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SUMMARY

Response time constants for several multilayered temperature transducers were determined numerically by using Martin Marietta's MITAS software package which is available at NASA Langley Research Center. Present results were found in close agreement with the solutions reported in the literature, thus, the capability of MITAS was justified. On the basis of experiences gained, the MITAS is recommended for use in predicting the response time constants of sensors by an in-situ technique.
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1. INTRODUCTION

Response time correlations for two platinum resistance thermometers (PRT's), the HyCal (100 ohm) and the Rosemount (1000 ohm), were established by Pandey et al. (Refs. 1, 2). These correlations can predict the time constants within 5% of experimental results. One of the PRT's, the Rosemount (1000 ohm) Sensor, is found to be more accurate and suitable for use in cryogenic environments. The objective, therefore, was to model this multilayered sensor to predict its response behavior under different conditions, theoretically.

Lowell and Patton (Ref. 3) predicted the response behavior of homogeneous laminated cylinders exposed to sinusoidal temperature variation. Their work is applicable to hot wire anemometry and thermocouple pyrometry. Bulavin and Kashcheev (Ref. 4) solved the non-homogeneous heat conduction equation for multilayered bodies by the method of separated variables. Further, Mulholland (Ref. 5) applied the Fourier transform to laminated orthotropic cylinders, and then used a unique orthogonality relationship.

The most relevant literature for the present work is Kerlin et al. (Ref. 6) who have solved the multilayered cylindrical problems, numerically. It was proposed, however, to use the Martin Marietta Thermal Analysis

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computer package (MITAS) to obtain the response time constants of the multi-layered PRT's under different environmental conditions.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SENSOR

The Rosemount Sensor shown in Figure 1 was considered for mathematical modeling. This sensor had a 1000 ohm reference resistance with sheath diameter, \( D_{sh} = 0.884 \). This sensor was dissected to determine the internal dimensions of the materials used by the manufacturer. The internal dimensions displayed in Figure 2 were determined using the best facility available at NASA/Langley Research Center. The mandrel is made of pure platinum, while the perforated sheath material is stainless steel. The ceramic used in the construction of this sensor was not specified, but to our best knowledge Aluminum oxide (Al\(_2\)O\(_3\)) was used and is assumed in this study. Thermophysical properties of these materials are given in Appendix A.

3. PHYSICAL MODEL

Modeling of the Rosemount Sensor, which considers the Rosemount's unique geometry as detailed in Figure 2, involves multi-dimensional flow and thermal phenomena into flowing fluids. Such complex geometry has never been attempted by the researchers and, in this short task project, it was necessary to reduce this complicated problem to a one dimensional problem. The perforated sheath, which enhances heat transfer, was dropped from further analysis by employing the results of Daryabeigi et al. (Ref. 8). The shroud effect on convection was included (but not the shroud mass). The physical model analyzed in this study is illustrated in Figure 3.

4. GOVERNING EQUATION

Heat transfer by conduction in a homogeneous hollow cylinder can be expressed as:
Figure 1. Rosemount Sensor (1000 ohm).
Diameter of the platinum wire = $18 \times 10^{-6}$ cm.

Figure 2. Internal Dimensions of the Rosemount Sensor.
$r_1$: inner radius of mandrel

$r_2$: outer radius of mandrel

$r_3$: outer radius of matrix (P$_t$ + Al$_2$O$_3$)

$h$: heat transfer coefficient between flowing fluid and the sensor

Figure 3. Physical Model.
\[ \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T + \frac{\dot{Q}}{\rho C_p} \]

The above equation without heat generation (\(\dot{Q}\)) in a radial direction reduces to:

\[ \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right), \quad r_2 > r > r_1 \quad (1) \]

The boundary and initial conditions are:

\[ \left. - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r = r_2} \quad = h \left( T - T_f \right) \quad (2) \]

\[ \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r = r_1} \quad = 0 \quad (3) \]

\[ T = T_i = \text{constant}, \quad r_2 > r > r_1, \quad t = 0 \quad (4) \]

\[ T = T_f = \text{constant}, \quad r > r_3, \quad t = 0 \quad (5) \]

where

- \( T = T (r, t) \)
- \( t = \text{time} \)
- \( r = \text{radial position} \)
- \( k = \text{thermal conductivity} \)
- \( h = \text{heat transfer coefficient between fluid and surface} \)
- \( T_f = \text{fluid temperature} \)
- \( T_i = \text{Initial temperature} \).
Those equations can be solved exactly by using Laplace transforms and approximately by using a finite difference scheme. In this work, the lumped parametric method is employed to solve these equations.

5. LUMPED PARAMETER ANALYSIS

The nodal approach using a one-dimensional node to node heat transfer model, as illustrated in Figure 4, can be used for multilayered platinum resistance thermometers. The solution to any desired accuracy can be obtained by using many nodes. The governing equation (1) under lumped parametric analysis can be written as

\[
\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \frac{(\rho C_p)_i}{C_i} \left[ T_i (T_i + 1 - T_i) + C_{i-1} (T_{i-1} - T_i) \right]
\]

(6)

where

- \((\rho C_p)_i\) = heat capacity of the material at node i
- \(T_i\) = Temperature at node i
- \(C_i, C_{i-1}\) = heat transfer conductances between nodes.

6. SOLUTION PROCEDURE

The MITAS thermal analysis package (Ref. 7) is designed primarily to solve, lumped parameter, i.e., resistor-capacitor (R-C), network representations of thermal systems. This package is available at NASA/Langley Research Center and was used to solve equation (6). Instructions on how to use this package are described in Appendix B.
Figure 4. One Dimensional Heat Transfer Model.
7. VERIFICATION OF PRESENT SOLUTION PROCEDURE

To establish the applicability of the MITAS software package for solving the thermal problems; some cases of Kerlin et al. Ref. 6 were examined. Kerlin et al. (Ref. 6) have reported the time constants for multilayered hollow cylinders exposed to different convective boundaries.

8. KERLIN EXAMPLE FOR HOLLOW CYLINDER OF A SINGLE MATERIAL

Table 2 details the geometrical and thermal parameters for the hollow cylinders used in determining the time constant.

The hollow cylinder was divided into 9 equal regions. As required by the MITAS package, the conductances for every region were computed by using the equations detailed in Appendix B. The complete data for thermal conductances and capacitances used by the MITAS package are given in Appendix C. Table 3 displays variation in the dimensionless temperature at each node with time. The temperature at node 1 rises to its 63.2% level in 0.251 seconds. Therefore, the time constant for this problem is 0.251 seconds. The time constant for the same problem reported by Kerlin Ref. 6 is 0.257.

9. KERLIN EXAMPLE OF MULTILAYERED HOLLOW CYLINDER

Table 4 describes the problem solved by the MITAS software package to obtain the time constant. The temperature variation with time is given in Table 5. By interpolation, the time constant for this case at Node 1 is found to be 0.184 while Kerlin et al. (Ref. 6) have reported 0.181 seconds. In conclusion, the present results obtained by using the MITAS scheme are found in close agreement with Kerlin's (Ref. 6) solution. Thus the present solution procedure is justified and, therefore, it is extended to solve the present multilayered platinum resistance thermometers.
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Table 3. Dimensionless temperature (θ) history obtained by MITAS for example given in Table 2.

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Material in region = platinum, aluminum oxide, stainless steel
Radii = \(40.538 \times 10^{-4}\), \(40.834 \times 10^{-4}\), \(44.196 \times 10^{-4}\), \(47.549 \times 10^{-4}\) m
Convective heat transfer coefficient = 17036 w/m² °C
Thermophysical properties are given in Appendix A.
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10. RESPONSE OF ROSEMOUNT SENSOR IN FLOWING AIR

The internal dimensions of this sensor are given in Figure 2. The physical model used in this analysis is shown in Figure 3. The region of aluminum oxide, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (a ceramic material) was divided into two layers and the sensing element -- platinum wire -- was taken as a single node. Thermal conductance and capacitance for each node computed for the MITAS package are given in Appendix D. The capacitance of the sensing element was computed by using the formula:

$$C_{10} = (\rho C_p) pt \frac{1}{4} \pi^2 (r_2 + r_1) (r_2 - r_1)^2.$$ 

The value of the boundary conductor (3099) is varied to see the effect on temperature histories in flowing air. Tables 6, 7 and 8 display the temperature histories for the Rosemount Sensor for boundary conductors (3099) 4.0, 6.0 and 8.0, respectively. One can note from tables 6 and 7 that temperatures increase rapidly then fluctuate and do not reach an identifiable 63.2% value. By increasing the convective heat transfer coefficient (boundary node), the temperature rises beyond 63.2% of total step change in temperature, but fluctuates about. Authors have tried to handle this problem by averaging the material properties, increasing the number of nodes and using the backward, forward and forward-backward techniques. Theoretical response time constants are not found comparable with the experimental time constant for the Rosemount Sensor in flowing air reported in Ref. 1. Thus, the uncertainties are due to the internal dimension of the sensor, properties of the ceramic material, convective heat transfer coefficient and multi-dimensional nature of heat transfer and fluid flow phenomenon.
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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The MITAS software package available at NASA Langley is found capable of predicting the response time constants of multilayered temperature transducers in flowing fluids.

2. The MITAS software package can also be used to predict the response time constants by In-situ technique.

3. The multilayered Rosemount sensor, which is unique in its internal structure, needs to be treated like multi-dimensional conduction problem. Note that such geometry has not yet been attempted by the researchers. Therefore, such analyses are needed to know exactly the response behavior of these sensors.

4. It is recommended that the in-site technique be analyzed theoretically and experimentally.
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APPENDIX B

CONDUCTANCE FORMULAS FOR LAYERS HAVING LENGTH, L

**Case 1.** Homogeneous material with annular region:

\[ C = \frac{4 \pi R L}{\ln \left( \frac{r_{i+1}}{r_i} \right)} \]

**Case 2.** Annular region surrounded by another annular region with different thermal properties.

\[ C = \frac{4 \pi R_1 L}{\ln \left( \frac{r_i}{r_j} \right)} + \frac{4 \pi R_2 L}{\ln \left( \frac{r_{i+1}}{r_i} \right)} \]
Case 3. Innermost region with no heat transfer to any inner region
\( (T_{\text{inner}} = T_i) \)

\[
C = \frac{4 \pi R L}{\ln (r_i/r_{\text{inner}})}
\]

Case 4. Annular region exposed to flowing fluid

\[
C = \frac{4 \pi R L}{\ln (r_o/r_i)} + 2 \pi h r_o L
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APPENDIX C

DATA FOR MITAS PROCEDURE FOR KERLIN'S HOLLOW CYLINDRICAL CASE

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90.88.0.1.0122E-3
-99.70.0.0.00
END

C
BCD 3CONDUCTOR DATA
910.9.10.229925.564
1020.10.20.11611.698
2030.20.30.11763.753
3040.30.40.11909.419
4050.40.60.12067.946
5060.50.60.12220.00
6070.60.70.123172.056
7080.70.80.12517.393
8090.80.90.12676.248
9099.90.99.136.710
END

BCD 3CONSTANTS DATA
ITEST=1
TIMEO=00.0. TSTEP=5.E-6.
TIMEND=1.0E-4.TSTEP=5.E-6. ITERM=1500
DRLXCA=0.00001. EXTLIM= 0.00
NDSTOR=80. ARLXCA 0.00001
END

C
BCD 3EXECUTION
FWDBCK
END
BCD 3OUTPUT CALLS
TI= 88.0
TF= 70.0
ATIM = TIMEN * 3600.0
TH10 = (TI-T10)/(TI-TF)
TH20 = (TI-T20)/(TI-TF)
TH30 = (TI-T30)/(TI-TF)
TH40 = (TI-T40)/(TI-TF)
TH50 = (TI-T50)/(TI-TF)
TH60 = (TI-T60)/(TI-TF)
TH70 = (TI-T70)/(TI-TF)
TH80 = (TI-T80)/(TI-TF)
TH90 = (TI-T90)/(TI-TF)
TPRINT
WRITE(NUUSER1,20) ATIM,TH10,TH20,TH40,TH50,TH60,TH70,TH80,TH90
F 20 FORMAT(10(3X.F7.4)
END
BCD 3END OF DATA
APPENDIX D

DATA FOR MITAS PROCEDURE FOR ROSEMOUNT SENSOR

NOT RESTART

-EOR-

BCD 3 TITLE DATA
BCD 9 COMPARING WITH EXPERIMENTAL RESPONSE TIME
BCD 9 TRANSIENT ANALYSIS OF PRT
END

CC

BCD 3 NODE DATA

CC

9, 32.0, -1.0
10, 32.0, 144.37E-7
20, 32.0, 1.1844
30, 32.0, 1.1844

C

-99, 24.0, 0.00
END

C

BCD 3 CONDUCTOR DATA

910, 9, 10, 317207.97
1020, 10, 20, 106693.363
2030, 20, 30, 80631.824
3099, 30, 99, 4.000
END
BCD 3CONSTANTS DATA
ITEST=1
TIMEO=00.0, TSTEP=1.0
TIMEND=40.0 .TSTEP
DRLXCA= 0.0001 .EXTLIM= 0.00.ABSZRO=273.0
NDSTOR=80. ARLXCA= 0.0001
END

BCD 3EXECUTION
FWDBCK
END

BCD 3OUTPUT CALLS
TI= 32.0
TF= 24.0
ATIM = TIMEN
TH10=(TI-T10)/(TI-TF)
TH20=(TI-T20)/(TI-TF)
TH30=(TI-T30)/(TI-TF)
TPRINT
WRITE(NUSER1.20) ATIM,TH10,TH30
F 20 FORMAT(4(3X.F7.4))
END

BCD 3END OF DATA