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Microstructural Variations in Electron Transparent Areas of a Rapidly Solidified High Speed Tool Steel

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ABSTRACT

T1 high speed steel (having $C = 0.76\%$, $W = 17.8\%$, $Cr = 3.87\%$ and $Y = 0.987\%$) has been rapidly solidified by the two-piston technique. Thin areas (which are transparent to electron beam) of rapidly solidified splats have been examined by transmission electron microscopy. The microstructure indicates that solidification occurs in the plane of the splat surface and not perpendicular to it. These areas are found to contain δ -ferrite, austenite and martensite. δ -ferrite areas are mainly observed with segregation of carbide along dendritic boundaries. The areas which are solidified without segregation of carbide are found to decompose spinodally at room temperature. Austenite is observed either free from segregation or with segregation of carbide along grain boundaries. The areas where the segregation of carbide is more are found as martensite at room temperature.

INTRODUCTION

Rapid solidification has been a field of vigorous research activity in recent years, where molten metal is directly quenched in contact with a solid substrate. Very high cooling rate can be achieved if a very thin layer of molten metal is brought in a good contact with the substrate (1). The areas of a rapidly solidified splat which are transparent to electron beam, being extremely thin, have been considered to have cooled fastest in gun technique (2). It has been postulated that the direction of heat flow is towards the nozzle contact point on the substrate and that heat extraction and hence solidification takes place in the plane of the splat/substrate interface (3). Varieties of microstructures have been reported (4) in the electron transparent areas depending on the variations of alloy compositions. Depending on the variation in solidification condition it might be expected to observe microstructural variations in electron transparent areas. The present investigation is an attempt to investigate the variations in microstructure at different places in the electron transparent areas on the same material (T1 high speed tool steel) due to variation in cooling condition.

EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

Splats of T1 high speed steel were produced from molten droplets heated to around 2800°C by the two-piston technique described elsewhere (5). Electron transparent areas were observed near the edge of the splats. Those areas were examined by transmission electron microscopy at an operating voltage of 100 KV.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Fig.1(a) shows an electron transparent area containing all δ -ferrite dendrites. Fig. 1(b) is a micrograph from the above area at higher magnification showing precipitation of carbide at the interdendritic boundaries. This microstructure is similar to that of δ -ferrite dendrites observed by Sare and Honeycombe(6) in electron transparent area of rapidly solidified MI high speed steel. 'A' on the micrograph (Fig.1b)) represents the centre of nucleation, at which the solid phase first nucleated and grew in the plane of the splat, indicating that heat extraction had taken place in that plane. The centres of nucleation of δ -ferrite dendrites in Fig. 1(a) are very close ($\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$) to each other and the cellular arm spacing is found to be $\sim 0.15 \mu\text{m}$. Only in a few areas δ -ferrite was found without any precipitation of carbide and those areas are observed to decompose spinodally (Fig.2) giving rise to streaks on the electron diffraction pattern. Fig. 3 shows another electron transparent area containing all austenite grains. These grains are found to grow in the plane of the splat. The microstructural features indicate that the austenite grains growing from both sides meet at a common line. Initially the austenite grains contain any precipitation of carbide and selected area diffraction patterns from those areas do not show any second phase, but towards the end of solidification a lath-like structure is apparent with linear arrays of precipitates on the cell boundaries. In some electron transparent areas twinned martensite is observed (Fig.a). These areas are found to contain lath-like

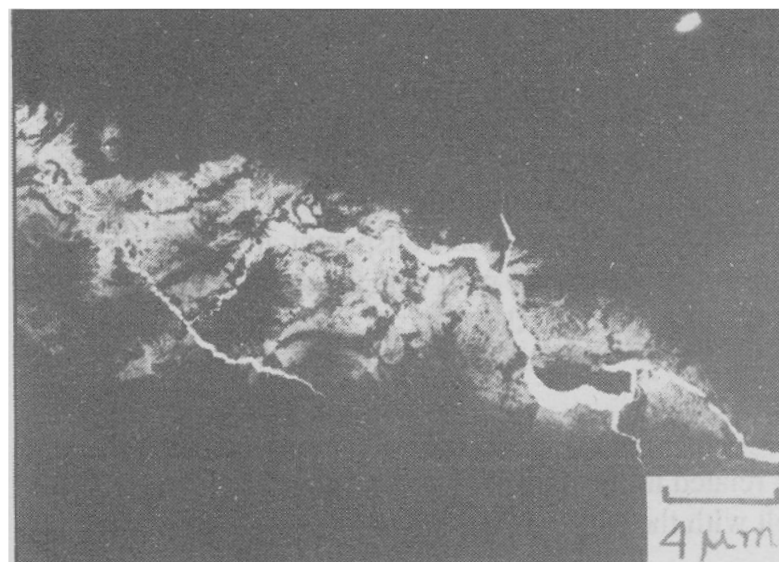


Fig. 1(a) Transmission electron micrograph showing all δ -ferrite dendrites.

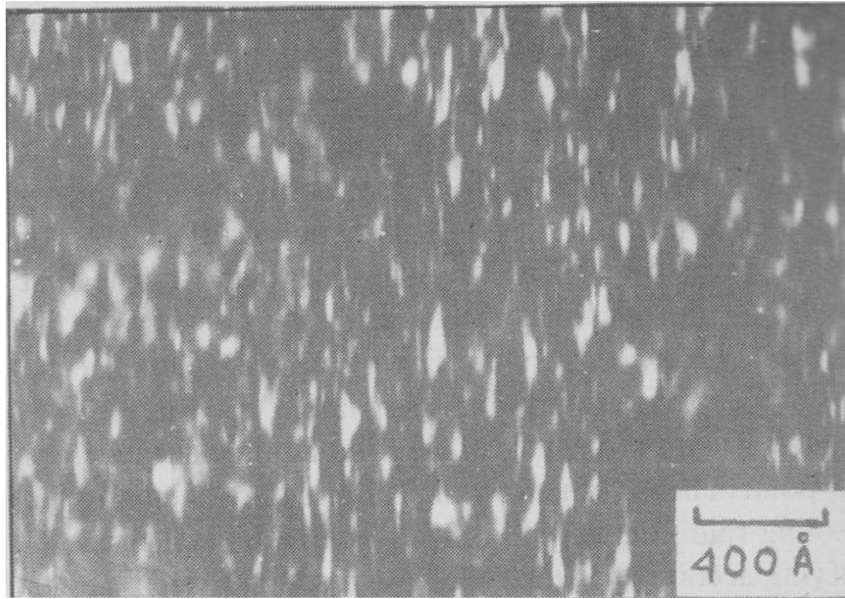


Fig.2 Transrmission electron micrograph containing d-ferrite
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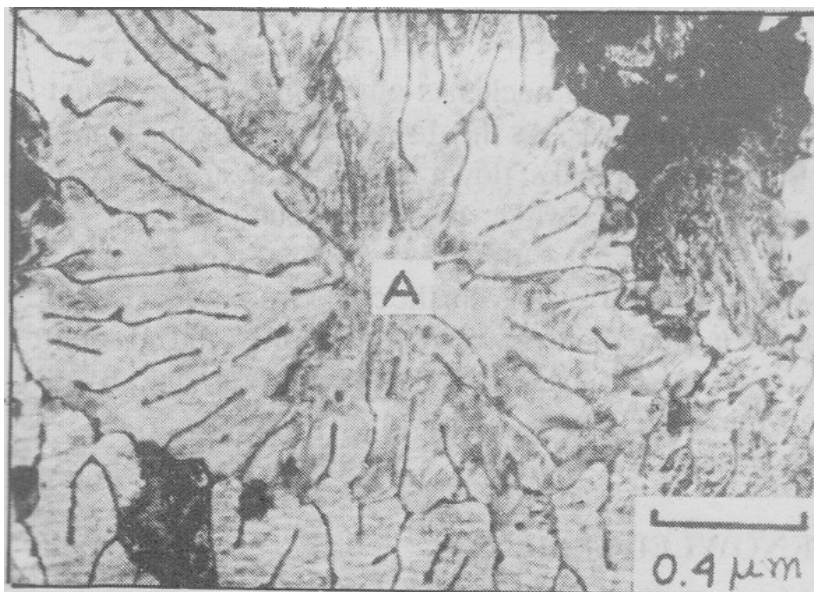


Fig. 1(b) Micrograph from the above area at higher magnification
showing precipitation of carbide at the interdendritic boundaries.

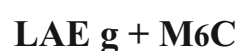


Fig.3 Transmission electron micrograph having all austenite grains.

number of coarse particles. Electron diffraction showed that those particles are MuC carbide. Those areas initially solidified as austenite with segregation of MuC carbide and transformed to twinned martensite at ambient temperature.

DISCUSSION

It has been shown previously(7) that in rapid solidification of Ti high speed steel, solidification starts with the nucleation of δ-ferrite at those points in direct contact with the substrate. Austenite then nucleates on ferrite as a result of changing thermal conditions or of solute rejection and build-up at the solid-liquid interface. Austenite then grew as a primary phase of solidification. If the points of contact with the substrate (i.e. the centres of nuclei) are very close the melt may completely solidify as δ-ferrite before the austenite could nucleate (Fig. 1(a)). On the other hand Fig.3 is found to contain only austenite grains. The micrograph indicates that the nucleation sites are outside this transparent area. Comparing this micrograph with the microstructure of the outer surface layer of the thicker region of splat(7) suggests that δ-ferrite first nucleated (outside this transparent area) in contact with the substrate followed by nucleation of austenite. Initially the austenite grows as partitionless, without any carbide precipitation. As the distance of the solid-liquid interface from the point of heat extraction (nucleation centre) increases the cooling rate gradually decreases and austenite starts solidifying according to the following reaction :



Starting from a segregation free area the amount of carbide precipitation will gradually increase and the

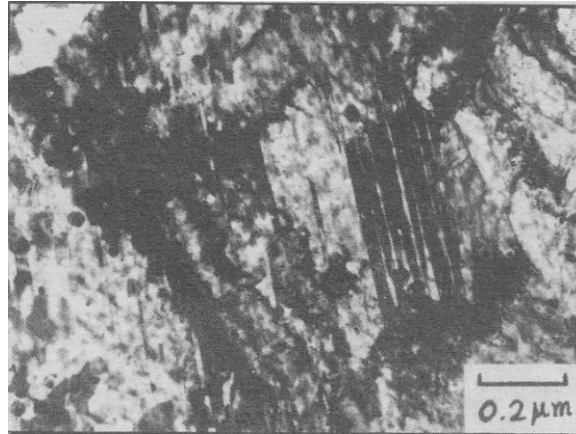


Fig.4 Transmission electron micrograph having twinned martensite.

austenite will be less and less supersaturated as the cooling rate decreases with the increase in distance from the nucleation site. With the lower supersaturation the M_s temperature of austenite increases (above room temperature) resulting transformation to martensite. The austenite which solidifies without precipitation or only with a few precipitates along cell boundaries is highly supersaturated with the alloying elements and has M_s temperature below room temperature. So transformation to martensite does not take place. Partitionless growth of δ -ferrite is very difficult to achieve (7), but where it does occur the modulated structure within the matrix may arise from clustering of carbon atoms on $\{100\}$ δ -planes (8).

CONCLUSION

1. in rapid solidification of Ti high speed steel nucleation in the electron transparent areas occurs at the points of contact of the melt with the substrate and solidification takes place in the plane of the splat/substrate interface.
2. The different types of microstructures observed are related to the distance from the point of contact of the melt with the substrate as follows : a. At the point of contact δ -ferrite nucleates and grows in the plane of the splat with segregation of carbide at interdendritic boundaries. If δ -ferrite forms as partitionless due to extremely high cooling rates it decomposes spinodally at room temperature. b. Austenite nucleates on ferrite and grows initially as partitionless. As the distance from the nucleation site increases it breaks down into cellular structure with fine precipitates of carbide at cellular boundaries. c. Further away from the contact point (nucleation site) coarse precipitates of carbide are formed and austenite transforms to martensite at room temperature due to less supersaturation.

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IMPACT AND COLLAPSIBLE STRENGTH OF BORAK VARIETY OF BAMBOO

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ABSTRACT

Bamboo is being widely used as a material of construction and also for furniture, specially in the rural areas of Bangladesh. The design can be safe and economical when data on the mechanical properties are known. One of the important variety of bamboo, Borak is widely used in Bangladesh. In this study the impact and collapsible strength of Borak have been determined and presented.

INTRODUCTION

The industrial development gives rise to demands of more appropriate properties of materials. These properties are becoming more diverse and severe. One very common indigenous material used in Bangladesh for mechanical and civil structure is bamboo. Some data is available in the literature [1991] and more experimental data are needed for proper use of this widely used material of construction. The mechanical properties which are of importance include tensile and compressive strengths, impact strength, collapsible strength, torsional strength etc. In many structural uses like homes, furniture, bridges strength etc., the impact and collapsible strength are vital. One study (1992) shows that out of a total annual consumption of about 11,000 tons of bamboo and wood approximately 20% is bamboo used for rural fuel and 20% is bamboo used for rural construction and furniture and 0.5% is bamboo used in paper and pulp industry. In this present study quantitative values have been determined. For the present investigation only borak bamboo has been used which is a very common variety used for many applications.

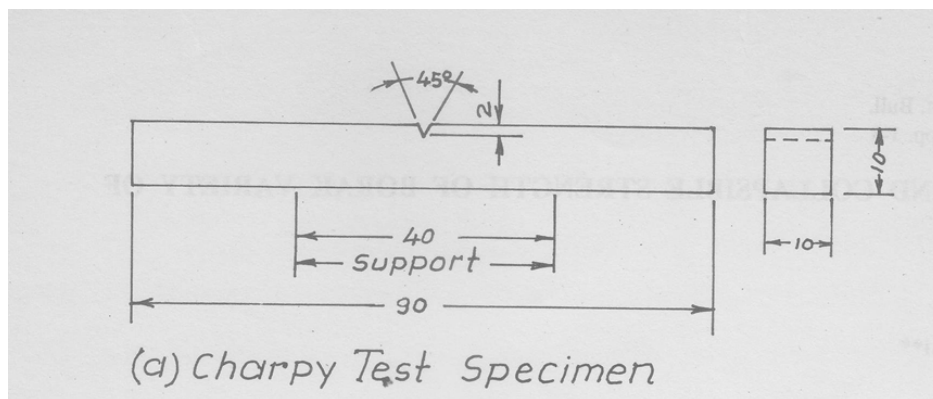
NOMENCLATURE

F	= Force per unit contact length
F _u	= Maximum force per unit contact length.
L, b, t	= Length, width, thickness of specimen
d, d _i	= External and internal diameters of specimen
r	= Mean radius of specimen

Δ_y	=	Measured change in diameter i.e. deflection
P	=	Percent deflection $(\Delta_y/d_i) \times 100$
P_u	=	Percent deflection at maximum force
B.S.	=	Bamboo Stiffness $(=F/\Delta_y)$
S.F.	=	Stiffness Factor $(= 0.149 Fr^3/\Delta_y)$
S.D.	=	Standard Deviation.

EXPERIMENT

1) Impact Test: The Borak bamboo selected was grown in Barobari area of Gazipur district near the test site. The length of the piece brought at the test site was 12m. The outer diameter at bottom section was 88.9 mm, at the middle section was 76.2 mm and at the top was mm. The thickness at the bottom was 19 mm. After drying for 7 days it was split up in four pieces along the length and dried for another 7 days before preparing the specimen having the shape (Figure 1) according to ASTM D256. The specimen length was along the longitudinal direction of the bamboo. For the Charpy and Izod tests, Brooks T 3U pendulum type of impact testing machine was used. The minimum graduation of the scale of the machine was 2 J. For the Charpy test the angle of drop was 140° with a maximum impact energy of 300 J and striking velocity of 5.35 m/s. The distance between the supports was 40 mm and the blow was struck on the face opposite to the notch. The effect of skin of bamboo on the strength value was checked by removing about 1 mm thickness of the outer cover of some specimens. Also the strength without drying some of the specimens in the final stage i.e. in green condition was determined.



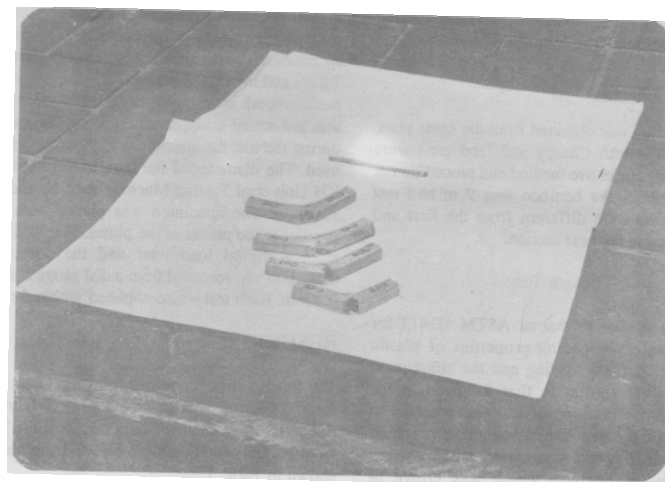
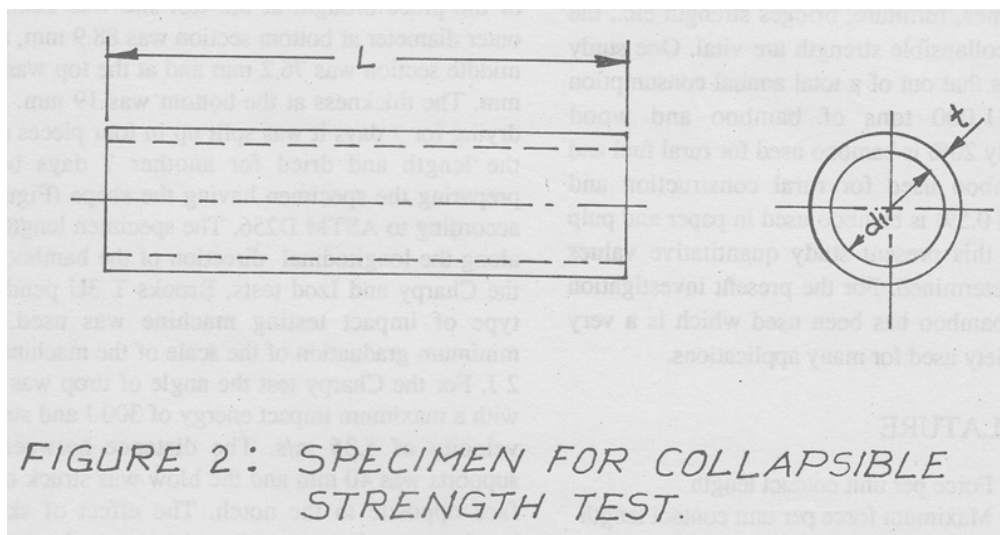
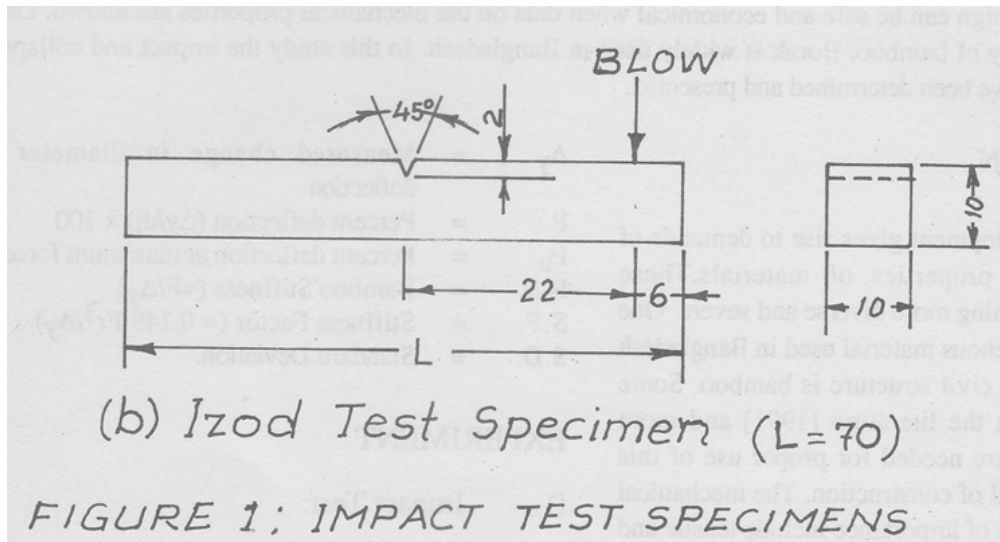


Fig. 3 : Specimens after impact tes

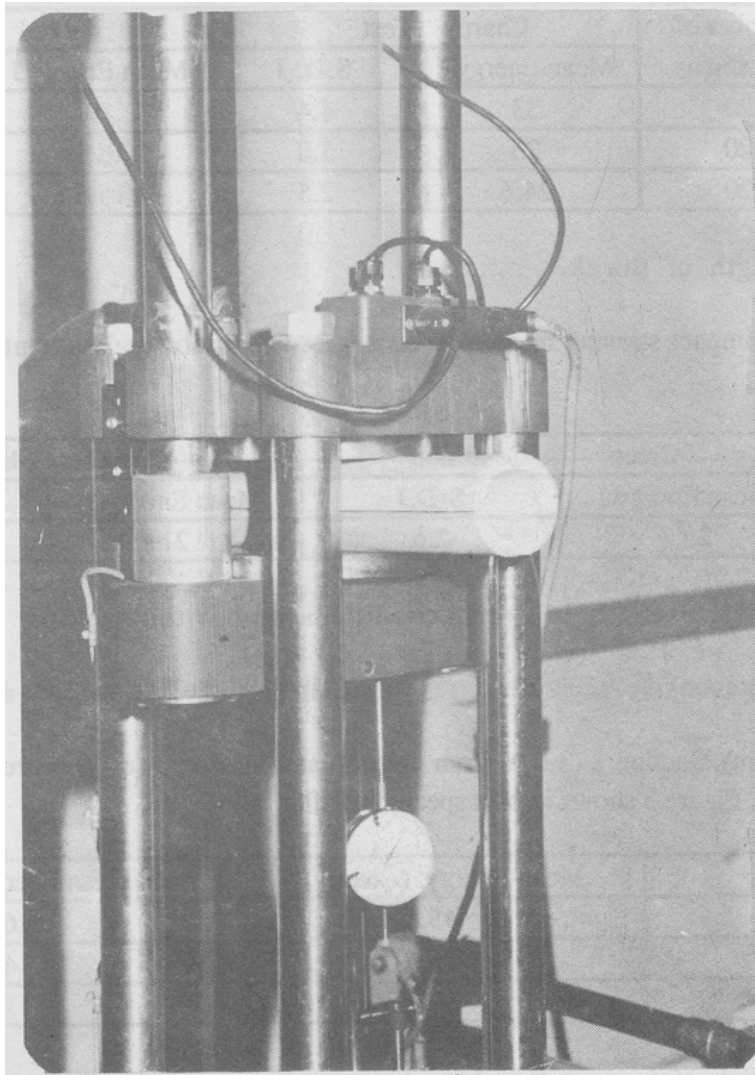


Fig.4 : Experiment in progress for determining collapsible strength.

For the case of Izod test the angle of drop was 45° with a minimum impact energy of 150 J and striking velocity of 3.86 m/s. The V-notch was in the same plane as the upper face as clamps. The blow was struck on the same face as the notch.

A second bamboo was obtained from the same place as the first one. Both Charpy and Izod tests were carried out using the above method and procedure but the total length of the bamboo specimen and test section positions were different from the first and details are given in the next section.

ii) Collapsible Strength Test:

This test was similar to that of ASTM D2412 for determining external loading properties of plastics by parallel plate loading and the subsequent calculations were similar to that followed in the ASTM standard. This type of test was selected to simulate to some extent the construction practices using bamboo. The test was carried out by using Borak variety of bamboo which was grown at

Barobari area near the test site. The bamboo was dried in sunlight for seven days before cutting the bamboo into pieces rejecting the knots and making rough specimens. The rough specimens were again dried for 7 days and then the specimens (Figure 21) were finally made smooth by using emery paper. It may be noted that the actual collapse strength will be more since during the test the specimens without the knots were used. The diameter of the parallel plates of the 100 KN Universal Testing Machine used for the test was 150 mm. The specimen was placed with the axis parallel to the planes of the plates. The load was read from a digital loadmeter and the corresponding deflection was recorded from a dial gauge, reading up to 0.1 mm. Each test was completed within 5 minutes.

RESULTS

The impact strength values from the Charpy impact tests for three sections of the first bamboo i.e. Section 1 (0-2 m from bottom), Section 2 (2-4 m from bottom) and Section 3 (4-6 m from bottom) are shown in Table 1.

Section	Number of Specimens	Charpy Test		Izod Test	
		Mean Energy J	S.D. J	Mean Energy J	S.D. J
1	20	33	4.4	19	2.4
2	20	26	3.8	18.9	1.9
3	20	24.6	2.5	15.6	2

Table 1: Impact Strength of Borak.

Table 2 shows the Charpy impact strength of specimens in green condition and without skin for the case of

Section	Green Condition		Without Skin	
	Mean Energy J	S.D. J	Mean Energy J	S.D. J
1	25.3	2.6	21	2.9

Table 2: Charpy impact strength in green conditions and without skin.

For the case of the second bamboo five specimens were tested from the three sections each as follows: section 1 (0-3 m from bottom), section 2 (3-4 m from bottom) and Section 3 (6 - 9 m from bottom). The test values are shown in Table 3. Figure 3 shows impact specimens after failure.

Section	Mean Energy (Charpy) J	Mean Energy (Izod) J
1	45.6	16.4
2	26.0	14.4
3	17.6	11.4

Table 3: Impact Strength 4 26.0 17.6 Values of Borak.

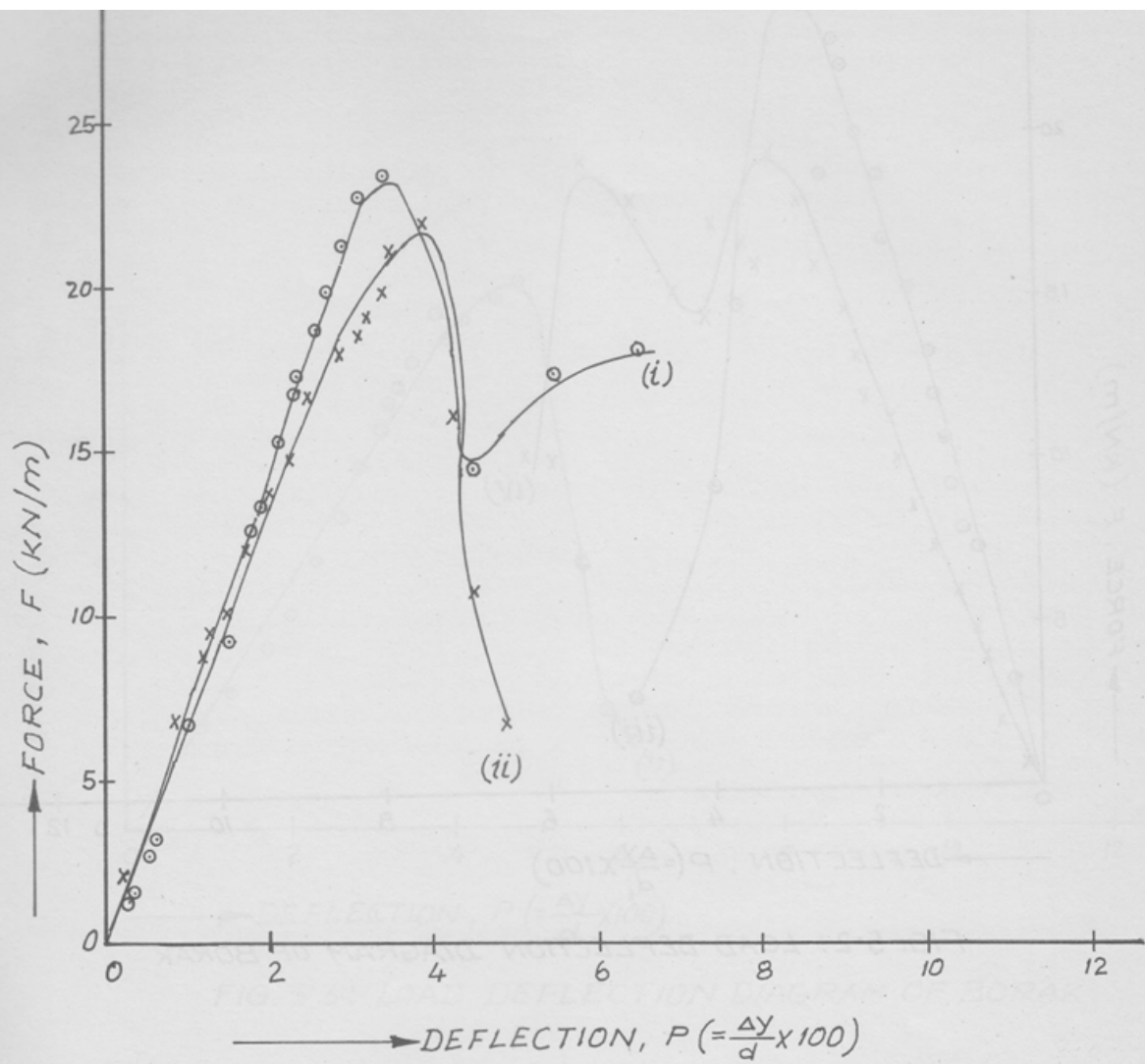
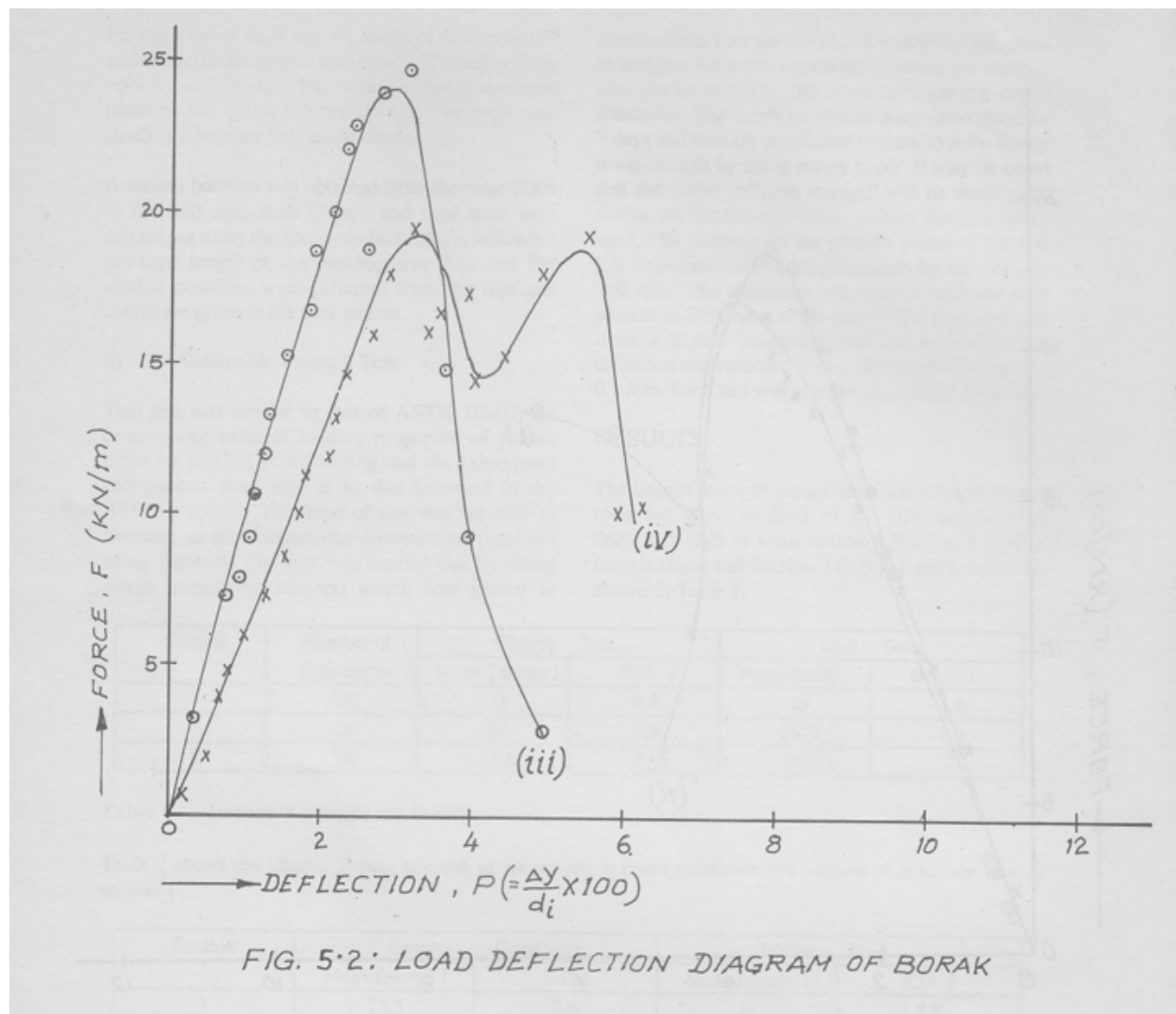
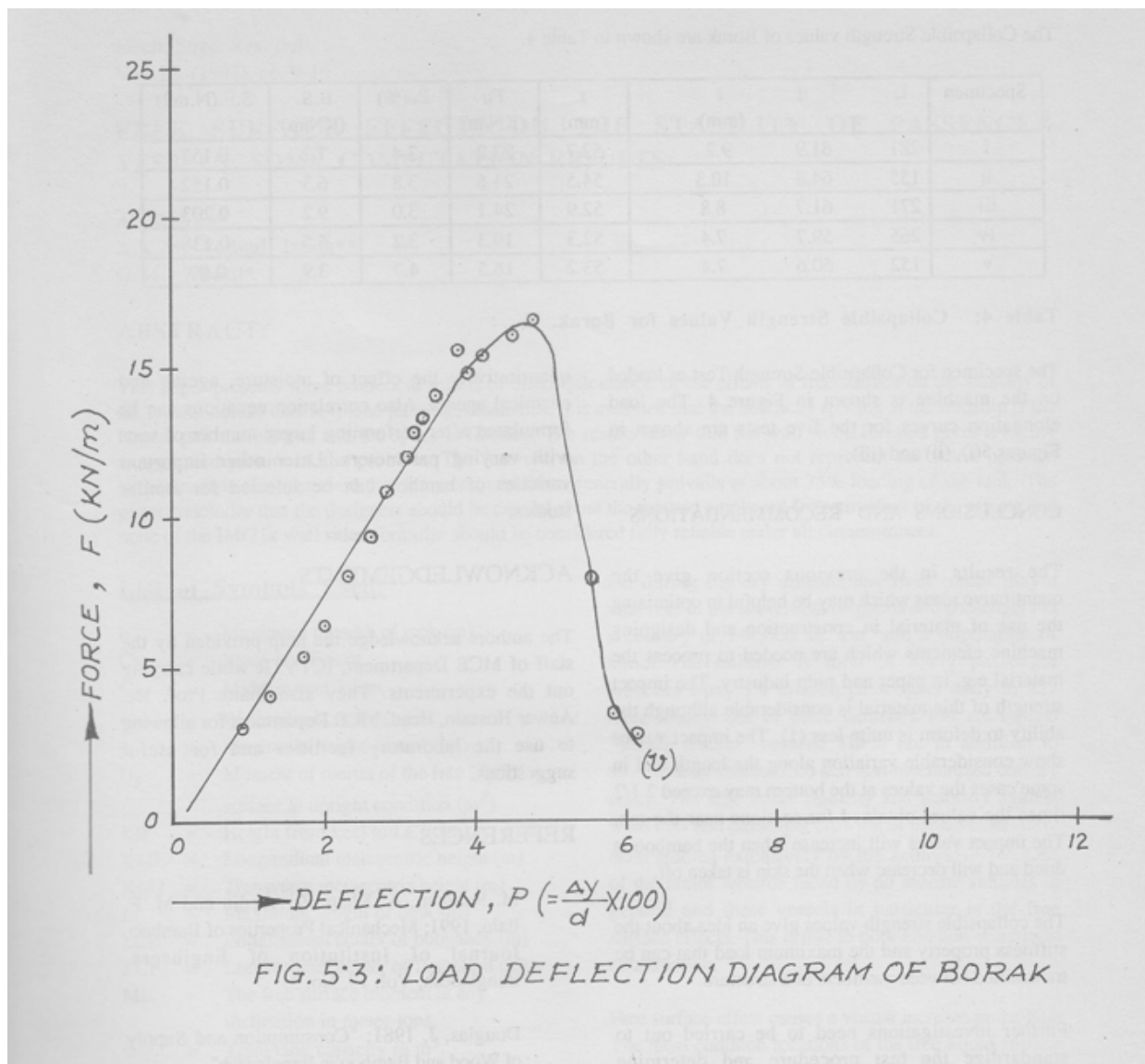


FIG. 5.1 : LOAD DEFLECTION DIAGRAM OF BORAK





The Collapsible Strength values of Borak are shown in Table 4.

Specimen	L	d	t (mm)	r (mm)	F _u (KN/m)	P _u (%)	B.S. (KN/m)	S.F.(N.m ²)
i	281	61.9	9.2	52.7	23.2	3.4	7.2	0.157
ii	155	64.8	10.3	54.5	21.6	3.8	6.3	0.152
iii	271	61.7	8.8	52.9	24.1	3.0	9.2	0.203
iv	265	59.7	7.4	52.3	19.3	3.2	6.5	0.138
v	152	60.6	7.4	53.2	16.5	4.7	3.9	0.09

Table 4: Collapsible Strength Values for Borak.

The specimen for Collapsible Strength Test as loaded on the machine is shown in Figure 4. The load elongation curves for the five tests are shown in Figures 5(I), (ii) and (iii).

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results in the previous section give the quantitative ideas which may be helpful in optimizing the use of material in construction and designing machine elements which are needed to process the material e.g. in paper and pulp industry. The impact strength of this material is considerable although the ability to deform is quite less (I). The impact values show considerable variation along the length and in some cases the values at the bottom may excite 12 times the values obtained for sections near the top. The impact values will increase when the bamboo is dried and will decrease when the skin is The collapsible strength values give an idea about the stiffness property and the maximum load that can be transmitted between members of a structure. Further investigations need to be carried out to standardize the test procedure and quantitatively the effect of moisture, ageing chemical agents. Also correlation equations can be formulated after performing larger number of tests with varying parameters. Later other important varieties of bamboo can be selected for similar studies.

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Strdy of Environmentally conscious cryogenic Cooling Machining

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Abstract

*In machining, a cutting tool is used to remove workpiece material to precise geometry' tolerance and finish' Cutting friction significant heat which shortens tool life' Current pi..rr", use synthetic oil based cutting fluids for cooling. These huids are environmentally hazardous and disposing of them is increasingly regulated and costly. 'Metal chips generated on a machining by product are considered hazardous because of cutting huid contamination and are generally land filled' Moreover, prolonged worker contact with cutting may cause severe dermatitis. Cryogenic machining is a promising new technology *hi"f, ..onomically addresses the current processes' environmental and health concerns. This process injects liquid nitrogen (-196oC) through a macro-nozzle at the precise location required to cool the tool and the immediate cutting zone. Chilling the cutting tool by liquid nitrogen jets enhances tool hardness and life' dimensionaf accuracy and improves surface Cooling the chip makes it brittle and aids removal' BecausJe nitrogl n is an abundant atmospheric constituent and the quantities used are small, there is no unfavorable environmental or health impact nor coolant disposal cost and the chips are readily recycled'*

Key words: Machining, Liquid nitrogen, Cutting forces, Tool wear, Product qualitY

INTRODUCTION

Science and Technology are growing fast, particularly due to liberalization and global cost competitiveness to meet the lrowin! demand for higher productivity, product quality and^ "r.i""ff economy. Another reiuiement in manufacturing industries has been the control of environmental pollution, which has become a greet concern-of the modern society' The pollution creat;d in manufacturing not only affects the performances and health of the workers but also the surroundings'

Performances and the service life of the engineering products of given material depends upon their dimensional and form accuracy and surface quality. The preformed blanks are generally semi-finished and fihished by machining and grinding. But improvemenr in productivity as well as precision by increasing speed and feed are restrained by development of high cutting temperature, particularly in case of strong, hard and sticky work materials, which not only reduces life of the tools but aiso causes dimensional inaccuracy and impairs the surface integrity of the products by rapid oxidation and corrosion and inducing harmful tensile residual stress and micro cracks of the surfaces and subsurfaces

[1].

Such high cutting temperatures generally tried to be reduced by application of cutting fluids in addition to proper selection of the process parameters and tools depending upon the workmaterials. But conventional application of cutting fluid is found to be almost ineffective when the cutting temperature is very high due to machining and grinding at high speeds and feeds, when the work materials are difficult to machine and grind for their high strength and high resistance [2,3]. Besides that, application of conventional cutting fluids, generally oil base, causes severe environmental pollution and inconveniences. The major socioeconomic problems that due to such use of cutting fluids are [4-7] :

(I) wetting and dirtiness of the working zone

(ii) possible damage of the machine tools by corrosion and mixing of the cutting fluid into harmful gases

(iii) biological hazards to the operators from bacterial growth in the cutting fluids [8]

(iv) requirement of additional systems for local storage, pumping, filtration, recycling, recording, large spaces and disposal of the used up fluids which further causes soil contamination and water pollution in the vicinity.

Attempts have been made [9] to reduce or overcome such problems by conducting machining under dry condition using sophisticated tools like high performance ceramics, cubic boron nitride and diamond tools which are extremely heat and wear resistive. But their success was limited. Very recently a unique technique has been developed where cryogen is used as the coolant. Extensive research is going on in this direction. cooling by agents like liquid nitrogen provides not only desired cooling but also environment friendliness [10,11]. Such cryogenic cooling provides dry, neat and cool environment during machining and grinding without any disposal problems. But the industries would also obviously look into the techno-economic aspects even of such novel environment friendly technique for feasibility and economical viability. The present work briefly deals with the method of application of cryogenic cooling and the observations made so far on the effects of such new technique on cutting forces, tool life and product quality, which govern the overall economy in machining.

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS - PROCEDURE

Liquid nitrogen drawn from a self-pressurized dewar (xL-45, USA) was impinged in the form of two thin but high speed jets through a specially developed nozzle cutting zone. Two high carbon steels (C-40 steel and C-60 steel) and two alloy steels (Ni-Cr steel and Inconel 600 steel) of varying strength and hardness were machined in a heavy duty center lathe (11kW: NH22 HMT, India) by P30 carbide inserts of two different geometry (SNMG 120408-26 and SNMM 120408) at different cutting velocity (V.) and

feed (S'') under both dry and cryogenic cooling condition. Only the C-60 steel was machined also with soluble oil to demonstrate the ineffective/detrimental role of conventional cutting fluid application in high production machining of steels by carbides. The experimental setup is schematically shown in Figure 1.

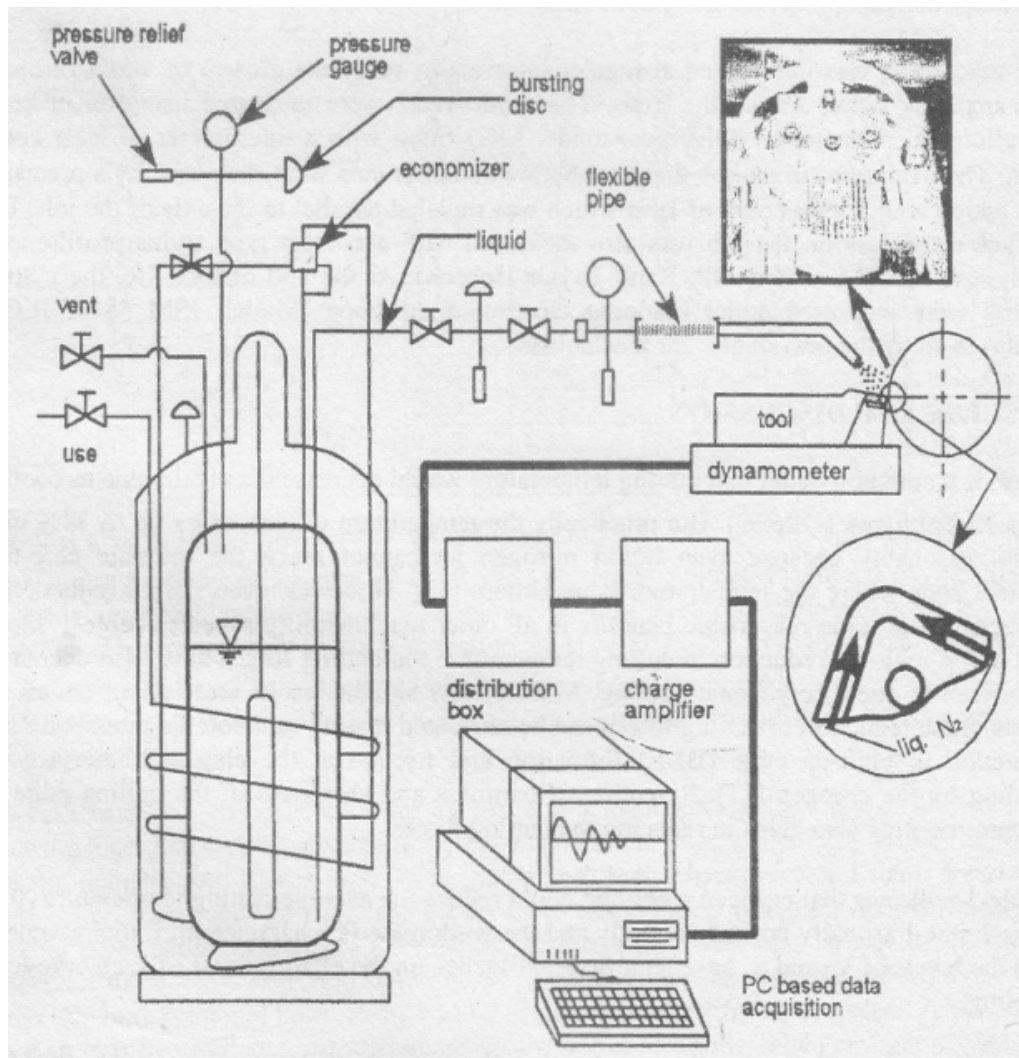


Figure 1: Schematic layout of experimental set-up.

Application of liquid nitrogen is expected to affect the various machinability characteristics mainly by reducing the cutting temperature. The average cutting temperature was measured by simple but reliable tool-work thermocouple technique with proper calibration. The temperature could be measured smoothly under dry machining condition but some problems like wide scatter in the temperature readings were found to occur under cryogenic cooling. So the average cutting temperature under cryogenic cooling was evaluated using validated thermal modeling of machining [12].

The cutting forces components, P , (tangential or main component) and P^* (axial component) were

monitored by a 3-D dynamometer (ICSTLER, 3D-dynamometer, Model: 3 component dynamometer, Type: 92578; and Charge Amplifier: 5007) and recorded in a PC through a data acquisition system (Dasylab-Fullwin 95 version, PCL 818 HG 12 bit highgain multifunction DAS card and Sampling frequency 2000 Hz).

The machining was interrupted at regular intervals to study the growth of wears on main and auxiliary flanks for all the trials. The flank wears were measured using an inverted metallurgical microscope (Olympus: model MG) fitted with a micrometer of least count 1 μ m. The deviations in the job diameter before and after cuts were measured by a precision dial gauge with a least count of 1 μ m which was traveled parallel to the axis of the job. The surface roughness on the job was also measured with a contact type stylus profilometer (Talysurf: model Surtronic 3P, Rank Taylor Hobson). At the end of tool life, the cutting inserts were inspected under scanning electron microscope (Model: JSM 5800, JEOL, Japan) to study the prevalent wear mechanism.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

There is a common belief that cutting temperature would decrease drastically due to cooling by liquid nitrogen (-196°C). But practically the temperature decreased by up to 34% only quite reasonably because even liquid nitrogen jet cannot reach the intimate chip-tool contact zone where the temperature is maximum [2]. However, even such a reduction is expected to provide reasonable benefits in all other machinability aspects. Table-I shows that along with the reduction in cutting temperature, the cutting forces have also decreased significantly due to cryogenic cooling. More or less similar results were noted for all the steels. Such reduction in cutting forces can be attributed mainly to favorable interaction like reduction in built-up edge (BUE) formation and friction at the chip-tool interface for cooling by the cryogen [1]. Retention of hardness and sharpness of the cutting edge by extreme cooling also helps in reducing the cutting forces.

Table-I indicates that cryogenic cooling could reduce the average cutting temperature (°C) though not drastically but substantially and the work material characteristics, tool geometry and the levels of V_c and S_o have significant influence on the effectiveness of such cryogenic cooling.

Both the cutting force components, P_2 and P^* more or less decreased under different conditions with the increase in V_c , as usual, due to plasticization and shrinkage of the shear zone and reduced friction at the chip-tool interface and increased with increase in S_o simply for increase in chip load. Cryogenic cooling enabled reduce both P , and P_1 , though in different percentage, under different V_c - S_o combinations and for different tool-work combinations.

Table-I Reduction in forces and eaus due to cryogenic cooling is compared to dry machining in turning C-40 steel by SNMG and SNMM inserts'

Cutting velocity, V_c m/min	Feed rate, S_o rev/min	Percentage reduction in					
		P_x	P_z	θ_{avg}	P_x	P_z	θ_{avg}
		SNMG			SNMM		
66	0.12	38.4	23.1	27.5	54.8	31.6	33.9
85		34.5	19.7	25.5	42.7	22.6	30.9
110		18.0	10.3	20.7	15.9	9.36	21.4
144		7.6	6.52	15.0	12.5	2.8	18.8
66	0.16	22.0	15.3	19.3	54.4	33.4	33.3
85		19.0	9.19	19.4	41.0	21.8	28.8
110		7.8	6.69	16.9	24.1	9.15	21.3
144		9.3	4.26	13.8	16.3	4.67	20.3
66	0.20	23.2	14.9	16.5	33.9	21.8	27.2
85		23.5	11.3	16.2	31.1	20.2	24.3
110		12.6	2.65	15.0	19.9	10.3	23.4
144		6.3	2.1	14.5	16.0	6.01	19.8
66	0.24	20.3	10.6	15.7	32.0	18.8	25.0
85		20.3	12.8	16.9	31.8	19.4	25.7
110		12.3	4.73	16.7	26.5	16.8	24.2
144		12.1	2.17	15.4	18.1	11.3	24.3

Table-1 clearly shows that percentage reduction in P'' and P^* due to cryogenic cooling has been more pronounced in case of C-40 steel particularly when machined by the SNMM insert which combination showed maximum reclusion in cutting temperature by cryogenic cooling. The reason behind such reduction in P , and P^* by cryogenic cooling may be reasonably attributed to reduction in chiptool contact length, friction and built-up edge (BUE) formation due to reduction in cutting zone temperature and favorable change in the chip-tool interaction.

Overall economy in manufacturing by machining depends significantly on the tool life. Cutting tools liki carbides generally faii by wear and only occasionally by brittle fracture or plastic deformation. Under high V .-So machining, both crater wear and flank wear occur almost by same mechanism. Most of the wear mechanisms like adhesion, diffusion and plastic deformation are temperature sensitive. Therefore, wear and its rate of growth are expected to decrease if temperature can be controlled. It was observed during the present tesis that both principal flank wear, V_s and auxiliary flank wqar, V_5 decreased substantially, though in different d"gr". for different tool-work combinations, when cryogenic cooling is employed. Therefore, cryogenic cooling, if properly employed, would improve tool life s;gnlncantty. Fig.2 typically shows how cryogenic cooling enabled substantial reduction in tool wear unlike soluble oil which did not help at all. It is evident from Fig.3 that for vaiue of wear as 300 pm, the tool life can increase by 100 to200oh by cryogenic cooling which retarded damage and wear of the cutting edges usually caused by temperature intensive wear like adhesion and diffusion and also by

buildup edge formation.

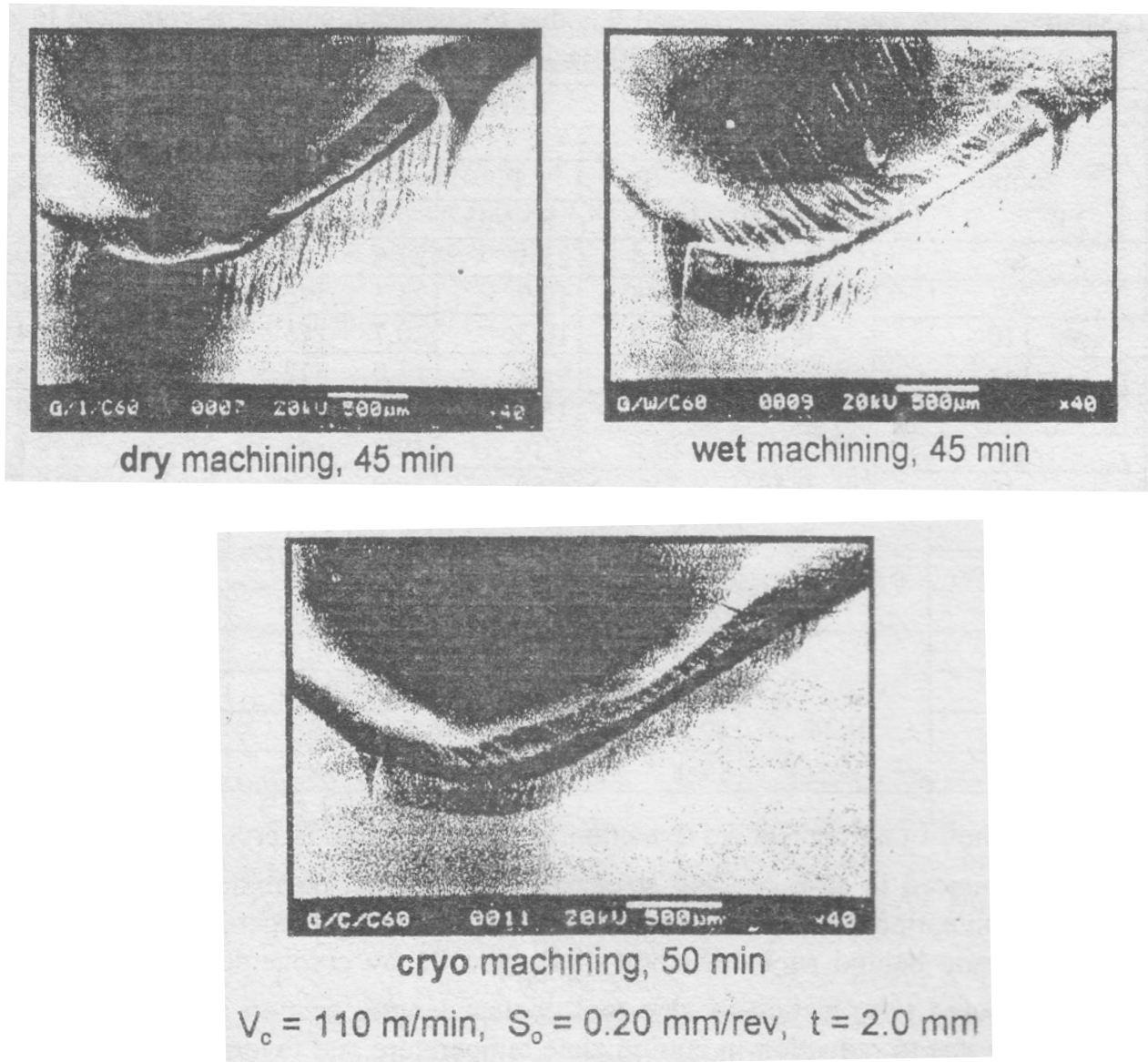


Figure 2: SEM views of the worn out SNMG insert after machining C-60 steel under dry, wet and cryogenic cooling condition.

Quality of a machined product, which governs its performance and service life depends mainly upon the material, dimensional accuracy and surface integrity of the product. The heat and the cutting temperature generated during machining is usually high and not controlled, may cause dimensional and form inaccuracy due to thermal distortion as well as consecutive thermal expansion and cooling after machining. Bulk cooling and reduction of the localized cutting zone temperature by cryogenic application has enabled in the present cases substantial reduction (more than 80%) in the variation in diameter along the length of the machined jobs. Retention of sharpness of the auxiliary cutting edge near the tool tip by cryogenic application enables substantial reduction in dimensional variation as can be seen typically in Fig.4.

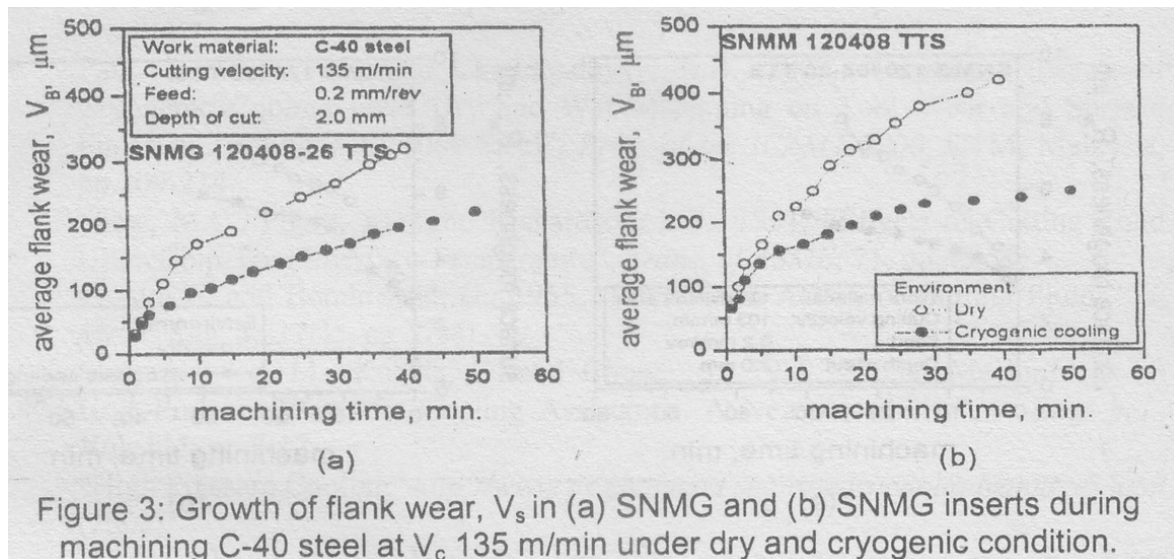


Figure 3: Growth of flank wear, V_s in (a) SNMG and (b) SNMG inserts during machining C-40 steel at V_c 135 m/min under dry and cryogenic condition.

Surface integrity generally covers both visible surface topography (roughness) and the apparently invisible aspects like residual stresses and surface and subsurface micro cracks. Surface roughness in turning is mainly caused by the feed marks and this inherent roughness depends upon the value of feed and the tool geometry, particularly the nose radius and the auxiliary cutting edge angle. The surface condition gets further degraded by the nature and extent of the wear at the nose and auxiliary flank of the cutting inserts. The improvement in surface finish attained by cryogenic cooling may be attributed to reduction in damage and wear of the tool nose and auxiliary flank through retention of the tool hardness and control of adhesion and diffusion. Cryogenic application also enabled significant reduction in surface roughness, as can be seen in Fig.S, quite expectedly for reduction in chipping, abrasion and notching wear at the tool tip and builtup edge

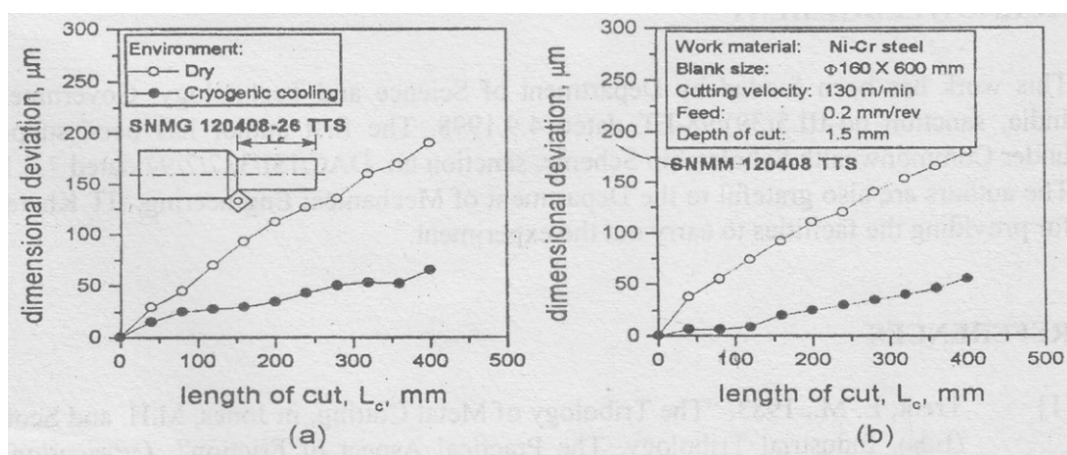


Figure 4: Dimensional derivatives observed after one full pass turning of the Ni-Cr Steel by (a) SNMG and (b) SNMG inserts under dry and cryogenic conditions.

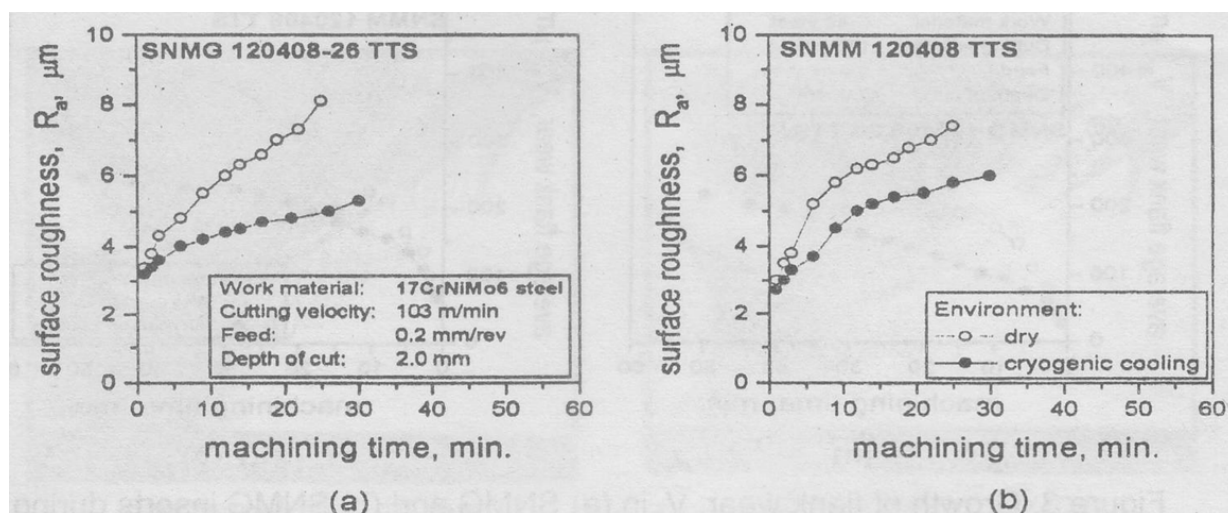


Figure 5: Surface roughness developed with progress of machining of the ITCrNiMoO Steel by (a) SNMG and (b) SNMG inserts under dry and cryogenic conditions.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Proper application of cryogenic cooling not only provides environment friendliness but also lot of techno-economical benefits.
2. Cryogenic cooling in machining steels by carbide inserts resulted substantial saving in energy consumption, enhancement of tool life and improvement in product quality mainly through reducing cutting forces, tool wear and friction at the chip tool interface.
3. The degree of benefits of cryogenic application in machining varies with the work tool materials and geometry and also the levels of process parameters.

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Forces on particles in Turbulent Flow Through Rotating Channel

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Abstract:

The problem of particulate flow in rotating channels serves as a useful starting point for the more complex problem of solid-fluid interaction in rotating passages. In a previous paper, the authors reported numerical simulation of the flow of a two-dimensional (valid for large aspect ratio), steady (in the mean) and incompressible carrier phase. This study quantifies the magnitude of the most significant forces acting on particles carried by a turbulent flow field. Pressure, Coriolis, centrifugal and virtual mass forces are considered. Particles are treated as uniform spheres of specified diameter and density, acting on them. During collision with the channel walls, they are treated as point masses. The variations of the forces on the particles along the particle trajectory are discussed.

Key words: Entrained particles, rotating channel flow, forces acting on particles

INTRODUCTION

Flow of dilute solid-fluid mixtures through rotating passages is important in slurry and pneumatic transportation of solids. Two important effects of the presence of solids in such applications are: (a) the additional head loss in the passages, and (b) erosion of wetted surfaces. Both of these factors have a strong bearing on the economics of the overall operation. It is, therefore, important to understand the behavior of entrained particles and the forces acting on them in rotating passages. The straight rotating channel provides a useful benchmark for developing robust numerical methods as well as for understanding the physics of particulate flow in such situations.

A number of studies [e.g., 1-6] deal with single-phase flow in rotating channels. In a recent paper [6], the authors reported the performance of an eddy viscosity model in predicting single-phase flow through two-dimensional channels rotating in orthogonal mode (the axis of rotation is normal to the plane of the channel). A number of studies have also been conducted [e.g., 7-10] on two-phase flow through stationary channels and pipes. However, studies involving two-phase flow through rotating channels are less common. Solid-liquid flow through rotating impellers has been addressed [11, 12] using inviscid flow assumption for the carrier phase. These studies do not report a quantitative assessment of the forces acting on the particles. Moreover, viscous effects can significantly affect the base flow of the carrier, particularly near the walls.

There are few studies quantifying the relative magnitudes of the forces acting on particles entrained in

flow through rotating channels. Such quantification can give valuable insight into the head loss and erosion phenomena. The aim of this study has been to quantify the forces on a typical particle in dilute solid-fluid flows through rotating channels.

Since the carrier-phase flow was dealt with in detail in a previous paper [6], the present study focuses mainly on the particles. Beginning with the equation of motion for a solid particle, a numerical method for tracking an individual particle is described. During collision with the walls, the particles are treated as point masses. Model coefficients of restitution are used in the normal and tangential directions to determine the particle velocity after impact. Impact is assumed to be instantaneous. The roughness of the channel walls generally have a statistical nature both in terms of the height of the surface irregularities as well as in terms of their direction with respect to the impacting particle. Some authors have attempted to include this randomness into their models for stationary passages with the concept of a virtual wall [3]. As a first approximation, this study uses smooth walls, so that the direction of the normal to the wall is deterministic, not statistical. One-way coupling is assumed, i.e., fluid flow affects the particulate flow, but not vice versa. Rotation is assumed to be in a horizontal plane, so that the effect of gravity may be neglected.

EQUATION OF MOTION AND NUMERICAL METHOD

In terms of the absolute coordinate system (XYZ in Figure 1.) the equation of motion of a typical particle is

$$\underbrace{\rho_s \nabla \frac{d\vec{V}_p}{dt}}_{\text{Inertia}} = \underbrace{-\nabla \nabla p}_{\text{Pressure}} + \underbrace{\frac{C_D A \rho}{2} |\vec{V} - \vec{V}_p| (\vec{V} - \vec{V}_p)}_{\text{Drag}} + \underbrace{\rho \nabla C_v \left(\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} - \frac{d\vec{V}_p}{dt} \right)}_{\text{Virtual Mass}}, \quad (1)$$

where ρ_s is the particle density; ∇ is the particle volume; t is the time; \vec{V}_p and \vec{V} are, respectively, the particle and fluid mean velocities with respect to ground; p is the fluid pressure; C_D is the drag coefficient; A is the project area, $\pi d_p^2/4$, of the particle of diameter d_p ; ρ is the fluid density; \hat{i} and \hat{j} are the unit vectors in the xyz system (coordinate system attached to rotating reference); and C_v ($= 0.5$ for spheres) is the virtual mass coefficient. The last term is negligible when $\rho \ll \rho_s$ (as in gas-solid systems).

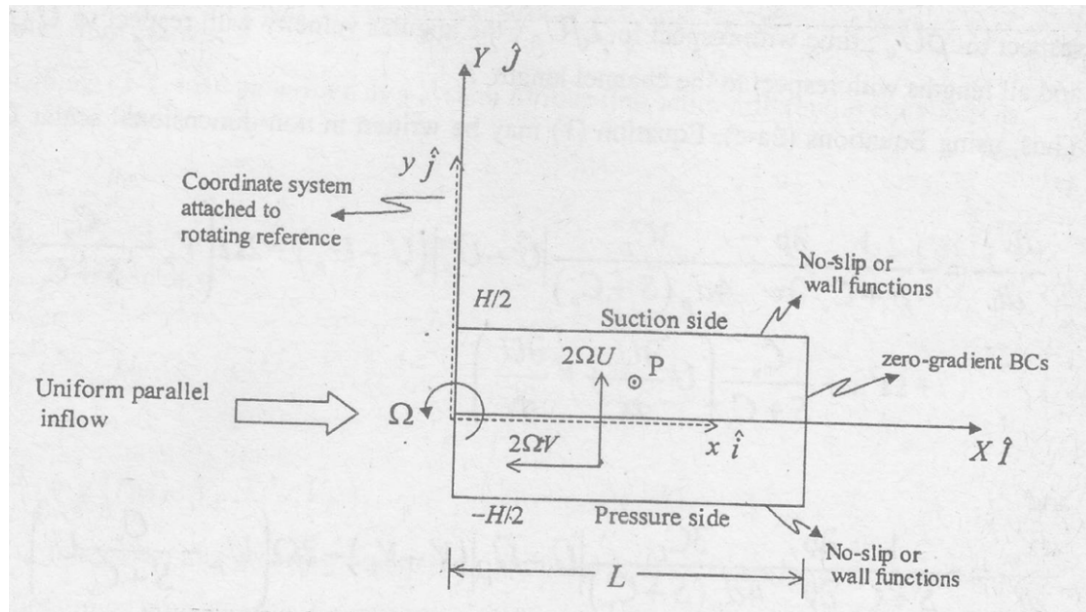


Figure 1. particle entraineO in rotating channelflow.

The relations between relative and absolute particle velocities and accelerations are

$$\vec{V}_p = \vec{U}_p + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}, \text{ and } \frac{d\vec{V}_p}{dt} = \left(\frac{d\vec{U}_p}{dt} \right)_R + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{U}_p + \vec{\Omega} \times (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}), \quad (2a, b)$$

where $\vec{\Omega} = \Omega \hat{k}$ is the constant angular velocity of the channel. Similar expressions hold for the fluid velocity and acceleration. The subscript R denotes the rotating frame. The relative acceleration $\left(\frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \right)_R$, the material derivative of velocity in the rotating frame, is given in terms of the local derivative and convective acceleration as

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} \right)_R = \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \{ (\vec{U} \cdot \nabla) \vec{U} \}_R. \quad (2c)$$

Since the carrier mean flow is steady in the rotating frame of reference, $\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} = 0$. For

convenience, the subscript R is dropped, as there is no ambiguity in its meaning in what follows. The equations are computer-coded most effectively in their non-dimensional form. Velocity is normalized with respect to the inlet uniform flow velocity, U_0 ; pressure with respect to ρU_0^2 ; time with respect to L/U_0 ; the angular velocity with respect to U_0/L and all lengths with respect to the channel length, L . Thus, using Equations (2a-c), Equation (1) may be written in non-dimensional scalar form as

$$\frac{dU_p}{dt} = -\frac{1}{S+C_v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{3C_D}{4d_p(S+C_v)} |\vec{U} - \vec{U}_p| (U - U_p) + 2\Omega \left(V_p - \frac{C_v}{S+C_v} V \right) + \Omega^2 x + \frac{C_v}{S+C_v} \left(U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right) \quad (3)$$

and

$$\frac{dV_p}{dt} = -\frac{1}{S+C_v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{3C_D}{4d_p(S+C_v)} |\vec{U} - \vec{U}_p| (V - V_p) - 2\Omega \left(U_p - \frac{C_v}{S+C_v} U \right) + \Omega^2 y + \frac{C_v}{S+C_v} \left(U \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \right), \quad (4)$$

where s is the relative density of the solid, and $(J$ and v_o (J and I)) are the scalar components of the relative velocity of the particle (fluid). The drag coefficient, c_o , is calculated from the empirical correlation [12]

$$C_D = \begin{cases} 0.44 & \text{when } Re_p > 1000 \\ (24/Re_p)(1 + 0.14Re_p^{0.7}) & \text{when } Re_p \leq 1000, \end{cases}$$

where the particle Reynolds number, Re_p , is defined as

$$Re_p = \frac{|\vec{U} - \vec{U}_p| d_p}{\nu}.$$

For certain combinations of operating parameters, (Re_r , Re_o , plp , etc.), the particles may slide along the channel wall. In such a case, the particle experiences a kinetic frictional resistance μF_n , where μ is the friction coefficient (normal to the wall) of all the forces acting on the particle due to drag, pressure, Coriolis, centrifugal and virtual mass forces. If the effective normal force is μ away from the wall, the particle is about to separate from the substrate, and then the friction force is zero. A fourth order Runge-Kutta method [14] is employed to integrate the initial value problem represented by Equations (3) and (4). The initial position and velocity of the particle are specified at channel entry. The initial particle velocity is taken as equal to that of the carrier fluid at inlet. Equations (3-4) may be written as a system of four first order differential equations as

$$\frac{dx_P}{dt} = U_P, \quad (7a)$$

$$\frac{dy_P}{dt} = V_P, \quad (7b)$$

$$\frac{dU_P}{dt} = f(t, x_P, y_P, U_P, V_P), \quad (7c)$$

and

$$\frac{dV_P}{dt} = g(t, x_P, y_P, U_P, V_P), \quad (7d)$$

where functions f and g correspond to the right hand sides of Equations (3-4), respectively.

For notational convenience, Equations (7a-d) may be written in vector form as

$$\underline{\dot{W}} = \underline{q}(t, \underline{W}), \quad (8a)$$

where

$$\underline{W} = (x_P, y_P, U_P, V_P)^T, \quad (8b)$$

and

$$\underline{q} = (U_P, V_P, f, g)^T. \quad (8c)$$

The prescribed initial condition is $\underline{W}(0) = \underline{W}_0$. The fourth order Runge-Kutta method in this study uses the following marching procedure:

$$\underline{W}(t + \delta t) = \underline{W}(t) + \frac{\delta t}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) + O(\delta t)^5, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\underline{k}_1 = \underline{q}(t, \underline{W}(t)), \quad (10a)$$

$$\underline{k}_2 = \underline{q}\left(t + \frac{\delta t}{2}, \underline{W}(t) + \frac{\underline{k}_1 \delta t}{2}\right), \quad (10b)$$

$$\underline{k}_3 = \underline{q}\left(t + \frac{\delta t}{2}, \underline{W}(t) + \frac{\underline{k}_2 \delta t}{2}\right), \quad (10c)$$

and

$$\underline{k}_4 = \underline{q}(t + \delta t, \underline{W}(t) + \underline{k}_3 \delta t), \quad (10d)$$

where δt is the local time step.

Special treatment is necessary for handling particle collisions with the channel wall. Particles are treated as spheres of definite diameter while solving Equations (3) and (4). When determining the position of the particle at impact with the walls, the particles are treated as material points. In the present study, particle-wall collisions are treated instantaneously. A coefficient of restitution is introduced in both the tangential and the normal directions to compute the post-impact velocity of

the particle. The channel assumed to be unaffected in the rotating reference frame by the collisions. In Figure 2, let U_{P1} , V_{P1} and U_{P2} , V_{P2} be the initial and final velocities of the particle P2 during a time step Δt . Let $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ be the corresponding two positions of the particle. In the absence of the wall, the particle would trace out the path represented by the solid curve AB. The presence of the wall implies that the particle will collide before reaching point B. The point of impact $C(x_s, y_s)$ may be determined by iteration. However, if the time step is small enough, a simple interpolation gives an accurate enough prediction of the point C and the particle velocity at the point of impact. Linear interpolation is used between A and B to locate the point C of impact. The actual time Δt , from A to C is also computed by interpolation.

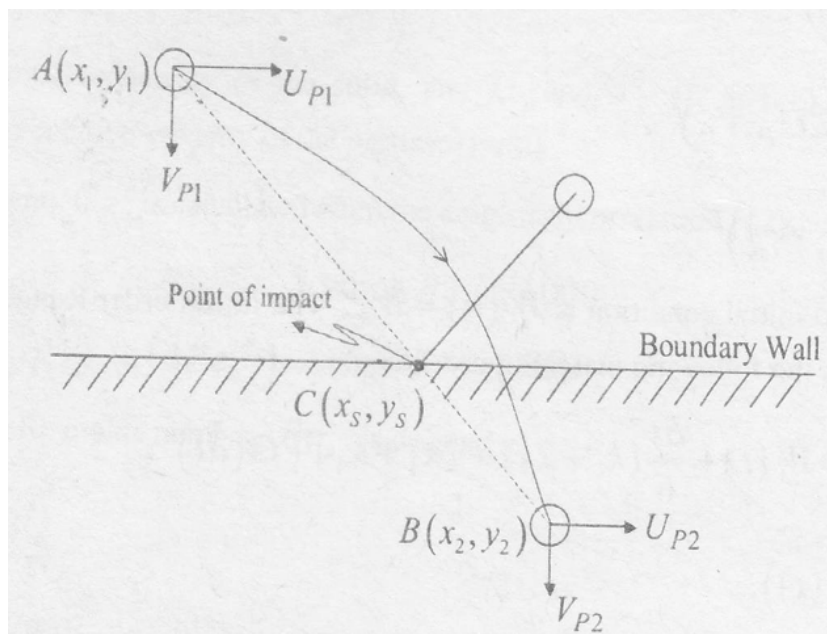


Figure 2. Interpolation to determine point of impact.

Two more practical points are worth mentioning. First, it is possible that the post-impact normal velocity component may be quite small. In such a case, below a cut-off value, the y-component of the velocity at the wall may be set to zero, so that the particle just slides along the channel wall. Second, the center of the spherical particle can never touch the wall. In computing particle trajectory, the particle is assumed to be a material point. Thus, the wall is hypothetically shifted to the particle center, without introducing significant error. This procedure is acceptable, if the particle size is much smaller than the characteristic dimensions of the channel.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The testing and validation of code by mesh refinement and comparison with published results for a

stationary channel are discussed elsewhere [6, 15]. In this section, the variations of the drag, pressure, Coriolis and centrifugal forces acting on the particle (as it moves along its trajectory in air and water) are presented. In the figures of this section, all quantities are non-dimensionalized, unless stated. For clarity, only the particle released at $y = 0$ (mid-height of the channel) is considered. All calculations are for the operating parameters shown in Table 1. In non-dimensional terms, the inlet velocity of both the fluid and the particle is unity. In Table 1, the quantities d_p and v_{ts} are the non-dimensional settling velocity of the particle in a rotating environment. These definitions are analogous to similar quantities defined for settling under the action of gravity [16]. For the rotating environment, these are defined as

$$d_p^* = d_p \left[\frac{\rho(\rho_p - \rho)(2\Omega U_0)}{\mu^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (11)$$

and

$$v_{ts}^* = 1.73 \sqrt{g d_p \left(\frac{\rho_p}{\rho} - 1 \right)} \left[\frac{\rho^2}{\mu(\rho_s - \rho)(2\Omega U_0)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (12)$$

It is clear from Table 1 that for the same physical diameter of $d_p = 1$ mm, the corresponding non-dimensional diameter in water is much smaller than that in air. Similarly the non-dimensional settling velocity is much larger for air than for water as the carrier. These quantities, as will be seen, characterize particle behavior to a large extent.

Table 1. Details of operating parameters

Case	Re_H	Ro_H	ρ_p (kg/m ³)	ρ (kg/m ³)	d_p (mm)	e_x	e_y	μ_k	d_p^*	v_{ts}^*
1.	11500	0.21	2700	1.23	1	1	1	0.1	99.15	17.23
2.	11500	0.21	2700	1000	1	1	1	0.1	9.105	5.22
3.	11500	0.21	1000	1.23	1	1	1	0.1	71.18	14.60

In the figures, the ordinate axis on the left-hand side of each figure shows the y-coordinate of the particle trajectory. The two ordinate axes on the right-hand side of each figure show, respectively, the x-component and z-component of force (or velocity). Before getting an insight into the forces on the particle, it is useful to get an idea of the velocity variation.

Variation of Velocity of Particle

The variation of particle velocity along the length of the channel is shown in Figures 3a and 3b for air and water, respectively, as the carrier phases. The calculations correspond to Cases I and 2 of Table 1.

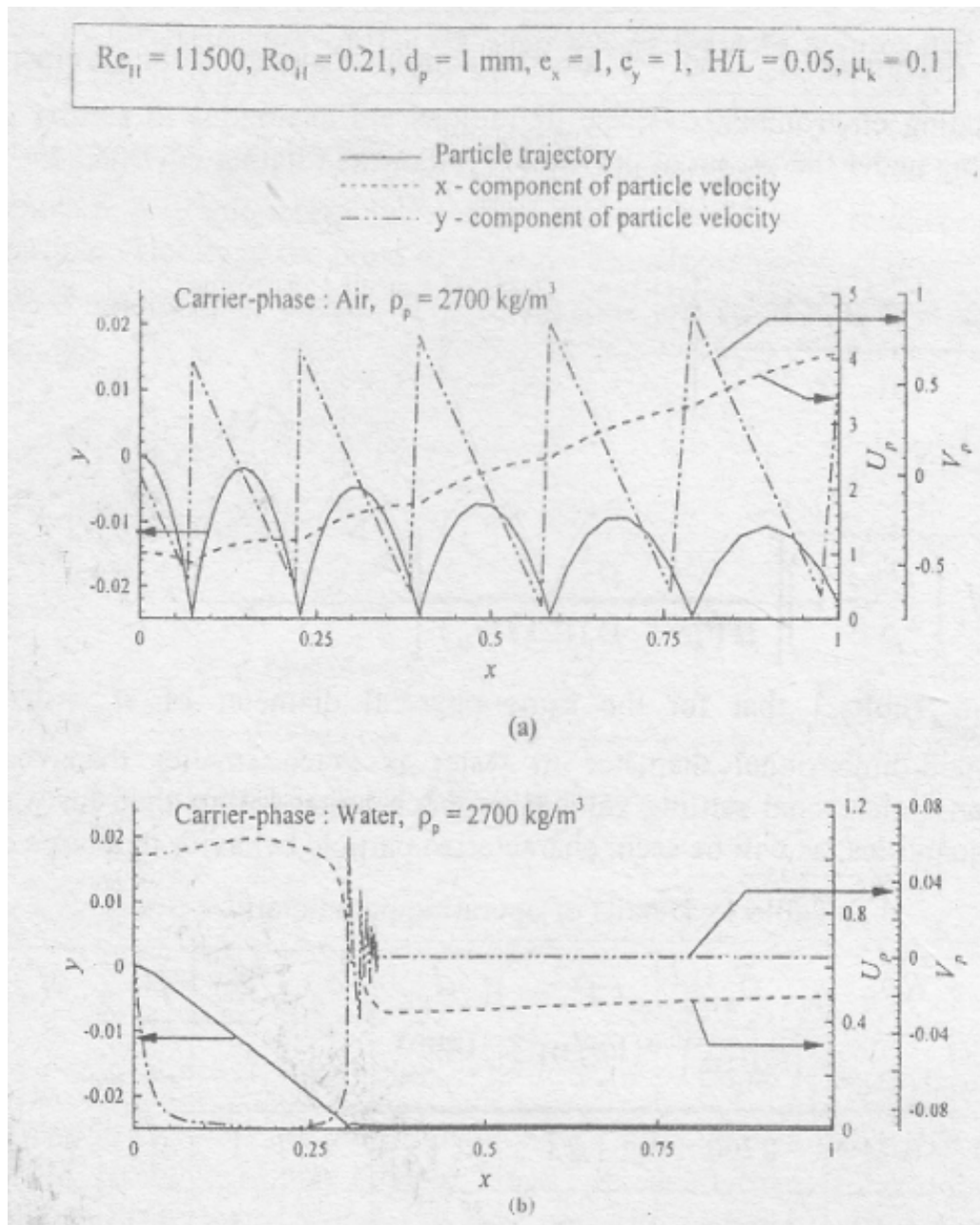


Figure 3. Variation of particle velocity for Cases I and 2 of Table 1 with carrier phase as (a) air, and (b) water

The x-component of particle velocity, U_p , increases (Figure 3a) as the particle moves along the channel length. The y-component of particle velocity, V_p , shows discontinuity at the positions of impact because V_p changes sign at points of impact. The increase in U_p is due to the centrifugal

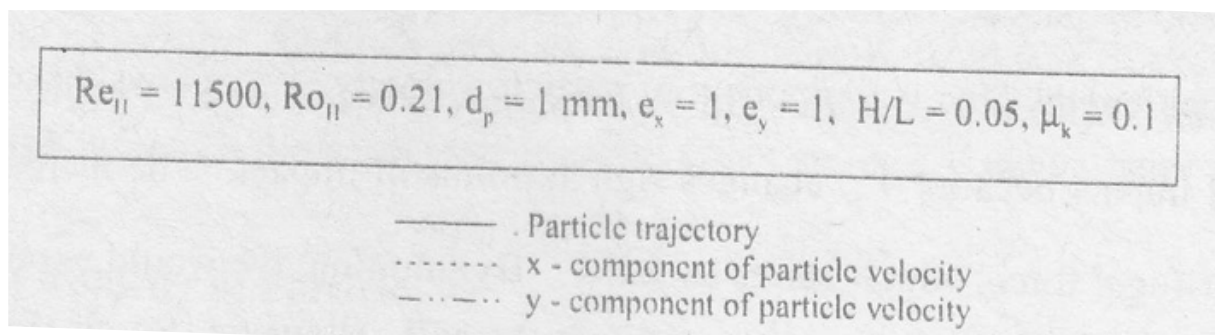
force, which varies as $2x$. By intuition, we would expect the drag force to decrease V_p as the particle moves towards the exit. However, for air (Figure 3a), a slight increase in V_p is seen as x increases. This corresponds to the increase in U_p and hence in the Coriolis force, which varies as 220 . In the absence of drag force, the increase in V , would be greater than that indicated by Figure 3a.

For water as the carrier, the variation of particle velocity, shown in Figure 3b, is seen to be completely different from that for air (Figure 3a). The drag effect in case of water is much more significant than in case of air. In Figure 3b, U_p increases initially up to $x = 0.125$. At this stage, drag catches up and slows down the particle till it impacts with the channel pressure-side wall. After a few feeble bounces, the particle begins to slide along under the combined influence of drag and Coriolis forces. The discontinuous oscillations in V_p indicate the feeble bounces before sliding begins. After sliding begins, the centrifugal force gradually overpowers friction and drag, so that the particle begins to slowly speed up again. As the particle moves towards the pressure side, it accelerates (V_p increases) under the influence of Coriolis force. At impact, V_p reverses sign and then decelerates (since Coriolis force is now opposite to V_p).

When the particle is neutrally buoyant ($\rho_p = \rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$), Figure 4 indicates that the particle essentially moves parallel to the channel walls, following the carrier flow. In this case, V , is nearly zero everywhere, and U , increases and reaches a plateau as the centerline velocity of the carrier fluid increases and reaches its fully developed value.

Variation of Pressure Force

In Figures 5a and 5b, the variations of the x and y components of pressure force are shown for air and water, respectively. Note from Equations (3-4) that the pressure force contains $-V_p$ (the negative of pressure gradient). From Figures 6a, for a specified y , the pressure Δp is seen to increase with x . The pressure gradient continues to increase with x and so Δx does the magnitude of pressure force on the particle. Theoretically, the pressure gradient in



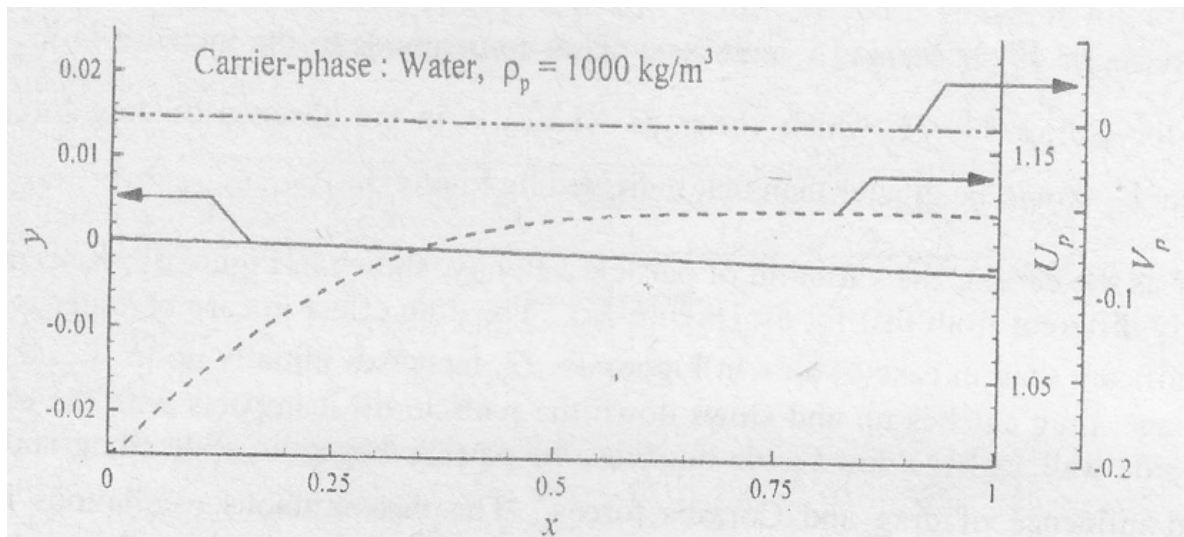


Figure 4. Variation of particle velocity for neutrally buoyant particle ($\rho_p = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$) with water as carrier-phase.

't'direction should vary as Ωx (Figure 6a). This is reflected as a linear increase in the magnitude of the pressure force, pf_y , in Figures 5a and 5b.

The pressure force, pf_y , in the y-direction varies in a somewhat complex manner. Right at

and in the vicinity of the pressure-side wall, the pressure gradient ($\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$) is nearly zero because of no-slip. Away from the wall, pressure varies linearly with y as shown in Figure 6b, i.e., the pressure gradient, $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$ is a negative constant away from the wall. Thus, for a

particle released at $y = 0$, as the particle moves towards the channel base (pressure side), initially, the pressure force pf_y , is roughly constant. As the particle approaches the wall, the magnitude of pressure gradient suddenly drops, and so does the pressure force. After the particle impacts and moves away from the base, the pressure force again rises suddenly.

In case of air (Figure 5a), the particle reaches a substantial peak into the mainstream of the flow, i.e., it reaches the constant pressure force zone after impact. Thus, pf_y remains nearly constant for some part of the trajectory, and again the process is repeated along the particle trajectory.

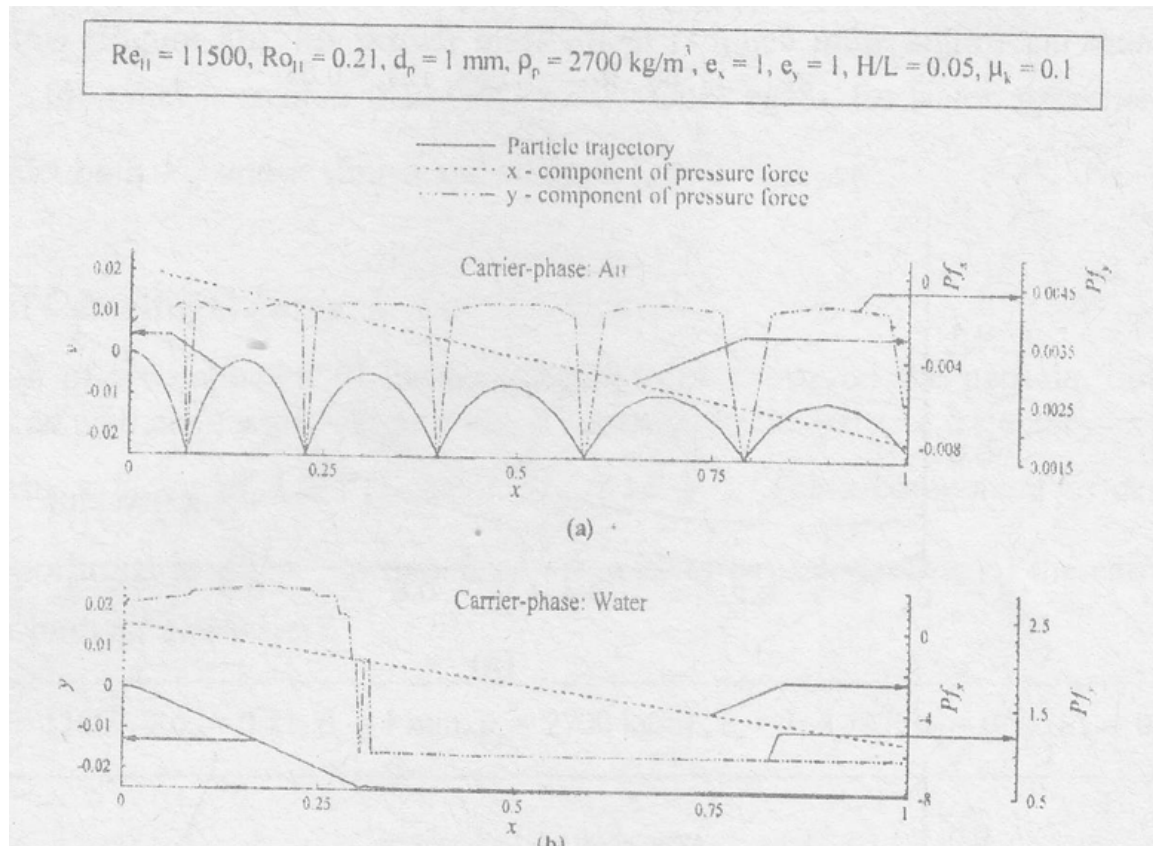


Figure 5. Variation of pressure force acting on the particle with carrier-phase as (a) air, and (b) water.

In the case of water (Figure 5b), the particle does not move sufficiently far from the wall after the bounce. Thus, pf_y does not quite increase as much as in the case of air. Once the particle starts sliding, pf_y also attains a constant value.

Variation of Drag Force

Variations for drag forces, Df_x and Df_y are shown in Figures 7a and 7b, respectively, for air and water. As noted with reference to Figure 3a, U_p tends to increase with x . Thus, the slip velocity ($U_p - U$) increases and so does the particle Reynolds number. The drag force, which is proportional to $(U - U_p)$ (Equation 3), increases in magnitude (note the negative sign). Discontinuous sign reversals are seen in Df_y corresponding to the impact locations, where V_p changes sign. Furthermore, as the particle traverses along its trajectory, V_p decreases in magnitude, which results in a decrease in $|V_p - V|$, and hence a decrease in Re_p with increasing x . Thus in an overall sense $|Df_y|$ increases with x . For the case of water, Figure 7b, the particle begins to slide for $x > 0.3$ and the drag force $|Df_y|$ is zero. Note that the magnitude of drag force in air is much smaller than that in water.

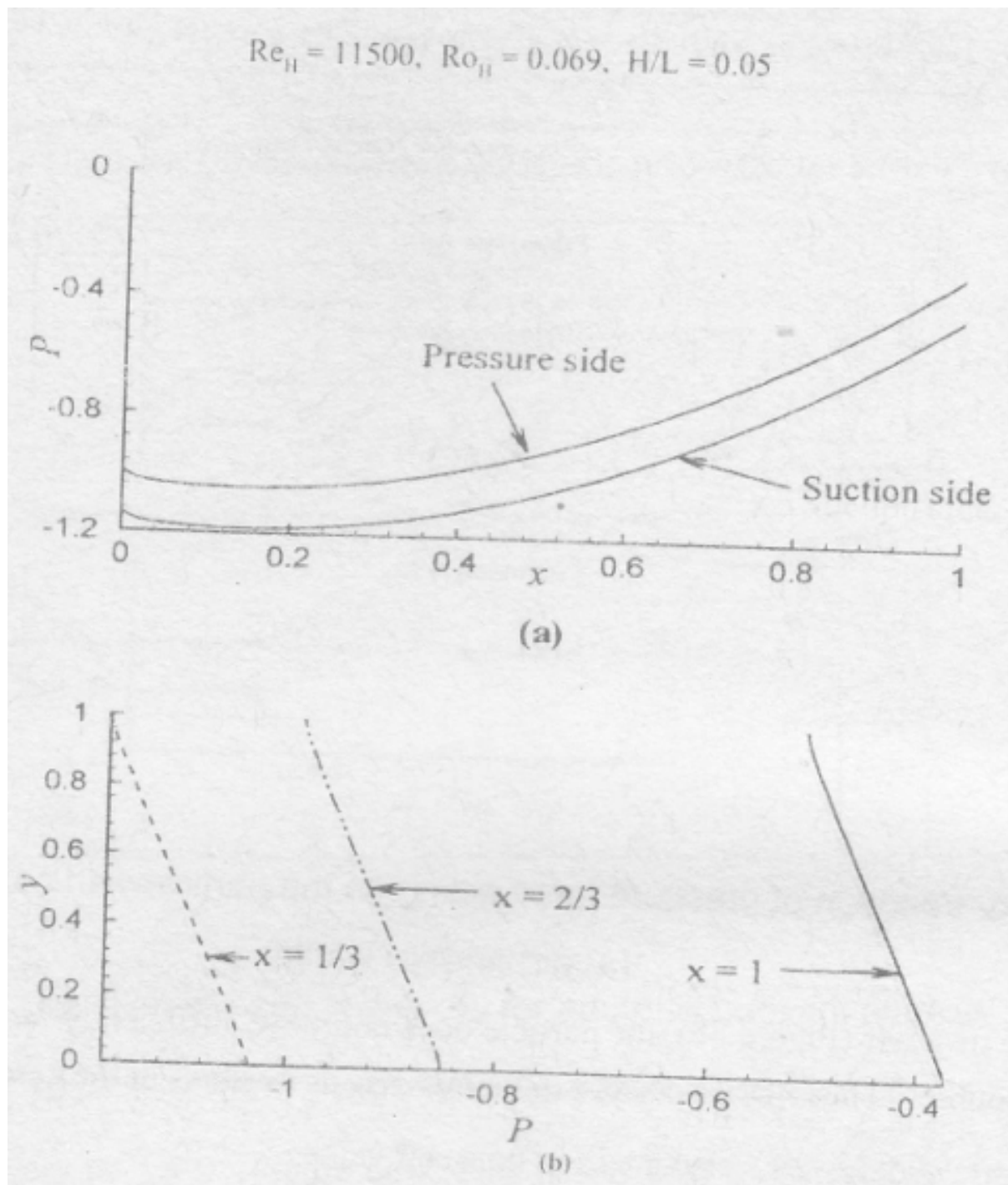


Figure 6. Variation of pressure (a) along the channel length, and (b) across the channel height.

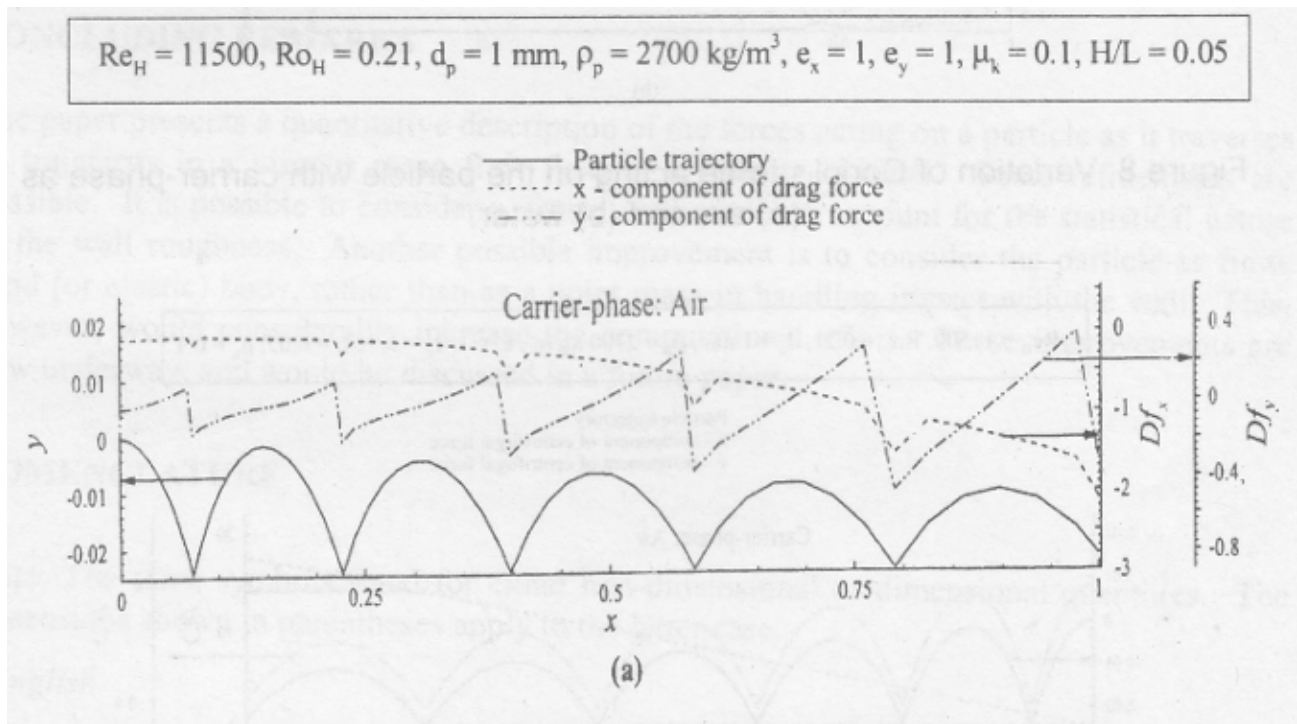
Variation of Coriolis Force

The variation of Coriolis force acting on the particles in airflow is shown in Figure 8a. Including the effect of virtual mass, the non-dimensionalized x-component of Coriolis force is, $2\Omega \left(V_p - \frac{C_v}{S + C_v} V \right)$ and its y-component is $-2\Omega \left(U_p - \frac{C_v}{S + C_v} U \right)$. The discontinuities in Cof_x at the points of impact match with those in V_p . The y-component of Coriolis force increases in magnitude along the channel length because the term, $+2\Omega \left(U_p - \frac{C_v}{S + C_v} U \right)$, increases along the channel length.

For water flow (Figure 8b), the virtual mass effect is much more significant than for air. Thus, Cof , for water is smaller than that for air. Once again, for water, once the particle begins to slide, both Vo and Z vanish and so does Cof ,

Variation of Centrifugal Force

The variation of y-component of the centrifugal force acting on the particle, both in air (Figure 9a), as well as in water (Figure 9b) is identical to the particle trajectory except that it is scaled by a factor of d^2 . (Note: $g \neq t \cdot l \cdot y$.) The x-component of centrifugal force is proportional to f_{l2x} , so that Cef , is seen to be independent of the carrier (it is identical for both air and water).



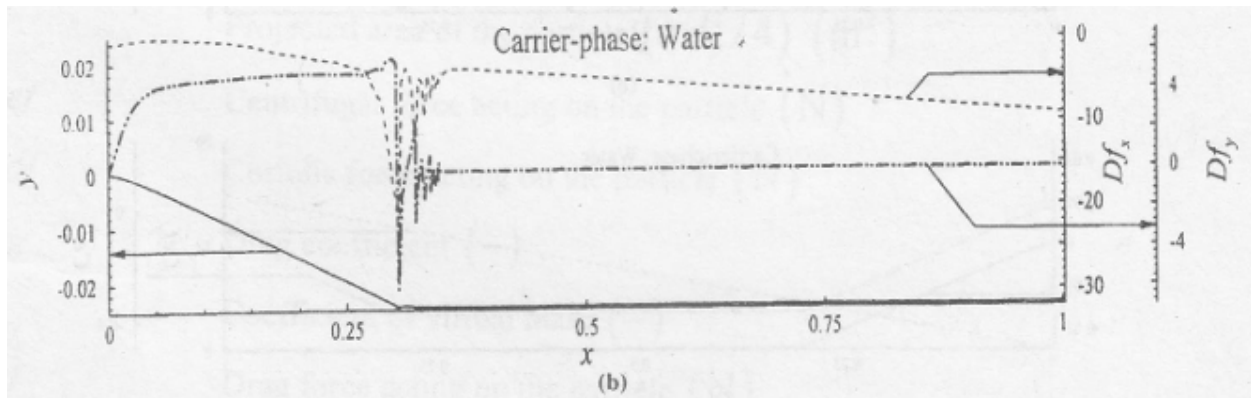


Figure 7. Variation of drag force acting on the particle with carrier-phase as (a) air, and (b) water.

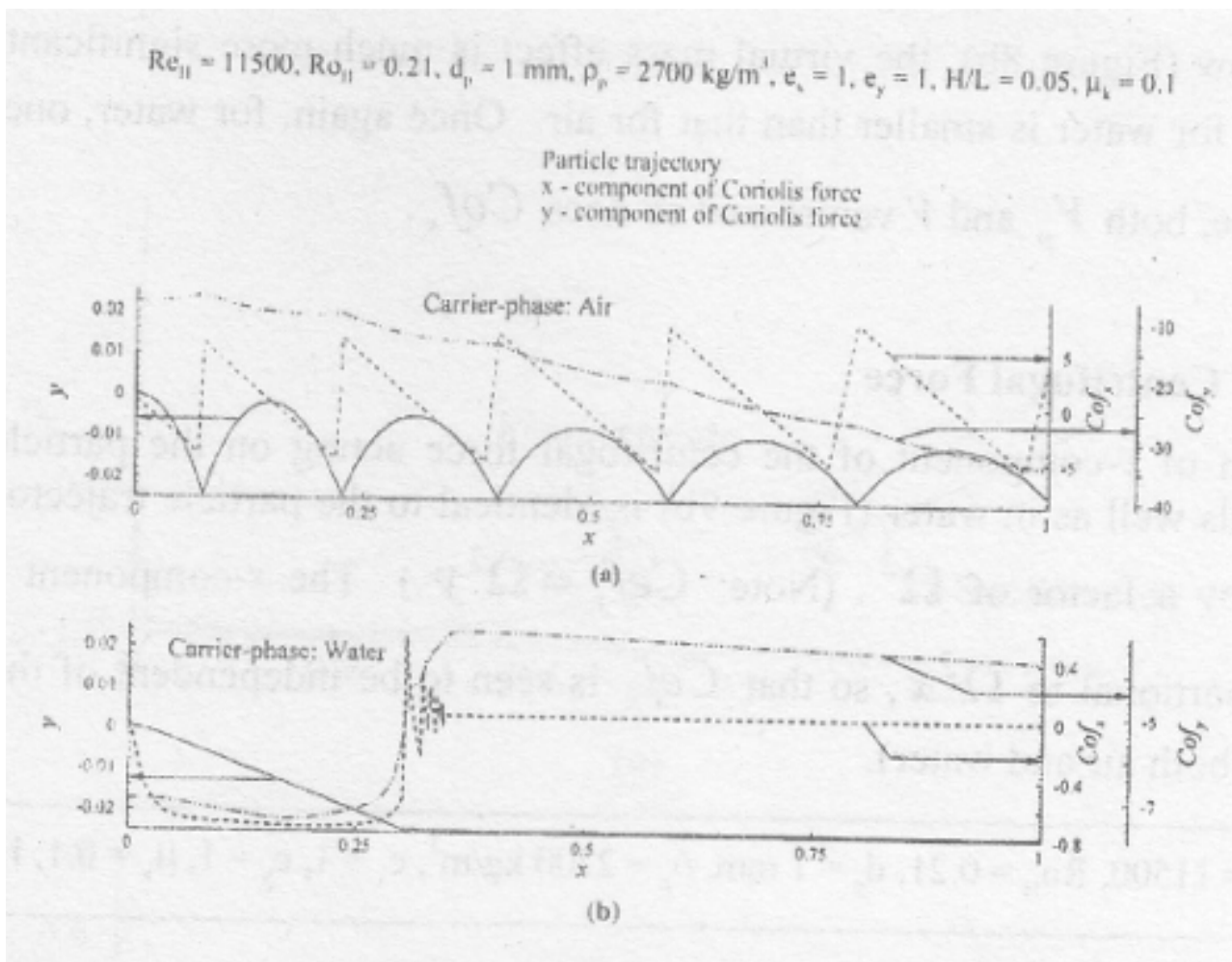


Figure 8. Variation of coriolis force acting on the particle with carrier-phase as; (a) air, and (b) water

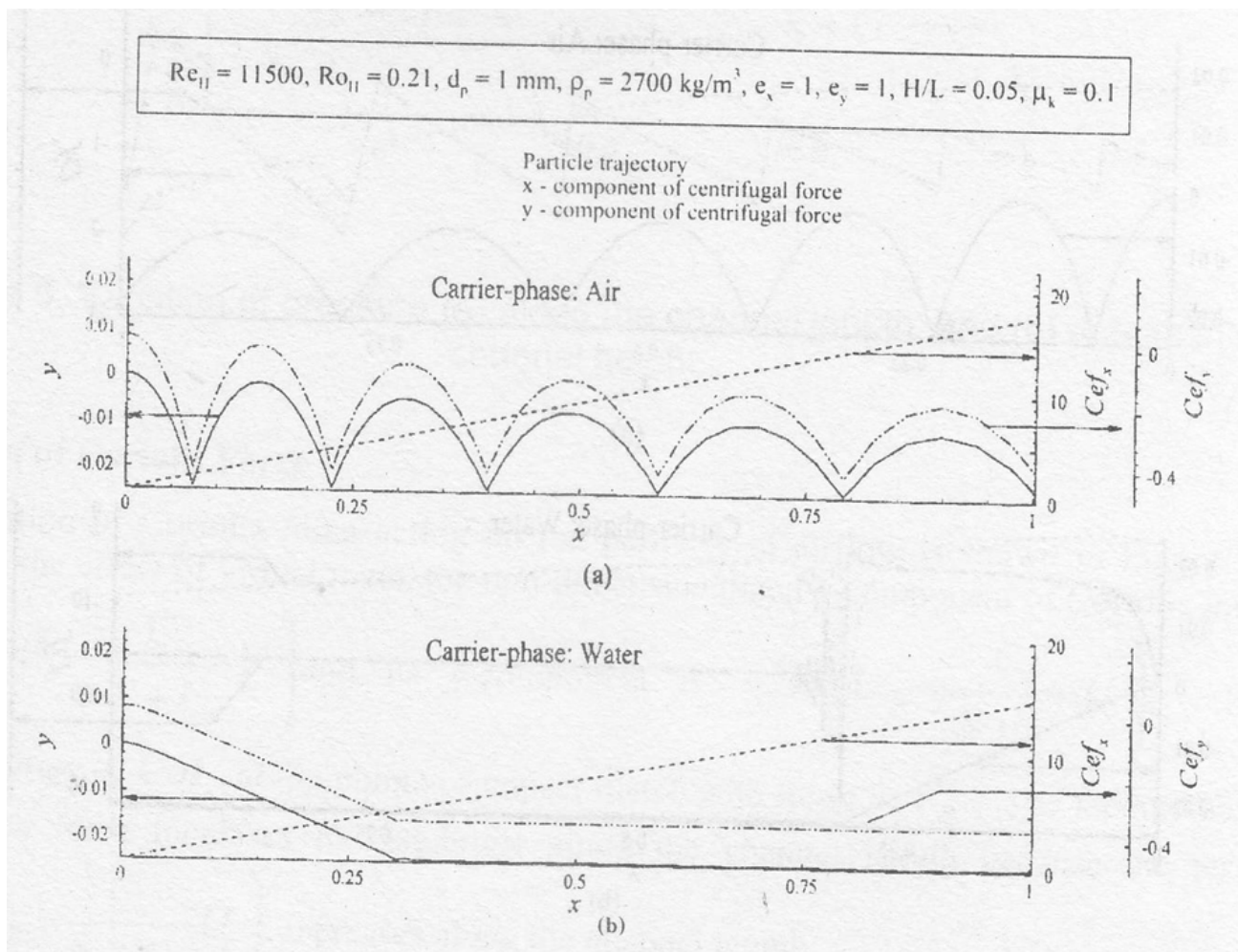


Figure 9' Variation of centrifugal force acting on the particle with carrier-phase as (a) air, and (b) water

In summary, it is seen_ that the Coriolis, drag and centrifugal forces on the particle are predominant in air'. In particular, the Coriolis force $gr_{Ju,ly-a.ilrmines}$ the particle trajectory'. In water, pressure forces are also comparable to the other forces. From the trajectories, it is that with water as the canier, the particles tend to ,ia. utong the channel, with hardly a few feeble bounces. In addition, iince the coriolis force oi trr" purti.l. increases with .r, the sliding_ wear rate along the pressure ,iae of the channel may be expected to increase with x'. This is actually our"ruia in the coriolis wear tester l tzi. in sharp contrast, with airas_ the carrier, hardly any sliding is seen. fnur, ti, wear mechanism in the case of air is likely to be_governei by partici-e impact. In practice, the ,t:17lt wear t'ester.may be modified for pneurnatic tests *itrtr parti"rJr in order to measure Impact wear coefflcrents.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The paper presents a quantitative description of the forces acting on a particle as it traverses its trajectory in a viscous mean flow held in a rotating channel. Some refinements are possible. It is possible to consider a virtual wall model to account of the wall roughness. Another possible improvement is to consider the particle as finite rigid (or elastic) body, rather than as a point mass in handling it with the wall. This, however, would considerably increase the computational effort. These improvements are now underway, and would be discussed in a future paper.

NOMENCLATURE

Note: The same symbols stand for either non-dimensional or dimensional quantities. The dimensions shown in parentheses apply to the latter case.

English

A	Projected area of the particle $(\pi d_p^2 / 4)$ (m^2)
C_{ef}	Centrifugal force acting on the particle (N)
C_{of}	Coriolis force acting on the particle (N)
C_D	Drag coefficient (—)
C_v	Coefficient of virtual mass (—)
D_f	Drag force acting on the particle (N)
d_p	Particle diameter (m)
d_p^*	Non-dimensional particle diameter (see Eq. 11) (—)

F_n	y-component of all the forces acting on the particle (N)
g	Acceleration due to gravity (m/s^2)
H	Height of the channel (m)
$\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$	Unit vectors in X-, Y- and Z- directions respectively
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k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4	Vectors computed during Runge-Kutta steps
L	Length of the channel (m)
O	Of the order of
p	Pressure (N/m^2)

pf	Pressure force acting on the particle (N)
\underline{q}	Vector defined in Equation (8c)
Re	Length based Reynolds number (–)
Re_H	Height based Reynolds number (–)
Re_p	Particle Reynolds number (–)
Ro	Rotation number (–)
Ro_H	Height based rotation number (–)
Ro_x	Rotation number based on distance x from origin (–)
\vec{r}	Position vector (m)
S	Ratio of solid density to fluid density (Eqs. 3 and 4) (–)
t	Time (m)
U	x -component of \vec{U} (m/s)
\vec{U}	Fluid mean velocity vector with respect to rotating reference (m/s)
U_p	x -component of \vec{U}_p (m/s)
U_p	x -component of particle velocity (m/s)
\vec{U}_p	Particle mean velocity vector with respect to rotating reference (m/s)
U_0	Inlet velocity (m/s)
V	y -component of \vec{U} (m/s)
\vec{V}	Fluid mean velocity vector with respect to inertial reference (m/s)
\vec{V}_p	Particle mean velocity vector with respect to inertial reference (m/s)
V_p	y -component of \vec{U}_p (m/s)
V_p	y -component of particle velocity (m/s)
v_{ts}^*	Non-dimensional terminal velocity of the particle (–)
\underline{W}	Vector of particle position and velocity defined in Equation (8b)
XYZ	Coordinate system attached to inertial reference frame
xyz	Coordinate system attached to rotating reference frame
Greek	
δt	Time step in Runge-Kutta integration (s)
μ_k	Coefficient of kinetic friction (–)

μ	Laminar viscosity ($\text{kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$)
ρ	Fluid density (kg/m^3)
ρ_p or ρ_s	Particle (solid) density (kg/m^3)
ν	Laminar kinematic viscosity ($\text{kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$)
Ω	Angular speed (rad/s)
$\vec{\Omega}$	Angular velocity vector (rad/s)
\forall	Particle volume (m^3)
∇	Gradient operator

Subscripts

i, j, k	Dummy indices
P	Quantities pertaining to a particle
R	Relative
x	component in direction of x-axis
y	component in direction of y-axis

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