

IANC-2025 DESIGN-A-THON

DESIGN-A-THON RULES

- **A group of not more than 4 members per team**
- **Max. Duration: 10 days**
- **From a given set of four problems, a team can choose any one problem**
- **Multiple teams can work on the same problem**
- **Any software or open sources can be used, but need to be referenced/acknowledged**
- **Complete solution along with the journey needs to be presented during the event**
- **Team score will depend on,**
 - Problem understanding
 - Planning
 - Execution
 - Final outcome
 - Presentation
- **Team with maximum points will be awarded the first, second and third prizes**
 - First prize: 75,000/- INR
 - Second prize: 55,000/- INR
 - Third prize (Team 1): 35,000/- INR
 - Third prize (Team 2): 35,000/- INR

DP1: BRUSH SEAL LEAK CALCULATION

Develop a model and find out flow through the brush seal whose parameter values are given below and shown in figures. For other parameters make the assumptions with engineering judgement.

Typical brush seal geometry and principal can be seen in video published by MTU in <https://youtu.be/xqbH6Kyoj8k?feature=shared>

Seal parameters:

Axial clearance between front & back plate (z_{fb}) = 2mm

Fence Height (h_f) = 1.88mm

Free bristle height (h_{fb}) = 13.9mm

Bristle pack thickness (t_{bp}) = 1.15mm

Bristle tip diameter (d) = 0.102mm

Lay angle (θ) = 45°

Number of bristle rows (N_b) = 11

Packing density (N) = 78.7 /mm

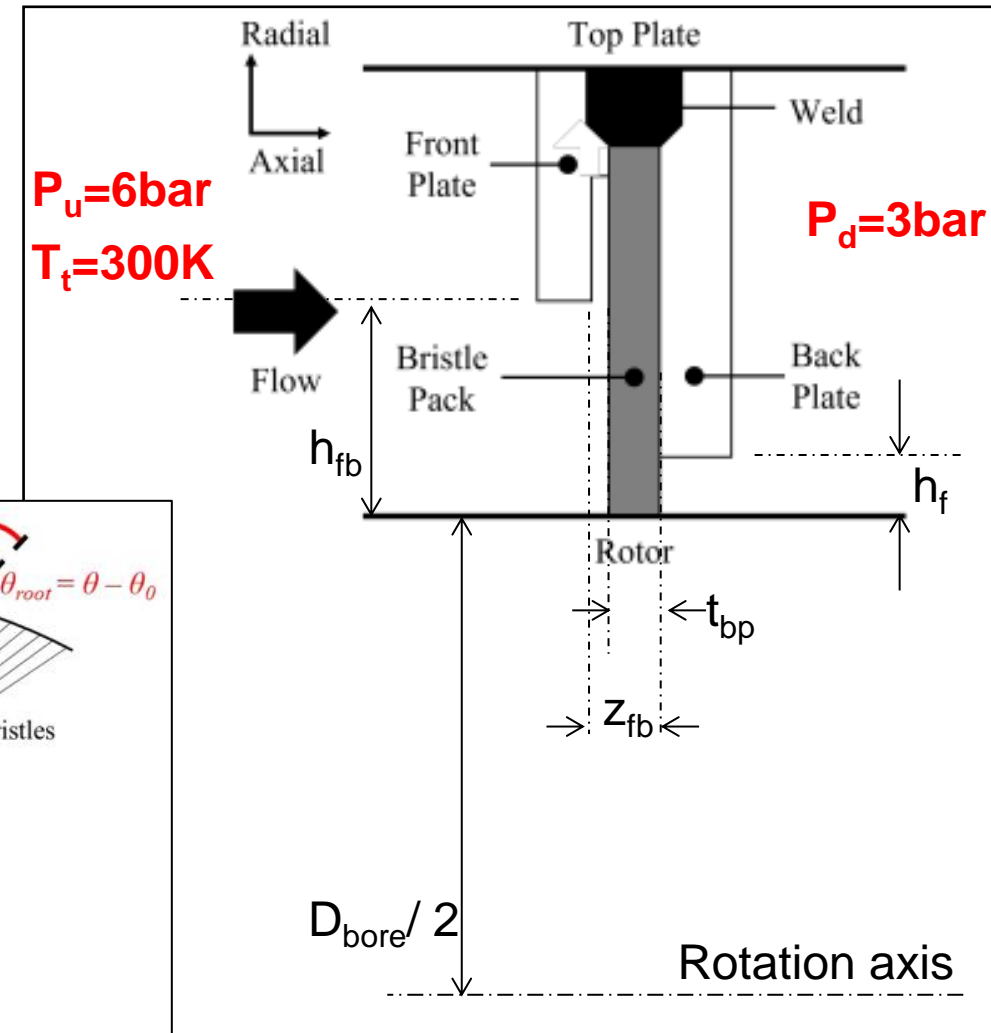
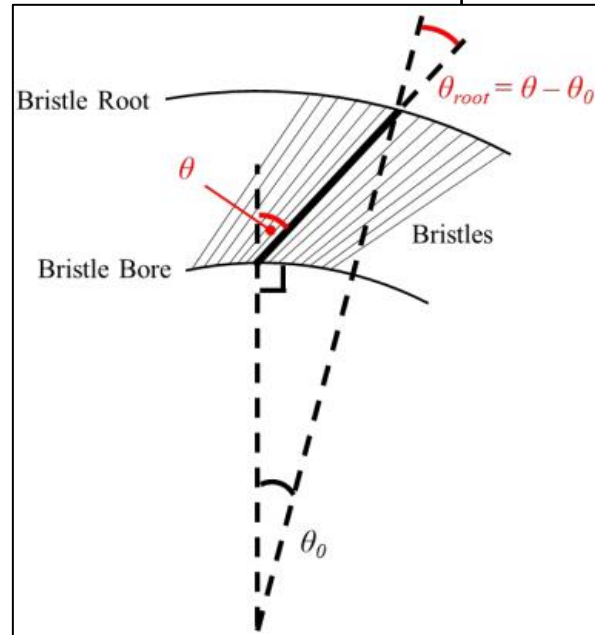
Bristle bore diameter (D_{bore}) = 150mm

Bristle material Young's modulus (E) = 229 Gpa

Shaft speed (N_{rpm}) = 30000 and 15000 rpm

Upstream high pressure (P_u) = 6 bar

Downstream low pressure (P_d) = 3 bar



DP2: EQUIVALENT STIFFNESS IN BEAM MODEL: 3D V/S 1D

3D modeling of bolted flange joints is not always possible especially if the models are big. Hence engineers often model the equivalent of a bolted flange to connect the mating parts using a spring with translational and rotational stiffness based on engineering judgement. It is the objective of the current problem statement to find an equivalent stiffness of the bolted flange joint, which will be used in a 1D representation of the structure. The equivalent stiffness should help to ensure that the results from both 3D models and 1D models match closely.

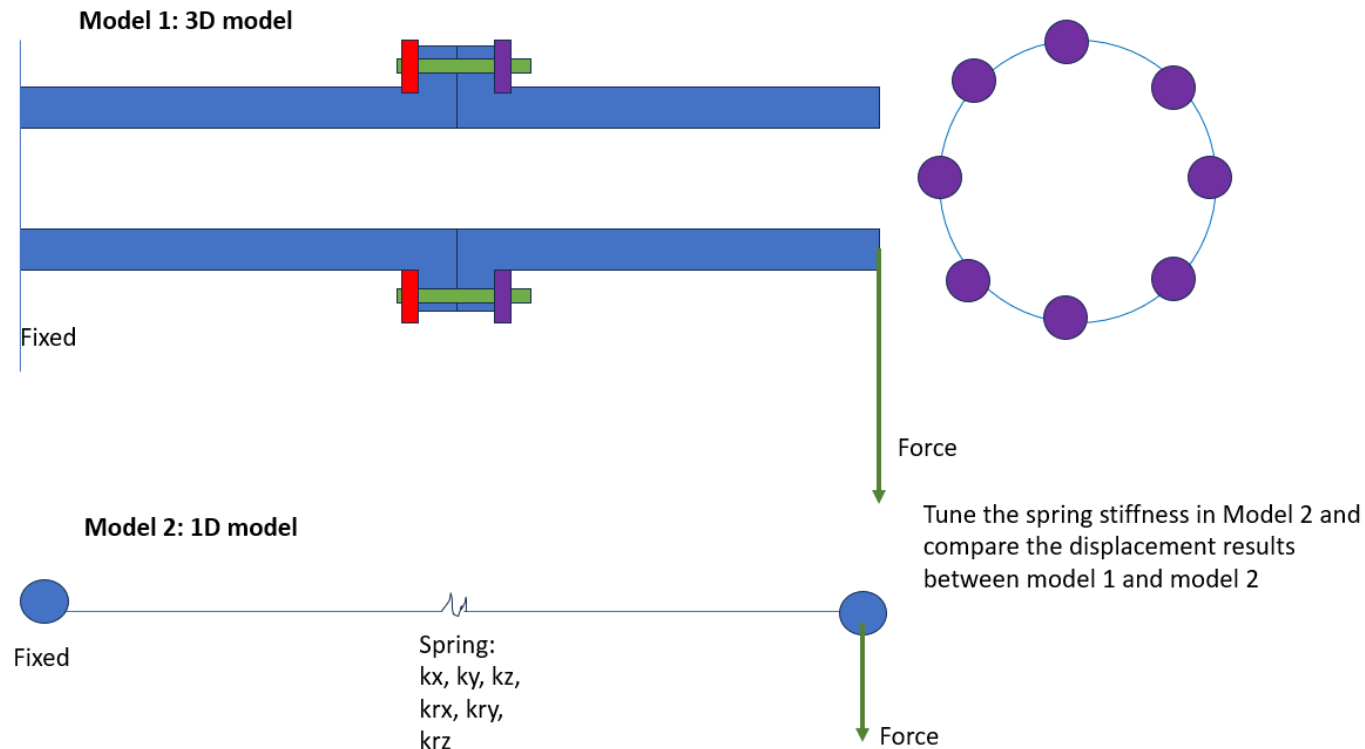
Dimensions:

- Two concentric cylinders with 40 inch diameter;
Cylinder thickness: 0.15 inches;
- 10 standard bolts and nuts around the circumference to connect the cylinders
- Flange height ~1.5 inch
- Bolt diameter ~0.25 inches (model nuts and bolts with approximate dimensions); bolt preload: 1500 lbf;
- Flange thickness 0.25 inches

Materials: Steel

Boundary conditions:

- Fixed one end of the cylinder in directions
- Apply 1000 lbf force on the free end of the second cylinder



DP3: ARM OPTIMIZATION

Problem Statement: Minimize the thermal growth of the ring at locations 'A' & 'B' by designing the arm, which is connect at the center of the ring and constrained axially at radius 'Ro' as shown in the figure.

Requirement:

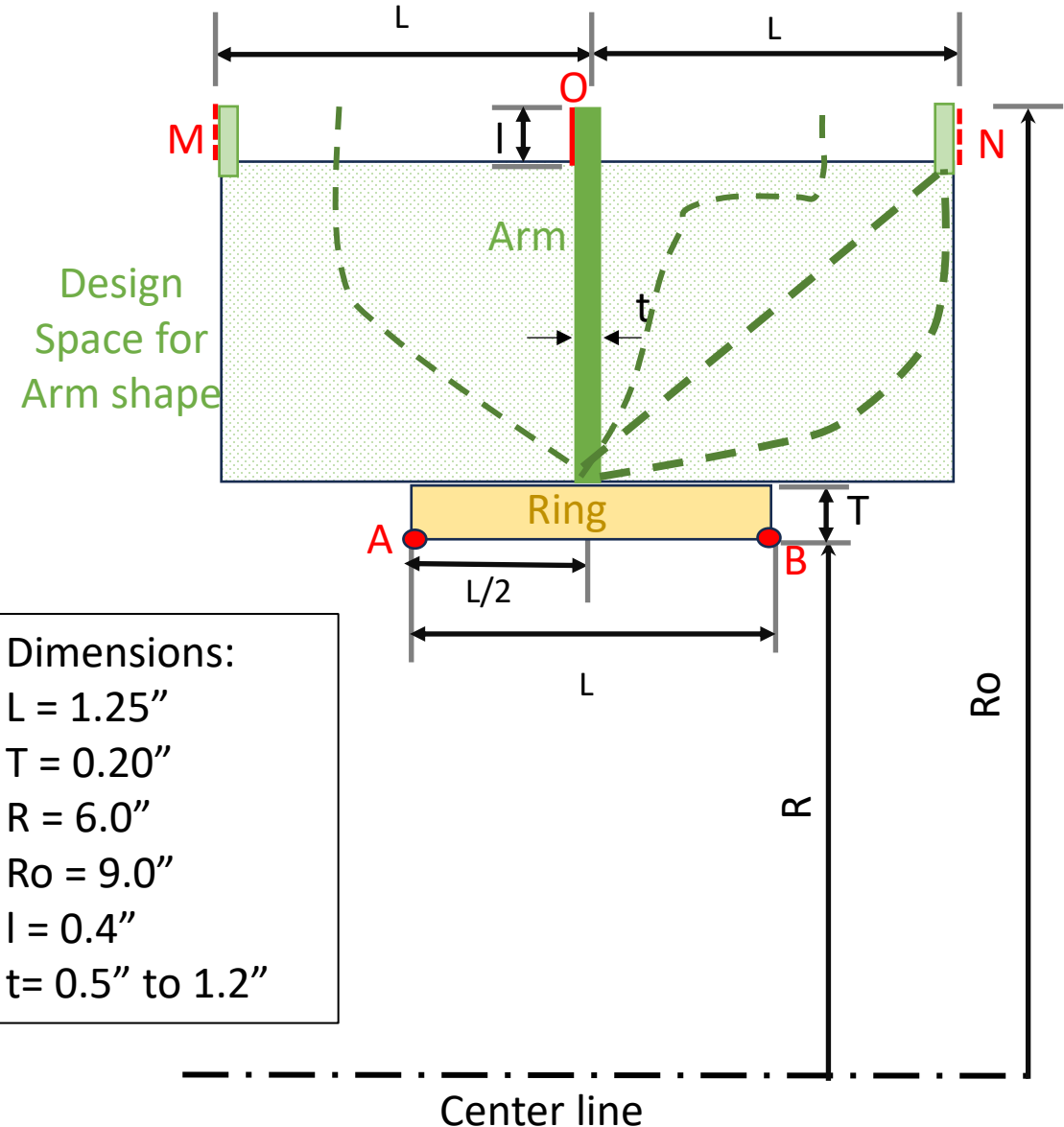
- Design an arm, with varying the thickness, t (0.5" to 1.2"), shape and position of the axial constraint at a radius of 'Ro'. The arm outer position can move any where between locations M & N.
- Arm shape can vary and should fit in the design space. Some example shapes of the arms shown in dotted line in the picture

Model: Consider it as axisymmetric model

Boundary Conditions:

Temperature of ring and arm : 1000F uniform

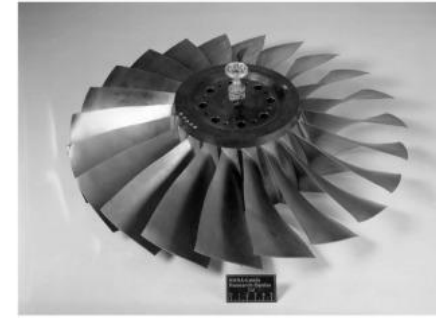
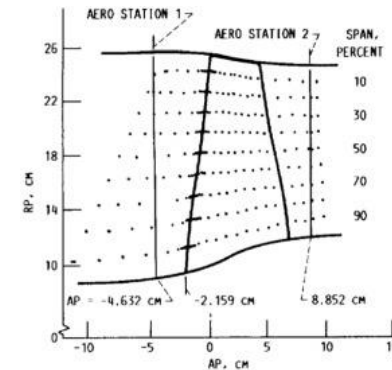
Material of ring and arm: Inconel 718



DP4: Tool to Design Shroud Contouring Shape for Stators

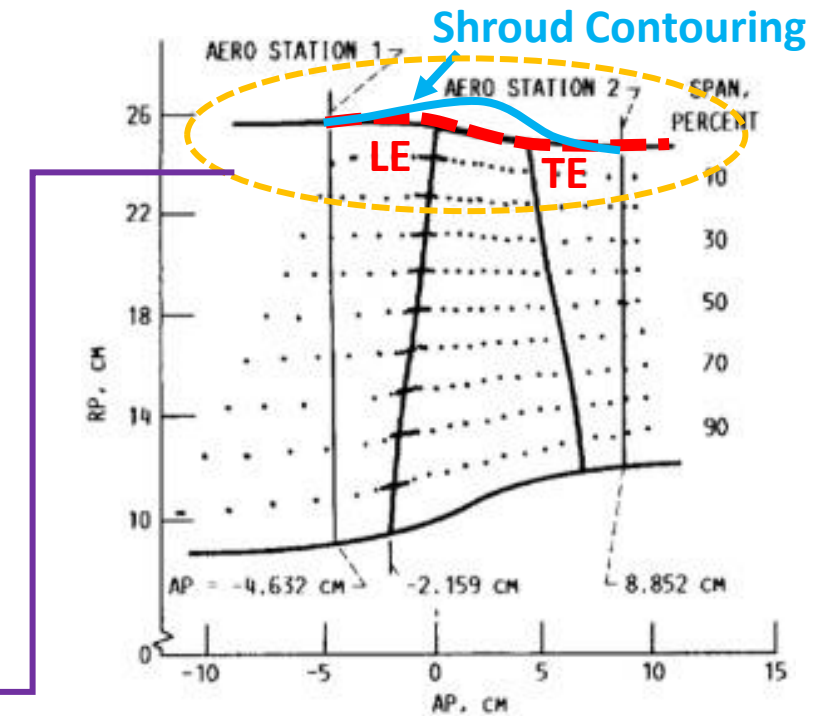
- Tool should be able to read coordinates of points from NACA 67 Rotor Shroud Curve or .txt file which contains shroud line coordinates in R, θ, Z co-ordinate system.
- The tool allow user to constrain upstream of leading edge (LE) and downstream of trailing edge (TE) points
- The tool should start shroud contouring from LE to TE and the contouring need to have smooth transition
- The tool should have option available to start and end of the contouring
- Tool should be able to provide final contoured curve file in the .csv or .txt format with R, θ, Z co-ordinate system.

Representative image NACA 67 Rotor

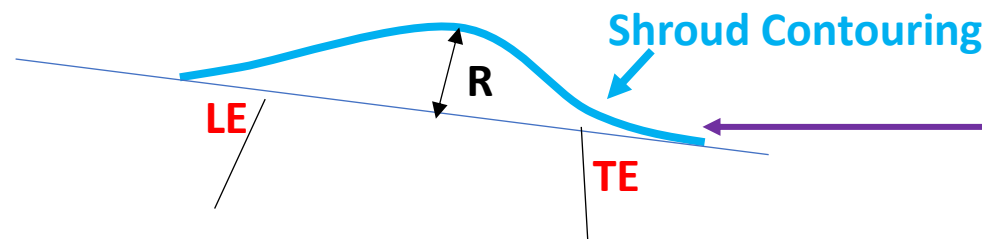


(a)

(b)




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DP5: DESIGN OF EM ACTUATOR


Problem statement: Design the EM actuator for 50N-m Torque output, With output speed of 1000RPM.

The design process shall have


1. Concept (30% weightage)  Idea / Innovate

2. Trade studies (30% weightage) 

3. Detail design with actual gear box design(Preferred Harmonic gear drive)(30% Weightage) 

4. A design which is printable (10%) 

Select Motor

Design
Gear Box 

[Strain wave gearing - Wikipedia](#)
[The basic components of a harmonic drive gear. | Download Scientific Diagram](#)