#### DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF PROPELLER BLADE OF A MARINE SHIP

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## ABSTRACT

Most of the marine propellers are made of metal material such as bronze or steel. The advantages of replacing metal with CFRP composite materials are that the latter is lighter and corrosion-resistant. Another important advantage is that the deformation of the composite propeller can be controlled to improve its performance. Propellers always rotate at a constant velocity that maximizes the efficiency of the engine. When the ship sails at the designed speed, the inflow angle is close to its pitch angle. When the ship sails at a lower speed, the inflow angle is smaller. Hence, the pressure on the propeller increases as the ship speed decreases. The propulsion efficiency is also low when the inflow angle is far from the pitch angle. If the pitch angle can be reduced when the inflow angle is low, then the efficiency of the propeller can be improved. In addition the load-bearing fibers can be aligned and stacked to reduce fluttering and to improve the hydrodynamic efficiency. Composites can offer the potential benefits of reduced corrosion and cavitations damage, improved fatigue performance, lower noise, improved material damping properties, and reduced lifetime maintenance cost. Traditionally marine propellers are made of manganese-nickel-aluminum-bronze (MAB) or nickel-aluminum-bronze (NAB) for superior corrosion resistance, high-yield strength, reliability, and affordability.

Keywords: Marine engine propeller, composite material, Ansys, ship building.

#### INTRODUCTION

Marine propeller is a component which forms the principal part of ships since it gives the required propulsion. Fiber reinforced plastics are extensively used in the manufacturing of various structures

including the marine propeller. The

hydrodynamic aspects of the design of composite marine propellers have attracted attention because they are important in predicting the deflection and performance of the propeller blade. For designing an optimized marine propeller one has to understand the parameters that influence the hydro-dynamic behavior. Since propeller is a complex geometry, the analysis could be done only with the help of numerical tools. Most marine propellers are made of metal material such as bronze or steel. The advantages of replacing metal with an FRP composite are that the latter is lighter and corrosion-resistant. Another important advantage is that the deformation of the composite propeller can be controlled to improve its performance. Propellers always rotate at a constant velocity that maximizes the efficiency of the engine. When the ship sails at the designed speed, the inflow angle is close to its pitch angle. When the ship sails at a lower speed, the inflow angle is smaller. Hence, the pressure on the propeller increases as the ship speed decreases. The propulsion efficiency is also low when the inflow angle is far from the pitch angle. If the pitch angle can be reduced when the inflow angle is low, then the efficiency of the propeller can be improved. Traditionally marine propellers are made of manganesenickel-aluminum-bronze (MAB) or nickelaluminum-bronze (NAB) for superior corrosion resistance, high-yield strength, reliability, and affordability. More over metallic propellers subjected are to corrosion, cavitations damage; fatigue induced cracking and has relatively poor acoustic damping properties that can lead to

noise due to structural vibration. Moreover, composites can offer the potential benefits of reduced corrosion and cavitations damage, improved fatigue performance, lower noise, improved material damping properties, and reduced lifetime maintenance cost. In addition the loadbearing fibers can be aligned and stacked to reduce fluttering and to improve the hydrodynamic efficiency.



### **Model of Propeller**





# WEIGHT COMPARISION OF THREE MATERIALS

MATERIAL	WEIGHT
KEVLER	0.358
ELGLASS	0.486
ALUM INIU	0.709
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# CONCLUSION

We conclude that composite propellers have more advantages over the conventional metallic propellers. We concentrated on the metal and composite structural analysis of the propeller blade carried out by using the finite element method.By comparing the deformation we can say that kelver will be having more advantages Kelver can with stand more amount of loads stress when compared and by seeing the weight comparison kelver is having less weight when observed with E-glass and Aluminium materials.

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