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# Investigation on the dynamic behaviour and corrosion characteristics of hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) and zirconium dioxide (ZrO<sub>2</sub>) reinforced Al7075 composite

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## ABSTRACT

Stir casting was used to make Al7075 composites with 3% h-BN and different amounts of ZrO<sub>2</sub> (2%, 4%, and 6% by weight). Damping behaviour and corrosion resistance corresponding to the reinforcement percentage were investigated. Damping was evaluated using a dynamic mechanical analyzer (DMA) at varied frequencies and temperatures. Material loss due to corrosion was studied using the salt spray test for alkaline media and the immersion test for acidic media. Improvement in damping was observed with the inclusion of reinforcement in the composite. With frequencies, marginal variation in damping was observed at higher temperatures. Whereas with the increase in temperature, the damping capacity of the prepared material showed an increasing trend at all the test frequencies. The composite showed the highest value of damping capacity for 3% h-BN and 6% ZrO<sub>2</sub> at 10 Hz and 300 °C. The corrosion resistance improved with the addition of reinforcement in both acidic and alkaline media, as the reinforcements are inert in both acidic and alkaline media. Scanning electron microscopy was also performed to study the corroded surface of the specimen.

## 1. Introduction

The high strength-to-weight ratio of aluminium and its alloys makes them regarded as lightweight materials. The need for aluminium and aluminium-based composites is gaining more attention, especially in the sectors that demand lightweight materials [1,2]. However, the damping loss factor for aluminium is 0.0001 [3], which shows poor resistance to vibration; this disadvantage may be alleviated by the use of Al composites [4]. The capacity of a material to dissipate energy and cease vibrating when subjected to vibration is known as internal damping [5]. Materials with good damping capacity are competent to prevent failures due to vibration. The material's capacity to absorb or dissipate the vibration is necessary for the material to function properly [6]. According to Prasad and Shoba's [7], the stiffer a material, the lower will be its capacity for damping. Higher damping is observed in materials with low mechanical strength [8]. Composite materials are

the solution to achieve better damping and strength. Metals reinforced with ceramics combine high strength and modulus characteristics while retaining the damping capacity [9]. Composites' ability to dampen is mostly dependent on the type of reinforcement used, which is correlated with each material's unique ability to dampen.

The influence of rice husk ash (RHA) on the damping behaviour of aluminium was studied by Siva Prasad and Shoba [10]. By adding RHA, grains become more refined, dislocation density rises, and damping is consequently improved. Zhang et al. [11] demonstrated that the incorporation of SiC and graphite particulates can enhance aluminium's dampening capacity. Recent studies have reported enhancement of the properties of the aluminium matrix by incorporating nitrides like aluminium nitride, boron nitride, and titanium nitride [12–14].

Aluminium being corrosive-resistant, Al7075 has good corrosion resistance because of zinc as an alloying element [15]. In aluminium metal matrix composite (AMMC), the corrosion behaviour is subject to

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many factors, like the reinforcements used, composition, distribution, size, the interface formed, and the fabrication method involved [16]. The corrosive nature of the material likely to encounter in different environments is one of the prime considerations in the selection of material. The addition of reinforcement may serve as a barrier for any protective layer that forms in response to the corrosion impact [17]. Corrosion in composites is due to electrochemical potential differences between the heterogeneities formed by inclusions, grain boundaries, the matrix/reinforcements interface, and the matrix [18]. Since, the studies on dynamic behaviour and corrosion resistance of nitride reinforcement on Al7075 alloy is scarce, the current work is concentrated on the dynamic behaviour and effect of zirconium dioxide and boron nitride on the corrosion resistance of Al7075 alloy, along with the impact of corrosion on damping.

## 2. Experimentation

### 2.1. Materials and methods

The hexagonal boron nitride and zirconium dioxide reinforcements are used due to the tribological properties of h-BN and the hardness of ZrO<sub>2</sub>, and Al7075 is used as the matrix. The different compositions prepared are computed and listed in Table 1. The thorough fabrication process and measures taken were presented in the author's earlier work [12]. A Hitachi SU3500 scanning electron microscope (SEM) was used to study the particle morphology of the zirconium dioxide and hexagonal boron nitride. For microstructural examinations (ASTM E3-11 [19]), specimens were cut from the centre of the cast sample and polished with emery paper of various grit sizes and polished with cloth. Keller's reagent was used to etch the specimen surface, and images were obtained using an optical microscope (NIKON Epiphot 200).

### 2.2. Dynamic mechanical analysis

DMA is the study of the response of a material to the applied oscillating force; a modulus, range of frequency, and temperature may be computed per sine wave [20]. The damping behaviour ( $\tan \delta$ ) was evaluated using TA Instruments' Q800 (Fig. 1) dynamic mechanical analyzer in dual cantilever mode at a strain amplitude of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ , up to a temperature of 300 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/minute, with a frequency range of 1–10 Hz (1, 5, 10 Hz). Samples of dimension  $1.2 \times 13 \times 55$  mm<sup>3</sup> were used for damping measurement. The Q800 uses a non-contact, direct-drive motor that applies a sinusoidal deformation to the sample. The samples were subjected to controlled stress. For a given stress, the sample will then deform by a definite amount. The rate of deformation is proportional to its stiffness (modulus), by which DMA assesses the material properties as a function of time, temperature, and frequency.

### 2.3. Corrosion test

For the corrosion study, test specimens were polished using Emery papers of grit sizes 400–2000. Samples were cleaned using acetone and allowed to dry completely prior to the test and before each measurement. And samples were cleaned using the same procedure before being weighed at each stage of the test. In both the salt spray and immersion tests, the samples were measured at an interval of 60 h for a total of 240 h.

**Table 1**  
Compositions in wt%.

| Code | Proportion                                 |
|------|--|
| A    | 100% Al7075                                |
| B    | 95% Al7075 + 3% h-BN + 2% ZrO <sub>2</sub> |
| C    | 93% Al7075 + 3% h-BN + 4% ZrO <sub>2</sub> |
| D    | 91% Al7075 + 3% h-BN + 6% ZrO <sub>2</sub> |

### 2.3.1. Salt spray test

A salt spray test was performed in accordance with ASTM-B117 standards [21]. Details of salt spray conditions are given in Table 2. The salt spray chamber used for the study is shown in Fig. 2. The salt spray test was used to simulate an oceanic atmosphere.

### 2.3.2. Immersion test

Immersion corrosion testing was conducted at room temperature as per ASTM G69-80 Standards [22]. The corrosion loss was evaluated using the typical weight-loss method. As an acidic medium, a test solution of 1 M HCl with a pH of around 0 is used. The samples were accurately weighed to a precision of three decimal places. HCl is generally used because it provides a high concentration of chloride ions, which destabilises the development of a protective layer.

## 2.4. Impact of corrosion on damping

To study the impact of corrosion on damping, damping tests (at 300 °C for 1, 5, and 10 Hz) were carried out on specimens that had been exposed to  $(5 \pm 0.5)$  % NaCl and 1 M HCl solution prior to testing.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Microstructural studies

Fig. 3 shows the morphology of BN and ZrO<sub>2</sub> particles. It was found that the BN particles were spherical in shape, and the ZrO<sub>2</sub> particles have an irregular shape, although many of them appear to be spherical in shape. Due to the spherical shape of BN particles, there will be less contact area among the particles, resulting in less rubbing [23] and less friction between the particles at lower frequencies. Whereas, at higher frequencies, there will be more rubbing because of the higher number of cycles per second, leading to increased dissipation of energy. Also, with temperature, the thermal movability of the particles could be enhanced, which eventually increases damping. The ZrO<sub>2</sub> particles have an irregular shape, which boosts the damping at lower frequencies than at higher frequencies as the contact is not uniform at higher frequencies.

From the microstructure (Fig. 4) the grain refinement can be observed, which led to improvement in strength of composite. Fig. 4a shows comparatively larger grains, grain refinement occurs with the addition of reinforcements. In composition B, coarse grains are broken into many fine grains enclosed by few larger grains indicating heterogeneous bimodal structure as shown in Fig. 4b. Further grain refinement occurs with increased reinforcement proportion which is clear from Figs. 4c and d. At higher reinforcement proportion more homogeneity of structure was observed, due to increase in nucleation sites formed by reinforcement particles and also due to advanced rate of dislocation generation. Microstructure also comprises of fine particles scattered along the grain boundaries along with pores. In comparison, larger pores are seen at high reinforcement percentages due to the absorption of gases during agitation and pouring. Higher reinforcement percentages result in a greater quantity of pores formed due to increase in stirring time.

### 3.2. Damping capacity

Damping ( $\tan \delta$ ) variation for different compositions at varied frequencies and temperatures is shown in Fig. 5. With frequency, the damping increases for all the combinations; comparatively, the improvement in damping with respect to frequency is greater at lower temperatures than at higher temperatures. At higher temperatures and frequencies, the contact between ZrO<sub>2</sub> and Al7075 is less because of irregularities in the shape of ZrO<sub>2</sub>.

Damping was found to be 0.0017 and 0.0036 for the matrix at 1 Hz and 10 Hz, respectively, and 0.0243 and 0.0427 at 1 Hz and 10 Hz,

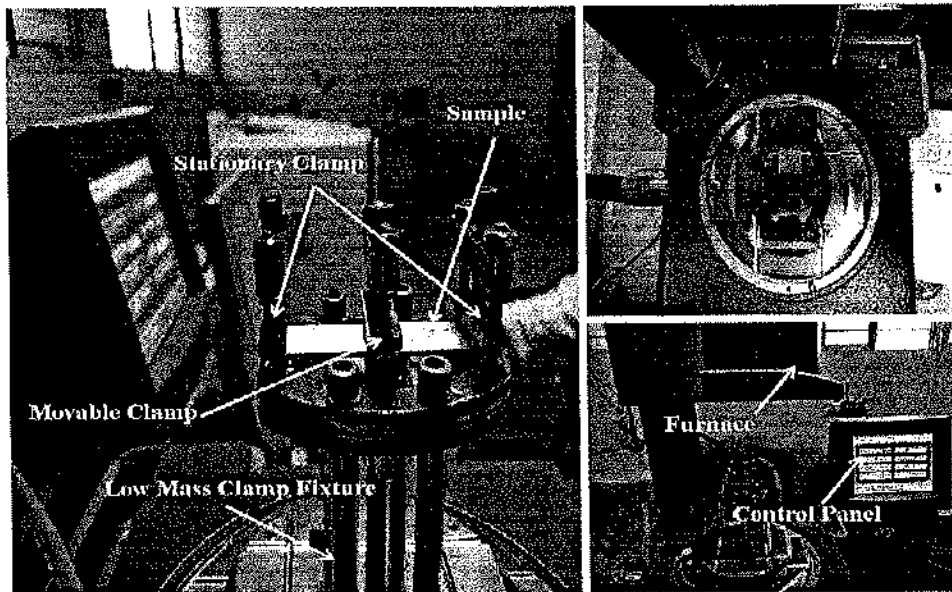


Fig. 1. Dynamic mechanical analyzer (DMA-TA Q800).

Table 2  
Salt Spray Parameters.

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Concentration of Test Solution                          | (5 ± 0.5) % NaCl                   |
| Volume of Solution collected/hr/80 cm <sup>2</sup> area | 1.1 ml                             |
| Test Temperature  | (35 ± 1) °C                        |
| pH of Test Solution                                     | 7.16                               |
| Exposure Time   | 240 hrs (at an interval of 60 hrs) |

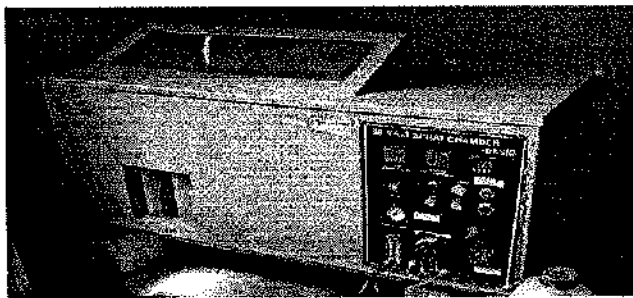


Fig. 2. Salt Spray chamber.

respectively, for Al7075–3% BN–6% ZrO<sub>2</sub> at a temperature of 30 °C. Concerning temperature, as the temperature increases, the damping increases at all the test frequencies. The rise in damping with temperature is because of the low-temperature tail of grain boundary relaxation. Along with this, as the temperature increased, the loss modulus improved, whereas the storage modulus declined.

$$\text{Tan}\delta = \frac{E''}{E'} \quad (1)$$

Equation 1 represents the damping capacity (tan δ) of the material [16], where is the loss modulus and is the storage modulus. With the addition of reinforcements, the damping capacity of the prepared samples showed an increasing trend. The overall damping capacity of AMMC is related to the intrinsic damping of each individual material. The increase in damping of composites may be attributed to grain refinement, interface damping, and also to increased dislocation density because of the thermal mismatch between the reinforcements and Al7075. Energy dissipation is related to grain boundary area per unit volume. Increased dislocation density increases energy dissipation sources, which leads to greater relative atomic movement by the dislocations in a crystal lattice [24]. Also, dislocation pinning improves the damping behaviour, according to the Grant-Luke mechanism [25]. Dislocations pinned between particulates act like a vibrating elastic string that dissipates energy [10].

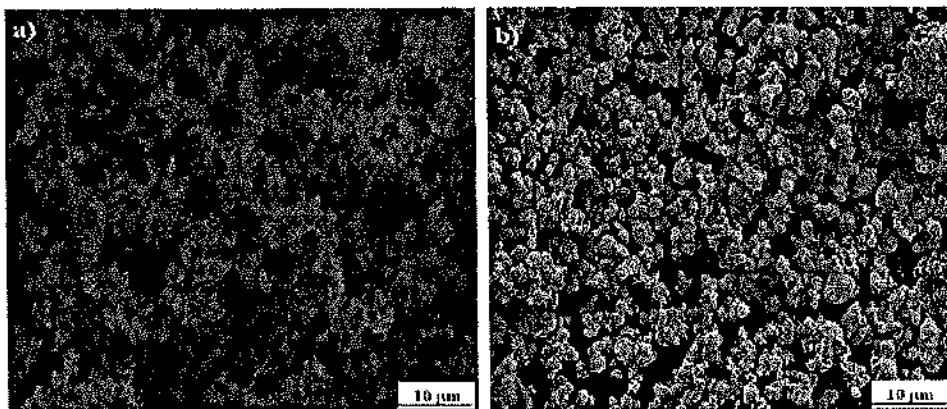


Fig. 3. SEM micrographs of a) h-BN b) ZrO<sub>2</sub> Particles.

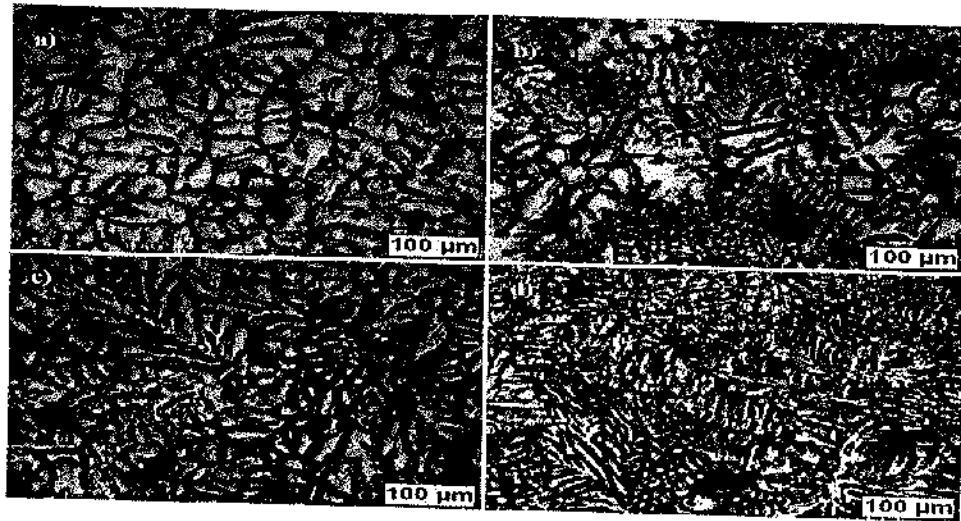


Fig. 4. Microstructure of a) A, b) B, c) C and d) D.

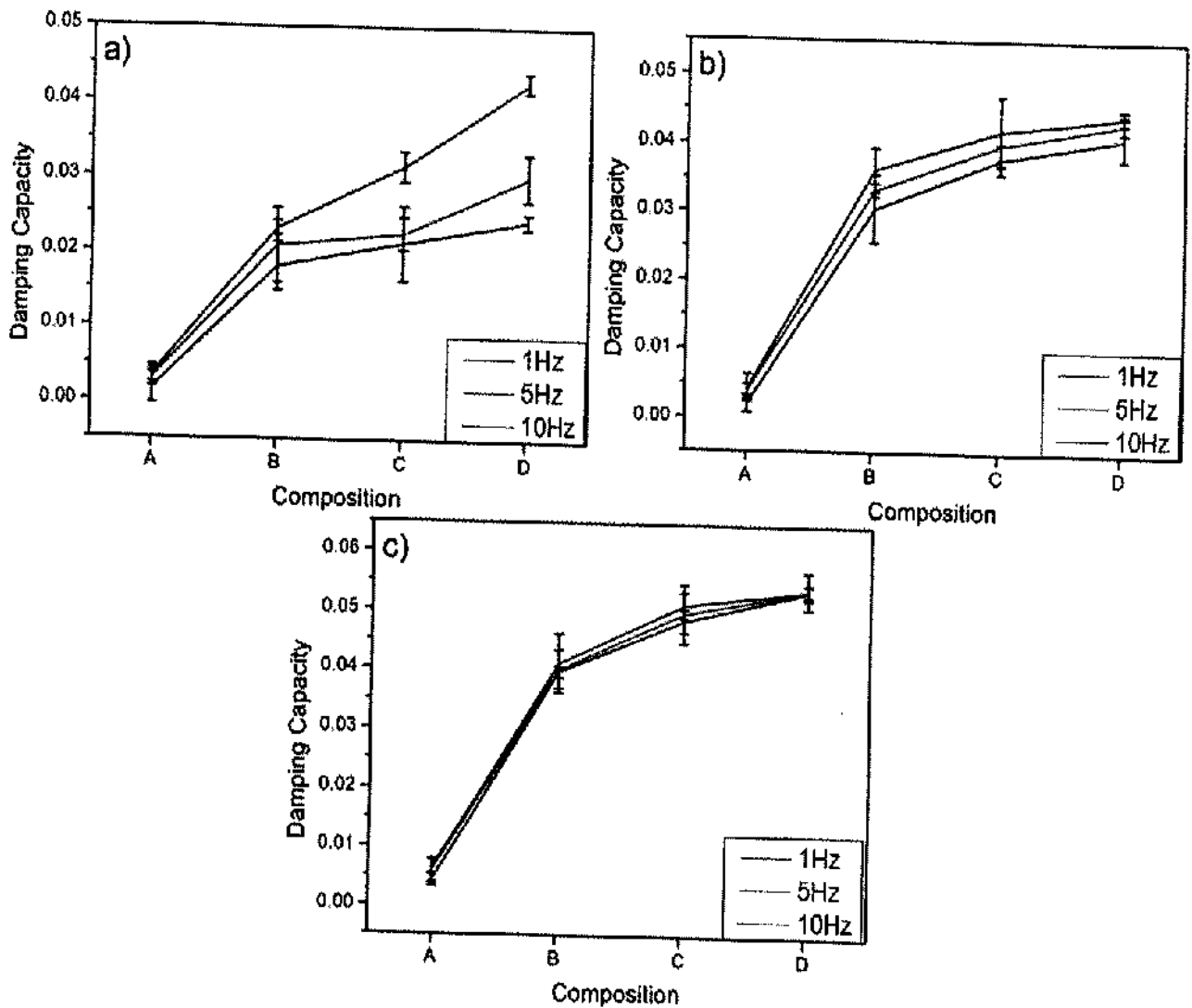


Fig. 5. Comparison of damping capacity with the composition at different frequencies a) at 30 °C b) at 150 °C and c) at 300 °C temperature.

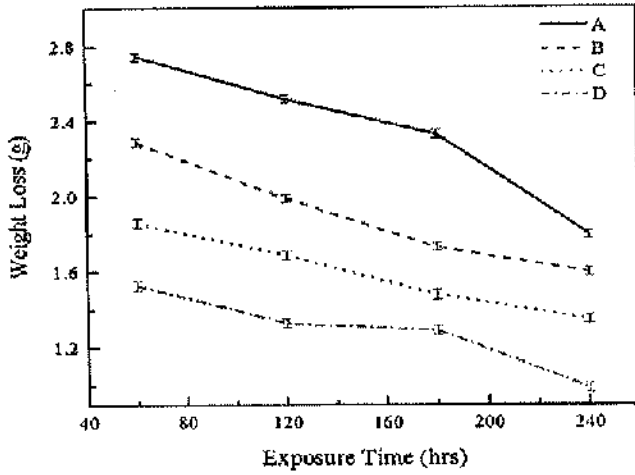


Fig. 6. Weight loss V/S Exposure time of specimens subjected to the salt spray test.

The damping and grain sizes are inversely proportional to each other [26], and with grain refinement, the damping increases. With grain refinement, the interfacial reaction between the grain boundary and vibration wave increases, resulting in an improved damping nature [27]. Based on Schoech's theory [28], the interface enhances internal friction, which is proportional to the volume and shape of the precipitates, and along with these, defects play a prominent role in damping. According to Zhang et al. [29], bulk defects are accountable for high damping due to the relative motion of reinforcements in the defect zone. Higher porosity leads to higher damping, and poorly bonded interfaces contribute to damping by means of internal friction.

Also, the addition of reinforcements leads to an increased plastic zone, which increases the damping property of the material [30,31]. The overall improvement in damping is a result of all these factors. But at high temperatures, the damping mainly depends on the microstructure rather than its mechanical properties [32]. Based on all these mechanisms, maximum damping was observed for Al7075-3% BN-6% ZrO<sub>2</sub>.

3.3. Corrosion test

Al7075 and composites both showed good corrosion resistance in both salt spray and immersion tests. Compared to the base metal, the produced composite showed better resistance to corrosion (Figs. 6 and 8). Grain refinement happens when reinforcements are added to composites. These reinforcements act as nucleation points for grain refinement, which makes composites more resistant to corrosion. Fine grains offer good surface coverage, which restrains the rupture of the protective layer further and lessens the corrosion rate. In a few zones, reinforcements interfered with the development of an aluminium oxide protective layer over the surface, but still prepared composites showed better resistance because of the inertness of the reinforcements added and also because the addition of reinforcements reduced the exposure of the metallic area to corrosive attack.

3.3.1. Salt spray test

In the tested samples, pitting and accelerated corrosion were observed [33]. Pitting corrosion started to appear over the sample surface at the early stages of the salt spray. With time, the pitting increased gradually and merged at a later stage to form corrosion pits. The surface morphologies of the specimens after corrosion are shown in Fig. 7.

The aluminium alloy was easily passivated to form pitting in the Cl<sup>-</sup> active anion environment. In natural conditions, the aluminium

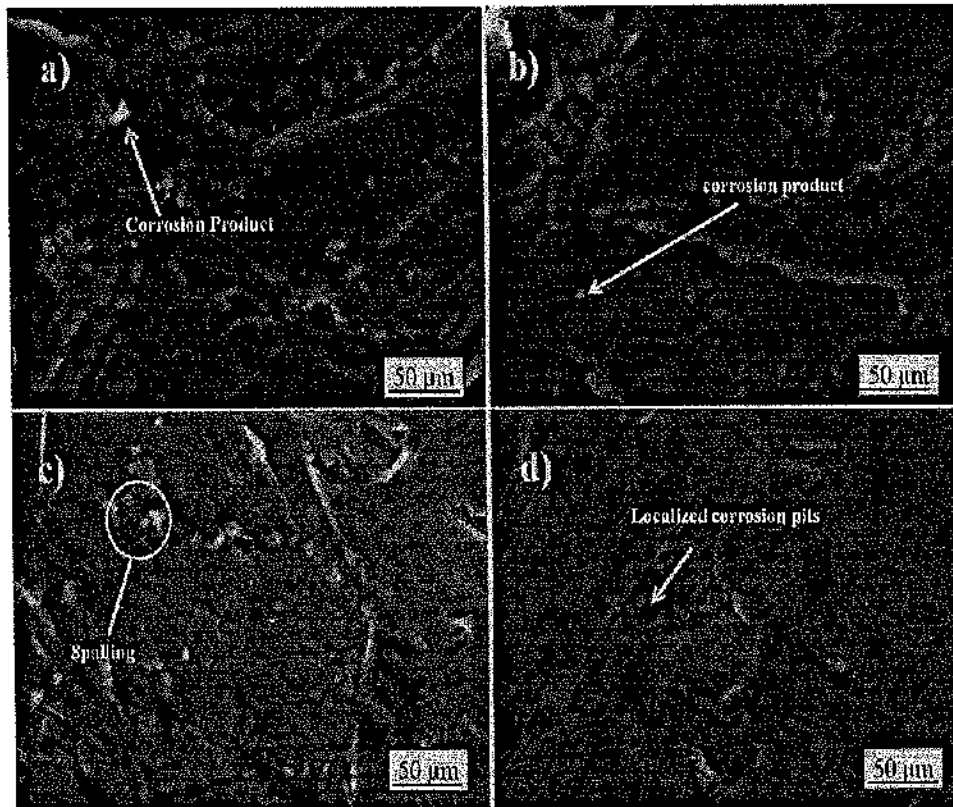


Fig. 7. SEM images of specimens after salt spray test a) A, b) B, c) C and d) D.

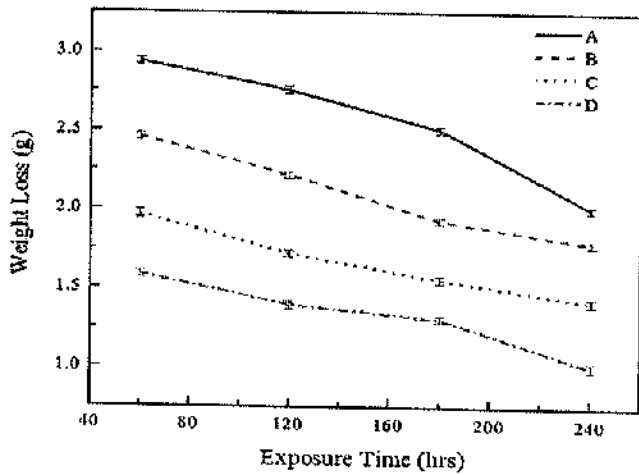


Fig. 8. Weight loss V/S Exposure time of specimens subjected to the immersion test.

generally forms a protective layer of alumina. Incomplete zones and defects in the layer formed are the zones that initiate corrosion, and the matrix-reinforcement interface is the primary zone of initiation of corrosion. Active anions such as  $Cl^-$  accelerate the destruction of a protective layer, resulting in the formation of corrosion pits and the subsequent dissolution of aluminium in the corrosion pits [34].

3.3.2. Immersion test

Even in the immersion test, pitting was the main cause of corrosion (see Fig. 9), which led to the loss of material. The corrosion rate decreased with test duration. When exposed to an acidic medium, the

weight loss is noticeably greater during the first few hours of the test and then gradually decreases over time; Sharma et al. [35] and Sadanand Sarapure et al. [36] both noted a similar trend. The gradual decrease in corrosion rate is due to aluminium, which forms a protective layer of alumina, which is stable in the acidic medium [37]. Zirconium dioxide and boron nitride are inert in the usual acids, which counteract corrosion in an acidic medium.

Weight loss in metals and composite materials is due to the emergence of surface pits and cracks. The severity of the acid used in the case of the base material was higher; however, in the case of the composites, the inert ceramics demonstrated stronger resilience to the acidic medium [38]. As the composition of the reinforcement increased, the occurrence of pits and cracks decreased. In contrast to composites, where the pits originate at the intersection of the matrix and reinforcement, the pits in the alloy are crack-induced. Enhancement of corrosion resistance of composites was also due to refinement in grain structure, which may be due to improvements in the formation of the protective layer and adhesion due to improved grain boundary density [39,40].

3.4. Impact of corrosion on damping

Pits and cracks formed due to corrosion act as defects, which enhance the damping capacity (Fig. 10). The amount of damping in a material is affected by corrosion in a big way. Also, apart from the defects, the kind of protective layer formed, reactions, products formed, and the shape and size all determine the amount of impact on damping. Higher pits and cracks produce higher damping; the average damping capacity increased by pits and cracks increases by the square of the defect rate. If the defects are doubled, the damping quadruples [26].

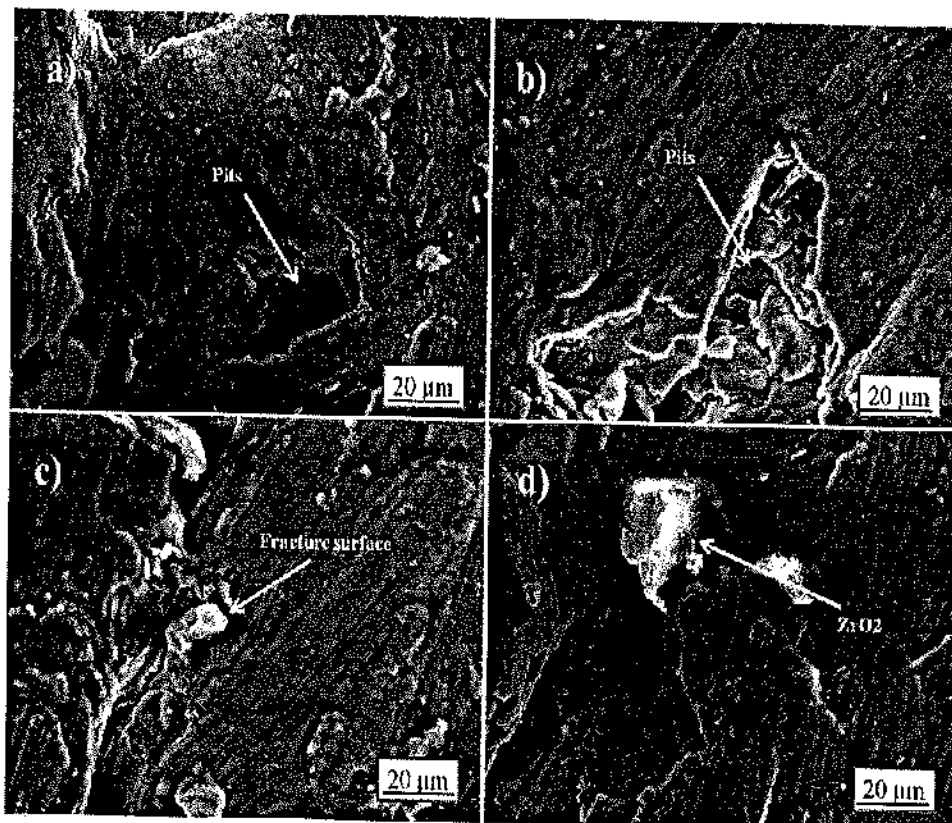


Fig. 9. SEM images of specimens after immersion test a) A, b) B, c) C and d) D.



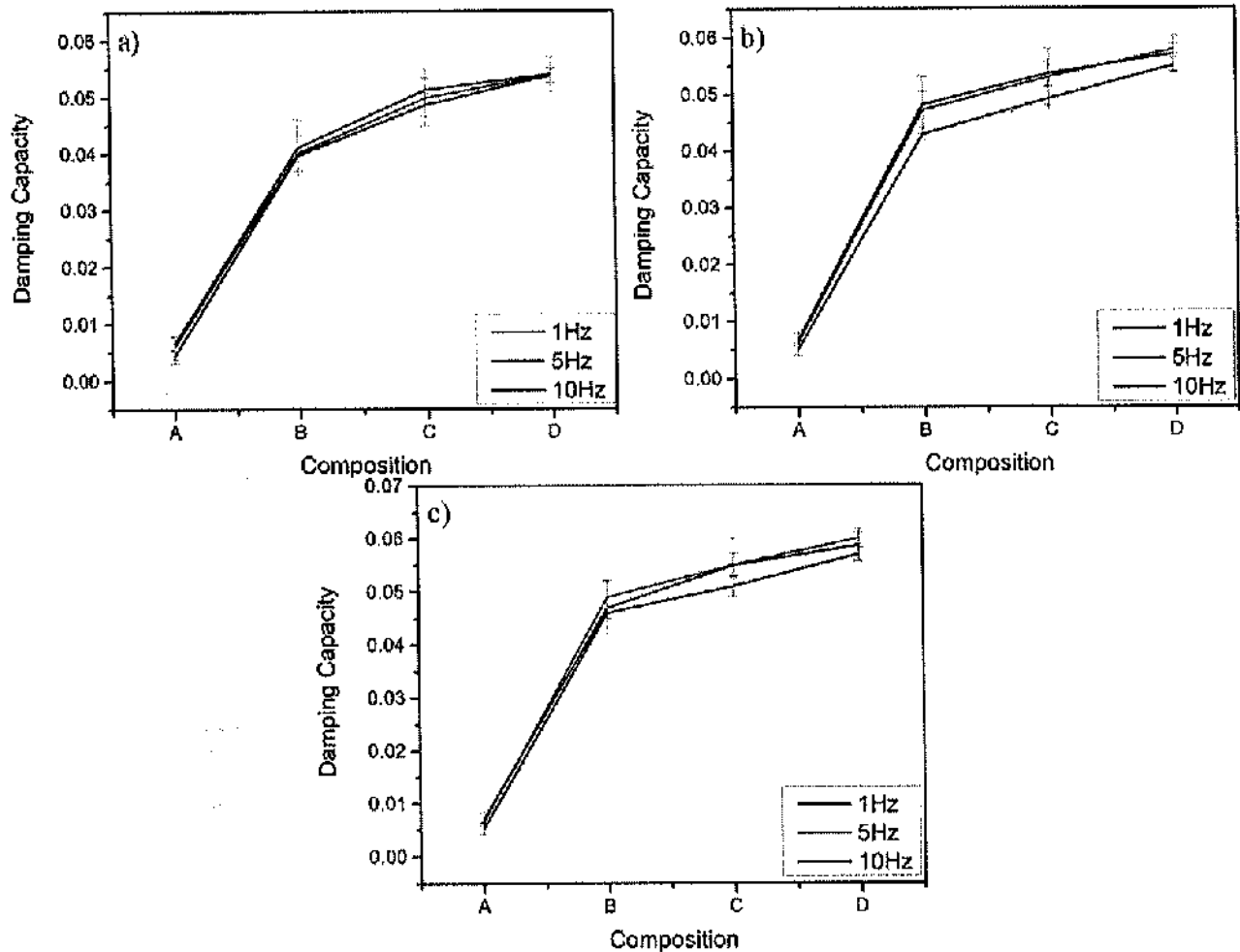


Fig. 10. Comparison of damping capacity of specimens subjected to corrosion at different frequencies at 300 °C temperature a) Before corrosion, b) after salt spray test and c) after immersion test.

#### 4. Conclusions

The dynamic behaviour and corrosion characteristics of the base material and the composite samples were studied, and the following conclusions were drawn:

- The incorporation of h-BN and ZrO<sub>2</sub> improved the damping capacity of Al7075. Damping increased with the increase in reinforcement percentage, due to the increased dislocation density, porosity, and defects. Maximum damping was observed in a material with a composition of 91% Al7075, 3% h-BN, and 6% ZrO<sub>2</sub>.
- Frequency and temperature influenced the damping capacity. The damping capacity of base metal and composites increased with a rise in frequency and temperature because of the low-temperature tail of grain boundary relaxation and increased interatomic movement at higher frequencies.
- Pits and cracks are the primary causes of material loss in corrosive environments, and the corrosion rate decreases as the test duration increases. Due to their inertness, the additions of zirconium dioxide and boron nitride increased the corrosion resistance.
- Corrosion also impacts the damping nature of the material because of its increased porosity and defects.

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The Principal,  
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Hassan.

Date: 22/03/2024  
Place: Hassan

From,  
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Associate Professor & Head,  
Department of Mechanical Engineering,  
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Respected Sir,

Subject: NITTT Exams fee reimbursement Reg.

Pertaining to the above subject, as per the circular, dated: 05/01/2022, I have applied NITTT exams for 3 modules and cleared the exams conducted on 16/09/2023 and 21/09/2023. Also, remaining 5 modules between 10/02/2024 to 18/02/2024, I have cleared all the modules and I have attached the results sheet along with this letter for your kind perusal. Kindly consider my request for fee reimbursement and do the needful.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,

  
Dr. Kuldeep B  
22/03/24

To,  
The Honorable President  
Incentive for clearing  
NITTT Exams is RS 2,500. I request  
your approval to release the  
Incentive.

Dated  
15/04/2024

Approved  






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| Person with Disability (PWD) | No                       |                 |                 |  |

| Module   | Module Name  | Exam Date         | Maximum Marks | Marks Obtained |
|----------|--|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Module 1 | Orientation Towards Technical Education and Curricular Aspects | 16-September-2023 | 100           | 76 ✓           |
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| Module 4 | Instructional Planning and Delivery                            | 17-September-2023 | 100           | NA             |
| Module 5 | Technology Enabled Learning & Life Long Self Learning          | 21-September-2023 | 100           | 89 ✓           |
| Module 6 | Student Assessment and Evaluation                              | 21-September-2023 | 100           | NA             |
| Module 7 | Creative Problem Solving, Innovation and Meaningful R & D      | 22-September-2023 | 100           | NA             |
| Module 8 | Institutional Management & Administrative Procedures           | 22-September-2023 | 100           | NA             |

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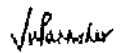
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| Module 3 | Communication Skills, Modes & Knowledge Dissemination          | 11.02.2024 | 100           | 70 ✓           |
| Module 4 | Instructional Planning and Delivery                            | 11.02.2024 | 100           | 59 ✓           |
| Module 5 | Technology Enabled Learning & Life Long Self Learning          | 17.02.2024 | 100           | NA             |
| Module 6 | Student Assessment and Evaluation                              | 17.02.2024 | 100           | 73 ✓           |
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**To,**  
The Principal  
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**Subject: Regarding research incentives.**

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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*To, Hon'ble president*

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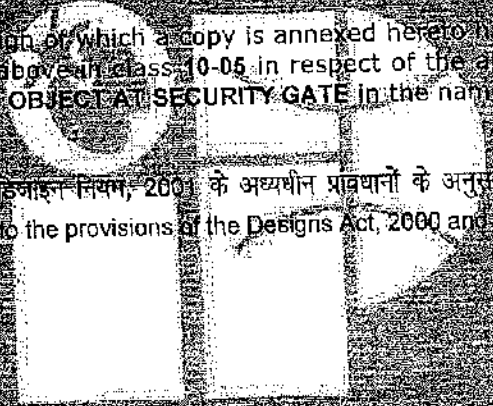
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# A novel encryption with bacterial foraging optimization algorithm based pixel selection scheme for video steganography

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## Abstract

In the digital era, security is a challenging problem due to the drastic increase in the utilization of the Internet, personal computers, smartphones, etc. for communication purposes. A major issue in the data hiding process lies in the way of embedding the secure data by maintaining the quality of a cover object that necessitates complex techniques that conceal a massive quantity of payload and the robustness of these approaches over hackers. Video steganography is considered an effective way of securing data transmission, which encompasses two processes namely embedding and extraction. Several existing video steganography techniques hide the secret message with no selection of optimal pixels where the proper choice of pixels to hide data helps to improve quality and robustness. Therefore, this article introduces novel encryption with bacterial foraging optimization algorithm-based pixel selection scheme for video steganography (EBFOA-PSVS) technique. The hidden message will be successfully concealed in the cover video utilizing the proposed EBFOA-PSVS technique, which also uses the best possible BFOA pixel selection. The best pixels are then chosen using BFOA to produce the highest peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR). Finally, the cover video contains the hidden image that has been encrypted. The EBFOA-PSVS approach has improved in terms of various parameters, according to a thorough comparison investigation of the findings on benchmark test movies.

**Keywords** Security · Video steganography · PSNR · Optimal pixel selection · Encryption · Embedding process · The extraction process

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Abstract Presently, the technological advancements in electronics and networking fields have resulted in the massive rise in the communication of digital information, especially videos. Since users access Internet in an open channel, the digital data can be altered or tampered with easily. Therefore, encryption and steganography techniques have been developed to ensure secure communication. In video steganography technique, the optimal pixels in the cover video are chosen and the encrypted secret message can be embedded into the chosen pixels, resulting in the generation of stego video. Keeping this in mind, this paper introduces an optimal metaheuristics based pixel selection with homomorphic encryption technique for video steganography (OMPS-HEVS) technique. The proposed OMPS-HEVS technique initially performs frame conversion process and applies a two-dimensional discrete wavelet decomposition (2D-DWT) process. Besides, the optimal pixel selection process takes place using the glowworm swarm optimization (GSO) algorithm. Moreover, Optimal Homomorphic encryption (OHE) with Jaya Optimization Algorithm (JOA) is applied to encode the secret message. The design of optimal key generation process of OHE using JOA helps to accomplish improved security. The experimental validation of the OMPS-HEVS technique on the benchmark test video exhibited the superior performance of the OMPS-HEVS technique over the other existing techniques.

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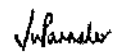
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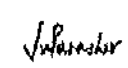
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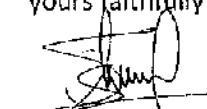
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**Abstract**

Natural fibre-based hybrid composites have attracted a lot of attention in recent years due to their potential as environmentally friendly substitutes for synthetic fibres. When two or more types of natural fibres are combined to form a hybrid, the resulting material can have novel electrical properties. The study of Roystonea Regia fibre with other natural fibres as hybridization is very scarce, so in this context, the physical, di-electric and hydrophobicity properties of Roystonea Regia/Banana fibre hybrid composites have been studied. Experiments are conducted to demonstrate the dielectric strength, hardness, and hydrophobicity of polyester composites reinforced with a hybrid of Roystonea-Regia fibres and banana fibres in both treated and untreated conditions. This goal is reached through the fabrication of hybrid composites with varying proportions via the hand-lay-up technique and subsequent testing. The composition of 15% Roystonea-Regia alkali-treated polyester composites has a dielectric strength of  $2.5 \text{ kV mm}^{-1}$  in air, which is much lower than that of the untreated composites, which is  $12.2 \text{ kV mm}^{-1}$ . Due to the increase in soaking time, percentage of hydroxyl group in treated fibres increases, which in turn reduced the dielectric strength. And also, the dielectric constant and electrical conductivity vary with the change in frequency. The alkali-treated fibre shows an increase in Shore D hardness when compared with the untreated fibres. The highest contact angle of  $88.85^\circ$  for 10% Roystonea-Regia fibre and 5% Banana fibre was observed, whereas the lowest contact angle of  $65.14^\circ$  was observed for 5% Roystonea-Regia fibre and 10% Banana fibre.

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Cellulose-based natural fibres derived from plants are being considered as a possible reinforcement in the production of low-cost polymer composite materials due to their high strength-to-weight ratio, low cost, abundance, and renewability. Hemp, jute, rice straw, wood, and bamboo are just some of the natural fibres that have shown promise as polymer composite reinforcements [1]. The use of natural fibre as reinforcement in a polymer matrix is a significant difficulty due to the weak adhesion that exists between the natural fibre and the matrix [2]. Because of the weak connection that exists between the fibre and the matrix, there will be a reduced load transfer from the matrix to the fibre. The composites end up having weaker strength as a direct consequence of this. In order to solve this issue, researchers have proposed modifying the fibre's surfaces using a variety of chemical processes [3–8].

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## Influence of surface treatment on mechanical properties of Roystonea-regia/banana fibre reinforced hybrid polyester composites

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Abbreviations: RR, Roystonea-Regia; BA, Banana; PR, Polyester-Regia; PRB, Polyester-Regia-Banana; TM, Tensile Modulus; TS, Tensile Strength; UT, Untreated; AT, Alkali Treated; ST, Silane Treated.

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### Abstract

This study investigated the properties of hybrid composites made from Roystonea-Regia and banana fibers for potential applications in industries requiring lightweight, environmentally favorable, and mechanically strong materials. The analysis of density and void fraction revealed that the addition of banana fibers increased the composite's density, despite the fact that the actual density was slightly lower than the theoretical density due to confined gases during fabrication. The results of tensile tests revealed that water absorption negatively affected tensile strength, whereas alkali treatment and hybridization enhanced performance. The composition of 10 wt % Roystonea-Regia and 5 wt % banana had the highest tensile strength of 64.76MPa, which was attributable to the hydrophilicity and hydration content of the banana fiber. Further flexural and impact experiments confirmed that the influence of water absorption of composites showed a decrement in mechanical properties. The highest impact strength of 45.28 J/m and flexural strength of 75.6MPa were noted for 10 wt % Roystonea-Regia and 5 wt % banana. In addition, Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) analysis revealed that alkali treatment improved fiber-matrix interface bonding and roughened fiber surfaces, thereby enhancing the composites' overall performance. The study provides precious insights into the potential of Roystonea-Regia and banana hybrid composites for industrial applications as lightweight, environmentally friendly, and mechanically robust materials.

**Keywords:** Banana fibers, Density, Hybrid composites, Roystonea-Regia fibers, Tensile strength, Water absorption

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Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

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# Classification of Crops through Self-Supervised Decomposition for Transfer Learning

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## ABSTRACT

The 2S-DT (Self-Supervised Decomposition for Transfer Learning) model, created for crop categorization using remotely sensed data, is a unique method introduced in this paper. It deals with the difficulty of incorrectly identifying crops with comparable phenology patterns, a problem that frequently arises in agricultural remote sensing. Two datasets from Nanjangud taluk in the Mysore district, which has a widely varied irrigated agriculture system, are used to assess the model. Using self-supervised learning, the 2S-DT model addresses the misclassification issue that frequently occurs when working with unlabeled classes, especially in high-resolution images. It uses class decomposition (CD) layer and a downstream learning approach. Using the model's learning and the particulars of each geographical context, this layer improves the information's arrangement. Our model architecture's foundation is ResNet, a well-known deep learning framework. Each residual block in our ResNet architecture is made up of two 3x3 convolutional layers. Each convolutional layer is followed by batch normalization and Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation functions, which improve the model's capacity for learning. We utilized a 7x7 convolutional layer with 64 filters and a stride of 2 for Conv1 in ResNet18, resulting in an output size of 112x112x64. Conv2, which consists of Res2a and Res2b, generated an output with the dimensions 48x48x64. Conv3, which included Res3a and Res3b, produced an output with the dimensions 28x28x128. These architectural selections were made with our experimental needs in mind. The 2S-DT model's newly added features make it easier to identify classes and update weights, improving the stability of the features' spatial and spectral data. Extensive tests performed on two datasets show the model's viability. Overall accuracy has improved significantly, with the 2S-DT model surpassing comparable models like TVSM, 3DCAR, and GAN Model by obtaining 95.65% accuracy for dataset 1 and 88.91% accuracy for dataset 2.

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KEYWORDS: Self-Supervised (2S) Transfer Learning, High-Resolution Image Classification, Spectral Features, TVSM, 3DCAR, GAN Model

## INTRODUCTION

The potential use of remote sensing in the classification of crops over a broad area has been broadly investigated on the basis of the classification and mapping of croplands (Arel *et al.*, 2010; Radford *et al.*, 2015). Using remote sensing data, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, initiated steps to set up a center for routine check-up of crop statistics using AWIFS and LISS III data 20. The Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) was set up by the Govt. of India, New Delhi, for estimating the crop yield and its planting area using land use (LU)/Land Cover (LC) data.

Initially, high-resolution RS data such as LISS IV, PAN, Landsat 8, and Sentinel-2 act as the main data source for information on

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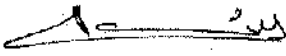
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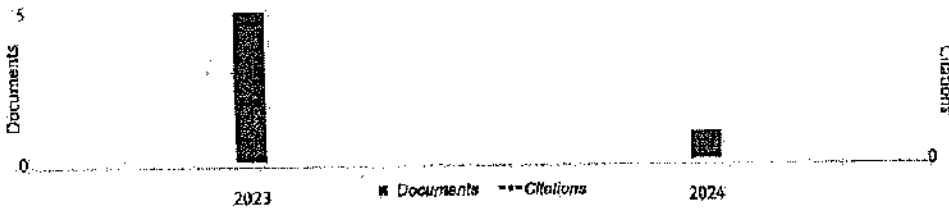
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## Efficient Design of Configurable Logic Block with Customized LUT using Reversible Fault Tolerant Gates

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**Abstract:** The parity of the input vector must match the parity of the output vector in a fault-tolerant reversible logic gate circuit. It enables the circuit's problem to be discovered. As a result, parity-preserving reversible logic will assist in the development of fault-tolerant systems for nanotechnology. It is commonly recognized that fault-tolerant (FT) reversible logic gates (RLG) are compatible with revolutionary computing paradigms such as optical and quantum computing. We presented reversible fault-tolerant lookup tables (LUTs) in this paper, which are employed in the development of Configurable logic blocks (CLB). CLB architecture employs fault-tolerant reversible logic components such as D-Latch, MS-Flip-flop, and Multiplexer. The suggested architecture is simulated, tested logically, and implemented using an FPGA Spartan 3. The simulation findings and implementation demonstrate the reversible fault tolerant gate design's functioning. The power dissipation and delay in reversible fault tolerant gates are found to be less, with a power reduction of around 95.5 % at 90 nm CLB technology.

**Keywords:** Look-Up Table, FPGA, Fault Tolerant, Reversible Logic, Low Power Dissipation, Garbage Output

### 1. Introduction

Energy is dissipated as a result of irreversible hardware computing, regardless of how it is realized due to the loss of information, is shown by R. Landauer's research in early 1960. Each  $k: T \ln 2$  joule of information is dissipated, where  $k$  is the Boltzman constant is denoted by  $k$  and absolute temperature is denoted by  $T$  [1, 2]. The huge energy dissipation is avoided by using reversible logic gates for making a circuit, as shown by Bennett demonstrated in 1973. A system to continue to function successfully by using the Fault tolerance even if any of its components fail (due to one or more faults). FPGAs are typically made up of a set of customizable I/O blocks, interconnects, and logic blocks [3,4]. The FPGA can be customized to meet the needs of any application. FPGAs have evolved from simple logic to extremely sophisticated programmable fabrics as a result of the same semiconductor technological advancements which have brought processors to their performance limits. Plessy logic blocks and Lookup-Table (LUT) are the most common logic blocks. A LUT can use fewer logic blocks to implement more logic with more inputs. As a result, it aids in a smaller routing area [5,6]. The area and delay performance are increased by using the 3 to 4 input LUT size shown by the authors in the paper. As a result, we'll

examine a generic 4-input LUT-based logic block.

The main objective of the project work are as follows:

- To create a Configurable Logic Block (CLB) based on Reversible Fault Tolerant Gates (RFTG)
- Design of Reversible Fault Tolerant (RFT) D-latch, Master Slave Flip Flop and Multiplexer using our proposed gate, which aims for the shortest unit delay, the lowest quantum cost, and the smallest number of gates.
- A novel RFT multiplexer with a number of gates, unit latency, and lower quantum cost has been presented.
- The unit delay, quantum cost, garbage, and the number of gates is minimized by using the enhanced RFT LUT-based FPGA CLB.
- The CLB Models' performance evaluation is determined by using the FPGA technology with 90nm (Backend) logic.

The following is the structure of this paper, the previous understanding of FPGA and reversible logic design as well as a review of relevant research are shown in section 2. Section 3 shows an enhanced architecture of a RFT 4 to 1 multiplexer, master slave flip flop and D-latch. The simulation result and performance analysis are discussed in Section 4. Finally, the paper is concluded in the last Section.

### 2. Basic Definitions and Literature Survey

The terms quantum cost, LUT, unit delay, garbage output, reversible fault tolerant gate is defined in this section. In

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# Digital System Design of ALU using Reversible Logic Gates

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**Abstract**— In the integrated circuit designs, the Area, Power dissipation and Time delay will play an important role. The Speed will rise with decreasing the size of a computing element and mean while heat dissipation will lower with decreasing power dissipation. Future technologies for quantum computing will involve reversible logic, and reversible logic gates reduce leakage power usage. Reversible logic gates were used to design the arithmetic and logical unit (ALU) in this research work. Electronic unit such as ALU's are built upon conventional or irreversible logic gates. Due to the saturation of Moore's law, alternative ways are formed where new semiconductor materials and new methodologies have been implemented. One such way is to use reversible logic gates instead of irreversible logic gates. In this application of VLSI design, reversible logic has significantly emerged in power optimization technology. To validate functionality, each suggested design was analyzed and simulated using cadence virtuoso.

**Keywords**— Reversible Logic, Garbage Outputs, ALU, Quantum Cost.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of computer equipment has been extremely successful during the last decade. Conventional technologies, like MOS transistors, would reach new heights as transistor density increased exponentially, especially as power dissipation increased. To improve the processing capability of the present generation, many choices are necessary. Reversible logic is a technology, which results in low leakage power dissipation in CMOS circuits, low quantum technology and optical computing. Garbage outputs and quantum costs will decrease in the reversible logic. Power dissipation is the major issue in the conventional logic. Landauer, created a computer device to handle the degrees of freedom that would operate as a heat sink for the energy needed for calculations, leading to mistakes in the calculations. Here, 1-Bit of information is lost will result in the dissipation of  $KT \ln 2$  amount joules of energy, where T is the temperature and K is defined as Boltzmann's constant. In the combinational circuits, information will be lost due to more heat energy and hence once information is lost, it cannot recover back in the conventional logic. The power dissipation is directly related to number of bits lost in the digital circuit throughout the operation and thus it yields in circuit complexity [1].

Reversible logic circuits can be used to overcome the complexity in the digital circuits. It accelerates the precise computations and reduces the energy dissipation, if the circuits are logically reversible. The reversible logic is used in designing the logical circuits to reduce the power

dissipation. The Arithmetic and logic unit outputs are designed from reversible logic.

## II. DEFINITIONS ESSENTIAL RELATED TO REVERSIBLE LOGIC

### A. Garbage Outputs

The number of inputs and outputs can be balanced by adding additional inputs or outputs as necessary to achieve reversibility in certain situations. The quantity of outputs needed to build a reversible n-input and k-output function is known as garbage [2]. The relationship between the quantity of garbage outputs and constant inputs is demonstrated by the straight forward formula below.

$$\text{Input} + \text{Constant i/p} = \text{output} + \text{Garbage o/p} \quad (1)$$

### B. Quantum Costs

The quantum cost of the circuit is its cost expressed in terms of a basic gate.

### C. Gate Level

This is a reference to how many circuit levels are necessary to carry out the specified logic functions.

### D. Logic Complexity

This is the total amount of logic operations that make up a circuit is used to describe how many AND, OR, and EXOR operations there are overall in a circuit.

The following are the main limitations on reversible logic circuit design.

- Fan-outs are not permitted with reversible logic gates.
- Reversible logic circuits ought to be as inexpensive as possible.
- The design may be optimized to yield the fewest number of trash outputs.
- For reversible logic circuits, a single constant input is the minimum quantity needed.

## III. REVERSIBLE LOGIC

Equal numbers of input and output lines with one-to-one correspondence between the input and output lines are defined as reversible logic gates. Here the output is defined by inputs and in the same way inputs can also be retrieved from the outputs, hence this logic is said to be reversible and all reversible logic gates have equal number of input lines in the circuit and output lines [3] in the

# Study on VGG16 Transfer learning Model for Goat/Sheep Image Classification

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**Abstract**— The utilization of deep learning and transfer learning methodologies in the realm of image classification has resulted in notable progress across diverse domains. This research paper presents an analysis of the performance of VGG16 model when incorporating transfer learning techniques in conjunction with various regularization techniques for the purpose of image classification of goat and sheep images. By employing the technique of transfer learning, we have successfully fine-tuned the VGG16 models on a dataset comprising six distinct classes of goats and sheep. This process has enabled the models to adapt their pre-existing features, which were initially trained on a different task, to the specific requirements of our target task. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall rate are employed in the evaluation of a model's capabilities. Although each strategy had its own distinct advantages, the strategies that consistently yielded balanced precision, recall, F1-scores, and accuracy were a dropout rate of 0.5 and L2 regularization. Whereas L2 Regularization outperformed the other models with a testing accuracy of 0.839.

**Keywords**— VGG16 mode, Transfer learning, Regularization Techniques, CNN, Sheep Classification, Goat Classification.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing pace of technological advancements in recent times has led to a substantial surge in the need for proficient methods of image classification and recognition. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been identified as a prominent and effective approach for addressing the challenges associated with image data classification tasks. The domain of deep learning, which is a crucial component of artificial intelligence applications, is experiencing a growing significance owing to its diverse capabilities across various domains, including but not limited to optical character recognition and facial recognition. The field of computer vision has witnessed remarkable advancements, particularly in the domain of image classification, thanks to the remarkable achievements of deep learning. As a consequence, the interest and enthusiasm surrounding deep learning have been steadily increasing. Deep learning has found a wide range of applications, and one area where Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have particularly excelled is image classification. CNNs have consistently shown remarkable performance in accurately categorizing images. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are a type of artificial neural network that has gained significant attention in the field of computer vision. These networks are specifically designed to process

and analyze visual data, such as images. One of the key characteristics of CNNs is their layered structure, where each layer consists of interconnected neurons. These neurons are equipped with adjustable biases and weights, which allow them to learn and extract meaningful features from the input images. This ability to automatically extract relevant features has made CNNs highly effective in various image-related tasks, such as object recognition, image classification, and image segmentation. Overall, CNNs have proven to be a powerful tool for feature extraction in the domain of computer vision[1][2].

The research conducted in the study [3] utilizes state-of-the-art deep learning algorithms and computer vision methodologies to accurately categorize various dog breeds based on images. The study explores the effectiveness of hybrid models, specifically the combination of Inception-v3 and Xception, as well as EfficientNetV2M, NASNetMobile, Inception, and Xception. Among these hybrid models, Inception-v3 and Xception achieve the highest accuracy rate of 92.4%. This hybrid model demonstrates superior performance compared to standalone approaches and surpasses existing models in terms of accuracy. The aforementioned findings serve to emphasize the efficacy of hybrid architectures in achieving precise identification of dog breeds. The study [4] utilizes VGG16 convolutional neural network to facilitate the identification of field weeds. This is achieved through the implementation of transfer learning techniques. The adaptable architecture of the VGG16 model allows for the flexibility to modify and fine-tune it to suit different datasets. The present study involves the utilization of a computational model on a dataset obtained from a Kaggle competition. This dataset comprises a total of 3,500 images depicting various types of weeds, which have been classified into 12 distinct categories. By making the first 14 layers of the model a fixed part and then adding more layers for feature extraction, pooling, convolution, dropout, and classification, a full 19-layer model can be made. The obtained results exhibit a notable level of performance, with a training accuracy of 98.99% and a verification accuracy of 91.08%. These outcomes highlight the system's capability to accurately identify crop weeds and its potential to enhance agricultural practices through improved precision and refinement. The present study [5] focuses on the complex task of employing image analysis techniques to classify Arabian camel breeds. This classification process holds immense significance in various domains such as breeding management, genetics,

# Gray Level Image Contrast Enhancement Using Hybrid BAT and Moth Flame Optimization

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**Abstract**— This study presents a novel hybrid method that optimizes contrast stretching parameters for image enhancement by combining the Bat algorithm (BA) and Moth Flame Optimization (MFO). The method described in this study leverages the exploratory capabilities of the BA and the exploitation strengths of MFO in order to achieve an optimal balance between exploration and exploitation. The BA employs echolocation-inspired movements and randomization factors to explore the search space, while the MFO exploits locally optimal solutions guided by light sources. By integrating BA and MFO, the algorithm achieves a balance between exploration and exploitation, leading to improved solution quality and faster convergence. The algorithm iteratively moves the bats and moths, applies contrast stretching using updated positions, and evaluates the fitness value. The best solutions are identified and stored throughout the iterations. The algorithm extracts the optimal contrast stretching parameters from the best solution and applies them to enhance the input image. The experimental results demonstrate the algorithm's effectiveness in improving image quality by 7.5% and 24.2% with respect to BA and MFO. Thus the proposed hybrid algorithm offers a promising approach for image enhancement for various applications.

**Keywords**— BAT Algorithm, Moth Flame Optimization,

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The process of image enhancement holds considerable significance across various academic areas, such as medical imaging, surveillance, and digital photography. The basic aim of image enhancement is to augment the visual characteristics of images, encompassing contrast, brightness, and sharpness, with the idea of enhancing their overall quality and interpretability. Among the various techniques used for image enhancement, contrast stretching stands out as a widely employed approach. Contrast stretching expands the dynamic range of pixel intensities, effectively improving the overall contrast and revealing more details in the image.

The effectiveness of contrast enhancement heavily relies on the selection of appropriate parameter values. These parameters directly impact the degree and nature of enhancement applied to the image. One such parameter is the stretch factor, which determines the amount of expansion in the intensity range. A higher stretch factor leads to a more significant enhancement, resulting in a wider range of pixel intensities. However, an excessively high stretch factor may lead to the loss of details and introduce artifacts or noise into the image.

Another crucial parameter is the shift factor, which controls the shifting of pixel intensities after stretching. This factor determines the mapping of the original intensity values to the enhanced range. By adjusting the shift factor, it is possible to enhance specific intensity regions while preserving the overall tonal balance. A careful selection of the shift factor is essential to avoid over-amplification of noise or distortion of the image [1] [2].

The Genetic Algorithm (GA) for enhancing image contrast is introduced in [3]. The present study utilizes a genetic algorithm (GA) in order to find the most optimal mapping of gray levels in input images to novel gray levels. The objective of this mapping is to increase the contrast in the image, therefore enhancing the dynamic range and ultimately enhancing the quality of the image. The application of particle swarm optimization (PSO) for image enhancement has been proposed in the study cited as [4]. The PSO method is a search strategy that utilizes a multi-agent framework, taking inspiration from the social behaviour found in fish schooling and bird flocking. The algorithm utilizes a transformation function that considers both the local and global information present in the input images. The research work outlined in reference [5] proposes the Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm as a technique for image enhancement. The optimization problem pertaining to the enhancement of image contrast is conceptualized as a foraging operation carried out by a collective of bees. The Cuckoo Search (CS) technique, which is utilized for enhancing image contrast, has been explored in reference [6]. The CS algorithm is based on the reproductive technique exhibited by the cuckoo bird, which is known for its parasitic breeding behaviour. In this study, CS is utilized within the framework of optimizing the fitness function. In the study [7], a novel methodology referred to as HWOA is introduced, which integrates the Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA) with the Chameleon Swarm Algorithm (CSA). The primary aim of the HWOA is to efficiently determine the most suitable parameters of the incomplete beta function for the task of enhancing image contrast. Following this, the utilization of bilateral gamma correction (BGC) is implemented in order to improve the contrast and brightness, preserving the accuracy of edge details. The present study, as conducted by [8], aimed to perform a comparative analysis on three distinct algorithms, including the BA, the CSA, and the interior search algorithm, in order to evaluate their effectiveness in enhancing contrast. The

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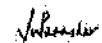
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