Evaluation of Dynamic Behavior of Tire on Concrete Pavement: A Case Study of Yamuna Expressway

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Abstract

The rigid pavement design has given higher speed but has somehow compromised in the surface friction part too and to balance this part, there has been a provision of higher texture depths which has given better griping value both in dry and wet conditions. But now it has come into notice that there is a tire bursting phenomenon that is occurring in the rigid pavement, hence this paper has analyzed the amount of energy that is contributed by the higher texture depths into the rolling tires. This essay aims to assess the energy generated when a tyre rolls on a firm pavement surface, how it is transferred into the environment, and how some of it is absorbed by the tyre itself. This paper will place more attention on the energy generated as a result of the pavement's textures, leaving out any energy lost as a result of other factors. Texture provided on the pavement is basically a series of repeating figures drawn transverse to the moving direction in order to attain a desired value of skid resistance and friction so as to avoid skidding in any condition. But in view of this there is an abrupt increase in the amount of energy being produced and this is causing the problem of tire bursting. So for the analysis tests were conducted at the site and the initial and the final pressure of the tires were noted down. The kinetic theory of gases has given the kinetic energy of the enclosed gas before the test and after the test. Since there is an increase in the pressure of the tires hence using Gay Lussac's law we concluded there will be an increase in the temperature also hence final temperature was calculated. Friction analysis and the contact area patch analysis has also given the reasons why low inflation pressure and the poor quality of the tires can lead to the tire bursting phenomenon .There has not been a lot of research going on regarding this issue but research paper related to few key problems involved in this study on combining will pave the foundation for the advance research on this issue.

Keywords- Texture, Skid resistance, Inflation, Tire dynamic, Energy distribution

1.INTRODUCTION

In India, The two types of pavement that are installed are rigid pavement and flexible pavement. A flexible pavement is just a pavement layer that has been laid and compacted over a bed of granular layer and is composed of heated, properly mixed aggregates and bitumen. On the other hand, rigid pavements are constructed from slabs of cement concrete or reinforced concrete that are either set over a layer of low strength concrete (dry lean concrete, or DLC), or on top of a layer of compacted aggregates, or both. Till now, Because of the lower starting expenses, flexible pavement has become more popular than rigid pavement. However, the government's choice of stiff pavement is being seen as a wise one given the country's expanding cement availability and the rising prices of bitumen. Limestone is a plentiful source of raw materials for the cement industry in India, hence no foreign exchange is needed. Main ingredient of flexible pavement mix is bitumen which is a byproduct of refinery. Raw material for refinery is crude oil, majority of which have been imported from oil exporting countries and no huge amount of foreign currency are required.

The decision of rigid pavement, taken after considering factors related to service life, fuel consumption, weather conditions, maintenance costs and natural resources, primarily aims to promote environment friendly construction practices in execution of road projects.

Without a doubt, hard pavement is more expensive up front than flexible pavement. However, rigid pavement has proven to be more cost-effective than flexible pavement in terms of lifecycle costs.

For areas with frequent downpours, flooded areas, and subgrade soil with low CBR (California Bearing Ratio) values, rigid pavement is typically selected. The stability of the roadway surface is very important aspect in the design of the pavement and should be non-yielding to allow the heavy wheel loads of traffic to move with minimum possible rolling resistance. The surface of road should also be uniform along the longitudinal profile so as to provide the fast moving vehicles move safely and comfortably at the design speed. The primary goal of a well-designed and built pavement is to have elastic deformation that is within allowable bounds so that the road can withstand several repetitive load applications throughout the course of its design life.

1.2 BURSTING OF TIRES

This is one of the frequent contributing factors in accidents on the main highway and expressway networks. A tire often bursts when there is a sudden loss of pressured air from inside the tyre. When there is a compromise with respect to the structural integrity of the tire, the tire is unable to hold all that air inside. Due to this situation, the pressurized air escapes out tearing apart the tire and rapidly causing an explosion and severe damage to the tire surface. The major causes of the tire burst are listed below:

<u>1.2.1 DIRECT IMPACT</u>- Due to the poor condition of the pavement surface there is a high possibility of a direct impact of the tire resulting in slashing of the tire surface at some point which becomes an open invitation for all the pressurized air to escape out thus leading to tire burst.

1.2.2 HIGH TEMPERATURE- Since most of India lies in the tropical or a subtropical region so it is prone to hot weather resulting in high temperatures and in general heat is the enemy for different parts of the vehicle especially the tire. Due to high temperature there is an excessive build-up of heat in the tires and this increase in temperature inside the moving tire results in an increase in the pressure within the tire. The friction between the pavement surface and the moving tire helps this process and weakens the tire which may result in bursting of tires due to this heat build-up.

1.2.3 UNDER INFLATION- Another one of the major causes of the bursting of the tires, Over inflation is not of a major concern under inflation is the reason behind more than 75 % of tire burst induced accidents. Such under-inflation tires suffer from excessive flexing and that increases the contact patch with the pavement surface which leads to the accumulation of excessive frictional force and in turn builds up the heat inside the tire. The building up of heat is much higher than those induced during the hot summer.

<u>1.2.4 HIGH SPEED</u>- Every tire is meant to function best at a particular speed and there is a maximum speed that the tire can hold. Beyond the particular speed will increase the friction levels and wear quickly so in this case more than one factors are responsible for the bursting of tires.

1.2.5 Concrete pavement have two engineering parameters which govern movement of vehicles on the road.

1.2.5.1 SKIDDING-Accidents occur on concrete pavement due to smoothness of travelling surface . Rear vehicle collides front vehicle specially in wet season when breake is applied and water over surface acts as lubricant between wheel and pavement surface . To make pavement surface skid resistance , textures are provided over surface. Though travelling surface become skid resistance by providing texturing and accident has been avoided.

1.2.5.2 ENERGY PRODUCED- Huge quantity of extra energy are produced due to texturing on the surface in form of heat. Major part of heat are diffused in environment which causes some environmental impact . some part of heat are transmitted inside tire through wheel of the vehicle and increased temperature of the air inside tire. The increase in temperature in tire increases pressure of air inside tire . Finally , tire bursts causes a vital accident when travelling time is more.

2.LITRATURE REVIEW

2.1 TIRE DYNAMIC:

The tire is the main component of a vehicle interacting with the road. The performance of a vehicle is mainly influenced by the characteristics of its tires. Tires affect a vehicle's handling, traction, ride comfort, and fuel consumption. To understand its importance, it is enough to remember that a vehicle can maneuver only by longitudinal, vertical, and lateral forcesystems generated under the tires. systems generated under the tires.

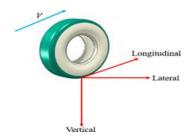


Figure 1. Three orthogonal directions of contact stresses.

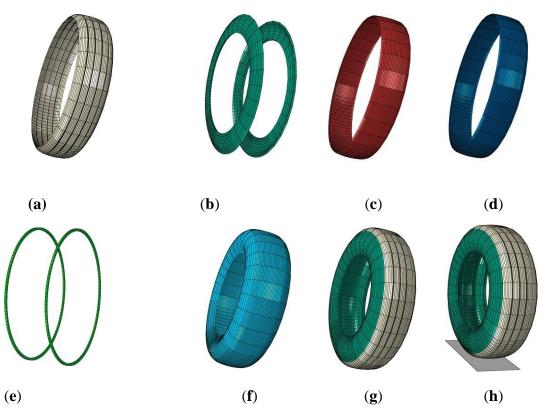
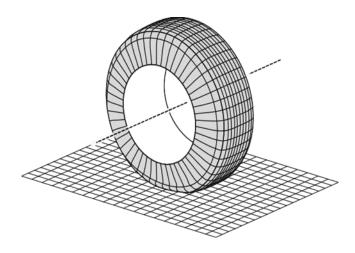


Figure 2. Meshes of tire components. (a) Tread with four longitudinal grooves; (b) sidewall; (c) steel-belt-1; (d) steel-belt-2; (e) bead; (f) carcass; (g) full tire; (h) the contact model of tire-pavement.

Loaded tire Tire axis



Ground surface

Figure 3 A vertically loaded stationary tire.

3.2 TIRE COORDINATE FRAME AND TIRE FORCE SYSTEM

To describe the tire-road interaction and its force system, we assume a flat ground and attach a Cartesian coordinate frame at the center of the tire print as shown in Figure 3. The x-axis is along the intersection line of the tire-plane and the ground. The tire plane is the plane made by narrowing the tire to a flat disk. The x-axis is perpendicular to the ground and upward, and the x-axis makes the coordinate system a right-hand triad.

To show the tire orientation, we use two angles: camber angle ç and sideslip angle . The camber angle is the angle between the tire-plane and

the vertical plane measured about the x-axis. The camber angle can berecognized better in a front view as shown in Figure 2.(d). The sideslip angle , or simply sideslip, is the angle between the velocity vector v and the x-axis measured about the x-axis. The sideslip can be recognized betterin a top view, as shown in Figure 2.(e).

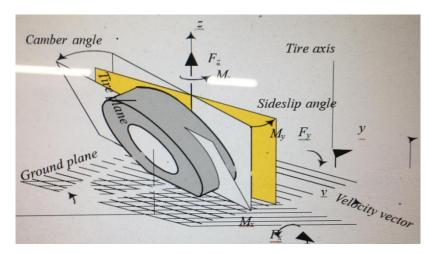


Figure 4 Tire coordinate system.

It is considered that the resultant force system a tyre experiences from the ground is situated in the middle of the tyre print and can be divided along the x, y, and z axes. As a result, Figure 4 illustrates the three-dimensional (3D) force system created by a tire's interaction with the road. This system consists of three forces and three moments.

- 1. Longitudinal force It is the force acting along the x-axis. The resultant longitudinal force comes in both cases accelerating or breaking Longitudinal force is also called forward force.
- 2. Normal force It is the vertical force acting along the x-axis normal to the ground plane. The resultant normal force acts in upward. The traditional tires and pavements are unable to provide this force. Normal force is also called vertical force or wheel load.
- 3. Lateral force -. It is the force, tangent to the ground and orthogonal to both forces acting in x-and y-direction. The resultant lateral force acts when it is in the y-and z- direction.

- 4. Roll moment It is a longitudinal moment about x-axix. The resultant roll moment acts when it tends to turn the tire. The roll moment is also called the bank moment, tilting torque, or overturning moment.
- 5. Pitch moment P_y -. The lateral moment about the y-axis is what it is. The tire is moved forward and turned about the y-axis by the resulting pitch moment. The rolling resistance torque is another name for the pitch moment.
- 6. Yaw moment –. It is the z-upward axis's moment. When it tends to rotate the tire about the z-axis, the resulting yaw moment acts. The aligning moment, self-aligning moment, and bore torque are other names for the yaw moment.

These are the systems of force that the ground applies to the tire. The wheel axle is the location of all additional forces on a wheel. Wheel torque is the driving or braking force applied to the tire by the vehicle around the tire axis.

3.3 ENERGY DISTRIBUTION: For cars powered by classical combustion engines, only about 10 % to 20 % of the chemical energy stored in the fuel is available as mechanical energy at the axles to drive the wheels, the remainder being consumed by engine inefficiency, friction in the driveline, standby operation or auxiliary appliances (e.g. the A/C system). Ultimately, these 10 % to 20 % are consumed by aerodynamic drag, rolling resistance and braking/acceleration. Depending on the driving conditions, approximately 4 % to 7 % of the fuel consumption are based on rolling losses in the tires, see . For trucks and other heavy vehicles, the influence is even higher .

Hence, a decrease in the energy losses caused by rolling resistance has a significant chance of decreasing a vehicle's overall fuel usage. A 10% decrease in average rolling resistance, for instance, "promises a 1 to 2 percent boost in fuel economy," according to the Transportation Research Board of the United States. This translates to a 3.7 109 l to 7.5 109 l decrease in overall annual fuel usage for the United States. About 80 % to 95 % percent of rolling losses can be attributed to hysteretic losses in the tires , i.e. The viscoelastic characteristics of the tyre material are the foundation for the dissipation. Changing the tread geometry, the rubber compound, or reducing the thread thickness are all potential strategies to reduce rolling resistance because the majority of dissipation is connected to deformation of the tread's rubber material. However, any modification to a single tyre parameter affects not only rolling losses but also vital elements like wear, traction, and noise production.

This is a problem which is even intensified by the complex tire structure with in homogenous and anisotropic material properties. Knowledge about how the hysteretic losses are distributed in the structure of a tire rolling on an actual road and which vibrational modes contribute mostly to these losses can help to make design decisions for tires with a low rolling resistance.

3.4 FUNDAMENTALS OF ROLLING RESISTANCE AND PREDICTION METHODS

1. Generally, rolling resistance is defined as the mechanical energy converted into heat for a unit distance travelled , with a unit of J/m. Traditionally, This has been connected to an

N-unit drag force that opposes the motion. The more inclusive energy-based definition will be utilized in the

2. following because it appears more relevant for the context of this investigation. This also permits the expression "rolling loss" to be used as a synonym for "rolling resistance. "As mentioned before, the majority of the rolling loss can be attributed to hysteresis.

During rolling, the tire material is periodically deformed. Due to the viscoelastic properties of the rubber compound, in each cycle not all of the stored elastic energy can be regained, instead a part of it is dissipated. The primary reason a rolling tyre deforms is the flattening of the contact patch, which causes the crown, sidewalls, and bead area to bend, the tread to be compressed, and the sidewall and tread to be sheared. The viscoelastic properties of the rubber compound are highly temperature and frequent dependent . Additionally, the rolling resistance shows a more or less prominent dependence on a variety of features such as tire load, tire geometry, tire pressure, driving speed, (road) surface geometry, condition and roughness, etc.

3. The technique is based on the idea that local potential energy plus local loss factors combine to determine how much energy is dissipated within a structure. Thus, rolling loss and potential energy are mutually exclusive. The approach does not currently attempt to calculate precise numbers for the energy dissipated.

4. This is due to the fact that this would require full knowledge about the loss factor in specific regions of the tire, which is not available in the necessary detail level. Although almost all tyre models include some assumptions about the tire's loss factor characteristics, these values differ significantly between models, and it is thought that successful simulation results for some cases (such as calculations of point and transfer mobility) do not necessarily indicate exact loss factor assumptions, especially not on a more local level.

5. A notable effort at estimating viscoelastic details for a tire structure is made in , however the employed process is quite tedious and requires dedicated measurements of the specific tire. Hence, dissipation will be assumed to be based on a set of rather global loss factor assumptions for the time being.

4.DATA COLLECTION :

| Sr N | Type of | Tire | Temperature | Temperature | Temperature |
|------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | tire | Thickness | at outer face | at inner face | difference |
| 1 | Bus | 8mm | 21 | 23.50 | 2.50 |
| 2 | Truck | 9mm | 25 | 29.50 | 4.50 |
| 3 | Truck | 8mm | 22 | 26.00 | 4.00 |
| 4 | Bus | 9mm | 32 | 36.60 | 4.60 |
| 5 | Car | бmm | 24 | 26.20 | 4.20 |
| 6 | Car | 6mm | 36 | 41.00 | 5.00 |
| 7 | Car | 5mm | 40 | 44.50 | 4.50 |

4.1 TIRE THICKNESS AND TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE

| SN | CHAINAGE | Distance from base line | Greate Etmad | | to | Etmadpur to Greater Noida | | | | | |
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| | | base line | | e deoth in | mm | Texture deoth in mm | | | | | |
| | | | Right | | Left | Right | Left | | | | |
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| | | 16 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| | | 14 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| | | 16 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| | | 13 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| | | 15 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| | | 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| | | 11 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| | | 16 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| | | 13 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| | | 14 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | |
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| | | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| | | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | | | |

4.2 MEASUREMENT OF TEXTURE

4.2. MEASUREMENT OF PRESSUE:

Date - 25/05/2021

Day time Temperature – 36 0

| S N | | | | | | FRONT AXLE | REAR AXLE | INITI | AL Ti | re Press | ure | | | Final | Tire P | ressure | | | |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|--|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--|--------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | TIRE COMPANY | JOURNEY START TIME | JOURNEY FINISH TIME | Average Speed | TYPE OF VEHICLE | | | Kight the second | Left | Right inner | Right outer | Left inner | Left outer | Right the second | Left | Right inner | Right outer | Left inner | Left outer |
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| 2 | GO | 10. | 12.25 | 8 | jeep | 1 | 1 | 32 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 34 | 46 | 44 | 45 | 47 | 44 | 45 |
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4.3. MEASUREMENT OF PRESSUE :

Date - 26/05/2021

Day time Temperature – 36 0

| 2 | FIRE | 10. | 12. | 82. | jeep | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
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| | NE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | FIRE | 10. | 12. | 73. | Min | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | STO | 40 | 55 | 33 | i | | | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| | NE | | | | Tru | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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4.4 LUCKNOW PRAYAGRAJ ROAD (FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT)

Date - 29/05/2021

Day time Temperature - 36 0

Length covered : 165 km

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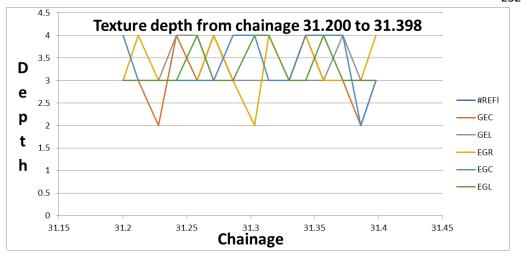
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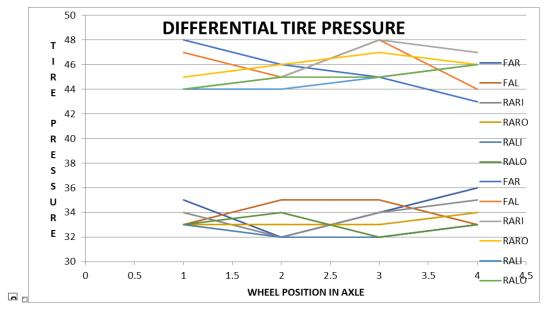
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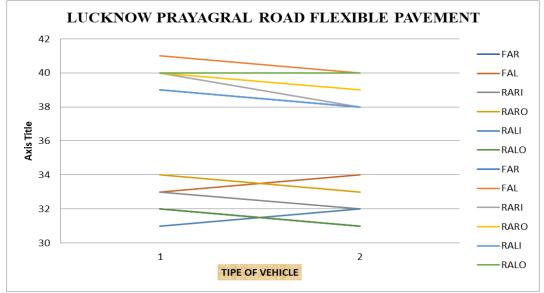
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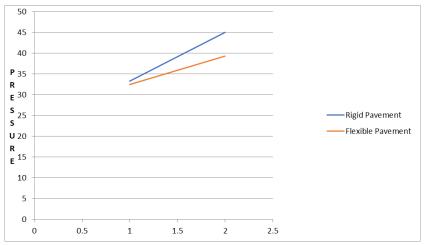
5.1 DATA FOR TIRE AGE, TREAD THICKNESS, PRESSURE DIFFERENCE AND DISTANCE TRAVEL

| | Age | Temperatu | Thicknes | Initial | Final | Dista | Remarks |
|----|----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|------------------------------------|
| | of | re | s of | Pressur | Pressure | nce | |
| 1 | 3±0.5 | 20±0.5 | 6 | 28 | 37 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 2 | 3±0.5 | 20±0.5 | 6 | 30 | 40 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 3 | 3±0.5 | 20±0.5 | 7 | 32 | 43 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 4 | 3±0.5 | 20±0.5 | 7 | 34 | 45 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 5 | 3±0.5 | 20±0.5 | 6 | 36 | 48 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 6 | 3±0.5 | 50±0.5 | 7 | 28 | 39 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 7 | 3 <u>+</u> 0.5 | 50 <u>+</u> 0.5 | 6 | 30 | 44 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 8 | 3 ± 0.5 | 50 ± 0.5 | 7 | 32 | 47 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 9 | 3±0.5 | 50±0.5 | 7 | 34 | 49 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 10 | 3±0.5 | 50±0.5 | 6 | 36 | 52 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 11 | 3±0.5 | 50±0.5 | 6 | 38 | 55 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |
| 12 | 3±0.5 | 50±0.5 | 6 | 40 | 58 | 165 | Safely cross entire length of road |

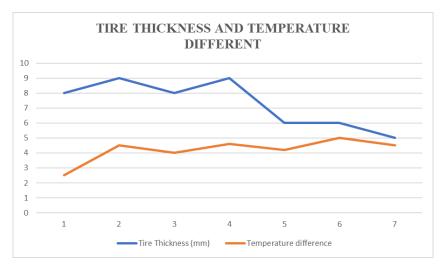








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6.CONCLUSION:

The distribution of contact stresses and rolling resistance under various tyre operating situations, such as various tire loads, inflation pressures, and velocities, are predicted in this study using a three-dimensional tire-pavement model. In doing so, it is possible to examine how contact stresses at the tire-pavement interface change over time as well as the functional connection between rolling resistance and the circumstances in which truck- and bus-tires operate. Results indicate that rolling conditions affect the magnitude connection between transverse and longitudinal contact stresses, and that overload and low tire pressure are significant causes of tire shoulder degradation. In addition, the proposed exponential equation presents a method that can be used to forecast rolling resistance related to the working conditions of the truck-bus tire, and a similar method can be used to predict the rolling resistances of other types of tires.

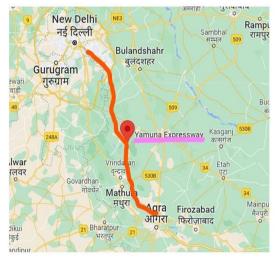
6.2. A way is shown how to assess rolling losses based on the strain energy distribution in an existing waveguide finite element model of a car tire which is coupled with a quasi-threedimensional model for rolling contact. Preliminary results based on a specific ISO road roughness profile are used to show the general applicability of this approach. The estimated total rolling loss is comparable to values found in the literature and detailed examination of the frequency and wave order content reveal the importance of the contact patch size and strong influence of a limited set of tire modes on the rolling resistance. In general, rolling resistance seems to be a low-frequency, low wave order problem. The solid rubber elements seem to contribute less to the dissipation as expected, which will be the topic of further investigations in the future. A necessary improvement is an averaging over a longer section of road roughness profiles to reduce the influence of very specific local characteristics. This was only partly possible for this study due to time constraints. Further studies will include evaluation of the influence of different conditions such as road profile, speed, loading, etc. on the rolling loss distribution.

6.3. The tire-pavement contact model developed in this work shows the potential to predict contactstresses and rolling resistance under different rolling conditions. Based on the preceding analysis, the following conclusions can be made and provide valuable suggestions and viewpoints for tire-pavement contact mechanics and fuel-economic tire production/design.

(1) The maximum value of the transverse contact stress is greater than the longitudinal contact stress under the free-rolling condition. However, the situation under the full-braking condition is the opposite.

(2) Longitudinal contact stresses under the free-rolling and full-braking conditions were symmetrically distributed in a longitudinal direction, while the lateral contact stress presented an almost antisymmetric distribution in a longitudinal direction. Under the full-braking condition, longitudinal stress is the main component of the horizontal contact stresses.

(3) The tire load and inflation pressure have significant impacts on contact stresses. Overload and low tire pressure are important contributors to the wear of the tire shoulder. Properly increasing the inflation pressure can effectively relieve damage to the tire shoulder caused by overloading.



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