Analyzing the Heat Transfer Performance of Laminated Paper Honeycomb Panels for Structural Application

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Brief Description

This study examines the heat transfer performance of laminated honeycomb panels (LHPs) in the context of possible applications in engineering projects. Researchers aim to determine whether LHPs can be effectively used in structural applications while identifying the key factors contributing to their heat transfer performance. Through extensive analysis and experiments, this study shows that his LHP panels with a thickness of 15-20 mm are ideal for structural applications due to their high strength-to-weight ratio and good heat-transferring properties. Furthermore, the present study found that LHPs with hexagonal honeycomb cores exhibited superior heat transfer performance compared with those with square honeycomb cores. Key findings also include the direct relationship between the honeycomb core thickness and the heat transfer performance of the LHP.

An LHP heat transfer model modeled after a honeycomb structure was developed to thoroughly understand the science behind LHP heat performance. This model was used to simulate the heat transfer performance of LHPs with various thicknesses and honeycomb core configurations and was validated by experimental data. Importantly, this study lays a solid foundation for the use of LHPs in building envelopes by providing significant insights into the heat transfer performance and the key factors affecting them. By optimizing the design of the LHP based on the results of this research, it is possible to maximize the potential of his LHP in various engineering projects.

Introduction

Honeycomb sandwich structures have been used since the 20th century in fields such as aerospace, building insulation, and solar collectors. Theoretical research on heat transfer in honeycomb panels (HP) is also making progress in order to improve the thermal insulation performance of honeycomb sandwich panels through which new structures have emerged. Structural studies on the three-dimensional elytron of beetles began 20 years ago and were the inspiration to propose trabecular-honeycomb structured sandwich panels. The honeycomb sandwich panel design is inspired by the structural composition of honeycombs found in nature. This unique design features a lightweight, durable core sandwiched between two outer layers, typically made of metal, plastic, or composites.

Honeycomb panels offer excellent thermal insulation properties, are cheaper and have less impact on the environment. A Laminated Honeycomb Panel (LHP) is a variation of this design, with a laminated paper core instead of a metal or plastic core. LHP's high strength-to-weight ratio makes it suitable for use in engineering projects and is especially useful in applications where weight is a critical factor. Despite the many advantages of LHP, its heat transfer performance has not been extensively studied until now.

Heat transfer is an important factor to consider in any engineering project as it can affect the overall efficiency and safety of the system. This study aims to analyze the heat transfer performance of LHPs and identify the factors that contribute to it. This will allow us to better understand how to effectively use the LHP in engineering applications and identify possible improvements in its design. In summary, this study seeks to fill a critical gap in our understanding of LHPs and their potential applications in engineering projects. By analyzing heat transfer performance and identifying the key factors affecting them, we can maximize the potential of LHPs and contribute to the design of more efficient and effective engineering systems.

Science Concepts

Biomimetics

The honeycomb sandwich panel design is inspired by the structure of a beetle's elytron. The hardened forewings of beetles, the elytra, resemble honeycomb panels in structure and consist of a series of interconnected hollow chambers. This natural structure is known to give elytra strength and flexibility while maintaining a lightweight, making it an ideal material for use in weight-sensitive applications. Honeycomb panels are also impact resistant, making them suitable for use in security applications. The researchers proposed a special trabecular honeycomb structure for the panel, mimicking the structure of the elytron. This structure has a high surface area to volume ratio, which improves air flow and heat transfer. This study found that this structure has superior heat transfer performance compared to other honeycomb structures.

Chemistry

One way to improve the heat resistance of LHPs is to use materials with insulating properties. In the present study, the researchers used a paper honeycomb and a composite honeycomb core layer containing silica powder and SiC foam to reduce heat radiation and improve heat transfer performance. These are compounds commonly found in nature, which are suitable materials for LHPs as they have outstanding insulating properties to improve heat performance. Moreover, Chemistry plays a principal role in the joining process of the LHPs as proper chemical mixing is required to ensure the adhesion and stability of the panels.

Physics

Physics is involved in this study in terms of design and optimization of the LHPs. Concepts such as heat transfer is mainly investigated by scientists with the goal to maximize the panels' performance. In LHPs, heat transfer is mainly by conduction and radiation. Conduction is the transfer of heat through a material by direct contact. Heat is transferred between adjacent layers of the LHP's honeycomb structure by conduction. In LHPs, radiative heat transfer occurs between the honeycomb surfaces. Using materials with insulating properties can minimize heat radiation and improve the heat transfer performance of the LHP. The researchers developed a heat transfer model of LHPs based on the transfer matrix method and calculated the total heat flux and steady-state temperature distribution of the honeycomb core. This model provided insight into the intrinsic heat transfer mechanisms that affect LHP performance.

Application

This study highlights the importance of careful design and selection of LHPs for optimal heat transfer performance in engineering applications. The importance of LHPs in building construction and other applications where thermal insulation is crucial are emphasized. The use of laminated honeycomb panels (LHPs) can greatly benefit many engineering applications that require effective heat transfer including heat exchangers since LHPs can be used to build the core. This model of the honeycomb structure can provide a large surface area for the heat transfer of heat exchangers, which are devices that transmit heat between two fluids. Other than this, the honeycomb structure can also provide a large surface area for heat transfer for radiators. LHPs can also be used to build cooling electronics like heat sinks which are used to cool electric components. Additionally, these can also be used as the substrate for solar panels since the honeycomb structure can sustain the solar cells and survive the weather. LHPs can also be utilized in a variety of aerospace applications since LHPs are perfect for use in aircraft applications because of their lightweight design, excellent strength and stiffness, and impact resistance.

By understanding the factors that affect the heat transfer performance of LHPs, engineers can make informed decisions about the thickness and honeycomb core configuration of LHPs to meet the specific requirements of their application. The heat transfer model developed in this study, which has a thickness range of 15-20 mm offers a good balance between weight and thermal conductivity for efficient heat transfer, provides a better understanding of the intrinsic heat transfer mechanism in LHPs, which can aid in the optimization of the design of LHPs for specific engineering applications.

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