

# FEA IMPLEMENTATION IN ANALYSIS AND OPTIMIZATION OF TOP AND BOTTOM FRAME FOR HYDRAULIC COTTON LINT BAILING PRESS

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**Abstract:** This paper attempts to acquire the FEA implementation for analysis and optimization of top and bottom frame for hydraulic cotton lint bailing press. Ginning is the process of separation of fiber from cottonseed. Composite ginners perform ginning and pressing operations to convert lint cotton into a bale. In modern day, capacity of ginning plant is such that the cotton bale handled by their press system gives rise to very large forces. Frame structure like all the other equipment has to be able to withstand these forces without damage. It is essential that the calculations for mechanical strength to check the suitability of top and bottom frame.

Key words: - ANSYS, Cotton bale, FEA, Failure analysis, Frame structure, Hydraulic press, optimization,

## 1 INTRODUCTION:

The hydraulic press is one of the oldest of the basic machine tools. In its modern form, is well adapted to presswork ranging from coining jewelry to forging aircraft parts. Modern hydraulic presses are, in some cases, better suited to applications where the mechanical press has been traditionally more popular. [1]The full force of a hydraulic press can be delivered at any point in the stroke. This feature is a very important characteristic of most hydraulic presses. A mechanical press usually can exert several times the rated maximum force in the event of an accidental overload. This extreme overload often results in severe press and die damage. It is essential that the calculations for mechanical strength to check the suitability of top and bottom frame. For quality compare the character of the frame construction. If a weldment, look at the plate thicknesses, extent of ribbing, and stress relieving [2].

So in this paper successful attempt to overcome different problem of top and bottom frame, which is reported by the manufacturer. By using the Pro/E wildfire 4.0 firstly we had developed the CAD model of the top and bottom frame mechanism and than by using ANSYS software the FEM analysis of it is carried out.

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Due to the diversification of structural optimization problems, most structural optimization problems can be classified as size, shape and topology optimization. The main application of optimal design of steel structures is the size optimization, because this method is possible to minimize the weight of structures [4].

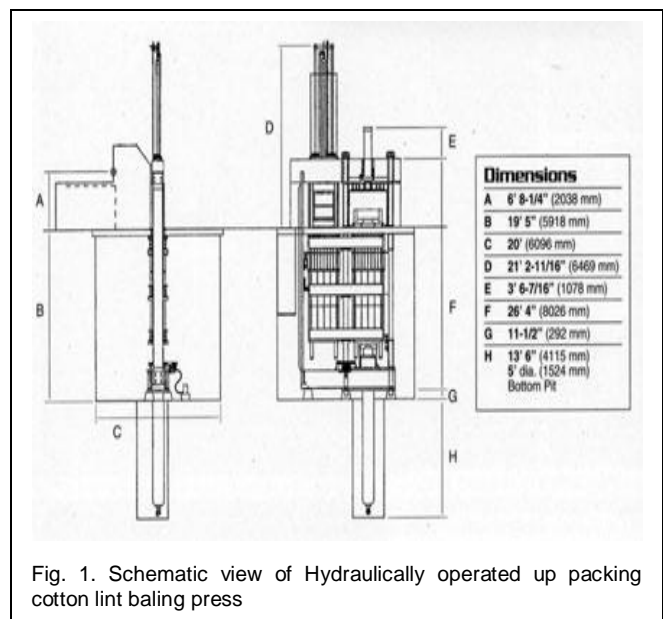


Fig. 1. Schematic view of Hydraulically operated up packing cotton lint baling press

## 1.2 Hydraulically operated up packing cotton lint baling press:-

The Jadhav Zen Door-Less Bale Press is designed to be "energy efficient". It uses a Single 2 no's x 250 mm in diameter-ram. Features include a super high capacity lint feeder and a totally

enclosed right-angle gear drive tramper. A unique follow block and platen design enables square knot type wire to be applied manually and semi-automatically. Automatic strapping and wire tying systems are also applicable to the variable shut-height system. The Bale press consists of a frame, hydraulic rams, and a hydraulic power system [15].

**1.3 Problem Identification**

- Reduction of bending stresses causing bending of frame by optimizing the Top & Bottom frame.
- Reduction of cost and Improve safety
- Changing the geometric structure and material of the frame -Design Optimization.
- Designing an optimal thickness to minimize the maximum deflection of a frame for maximum economy - Material optimization.

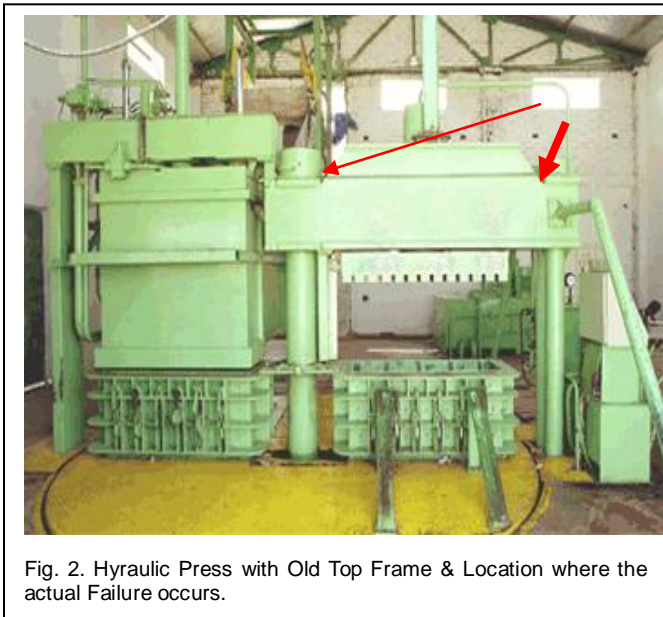


Fig. 2. Hydraulic Press with Old Top Frame & Location where the actual Failure occurs.

**2 CALCULATION OF MECHANICAL STRESSES AND DEFLECTION BY DOUBLE INTEGRATION METHOD [6] [16] FOR BOTH BOTTOM AND TOP FRAME**

- For structural steel  
**IS 2062: 20006 E 250 (FE410) QA B**
- Young's modulus : 250 MPa
- Poisson's ratio : 0.3
- Density : 7850 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Tensile yield strength : Compressive yield strength : 310 MPa
- Tensile ultimate strength : 465 MPa [5] p.n.420]

TOTAL FORCE = Pressing Force (Fp) + Bell wt  
= 325000 + 325 \* 9.81  
= 1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup> N

SUMATIONS OF ALL VERTICAL FORCES  
ΣFY=Ra-1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>-26.97\* 10<sup>3</sup>-1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>+Rd

Ra+Rd=3.206\*10<sup>6</sup>

SUMMATION OF ALL THE MOMENT OF FORCES ABOUT POINT 'A'.....By Moment Equations

ΣM=-(Rd\*2.1) + (1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>\*1.285) +(26.97\*10<sup>3</sup>\*1.015) + (1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>\*1.285)

∴ Rd=1.456\* 10<sup>6</sup>

Ra=1.66\*10<sup>6</sup>

ΣM=-(Rd\* X) + [1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>\*(X-0.815)] + [26.97\*10<sup>3</sup>\*(X-1.085)] + [1.59 \* 10<sup>6</sup>\*(X-1.355)..... (1)

**Written above equ. In differential equ. Form**

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = - \left( 1.59 \times 10^6 \times \frac{X^2}{2} \right) + \left[ (1.59 \times 10^6) \times \frac{(-0.815)^2}{2} \right] + \left[ (26.97 \times 10^3) \times \frac{(-1.085)^2}{2} \right] + \left[ (1.59 \times 10^6) \times \frac{(-1.355)^2}{2} \right] + C_1$$

**By again integrating above Equation we get,**

$$EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = - \left( 1.59 \times 10^6 \times x \right) + \left[ 1.59 \times 10^6 \right] \times (-0.815) + \left[ 26.97 \times 10^3 \right] \times (-1.085) + \left[ 1.59 \times 10^6 \right] \times (-1.355) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

**Now by applying boundary condition**

E.x. y=0 & x=0 in Equ 2

We get C<sub>1</sub>=2.03\*10<sup>6</sup>

From Equ. 2 we get C<sub>2</sub>= (-2.42\*10<sup>6</sup>)

**Now by substituting C<sub>1</sub> & C<sub>2</sub> And boundary condition at x= 1.015**

∴ EIY=-675394.02 N.m .....(3)

E for MS material= 2\*10<sup>11</sup>

**Moment of inertia**

I= 1/12(BD<sup>3</sup>-bd<sup>3</sup>)

∴ I= 4.478\*10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>3</sup>

**By putting all values in equ. 3**

Y=-7.5412\*10<sup>-4</sup> m

= 0.745 mm.....Deflection

**For Bending stress**

$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{\sigma_b}{Y} = \frac{E}{R}$  .....Bending – Equation

$\sigma_B = 56.28 \times 10^6 N / m^2$  .....i.e.Indused – Stress

Allowable stress= 310 Mpa for ISC-20 .....From Design data book [05]

$fos = \frac{S_{yt}}{\sigma_b} = 4.37$

**By applying Max. Principal stress theory**

$$\sigma_{yt} = 0.5 \sigma_{ys}$$

$$246 = 0.5 \sigma_{ys}$$

$$\sigma_{ys} = 492 \text{ Mpa}$$

For Stress  $\sigma = \sigma_{ys} / \text{FOS}$

$$\sigma = 113.88 \times 10^6$$

$$f_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sigma_b + \sqrt{\sigma_b^2 + 4\sigma_s^2} \right]$$

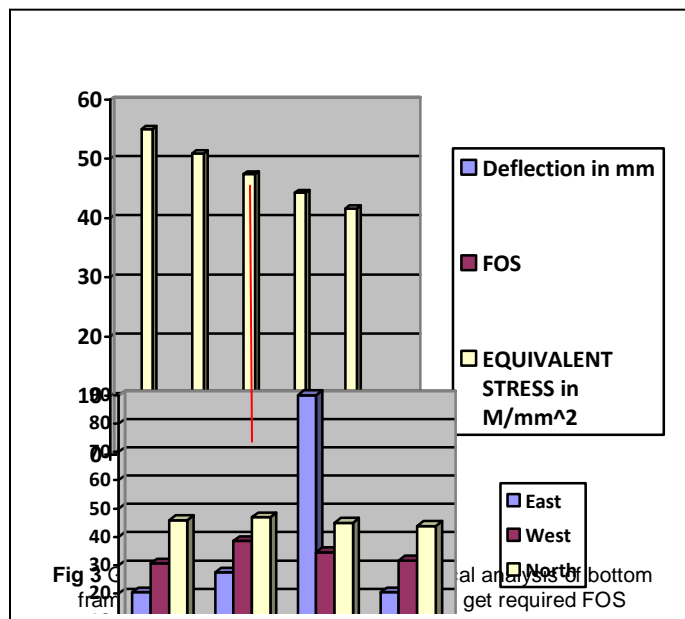
$$f_{\max} = 145.42 \text{ N/m}^2 \geq \sigma_B$$

**Total Bending Stress is Greater than the Bending strength on material Hence design is unsafe**

**3 ANALYTICAL ANALYSIS FOR TOP AND BOTTOM FRAME WITH SHOWING THE EFFECT OF SUPPORTING PLATE (RIBS) ON FRAME**

NO OF PLATE	MOMENT OF INERTIA	$\sigma_b$	F.O.S	Maximum Deflection
0	1.45X10 <sup>10</sup>	55.08	4.53	0.336
2	1.56X10 <sup>10</sup>	50.97	4.90	0.33
4	1.68X10 <sup>10</sup>	47.41	5.27	0.31
6	1.80X10 <sup>10</sup>	44.35	5.63	0.29
8	1.91X10 <sup>10</sup>	41.62	6.00	0.27
10	2.03X10 <sup>10</sup>	39.23	6.37	0.25

NO OF PLATE	MOMENT OF INERTIA	$\sigma_b$	F.O.S	Maximum Deflection
0	2.36x10 <sup>11</sup>	30.57	8.04	0.466
2	6.53X10 <sup>9</sup>	29.68	8.28	0.44
4	6.81X10 <sup>9</sup>	28.43	8.74	0.42
6	6.83X10 <sup>9</sup>	27.97	8.79	0.41
8	7.38X10 <sup>9</sup>	25.89	9 <	< 0.4
10	7.67X10 <sup>9</sup>	24.91	9 <	< 0.4



**4. FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF TOP & BOTTOM FRAME**

Finite element analysis (FEA) is a computer simulation technique used in engineering analysis, it uses a numerical technique called the finite element method (FEM). The finite element method (FEM) is one of the most used methods in engineering. These methods and programs based on it are fundamental usage in CAD. FEA/FEM are indispensable in all engineering analysis where high performance is required. The main purpose of the study is to see a practical application using FEA to improve design of a typical mechanical component. One of the major advantages of FEM is the simplicity of its basic concepts.[17] To perform a finite element analysis, the user must develop a calculus model of the analyzed structure. There are no algorithms and general methods for developing a unique model that approximate, with a known error, the real structure. The development of structure of a model is based on the intuition experience and imagination of the user. Each model consists of lines, planes or curved surfaces and volumes, created in a 3D CAD environment. In this stage of development, the model is continuous with an infinite number of points like the real structure.[17]

The main goal of FEM is to obtain the finite element mesh, transforming the continuous structure into a discrete model, model with a finite no of points. The boundary condition and external loads are applied to this system before solving. The result of the solution is available at the nodes of the elements. Finite element analysis can display them in graphical form to

analyze them, to make design decisions and recommendations. Conventional analytical method for solving stress and strain become very complex and almost impossible when part geometry is very complex and almost impossible when part geometry is intricate. In such cases finite element modeling becomes very convenient means to carry out the analysis. Finite element process allows discretizing the intricate geometries into small fundamental volumes called finite element. It is possible to write the governing equations and material properties for these elements. These elements are then assembled by taking proper care of constraints and loading, which result in set of equations. These equations when solved give the result that described the behavior of original complex body being analyzed.[6]

A structural shape optimization problem is set up to minimize total cost, subject to the limits on structural performance measures. For every design iteration, finite element analysis (FEA) is conducted to evaluate structural performance. The process is repeated until specified convergence criterion is satisfied. Application programs developed to integrate commercially available CAD/CAM/FEA/Design optimization tools enable implementation in virtual environment and facilitate automation. The application programs can be reused for similar design problems provided that the same set of tools is used.[8]

**4.1 FEA Objective:-**

Primary: - Reduction of bending stresses causing bending of frame by optimizing the frame supports.

Secondary: Reduction of cost & Improve safety

The whole objective is to use FEA based simulation, and determine which the best design solution is. Optimize the frame structure by changing the design, material, structure of that frame.

**4.2 Element Selection**

For most supports analysis, the element selection is made from three categories of elements:

1. Ax symmetric solid elements
2. shell/plate elements
3. 3-D brick elements.

Although nearly all problems can be solved using 3-D brick elements, the other two types offer significant reductions in the solution time and effort where they are applicable, Therefore a four node quadratic shell Elements is selected [11]

**4.3 Meshing**

The accuracy of the FE model is highly dependent on the mesh employed In general; a finer mesh will produce more accurate results than a coarser mesh where the increased mesh density fails to produce a significant change in the results. At this point the mesh is said to be "converged." [17]

Map meshing Method used for meshing with Quad Element with Element number 100.

**4.4 Boundary & Loading condition**

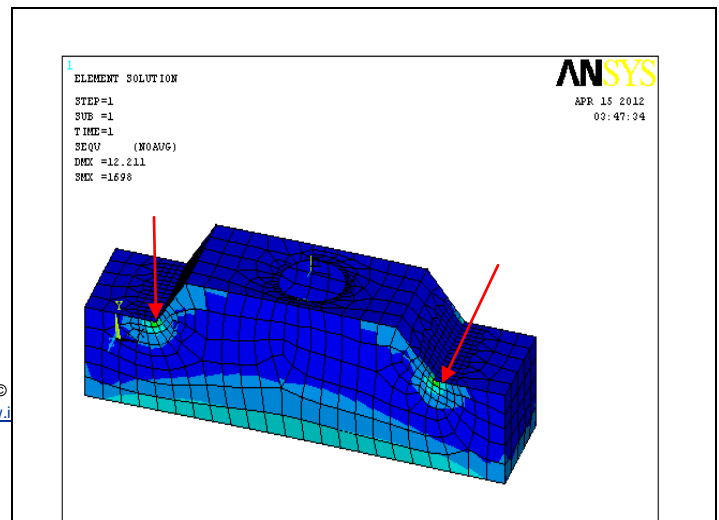
**TABLE3**  
**Boundary & Loading condition For Top frame**

Parts	force(N) due to Punching along upward direction	Self weight	Fix Displacement	Weight of the Hydraulic cylinder
Top frame Old model	177000	9810mm/sec <sup>2</sup> along downward direction	At support hinged	80kg or 784.8N

**TABLE4**  
**Boundary & Loading condition For Bottom frame**

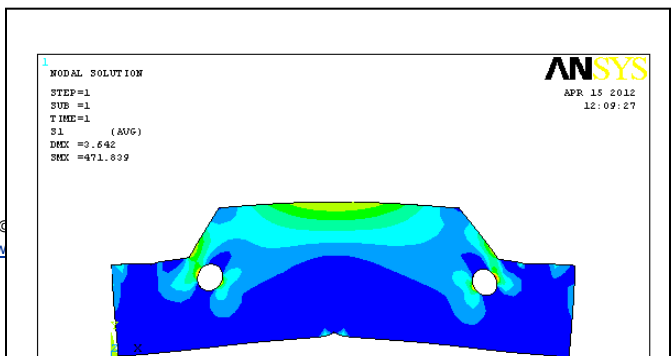
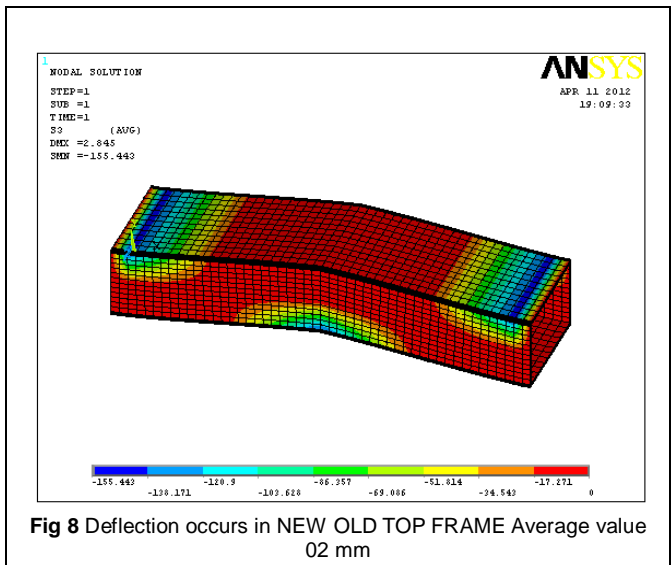
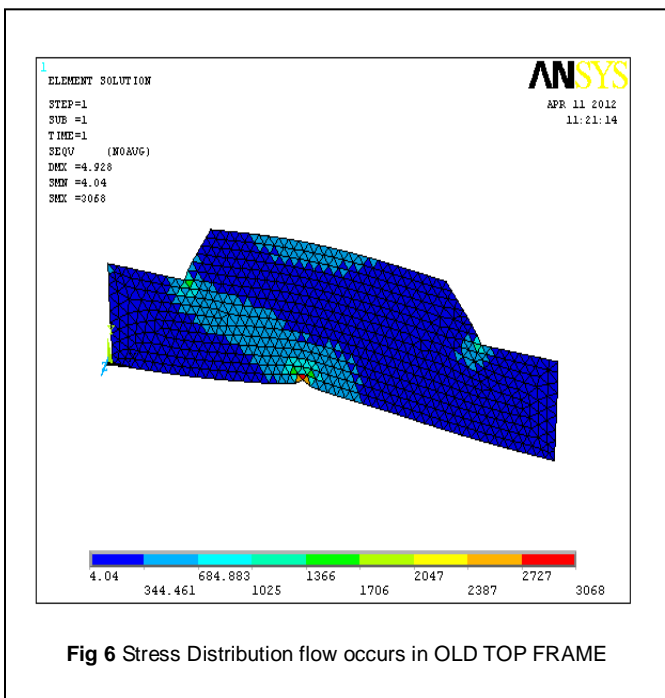
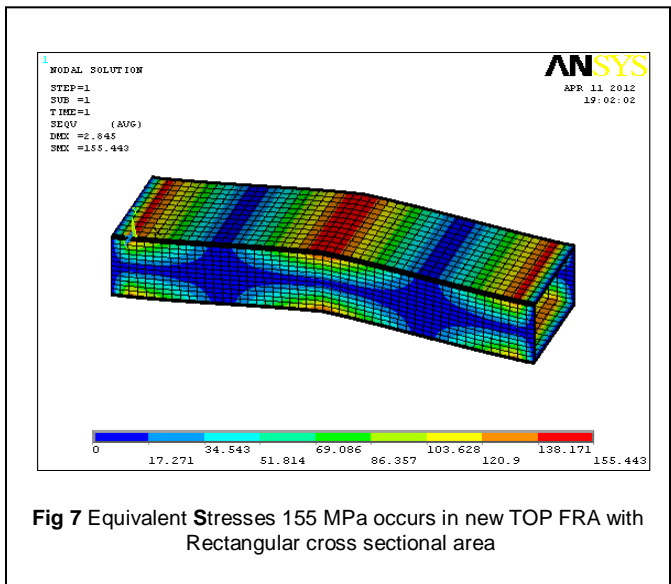
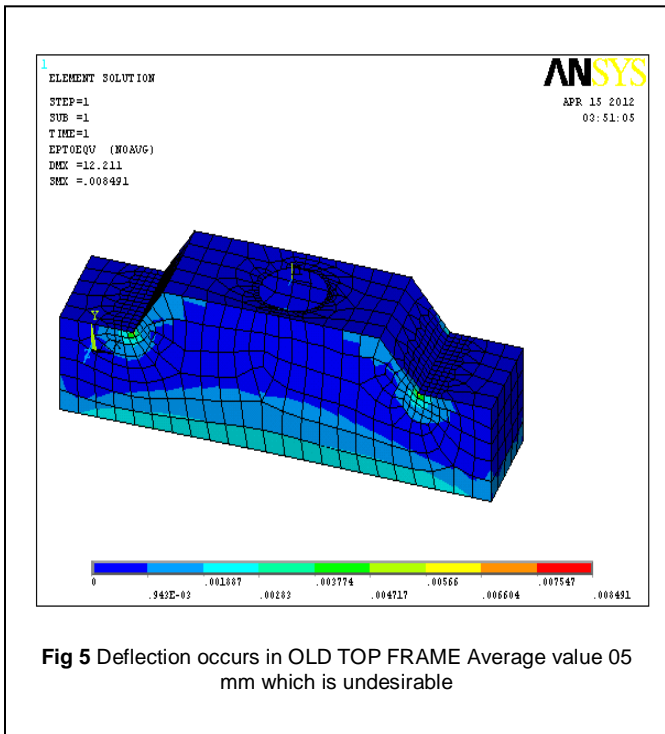
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**5 ANALYSIS RESULT WITH OLD FRAME**



REASULT CONCLUSION FROM FEA ANALYSIS

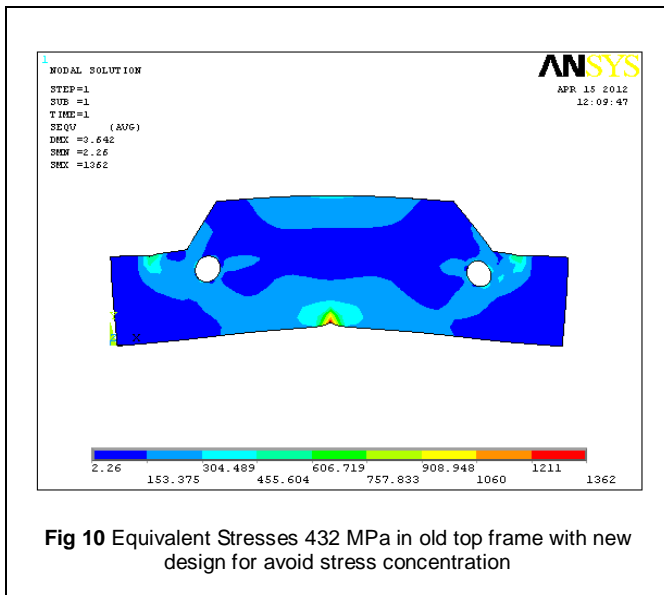
Equivalent stress observed that Equivalent stress >> Yield strength of material  
 Stress concentration at the point where failure occurs



### 6 FEA Optimization Processes [14]

The steps of optimization approach using topology optimization can then be stated as:

- identify the design space for the analyzed body,
- create the topology optimization model,
- formulate the optimization problem based on design requirements,
- perform topology optimization,
- create an optimized design based on the optimization results.



**Fig 10** Equivalent Stresses 432 MPa in old top frame with new design for avoid stress concentration

Objective function: Weight Minimization

Constraints: - Equivalent stresses i.e. Yield Strength of Material (310 Mpa) and Deformation (3 mm) [5]

Parameters: - By reducing and changing No of support plate for topology optimization Method [6][9][14]and changing the thickness of plate (size optimization) Changing the Material (Design optimization) [12][15][10]

### 7 OPTIMIZATION REASULT & DISCUSSION

TABLE6  
 ITERATION REASULT IN OPTIMIZATION PROCSESSES

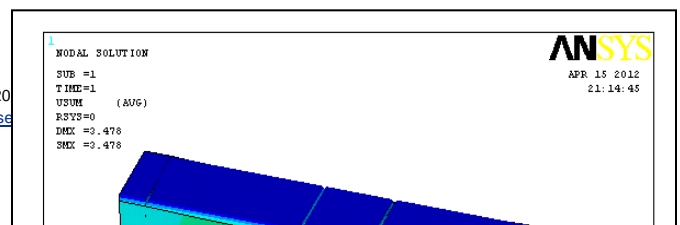
Re- sult Itera- tion No	De- form (mm)	Design changes	Ma- terial	Yield streng h MPa	Max stres s oc- curs	Design
1	2.974	6 Plate	Str Steel	310	<Syt	Safe
2	3.404	6 Plate 20 th upper and bottom plate	Str Steel	310	>Syt	Not safe
3	3.40	4 plate	Str Steel	310	>sy	Not safe
4	3.478	16 th top & bottom plate	Str Steel	310	>Syt	Not safe
5	3.470	20 th top and bottom plate	Str Steel	310	>sy	Not safe
6	2.10	Material change	Alloy Steel, 20Mn2	490	<Syt E=6 87- 834 Mpa	Safe

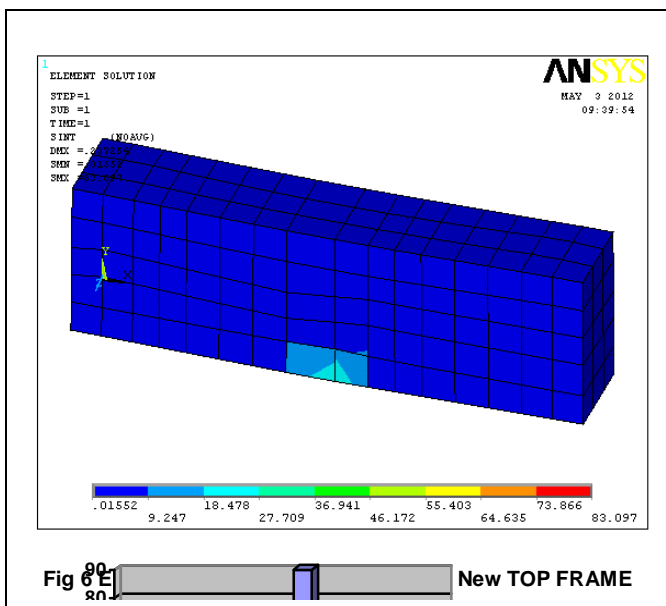
Table5  
 Comparison between Last three cases

Analysis parts	Maximum stresses	Maximum deflection	Material used	Remark
Old frame	1294	5.769	Structural steel	Failure
Modified frame	155.44	2.013	Structural steel	Less than Yield Strength
Modified old for reduce stress construction	432.96	3.642	Structural steel IST20	Greater than Yield strength

Analytically It is found that Rectangular cross sectional top frame most suitable for Hydraulic press. Now Optimize the Rectangular cross sectional top frame.

### 8 FEA ANALYSIS REASULT FOR OPTIMIZATION





design examples. Furthermore, the process starts with preliminary information about the component and delivers optimum components at the end.

The design calculations of Hydraulic press system are playing important role as we come to know the value of total force develops in the system. The value of tensile stresses developed in the system is greater than the permissible limit. Selection of good shape provides strength to the system as the system is only undergoing through bending according to the FEA Analysis the best solution is obtained by changing the shape and design of the Top and Bottom frame structure.

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**TABLE 7:**  
**COMPARISON OF CURRENT DESIGN AND NEW DESIGN WEIGHT**

Component	Current design weight (kg)	New design weight (kg)	Weight reduction (kg)	Weight reduction In Percentage
FRAME WEIGHT	2146	1854	292	13%
FRAME COST (Rs)	1,60,950	1,39,050	21,900	15%

Considering (Material cost + Fabrication cost) = Rs 75/kg

**9 CONCLUSIONS**

The proposed design process successfully incorporates into a structural shape optimization problem. In addition to ensuring manufacturability of the structurally optimized components, the design process delivers components with minimum cost and required performance. The trade-off between structural performance and machining cost is highlighted using these

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