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**Abstract:** The vibration model, to analyze the local defect in the deep groove ball bearing system is reported in this paper. Shaft, races, balls, and housing masses along with damping at the ball-race interface and defects on its races are considered in the model. The governing equations are solved using MATLAB to simulate the vibration responses of the bearing system. To validate the simulation results, experiments have been performed and compared with simulated results. The comparison shows that the simulated characteristic frequencies differ with experimental values between 0.19 % to 0.72 % which is negligible. The velocity amplitudes at characteristic frequencies in simulated results are in poor agreement with experimental values. This is due to the defects like misalignment, residual unbalancing, etc. are ignored in the theoretical model. Since the simulated results are depicting the same characteristics as it is shown in experimental results, therefore, this vibration model can be used to study the vibration characteristics and to predict the localized defects in ball bearings.

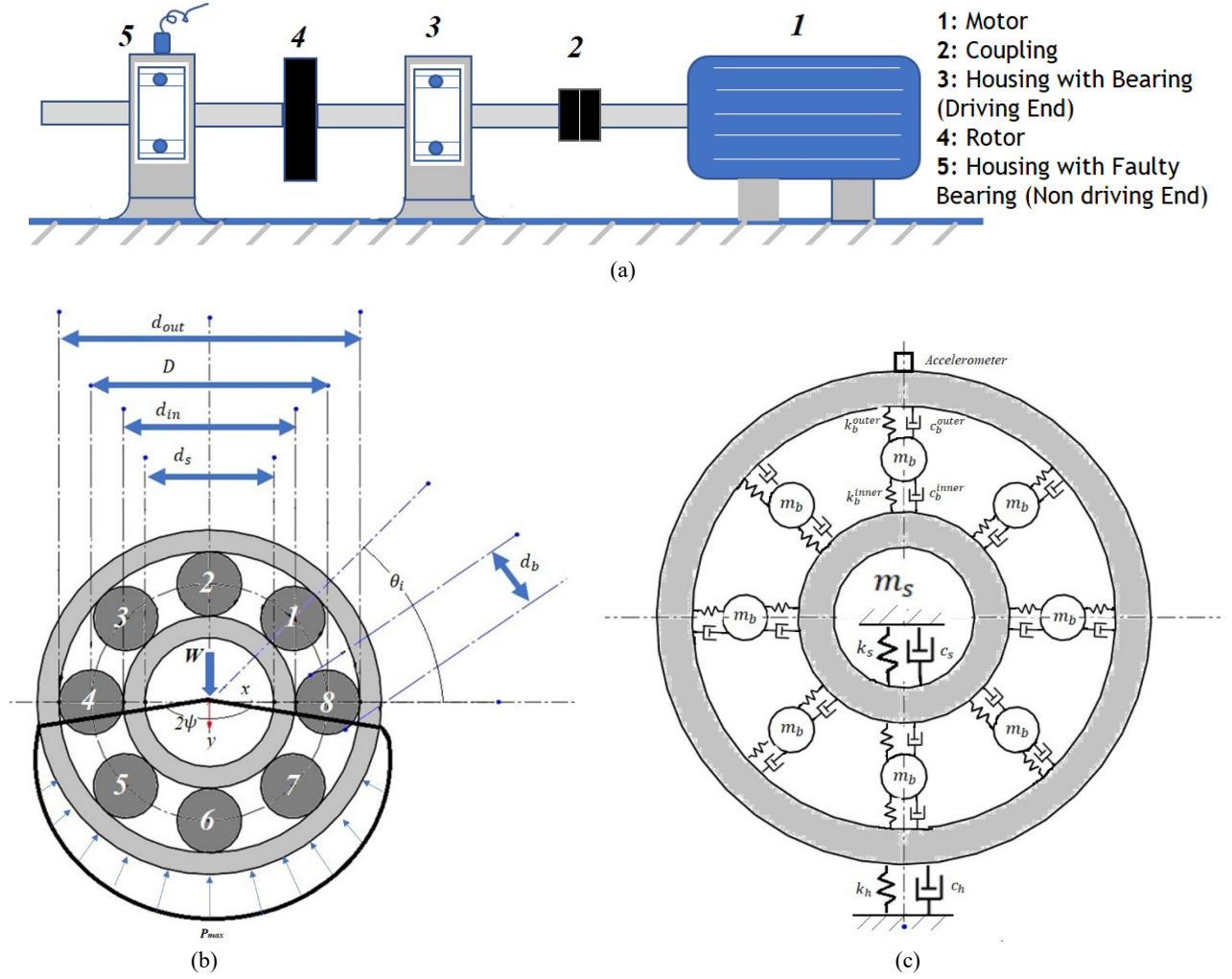
**Keywords:** Deep groove ball bearing, bearing defects, vibration model, bearing mechanics, bearing analysis.

## 1. Introduction

Vibration analysis technique to detect local defects in rolling element bearing is widely used due to its prompt response. The intensive research studies carried out by several researchers are discussed here. Researchers<sup>1-5)</sup> have proposed a dynamic model with 2-DOF using Hertzian contact theory. Tandon and Chaudhary<sup>6)</sup>, have suggested the frequency and amplitude prediction model analytically for bearing with local defects. Tiwari et al.<sup>7-8)</sup> have suggested that the non-linearity characteristics of a rotor system increase with an increment in bearing clearance. Feng et al.<sup>9)</sup> have included the effect of cage and ball slip over the races in their model with 2-DOF. Chaudhary and Tandon<sup>10)</sup> have used lumped masses phenomena for shaft and housing and considered linearized stiffness to propose the dynamic model for bearing with defects. Kiral and Karagulle<sup>11)</sup> have considered more than one defect and variable defect positions in their model. Cong et al.<sup>12)</sup> have included the defect location and unbalancing of the rotor system in their studies. Arslan and Akturk<sup>13)</sup> have proposed dynamic model with ball deformation. Brie<sup>14)</sup> has done the theoretical study and discussed the spalled bearing problems. Tandon and Nakra<sup>15)</sup> have done experimental vibration studies to identify the defect frequencies for

defective bearings. Tandon<sup>16)</sup> has suggested that the capability of power is better than the peak and RMS measurement in his studies of defect detection parameters. Ashtekar et al.<sup>17)</sup> have developed the vibration model to analyze the effects of defects on rolling bearing. The authors have concluded that a single defect can affect the motion and forces on all components of the bearing.

Sopanen and Mikkola<sup>18-19)</sup> presented the dynamic model for rolling bearing system considering 6-DOF with surface waviness and localized defects. The authors have considered the Hertzian contact theory and elastohydrodynamic lubrication. The mass of housing and shaft mass were ignored in this model. Wijnant et al.<sup>20)</sup> have introduced elastohydrodynamic lubrication theory into their model for rolling element bearing. Babu et al.<sup>21)</sup> have proposed a vibration model for angular contact bearing and considered the frictional moments in the bearings including the waviness of surfaces of bearing elements. Authors have considered the presence of lubricating film and Hertzian deformation as a major source of damping calculation and included the elastohydrodynamic lubrication theory to calculate ball deformation. Yu et al.<sup>22)</sup> have presented a mathematical model based on 4-DOF to extract vibration features of deep groove ball bearing but the authors have not



**Fig. 1:** The system of bearing used for study: (a) test setup, (b) bearing nomenclature and load distribution (c) bearing components and the free body diagram

modeled any defect available on the elements of the bearing. Hou et al.<sup>23)</sup> have proposed a nonlinear vibration model for ball bearing considering the distributed defects present on the surface of its elements and concluded that the distributed defects of specific order produce the characteristic frequency which is proportional to the speed of rotation. Though the authors have considered distributed defects, they ignored the presence of local defects in their model. Researchers<sup>24-26)</sup> have established a vibration model to analyze the characteristic frequency for bearing with localized defects but the authors have ignored the effects of damping present in the bearing.

The aim of this paper is to propose a comprehensive and accurate vibration model to analyze the local defects in the deep groove ball-bearing system. The shaft, races, balls, and housing masses including the effect of damping at the ball-race interface along with defects on races have been incorporated into the model. To validate the simulation results, experiments have been performed and compared with simulated results. The comparison shows that the simulated results are depicting the same

characteristics as it is shown in experimental results.

## 2. Vibration modeling of ball bearing

A 6-DOF system is considered to develop a nonlinear vibration model for deep groove ball bearing. The system of bearing considered for the study is shown in Fig. 1(a). Fig. 1(b) shows the load distribution and nomenclature of bearing. The free body diagram of bearing is shown in Fig. 1(c).

The angular position of  $i^{th}$  ball  $\theta_i$  at time  $t$  can be given by the relation

$$\theta_i = \frac{2\pi i}{n_b} + \omega_{cage} t + \theta_0 \quad (1)$$

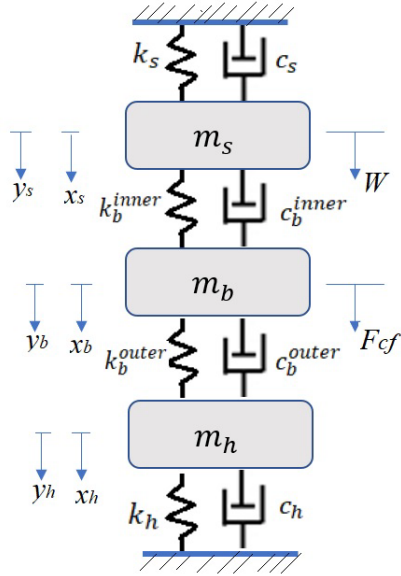
where the angular position of  $i^{th}$  ball from x-axis is taken as  $\theta_0$ . The cage velocity is expressed as,

$$\omega_{cage} = \omega_s \times \left(1 - \frac{d_b}{D}\right) \quad (2)$$

## 2.1 Governing equations of motion

Analyzing the free body diagram of bearing system Fig. 2, the differential equations of motion are derived as:

For shaft and inner race, the differential equations of motion along x-axis and y-axis are given as:



$$f_{di}^{outer} \cos \theta_i = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$m_b \ddot{y}_{bi} - f_{ci}^{inner} \sin \theta_i - f_{di}^{inner} \sin \theta_i + f_{ci}^{outer} \sin \theta_i +$$

$$f_{di}^{outer} \sin \theta_i = 0 \quad (6)$$

For housing and outer race, the differential equations of motion along x-axis and y-axis are given as:

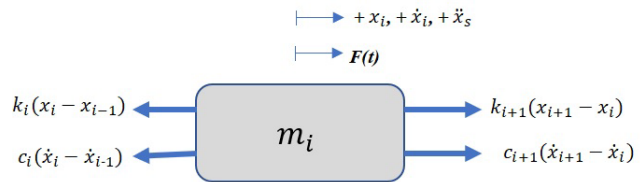


Fig. 2: The free-body diagram of bearing system

$$m_s \ddot{x}_s + c_s \dot{x}_s + k_s x_s + f_{cx}^{inner} + f_{dx}^{inner} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$m_s \ddot{y}_s + c_s \dot{y}_s + k_s y_s + f_{cy}^{inner} + f_{dy}^{inner} = W \quad (4)$$

For ball, the differential equations of motion along x-axis and y-axis are given as:

For 1<sup>st</sup> ball

$$m_b \ddot{x}_{b1} - f_{c1}^{inner} \cos \theta_1 - f_{d1}^{inner} \cos \theta_1 + f_{c1}^{outer} \cos \theta_1 + f_{d1}^{outer} \cos \theta_1 = 0$$

$$m_b \ddot{y}_{b1} - f_{c1}^{inner} \sin \theta_1 - f_{d1}^{inner} \sin \theta_1 + f_{c1}^{outer} \sin \theta_1 + f_{d1}^{outer} \sin \theta_1 = 0$$

For 2<sup>nd</sup> ball

$$m_b \ddot{x}_{b2} - f_{c2}^{inner} \cos \theta_2 - f_{d2}^{inner} \cos \theta_2 + f_{c2}^{outer} \cos \theta_2 + f_{d2}^{outer} \cos \theta_2 = 0$$

$$m_b \ddot{y}_{b2} - f_{c2}^{inner} \sin \theta_2 - f_{d2}^{inner} \sin \theta_2 + f_{c2}^{outer} \sin \theta_2 + f_{d2}^{outer} \sin \theta_2 = 0$$

For i<sup>th</sup> ball

$$m_b \ddot{x}_{bi} - f_{ci}^{inner} \cos \theta_i - f_{di}^{inner} \cos \theta_i + f_{ci}^{outer} \cos \theta_i +$$

$$m_h \ddot{x}_h + c_h \dot{x}_h + k_h x_h - f_{cx}^{outer} - f_{dx}^{outer} = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$m_h \ddot{y}_h + c_h \dot{y}_h + k_h y_h - f_{cy}^{outer} - f_{dy}^{outer} = 0 \quad (8)$$

## 2.2 Contacting forces

According to Hertzian contact theory, the elastic ball deformation is caused by the force,

$$f_{ci} = k_b \delta_i^{1.5} \quad (9)$$

and contacting force due to damping present at ball and races is expressed as:

$$f_{di} = c_b \dot{\delta}_i \quad (10)$$

for i<sup>th</sup> ball contacting forces on inner and outer race are given by,

$$f_{ci}^{inner} = \Lambda_i k_b^{inner} (\delta_i^{inner})^{1.5} \quad (11)$$

$$f_{ci}^{outer} = \Lambda_i k_b^{outer} (\delta_i^{outer})^{1.5} \quad (12)$$

contacting forces resolved in x-direction and y-direction are given by,

$$f_{cx}^{inner} = \sum_1^{n_b} \Lambda_i \left[ k_b^{inner} (\delta_i^{inner})^{1.5} \cos \theta_i \right] \quad (13)$$

$$f_{cy}^{outer} = \sum_1^{n_b} \Lambda_i \left[ k_b^{outer} (\delta_i^{outer})^{1.5} \sin \theta_i \right] \quad (14)$$

$$f_{di}^{inner} = \Lambda_i c_b^{inner} (\dot{\delta}_i^{inner}) \quad (15)$$

$$f_{di}^{outer} = \Lambda_i c_b^{outer} (\dot{\delta}_i^{outer}) \quad (16)$$

$$f_{dx}^{inner} = \sum_1^{n_b} \Lambda_i [c_b^{inner} (\dot{\delta}_i^{inner}) \cos \theta_i] \quad (17)$$

$$f_{dy}^{outer} = \sum_1^{n_b} \Lambda_i [c_b^{outer} (\dot{\delta}_i^{outer}) \sin \theta_i] \quad (18)$$

The Hertzian contacting forces will only be in action in action when balls are being deformed in loading zone<sup>27</sup>. Otherwise, it will be zero. To incorporate the condition a switch function  $\Lambda_i$  is introduced.

were,

$$\Lambda_i =$$

$$\begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \delta_i \text{ is } + \text{ve (i.e. ball is in loading zone)} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

### 2.3 Stiffness at ball-race interface

Based on the classical theory of elasticity and the simplified parameters given by Brewe and Hamrock<sup>28</sup>) considering the maximum ball deformation, the contact stiffness is given by

$$k_b = \pi \kappa E' \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\epsilon}{4.5(\sum \rho) \mathfrak{Z}^3} \right]} \quad (20)$$

were,

$$\frac{1}{E'} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1-\nu_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1-\nu_2^2}{E_2} \right) \quad (21)$$

$$\kappa = 1.0339 \left( \frac{R_y}{R_x} \right)^{0.6360} \quad (22)$$

$$\epsilon = 1.0003 + \frac{0.6023}{\left( \frac{R_y}{R_x} \right)} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathfrak{Z} = 1.5277 + 0.6023 \ln \left( \frac{R_y}{R_x} \right) \quad (24)$$

where,  $R_y$  and  $R_x$  are groove curvatures along y-axis and x-axis.

Being a function of curvature sum ( $\sum \rho$ ), the value of contact stiffness is different at inner race and outer race because the radius of curvature differs for inner and outer races<sup>29</sup>). These expressions are given by

$$k_b^{inner} = \pi \kappa_{in} E'_{in} \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\epsilon_{in}}{4.5(\sum \rho)_{in} \mathfrak{Z}_{in}^3} \right]} \quad (25)$$

$$k_b^{outer} = \pi \kappa_{out} E'_{out} \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\epsilon_{out}}{4.5(\sum \rho)_{out} \mathfrak{Z}_{out}^3} \right]} \quad (26)$$

### 2.4 Coefficient of damping

As lubricant is provided at ball race interface for friction and wear reduction, a lubricant film is generated due to high pressure. This pressure deforms the balls in loading zone. To calculate damping coefficient,  $c_{ehl}$  due to elastohydrodynamic lubrication is essential to introduce damping forces and is given by Chaudhary and Tandon<sup>10</sup>,

$$c_{ehl} = \frac{3\mu_0 \beta_h^4}{2h_0^3} \quad (27)$$

Due to frictional losses and elastic deformation of balls, material damping comes into picture and can be calculated by the expression:

$$c_{mat} = \frac{\eta_b k_b}{2\pi f} \quad (28)$$

Damping at inner race-shaft and outer race-housing interface are considered to be hysteretic and calculated by Dietl et al.<sup>30</sup>,

$$c_{s,h} = \frac{\eta_{s,h} K_{s,h}}{2\pi f} \quad (29)$$

### 2.5 Ball deformation

The  $i^{th}$  ball deformation is dependent on radial deflection and varies with its angular position. The total ball deformation is the sum of deflection at inner race and outer race.

$$\delta_i^{total} = \delta_i^{inner} + \delta_i^{outer} \quad (30)$$

were,

$$\delta_i^{inner} =$$

$$(x_s - x_{bi}) \cos \theta_i + (y_s - y_{bi}) \sin \theta_i - c_r \quad (31)$$

$$\delta_i^{outer} =$$

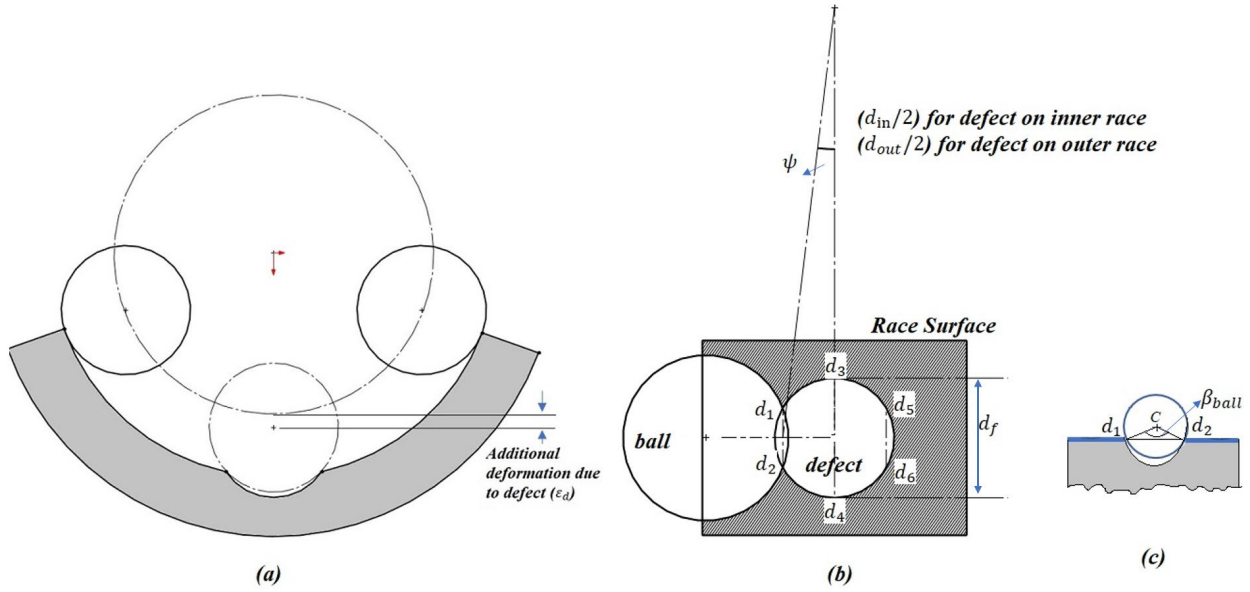
$$(x_{bi} - x_h) \cos \theta_i + (y_{bi} - y_h) \sin \theta_i \quad (32)$$

As the lubricant film fill the clearance in bearing, it creates negative clearance, the radial clearance  $c_r$  is set as negative to cater the influence of lubricant film.

$$c_r = c_d / 2 \times (1 - \sin \theta) \quad (33)$$

### 2.6 Defect modelling

When healthy balls rolling over defect on inner and outer race, the ball centre will have an additional deflection  $\epsilon_d$ .



**Fig. 3:** Schematic diagram of ball rolling over defect on outer race (a) Front view, (b) Top view, (c) Side view

To model the expression for  $\varepsilon_d$  for this case, the geometrical analysis has been done and it is shown in Fig. 3.

From bearing geometry Fig. 3(c), the angle subtended by  $i^{th}$  ball on defect is given by,

$$\beta_{ball} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{d_1 d_1}{d_b} \right) \quad (34)$$

were,

$$d_1 d_2 = 2 * d_1 e = \sqrt{(d_f/2)^2 - ef^2} \quad (35)$$

$$ef = (d_{out}/2) \sin(\psi) \quad (36)$$

$\varepsilon_d =$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Min} \left( H, \frac{d_b}{2} [1 \mp \cos(\beta_{ball})] \right), & \alpha_d - \psi \leq \theta_i \leq \alpha_d + \psi \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

where,  $0 \leq \beta_{ball} \leq \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{d_f}{d_b} \right)$ .

For inner race, the negative sign and for outer race, the positive sign is considered in expression of  $\varepsilon_d$ .

### 2.7 Angular positions of defects

From analysis of geometry, it can be concluded that the angular position of defect varies with time and given by

$$\alpha_d^{inner} = \omega_s t \pm \sin^{-1}(d_f/d_{in}) \quad (38)$$

$$\alpha_d^{outer} = \alpha_{dout} \pm \sin^{-1}(d_f/d_{out}) \quad (39)$$

Thus, the deformation of  $i^{th}$  ball rolling over the defect

is given by,

$$\delta_i^{inner} = (x_s - x_{bi}) \cos \theta_i + (y_s - y_{bi}) \sin \theta_i - c_r - \theta_i \varepsilon_d \quad (40)$$

$$\delta_i^{outer} = (x_{bi} - x_h) \cos \theta_i + (y_{bi} - y_h) \sin \theta_i - \theta_i \varepsilon_d \quad (41)$$

where,  $\theta_i$  is a switch function.

### 3. Results discussion

Equations of motions (Eq. 3-8) along with angular position of balls (Eq. 1) and ball deformation (Eq. 40-41) have been solved simultaneously for step size of  $10^{-7}$  sec time to conduct the simulation. SKF 6205 2Z bearing is adopted and vibration response of bearing system has been computed. The input parameters for bearing system are given in Table 1 and summary of results have been expressed in Table 2. The process flow adopted for computation is shown in Fig. 4.

The standard formulas to calculate the characteristic frequencies of bearing system have been used in this study.

$$BPFO = \frac{n_b \omega_s}{120} \left( 1 - \frac{d_b}{D} \cos \phi \right) \quad (42)$$

$$BPFI = \frac{n_b \omega_s}{120} \left( 1 + \frac{d_b}{D} \cos \phi \right) \quad (43)$$

Experiments have been conducted to validate the above theoretical model. The angular speed of shaft is 1482 rpm. The circular defects of 2 mm diameter are artificially created on inner race and outer race in separate bearings by electro discharge machining (EDM). The defect was positioned at  $270^\circ$  initially.



Table 1. Bearing parameters

Bearing under study	SKF 6205-2Z
Bearing Bore Diameter, (mm)	25.000
Diameter of Inner Race, (mm)	31.050
Diameter of Outer Race, (mm)	46.910
Diameter of Pitch, (mm)	38.980
Diameter of Balls, (mm)	7.930
Diametral Clearance (Cd), ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	10
Number of Balls	9
Ball Mass, (gm)	2.070
Inner Race Mass, (gm)	38.600
Outer Race Mass, (gm)	50.410
Shaft and Rotor Mass, (kg)	4.188
Housing Mass, (g)	216
Contact Angle (deg.)	0

A piezoelectric type STI vibration sensor with frequency range of 2 Hz to 14 kHz  $\pm 5\%$  and sensitivity of 100mV/g  $\pm 10\%$  is used to capture the vibration signal and DT9837B from DATATranslation, a data acquisition system is used to analyze the time and frequency domain vibration signals. The actual setup is shown in Fig. 5

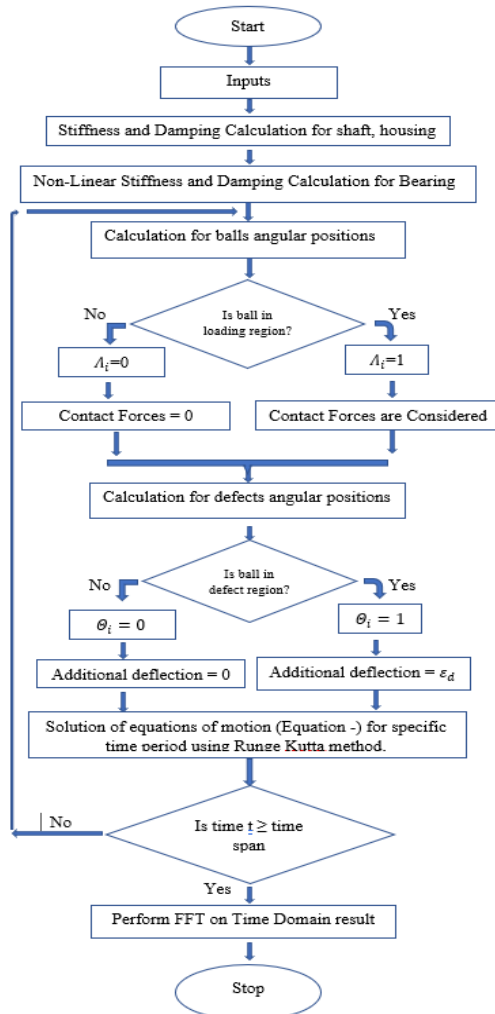


Fig. 4: Process flow diagram

Table 2. Summary of results

Condition of bearing	Resonant frequency (Calculated)	Resonant frequency and velocity peak (simulated)	Resonant frequency and velocity peak (experimental)
Healthy bearing	25.00 Hz	Fs=24.70 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000013 mm/s	Fs = 24.88 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000053 mm/s
Bearing with inner race defect	134.34 Hz	BPFI = 134.64 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000526 mm/s	BPFI = 134.38 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000128 mm/s
Bearing with outer race defect	88.89 Hz	BPFO = 88.70 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000726 mm/s	BPFO = 89.01 Hz Velocity peak = 0.000062 mm/s

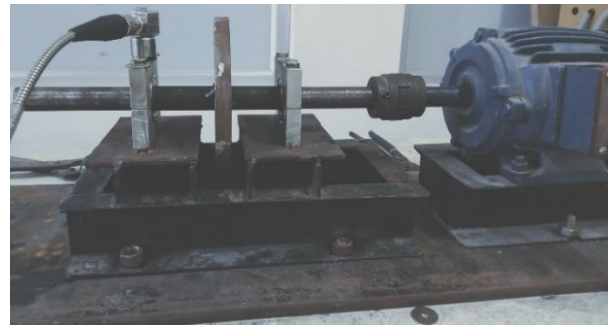


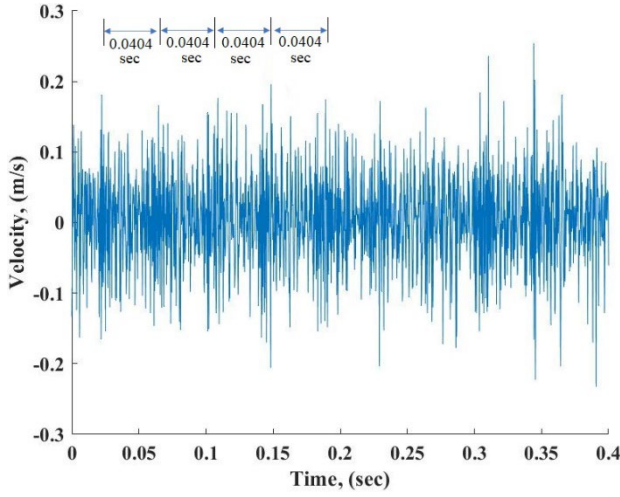
Fig. 5: Actual vibration test rig

### 3.1 Baseline signature of healthy bearing

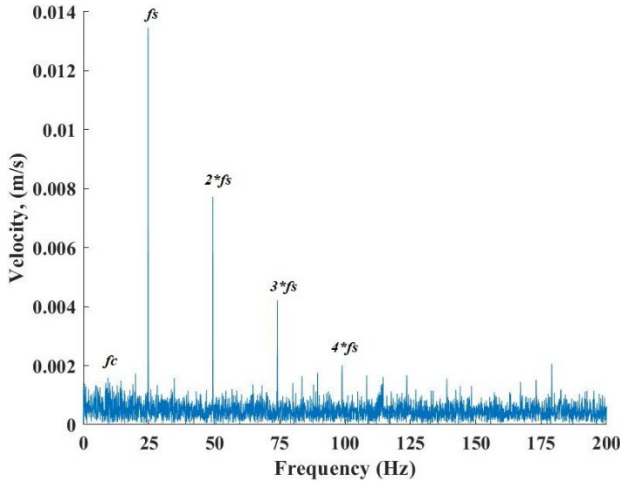
Figures 6(a) and 6(b) show the simulated vibration responses in time-domain and its enveloped frequency domain signals of housing with healthy bearing in y-direction respectively. The characteristic features visible in Figure 6(a) are due to positioning of balls in loading and non-loading zone. Due to rotation of inner race, balls spin on it and have resultant angular positions in loaded region. Due to angular positioning in loading zone, first ball start deforming and reaches maximum at  $\theta = 270^\circ$ . At this time the response of housing in Y direction shows maximum and it repeats after an interval of 0.0404 sec, which is the reciprocal of the characteristic frequency  $f_s = 24.77$  Hz.

The characteristic frequencies like cage rotational frequency  $f_c = 9.90$  Hz, shaft rotation frequency  $f_s = 24.70$  Hz are observed in Fig. 6(b).

The harmonics of shaft rotational frequency at  $2*f_s = 49.40$  Hz, and  $3*f_s = 74.10$  Hz, etc. are also evident.

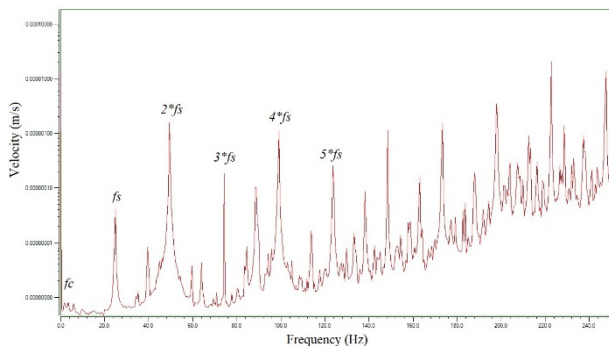


**Fig. 6(a):** The time-domain waveform of the simulated velocity response of housing with healthy bearing in Y direction

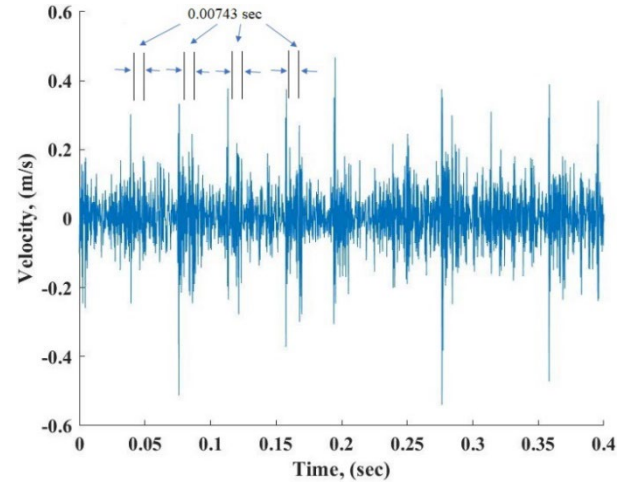


**Fig. 6(b):** Enveloped frequency-domain signals of simulated velocity response of housing with healthy bearing

Fig. 7 shows the experimental spectra. The characteristic frequency components as observed in simulation results are also present in the experimental results at cage rotational frequency  $f_c=9.90$  Hz, shaft rotation frequency  $f_s = 24.88$  Hz and its harmonics at  $2*f_s= 49.76$  Hz, and  $3*f_s= 74.64$  Hz, etc.



**Fig. 7:** Experimental velocity response of housing with healthy bearing

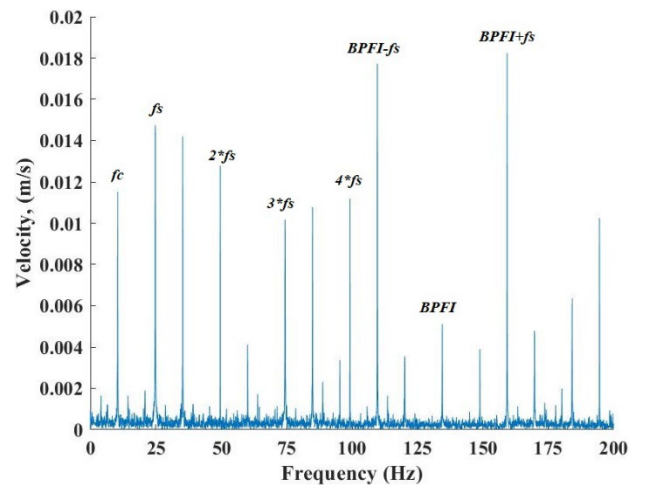


**Fig. 8(a):** The time-domain waveform of simulated velocity response of housing with bearing having inner race defect

### 3.2 Bearing with defect on inner race

The angular position of inner race defect changes with the rotation of shaft and due to this complicated vibration responses are generated.

Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b) show the time-domain waveform and its enveloped frequency-domain signals of the simulated velocity responses of housing with defect on inner race, in Y direction, respectively. The time interval between two impacts depicted in Fig. 8(a) is 0.00743 sec, and it is same in form of characteristic frequency BPFI. The characteristic frequencies are observed in Fig. 8(b) at the rotational frequency of shaft  $f_s = 24.77$  Hz and its harmonics at  $2*f_s= 49.54$  Hz, and  $3*f_s= 74.31$  Hz, along with BPFI = 134.54 Hz and its harmonics. In this case, due to rotation of defect with the speed of shaft, the amplitude modulation occurs in characteristic frequency BPFI. Therefore, peaks are observed at frequencies  $BPFI-f_s = 109.70$ ,  $BPFI + f_s = 159.32$  Hz and its harmonics. The sidebands with bandwidth equal to ball rotational frequency are also present near the characteristic frequency.



**Fig. 8(b):** Enveloped frequency-domain signals of simulated velocity response of housing with bearing having inner race



defect

In Fig. 9, the velocity response is captured experimentally on housing with bearing having defect on inner race. The BPFI peaks at 134.38 Hz and its harmonics, very close to simulated result at 134.64 Hz is observed. The characteristic frequencies at shaft rotational frequency  $f_s = 24.90$  Hz and its harmonics at  $2*f_s = 49.80$  Hz, and  $3*f_s = 74.72$  Hz are also observed. The amplitude modulated BPFI with shaft speed causes peaks at frequencies  $BPFI - f_s = 109.48$  Hz,  $BPFI + f_s = 159.28$  Hz and its harmonics.

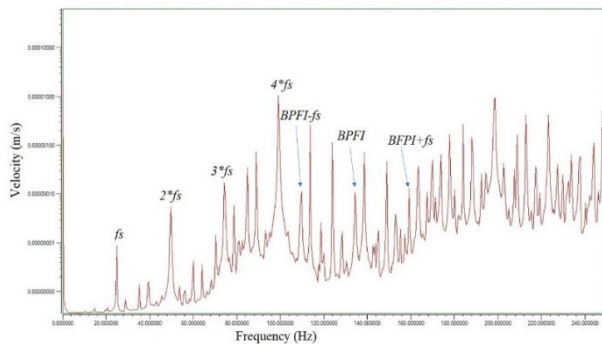


Fig. 9: Experimental velocity response of housing with bearing having inner race defect

### 3.3 Bearing with defect on outer race

The angular position of outer race defect is fixed and when ball rolls over defect, an impact response is produced. Fig. 10(a) and Fig. 10(b) show the time-domain waveform and its enveloped frequency-domain signals of the simulated velocity responses of housing with defect on outer race, in Y direction, respectively. The time interval between two impacts depicted in Fig. 10(a) is 0.01126 sec, and it is same in form of characteristic frequency BPFO.

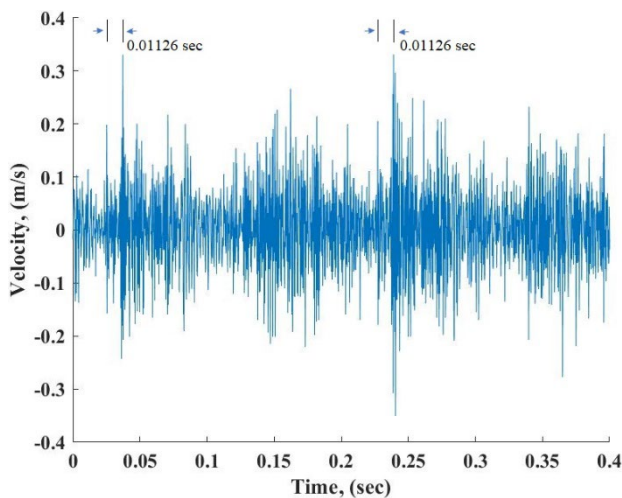


Fig. 10(a): The time-domain waveform of simulated velocity response of housing with bearing having outer race defect

The characteristic frequencies like shaft rotational

frequency  $f_s = 24.77$  Hz and its harmonics at  $2*f_s = 49.54$  Hz, and  $3*f_s = 74.31$  Hz including  $BPFO = 88.70$  Hz and its harmonics are observed.

In Fig. 11, the velocity response is captured experimentally on housing with bearing with outer race defect. The characteristic frequencies at shaft rotation frequency  $f_s = 24.78$  Hz and its harmonics at  $2*f_s = 49.56$  Hz, and  $3*f_s = 74.34$  Hz along with peak at  $BPFO = 89.01$  Hz are observed which very close to the simulated results.

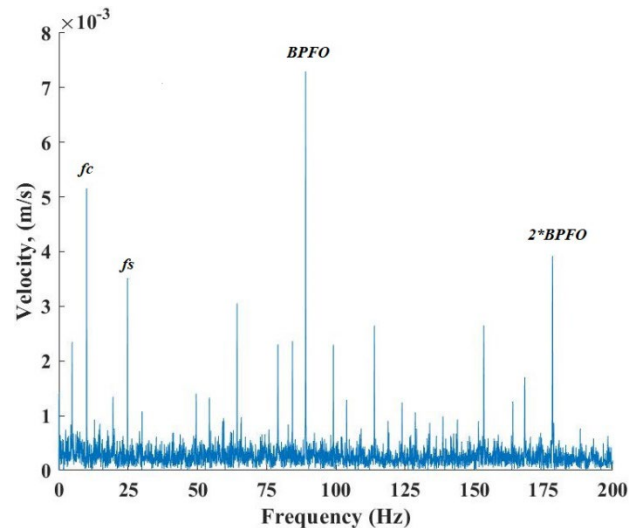


Fig. 10(b): Enveloped frequency-domain signals of simulated velocity response of housing with bearing having outer race defect

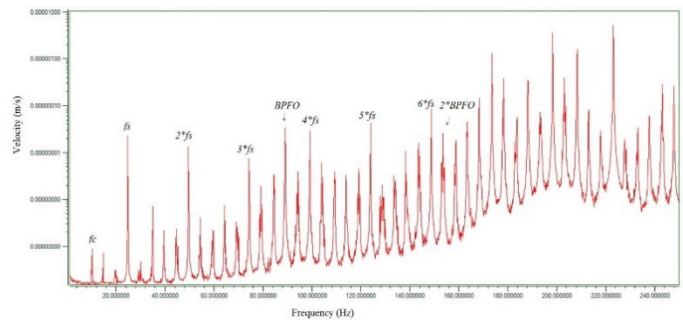


Fig. 11: Experimental velocity response of housing with bearing having outer race defect

It is evident from Table 2 that the characteristic frequencies in simulated results differ by 0.19 % to 0.72 % with experimental results which is negligible. But the velocity amplitudes at characteristic frequencies in simulated results are in poor agreement with experimental values. This is due to the defects like misalignment, residual unbalancing, etc. are ignored in the theoretical model.

## 4. Conclusion

The vibration model, to analyze the local defect in deep groove ball bearing system is developed. Shaft,

races, balls and housing masses along with damping at ball-race interface and defects on its races are considered in the model. The governing equations are solved using MATLAB to simulate the vibration responses of bearing system. To validate the simulation results, experiments have been conducted and experimental results are compared with simulated results. Peaks at shaft rotational frequency, cage frequency along with their harmonics, BPFI and its amplitude modulation with shaft rotational frequencies along with their harmonics and BPFO along with their harmonics are clearly evident in vibration responses of bearing system. The comparison in Table 2 shows that the characteristic frequencies in simulated results differ by 0.19 % to 0.72 % with experimental results which is negligible. But the velocity amplitudes at characteristic frequencies in simulated results are in poor agreement with experimental values. This is due to the defects like misalignment, residual unbalancing, etc. are ignored in the theoretical model. Since the simulated results are depicting the same characteristics as it is shown in experimental results, therefore, this vibration model can be used to study the vibration characteristics and to predict the localized defects in ball bearings.

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### Nomenclature

$c_b$	coefficient of damping of bearing (Ns/mm)
$c_h$	coefficient of damping of housing (Ns/mm)
$c_{ehl}$	coefficient of damping due to elastohydrodynamic lubrication (Ns/mm)
$c_s$	coefficient of damping of shaft (Ns/mm)
$c_{mat}$	coefficient of damping of material (Ns/mm)
$c_r$	radial clearance (mm)
$d_b$	diameter of ball (mm)
$d_f$	diameter of defect (mm)
$d_{in}$	diameter of inner race (mm)
$d_{out}$	diameter of outer race (mm)
$D$	pitch circle diameter of bearing (mm)
$E$	Young's modulus, (mm)
$f_c$	contact force at ball-races interface (N)
$f_d$	damping force (N)
$H$	spall height (mm)
$k_b$	contact stiffness of bearing (N/mm <sup>3</sup> )
$k_h$	stiffness of housing (N/mm)
$k_s$	stiffness of shaft (N/mm)
$m_b$	mass of ball (g)

$m_h$	mass of housing (kg)
$m_s$	mass of shaft (kg)
$n_b$	number of balls
$R$	radius of curvature (mm)
$x$	deflection along x-axis (mm)
$y$	deflection along y-axis (mm)

### Greek symbols

$\alpha_d$	angular position of defect with reference to x-axis
$\beta_{ball}$	angle subtended by defect with reference to ball centre (rad)
$\psi$	angle subtended by defect with reference to bearing centre (rad)
$\sum \rho$	curvature sum (mm)
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio
$\eta$	loss factor
$\varepsilon_d$	additional deflection of ball due to defect (mm)
$\omega_{cage}$	angular speed of cage (rad/sec)
$\omega_s$	angular speed of shaft (rad/sec)
$\theta_i$	angular position of $i^{th}$ ball with reference to x-axis (rad)
$\delta_i$	deformation of $i^{th}$ ball (mm)
$\phi$	contact angle of ball in bearing (rad)

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