



Design and Analysis of Solar Powered Bicycle

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ABSTRACT

There are many transportation companies in today's tech era, but the soaring prices of fuels such as gasoline and diesel make buying them a big problem. Contamination with the above fuels is also a big issue. Therefore, in this article, we have described solar-based bicycles that operate on solar energy and do not generate pollution.

Vehicle pollution is due to harmful pollutants released into the environment through automobiles. The rapid growth of vehicles means that more fuel is burned, leading to the emission of harmful gases to the environment, which in turn causes serious health problems. Exposure to high levels of air pollution can have a variety of adverse health effects. Increases the risk of respiratory infections, heart disease and lung cancer.

Short-term and long-term exposure to pollutants is associated with health effects. So, in this current situation it very important to have an alternative source for polluted environment. The solar powered electric bicycle is one of the best alternatives for these heavily polluted vehicles. Simple design and low cost pollution free vehicle which is affordable by all classes of people.

Solar-powered electric bikes are driven by solar panels attached to the bike and connected to a hub motor for a comfortable ride. A solar panel is connected to a solar cell to collect solar energy from the sun and convert this energy into electrical energy.

In this work the dimensions of cycle parts were measured and analyzed with the obtained design calculations. Solid works is used for modeling, assembling and analyses. Analyses was done with stress, deflection and von-mises stress in XYZ directions using 5 different loads 1000N,1250N,1500N,1750N and 2000N. The behavior of cycle frame for various loads are analyzed from the graphs drawn.

KEYWORDS: Contamination, Solar Panels, Renewable Energy, Hub.

1. INTRODUCTION

Traffic is one of the largest causes of air pollution in urban areas. Air pollutants have many implications for human health, climate, ecosystems, and the environment in which they are built. European and global authorities support zero-emission mobility and believe it is necessary for the development of national sustainability strategies. Since 2000, the government has promoted bicycles as an alternative to private cars, especially in urban areas

where terrain and road networks allow. Bicycles can help reduce air pollution, traffic jams, noise emissions and energy consumption while enabling a healthier lifestyle for users. In addition, bicycles are one of the most accessible and cheapest means of transportation (for example, there are no additional taxes, driver's licenses, parking fees, high maintenance costs for services such as cars). Many cities encourage cycling, especially by introducing bicycle sharing schemes for public use.

An alternative of the conventional bicycle is the electric bicycle (e-bike). The term electrical bike or 'e-bike' refers to all two-wheeled electric vehicles (EVs), more specifically to bicycles, with different levels of assistance to the user. A small electric motor and a rechargeable battery are used to assist the power that is provided by the rider.

The battery can provide energy for high acceleration.

The motor power ranges from 200 Watts to 4000 Watts.

E-bike weight ranges from 20 kg to 45 kg.

Travel distance ranges as high as 150 km.

Speed is generally less than 45 km/h.

Due to the confusion that was mentioned above, electric bikes are divided into two categories according to the characteristics they present: bicycle-style electric bikes (BSEB) and speed peddles.

1 Purpose of the work

Solar E-cycle is a bicycle which runs using the electrical energy of battery to run the hub motor which ultimately runs the bicycle. Solar energy is used to charge the battery. Ebikes use rechargeable batteries and the lighter ones can travel up to 25 to 32 km/hr, while the more high-powered varieties can often do more than 45 km/hr. Since the fuel prices not only in India but throughout the world is increasing day by day thus there is a tremendous need to search for an alternative, to conserve these natural resources. Thus a solar bicycle is an electric vehicle that provides an alternative by harnessing solar energy to charge the battery and thus provide required voltage to run the motor. Since India is blessed with nine months of sunny climate thus concept of solar bicycle is very friendly in India. Hybrid bicycle uses solar energy to charge the battery which in turn runs the bicycle. Thus solar hybrid bicycle can become a very vital alternative to the fueled automobile thus its manufacturing is essential



Figure 1.1. Components of bicycle

Table 1.1: Specifications of Gear motor

S.No		
1	Maximum Power(Pmax)	20W
2	Voltage at Pmax	17V
3	O.C Voltage	12V
4	S.C Voltage	1.2A
5	NOCT	45

S.No		Details
1	Length	160mm
2	Shaft Diameter	6mm
3	A voltage	24V
4	Weight	2.5 kg

Table 1.2: Specification of Solar Panel

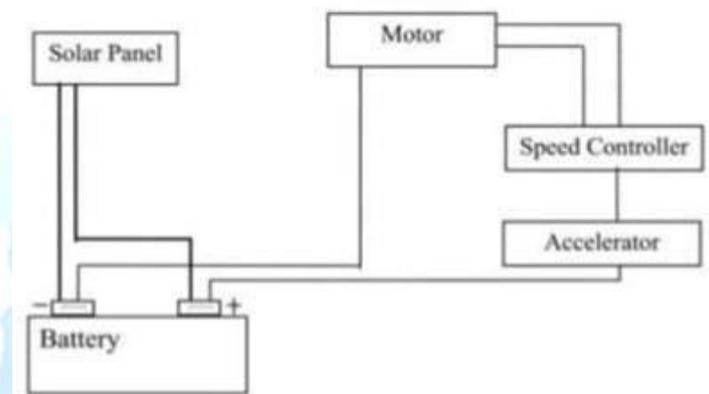


Figure 1.8: Circuit Diagram

Objectives of the present work

- To analyse bicycle frame by applying various loads.
- To find the maximum load that the bicycle can bear.
- To analyse the relation between load and stress for various values of load .
- To analyse the relation between load and vonmises stress for various valuesof load .
- To analyse the relation between load and displacement for various values ofload .

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Global warming and traditional resources are becoming a major the problem in the current scenario. Due to the economic challenges india is facing in automated sector Solar bicycle has a huge growth potential. Previous researches have concentrated their work on inclined

roads, finding kinetic energy where as in this work analyses is done.

Jean-Marc Timmermans et al., [1] has given a comparative study on different types of electrically assisted bicycles in his paper with an idea to make the bicycle, to use the loss of energy with flywheel, when sudden brake is applied and how it can be automatically recharge by using renewable solar energy with normal pedaling method.

Todd Litman has presented in his paper a comparison of four transportation energy conservation strategies using a comprehensive evaluation framework that takes into account how each strategy affects annual vehicle travel, and therefore mileage-related impacts such as traffic congestion, road and parking facility costs, and crashes [2].

Hampus Ekblad et al., presented the result of a literature study concerning how different factors associated with bicycle planning influence the propensity to choose the bicycle for transportation [3].

Bradley C. Keoun [4] in his paper Electric Vehicle Intelligent Control System has offered an ingenious and cost-effective way to monitor the speed of the electric motor and the electric vehicle. Furthermore, the Wireless Remote Desktop Control Module is an innovative integral of EVICS in providing real time problem solving and maintenance work done on the electric vehicle more effective and efficient without leaving the comfort of the engineer's seat.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Materials for frame

There are a wide variety of materials used in bicycle frames. Bike frames were originally made from wood, but modern frames are made primarily from aluminum, steel, titanium and carbon fiber. Some of the less common materials used in creating frames include bamboo, thermoplastics and magnesium. Bicycle frames constructed from the more common frame materials can be seen in Figure



The materials used for mountain bicycle frames have a wide range of mechanical properties. These properties can be seen in Table 1. There is not one material in the table that has advantageous properties in each category, which explains why manufacturers continue to fabricate frames from several different materials.

TABLE 3.1: SPECIFICATIONS OF MATERIALS FOR FRAME

Material	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	Yield Strength (MPa)	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Fatigue Strength at 50,000 Cycles (MPa)	Density (kg/m ³)	Weldability and Machinability	Cost (rupees per kg)
Aluminum – 6061-T6	72	193-290	241-320	75	2,700	Excellent	280
Steel – 4130	205	800-1,000	650	250	7,800	Excellent	170
Titanium – Grade 9	91-95	483-620	621-750	250	4,480	Fair	4000
Carbon Fiber	275-415	Varies	Varies	Varies	1,800	Fair	Varies

3.2 Methodology

SolidWorks is a solid modeling computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided engineering (CAE) computer program that runs on Microsoft Windows.

SolidWorks is published by Dassault Systems.

According to the publisher, over two million engineers and designers at more than 165,000 companies were using SolidWorks as of 2013. Fiscal year 2011–12 revenue for SolidWorks totaled \$483 million

Parameters refer to constraints whose values determine the shape or geometry of the model or assembly. Parameters can be either numeric parameters, such as line lengths or circle diameters, or geometric parameters, such as tangent, parallel, concentric, horizontal or vertical, etc. Numeric parameters can be associated with each other through the use of relations, which allows them to capture design intent.

Design intent is how the creator of the part wants it to respond to changes and updates. For example, you would want the hole at the top of a beverage can to stay at the top surface, regardless of the height or size of the can. SolidWorks allows the user to specify that the hole is

a feature on the top surface, and will then honor their design intent no matter what height they later assign to the can.

Features refer to the building blocks of the part. They are the shapes and operations that construct the part. Shape-based features typically begin with a 2D or 3D sketch of shapes such as bosses, holes, slots, etc. This shape is then extruded or cut to add or remove material from the part. Operation-based features are not sketch-based, and include features such as fillets, chamfers, shells, applying draft to the faces of a part, etc.

Vehicle dynamics:

Total load = Vehicle load + Rider load
= 80+70

M=150kg

Aerodynamic drag: (Fa)

$F_a = \frac{1}{2} \rho_a C_d A_f (V_{\text{bike}} - V_{\text{wind}})^2$ C_d = Aerodynamic drag coefficient = 0.75 ρ_a = Density of air = 1.225kg/m³

A_f = Frontal area = 0.7

$V_{\text{bike}} = 25\text{kmph} = 6.94$ $V_{\text{wind}} = 0.004$

$F_a = \frac{1}{2} (1.225) (0.75) (0.7) (6.9)^2$

$F_a = 15.3\text{N}$

2) Rolling Resistance: (Fr)

$F_r = C_r mg \cos \alpha$ M=150kg = mass of vehicle α

= Road inclination angle C_r

= 0.015

$F_r = 0.015 * 9.8 * 150 * 1$ $F_r = 22.05\text{N}$

Grading force: (Fa)

If grade % = 14 $\alpha = \tan^{-1} (14/100) = 8.850$

$F_g = mg \sin \alpha$ $F_g = 150 * 9.8 * \sin(8.85)$

$F_g = 226.15\text{N}$

If $\alpha = 50$ $F_g = 128.11\text{N}$

4) Angular force: (Fwa)

Angular acceleration = $\frac{mr^2}{4}$ M= mass of wheel = 4kg R=

0.216 $a_w = \frac{mr^2}{4} =$

0.046kg/m²

Angular force is negligible. Since we are not using hub motor.

5) Tractive power: (Ft)

$F_t = F_a + F_r + F_g + F_{wa} + F_{la}$ F_{la} is linear force

Minimum grading angle = 3.8

$A = 0.683\text{m/s}^2$

$F_{la} = ma$

$F_{la} = 150 * 0.683$ $F_{la} =$

102.45N

$F_t = 139.8\text{N}$

Motor selection

$F_t = F_a + F_r + F_g + F_{wa} + F_{la}$

$F_t = 102.45 + 22.05 + 15.3 + 0 + 0$

$F_t = 139.8\text{N}$

Traction power:

$P_t = F_t * V$ $V = 25\text{kmph} = 6.94\text{m/s}$

$P_t = 139.8 * 6.94$

back calculation:

$P_t = 970.212\text{W}$

100w rated power is selected Battery

Energy required = 1kwh [for 1000w rated motor] Electrical

energy = $V * Ah$ 1 kwh =

$480 * Ah$ $Ah = 1000/48$ $Ah = 20.88\text{Ah}$

Ah can be more be 20.88Ah

Greater Ah can be used for more run time Design Calculations

Design of Bike:

Here we have uses permanent magnet self generating motor with 250 watt power and 2100rpm. The motor runs on 48volts and 7.5amp power source. This motor can reach a peak current during starting equal to 15 amp.

$P = 2 * 3.14 * N * T / 60$

$250 = 2 * 3.14 * 2100 * T / 60$ $T = 1.13\text{N m} = 1136\text{N-mm}$

Reduction in chain drive R chain = 66 / 11 = 6 : 1

Torque at wheel shaft = $T * R_{\text{chain}} = 1136 * 6 = 6820\text{N mm}$

Speed of wheel shaft = 2100/6 = 350 rpm

Designing of shaft Bending:

The force which develops across a specific cross section of the shaft, it generates stress at that point of cross section that are subjected to maximum loading. This internal or resisting movement gives rise to the stress called as bending stresses.

Torsion:

When the shaft which is twisted by the couple such that the axis of the shaft and the axis of the couple harmonize, that shaft is subjected to pure torsion and the stresses generated at that point of cross section is torsion or shear stresses.

Combined bending and Torsion:

In actual practice the shaft is subjected to combination of the above two types of stresses i.e. bending and torsion. The bending stresses may occur due any one of the following reasons; 1. Weight of belt 2. Pull of belts 3. Eccentric mounting of shafts / gears 4. misalignment of shafts / gears On contrary, the torsional movement occurs due to direct or indirect twisting of the shaft. Hence at

any given point on cross-section of the shaft, the shaft is subjected to both bending and torsional stresses simultaneously. Following stresses are taken in consideration while designing the shaft

Shaft Design

$$T = 36000 \text{ N mm}$$

$$T = 3.14 / 16 \times \sigma_s \times d^3 F_s \text{ allowable} = 80 \text{ N/mm}^2 \quad 6820 = 3.14 \times \sigma_s \times d^3 / 16 \quad \sigma_s = 34.73 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Material} = \text{C 45 (mild steel)} \quad \sigma_{ut} = 320 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

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PSG design data book. Factor of safety = 2 $\sigma_t = \sigma_h$

$$= \sigma_{ut} / \text{fos} = 320/2 = 160 \text{ N/mm}^2 \quad \sigma_s = 0.5 \sigma_t$$

= 0.5x160= 80 N/mm² σ_s is less than allowable so our shaft design is safe

Design of sprocket and chain for electric bike We know, transmission ratio = $Z_2 / Z_1 = 66/11 = 6$ For the above transmission ratio number of teeth on pinion and the number of teeth sprocket in the range of 21 to 10, so we have to select number of teeth on pinion sprocket as 11 teeth. So, $Z_1 = 11$ teeth selection of pitch of sprocket The pitch is decided on the basis of RPM of sprocket. RPM of pinion sprocket is variable in normal condition it is = 2100rpm For this rpm value we select pitch of sprocket as 6.35mm from table.

$P = 6.35 \text{ mm}$ Calculation of minimum center distance between sprockets THE TRANSMISSION RATIO = $Z_2 / Z_1 = 66/11 = 6$ which is less than 7 Dia of small sprocket, periphery = $\pi \times \text{dia of sprocket } 11 \times 6.25 = \pi \times DD = 11 \times 6.25 / \pi D = 21.8 \text{ mm}$ Dia. of sprocket, periphery = $\pi \times \text{dia. of sprocket } 66 \times 6.25 = \pi \times DD = 131.3 \text{ mm}$

So from table, referred from PSG

Design Data book The minimum center distance between the two sprocket

$$= C' + (180 \text{ to } 150 \text{ mm}) \text{ Where } C' = D_{c1} + D_{c2} \div 2$$

$$C' = 131.3 + 21.8 \div 2 \quad C' = 76.5 \text{ mm} \text{ MINIMUM CENTER DISTANCE} = 76.5 + (30 \text{ to } 150 \text{ mm}) \text{ MINIMUM CENTER DISTANCE} = 170 \text{ mm}$$

Calculation of values of constants $K_1 K_2 K_3 K_4 K_5 K_6$ - (with help of PSG Data)

Load factor $K_1 = 1.25$ (Load with mild shock) Distance

regulation factor $K_2 = 1.25$ (Fixed center distance)

Center distance of sprocket factor $k_3 = 0.8$ Factor for position of sprocket $k_4 = 1$

Lubrication factor $k_5 = 1.5$ (periodic)

Rating factor $k_6 = 1.0$ (Single shift) Calculation of value of Factor of Safety

For pitch = 6.35 & speed of rotation of small sprocket = 2100 rpm Factor of safety for this drive = 8.55

Calculation of Allowable Bearing Stress:

For pitch = 6.35 & speed of rotation of small sprocket = 2100 rpm Allowable Bearing stress in the system in the system = 2.87kg/cm²

$$= 2.87 \times 981 / 100 = 28 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Calculating maximum Tension On Chain

$$\text{Maximum torque on shaft} = T_{\text{max}} = T_2 = 6820 \text{ N-mm}$$

Where,

T_1 = Tension in tight side T_2 = Tension in slack side

O_1, O_2 = Center distance between two shaft

$$\sin \alpha = R_1 - R_2 \div O_1 O_2 \quad \sin \alpha = 65.65 - 10.9 \div 170$$

$$\sin \alpha = 0.33 \quad \alpha = 18.78$$

$$= 18.78$$

$$\text{TO FIND } \theta \quad \theta = (180 - 2\alpha) \times 3.14 / 180 \quad \theta = (180 - 2 \times 18.78)$$

$$\times 3.14 / 180 \quad \theta = 2.48 \text{ rad} \quad \text{According to this relation,}$$

$$T_1 / T_2 = e^{\mu \theta}$$

$$T_1 / T_2 = e^{0.35 \times 2.48}$$

$$T_1 = 2.38 T_2 \text{ we have, } T = (T_1 - T_2) \times R$$

$$6820 = (2.38 T_2 - T_2) \times 65.65 \quad T_2 = 75.27 \text{ N}$$

$$T_1 = 179.16 \text{ N}$$

So tension in tight side = 179.16 N We know stress = Force / area $\times 2$

$$\text{Stress induced} = 179.16 / (3.14 \times 32^2 / 4) \times 2 \quad \text{Stress induced} = 12.67 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

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As induced stress less than allowable stress = 28 N/mm² design of sprocket is safe.

3.2.2 Part Modeling in SolidWorks



Fig 3.1 Frame

3.2.3 Fully assembled models:



Fig 3.4: Bicycle left side view



Fig 3.7: Fully Assembled Component

4 ANALYSIS

4.1 SolidWorks

Solid works is an American public company based in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. It develops and markets engineering simulation software. Solid works software is used to design products and semiconductors, as well as to create simulations that test a product's durability, temperature distribution, fluid movements, and electromagnetic properties.

Solidworks was founded in 1970 by John Swanson. Swanson sold his interest in the company to venture capitalists in 1993. Solidworks went public on NASDAQ in 1996. In the 2000s, solid works made numerous acquisitions of other engineering design companies, acquiring additional technology for fluid dynamics, electronics design, and other physics analysis.

4.1.1. Solidworks simulation procedure

Step 1: Define your Study. Static, Thermal, Frequency, etc.

Step 2: Assign your Materials

Step 3: Apply the Boundary Conditions (Free Body Diagram)

Step 4: Mesh the Model

Step 5: Run the Analysis (Solve)

Step 6: View the Results Left to right on the command manager, or top-down in the Simulation feature tree these six steps are visible.

4.1.2 Deflection Analysis

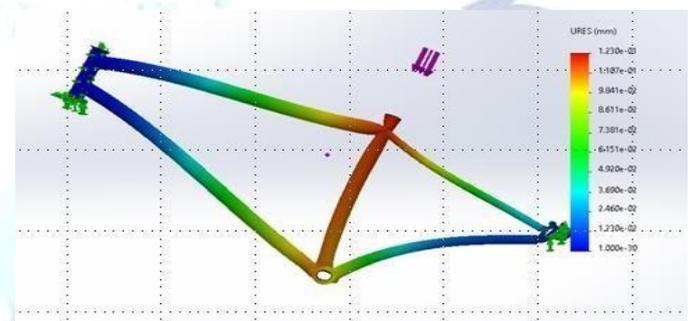


Figure: 4.1 displacement with load 1000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum deflection was $-1.011e+08$ at foreend and maximum of $9.711e+07$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

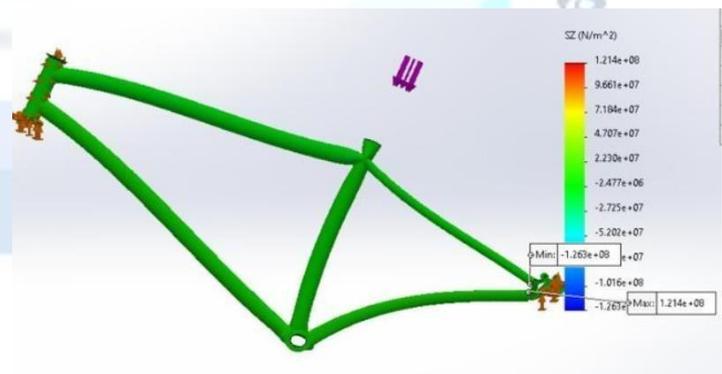


Figure 4.2 displacement with load 1250N

From the figure it is observed that minimum displacement was $-4.660e-03$ at foreend and maximum of $7.393e-02$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

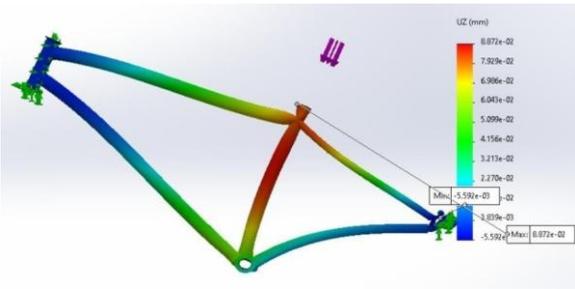


Figure: 4.3 displacement with load 1500N

From the figure it is observed that minimum displacement was -5.592×10^{-3} at fore end and maximum of 8.872×10^{-2} at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

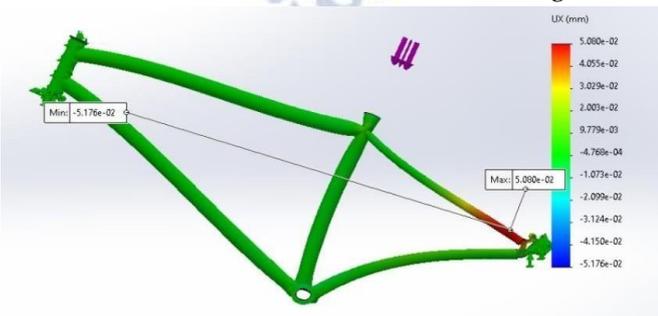


Figure 4.4 displacement with load 1750N

From the figure it is observed that minimum displacement was -6.525×10^{-3} at fore end and maximum of 1.035×10^{-1} at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

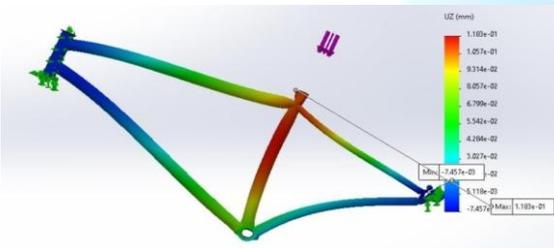


Figure 4.5 displacement with load 2000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum displacement was -7.457×10^{-3} at fore end and maximum of 1.183×10^{-1} at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

4.1.3 Vonmises Stress Analysis

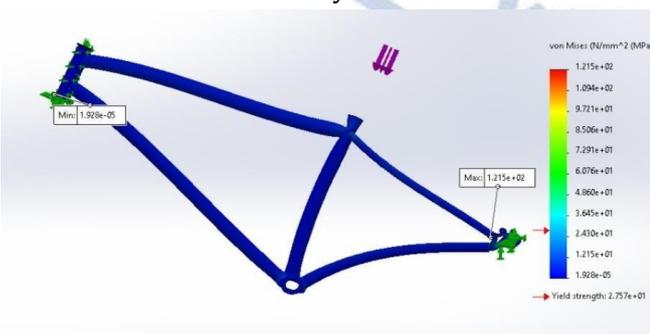


Figure: 4.6 Vonmises stress with load 1000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum von Mises stress was 1.982×10^{-5} at fore end and maximum of $1.215 \times 10^{+2}$ at back end

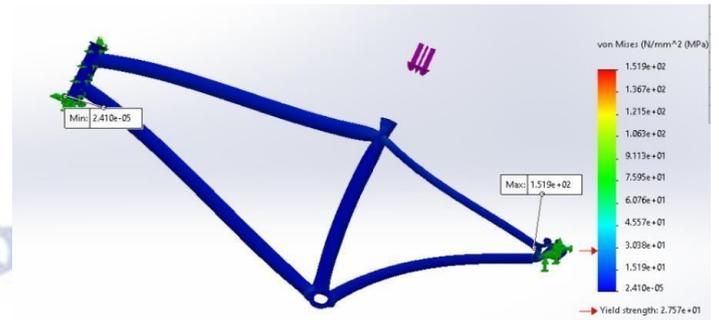


Figure: 4.7 Vonmises stress with load 1250N

From the figure it is observed that minimum von Mises stress was 2.410×10^{-5} at fore end and maximum of $1.519 \times 10^{+2}$ at back end.

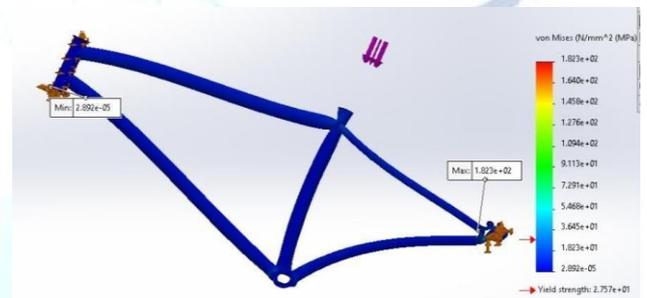


Figure: 4.8 Vonmises stress with load 1500N

From the figure it is observed that minimum von Mises stress was 2.892×10^{-5} at fore end and maximum of $1.823 \times 10^{+2}$ at back end

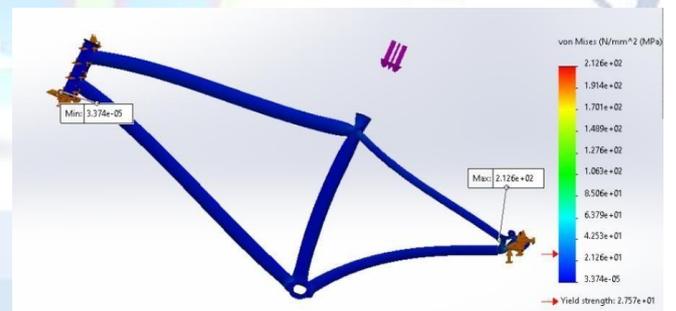


Figure: 4.9 Vonmises stress with load 1750N

From the figure it is observed that minimum von Mises stress was 3.374×10^{-5} at fore end and maximum of $2.126 \times 10^{+2}$ at back end

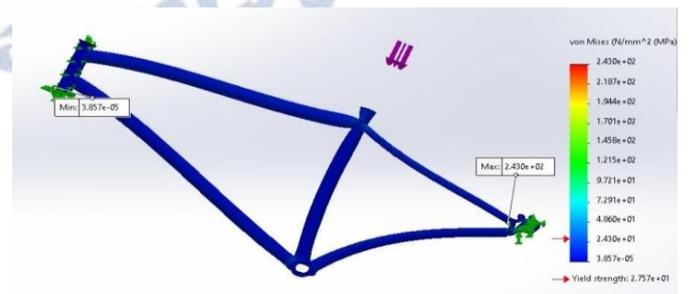


Figure : 4.10 Vonmises stress with load 2000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum von Mises stress was $3.857e-05$ at fore end and maximum of $2.43e+02$ at back end

4.1.4 Stress Analysis:

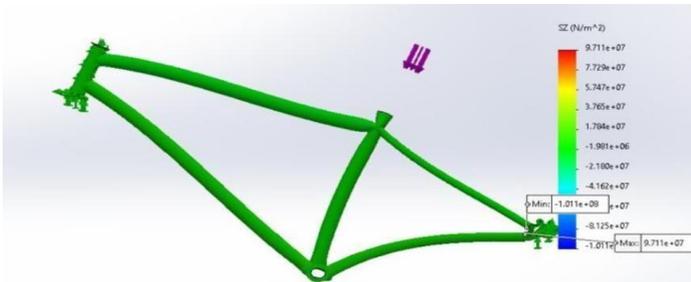


Figure: 4.11 stress with load 1000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum stress was $-1.011e+08$ at fore end and maximum of $9.711e+07$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it.

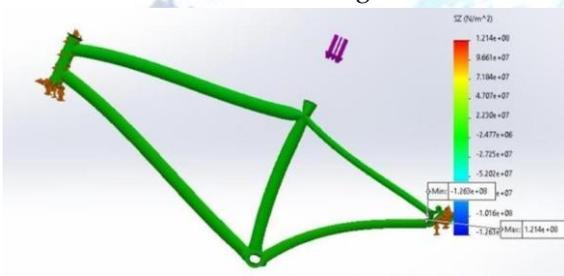


Figure: 4.12 stress with load 1250N

From the figure it is observed that minimum stress was $-1.263e+08$ at fore end and maximum of $1.214e+08$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it



Figure: 4.13 stress with load 1500N

From the figure it is observed that minimum stress was $-1.516e+08$ at fore end and maximum of $1.457e+08$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it

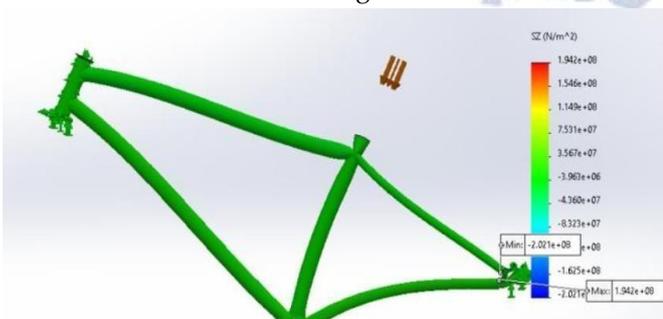


Figure: 4.14 stress with load 1750N

From the figure it is observed that minimum stress was $-1.779e+08$ at fore end and maximum of $4.61e+08$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it

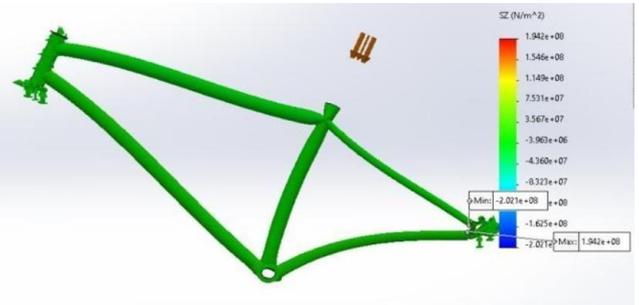


Figure: 4.15 stress with load 2000N

From the figure it is observed that minimum stress was $-2.021e+08$ at fore end and maximum of $9.637e+07$ at seat tube due to vertical load acting on it

5. RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

Results

The results obtained from the analysis are shown below along with its tables and graphs. Table 5.1 shows the variation of load with stress in different directions for different loads.

Table 5.1: Load vs stress in different directions

S.NO	Load(N)	Stress in X direction (MPA)	Stress in Y direction (MPA)	Stress in Z direction (MPA)
1.	1000	4.81E+07	3.75E+07	3.52E+07
2.	1250	6.02E+07	4.69E+07	1.21E+08
3.	1500	7.22E+07	5.63E+07	1.45E+08
4.	1750	4.62E+07	6057E+07	1.70E+08
5.	2000	9.63E+07	7.51E+07	1.94E+08

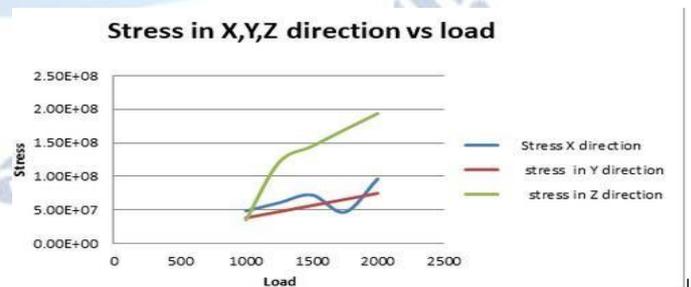


Figure 5.1: Load vs stress graph

From the figure 5.1 it is observed that

- The stress in X direction is linear till 1250n load value and from there the curve decreases as load increases due

to yielding.

- The stress in Y direction follows a linear path i.e. as the load increases the stress increases. The stress in Z direction increases as load increases.

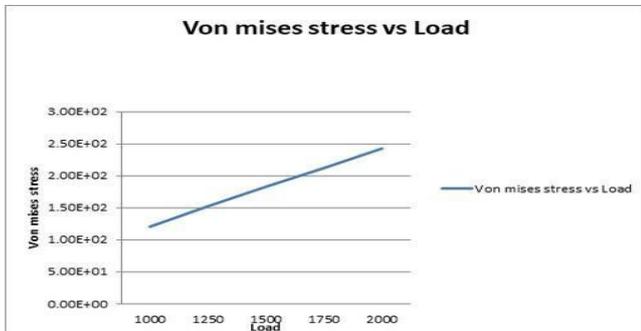


Figure 5.2: Load vs vonmises stress Graph

From the Figure 5.2 it is observed that the Vonmises stress increases as the load increases.

Table 5.3: Load vs displacement

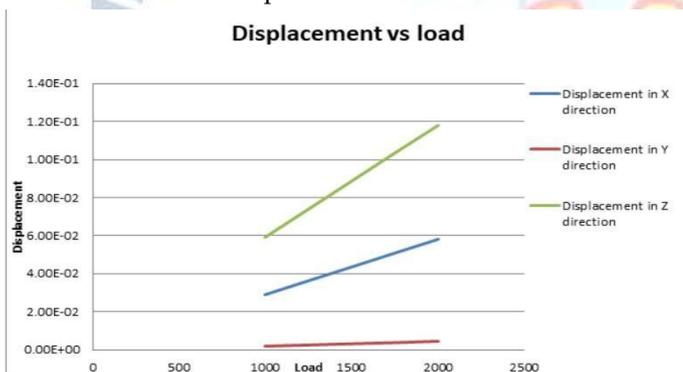


Figure 5.3: Displacement vs load Graph

From the figure 5.3 the following results are observed

- The displacement in X direction increases as the load increases.
- The displacement in Y direction is constant with respect to load.
- The displacement in Z direction increases as load increases.

5.2 Conclusion

The major objective of study was analysis of solar bicycle frame and the following conclusions can be drawn. When the frame is subjected to different load conditions it is able to withstand weight of rider, solar pannel and battery The analysis was carried in solid works and it was found that the Vonmises stress induced in frame is

with in the permissible limits. The frame shows very little displacement for various loads and ensures safety of the rider.

5.3 Future Scope

In addition, you can work by analyzing various other parameters such as boundary conditions (load application points), load types, mounting points, and different types of materials that can be used for the frame.

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