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DEVELOPMENT OF WELDING WINDOW FOR UNDERWATER AL – STEEL EXPLOSIVE CLADDING

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Abstract

This study attempted analytical estimation of the welding domain for underwater explosive cladding of aluminium (AI 5052) - stainless steel (SS304). A welding window, an analytical estimation, can ascertain whether the interface is wavy-like or otherwise. The welding window's lower, upper, left, and right boundaries were constructed using empirical relations suggested by peer researchers. The soundness of the dissimilar clads relates to their closeness to the lower boundary. The interface microstructure is in concurrence with the analytical outcomes.

Keywords: Explosive Cladding, Dissimilar metals, Welding window, Microstructure.

Fabrication and Testing of a Pyramid-Shaped Solar Still with Fins

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About 40% of the world's population suffer from lack of potable water. The paper attempts to fabricate and test a pyramid-shaped solar still having fins. The conventional solar still serves as the baseline, while the finned design incorporates enhanced heat transfer surfaces to improve productivity. Experiments were conducted during three days in the month of March, and the average results are presented. The higher absorber plate, glass plate and water temperatures were recorded between 12 noon and 1 p.m. in the pyramid solar still having fins. The pyramid-shaped solar still model embraces 3 liters of potable water during the day superior to the conventional still.

Keywords: Solar still, Fins, Thermal performance, Water collection

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Special Lectures



Dr. N. Alagumurthi, Professor and Former Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, PTU - Pondicherry, delivered an "Learn and Earn" for 3rd-year students. The event, held on 19.07.2024, drew 71 participants at MEC Hall, FEAT, Annamalai University.







Dr. K. Ramesh, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, GCT - Coimbatore, delivered an "Fuel Cell" for 3rd-year students. The event, held on 26.07.2024, drew 68 participants at MEC Hall, FEAT, Annamalai University.

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Faculty Highlights



As part of the ongoing Faculty Exchange Program under the MoU between our institution and Kumamoto University, Japan, Dr. S. Saravanan, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Department visited Kumamoto University as a Visiting Faculty Member.

National Workshop

Mr. J. Jagan, Chairman, Vector Solutions, delivered a lecture in Three Days National Workshop on "Digital Fabrication, Planning & Designing of Industrial Sheet Metal" for the students. The event, held on 27 to 29.08.2024 at MEC Hall, FEAT, Annamalai University.



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PhD Viva-Voce

Congratulations on successfully defending theses! The dedication and hard work displayed have led to this achievement, marking an important milestone in their academic journeys.

Ph.D., No.	Date	Name of the scholar	Title	Name of the supervisor
138	15.07.2024	Mr. Venkatesape- rumal R	Heat Transfer Investigations on Modified Tube Absorbers of a Solar Parabolic Trough Collector	Dr.K.Syed Jafar
139	19.07.2024	Mr. Yellapragada Naga Venkata Sairam	Experimental Investigation and Char- acterization of Lanthanum Hexa- Aluminate Reinforced AZ91E Magne- sium Alloy Composites	Dr.J.Prabakaran
140	26.07.2024	Mr. Panchamoor- thy R	Materials Assessment of Performance and Emission Characteristics using Biodiesel in an Additive Fuelled LHR Engine	Dr.R.Velappan
141	13.09.2024	Mr. Pari N	Performance Investigation on Solar Still Using Phase Change Materials	Dr.R.Karthikeyan
142	27.09.2024	Mr. Premdasu Nalluri	Production Of Oil By Catalytic Pyro- lysis Of Waste Polythene Covers And Study Of This Oil Use In Diesel En- gine	Dr.P.Premkumar
143	14.10.2024	Mr. Sunil Kumar Reddy	Preparation of Hybrid Aluminium Metal Matrix Composites and Investi- gation of their Mechanical, Thermal and Tribological Characteristics	Dr.M.Kannan
144	28.10.2024	Mr. Madhan Kumar S	Fabrication and Experimental Inves- tigation to Study The Mechanical Properties and Machining Quality of Glass Fibre Reinforced Aluminium Sandwich Composites	Dr.K.Sivakumar
145	20.12.2024	Mr.Arumugam G	Development and Characterization of Al4032-Bimodal SiC/B4C Composites by Powder Metallurgy Technique	Dr.S.Saravanan(SSV)

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SWAYAM Participations

The following student enrolled and cleared a technical paper in the SWAYAM - NPTEL.

S. No.	Name of the Student	Title	Year	Institute
1	AKASH S			
2	ANBARASU S			
3	AVINASH B			
4	MANIMARAN A			
5	MUGESH S		III Year	IIT Kanpur
6	PRIYADHARASHAN A	Social Innovation in industry 4.0		
7	SANTHOSHKUMAR R			
8	SIVALINGAM J			
9	SIVARAMAN C			
10	SUBRAMANIAN S			
11	SUGANTHAN N			
12	THIRUMALAIRAJAN M			

Alumni Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions made by our alumni towards the development of **VRM Hall**. Their continued support plays a vital role in enhancing our department's infrastructure and fostering a stronger connection between past and present members of our academic community.





Guardians of the Waves: Life-Saving Boats N. Sivarajapandi Final Mech

Life-saving boats stand as indispensable bulwarks against the unforgiving might of the sea, serving as critical vessels in the preservation of human life. From the swift, agile rigid inflatable boats (RIBs) favored by coastguards for their speed and maneuverability in rough waters, to the robust, self-righting lifeboats designed to withstand capsizing and provide shelter for numerous survivors, each type is purpose-built for the challenging environments they operate in. These specialized craft are equipped with an array of vital tools: advanced navigation and communication systems, medical supplies for immediate aid, and often, sophisticated search and rescue equipment like thermal imaging cameras and sonar. The crews who operate these boats are highly trained professionals, possessing not only exceptional seamanship but also the composure and quick decision-making skills essential for confronting perilous situations. Their bravery and dedication ensure that when disaster strikes on the open water, a lifeline is always within reach, transforming despair into hope and demonstrating humanity's commitment to protecting those in peril.

