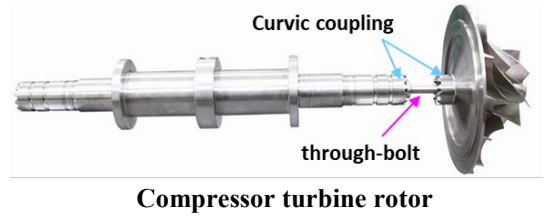


Solid Modeler Rotordynamics: High Fidelity, Shaft Dynamics, Stress and Thermal Modeling (Project # 00071)

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INTRODUCTION AND JUSTIFICATION

This project provides software models of rotating assemblies with non-beam-like behavior, using 3D solid element modeling and solid model inputs. For example, non-beam-like behavior occurs at internal butt, Hirth, or Curvic coupling of a rotor fastened together with a preloaded through-bolt. The coupling introduces a local lateral flexibility that can affect critical speed and general rotordynamic response, yielding an inaccuracy problem in a conventional beam model. In these instances, a 3D solid finite element model with accompanying rotordynamic analyses is recommended to produce reliable predictions of critical speed, log dec, parametric instability, etc. In a traditional beam-based rotordynamic model, this can also be done indirectly using equivalent beam properties, which is equivalent Young's modulus and transverse shear effect, obtained from the 3D FEM.



Compressor turbine rotor

DELIVERABLES

- Standalone 3D Solid Finite Element Rotordynamics software which runs under the EXCEL system umbrella without any other software (ANSYS, Fortran ...) required.
- Geometric input obtained from any solid model software outputs (SolidWorks, Catia, ...) or by users.
- Multiphysics solid finite element analysis (thermal/structural/rotordynamics), such as predictions of natural frequency, critical speed, mode shape, parametric instability, with arbitrary shape geometries with multiple materials and connections (butt joint, Hirth, Curvic coupling) using GW contact theory.
- Calculating equivalent Young's modulus and equivalent transverse shear effect at mating surface that can be used for the equivalent beam model.

Basic features

Axisymmetric rotor with Stator (TF)

Arbitrary geometry rotor (.STL) from Solidworks, NX, etc.

Automatic mesh generation

Multiple materials

Thermal & stress analysis

Rotordynamics analysis

Advanced features

Root-type impeller

3-pole motor

Preload effect

Surface asperity

3D structured mesh

Equivalent beam element Coupling

Parametric instabilities

Contact analysis for rotor assemblies

PROPOSED WORK

1) Fetter rings radial contact

(Holding discs onto shaft)

- Natural frequency, critical speed prediction
- Validation with the test data



Fig. 1 Fetter ring

2) Rabbet joint

- radial contact + axial contact

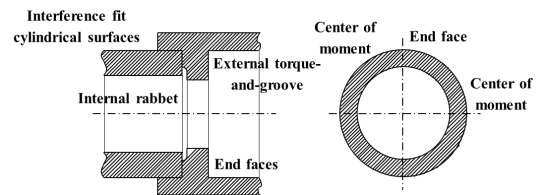


Fig. 2 Rabbet joint

3) Asymmetric temperature distribution on shafts

- Simulation / Exp. for vibration analysis due to temperature asymmetry (bifurcation of natural frequency expected)

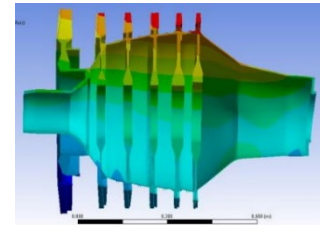


Fig. 3 Asymmetric Temp.

4) Micro slip modeling, internal friction effect modeling, rub

- Friction due to relative motion from shrink fit
- Relationship between microslip and internal friction
- Self-excitation instability

5) Shaft with composite material

- Compare ANSYS penalty method with current SFER GW method

6) Combination with Machine Learning E_{coupling} & Φ_{coupling}

7) Newkirk effect

8) Improve software computational efficiency and Excel user interface

- Develop a user interface for interacting with XLTRC² rotor input

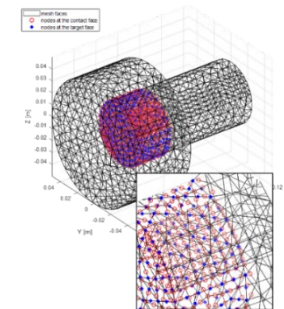


Fig. 4 Micro slip

STATUS OF CURRENT WORK

Standalone Solid Modeler TRC Software

- A user-friendly EXCEL User Interface based simulation environment
- Axisymmetric 2D element/10-node quadratic tetrahedron/8-node hexahedron finite element rotor modeling capability
- Multiphysics analysis for thermal/structural/high-fidelity-rotordynamic analysis (natural frequency, log dec, parametric instability and etc.)
- Parametric instability evaluation algorithm
- Butt-joint modeling capability with different levels of surface roughness and preload
- Butt-joint experimental test data
- Hirth / Curvic coupling modeling capability with different parameters, levels of surface roughness, and preload
- Hirth / Curvic coupling experimental test data
- E_{coupling} & Φ_{coupling} of Butt-joint, Hirth and Curvic coupling for Equivalent beam model



Fig. 5 Composite shaft

BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

1 PhD student (\$2,250/mo. Salary + \$300 insurance) × 12 months, tuition and fees \$18,000, machining cost and supplies \$1,400, **Total Cost: \$ 50,000**