 3 0 | Clear | Clear All | | Help | | |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| _ | Start/Start Over | Whiffletree | Multi-Whi | ffletree | Modify | Finish/Upd | late IC | Mat | erial Data | a Rod Edit/U | lpdate Tree | Chec | k CATIA | | |
| ID | Na | me | Weight | X | Y | Z | Load | Dist | Rod | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1st rib | | 300.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.0 | 0.24 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2nd rib | | 772.00 | 0.33 | 3 0.00 | 0.00 | 772.0 | 0.09 | | | | | 0.241 m | 300 N | 1st rib |
| 3 | 3rd rib | | 1492.00 | 0.67 | 7 0.00 | 0.00 | 1492.0 | 0.17 | | | | 0.444 m | 1072 N | | |
| 4 | 4th rib | | 1565.00 | 1.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1565.0 | 0.16 | | | | | 18 | 4 m-N | 2.1.1.1. |
| 5 | Stn rib | | 1600.00 | 1.34 | | 0.00 | 1600.0 | 0.17 | | | 0.005 | 100 N | 0.093 m | //2 N | Zna rib |
| 7 | 7th rib | | 1686.0 | 2.00 | | 0.00 | 1686.0 | 0.10 | | | 0.305 111 4 | 129 1 | 913 m-M | | |
| 8 | 8th rib | | 1906.0 | 2.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1906.0 | 0.15 | | | | | 0 173 m | 1492 N | 3rd rib |
| 9 | 9th rib | | 2180.0 | 2.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2180.0 | 0.16 | | | | 0.156 m | 3057 N | | |
| 10 | 10th rib | | 2200.00 | 2.97 | 7 0.00 | 0.00 | 2200.0 | 0.16 | | 0.764 m | 7396 N 21 | 56 m-N | 26 | 3 m-N | |
| 11 | 1+2 | | | 0.24 | 4 0.00 | 0.00 | 1072.00 | 0.44 | | Γ | | | 0.164 m | 1565 N | 4th rib |
| 12 | 3 + 4 | | | 0.84 | 1 | 0.00 | 3057.00 | 0.16 | | | | | | | - |
| 13 | 5 + 6 | | | 1.51 | 1 | 0.00 | 3267.00 | 0.46 | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 7 + 8 | | | 2.17 | 7 | 0.00 | 3592.00 | 0.35 | | | | | 0.17 m | 1608 N | 5th rib |
| 15 | 9 + 10 | | | 2.81 | 1 | 0.00 | 4380.00 | 0.29 | | | 0.461 m 3 | 3267 N | | | |
| 16 | 11 + 12 | | | 0.68 | 3 | 0.00 | 4129.00 | 0.36 | | | | | 30 | 1 m-N | |
| 1/ | 14 + 15 | | | 2.52 | - | 0.00 | 7972.00 | 0./1 | | 15368 N | 5710 m-N | | 0.165 m | 1659 N | 6th rib |
| 18 | 13 + 16 | | | 1.05 | | 0.00 | 15369.00 | 0.76 | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 1/ + 10 | | | 1.0 | | 0.00 | 15300.00 | | | | | | 0.172 m | 4000 N | 7th rib |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 353 m | 3592 N | 1000 N | 701110 |
| | | | - | | | | | | | | | 0.000 m | 25 | 8 m-N | |
| | | | | | | | • | | | | | | 0.153 m | 1906 N | 8th rib |
| | | | | | | | | | | 0.709 m | 7972 N | | 973 m-N | | - |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | Ì | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.163 m | 2180 N | 9th rib |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.289 m | 4380 N | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 | 8 m-N | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.162 m | 2200 N | 10th rib |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.289 m | 0.163 m 4380 N 0.162 m | 2180 N 8 m-N 2200 N | 9 |

Figure 6.15 Screenshot of MS Excel file used to design the whiffle-tree



Figure 6.16 Forces, moments, and dimensions of the whiffle-tree

Table 6.3 Force and moment at each rib for the whiffle-tree configuration shown in Figure 6.16 Forces, moments, and dimensions of the whiffle-tree.

| Rib No. | y (m) | Force (N) | Moment (Nm) |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | 4.54 | 300 | 96 |
| 2 | 4.206 | 772 | 454.048 |
| | | | 12 110 10 |

| 3 | 3.872 | 1492 | 1310.424 |
|----|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| 4 | 3.535 | 1565 | 2701.897 |
| 5 | 3.200 | 1608 | 4623.792 |
| 6 | 2.865 | 1659 | 7101.452 |
| 7 | 2.543 | 1686 | 10025.856 |
| 8 | 2.217 | 1906 | 13607.944 |
| 9 | 1.891 | 2180 | 17900.712 |
| 10 | 1.566 | 2200 | 22895.312 |
| | Total Force (N) | 15368 | |

Comparing the values of moments and forces calculated for the designed whiffle-tree Table 6.3 with values in Table 6.2, it can be seen that the total force of 15368 N that will be introduced by a hydraulic jack is very close to the calculated value of force at tenth rib 15433.47 N (the eleventh rib is at the position of support,

Figure 6.17. At the same time, moment 22895.312 Nm at tenth rib (Table 6.3) is somehow greater than moment 22337.97 Nm (see

Table 6.2 Calculated loads and moments at ribs), but the difference is about 2.5 %. This was considered acceptable, and the design of the whiffle-tree shown in Figure 6.16 was adopted. After that, the test assembly was completed with the manufactured whiffle-tree shown in Figure 6.18 and Figure 6.19.



Figure 6.17 Whiffle-tree is not introducing the force on the 11th rib



Figure 6.18 Test assembly for the light aerobatic aircraft wing



Figure 6.19 Test assembly for the light aerobatic aircraft wing (view from the other side)

6.3 Wing test loading and obtained displacements at the wing tip

European Aviation Safety Agency's specifications for light aerobatic aircraft define two types of loading that must be applied to the wing structure during testing:

- *Loading No 1:* Load must rise up to the limit load (6g) in steps, adding 10% of the load in each step, with a pause of 3 s between steps. Once a 6g load is achieved, slow unloading is conducted.
- *Loading No 2*: A destructive test is carried out with loading rise until the limit load (6g) as described above, and after that, the incremental increase of load is applied until wing failure.

Following these instructions, the load introduced by the hydraulic jack was incrementally increased during the test until the maximum force of 15787 N (as measured by force transducer) was achieved (see Table 6.4 Values of forces and displacements measured at 10 wing locations). Since the force was introduced in too many steps, in Table 6.4 only 15 steps of loading (and unloading) are presented.

| F | W1 | W2 | W3 | W4 | W5 | W6 | W7 | W8 | W9 | W10 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| kN | mm |
| -0.048 | -0.215 | -0.171 | -0.11 | -0.069 | -0.029 | -0.099 | -0.146 | -0.099 | -0.056 | -0.029 |
| 3.557 | 47.38 | 38.797 | 26.707 | 18.196 | 8.799 | 24.861 | 40.916 | 27.885 | 18.841 | 9.966 |
| 7.002 | 70.564 | 57.771 | 39.625 | 26.77 | 12.937 | 36.447 | 59.901 | 39.882 | 26.561 | 13.731 |
| 10.493 | 90.557 | 74.108 | 50.65 | 34.116 | 16.471 | 46.088 | 75.19 | 49.483 | 32.728 | 16.598 |
| 12.272 | 102.06 | 83.564 | 57.035 | 38.484 | 18.557 | 51.637 | 84.046 | 55.133 | 36.335 | 18.314 |
| 14.027 | 118.25 | 97.127 | 66.243 | 44.802 | 21.535 | 60.087 | 98.041 | 64.002 | 42.056 | 21.239 |
| 14.921 | 125.65 | 103.31 | 70.395 | 47.629 | 22.892 | 63.560 | 103.45 | 67.74 | 44.554 | 22.44 |
| 15.787 | 133.43 | 109.72 | 74.747 | 50.652 | 24.371 | 67.382 | 109.27 | 71.828 | 47.308 | 23.753 |
| 12.426 | 131.16 | 108.11 | 74.025 | 50.475 | 24.449 | 67.149 | 109.67 | 72.567 | 48.357 | 24.718 |
| 10.483 | 122.32 | 100.87 | 69.269 | 47.269 | 22.937 | 63.208 | 103.63 | 68.582 | 45.853 | 23.643 |
| 7.522 | 108.07 | 89.027 | 61.425 | 41.958 | 20.413 | 56.470 | 93.409 | 61.964 | 41.671 | 21.782 |
| 6.796 | 104.46 | 86.054 | 59.453 | 40.617 | 19.771 | 54.769 | 90.797 | 60.306 | 40.596 | 21.302 |
| 3.492 | 85.181 | 70.316 | 48.913 | 33.477 | 16.316 | 45.461 | 76.085 | 50.931 | 34.621 | 18.505 |
| -0.009 | 44.319 | 36.588 | 25.535 | 17.693 | 8.65 | 23.741 | 39.371 | 27.574 | 19.228 | 10.45 |
| -0.617 | 26.958 | 22.245 | 15.677 | 10.979 | 5.364 | 14.758 | 24.801 | 17.279 | 12.12 | 6.792 |

Table 6.4 Values of forces and displacements measured at 10 wing locations

Table 6.4 Values of forces and displacements measured at 10 wing locations shows displacements measured by 10 strain gauges on the wing for each applied force and processed by Catman software. Since the deformation at the wing tip for case D was numerically evaluated and presented in the previous chapter, we will extract results from two sensors S10 and S11, positioned at the wingtip (one was on the upper surface of the wing, the other on the lower). Values collected from the sensor S10 are represented in column W2 of Table 4, while values from the sensor S11 are represented in column W7 of Table 6.4. Extracted values are shown in Table 6.5, while Figure 6.20 shows changes of displacement with the change of force, as measured by sensors S10 and S11.

| F | S10 | S11 |
|--------|------------|------------|
| kN | mm | mm |
| -0.048 | -0.171 | -0.146 |
| 3.557 | 38.797 | 40.916 |
| 7.002 | 57.771 | 59.901 |
| 10.493 | 74.108 | 75.19 |
| 12.272 | 83.564 | 84.046 |
| 14.027 | 97.127 | 98.041 |
| 14.921 | 103.311 | 103.456 |
| 15.787 | 109.723 | 109.271 |
| 12.426 | 108.112 | 109.679 |
| 10.483 | 100.874 | 103.636 |
| 7.522 | 89.027 | 93.409 |
| 6.796 | 86.054 | 90.797 |
| 3.492 | 70.316 | 76.085 |
| -0.009 | 36.588 | 39.371 |
| -0.617 | 22.245 | 24.801 |

Table 6.5 Values of forces and displacement measured by sensors S10 and S11



Figure 6.20 Graph of displacements at the wingtip

The test showed a good correspondence of the force-displacement curve until the limit load.

CHAPTER 7 OPTIMIZATION of THE WING-FUSELAGE ATTACHMENT LUG
7 OPTIMIZATION of THE WING-FUSELAGE ATTACHMENT LUG

In the previous chapter, it has been established that under the specified load, the initial crack in the attachment lug is propagating rather quickly, so in this chapter, the focus will be on the optimization of the attachment lug's geometry. To be more specific, the effect of the crucial geometrical parameters on the crack's growth rate will be analyzed. Also, an improved geometry that is more fatigue resistant will be suggested. It has to be noted that one of the easiest ways to extend the fatigue life is the selection of the material, in this case, steel that is more fatigue resistant. But, the wing-fuselage attachment assembly made of this kind of steel would significantly increase the costs of the design and the production of the aircraft. So, it was decided that the material of the attachment lug remain the same, while its geometry will be redesigned.

The initial geometry dimensions of the attachment lug, needed for the optimization, are given in the previous chapter. The new finite element mesh was generated (Figure 7.1), with an average element mesh size of 1.7mm. This average element mesh size will be used throughout the optimization to avoid the influence of the mesh density on the optimization results (the number of cycles to catastrophic failure). All other input parameters (boundary conditions, load value and material) are identical to those used in the previous chapter. The SIFs values after the first crack propagation step are shown in Figure 7.2, where it can be seen that $K_{I max} = 1880.0 MPa\sqrt{mm}$, and also that the most values of K_I along the crack front are between 1850 and 1880.0 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$. However, mentioned maximum value of $K_{I max}$ will be used afterward as the main optimization criterion, i.e. the goal is to achieve that the $K_{I max}$ after first propagation step be reduced under prescribed value ($K_{I max} < 1400 MPa\sqrt{mm}$), if possible.

The SIF values just before the fracture of the attachment lug are shown in Figure 7.3, where it can be seen that the crack has grown for an additional 7.37 mm, regarding its initial size. In Figure 7.4, the diagram of the crack growth as a function of the number of cycles is presented. The maximum number of cycles N_{max} =515 (calculated for R=-1, as before) is slightly higher than the one obtained in the previous chapter. The reason for this is that with every new calculation, the software generates a new finite element mesh around the crack front, so some results discrepancies will always be present. In any case, the results obtained here will be used for comparison with the values that will be obtained after attachment lug geometry's optimization. The initial mass of the attachment lug is 87 grams.



Figure 7.1 Finite element mesh used in optimization



Figure 7.2 SIF values along crack front after 1st step of propagation (original lug)



Figure 7.3 SIF values after 15th step of propagation (total crack extension 7.37 mm)





7.1

It is known that the fatigue life of any supporting structure will be longer if its thickness is increased. This is why it was decided to first analyse the effect of the lug thickness increase without the change of other geometrical parameters. It can be seen in Figure 7.5 that the lug thickness was changing by adding the material in the normal direction to the coloured surface. This adding was conducted in steps of 1.25mm. For all newly obtained thicknesses the K_{Imax} was calculated and for the t=17mm (see Table 7.1) the K_{Imax} was lower than 1400 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$ for the first time. The mass of the luge with this thickness value is 123 grams, which represents an increase of 41.3%.



Figure 7.5 Thickness of lug was varied by adding material perpendicularly to the highlighted face

| Added thickness (mm) | Total thickness (mm) | $K_{I max}$ (MPa mm ^{0,5}) |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0 | 12.00 | 1880.0 |
| 1.25 | 13.25 | 1789.6 |
| 2.50 | 14.50 | 1631.8 |
| 3.75 | 15.75 | 1499.5 |
| 5.00 | 17.00 | 1391.2 |

Table 7.1 Values of maximum SIFs after crack opening for different thicknesses

After the first propagation step and the step just before the fracture of the attachment lug with a thickness of 17mm, the SIF values are shown in

Figure 7.6 and Figure 7.7. It is noticeable that the start and the end values of K_{Imax} are significantly lower than the K_{Imax} for the attachment lug with the initial thickness of 12mm, but at the price of the significant increase in its mass. The change of K_{Imax} in function of lug's thickness is represented in Figure 7.8. In Figure 7.9, the diagram of the crack growth as a function of the number of applied load cycles for R=-1 is presented.



Figure 7.6 Stress intensity factor (SIF) values along crack front after 1st step of propagation





Figure 7.7 SIF values after 20th step of propagation (total crack extension 6.84 mm)

Figure 7.8 Maximum K_l after crack opening for different lug thicknesses

The determination coefficient of the trend line $r^2 = 1$, is presented in Figure 7.8 Maximum K_l after crack opening for different lug thicknessesFig. 8. Its equation is:

$$K_{Imax} = -1.6111t^4 + 97.343t^3 - 2191.4t^2 + 21674t - 77460$$
(7.1)

With this equation, the value of $K_{I max}$ for a given value of thickness in mm can be calculated with high accuracy. However, with thickness increase, the mass of the lug is increasing too, so it was decided to keep the lug's thickness value of 17mm, because this thickness provides the double fatigue life, regarding the initial lug's thickness (compare Figure 7.4 and Figure 7.9).

Since the relation between lug's thickness and the K_{Imax} value at the beginning of crack propagation is established, and since it is almost certain that the thickness has the dominating influence on the lug's fatigue life, it was logical to assume that with the variation of other geometrical parameters, the lug's fatigue life can be increased to be higher than initial 515 cycles, while decreasing the mass of 123 grams (obtained for thickness of 17mm).





7.2 Model number 2: Two-parameter optimization of lug

It was decided to conduct optimization with two input optimization parameters: the lug's thickness and the rounding radius (highlighted surfaces in Figure 7.10). In the *Design Exploration* module of *Ansys Workbench*, the total number of $3^2 = 9$ combinations of thickness values and rounding radii were generated and the K_{Imax} value for first crack propagation step was calculated by finite element method for each combination (Figure 7.11).



Figure 7.10 Thickness of lug was varied along with the radius of the surface (highlighted)

| Table of | Table of Outline A2: Design Points of Design of Experiments | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | А | В | с | D | E | | | | |
| 1 | Name 💌 | P3 - radius (mm) 💌 | P5 - thickness (mm) 💌 | P4 - SIFS (K1) Maximum (MPa mm^0.5) 💌 | P6 - SYS-3\PartBody Mass (kg) 🔽 | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 14.5 | 0 | 2119.8 | 0.078385 | | | | |
| 3 | 3 2 10 | | 0 | 2844.3 | 0.058793 | | | | |
| 4 | 4 3 19 | | 0 | 1785.7 | 0.10789 | | | | |
| 5 | 4 | 14.5 | -5 | 3648.5 | 0.045599 | | | | |
| 6 | 5 | 14.5 | 5 | 1479.5 | 0.11117 | | | | |
| 7 | 6 | 10 | -5 | 4947.2 | 0.034186 | | | | |
| 8 | 7 | 19 | -5 | 3059.4 | 0.06279 | | | | |
| 9 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 1989.4 | 0.083401 | | | | |
| 10 | 9 DP 2 | 19 | 5 | 1250 | 0.15299 | | | | |

Figure 7.11 Maximum K_I (column D) and lug mass (column E) after crack opening

The table presented in Figure 7.11 shows that the decrease of the lug's thickness (the values of -5 in the C column) gives a very high $K_{I max}$ values, while, only with the increase of rounding radius (B column) the significant decrease in $K_{I max}$ values occurs. The lug's mass in the E column varies from 58 grams to 153 grams, and the only combination of r = 19mm and t = 17mm gives $K_{I max}$ values lower than 1400 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$ (to be more specific $K_{I max} = 1250MPa\sqrt{mm}$). (It has to be mentioned that the software generates only manufacturable values, i.e. the accuracy of only one decimal place was required.) The previous statement is illustrated in Figure 7.12, as it is clearly seen that only an increase of thickness and radius leads to a decrease of $K_{I max}$.



Figure 7.12 Response surface for different thicknesses and radii of lug

The SIF values along the crack front for lug's thickness of 17mm and rounding radius of 19mm are presented in Figure 7.13. The maximum value of 1256.8 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$ is slightly higher than one in the table in Figure 7.11 because of the earlier mentioned reason (different node numbers in mesh around the crack front in two computations with the same geometry), but it is convincingly the minimum K_{Imax} value, regarding two previous lug models. The lug's mass, however, is significantly increased for 75.8%

(from 87 grams to 153 grams), so it became obvious that additional parameters should be included in the optimization in order to achieve mass reduction and fatigue life prolongation.



Figure 7.13 SIF values along crack front after 1st step of propagation

The SIF values when a crack reaches the extension of 6.75mm are shown in Figure 7.14, in which is also visible that there is still a lot of space for its further growth, unlike in two previous lug's geometries where after reaching approximately 7mm, in the very next step complete fracture of the lug occurred. This was possible thanks to the increased rounding radius, which provides additional space for crack growth, and the fatigue life prolongation, accordingly. By comparing the K_{Imax} values in Figure 7.14 with values in Figure 7.7 and Figure 7.3, it can be seen that this value is minimal for the case presented in Figure 7.14. With further crack growth the crack gains appearance displayed in Figure 7.15, just before the fracture. In Figure 7.16, the diagram of the crack growth as a function of the number of cycles to complete fracture for R=-1, is presented, with the highest fatigue life obtained in this analysis: N_{max}=1933.



Figure 7.14 SIF values after 14th step of propagation (total crack extension 6.75 mm)



Figure 7.15 SIF values after 23rd step of propagation (total crack extension 10.89 mm)



Figure 7.16 Crack length vs Number of cycles for lug with t=17mm and r=19mm (N_{max}=1933)

7.3 Model number 3: Three-parameter optimization of lug

Optimization model 3 had three geometrical input optimization parameters: the lug's thickness (Figure 7.17), the rounding radius and the radius of a pin hole (Figure 7.18). Besides them, one "non-geometrical" input parameter was also selected: the initial position of the crack with respect to the surface

of the pin hole (Figure 7.19). This was necessary because in this case, with geometrical parameters varying, the size of the pin hole is changing, too. So, in order to keep the same initial size of the crack, the crack edge in the shape of the rectangle has to be "attached" to the newly generated pin hole surface (Figure 7.19).



Figure 7.17 Thickness was varied by adding/removing material perpendicularly to the highlighted face



Figure 7.18 Radii of highlighted surfaces were varied



Figure 7.19 Initial crack position was kept constant with respect to the yellow surface

In the Design Exploration module of Ansys Workbench, the total number of $3^3 = 27$ combinations of thickness values and two radii were generated and the K_{Imax} value for the first crack propagation step, was calculated by finite element method for each combination (Figure 7.20). Some of those combinations gave very high $K_{I max}$ values or mass values, so they were eliminated from further calculations. In the end the number of the combinations, i.e. Design points (DP) was diminished to 14. As a representative combination DP 27 was selected (Figure 7.20), because this combination gave the $K_{Imax} = 1267.6 MPa\sqrt{mm}$ in the first step of crack propagation (Figure 7.21) and the lug's mass of 108 grams.

| Table of | Design Poin | ts | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|---|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | A | | в | | с | | D | E |
| 1 | Name | | P3 - radius | - | P5 - thickness | - | P7 - radius 2 💌 | P8 - Parameter 1 💌 |
| 2 | Units | ; | mm | • | mm | - | mm 🗾 | |
| 3 | DP 1 | | 16.94 | | 1.82 | | 7 | 0 |
| 4 | DP 2 | | 19 | | 5 | | 7 | 0 |
| 5 | DP 6 | | 11.331 | | -3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 6 | 6 DP 7 | | 11.331 | | -3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 7 | DP 10 | | 17.669 | | -3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 8 | DP 11 | | 17.669 | | -3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 9 | DP 13 | | 14.5 | | 0 | | 5 | 0.05 |
| 10 | DP 17 | | 14.5 | | 0 | | 10 | 0.05 |
| 11 | DP 21 | | 11.331 | | 3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 12 | DP 22 | | 11.331 | | 3.521 | 3.521 9.2605 | | 0.08521 |
| 13 | DP 25 | | 17.669 | | 3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 14 | DP 26 | | 17.669 | | 3.521 | | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 15 | DP 27 | | 14.5 | | 5 | | 7.5 | 0.05 |
| 16 | DP 28 (Cu | rrent) | 19 | | 0 | | 7.5 | 0.05 |
| * | | | | | | | | |

Figure 7.20 Generated design points with selected parameters (r₁=14.5mm, r₂=7.5mm, t=17mm)



Figure 7.21 SIF values along crack front after 1st step of propagation

Although the first value of $K_{I max}$ was promising that the fatigue life of model 3 would be comparable to the fatigue life obtained for model 2 (because the difference of the start values of $K_{I max}$ was almost negligible), the crack under the applied load grew relatively fast and reached maximum extension (Figure 7.22) after N_{max}=786 load cycles for R=-1 (Figure 7.23). It was obvious that the lack of the growth space (which existed in model 2), disabled the prolongation of fatigue life to at least 1000 cycles, but compared to the initial shape of the lug, model 3 has for 52,6% longer fatigue life, while the mass is increased for 24.1%.



Figure 7.22 SIF values after 15th step of propagation (total crack extension 7.03 mm)





7.4 Model number 4: Different combination of three parameters

Optimization model 4, as model 3, has the same three input optimization parameters (the lug's thickness, the rounding radius and radius of a pin hole), but in this case, based on the table presented in

Figure 7.24, other parameter values were selected. In this case, the initial lug's thickness of 12mm was kept (in the C column, the added value is 0), but the rounding radius was increased to 19mm (similar to model 2). As for model 3, the pin hole radius, in this case, was 7.5mm. For this lug, the mass was 105 grams and SIF values after the first crack propagation step are presented in Figure 7.25, and they are over 1400 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$. The SIF values after crack extension of 7.09mm are given in Figure 7.26.

| Table UI | Design Points | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | А | в | с | D | E |
| 1 | Name 💌 | P3 - radius 💌 | P5 - thickness 💌 | P7 - radius 2 💌 | P8 - Parameter 1 💌 |
| 2 | Units | mm 💌 | mm 🗾 | mm 💌 | |
| 3 | DP 1 | 16.94 | 1.82 | 7 | 0 |
| 4 | DP 2 | 19 | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| 5 | DP 6 | 11.331 | -3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 6 | DP 7 | 11.331 | -3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 7 | DP 10 | 17.669 | -3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 8 | DP 11 | 17.669 | -3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 9 | DP 13 | 14.5 | 0 | 5 | 0.05 |
| 10 | DP 17 | 14.5 | 0 | 10 | 0.05 |
| 11 | DP 21 | 11.331 | 3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 12 | DP 22 | 11.331 | 3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 13 | DP 25 | 17.669 | 3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.01479 |
| 14 | DP 26 | 17.669 | 3.521 | 9.2605 | 0.08521 |
| 15 | DP 27 | 14.5 | 5 | 7.5 | 0.05 |
| 16 | DP 28 (Current) | 19 | 0 | 7.5 | 0.05 |
| * | | | | | |

Figure 7.24 Generated design points with selected parameters (r_1 =19mm, r_2 =7.5mm, t=12mm)



Figure 7.25 SIF values along crack front after 1st step of propagation



Figure 7.26 SIF values after 15th step of propagation (total crack extension 7.09 mm)

In Figure 7.26, it can be seen that in this lug model, the additional growth space exists (similar as for model 2), but maximum SIF values are significantly higher here than the SIF values for model 2 given in Figure 7.14 ((2450 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$ versus 1590 $MPa\sqrt{mm}$) which is the consequence of lesser lug's thickness in this model. This is the reason why the obtained number of cycles (N_{max}=824, Figure 7.27) is significantly lower than for model 2, though the final length of the crack just before fracture is almost the same as in model 2.



Figure 7.27 Crack length vs Number of cycles for three-parameter lug model 2 (N_{max}=824)

7.5 Comparison of results

Figure 7.28 and Table 7.2 the complete results of all conducted analyses are presented. The number of cycles for all 5 models is given comparatively (the initial lug and 4 models, which are the optimisation product with different parameters). In some models, the crack length reached almost 11mm before fracture, but in

Figure 7.28, only the lengths up to 7mm are shown for easier comparison.

The longest fatigue life, without a doubt, was obtained for model 2 (M2: Two-parameter optimization), where the number of cycles was increased 3.75 times with respect to this number for the initial lug, but at the cost of a mass increase of 75.9% (Table 7.2). Considering that wing-fuselage attachment has two lugs per pin, its mass would be increased for $4 \times (153g - 87g) = 264g$, which in absolute numbers is not much, but in light aircraft design and production, every gram counts. On the other hand, model M4 has a mass increase of only 20.7% (a wing-fuselage attachment od $4 \times (105g - 87g) = 72g$) and provides for 60% longer fatigue life comparing to the initial lug's, so it seems that this model is more acceptable than M2. Of course, if the safety of the aircraft is in the first place, then the advantage has model m2, because, with approximately 2000 cycles of ultimate loading, it enables that potential crack could be spotted in time during the inspection and thus catastrophic failures could be prevented.



Figure 7.28 Crack length vs Number of cycles for all five lug models (max extension 7mm)

| | Mass (grams) | Initial $K_{I max}$ (MPa mm ^{0,5}) | Total number of cycles |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Original lug | 87 | 1880.0 | 515 |
| M1: Lug 17 mm | 123 (+41.4%) | 1391.2 | 1085 (+110.7%) |
| M2: Two-parameter | 153 (+75.9%) | 1256.8 | 1933 (+275.4%) |
| M3: Three-parameter 1 | 108 (+24.1%) | 1267.6 | 786 (+52.6%) |
| M4: Three-parameter 2 | 105 (+0.7%) | 1498.5 | 824 (+60.0%) |

| Table 7.2 | Comparison | of propert | ies for five | lug models |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| | e ompanison | or property | | |

CHAPTER 8 DISCUSSION and CONCLUSION

8 CONCLUSION

Before repeating the most important findings of the research presented here and drawing final conclusions, it must be emphasized that work on this thesis was a part of wider research which included specialists in different areas (aerodynamics, flight mechanics, aeroelasticity, manufacturing, etc.) Since the evaluation of stresses and deformations of the wing (consequently its fatigue life, too) depends on results these specialists obtained in their work, their results were used as input data in some chapters of this thesis, while in some cases necessary data were obtained independently from their calculations. These calculations are usually very detailed and consist of a large number of output data; that is the reason why only the most important were presented in this thesis. Otherwise, if all data would have been presented, the thesis would have more than 500 pages. Also, the conclusions which were the result of research presented in some chapters have been presented in those chapters; as a consequence, here the most important of them will be repeated briefly.

As showed in the thesis, the wing structure of the light aircraft was analyzed first and it was shown that it satisfies strength requirements according to standards CS23. Magnitudes and distribution of loads have been considered in detail and distribution of pressure loading was done according to the requirements of CS23. The inertial loading was modeled too, and all displacements (translations and rotations) are relatively small, which shows that structure has enough stiffness. Detailed analysis of the state of stresses, deformations, and strength of wing structure regarding the magnitude of limit loads shows the stresses at structural elements do not exceed the elastic limit. Experimental verification of analytical/numerical results was carried out on the full-scale wing and it was shown that the difference between deformations was satisfactory low.

Then, the behavior and fatigue life of the damaged wing-fuselage attachment lug were analyzed. Due to the high loads attachment carries and its high impact on the overall aircraft integrity, the crack occurrence in it is not allowed. Still, some recent events in commercial aviation indicate that damages might occur quite unexpectedly. The cracking issues of some wing-fuselage attachments had led many airlines to check their airplanes, and as result 50 jets have been grounded worldwide in 2019, causing a significant profit loss.

Thus, two types of the crack in the lug – the corner crack and through the crack – were analyzed using XFEM in the case of the maximum allowed load. Based on the SIF values obtained in simulations of the penny shaped corner crack growth it can be concluded that the damage propagates rapidly and that it takes a small number of cycles to reach the critical depth. In the case of through initial crack, the number of cycles is even smaller. The number of cycles for through crack was confirmed in classical FEM simulations carried out in Ansys Workbench. It was shown that differences in calculated mean values of stress intensity factors of mode I (SIF K_I) are not significant (XFEM based results are somewhat higher). It should be again pointed out that the cycles obtained in numerical simulations were evaluated on the basis of the action of the maximum allowed axial force (load factor n=6) and that in the case of significantly smaller force (n=1) the number of cycles would be much higher. However, considering that the purpose of the light aerobatic aircraft is doing aerobatics, the use of maximum load was justified.

It is important to mention again that SIFs calculated can provide a wider picture of the possible crack paths once the damage was initiated and that finite element mesh type might influence results, but not dramatically. For example, SIF calculated for penny-shaped crack growth in the hexahedral mesh of lug showed significant oscillation along with the nodes on the newly formed crack fronts. The difference of about 25% indicated that crack was not growing uniformly; moreover, values in few nodes became negative signaling that three-dimensional crack can no longer propagate in some directions. This is important information for designers because knowing the directions in which cracks growth is highly unlikely might lead designers to define the optimized structure (from

the fatigue point of view) early in the design process. It was also shown that mode I is dominant meaning that cracks in the lug mostly grow in a single plane.

In the case of tetrahedral mesh SIF values through steps were on average smaller than values obtained with hexahedral mesh, which can be explained by the fact that more nodes were generated around the crack front, and the fact that propagation was not restricted to a single plane: directions in which the crack has grown were determined by the calculated kink angle. This is why its final shape is irregular, in contrast to the almost circular shape obtained in the hexahedral mesh. Negative values of K_I also occurred at some nodes suggesting that three-dimensional crack propagation in some directions wasn't possible. The crack didn't reach the same length in two perpendicular directions which offers a clue about the direction in which the corner damage on the real lug will most likely grow faster: the crack path along the thickness (vertical direction) is longer than the path in a radial direction. This is an important finding because in periodic inspections portion of the crack in the radial direction is visible, while the portion in the vertical direction, it is highly likely that its length in the vertical direction is greater.

Though differences in SIF values are obvious, obtained number of cycles for both meshes was similar (difference was 9.8%). However, the difference of the order of magnitude 10% might be significant when number of cycles is measured in millions, and further research will focus on determination of the influence of the mesh quality on estimated fatigue life. Nevertheless, it was shown that XFEM based analyses could be very useful, not only for SIF values calculation, but also for three-dimensional cracks' paths predictions in complex geometries.

After analyzing possible crack paths and influences of the mesh type on SIF values, in the last phase of the research, the focus was on the optimization of the attachment lug's geometry. Several strategies for the fatigue life extension were followed, including the easiest: to replace the material used in the design with other, fatigue resistant material. But, since the use of more fatigue-resistant material increases costs significantly, geometry redesign was selected as an alternative approach.

- To redesign the wing-fuselage attachment lug for the purpose of obtaining longer fatigue life with damage, the following assumptions were taken into account:
- The average element mesh size was fixed throughout the optimization to avoid the influence of the mesh density on results (the number of cycles to catastrophic failure),
- Boundary conditions, load value, and material property were kept constant, and Certain SIF value K_(I max) was used as the main criterion for redesign i.e. the goal was to achieve K_(I max) after the first propagation step.

The initial mass of the attachment lug was 87 grams, and four different models were used in the study, with the respect to three different design parameters: the lug's thickness, the rounding radius, and the radius of a pinhole. In model 1, the lug thickness was changing by adding the material in the normal direction to the surface. Using predefined criterion ($K_{(I max)}$ value in the first step) as the goal, the mass of the lug with a new thickness value reached 123 grams, which represents an increase of 41.3%. In model 2, two parameters were changed simultaneously, the lug's thickness and the rounding radius, and the required criterion was satisfied with the lug's mass of 153 grams, which was an increase in mass by 75.8% (from 87 grams to 153 grams). It became obvious that additional parameters should be included in the redesign in order to achieve mass reduction and fatigue life prolongation. So, model 3 had three geometrical input optimization parameters: the lug's thickness, the rounding radius, and the radius of a pin. Besides them, one "non-geometrical" input parameter was also selected: the initial position of the crack with respect to the surface of the pinhole. This was necessary because in this case, with geometrical parameters varying, the size of the pinhole was changing, too.

Achieving the required goal in model 3 led to mass of the lug equal to 108 grams. Compared to the initial shape of the lug, model 3 had approximately 52,6% longer fatigue life, while the mass was increased by 24.1%. Optimization model 4, as model 3, had the same three input redesign parameters (the lug's thickness, the rounding radius and radius of a pin hole), but the initial lug's thickness was kept constant, and with increased rounding radius (similar to model 2) obtained mass was 105 grams. Since geometry changed significantly, the additional space for crack growth exists in model 4, but maximum SIF values are significantly higher here than the SIF values for model 2 which is the consequence of lesser lug's thickness in this model.

To conclude, the longest fatigue life was obtained for model 2 where the number of cycles was increased 3.75 times with respect to the number for the initial lug, but at the cost of a mass increase of 75.9%. Considering that wing-fuselage attachment has two lugs per pin, its mass would be increased by 264 grams. On the other hand, model 4 has a mass increase of only 20.7% (or 72 grams) and provides around 60% longer fatigue life than the initial lug's, and it looks more acceptable than model 2. However, if the safety of the aircraft is the priority, then model 2 is preferable since it can sustain approximately 2000 cycles of ultimate loading when damaged, providing the opportunity of the crack being spotted during the inspection thus reducing the possibility of catastrophic failure.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A

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Program WING_LOADING
   DIMENSION Y(48),C(48),CLA(48),Q(48),QT(48),QM(48),CL(48),CCZ(48)
   CHARACTER AAA*20,BBB*20
   AAA="Lift (N)= "
                        "
   BBB="Speed (m/s)=
   WRITE(*,*)AAA
   READ(*,*) RZ
   WRITE(*,*)
   WRITE(*,*)BBB
   READ(*,*)V
   OPEN(UNIT=6,FILE="Chords.txt")
   OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE="Loads.txt")
   RO=1.225
                            ! Density
   DIP=0.5*RO*(V**2)
                           ! Dynamic pressure
   BE = 4.75
                           ! One half of effective wing span
   S=15.03
                           ! Wing area
                           ! Lift coefficient
   CZ=RZ/(DIP*S)
   PI=3.14159
   CEL=4.0*S/(2.0*BE*PI)
!
   Calculation of wing chords
    DO 22 I=1,48
    Y(I)=0.1*(I-1)
    IF(Y(I).GE.1.24)GOTO 10
    C(I)=1.796*(1.0-(Y(I)/1.24))+1.55*(Y(I)/1.24)
    GOTO 20
10 C(I)=1.55
!
    Chords of equivalent elliptic wing
    CL(I)=CEL*SQRT(1.0-(Y(I)*Y(I))/(4.75**2))
20
    Schrenk's chords for distribution of aerodynamic load
!
22 CLA(I)=0.5*(C(I)+CL(I))
     Aerodynamic loading (forces) in cross-sections of wing
!
    DO 30 I=1,48
    Q(I)=0.1*CLA(I)*(RZ/S)
30
!
    Transversal forces
     OO = 0.0
     DO 40 I=47,1,-1
     QQ=QQ+Q(I+1)
40
    QT(I)=QQ
!
     Bending moments
     DO 60 I=1,47
     OFM=0.0
    DO 50 J=I+1,48
    QM(I)=QFM+0.1*Q(J)*(J-I)
50
60
    CONTINUE
!
     Printing the results
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WRITE(6,65)RZ,V

- 65 FORMAT("Lift (N) =",F10.3," Speed (m/s)= ",F10.2) WRITE(6,66)RO,DIP
- 66 FORMAT("Density (kg/m^3)=",F10.3," Dyn. pres.(N/m^2) =",F15.3) WRITE(6,67)CZ
- 67 FORMAT("Wing lift coefficient = ",F10.3) WRITE(*,*) DO 70 I=1,48
- Position, chord, chord of elliptic wing, Schrenk's chord CCZ(I)=Q(I)/(0.1*DIP*C(I))
- 70 WRITE(6,75)Y(I),C(I),CL(I),CLA(I),CCZ(I)
- 75 FORMAT(5F15.4) CLOSE(6)
- Possition, Force, Shear force, Bending moment DO 80 I=1,48
- 80 WRITE(7,85)Y(I),Q(I),QT(I),QM(I)

85 FORMAT(4F15.4) CLOSE(7) STOP END

Table 3.7 Load cases

| | | Case: A_023 | | | Case: A_028 | |
|-------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Y(m) | q (N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) | q (N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) |
| 0.000 | 7066.725 | 28023.346 | 61340.898 | 6947.933 | 27552.275 | 60309.770 |
| 0.100 | 7029.104 | 27670.010 | 58573.918 | 6910.945 | 27204.879 | 57589.285 |
| 0.200 | 6989.827 | 26967.100 | 55877.191 | 6872.328 | 26513.785 | 54937.895 |
| 0.300 | 6948.888 | 26268.117 | 53250.375 | 6832.078 | 25826.553 | 52355.258 |
| 0.400 | 6906.284 | 25573.229 | 50693.063 | 6790.189 | 25143.346 | 49840.914 |
| 0.500 | 6862.007 | 24882.600 | 48204.813 | 6746.656 | 24464.326 | 47394.492 |
| 0.600 | 6816.045 | 24196.398 | 45785.172 | 6701.467 | 23789.660 | 45015.520 |
| 0.700 | 6768.387 | 23514.793 | 43433.688 | 6654.610 | 23119.514 | 42703.570 |
| 0.800 | 6719.017 | 22837.955 | 41149.891 | 6606.070 | 22454.053 | 40458.164 |
| 0.900 | 6667.918 | 22166.053 | 38933.293 | 6555.831 | 21793.445 | 38278.813 |
| 1.000 | 6615.070 | 21499.262 | 36783.367 | 6503.871 | 21137.861 | 36165.027 |
| 1.100 | 6560.450 | 20837.754 | 34699.582 | 6450.169 | 20487.475 | 34116.281 |
| 1.200 | 6504.031 | 20181.709 | 32681.416 | 6394.698 | 19842.457 | 32132.043 |
| 1.300 | 6467.858 | 19531.307 | 30728.281 | 6359.133 | 19202.986 | 30211.740 |
| 1.400 | 6444.542 | 18884.521 | 28839.830 | 6336.209 | 18567.072 | 28355.031 |
| 1.500 | 6419.329 | 18240.066 | 27015.822 | 6311.419 | 17933.451 | 26561.689 |
| 1.600 | 6392.175 | 17598.133 | 25256.012 | 6284.723 | 17302.309 | 24831.459 |
| 1.700 | 6363.039 | 16958.916 | 23560.119 | 6256.076 | 16673.836 | 23164.068 |
| 1.800 | 6331.867 | 16322.611 | 21927.861 | 6225.428 | 16048.228 | 21559.252 |
| 1.900 | 6298.606 | 15689.425 | 20358.918 | 6192.727 | 15425.685 | 20016.682 |
| 2.000 | 6263.194 | 15059.564 | 18852.961 | 6157.910 | 14806.412 | 18536.041 |
| 2.100 | 6225.563 | 14433.245 | 17409.633 | 6120.911 | 14190.621 | 17116.977 |
| 2.200 | 6185.636 | 13810.688 | 16028.564 | 6081.655 | 13578.530 | 15759.127 |
| 2.300 | 6143.330 | 13192.125 | 14709.354 | 6040.060 | 12970.365 | 14462.088 |

| 2.400 | 6098.550 | `12577.792 | 13451.572 | 5996.034 | 12366.359 | 13225.453 |
|-------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2.500 | 6051.194 | 11967.937 | 12254.782 | 5949.473 | 11766.756 | 12048.777 |
| 2.600 | 6001.143 | 11362.817 | 11118.497 | 5900.263 | 11171.809 | 10931.594 |
| 2.700 | 5948.266 | 10762.703 | 10042.229 | 5848.275 | 10581.782 | 9873.419 |
| 2.800 | 5892.413 | 10167.877 | 9025.441 | 5793.361 | 9996.955 | 8873.725 |
| 2.900 | 5833.417 | 9578.636 | 8067.576 | 5735.357 | 9417.619 | 7931.960 |
| 3.000 | 5771.086 | 8995.294 | 7168.049 | 5674.074 | 8844.083 | 7047.553 |
| 3.100 | 5705.199 | 8418.186 | 6326.228 | 5609.295 | 8276.676 | 6219.884 |
| 3.200 | 5635.503 | 7847.666 | 5541.463 | 5540.770 | 7715.747 | 5448.311 |
| 3.300 | 5561.699 | 7284.116 | 4813.051 | 5468.207 | 7161.669 | 4732.144 |
| 3.400 | 5483.440 | 6727.946 | 4140.256 | 5391.264 | 6614.849 | 4070.658 |
| 3.500 | 5400.312 | 6179.602 | 3522.297 | 5309.532 | 6075.722 | 3463.087 |
| 3.600 | 5311.816 | 5639.570 | 2958.339 | 5222.524 | 5544.769 | 2908.609 |
| 3.700 | 5217.345 | 5108.389 | 2447.500 | 5129.642 | 5022.517 | 2406.358 |
| 3.800 | 5116.143 | 4586.654 | 1988.835 | 5030.140 | 4509.552 | 1955.403 |
| 3.900 | 5007.250 | 4075.040 | 1581.331 | 4923.079 | 4006.538 | 1554.749 |
| 4.000 | 4889.423 | 3574.315 | 1223.900 | 4807.232 | 3514.230 | 1203.326 |
| 4.100 | 4760.988 | 3085.373 | 915.363 | 4680.956 | 3033.507 | 899.976 |
| 4.200 | 4619.601 | 2609.274 | 654.435 | 4541.945 | 2565.412 | 643.433 |
| 4.300 | 4461.807 | 2147.314 | 439.703 | 4386.804 | 2111.217 | 432.312 |
| 4.400 | 4282.099 | 1701.133 | 269.590 | 4210.117 | 1672.537 | 265.058 |
| 4.500 | 4070.638 | 1272.923 | 142.298 | 4002.211 | 1251.525 | 139.906 |
| 4.600 | 3806.045 | 865.859 | 55.712 | 3742.065 | 851.304 | 54.776 |
| 4.700 | 3415.241 | 485.255 | 7.186 | 3357.831 | 477.098 | 7.066 |
| 4.750 | 2874.612 | 143.731 | 0.000 | 2826.290 | 141.314 | 0.000 |

| V (m) | | Case: D_023 | | Case: D_028 | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| I (<i>m</i>) | q (N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) | q(N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) |
| 0.000 | 7252.969 | 28761.908 | 62957.566 | 7134.177 | 28290.822 | 61926.410 |
| 0.100 | 7214.357 | 28399.260 | 60117.633 | 7096.197 | 27934.113 | 59133.000 |
| 0.200 | 7174.044 | 27677.824 | 57349.848 | 7056.544 | 27224.494 | 56410.555 |
| 0.300 | 7132.027 | 26960.420 | 54653.805 | 7015.215 | 26518.840 | 53758.664 |
| 0.400 | 7088.300 | 26247.217 | 52029.086 | 6972.205 | 25817.318 | 51176.922 |
| 0.500 | 7042.856 | 25538.387 | 49475.242 | 6927.504 | 25120.098 | 48664.922 |
| 0.600 | 6995.682 | 24834.102 | 46991.844 | 6881.104 | 24427.348 | 46222.176 |
| 0.700 | 6946.769 | 24134.533 | 44578.410 | 6832.991 | 23739.238 | 43848.270 |
| 0.800 | 6896.098 | 23439.855 | 42234.402 | 6783.150 | 23055.939 | 41542.660 |
| 0.900 | 6843.652 | 22750.246 | 39959.379 | 6731.563 | 22377.625 | 39304.902 |
| 1.000 | 6789.411 | 22065.881 | 37752.785 | 6678.211 | 21704.469 | 37134.453 |
| 1.100 | 6733.352 | 21386.939 | 35614.090 | 6623.069 | 21036.648 | 35030.789 |
| 1.200 | 6675.445 | 20713.604 | 33542.738 | 6566.111 | 20374.342 | 32993.359 |
| 1.300 | 6638.319 | 20046.059 | 31538.133 | 6529.594 | 19717.730 | 31021.584 |
| 1.400 | 6614.389 | 19382.227 | 29599.908 | 6506.055 | 19064.771 | 29115.107 |
| 1.500 | 6588.511 | 18720.787 | 27727.834 | 6480.601 | 18414.166 | 27273.691 |
| 1.600 | 6560.642 | 18061.936 | 25921.639 | 6453.188 | 17766.105 | 25497.082 |
| 1.700 | 6530.737 | 17405.871 | 24181.053 | 6423.773 | 17120.787 | 23785.000 |

| 1.800 | 6498.744 | 16752.797 | 22505.770 | 6392.305 | 16478.410 | 22137.158 |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1.900 | 6464.606 | 16102.922 | 20895.479 | 6358.726 | 15839.181 | 20553.242 |
| 2.000 | 6428.261 | 15456.461 | 19349.828 | 6322.976 | 15203.308 | 19032.910 |
| 2.100 | 6389.638 | 14813.635 | 17868.469 | 6284.985 | 14571.010 | 17575.811 |
| 2.200 | 6348.659 | 14174.671 | 16451.000 | 6244.677 | 13942.511 | 16181.557 |
| 2.300 | 6305.238 | 13539.805 | 15097.021 | 6201.968 | 13318.043 | 14849.753 |
| 2.400 | 6259.278 | 12909.281 | 13806.094 | 6156.761 | 12697.846 | 13579.971 |
| 2.500 | 6210.674 | 12283.354 | 12577.758 | 6108.952 | 12082.170 | 12371.752 |
| 2.600 | 6159.303 | 11662.286 | 11411.525 | 6058.423 | 11471.274 | 11224.623 |
| 2.700 | 6105.033 | 11046.355 | 10306.893 | 6005.042 | 10865.432 | 10138.082 |
| 2.800 | 6047.708 | 10435.853 | 9263.310 | 5948.656 | 10264.928 | 9111.589 |
| 2.900 | 5987.157 | 9831.082 | 8280.197 | 5889.097 | 9670.063 | 8144.582 |
| 3.000 | 5923.184 | 9232.366 | 7356.963 | 5826.171 | 9081.153 | 7236.467 |
| 3.100 | 5855.561 | 8640.048 | 6492.957 | 5759.655 | 8498.536 | 6386.612 |
| 3.200 | 5784.027 | 8054.492 | 5687.508 | 5689.293 | 7922.571 | 5594.356 |
| 3.300 | 5708.278 | 7476.089 | 4939.900 | 5614.785 | 7353.642 | 4858.992 |
| 3.400 | 5627.957 | 6905.262 | 4249.373 | 5535.780 | 6792.163 | 4179.775 |
| 3.500 | 5542.638 | 6342.466 | 3615.127 | 5451.857 | 6238.585 | 3555.917 |
| 3.600 | 5451.810 | 5788.202 | 3036.306 | 5362.517 | 5693.399 | 2986.576 |
| 3.700 | 5354.849 | 5243.021 | 2512.005 | 5267.145 | 5157.148 | 2470.862 |
| 3.800 | 5250.979 | 4707.536 | 2041.251 | 5164.976 | 4630.434 | 2007.819 |
| 3.900 | 5139.217 | 4182.438 | 1623.007 | 5055.044 | 4113.936 | 1596.425 |
| 4.000 | 5018.285 | 3668.516 | 1256.156 | 4936.093 | 3608.431 | 1235.582 |
| 4.100 | 4886.464 | 3166.688 | 939.487 | 4806.431 | 3114.822 | 924.100 |
| 4.200 | 4741.351 | 2678.042 | 671.682 | 4663.694 | 2634.179 | 660.681 |
| 4.300 | 4579.398 | 2203.906 | 451.292 | 4504.395 | 2167.810 | 443.900 |
| 4.400 | 4394.954 | 1745.967 | 276.695 | 4322.971 | 1717.370 | 272.163 |
| 4.500 | 4177.920 | 1306.471 | 146.048 | 4109.492 | 1285.073 | 143.656 |
| 4.600 | 3906.353 | 888.679 | 57.180 | 3842.373 | 874.124 | 56.244 |
| 4.700 | 3505.250 | 498.044 | 7.376 | 3447.840 | 489.886 | 7.255 |
| 4.750 | 2950.373 | 147.519 | 0.000 | 2902.050 | 145.103 | 0.000 |
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| V (m) | | Case: E_023 | | <i>Case: E_028</i> | | |
|-------|----------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| I (M) | q(N/m) | FT (N) | MF (Nm) | q(N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) |
| 0.000 | 3779.315 | 14987.009 | 32805.383 | 3753.143 | 14883.220 | 32578.203 |
| 0.100 | 3759.195 | 14798.043 | 31325.574 | 3733.162 | 14695.563 | 31108.641 |
| 0.200 | 3738.189 | 14422.123 | 29883.369 | 3712.302 | 14322.246 | 29676.422 |
| 0.300 | 3716.295 | 14048.304 | 28478.539 | 3690.559 | 13951.016 | 28281.318 |
| 0.400 | 3693.510 | 13676.674 | 27110.871 | 3667.932 | 13581.960 | 26923.125 |
| 0.500 | 3669.831 | 13307.323 | 25780.139 | 3644.417 | 13215.167 | 25601.609 |
| 0.600 | 3645.250 | 12940.340 | 24486.100 | 3620.006 | 12850.726 | 24316.533 |
| 0.700 | 3619.762 | 12575.814 | 23228.521 | 3594.695 | 12488.725 | 23067.662 |
| 0.800 | 3593.359 | 12213.838 | 22007.137 | 3568.475 | 12129.255 | 21854.734 |
| 0.900 | 3566.031 | 11854.502 | 20821.684 | 3541.336 | 11772.407 | 20677.496 |
| 1.000 | 3537.768 | 11497.898 | 19671.898 | 3513.268 | 11418.273 | 19535.668 |
| 1.100 | 3508.557 | 11144.122 | 18557.486 | 3484.260 | 11066.946 | 18428.977 |

| 1.200 | 3478.384 | 10793.267 | 17478.160 | 3454.295 | 10718.521 | 17357.123 |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1.300 | 3459.038 | 10445.429 | 16433.617 | 3435.084 | 10373.091 | 16319.813 |
| 1.400 | 3446.569 | 10099.524 | 15423.666 | 3422.701 | 10029.582 | 15316.856 |
| 1.500 | 3433.084 | 9754.867 | 14448.178 | 3409.310 | 9687.312 | 14348.122 |
| 1.600 | 3418.563 | 9411.559 | 13507.023 | 3394.889 | 9346.381 | 13413.481 |
| 1.700 | 3402.980 | 9069.702 | 12600.055 | 3379.414 | 9006.892 | 12512.797 |
| 1.800 | 3386.310 | 8729.404 | 11727.109 | 3362.859 | 8668.950 | 11645.901 |
| 1.900 | 3368.521 | 8390.773 | 10888.034 | 3345.194 | 8332.664 | 10812.634 |
| 2.000 | 3349.583 | 8053.921 | 10082.644 | 3326.387 | 7998.145 | 10012.821 |
| 2.100 | 3329.457 | 7718.962 | 9310.746 | 3306.400 | 7665.506 | 9246.268 |
| 2.200 | 3308.104 | 7386.017 | 8572.145 | 3285.195 | 7334.866 | 8512.783 |
| 2.300 | 3285.479 | 7055.206 | 7866.626 | 3262.727 | 7006.346 | 7812.148 |
| 2.400 | 3261.531 | 6726.658 | 7193.959 | 3238.944 | 6680.074 | 7144.141 |
| 2.500 | 3236.204 | 6400.505 | 6553.909 | 3213.793 | 6356.179 | 6508.523 |
| 2.600 | 3209.437 | 6076.884 | 5946.220 | 3187.211 | 6034.800 | 5905.042 |
| 2.700 | 3181.158 | 5755.940 | 5370.626 | 3159.128 | 5716.079 | 5333.435 |
| 2.800 | 3151.288 | 5437.825 | 4826.845 | 3129.465 | 5400.166 | 4793.418 |
| 2.900 | 3119.736 | 5122.696 | 4314.574 | 3098.132 | 5087.220 | 4284.695 |
| 3.000 | 3086.402 | 4810.722 | 3833.503 | 3065.028 | 4777.407 | 3806.955 |
| 3.100 | 3051.165 | 4502.082 | 3383.294 | 3030.035 | 4470.904 | 3359.864 |
| 3.200 | 3013.891 | 4196.965 | 2963.598 | 2993.020 | 4167.900 | 2943.074 |
| 3.300 | 2974.420 | 3895.576 | 2574.041 | 2953.822 | 3868.599 | 2556.215 |
| 3.400 | 2932.567 | 3598.134 | 2214.227 | 2912.259 | 3573.216 | 2198.893 |
| 3.500 | 2888.110 | 3304.877 | 1883.739 | 2868.109 | 3281.990 | 1870.694 |
| 3.600 | 2840.782 | 3016.066 | 1582.132 | 2821.109 | 2995.179 | 1571.176 |
| 3.700 | 2790.259 | 2731.988 | 1308.934 | 2770.936 | 2713.069 | 1299.869 |
| 3.800 | 2736.135 | 2452.962 | 1063.638 | 2717.187 | 2435.975 | 1056.272 |
| 3.900 | 2677.899 | 2179.349 | 845.702 | 2659.354 | 2164.256 | 839.846 |
| 4.000 | 2614.885 | 1911.559 | 654.547 | 2596.776 | 1898.321 | 650.014 |
| 4.100 | 2546.197 | 1650.070 | 489.540 | 2528.564 | 1638.643 | 486.150 |
| 4.200 | 2470.582 | 1395.451 | 349.994 | 2453.473 | 1385.787 | 347.571 |
| 4.300 | 2386.193 | 1148.392 | 235.155 | 2369.669 | 1140.440 | 233.527 |
| 4.400 | 2290.085 | 909.773 | 144.178 | 2274.226 | 903.473 | 143.180 |
| 4.500 | 2176.995 | 680.765 | 76.102 | 2161.919 | 676.050 | 75.575 |
| 4.600 | 2035.489 | 463.065 | 29.795 | 2021.393 | 459.858 | 29.589 |
| 4.700 | 1826.486 | 259.516 | 3.843 | 1813.837 | 257.719 | 3.817 |
| 4.750 | 1537.355 | 76.868 | 0.000 | 1526.708 | 76.335 | 0.000 |

| Y (m) | Case:G_023 | | | <i>Case:</i> G_028 | | |
|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | q (N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) | q(N/m) | FT(N) | MF (Nm) |
| 0.000 | 3593.052 | 14248.374 | 31188.576 | 3566.900 | 14144.665 | 30961.568 |
| 0.100 | 3573.924 | 14068.722 | 29781.703 | 3547.911 | 13966.320 | 29564.934 |
| 0.200 | 3553.953 | 13711.329 | 28410.574 | 3528.085 | 13611.529 | 28203.783 |
| 0.300 | 3533.138 | 13355.934 | 27074.975 | 3507.422 | 13258.721 | 26877.912 |
| 0.400 | 3511.476 | 13002.620 | 25774.711 | 3485.918 | 12907.979 | 25587.109 |
| 0.500 | 3488.964 | 12651.473 | 24509.572 | 3463.569 | 12559.387 | 24331.180 |

| 0.600 | 3465.594 | 12302.576 | 23279.316 | 3440.370 | 12213.030 | 23109.869 |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 0.700 | 3441.363 | 11956.017 | 22083.711 | 3416.315 | 11868.993 | 21922.979 |
| 0.800 | 3416.261 | 11611.880 | 20922.518 | 3391.396 | 11527.361 | 20770.232 |
| 0.900 | 3390.280 | 11270.254 | 19795.498 | 3365.604 | 11188.222 | 19651.414 |
| 1.000 | 3363.410 | 10931.226 | 18702.367 | 3338.929 | 10851.661 | 18566.246 |
| 1.100 | 3335.638 | 10594.885 | 17642.887 | 3311.360 | 10517.769 | 17514.469 |
| 1.200 | 3306.952 | 10261.321 | 16616.752 | 3282.882 | 10186.633 | 16495.807 |
| 1.300 | 3288.560 | 9930.626 | 15623.688 | 3264.624 | 9858.345 | 15509.971 |
| 1.400 | 3276.705 | 9601.770 | 14663.514 | 3252.855 | 9531.882 | 14556.785 |
| 1.500 | 3263.885 | 9274.099 | 13736.102 | 3240.129 | 9206.597 | 13636.125 |
| 1.600 | 3250.080 | 8947.710 | 12841.331 | 3226.424 | 8882.584 | 12747.867 |
| 1.700 | 3235.265 | 8622.702 | 11979.063 | 3211.717 | 8559.941 | 11891.871 |
| 1.800 | 3219.416 | 8299.176 | 11149.143 | 3195.983 | 8238.770 | 11067.993 |
| 1.900 | 3202.505 | 7977.234 | 10351.420 | 3179.195 | 7919.171 | 10276.078 |
| 2.000 | 3184.500 | 7656.983 | 9585.722 | 3161.321 | 7601.252 | 9515.950 |
| 2.100 | 3165.366 | 7338.533 | 8851.868 | 3142.326 | 7285.120 | 8787.439 |
| 2.200 | 3145.065 | 7021.997 | 8149.669 | 3122.173 | 6970.888 | 8090.352 |
| 2.300 | 3123.555 | 6707.490 | 7478.921 | 3100.820 | 6658.670 | 7424.486 |
| 2.400 | 3100.787 | 6395.135 | 6839.406 | 3078.218 | 6348.588 | 6789.625 |
| 2.500 | 3076.709 | 6085.056 | 6230.901 | 3054.314 | 6040.767 | 6185.550 |
| 2.600 | 3051.260 | 5777.385 | 5653.162 | 3029.052 | 5735.335 | 5612.015 |
| 2.700 | 3024.375 | 5472.259 | 5105.938- | 3002.362 | 5432.430 | 5068.772 |
| 2.800 | 2995.977 | 5169.822 | 4588.955 | 2974.171 | 5132.193 | 4555.553 |
| 2.900 | 2965.981 | 4870.224 | 4101.932 | 2944.393 | 4834.776 | 4072.075 |
| 3.000 | 2934.289 | 4573.626 | 3644.569 | 2912.931 | 4540.337 | 3618.042 |
| 3.100 | 2900.789 | 4280.197 | 3216.549 | 2879.675 | 4249.044 | 3193.137 |
| 3.200 | 2865.352 | 3990.118 | 2817.538 | 2844.496 | 3961.076 | 2797.030 |
| 3.300 | 2827.827 | 3703.583 | 2447.180 | 2807.244 | 3676.626 | 2429.368 |
| 3.400 | 2788.036 | 3420.801 | 2105.099 | 2767.743 | 3395.902 | 2089.777 |
| 3.500 | 2745.770 | 3141.997 | 1790.900 | 2725.785 | 3119.128 | 1777.864 |
| 3.600 | 2700.775 | 2867.420 | 1504.157 | 2681.117 | 2846.549 | 1493.209 |
| 3.700 | 2652.741 | 2597.343 | 1244.423 | 2633.433 | 2578.438 | 1235.365 |
| 3.800 | 2601.285 | 2332.068 | 1011.216 | 2582.351 | 2315.094 | 1003.856 |
| 3.900 | 2545.919 | 2071.940 | 804.022 | 2527.389 | 2056.859 | 798.170 |
| 4.000 | 2486.010 | 1817.348 | 622.288 | 2467.916 | 1804.120 | 617.758 |
| 4.100 | 2420.708 | 1568.747 | 465.413 | 2403.088 | 1557.329 | 462.026 |
| 4.200 | 2348.820 | 1326.676 | 332.745 | 2331.724 | 1317.020 | 330.323 |
| 4.300 | 2268.590 | 1091.794 | 223.566 | 2252.078 | 1083.847 | 221.938 |
| 4.400 | 2177.219 | 864.935 | 137.072 | 2161.371 | 858.640 | 136.074 |
| 4.500 | 2069.702 | 647.213 | 72.351 | 2054.637 | 642.503 | 71.824 |
| 4.600 | 1935.170 | 440.243 | 28.327 | 1921.085 | 437.039 | 28.120 |
| 4.700 | 1736.468 | 246.726 | 3.654 | 1723.829 | 244.930 | 3.627 |
| 4.750 | 1461.587 | 73.079 | 0.000 | 1450.948 | 72.547 | 0.000 |

Appendix B

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PROGRAM WING FORCES
   DIMENSION XA(26), XR(26), CZR(11), YY(11), FR(11), PA(26), DDX(27),
  # DX(25),FEC(26)
   OPEN(UNIT=4,FILE="Input Data D_0.23.txt")
   OPEN(UNIT=5,FILE="CXYFr D_0.23.txt")
   OPEN(UNIT=6,FILE="Force NodE D 0.23.txt")
   OPEN(UNIT=7,FILE="Output D_0.23.txt")
   READ(4,*)RHO
   READ(4,*)V
   READ(4,*)DY
   READ(4,*)Ca
   READ(4,*)RHO1
   READ(4,*)V1
!Ca=1.55
                      ! Wing Chord (m)
   !DY=0.32
                      ! - Distance between Ribs (m)
   !V=107.06
                      ! - Speed (m/sec)
                      ! - density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
   !RHO=1.225
   Pd=RHO*V**2/2.0
                      ! - dynamic pressure (N/m^2)
   FAK=Pd*DY*Ca
READ(5,*)NC
   DO 10 I=1,26
   READ(5,*)XA(I)
10 XR(I)=XA(I)/Ca
   DO 12 I=1,25
12 DX(I)=XA(I+1)-XA(I)
   DO 14 I=2,25
14 DDX(I)=0.5*(DX(I-1)+DX(I))
   DDX(1)=0.5*DX(1)
   DDX(26)=0.5*DX(25)
   DDX(27)=0.4
   READ(5,*)NP
   DO 15 I=1,11
   READ(5,*)YY(I),FR(I)
                       ! - Lift coeficient
15 CZR(I)=FR(I)/FAK
   CMD=-0.066
                       ! - Moment coefficient
   TLK=0.258
                       ! -ratio of cord of aileron or flap to total cord
   BE=0.0
                       ! - angle of deflection of aileron or flap (radians)
   V1=107.6
                       ! - Speed (m/sec)
   RHO1=1.1225
                       ! - density (kg/m^3)
   Pd1=RHO1*V1*V1/2.0 ! - dynamic pressure
   BE=BE*3.14/180.
                       ! - angle (rad)
   DO 100 J=1,11
   CZ=CZR(J)
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WRITE(6,117)
117 FORMAT("
                                                      ")
   WRITE(6,16)J,YY(J)
16 FORMAT(/, "Case D023 - Rib: ", I3," y = ", F8.3)
   WRITE(6,*)
  DO 60 I=1,26
  X = XR(I)
  TET=ACOS(1.0-2.0*X)
  FI=ACOS(2.0*TLK-1.0)
1
 Functions fz i fm
  IF(X.GE.0.03)THEN
  FZ=0.716/TAN(TET/2.0)
  FM=5.8*SIN(TET)-3.26/TAN(TET/2.0)
  ELSE
  FZ=4.07
  FM=-17.43*(1.-X/0.03)-16.56*(X/0.03)
  END IF
1
  Function fb
   IF(X.GE.0.03)GOTO 20
TETB=ACOS(0.94)
  FB=1.3*LOG10((1.0-COS(TET+FI))/(1.0-COS(TET-FI)))+
  # (0.024-1.273*SIN(FI))/TAN(TETB/2.0)
   GOTO 50
20 IF(X.GT.0.985-TLK.AND.X.LT.1.015-TLK)GOTO 30
  FB=1.3*LOG10((1.0-COS(TET+FI))/(1.0-COS(TET-FI)))+
  # (0.024-1.273*SIN(FI))/TAN(TET/2.0)
   GOTO 50
30 X1=0.985-TLK
  X2=1.015-TLK
   TET1=ACOS(1.0-2*X1)
   TET2=ACOS(1.0-2*X2)
  FB1=1.3*LOG10((1.0-COS(TET1+FI))/(1.0-COS(TET1-FI)))+
  # (0.024-1.273*SIN(FI))/TAN(TET1/2.0)
  FB2=1.3*LOG10((1.0-COS(TET2+FI))/(1.0-COS(TET2-FI)))+
  # (0.024-1.273*SIN(FI))/TAN(TET2/2.0)
  FB=FB1*(1.0-(X-X1)/(X2-X1))+FB2*(X-X1)/(X2-X1)
50 PA(I)=Pd1*(CZ*FZ+CMD*FM+BE*FB)
60 CONTINUE
  DO 70 I=1,26
70 FEC(I)=PA(I)*DDX(I)*DY
  FREZ=0.0
   REZM=0.0
  DO 80 I=1,26
  FREZ=FREZ+FEC(I)
80 REZM=REZM+FEC(I)*XA(I)
WRITE(6,85)
```

DO 90 I=1,26

| 90 WRITE(6,65)XA(I),FEC(I),PA(I) |
|--------------------------------------------------|
| 65 FORMAT(3F15.3) |
| 100 CONTINUE |
| WRITE(7,*)"Distribution of forces and pressure" |
| WRITE(7,*) |
| WRITE(7,105)Ca |
| 105 FORMAT(" Wing Chord(m) Ca =",F10.3) |
| WRITE(7,106)V |
| 106 FORMAT(" Speed (m/s) $V = ",F10.3$) |
| WRITE(7,110)RHO |
| 110 FORMAT(" Density (kg/m^3) RHO = ",F10.4) |
| WRITE(7,111)Pd |
| 111 FORMAT(" Dyn. pres.(N/m^2) Pd = ",F10.4) |
| WRITE(7,115)V1 |
| 115 FORMAT(" Speed (m/s) $V1 = ",F10.3$) |
| WRITE(7,116)RHO1 |
| 116 FORMAT(" Dyn. pres.(N/m^2) RHO1 = ",F10.4) |
| WRITE(7,112)Pd1 |
| 112 FORMAT(" Dyn. pres.(N/m^2) Pd = ",F10.4) |
| WRITE(7,113)FAK |
| 113 FORMAT(" Force. (m) $FAK = ",F10.4$) |
| CLOSE(4) |
| CLOSE(5) |
| CLOSE(6) |
| CLOSE(7) |
| STOP |
| END |

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Table 3.5 Load distribution of forces and pressure case D0.23

| Case D023 - Rib:1 y =1.240 | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 109.295 | 25299.693 | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 284.943 | 25083.045 | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 279.855 | 19652.740 | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 224.744 | 14631.761 | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 187.757 | 11504.725 | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 154.672 | 9477.436 | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 130.718 | 8009.709 | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 113.303 | 6875.150 | |

| 9 | 0.372 | 96.044 | 5943.311 |
|----|-------|--------|-----------|
| 10 | 0.421 | 82.554 | 5211.774 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 72.454 | 4574.140 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 63.866 | 4031.958 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 56.736 | 3546.001 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 47.856 | 3115.594 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 41.079 | 2760.689 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 36.200 | 2432.807 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 31.866 | 2141.502 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 27.833 | 1 870.507 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 27.620 | 1628.538 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 25.586 | 1343.814 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 18.737 | 1094.439 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 12.110 | 911.898 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 8.969 | 789.514 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 7.748 | 672.600 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 5.419 | 564.434 |
| 26 | 1.150 | 1.909 | 497.046 |

| Case D023 - Rib:2 y =1.596 | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 106.770 | 24715.313 | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 278.305 | 24498.664 | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 273.173 | 19183.529 | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 219.192 | 14270.302 | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 182.929 | 11208.878 | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 150.525 | 9223.316 | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 127.057 | 7785.366 | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 109.981 | 6673.603 | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 93.088 | 5760.368 | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 79.888 | 5043.421 | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 69.990 | 4418.538 | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 61.574 | 3887.271 | |
| 13 | 0.570 | 54.579 | 3411.201 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 45.922 | 2989.684 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 39.317 | 2642.248 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 34.543 | 2321.420 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 30.304 | 2036.552 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 26.363 | 1771.735 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 26.042 | 1535.487 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 23.949 | 1257.828 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 17.378 | 1015.053 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 11.124 | 837.686 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 8.168 | 718.990 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 6.979 | 605.814 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 4.813 | 501.349 |
| 26 | 1.150 | 1.676 | 436.415 |

| Case D023 - Rib:3 y =1.922 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 101.041 | 23389.025 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 263.238 | 23172.379 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 258.009 | 18118.625 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 206.591 | 13449.947 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 171.971 | 10537.436 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 141.112 | 8646.577 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 118.748 | 7276.206 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 102.442 | 6216.164 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 86.378 | 5345.168 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 73.836 | 4661.334 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 64.396 | 4065.390 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 56.373 | 3558.894 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 49.684 | 3105.264 |
|----|---------|--------|----------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 41.532 | 2703.924 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 35.317 | 2373.438 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 30.781 | 2068.622 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 26.760 | 1798.362 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 23.028 | 1547.567 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 22.460 | 1324.302 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 20.233 | 1062.678 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 14.293 | 834.882 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 8.888 | 669.257 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 6.349 | 558.933 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 5.233 | 454.242 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 3.438 | 358.173 |
| 26 | 1 1 5 0 | 1 1 47 | 208 800 |

| Case D023 - Rib:4 y =2.247 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 99.441 | 23018.789 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 259.032 | 22802.141 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 253.776 | 17821.352 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 203.074 | 13220.942 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 168.912 | 10350.000 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 138.485 | 8485.578 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 116.428 | 7134.072 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 100.338 | 6088.468 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 84.505 | 5229.264 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 72.146 | 4554.673 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 62.834 | 3966.808 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 54.921 | 3467.226 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 48.318 | 3019.861 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 40.307 | 2624.153 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 34.200 | 2298.399 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 29.731 | 1998.053 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 25.770 | 1731.871 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 22.097 | 1484.989 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 21.460 | 1265.349 |
| | | | |
| 20 | 0.912 | 19.196 | 1008.201 |
| 20 21 | 0.912 0.971 | 19.196 13.432 | 1008.201 784.587 |
| 20 21 22 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 | 19.196 13.432 8.263 | 1008.201 784.587 622.240 |
| 20 21 22 23 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 | 19.196 13.432 8.263 5.842 | 1008.201 784.587 622.240 514.252 |
| 20 21 22 23 24 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 | 19.196 13.432 8.263 5.842 4.745 | 1008.201 784.587 622.240 514.252 411.929 |
| 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 1.126 | 19.196 13.432 8.263 5.842 4.745 3.055 | 1008.201 784.587 622.240 514.252 411.929 318.205 |

| <i>Case D023 - Rib:5</i> y =2.573 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 97.609 | 22594.715 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 254.215 | 22378.068 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 248.927 | 17480.855 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 199.045 | 12958.639 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 165.408 | 10135.310 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 135.475 | 8301.169 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 113.771 | 6971.271 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 97.928 | 5942.204 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 82.360 | 5096.506 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 70.211 | 4432.503 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 61.046 | 3853.891 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 53.258 | 3362.229 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 46.753 | 2922.039 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 38.904 | 2532.782 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 32.921 | 2212.448 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 28.528 | 1917.222 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 24.637 | 1655.711 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 21.030 | 1413.312 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 20.315 | 1197.823 |
| | | | |
| 20 | 0.912 | 18.008 | 945.803 |
| 20 21 | 0.912 0.971 | 18.008 12.446 | 945.803 726.978 |
| 20 21 22 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 | 18.008 12.446 7.548 | 945.803 726.978 568.385 |
| 20 21 22 23 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 | 18.008 12.446 7.548 5.261 | 945.803 726.978 568.385 463.074 |
| 20 21 22 23 24 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 | 18.008 12.446 7.548 5.261 4.187 | 945.803 726.978 568.385 463.074 363.465 |
| 20 21 22 23 24 25 | 0.912 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 1.126 | 18.008 12.446 7.548 5.261 4.187 2.615 | 945.803 726.978 568.385 463.074 363.465 272.425 |

| Case D023 - Rib:6 y =2.895 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 97.726 | 22621.777 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 254.522 | 22405.129 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 249.237 | 17502.582 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 199.302 | 12975.377 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 165.632 | 10149.010 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 135.667 | 8312.937 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 113.941 | 6981.660 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 98.081 | 5951.538 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 82.496 | 5104.978 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 70.334 | 4440.299 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 61.160 | 3861.097 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 53.364 | 3368.930 |

| r | | | |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 13 | 0.570 | 46.853 | 2928.282 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 38.993 | 2538.613 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 33.003 | 2217.933 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 28.605 | 1922.380 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 24.709 | 1660.571 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 21.098 | 1417.886 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 20.388 | 1202.132 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 18.084 | 949.784 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 12.509 | 730.654 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 7.594 | 571.822 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 5.298 | 466.340 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 4.223 | 366.558 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 2.643 | 275.347 |
| 26 | 1.150 | 0.842 | 219.205 |

| Case D023 - Rib:7 y =3.230 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 95.152 | 22025.904 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 247.753 | 21809.258 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 242.424 | 17024.145 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 193.641 | 12606.810 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 160.709 | 9847.346 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 131.438 | 8053.820 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 110.207 | 6752.905 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 94.694 | 5746.020 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 79.482 | 4918.438 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 67.615 | 4268.636 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 58.647 | 3702.435 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 51.027 | 3221.397 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 44.653 | 2790.831 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 37.021 | 2410.227 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 31.206 | 2097.163 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 26.915 | 1808.803 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 23.117 | 1553.557 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 19.600 | 1317.172 |
| 10 | 0.852 | 18.779 | 1107.251 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 16.415 | 862.108 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 11.123 | 649.707 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 6.589 | 496.151 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 4.481 | 394.430 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 3.438 | 298.459 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 2.026 | 211.021 |
| 26 | 1.150 | 0.604 | 157.382 |

| Case D023 - Rib:8 y =3.565 | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 91.823 | 21255.223 | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 238.998 | 21038.574 | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 233.612 | 16405.346 | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 186.319 | 12130.115 | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 154.341 | 9457.182 | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 125.969 | 7718.686 | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 105.379 | 6457.041 | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 90.314 | 5480.210 | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 75.583 | 4677.172 | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 64.098 | 4046.612 | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 55.396 | 3497.227 | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 48.004 | 3030.583 | |

| 13 | 0.570 | 41.809 | 2613.056 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 34.471 | 2244.177 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 28.882 | 1940.962 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 24.729 | 1661.906 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 21.057 | 1415.149 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 17.661 | 1186.912 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 16.698 | 984.535 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 14.255 | 748.709 |
| | | | |
| 21 | 0.971 | 9.331 | 545.013 |
| 21 22 | 0.971 1.019 | 9.331 5.289 | 545.013 398.280 |
| 21 22 23 | 0.971 1.019 1.054 | 9.331 5.289 3.424 | 545.013 398.280 301.423 |
| 21 22 23 24 | 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 | 9.331 5.289 3.424 2.424 | 545.013 398.280 301.423 210.383 |
| 21 22 23 24 25 | 0.971 1.019 1.054 1.090 1.126 | 9.331 5.289 3.424 2.424 1.227 | 545.013 398.280 301.423 210.383 127.824 |

| Case D023 - Rib:9 y =3.899 | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 89.781 | 20782.664 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 233.630 | 20566.016 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 228.209 | 16025.918 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 181.829 | 11837.821 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 150.437 | 9217.944 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 122.615 | 7513.192 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 102.418 | 6275.626 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 87.628 | 5317.223 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 73.192 | 4529.235 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 61.942 | 3910.474 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 53.403 | 3371.400 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 46.151 | 2913.581 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 40.065 | 2504.050 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 32.907 | 2142.360 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 27.456 | 1845.184 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 23.389 | 1571.834 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 19.795 | 1330.281 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 16.473 | 1107.040 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 15.422 | 909.289 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 12.932 | 679.177 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 8.232 | 480.817 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 4.492 | 338.268 |
| 23 | 1.054 | 2.776 | 244.394 |
| 24 | 1.000 | 1 901 | 156 377 |
| 21 | 1.090 | 1.801 | 130.377 |
| 25 | 1.090 | 0.737 | 76.810 |

| Case D023 - Rib: 10 y =4.235 | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Rib | X (m) | Fz (N) | p (N/m ²) |
| 1 | 0.000 | 73.109 | 16923.316 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 189.788 | 16706.668 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 184.083 | 12927.162 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 145.162 | 9450.681 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 118.550 | 7264.122 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 95.226 | 5834.944 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 78.239 | 4794.026 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 65.691 | 3986.125 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 53.668 | 3321.050 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 44.331 | 2798.644 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 37.125 | 2343.779 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 31.015 | 1958.040 |

| 13 | 0.570 | 25.821 | 1613.808 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 14 | 0.620 | 20.134 | 1310.830 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 15.817 | 1062.978 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 12.443 | 836.219 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 9.481 | 637.175 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 6.766 | 454.734 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 4.999 | 294.763 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 2.119 | 111.311 |
| 21 | 0.971 | 0.744 | 43.461 |
| 22 | 1.019 | 0.216 | 12.841 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -0.215 | -12.356 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -0.328 | -18.684 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -0.326 | -18.816 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -0.429 | -24.026 |

| Case D023 - Rib:11 y =4.560 | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|------------|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 92.316 | 21369.416 | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 240.295 | 21152.768 | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 234.918 | 16497.035 | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 187.403 | 12200.748 | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 155.285 | 9514.993 | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 126.779 | 7768.343 | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 106.094 | 6500.880 | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 90.963 | 5519.595 | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 76.161 | 4712.921 | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 64.619 | 4079.510 | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 55.878 | 3527.633 | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 48.452 | 3058.856 | |
| 13 | 0.570 | 42.230 | 2639.397 | |
| 14 | 0.620 | 34.848 | 2268.781 | |
| 15 | 0.666 | 29.226 | 1964.107 | |
| 16 | 0.713 | 25.053 | 1683.672 | |
| 17 | 0.759 | 21.363 | 1435.657 | |
| 18 | 0.806 | 17.948 | 1206.212 | |
| 19 | 0.852 | 17.006 | 1002.718 | |
| 20 | 0.912 | 14.575 | 765.512 | |
| 21 | 0.971 | 9.596 | 560.525 | |

| 22 | 1.019 | 5.482 | 412.781 |
|----|-------|-------|---------|
| 23 | 1.054 | 3.581 | 315.204 |
| 24 | 1.090 | 2.574 | 223.433 |
| 25 | 1.126 | 1.345 | 140.151 |
| 26 | 1.150 | 0.343 | 89.269 |

Table 3.6 Load distribution of forces and pressure case E0.23.

| Cas | e E023 - | Rib: 1 | y = 1.240 |
|-----|----------|---------|------------|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 72.416 | 16762.863 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 187.965 | 16546.215 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 182.248 | 12798.330 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 143.638 | 9351.435 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 117.225 | 7182.891 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 94.088 | 5765.170 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 77.233 | 4732.428 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 64.779 | 3930.784 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 52.856 | 3270.819 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 43.598 | 2752.419 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 36.449 | 2301.056 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 30.386 | 1918.313 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 25.229 | 1576.796 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 19.603 | 1276.259 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 15.333 | 1030.457 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 11.988 | 805.636 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 9.052 | 608.359 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 6.363 | 427.614 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 4.566 | 269.214 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 1.670 | 87.702 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -1.117 | -65.258 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -2.287 | -172.217 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -2.735 | -240.720 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -3.491 | -303.021 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -3.429 | -357.137 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -1.493 | -388.673 |

| Case E023 - Rib: $2 y = 1.596$ | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 71.101 | 16458.564 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 184.508 | 16241.917 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 178.769 | 12554.003 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 140.747 | 9163.216 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 114.711 | 7028.838 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 91.928 | 5632.845 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 75.327 | 4615.609 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 63.050 | 3825.831 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 51.317 | 3175.558 |

| 10 | 0.421 | 42.210 | 2664.755 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 11 | 0.471 | 35.165 | 2220.031 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 29.193 | 1842.971 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 24.106 | 1506.603 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 18.596 | 1210.695 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 14.415 | 968.783 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 11.125 | 747.635 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 8.239 | 553.710 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 5.598 | 376.182 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 3.744 | 220.760 |
| 20 | 0.912 | 0.817 | 42.928 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -1.825 | -106.596 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -2.800 | -210.861 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -3.152 | -277.443 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -3.891 | -337.797 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -3.744 | -389.987 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -1.614 | -420.245 |

| Cas | e E023 - | <i>Rib: 3</i> | y = 1.922 |
|-----|----------|---------------|------------|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 68.115 | 15767.404 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 176.657 | 15550.756 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 170.867 | 11999.055 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 134.180 | 8735.708 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 109.000 | 6678.932 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 87.023 | 5332.292 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 70.996 | 4350.273 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 59.121 | 3587.448 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 47.820 | 2959.187 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 39.056 | 2465.640 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 32.250 | 2035.997 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 26.482 | 1671.846 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 21.555 | 1347.172 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 16.309 | 1061.778 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 12.331 | 828.699 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 9.165 | 615.895 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 6.392 | 429.583 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 3.859 | 259.362 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 1.878 | 110.706 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -1.119 | -58.770 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -3.432 | -200.488 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -3.966 | -298.633 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -4.099 | -360.853 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -4.801 | -416.785 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -4.460 | -464.599 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -1.889 | -491.955 |

| Cas | e E023 - | Rib: 4 | y = 2.247 |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 67.282 | 15574.558 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 174.466 | 15357.909 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 168.662 | 11844.214 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 132.348 | 8616.426 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 107.407 | 6581.302 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 85.654 | 5248.432 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 69.788 | 4276.239 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 58.025 | 3520.935 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 46.845 | 2898.815 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 38.176 | 2410.083 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 31.437 | 1984.648 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 25.726 | 1624.099 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 20.843 | 1302.688 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 15.671 | 1020.228 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 11.749 | 789.614 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 8.618 | 579.138 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 5.877 | 394.950 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 3.374 | 226.767 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 1.357 | 79.999 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -1.659 | -87.145 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -3.881 | -226.685 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -4.291 | -323.123 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -4.364 | -384.126 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -5.055 | -438.825 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -4.660 | -485.418 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -1.966 | -511.963 |
| | | | |
| Case | e E023 | - Rib: 5 | y = 2.573 |
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 66.327 | 15353.511 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 171.955 | 15136.862 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 166.134 | 11666.730 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 130.248 | 8479.700 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 105.581 | 6469.395 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 84.086 | 5152.309 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 68.403 | 4191.379 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 56.769 | 3444.695 |
| <u> 9</u> | 0.372 | 45.727 | 2829.615 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 3/.16/ | 2346.402 |
| 11 | 0.4/1 | 30.505 | 1925.790 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 24.839 | 1309.309 |
| 15 | 0.570 | 20.027 | 1251.698 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 14.939 | 972.601 |

| 15 | 0.666 | 11.083 | 744.812 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 16 | 0.713 | 7.991 | 537.005 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 5.286 | 355.251 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 2.818 | 189.405 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 0.760 | 44.802 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -2.279 | -119.670 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -4.395 | -256.714 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -4.664 | -351.195 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -4.667 | -410.802 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -5.346 | -464.087 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -4.889 | -509.280 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.054 | -534.898 |

| Cas | e E023 - | Rib: 6 | y = 2.895 |
|-----|----------|---------|------------|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ |
| 1 | 0.000 | 66.552 | 15405.560 |
| 2 | 0.027 | 172.546 | 15188.911 |
| 3 | 0.071 | 166.729 | 11708.521 |
| 4 | 0.116 | 130.743 | 8511.895 |
| 5 | 0.167 | 106.011 | 6495.746 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 84.455 | 5174.942 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 68.729 | 4211.361 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 57.064 | 3462.647 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 45.990 | 2845.910 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 37.405 | 2361.397 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 30.724 | 1939.649 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 25.063 | 1582.256 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 20.219 | 1263.705 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 15.111 | 983.816 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 11.240 | 755.361 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 8.138 | 546.925 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 5.425 | 364.599 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 2.949 | 198.203 |
| 19 | 0.852 | 0.900 | 53.090 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -2.133 | -112.012 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -4.274 | -249.643 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -4.576 | -344.585 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -4.595 | -404.521 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -5.278 | -458.138 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -4.835 | -503.661 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.033 | -529.497 |

| Case E023 - Rib: 7 $y = 3.230$ | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|--|--|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | | | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 65.012 | 15049.129 | | | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 168.497 | 14832.481 | | | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 162.654 | 11422.336 | | | |

| 4 | 0.116 | 127.356 | 8291.431 |
|----|-------|---------|----------|
| 5 | 0.167 | 103.066 | 6315.300 |
| 6 | 0.218 | 81.926 | 5019.948 |
| 7 | 0.269 | 66.496 | 4074.528 |
| 8 | 0.320 | 55.038 | 3339.713 |
| 9 | 0.372 | 44.187 | 2734.328 |
| 10 | 0.421 | 35.778 | 2258.714 |
| 11 | 0.471 | 29.221 | 1844.743 |
| 12 | 0.520 | 23.665 | 1494.007 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 18.904 | 1181.486 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 13.932 | 907.020 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 10.165 | 683.121 |
| 16 | 0.713 | 7.127 | 478.988 |
| 17 | 0.759 | 4.473 | 300.587 |
| 18 | 0.806 | 2.053 | 137.959 |
| 19 | 0.852 | -0.062 | -3.665 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -3.131 | -164.457 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -5.103 | -298.063 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -5.177 | -389.849 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -5.084 | -447.535 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -5.747 | -498.873 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -5.205 | -542.139 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.175 | -566.478 |

| Case $E023$ - $Rib: 8 y = 3.565$ | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|--|--|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | | | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 63.183 | 14625.672 | | | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 163.687 | 14409.023 | | | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 157.812 | 11082.332 | | | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 123.333 | 8029.507 | | | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 99.567 | 6100.921 | | | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 78.920 | 4835.806 | | | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 63.843 | 3911.963 | | | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 52.632 | 3193.662 | | | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 42.044 | 2601.762 | | | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 33.846 | 2136.721 | | | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 27.435 | 1731.990 | | | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 22.004 | 1389.163 | | | |
| 13 | 0.570 | 17.341 | 1083.807 | | | |
| 14 | 0.620 | 12.530 | 815.782 | | | |
| 15 | 0.666 | 8.888 | 597.295 | | | |
| 16 | 0.713 | 5.926 | 398.274 | | | |
| 17 | 0.759 | 3.341 | 224.538 | | | |
| 18 | 0.806 | 0.988 | 66.386 | | | |
| 19 | 0.852 | -1.206 | -71.092 | | | |
| 20 | 0.912 | -4.318 | -226.765 | | | |
| 21 | 0.971 | -6.088 | -355.588 | | | |

| 22 | 1.019 | -5.891 | -443.625 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 23 | 1.054 | -5.665 | -498.638 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -6.305 | -547.267 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -5.643 | -587.852 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.344 | -610.413 |
| | | | |

| Cas | Case $E023$ - $Rib: 9 y = 3.899$ | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | | | | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 62.248 | 14409.342 | | | | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 161.229 | 14192.693 | | | | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 155.339 | 10908.636 | | | | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 121.278 | 7895.699 | | | | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 97.780 | 5991.403 | | | | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 77.385 | 4741.734 | | | | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 62.488 | 3828.914 | | | | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 51.402 | 3119.049 | | | | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 40.950 | 2534.039 | | | | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 32.858 | 2074.399 | | | | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 26.522 | 1674.388 | | | | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 21.156 | 1335.601 | | | | |
| 13 | 0.570 | 16.542 | 1033.906 | | | | |
| 14 | 0.620 | 11.814 | 769.172 | | | | |
| 15 | 0.666 | 8.235 | 553.449 | | | | |
| 16 | 0.713 | 5.313 | 357.040 | | | | |
| 17 | 0.759 | 2.763 | 185.687 | | | | |
| 18 | 0.806 | 0.444 | 29.822 | | | | |
| 19 | 0.852 | -1.790 | -105.539 | | | | |
| 20 | 0.912 | -4.924 | -258.595 | | | | |
| 21 | 0.971 | -6.591 | -384.976 | | | | |
| 22 | 1.019 | -6.256 | -471.097 | | | | |
| 23 | 1.054 | -5.961 | -524.745 | | | | |
| 24 | 1.090 | -6.589 | -571.990 | | | | |
| 25 | 1.126 | -5.868 | -611.205 | | | | |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.430 | -632.858 | | | | |

| Case | Case E023 - Rib: $10 y = 4.235$ | | | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|------------|--|--|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | | | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 53.561 | 12398.343 | | | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 138.384 | 12181.695 | | | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 132.346 | 9293.961 | | | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 102.172 | 6651.827 | | | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 81.165 | 4973.320 | | | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 63.113 | 3867.245 | | | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 49.889 | 3056.894 | | | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 39.971 | 2425.451 | | | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 30.777 | 1904.487 | | | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 23.682 | 1495.055 | | | |

| 11 | 0.471 | 18.041 | 1138.924 |
|----|-------|---------|----------|
| 12 | 0.520 | 13.269 | 837.695 |
| 13 | 0.570 | 9.120 | 570.025 |
| 14 | 0.620 | 5.159 | 335.884 |
| 15 | 0.666 | 2.170 | 145.863 |
| 16 | 0.713 | -0.391 | -26.268 |
| 17 | 0.759 | -2.611 | -175.472 |
| 18 | 0.806 | -4.614 | -310.076 |
| 19 | 0.852 | -7.221 | -425.751 |
| 20 | 0.912 | -10.558 | -554.494 |
| 21 | 0.971 | -11.268 | -658.163 |
| 22 | 1.019 | -9.648 | -726.479 |
| 23 | 1.054 | -8.718 | -767.435 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -9.237 | -801.814 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -7.952 | -828.297 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -3.231 | -841.504 |

| Case $E023$ - $Rib: 11 y = 4.560$ | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|--|--|
| Rib | X(m) | Fz(N) | $p(N/m^2)$ | | |
| 1 | 0.000 | 63.569 | 14715.066 | | |
| 2 | 0.027 | 164.702 | 14498.418 | | |
| 3 | 0.071 | 158.835 | 11154.109 | | |
| 4 | 0.116 | 124.183 | 8084.801 | | |
| 5 | 0.167 | 100.306 | 6146.178 | | |
| 6 | 0.218 | 79.555 | 4874.680 | | |
| 7 | 0.269 | 64.403 | 3946.281 | | |
| 8 | 0.320 | 53.140 | 3224.494 | | |
| 9 | 0.372 | 42.497 | 2629.748 | | |
| 10 | 0.421 | 34.254 | 2162.474 | | |
| 11 | 0.471 | 27.812 | 1755.793 | | |
| 12 | 0.520 | 22.355 | 1411.296 | | |
| 13 | 0.570 | 17.671 | 1104.427 | | |
| 14 | 0.620 | 12.826 | 835.043 | | |
| 15 | 0.666 | 9.157 | 615.413 | | |
| 16 | 0.713 | 6.180 | 415.313 | | |
| 17 | 0.759 | 3.580 | 240.592 | | |
| 18 | 0.806 | 1.213 | 81.496 | | |
| 19 | 0.852 | -0.964 | -56.858 | | |
| 20 | 0.912 | -4.067 | -213.611 | | |
| 21 | 0.971 | -5.880 | -343.444 | | |

| 22 | 1.019 | -5.741 | -432.272 |
|----|-------|--------|----------|
| 23 | 1.054 | -5.542 | -487.850 |
| 24 | 1.090 | -6.187 | -537.050 |
| 25 | 1.126 | -5.551 | -578.202 |
| 26 | 1.150 | -2.308 | -601.138 |
| | | | • |

Appendix C

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}\left(^{o} ight)$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.6485 | -0.2227 | 0.6901 | 2.04 | -6.33 | 3.34 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.6485 | -0.2166 | 0.6889 | 2.03 | -6.20 | 3.33 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.6863 | -0.1640 | 0.7168 | 2.22 | -5.38 | 3.68 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.7853 | -0.1404 | 0.8115 | 2.86 | -5.56 | 4.87 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.8797 | -0.1389 | 0.9056 | 3.49 | -6.17 | 6.05 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.8797 | -0.1568 | 0.9089 | 3.52 | -6.54 | 6.09 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.8419 | -0.2095 | 0.8810 | 3.33 | -7.36 | 5.74 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.7429 | -0.2212 | 0.7841 | 2.68 | -6.93 | 4.53 |

Table 4.6 Table 4.16 shown in Appendix C. Table 4.6 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AA+ ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 15^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 66.87 m/s)

Table 4.7 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AA- ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = -23^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 66.87 m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $lpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}\left(^{o} ight)$ | α(°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.64853 | -0.0151 | 0.6514 | 1.78 | -2.07 | 9.73 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.64853 | -0.0089 | 0.6502 | 1.77 | -1.95 | 9.72 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.68627 | 0.0437 | 0.6781 | 1.96 | -1.12 | 10.07 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.78533 | 0.0672 | 0.7728 | 2.60 | -1.31 | 11.26 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.87967 | 0.0688 | 0.8669 | 3.23 | -1.91 | 12.44 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.87967 | 0.0508 | 0.8702 | 3.26 | -2.28 | 12.48 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.84193 | -0.0018 | 0.8423 | 3.07 | -3.10 | 12.13 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.74287 | -0.0136 | 0.7454 | 2.41 | -2.68 | 10.92 |

Table 4.8 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DA+ ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 5.0^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 107.22m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.2522 | -0.1569 | 0.28145 | -0.71 | -2.31 | 0.02 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.2522 | -0.1545 | 0.28100 | -0.72 | -2.26 | 0.02 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.2669 | -0.1341 | 0.29186 | -0.64 | -1.94 | 0.15 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.3054 | -0.1249 | 0.32867 | -0.39 | -2.01 | 0.61 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.3421 | -0.1243 | 0.36525 | -0.15 | -2.24 | 1.07 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.3421 | -0.1313 | 0.36655 | -0.14 | -2.39 | 1.09 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.3274 | -0.1517 | 0.35569 | -0.21 | -2.71 | 0.95 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.2889 | -0.1563 | 0.31802 | -0.47 | -2.54 | 0.48 |

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.2522 | 0.2685 | -0.0875 | 0.76 | -2.45 | 2.16 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.2522 | 0.2681 | -0.0851 | 0.76 | -2.40 | 2.15 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.2669 | 0.2789 | -0.0647 | 0.89 | -2.14 | 2.29 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.3054 | 0.3157 | -0.0555 | 1.36 | -2.42 | 2.75 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.3421 | 0.3523 | -0.0549 | 1.82 | -2.87 | 3.21 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.3421 | 0.3536 | -0.0619 | 1.83 | -3.02 | 3.23 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.3274 | 0.3428 | -0.0824 | 1.70 | -3.28 | 3.09 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.2889 | 0.3051 | -0.0869 | 1.22 | -2.90 | 2.62 |

Table 4.9 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DA- ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = -7.7^\circ$, n = 4.0, V = 107.22m/s)

Table 4.10 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AF ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0.0^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 1.2917 | -0.3180 | 1.3510 | 0.92 | -7.04 | 3.60 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 1.2917 | -0.3057 | 1.3487 | 0.91 | -6.79 | 3.58 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 1.3669 | -0.2010 | 1.4044 | 1.21 | -5.08 | 4.20 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 1.5642 | -0.1540 | 1.5929 | 2.23 | -5.20 | 6.33 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 1.7521 | -0.1510 | 1.7802 | 3.25 | -6.16 | 8.43 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 1.7521 | -0.1868 | 1.7869 | 3.29 | -6.88 | 8.51 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 1.6769 | -0.2916 | 1.7313 | 2.99 | -8.60 | 7.88 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 1.4796 | -0.3150 | 1.5384 | 1.94 | -8.00 | 5.71 |

Table 4.11 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AFA+ ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = 15^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 1.2917 | -0.4000 | 1.3663 | 1.00 | -8.70 | 1.06 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 1.2917 | -0.3877 | 1.3640 | 0.99 | -8.45 | 1.04 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 1.3669 | -0.2829 | 1.4196 | 1.29 | -6.74 | 1.66 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 1.5642 | -0.2360 | 1.6082 | 2.32 | -6.86 | 3.78 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 1.7521 | -0.2329 | 1.7955 | 3.33 | -7.82 | 5.89 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 1.7521 | -0.2688 | 1.8022 | 3.37 | -8.54 | 5.97 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 1.6769 | -0.3735 | 1.7466 | 3.07 | -10.26 | 5.34 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 1.4796 | -0.3969 | 1.5536 | 2.02 | -9.66 | 3.17 |

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | $\alpha(^{o})$ |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 1.29173 | -0.1924 | 1.3276 | 0.79 | -4.50 | 7.50 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 1.29173 | -0.1801 | 1.3253 | 0.78 | -4.25 | 7.48 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 1.36689 | -0.0753 | 1.3809 | 1.08 | -2.53 | 8.10 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 1.56419 | -0.0284 | 1.5695 | 2.11 | -2.65 | 10.22 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 1.7521 | -0.0253 | 1.7568 | 3.12 | -3.61 | 12.33 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 1.7521 | -0.0612 | 1.7635 | 3.16 | -4.34 | 12.41 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 1.67694 | -0.1659 | 1.7079 | 2.86 | -6.05 | 11.78 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 1.47963 | -0.1893 | 1.5149 | 1.81 | -5.46 | 9.61 |

Table 4.12 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AFA- ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -23^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 33.5m/s)

Table 4.13 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA+ ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = 5.0^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 49.14 m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.6003 | -0.3258 | 0.6611 | -2.82 | -3.45 | -5.06 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.6003 | -0.3201 | 0.6600 | -6.93 | 0.77 | -5.07 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.6353 | -0.2714 | 0.6859 | -6.96 | 1.74 | -4.78 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.7270 | -0.2496 | 0.7735 | -7.07 | 2.27 | -3.80 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.8143 | -0.2482 | 0.8606 | -7.18 | 2.41 | -2.82 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.8143 | -0.2648 | 0.8637 | -7.19 | 2.09 | -2.78 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.7794 | -0.3135 | 0.8378 | -7.15 | 1.12 | -3.07 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.6877 | -0.3244 | 0.7481 | -7.04 | 0.80 | -4.08 |

Table 4.14 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DFA- ($\delta_F = 30^\circ$, $\delta_A = -7.7^\circ$, n = 2.0, V = 49.14 m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.6003 | -0.2565 | 0.6481 | -2.89 | -2.04 | -2.91 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.6003 | -0.2507 | 0.6471 | -2.90 | -1.93 | -2.92 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.6353 | -0.2020 | 0.6729 | -2.76 | -1.13 | -2.63 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.7270 | -0.1802 | 0.7606 | -2.28 | -1.19 | -1.64 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.8143 | -0.1788 | 0.8476 | -1.81 | -1.63 | -0.66 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.8143 | -0.1955 | 0.8507 | -1.79 | -1.97 | -0.63 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.7794 | -0.2442 | 0.8249 | -1.93 | -2.77 | -0.92 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.6877 | -0.2550 | 0.7352 | -2.42 | -2.49 | -1.93 |

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | CLH | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}(^{o})$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α(°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.1621 | -0.1270 | 0.1858 | -1.36 | -1.09 | -0.28 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.1621 | -0.1255 | 0.1855 | -1.36 | -1.06 | -0.28 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.1716 | -0.1124 | 0.1925 | -1.31 | -0.85 | -0.19 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.1963 | -0.1065 | 0.2162 | -1.15 | -0.90 | 0.11 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.2199 | -0.1061 | 0.2397 | -0.99 | -1.05 | 0.40 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.2199 | -0.1106 | 0.2405 | -0.99 | -1.14 | 0.41 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.2105 | -0.1237 | 0.2335 | -1.04 | -1.35 | 0.32 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.1857 | -0.1267 | 0.2093 | -1.20 | -1.24 | 0.02 |

Table 4.15 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point AH ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0.0^\circ$, n = 1.0, V = 66.87 m/s)

Table 4.16 Aerodynamic Parameters at Envelope Point DH ($\delta_F = 0^\circ$, $\delta_A = 0.0^\circ$, n = 1.0, V = 102.22m/s)

| No. | Mass (kg) | $x_{cg}(m)$ | C_L | C_{LH} | C_{LW} | $\alpha_{H}\left(^{o} ight)$ | $\delta_{H}(^{o})$ | α (°) |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 687.4 | -0.024 | 0.0630 | -0.1243 | 0.0862 | -2.03 | -0.36 | -1.53 |
| 2 | 687.4 | -0.016 | 0.0630 | -0.1237 | 0.0861 | -2.03 | -0.35 | -1.53 |
| 3 | 727.4 | 0.049 | 0.0667 | -0.1185 | 0.0888 | -2.01 | -0.27 | -1.49 |
| 4 | 827.4 | 0.068 | 0.0763 | -0.1162 | 0.0980 | -1.95 | -0.29 | -1.38 |
| 5 | 932.4 | 0.063 | 0.0855 | -0.1161 | 0.1072 | -1.89 | -0.35 | -1.26 |
| 6 | 932.4 | 0.045 | 0.0855 | -0.1178 | 0.1075 | -1.89 | -0.38 | -1.26 |
| 7 | 892.4 | -0.005 | 0.0819 | -0.1230 | 0.1048 | -1.90 | -0.46 | -1.29 |
| 8 | 792.4 | -0.019 | 0.0722 | -0.1241 | 0.0954 | -1.97 | -0.42 | -1.41 |