# Thermal Exploration, Investigation of Composite Slab

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Abstract -It is very hard to inspect and calculate the thermal properties of the different materials used. For the determination of heat flow rate, heat flux, temperature distribution, and thermal conductivity study of composite material's thermal behavior is useful. These composite materials can be apply in various applications such as thermal protection systems, metallic multiwall, thermal ventilations, Insulators, metallic multiwall etc. In this thermodynamic study, we are analyze the thermic behavior and properties of four composites material. The another method that is finite element program method ANSYS is used, for finding heat flow rate, heat flux, temperature distribution, and thermal conductivity The actual experimental test is performed for calculate heat flux, heat flow rate, temperature distribution and thermal conductivity of four composite materials that we used. Then actual Experimental Results are compared with the ANSYS software finite element results and the done validation.

**Keywords-** Heat Flow Rate, Thermal Conductivity, Composite Materials, Heat Flux, Conduction, temperature distribution

# **INTRODUCTION**

A composite material is defined as a combination of two or more materials that consists of at least two constituents (definite combination of phases) that are bonded together along the different chemical, physical and thermal composite properties, each of which proceed from a single separate material that pre-exists the composite. Heat is a another form of energy which move due to

temperature fluctuations. Heat transfer occurs due to temperature differences between them, so the transmission of energy is done. Heat transfer must occur within a media, whenever there is a temperature difference in a medium. The amount of heat transferred from higher temperature to lower temperature per unit of time is called the heat transfer rate and is denoted by Q. The heat transfer coefficient h as unit J/s which is equivalent to watt. When the heat transfer rate Q, then the total amount of heat energy transferred  $\Delta U$  during an interval of time  $\Delta t$  can be exist

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$$. \Delta U = \int Qdt = Q\Delta t \Delta \qquad (Joule)$$

The rate of heat transfer per unit area to the direction of heat flow is called heat flux and term is expressed as, q=Q/A.

#### ITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review dealing with the thermal analysis of composite have been studied. So many research study is going on to concentrate the study of the heat transfer through composite. Some of the research papers reviews are given below:

<sup>2</sup>J Raymond, et, studied: composite walls performance in wooden partitions. For a standard composite wall, thermal and ventilation performance is evaluated by varying its surface emissivity and the channel width which effect on the overall performance is calculated.

There is no ideal width to keep down heat transfer and to maximize the humidity flow

<sup>11</sup>MeralOzel, explained temperature transfer and heat flow in acomposite material solar wall with a porous absorber. The porous absorber excess heat is stored in and there is a temperature gradient in the porous layer of the wall. Therefore, the porous absorber works like thermal insulator to a degree when no sun rays available.

<sup>1</sup>Abdulaziz Almujahid, et al,: studied the heat transfer in trombe wall systems is now a very important research topic globally that carry wide consequences on energy usage and consumption as well as conservation in malls, houses,

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buildings, etc.

<sup>10</sup>Patrick Glouannec et al: studied an experimental design of an insulation wall through numerical for refrigerated vans. The thermo physical properties of the insulating multilayer composite plates, the outer environmental impact as solarirradiation, temperature, etc, and durability are taken into account. By using different tools characterize the thermal performances of the insulation walls and thethermal properties of the insulation materials are measured. In addition, an experiment on the wall is carried out and a 2D FEM model of heat and mass transfer within the wall is formulated.

<sup>8</sup>Bjorn PetterJelle: explained in the composite solar wall to analyze the performance of the flow and temperature field the unsteady numerical simulation is employed. The porous absorber stored the excess heat, there is a temperature gradient in the porous wall layer. Therefore, the porous absorber works as a thermal insulator to a degree when no sun rays present. The impact of the porous absorber is significant.

#### METHODOLOGY

In engineering applications, we deal with many problematic situations in different phase. In thermal heat transfer through composite walls is one of major from them. It is the supply of energy between multiple materials having different thermal conductivity arranged in series or parallel arrangement. For example, a fastener joining two mediums also acts as one of the layers between these mediums. Hence, the thermal conductivity of the fastener is also very much necessary in determining the overall heat transfer through the medium. A composite slab consists of a three different materials plates which are MS, fiberglass, and brick for one composite wall and another composite is MS, Hylum, and Wood. Slabs & heating sensor elements has circular cross-section. The experimental setup consists of three different materials discs of same diameters but different thickness arranged to form a composite slab of the same diameter plates and the heater was placed at near to one side of the composite wall. Each types of slabs are provided heater on plates which forms a composite structure of the wall. The varying input to the heater and to measure the volt meter and ammeter readings dimmer stat was used. Thermocouples are placed between every interfaces of the slabs, to record the temperature reading at the plates surface.

#### A. Composition of Materials

- 1) MS-Hylum-wood
- 2) MS-Concrete-Fiber

- 3) MS-Fiber Glass-Brick
- 4) MS-Wood-Fiber Glass

### **B. Specifications**

Plate Dimensions:

Table 1: Plate materials and dimensions

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Materials	Diameter (mm)	Thickness (mm)
Hylum	300	20
Fiberglass	300	19
MS	300	16
Brick	300	15
Wood	300	15
Concrete	300	15

A schematic experiment setup of the project is shown in Fig. 1.It consists of different material wall bricks that have variations in thermal conductivity and thickness.



Fig. 1-Schematic setup of the composite wall bricks

#### **DESIGN**

There are four different plates materials composites wall. A each composite slab consists of a slab of three different materials which are MS, Hylum, & wood for one composite. Slabs & heating elements are circular in cross-section. The experimental setup instrument consists of three material discs having equal diameters but variation in thicknesses arranged to form a slab. The setup consists of a heater placed at one side of the composite wall and experimentation is done.

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Fig. 2-Schematic representation of the composite wall bricks

Instrumentations used for experiment

On both sides of the Heater Slab assembly arranged symmetrically

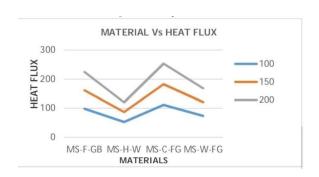
Heater coil - 250Watt capacity.

Dimmer stat (open type), 230v, 0-2 amp, single phase Volt meter- range 0-300V Ammeter - range 0-20A Digital temperature indicator- range 0-800°c Thermo couple used: Teflon coated, Chromal-Alumal

## **RESULT & DISCUSSION**

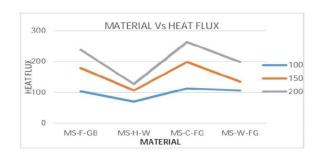
The graphical result as below:

A. Graphical Experimental Results of Materials vs. HeatFlux for all Composite Materials



Graph 1 Materials Vs Heat Flux

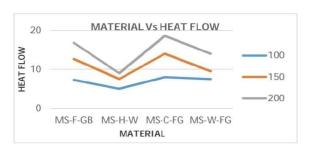
B. Graphical Experimental Results of Materials vs. HeatFlow Rate for all Composite Material



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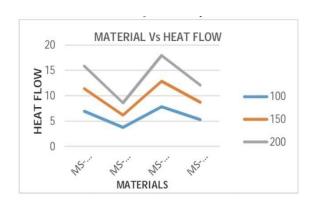
Graph 2 Materials Vs Heat Flow Rate

C. Graphical Experimental Result of Materials Vs Thermal Conductivity for all Composite Materials



Graph 3 Materials Vs Thermal conductivity

D Graphical ANSYS Results of Materials vs. Heat Flow Rate for all Composite Materials



Graph 5 Materials Vs Heat Flow Rate

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the analytical, ANSYS finite element and experimental exploration of the thermal behavior of different composites materials, it can be concluded that:

- The results of the followed analytical method are in near approximation with the FEM simulation ANSYS. values
- The results of the followed analytical method are in near
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approximation with the experimental values

- The reasearch study shows that the thermal conductivity of the composite material as:
   MS-Concrete-Fiber Glass is 0.08711
   MS-Fiber Glass-Brick is 0.07952
   MS-Wood-Fiber Glass is 0.08172
   MS-Hylum-Wood is 0.05441
- The research study shows result that the heat flow rate of composite slab MS-Hylum-Wood is approx. 5, composite slab MS-Concrete-Fiber Glass is 8 MS-Fiber Glass-Brick is approx. 7.3& composite slab MS-Wood-Fiber Glass is approx. 7.5
- The research study shows result that the Heat flux of composite material MS- Hylum- Wood is 70.084, composite material MS-Concrete-Fiber Glass is 113.311 and composite material MS- FiberGlass- Brick is 103.388 & composite material MS- Wood-Fiber Glass is 106.232
- The temperature distribution of composite slab having three different material plates like MS- Hylum- Wood, MS-Concrete- Fiber Glass, MS- Fiber Glass- Brick & MS-Wood- Fiber Glass is 23.05, 370.21, 29.48 & 32.06 respectively.
- It is seen that the Finite element method (FEM) can
  effectually work for the determination of thermal
  behavior characteristics like heat flux, heat flow rate, and
  temperature distribution of all composite slab.
- 7)Finally it can be concluded that the composite like MS-Concrete-Fiber Glass, MS- Fiber Glass- Brick & MS Wood-Fiber Glass have higher heat flux, temperature distribution, heat flow rate, and thermal conductivity values respectively than the other composites like MS-Hylum- Wood means composite MS- Hylum- Wood shows lower values of thermic behavior.

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