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ABSTRACT

ET425M high speed train built by Siemens for Express Rail Link to operate between Kuala Lumpur Sentral station to Kuala Lumpur International Airport. ET425M air conditioning units that installed on the roof section not incorporated with any air deflector design to mitigate additional air resistance. The additional drag resistance adds to train motion resistance that leads to higher traction effort thus conclude to additional power consumption. With using Ansys Fluent solver, the drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure acts on the original air conditioning unit design of ET425M is determined and compared with introduction of air deflector with various angle. With introduction of air deflector with angle of 20 degree, the drag force showed reduction of 27% reduction of drag force, 29% reduction of drag coefficient and 46% reduction of max pressure when train simulated moving at train velocity of 160Km/h. With using approximation and assumption method by comparing the difference of tractive effort to determine the relationship between reductions of air resistance with power consumption, a reduction of 3% is achieved which translated to saving of RM 7,458,674 for operation of 30 years with current train operation frequency.

Keywords: Drag force, Air deflector, Tractive effort, Power consumption

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ABSTRAK

Keretapi laju ET425M dibina oleh Siemens untuk Express Rail Link bagi operasi perkhidmatan keretapi antara Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur dan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur. Unit penghawa dingin ET425M yang dipasang di bahagian bumbung tidak direka dengan pengawal udara untuk mengawal pertambahan rintangan udara. Pertambahan rintangan udara menambah rintangan keretapi untuk bergerak yang membawa kepada pertambahan kepada penambahan daya tarikan yang membawa kepada pertambahan kos penggunaan elektrik. Dengan menggunakan simulasi Ansys Fluent, daya seret, pekali seret dan tekanan maksima yang dialami oleh rekaan asal unit penghawa dingin ET425M ditentukan dan dibandingkan dengan pengenalan pengawal udara pelbagai darjah kecerunan. Dengan pengenalan pengawal udara kecerunan 20 darjah, daya seret dikurangkan kepada 27%, pengurangan pekali seret sebanyak 29% dan 46% pengurangan tekanan maksima apabila disimulasikan dengan kelajuan keretapi 160Km/h. Dengan menggunakan kaedah penghampiran dan andaian bagi membandingkan daya tarikan untuk menentukan hubungan pengurangan rintangan udara dengan penggunaan elektrik, pengurangan sebanyak 3% telah dicapai yang membawa kepada penjimatan sebanyak RM 7,458,674 untuk operasi selama 30 tahun dengan kadar operasi sediaada.

Kata kunci: Daya seretan, Pengawal udara, Daya tarikan, Penggunaan tenaga

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Cd	-	Drag coefficient
%	-	Percentage
CFD	-	Computational fluid dynamic
DOE	-	Design of experiment
ERL	-	Express Rail Link

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1. INTRODUCTION

The expected negligible losses found during design phase for any engineering works usually ignored as it possesses insignificant impact on the final product in term of reliability, safety and operationalability. This research paper focuses on impact of the ignored additional aerodynamic resistance. The air conditioning unit installed on roof section of ET425M high speed train was found been designed in typical rectangle box unit with no features to mitigate aerodynamic resistance. As the dimension of the air conditioning unit is relative small when compared to dimension of the train, it believed carries insignificant additional aerodynamic resistance which translate to insignificant additional tractive effort which equal to insignificant additional power consumption. However, for an engineering design that expected to be operational for 30 years such as ET425M high speed train, it expected the additional power consumption shall contribute significant additional operation cost. By using CFD simulation through Ansys Fluent software, the aerodynamic drag of the air conditioning unit is studied and the relationship to additional power consumption shall be established.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Engineering Design Process

Designing stage is a vital stage that which contributes significantly to the final product or engineering work during operation stage. Typically engineering design begins with setting the objectives of the design. For an example, a car must be designed to exceed top speed of 250Km/h with breaking time of 5 seconds. The design works will focus on how to achieve the top speed with the expected breaking time. However, the car may require a very delicate power train design and braking system that may very costly but cost saving was not the objective of the design. Defining the problem to achieve the design objectives is a very first crucial step (Khandani, 2005). For the example of the car, achieving top speed of 250Km/h with breaking speed of 5 seconds is the objectives. Therefore, defining all problems that prevent the car from achieving it is the utmost priority. Any other problem that may arise during the process such as high fuel consumption, high rate wear & tear of the brakes and short life span of the engine due to expectation to deliver enormous amount of power is deliberately been ignored.

However, all arise problem may be taken to account as it been discovered during designing stage and carries significant impact during operation stage. As the impact of the problem is known, it worth the effort to eliminate or reducing it during engineering design process. Therefore, it is important for engineers to understand the impact of the problem onto the design.

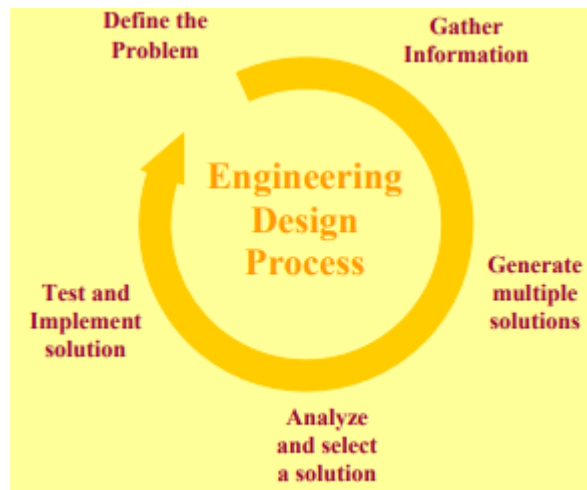


Figure 2.1: Engineering design process (Khandani, 2005).

2.2. Aerodynamic Drag

General understanding of aerodynamic is the behaviour of air flows around an object. Anything moving is subject to aerodynamic forces which govern by Newton 3rd law and Bernoulli's principle. Aerodynamic forces which usually divided into two components which is drag force and lift force. These two components are important parameters in dynamic engineering design. Drag force is an opposing force of an object. Drag force is derivation from Buckingham π theorem (Maxemow, 2009) which leads to drag force function which dependant to velocity, fluid density, affected area and viscosity which generally expressed in as follows equation:

$$FD = 1/2\rho v^2 C_d A$$

Drag coefficient is used to quantify the drag resistance exerted by an object when moves in fluid regardless compressible or incompressible fluid. Drag coefficient is closely related with affected surface area and shape of the object. Drag coefficient is contributed by these both type of fluid dynamic drag which is skin friction and form drag. Skin friction is interaction between fluid flow and the surface area of the object and form drag is associated with shape of the object. Drag coefficient is used to measure effectiveness of an object in

opposing air resistance during motion (Heisler, 2002). Low drag coefficient implies the object move freely in fluid and high drag coefficient translate to difficulty to move in fluid as high opposing force to the motion.

Table 2.1: Typical drag coefficient of vehicles (Heinz, 2002).

Vehicle type drag coefficient, CD	
Saloon car	0.22-0.4
Sports car	0.28-0.4
Light van	0.35-0.5
Busses and coaches	0.4-0.8
Articulated trucks	0.55-0.8
Ridged trucks and draw bar trailer	0.7-0.9

Drag coefficient is a variation of function of speed, object shape, fluid density, direction of the motion and fluid viscosity and drag coefficient is not a constant. Shape of an object and Reynolds number contribute greatly on drag coefficient. An experiment conducted (Gemba, 2007) to understand the impact of shapes and Reynolds number on drag.

Below are shapes used as test specimen.

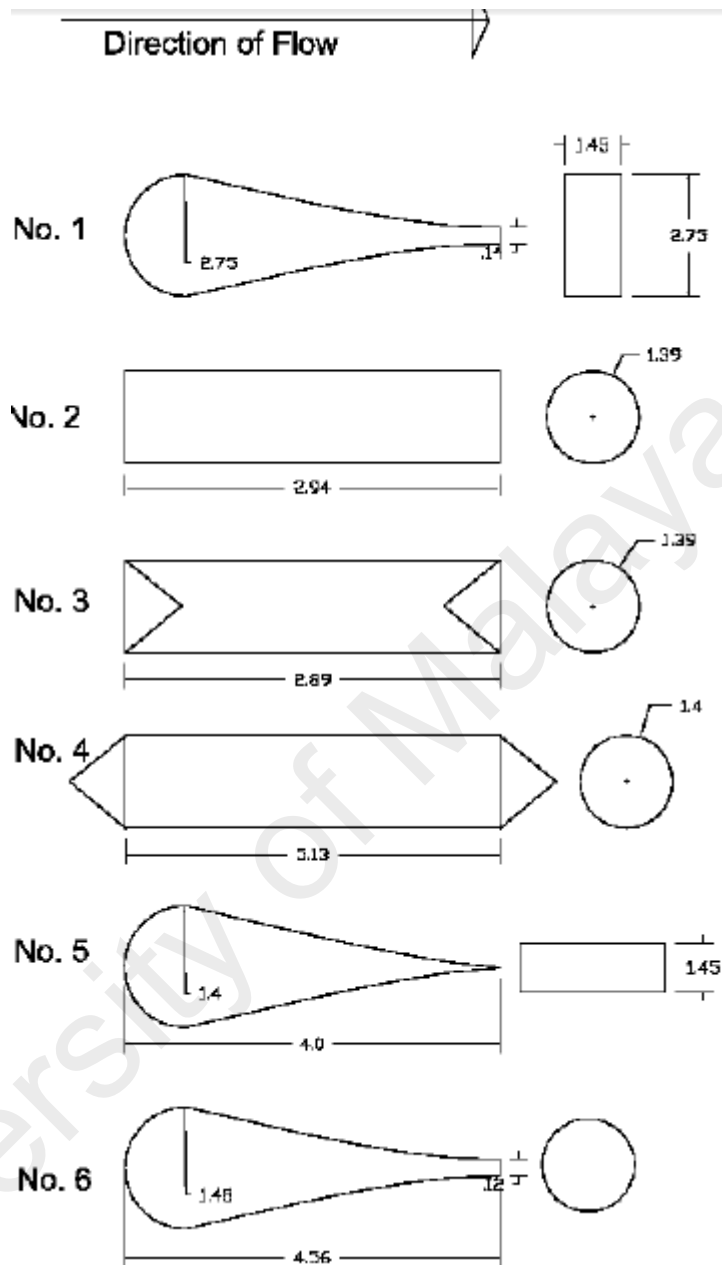


Figure 2.2: Tested objects, dimensions: inch

Drag forces for all test specimens increased as Reynolds number and stream velocity build up. The test specimen that clearly possesses good aerodynamic flow features such as 4, 5, and 6 showed the lowest drag. Test specimen no 6 deemed as the best aerodynamic shape as it showed almost 50% less drag if compared to test specimen no 3, 2 and 1 (Gemba, 2007).

2.3. Design Optimization for Drag Reduction

As generally understood that shape has significant impact in contributing the unwanted drag resistance that not contributing to dynamic stability of an object. Various studies have been conducted to optimize the design to reduce drag coefficient hence reducing the drag force. An object shall be designed with various method of shape optimization to obtain the most wanted goal which resulted with lowest drag coefficient. A simple rounding the sharp corners, front and rear of an object have resulted of 40% of drag reduction (Conner, 2017).



Figure 2.3: A standard passenger van modified to understand the impact of shape optimization with drag reduction

Design optimization for drag reduction usually been looked point of views but not limited to streamlining airflow, covering exposed underbody structure and extent of wake and flow separation. Taguchi method is a method of design optimization that proved design of experiments (DOE) should be use if quality of manufactured output is hope to achieve (Abdellah, 2015). A good aerodynamic shape is a shape that delay flow separation, creates less wake turbulence and eliminate as much numbers of stagnation point or a point where the flow velocity is zero.

2.4. Air Deflector to Reduce Drag

Frontal area of an object is the first point of contact to experience drag resistance. A pure sharp square object frontal area has tendency to possess high numbers of stagnation point thus creating high drag resistance. A streamlined, blunted sharp edge possesses lower numbers of stagnation points as air flows more freely around it. A semi-trailer truck without an air deflector installed on the roof of the driving cab showed a drag coefficient approximately of 0.80 when a similar semi-trailer truck installed with air deflector showed approximate drag coefficient of 0.67 when both simulated moving at speed of 40 Km/h (Chowdhury et al ,2013).

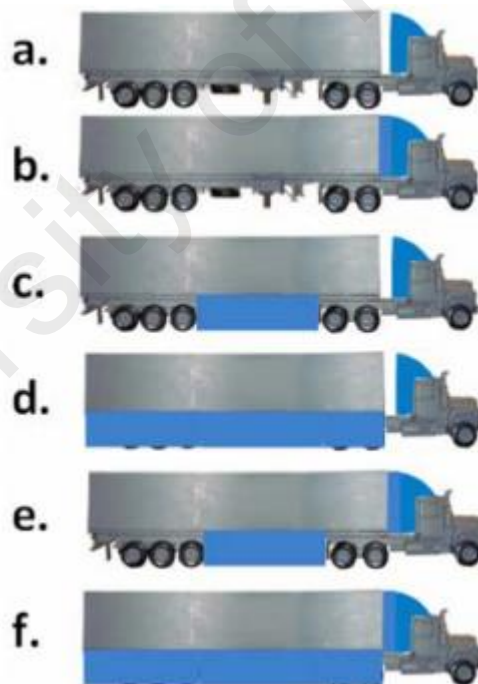


Figure 2.4: Semi trailer test model installed with various type of air deflector (Chowdhury et al, 2013).

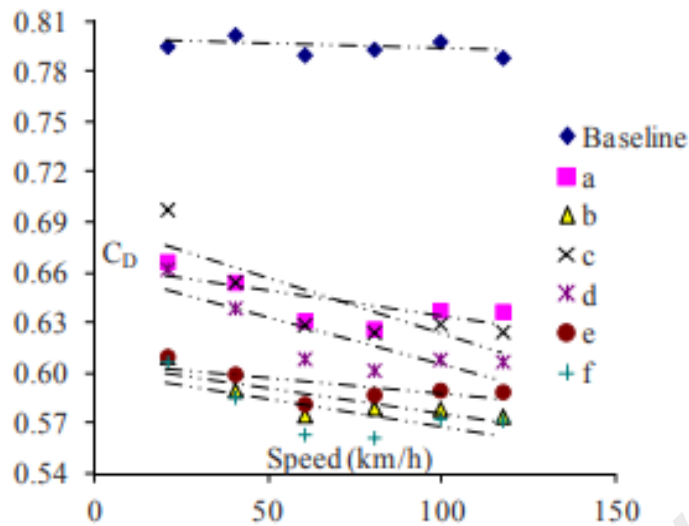


Figure 2.5: Comparison of drag coefficient (Chowdhury et al, 2013).

As illustrated in figure 2.5, air deflector does imply a significant role in reducing drag coefficient hence reducing drag resistance. The tested air deflector managed to mitigate the impact of wake turbulence and unchecked stagnation points.

Various studies of optimization of air deflector to reduce drag resistance have been conducted as it delivered favourable outcome from time to time. A different study showed optimization of air deflector managed to reduce initial drag of 2050N to 1688.453N which is translated to reduction of resistance of 17.6% (Ramesh et al, 2017).

Table 2.2: Drag force for reduction by optimization air deflector (Ramesh et al, 2017)

ANGLE OF WIND DEFLECT-OR	DRAG FORCE (1M) IN N	DRAG FORCE (1.25M) IN N	DRAG FORCE (1.5M) IN N	DRAG FORCE (1.75M) IN N
30	1958.764	1866.244	1858.655	1857
35		1844.62	1802.042	1820
40	1860.063	1819.701	1800.983	1787.369
45	1846.176	1801.363	1695.266	1688.453
50	1824.922	1763.86	1711.011	1747.998
60	1736.566	1734.19	1808.906	1868.839
70	1768.95	1812.826	1884.662	1981.503

2.5. The Impact of Reduced Drag

To move an object to motion, energy must have to be generated to overcome the resistance force. Lesser resistance hence less energy is required to move an object into a desired speed. Typical semi-trailer truck utilized energy generated from piston engines that dependant on burning of fossil fuel and a typical high speed train or normal metro train, utilized energy from traction motor that dependant on electrical power supply to established a forward motion and overcome resistance force. A reduction in drag resistance will result in lesser energy consumption. A reduction of 37% of aerodynamic resistance resulted to 6% reduction of fuel consumption with introduction of new design of air spoiler or air deflector (Cihan, 2017).

2.6. Aerodynamic Drag of Train

All featured design of train regardless traction power dependant or diesel power dependant to generate a forward motion is subjected to motion resistance. Two typical resistance of a train which categories into inherent resistance and incidental resistance. Train resistance usually better is understood by Davis formula (Newcastle, 2017). The formula translated to as follows empirical illustration:

$$R=A+BV+CDV^2$$

Which are:

R= Total train resistance force

A= Rolling resistance

B= A train resistant coefficient dependant on train speed

C=Streamlining coefficient

D=Aerodynamic coefficient which often combined with C

V= Train velocity

Table 2.3: Summary of A, B, C&D of Davis formula (Newcastle, 2017)

A	B	C & D
Journal / Roller Bearing Resistance	Flange friction	Head-end wind pressure
Rolling resistance	Flange impact	Skin friction on the side of the train
Track resistance	Rolling resistance wheel/rail	Rear drag
	Wave action of the rail	Turbulence between cars
		Yaw angle of wind tunnels

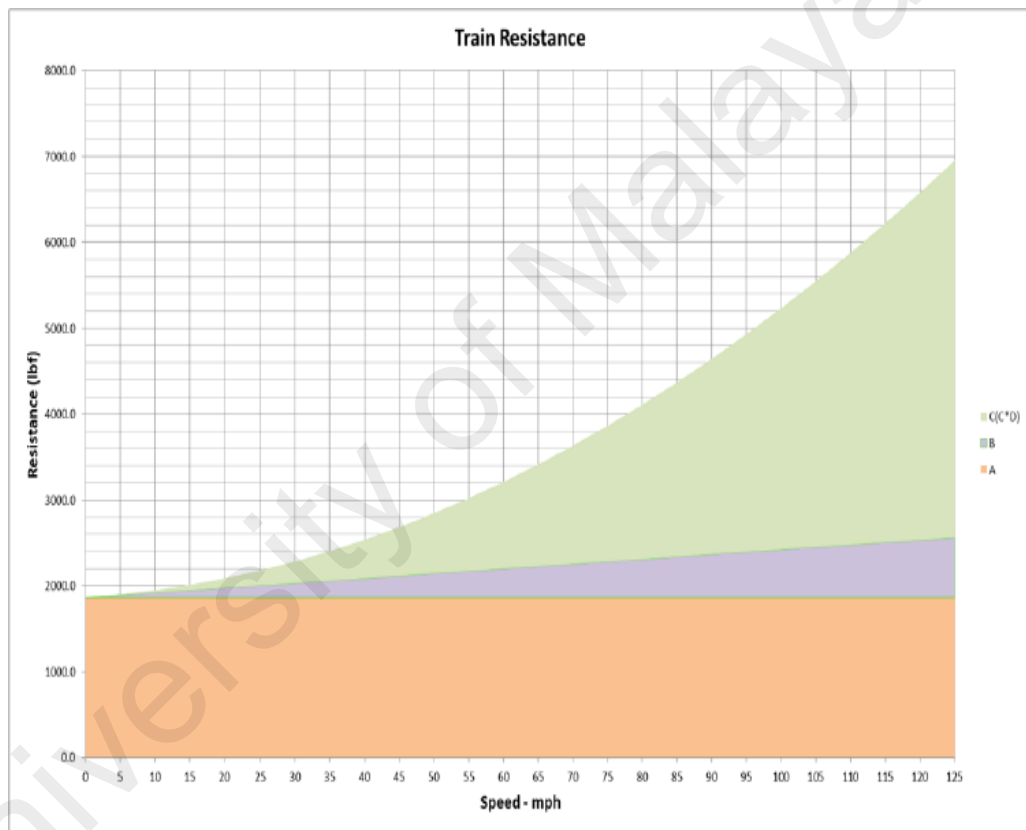


Figure 2.6: Impact of each Davis coefficients on resistance force (Newcastle, 2017).

As illustrated by figure 2.6, as velocity of the train increase, resistance force contributed by coefficient A remain constant and resistance force contributed by coefficient B also have the same contributing factor as coefficient A.

However, resistance force contributed by coefficient C & D increase as velocity of the train increase. Resistance force experienced by a train due to factor of form drag worth to be study further.

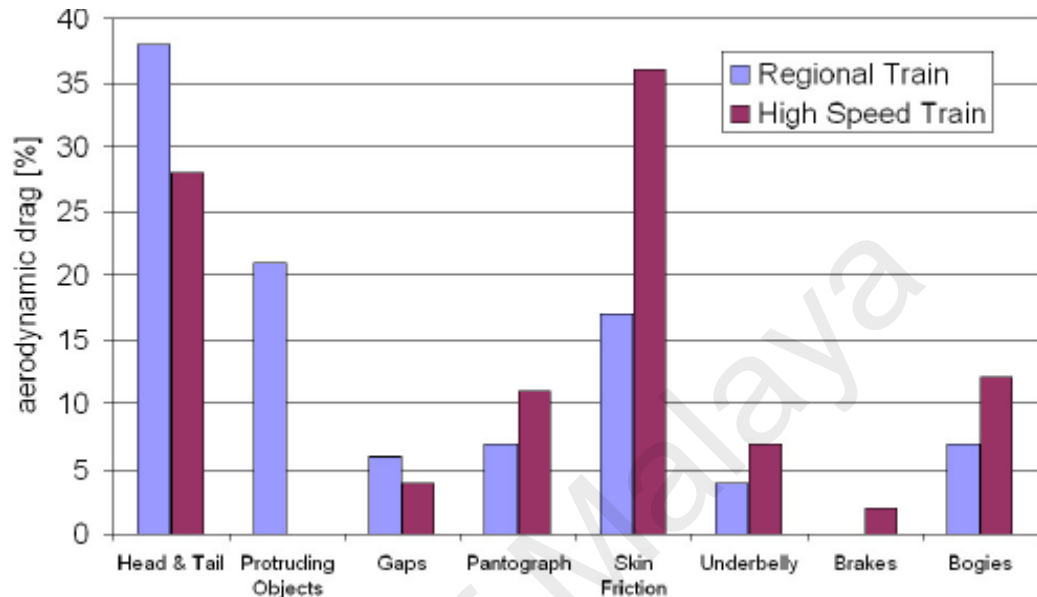


Figure 2.7: Drag distribution of a high speed and regional train (Orellano & Sperling, 2007).

As illustrated by figure 2.7 is typical drag distribution exerted by a train, an actual drag distribution is highly depending on actual train design and motion scenario. Protruding objects such as air conditioning unit, telecommunication antenna, pantograph or any other equipment which are protruding or installed on the top roof section are the common source of drag resistance if compared to a train design that conceals all protruding equipment (Orellano & Sperling, 2007).

2.7. Impact of Reduced Train Drag Resistance

As the source of contributing drag resistance have been understood that leads to various study to understand the impact of the drag resistance to energy consumption regardless diesel powered train or electrical powered train.

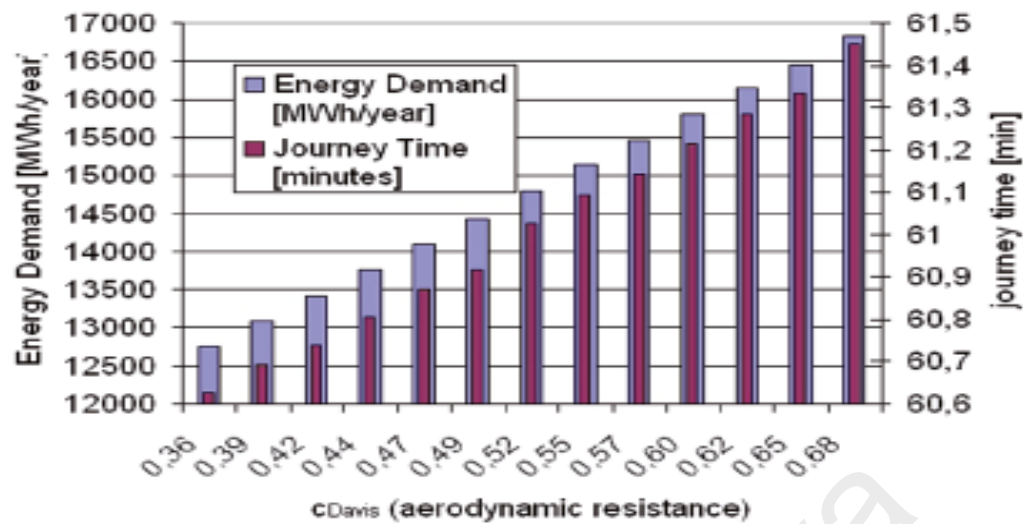


Figure 2.8: Impact of drag resistance on energy demand (Orellano & Sperling, 2007).

The study conducted that illustrated in figure 8 shows that with improvement of train design that focused on reduction of drag resistance contributed significantly to reduction in energy demand. Potential possesses by drag reduction alone to reduce energy demand in typical journey of a train is huge and estimated to be in range of 20-25% and will lead to reduction of 6-8% of energy demand hence lead to saving of about 200MWh/year per train (Orellano & Sperling, 2007).

A different study conducted to understand the impact of drag reduction of diesel fuel powered rolling stock or train type (Paul et al, 2007). The study amplified on protruding design relationship with consumption of diesel fuel. With just removing the protruding objects out from the design, it leads to reduction of 8% in demand for diesel fuel per 1600 kilometres when moving at speed of 65 Km/h at normal level route.

2.8. ET425M High Speed Train

ET425M built by Siemens to operate train service from Kuala Lumpur Sentral Station (KL Sentral) to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). The train dedicatedly designed for Express Rail Link that main objective to achieve

travelling time lesser than 28 minutes from KL Sentral to KLIA and denoted as fastest train in Malaysia. ET425M is electrically powered and consist of four-car train with total length 68 metre with maximum load of approximate 136 tonnes. Design philosophy of ET425M is to possess high power performance with low energy consumption and expected to have design life of 30 years. Express Rail Link runs 237 trips daily (ERL, personal communication, 16 June 2019).

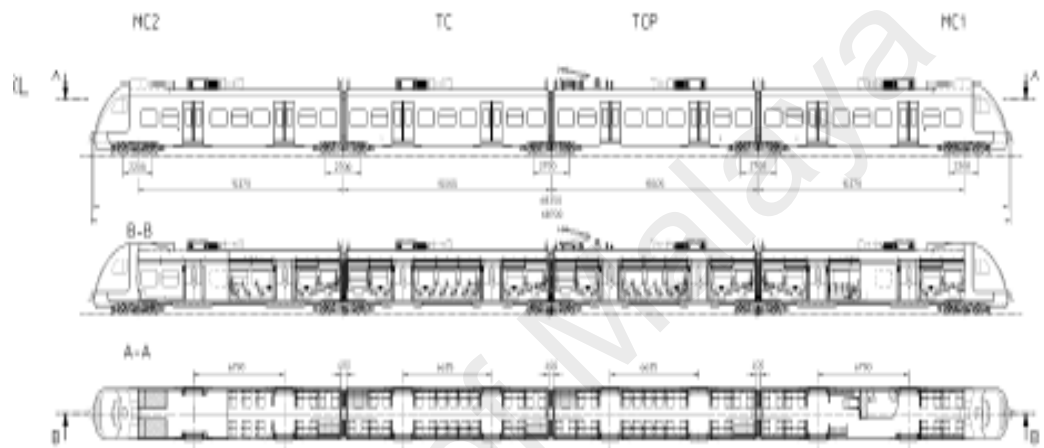


Figure 2.9: Overview drawing of ET425M

Table 2.4: Dimensions of ET425M

Length over coupler face of 4-car unit	68,700 mm
Length over coupler face of Motor Car	18,845 mm
Length over coupler face of Trailer Car	15,505 mm
Overall width, nominal	2,840 mm
Height of pantograph (down) above rail level (nominal, unladen)	4,225 mm
Height of floor above rail level (nominal, unladen, w/o flooring)	798 mm
Height of seating area ceiling above floor (nominal)	2,200 mm
Height of vestibule ceiling above floor (nominal)	2,310 mm
Nominal clear width of entrance door (w/o hand rails)	1,300 mm
Nominal clear height of entrance door	1,980 mm
Minimum gangway aisle width at the bottom	715 mm
Nominal aisle width at end walls	690 mm
Nominal aisle width at seat boxes (knee height)	616 mm
Minimum aisle width at coupler area over seats level	2,000 mm
Distance between bogie centres Motor Car	15,370 mm
Distance between bogie centres Trailer Car	15,505 mm
Height of coupler head centre above top of rail (tare)	1,030 mm
Maximum wheel diameter new	850 mm
Minimum wheel diameter worn	780 mm

Table 2.5: ET425M nominal performance

Maximum design speed	176 km/h
Maximum service speed	160 km/h
Installed power of traction equipment	1.8 MW at rim
Power during electrical braking	2.0 MW at rim
Starting effort	150 kN
Constant power range	from $v > 43.2$ km/h
Catenary voltage (rated voltage)	25 kV
Frequency	50 Hz
Psophometric current	3 A (approx.), normal operation condition
Power factor	~ 1 at 25 kV, controlled
Range of full power	23 kV ... 27,5 kV
Range of power reduction	19 kV ... 23 kV
Max. starting acceleration	1.0 m/s ²
Max. electrical deceleration	-0.9 m/s ²
Max. emergency deceleration (friction brake only)	-1.16 m/s ²

2.8.1. ET425M Energy Consumption

ET425M energy demands supplied by tractive power generated by traction motor. As design philosophy of ET425 is high performance with less energy consumption. That philosophy been achieved by focusing on optimizing weight and regenerative braking or reused generated electricity during braking. Figure shows driving resistance and tractive effort of ET425M.

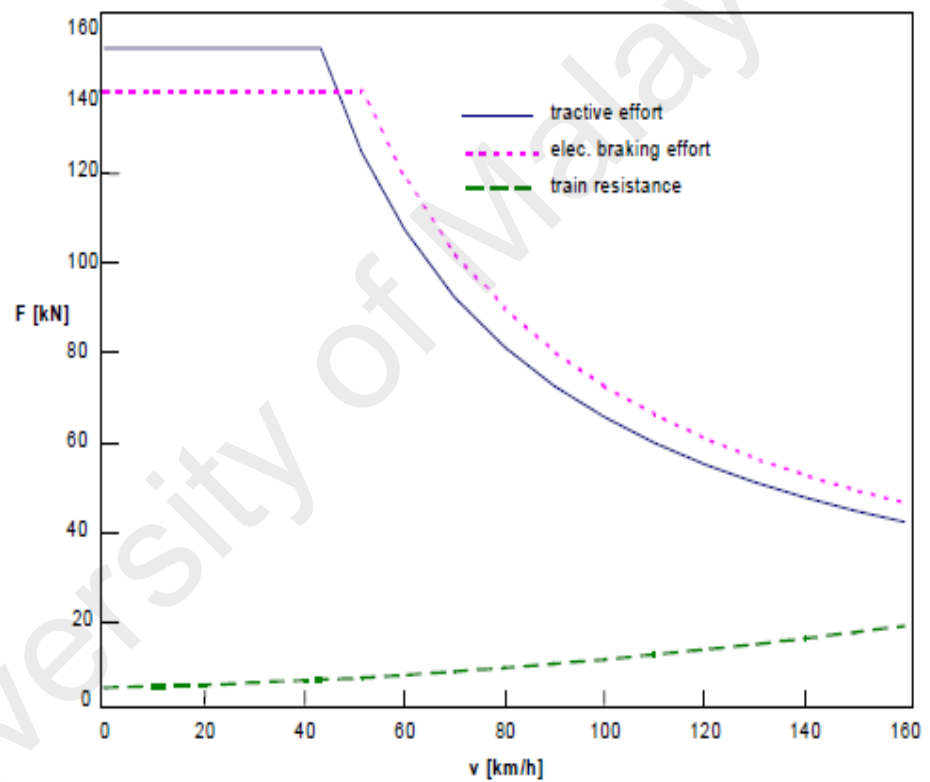


Figure 2.10: ET425M driving resistance and tractive effort

The figure illustrated driving resistance and tractive effort based on adhesion coefficient of 0.17 (starting) and 0.16 (braking) with fully loaded passengers and half worn wheel (Siemens, 2000). It can be interpreted that maximum train air resistance is approximately 20,000 N when operating at maximum commercial speed.

Energy consumption recorded by a trip by ET425M journey from Kuala Lumpur Sentral Station (KL Sentral) to Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is at 279KWh (ERL, personal communication, 16 June 2019)

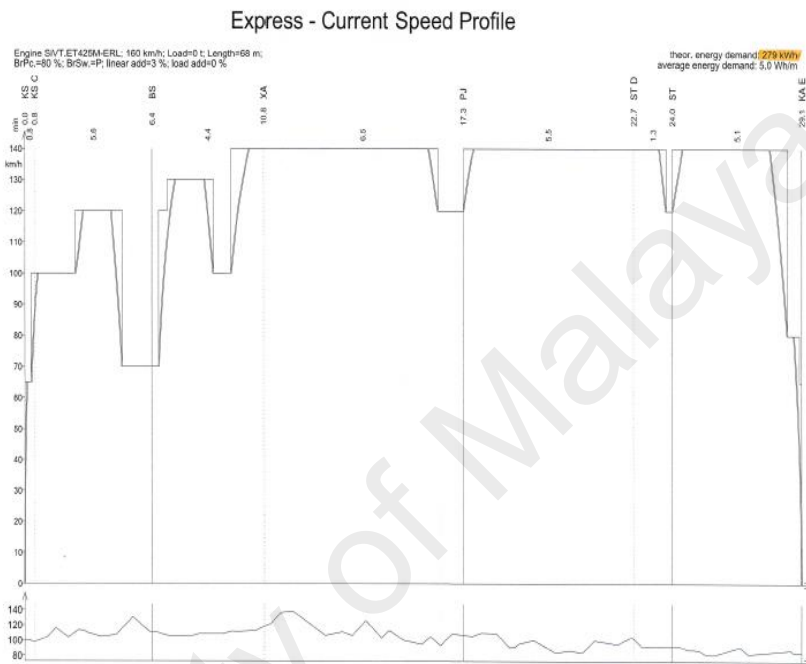


Figure 2.11: ET425M energy consumption for a single trip

2.9. Train Energy Consumption Prediction Method

To estimate and predict train power consumption per trip requires a very specified and accurate data such as train velocity, total running time, and corresponding tractive effort with braking force. A train performance simulator is a common simulation used in the industry to analyse all the data to establish the relationship between each parameter. Train performance simulation conducted by TMG International Consultant showed reduction of 13.7 % reduction in energy consumption by time table optimization alone (Jong & Chang, 2005).

2.10. Computational Fluid Dynamic Simulation for Drag Force

Computational fluid dynamic is a discipline to simulate and predict behaviour of the design during operation stage interaction with fluid flows using numerical analysis. The data structure collected helps engineers to improve the design and identified flaws that may require for redesign especially involving drag resistance and improving drag coefficient.

A study conducted by (Joung et al, 2014) to verify the result obtained by via CFD analysis to predict drag force and thrust power. The conclusion showed the experimental result is reliable to predict behaviour of concept early stage on their design process.

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3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. Introduction

This research project scope focused on defining the drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure of original ET425M roof top air conditioning design and compared with same parameter of the suggested new designs. Standard K-epsilon is used as viscous model with as follow governing equations:

For turbulent kinetic energy k :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho k u_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right] + P_k + P_b - \rho \epsilon - Y_M + S_k$$

For dissipation ϵ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho \epsilon) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho \epsilon u_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x_j} \right] + C_{1\epsilon} \frac{\epsilon}{k} (P_k + C_{3\epsilon} P_b) - C_{2\epsilon} \rho \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} + S_\epsilon$$

Figure 3.1: Standard K-epsilon governing equations

3.2. Original Design

Each original ET425M air conditioning unit design is sketched using Design Modeller software with dimension of the original design. ET425M have 4 air conditioning units installed on the roof section. The dimension of the original design is as follows:

Table 3.1: ET425M air conditioning unit dimension

Height:	0.5 m
Width:	1.8 m
Length:	2.85 m

Table 3.2: ET425M roof section dimension

Width:	3.0 m
Length:	60.0 m

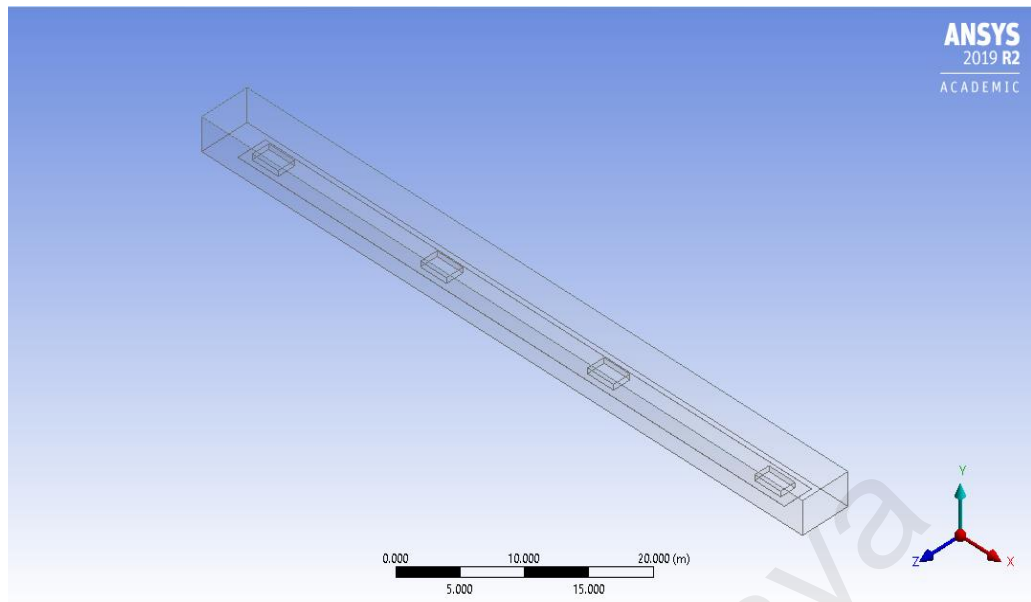


Figure 3.2: Geometry of roof section of ET425M with air conditioning units only

Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure of ET425M original air conditioning unit is defined using ANSYS FLUENT 19 R12 ACADEMIC solver. The parameters used are as follows:

Table 3.3: Mesh details of original design

Element order:	Program controlled
Element size:	0.5 m
Nodes:	94019
Elements:	60963

Table 3.4: Viscous model details

Model:	Standard K-epsilon (2eqn)
Cmu	0.09
C1-epsilon:	1.44
C2-epsilon:	1.92
TKE prandtl number:	1
TDR prandtl number:	1.3

Table 3.5: Original design reference values

Projected area:	5.6 m ²
Air density:	1.225 kg/m ³
Enthalpy:	0 j/kg
Pressure:	0 Pascal
Temperature:	288.16 k
Viscosity:	1.7894e-5
Ratio of specific heat:	1.4

Original ET425M air conditioning design is simulated using as per defined parameters with different inlet velocity of 160Km/h, 140Km/h, 120Km/h and 100Km/h with initial set iteration of 500 or until converged. Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure for each inlet velocity are compared.

3.3. Suggested Designs

With reference to original ET425 air conditioning design, suggested new designs are each air conditioning unit is incorporated with air deflector with various different angles.

Table 3.6: New design air deflector angle

Model	Air deflector angle (degree)
A	40°
B	30°
C	20°

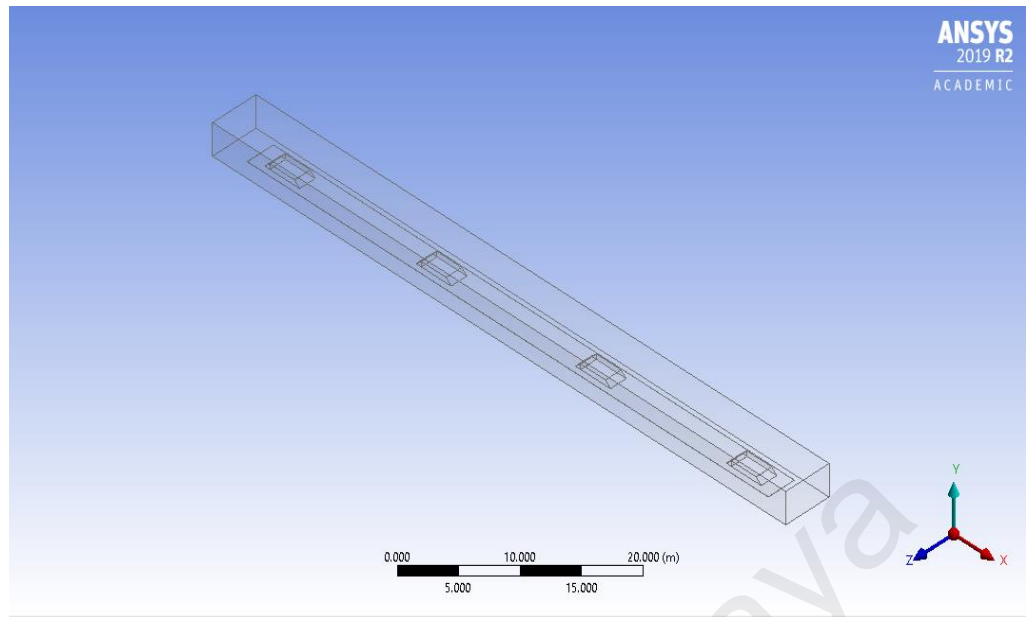


Figure 3.3: Geometry of roof section of ET425M with air conditioning units incorporated with air deflector

Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure of ET425M new air conditioning unit is defined using ANSYS FLUENT 19 R12 ACADEMIC solver. The parameters used are as follows:

Table 3.7: Model A mesh details

Element order:	Program controlled
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Model A design is simulated using as per defined parameters as original design with different inlet velocity of 160Km/h, 140Km/h, 120Km/h and 100Km/h with initial set iteration of 500 or until converged. Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure for each inlet velocity are compared.

Table 3.8: Model B mesh details

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Model B design is simulated using as per defined parameters as original design with different inlet velocity of 160Km/h, 140Km/h, 120Km/h and 100Km/h with initial set iteration of 500 or until converged. Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure for each inlet velocity are compared.

Table 3.9: Model C mesh details

Element order:	Program controlled
Element size:	0.5 m
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Model C design is simulated using as per defined parameters as original design with different inlet velocity of 160Km/h, 140Km/h, 120Km/h and 100Km/h with initial set iteration of 500 or until converged. Drag force, drag coefficient and max pressure for each inlet velocity are compared.

3.4. Power Consumption

The power consumption of original drag force resistance is compared with drag force of new suggested design. Train power consumption best to be estimated using establish train performance simulation software to anticipate affecting factors of power consumption such starting effort, motion resistance, number of stops, influence of regenerative braking, acceleration, coasting and etc. Majumdar (Jong, 2005) proposes an equation to estimate train power consumption. The equation as follow figure:

$$W_T = \left[\frac{2.725}{0.814} (\sum T_A \times d_A + \sum T_B \times d_B) \right] + \left[\frac{P_a}{0.964} \times \left(\frac{\sum d_C}{v_C} + \frac{\sum d_D}{v_D} \right) \right] \quad ($$

where W_T = total power energy consumption (kWh)

T = force in tones due to tractive effort (ton)

d = distance traveled in km at that speed range (km)

P_a = power consumption by all auxiliaries (kWh)

A, B, C, D = Acceleration, Balancing, Coasting and Deceleration stage, respectively

Figure 3.4: Majumdar train power consumption equation

However, with missing actual data as suggested by above equation, to establish power consumption of ET425M using above equation is void. Approximate method to determine the power consumption is used with various assumption to establish the understanding of relationship between air resistance of train and power consumption. A very simplified method is used to determine the differential factor of power consumption of original air conditioning unit design and improved new design by focusing on different of traction effort and air resistance.

With assumption of ET425M constant travelling speed of 160Km/h then the tractive effort is 50,000 N (Siemens, 2000). The air resistance generated from ET425M when travelling at 160Km.h is 20,000N and remaining 30,000 N is other motion resistance (Siemens, 2000) and as per defined by (Orellano & Sperling, 2007) 20% of air resistance generated by regional train is contributed by protruding objects. Therefore, assuming 15 000 N air resistance is generated by others and 5000 N generated by protruding objects. The contribution of ET425M protruding air conditioning design to the total 5000 N is determined with the obtained drag force from the simulation. The remaining drag force of protruding objects remained as constant. The drag force generated by air

conditioning units act as manipulative coefficient. The governing equations are as follows:

Total drag force of remaining protruding objects=5000-B

Where,

B: Drag force of protruding air conditioning unit.

Total air resistance= 15000 + B + C

Where,

B: Drag force of air conditioning unit

C: Drag force of remaining protruding objects

The tractive effort of ET425M at 160 Km/h is 30000 N plus total air resistance.

The differential factor between tractive effort with original air conditioning design and new improved air conditioning design is established.

The differential factor is used with actual power consumption of ET425M which are 279KWh (ERL, personal communication, 16 June 2019) and the difference in KWh is calculated in current commercial electric tariff of E2 by Tenaga Nasional Bhd which as of July 2019, RM0.337/Kwh to reflect the monetary difference. The difference in power consumption is calculated to act as basis to understand the relationship between air resistance and power consumption.

4. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

4.1. Drag Force & Drag Coefficient

The total drag forces which consist of both drag force due to pressure force and due to viscous force and total drag coefficient due to pressure force and viscous force for original design, model A, model B and model C is tabulated as below tables. The original design and all suggested new design of model A, model B and model C is simulated with inlet velocity of 160Km/h, 140Km/h, 120Km/h and 100 Km/h.

Table 4.1: Drag force & drag coefficient of original air conditioning unit design

Speed (Km/h)	Pressure (N)	Viscous (N)	Total (N)	Cd
160	2688	1166	3854	0.56
140	2061	910	2971	0.57
120	1517	684	2201	0.57
100	1055	488	1543	0.58

Table 4.2: Drag force & drag coefficient of model A

Speed (Km/h)	Pressure (N)	Viscous (N)	Total (N)	Cd
160	2047	1140	3187	0.46
140	1569	890	2460	0.47
120	1155	670	1825	0.47
100	804	478	1282	0.48

Table 4.3: Drag force & drag coefficient of model B

Speed (Km/h)	Pressure (N)	Viscous (N)	Total (N)	Cd
160	1859	1132	2991	0.44
140	1426	884	2310	0.44
120	1049	665	1714	0.44
100	729	474	1203	0.44

Table 4.4: Drag force & drag coefficient of model C

Speed (Km/h)	Pressure (N)	Viscous (N)	Total (N)	Cd
160	1696	1127	2823	0.41
140	1302	882	2184	0.41
120	959	662	1621	0.41
100	668	474	1142	0.41

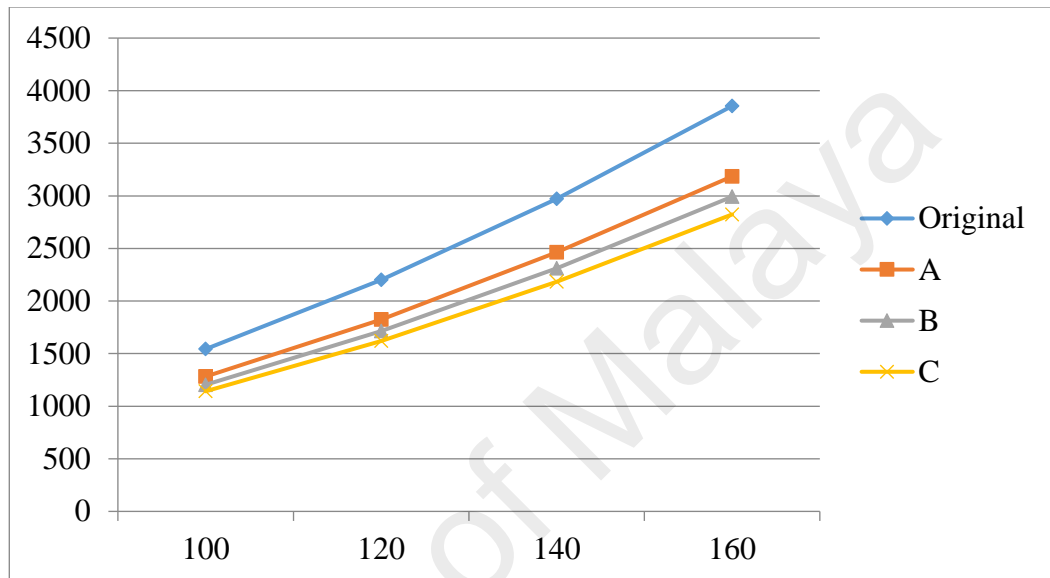


Figure 4.1: Total drag force (N) versus train velocity (Km/h) graph

As showed by figure 4.1, the total drag force acted on original air conditioning design of ET425M showed trend of decreasing with introduction of air deflector with various angles. The difference between original design and model A which air conditioning unit designed with air deflector angle of 40 degree at each unit showed reduction of 18% with train velocity of 160Km/h. With subsequent train velocity, the reduction of drag force showed consistent 18% reduction. The difference between original design and model B which is air conditioning unit designed with air deflector of 30 degrees at each unit showed reduction of 23% with train velocity of 160Km/h. With subsequent train velocity, the reduction of drag force showed consistent 23% reduction. The difference between original design and model C which is air conditioning unit designed with air deflector of

20 degrees at each unit showed reduction of 27% with train velocity of 160Km/h. With subsequent train velocity, the reduction of drag force showed consistent 27% reduction. The introduction of air deflector with 40 degree managed to reduce 18% of drag force while varying the deflection angle showed reduction of maximum 9% from model A. The result obtained is consistent with research conducted by Ramesh et al (2017) which is by optimizing air deflector angle managed to reduce initial drag by maximum 17.6% as demonstrated in the research.

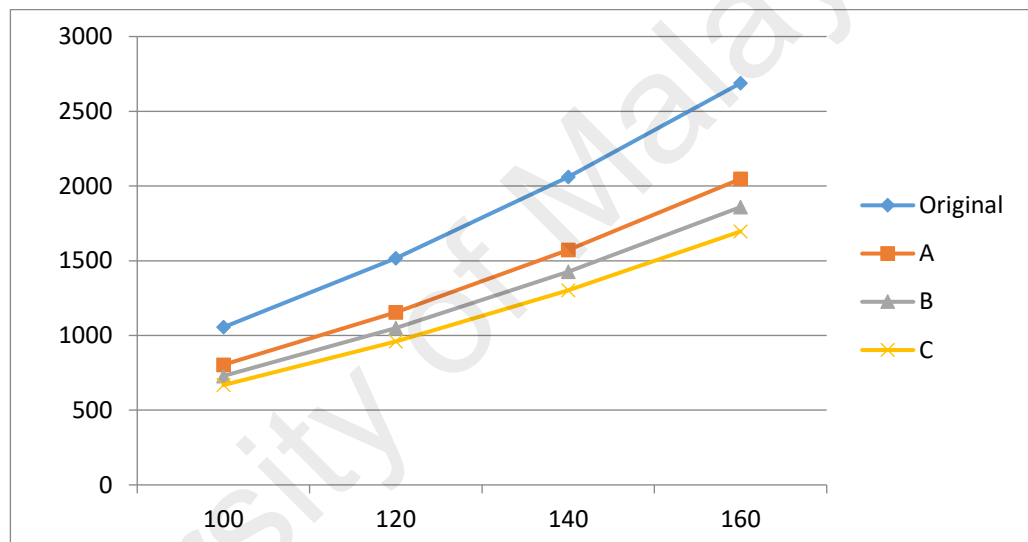


Figure 4.2: Drag force due to pressure (N) versus train velocity (Km/h) graph

As showed in figure 4.2, drag force to pressure for each model showed consistent with angle deflector design. With introduction of air deflector with angle of 40 degree showed reduction of 24% with train velocity of 160Km/h. Reduction of 31% showed with introduction of air deflector with angle of 30 degree. Reduction of 37% showed with introduction of air deflector with angle of 20%. Tremendous 24% reduction achieved by introducing air deflector with angle of 40% while varying the air deflector showed reduction of max 13%.

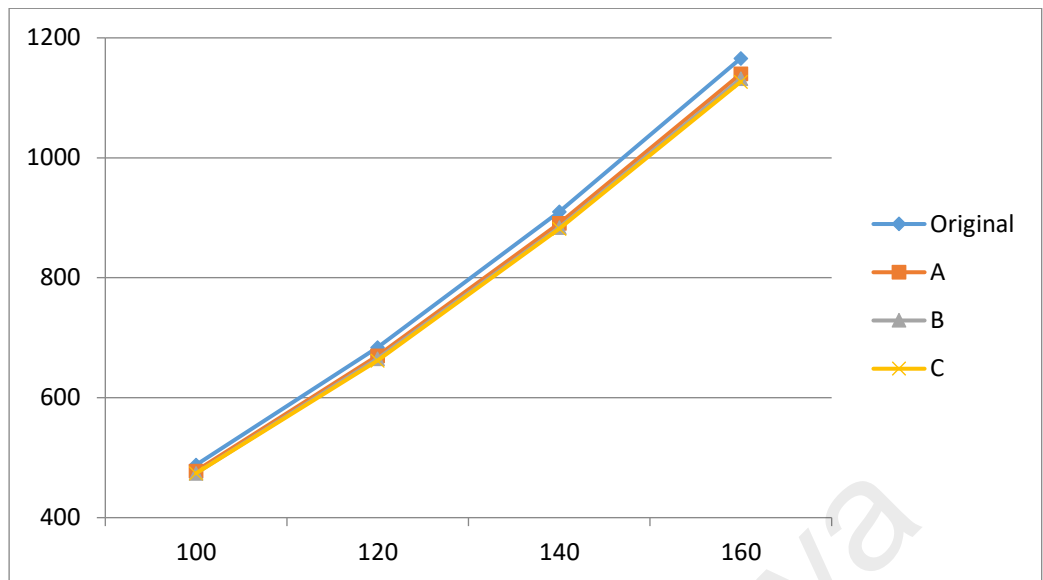


Figure 4.3: Drag force due to viscous (N) versus train velocity (Km/h) graph

As shows in figure 4.3, drag force to viscous showed insignificant difference with introduction of air deflector with any angle.

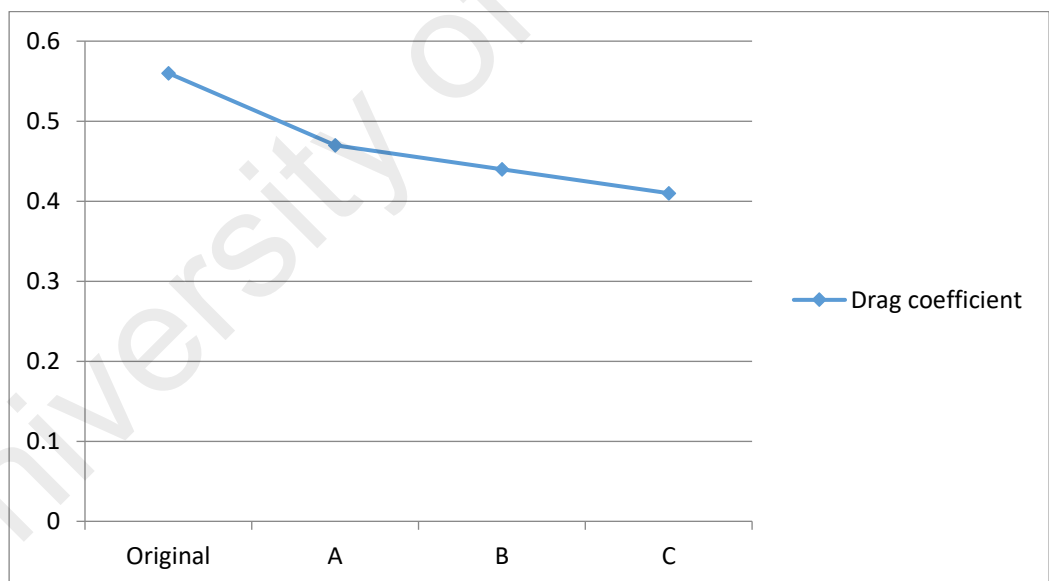


Figure 4.4: Drag coefficient versus air conditioning unit design graph

As showed in figure 4.4, initial drag coefficient of air conditioning unit showed significant reduction of 18% with introduction of air deflector angle of 40 degree. However, the trend of reduction in drag coefficient showed steady decrease pattern with reduction between A, B and C varies between 5% to 11%

4.2. Max Pressure

The max pressure exerted by original design, model A, model B and model C when simulated with inlet velocity of 160Km/h,140Km/h,120Km/h and 100Km/h is tabulated as below table.

Table 4.5: Relationship between air deflector angle and max pressure (Pa)

Speed (Km/h)	Max pressure(Pa) Model Original	Max pressure(Pa) Model A	Max pressure(Pa) Model B	Max pressure(Pa) Model C
160	1389	1061	869	760
140	1067	815	668	585
120	787	602	494	433
100	549	420	345	308

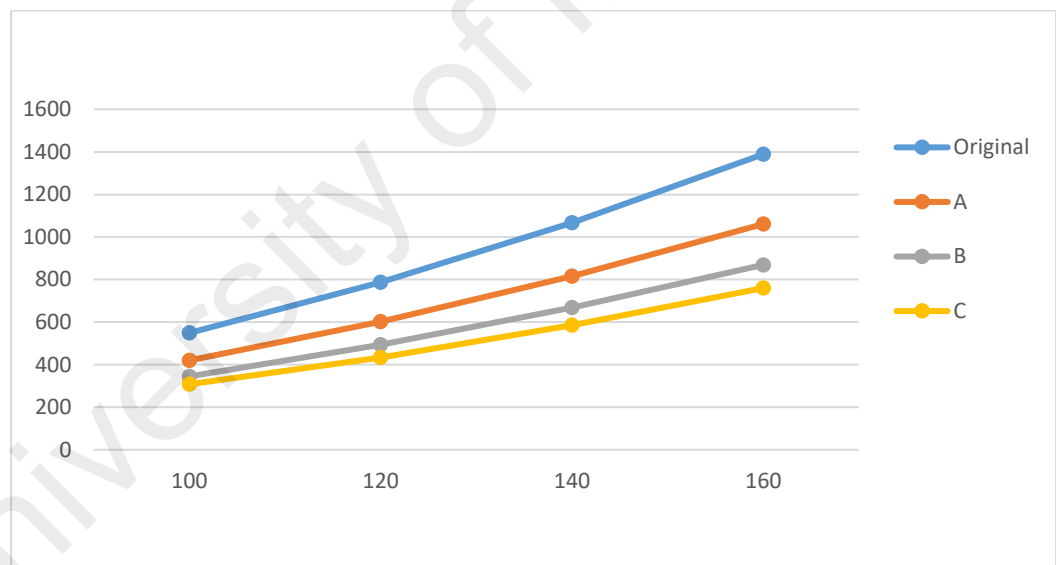


Figure 4.5: Max pressure (Pa) versus train velocity (Km/h) graph

As showed in figure 4.5, max pressure exerted by original design showed trend of increase as pressure build at air conditioning unit due to air deflector is not in place. However, with introduction of air deflector, the max pressure registered a significant reduction of 24% at train velocity of 160Km/h.

This is due to the build-up pressure been eased off by air deflector and the stagnation points been mitigated.

With various manipulation of air deflector angle from 30 degree to 20 degree, the reduction in max pressure registered additional reduction of 14% to 22%.

4.3. Power Consumption

Table 4.6: Relationship between air conditioning units resistance (N) to tractive effort to establish the differential factor

Model	Air-condition units resistance (N)	Protruding objects resistance (N)	Total motion resistance (N)	Tractive effort (N)	Differential factor
Original	3854	5000	50000	50000	-
C	2823	3969	48969	48969	0.97

Table 4.7: Power consumption of ET425M new air conditioning unit design based on actual power consumption of 279 KWh.

Model	Differential factor	Power consumption per trip in KWh	Power consumption cost per trip in RM
Original	1	279	94
C	0.97	270	91

Table 4.8: Power consumption of original ET425M air conditioning unit design and with air conditioning unit design of model C.

Model	Power consumption for one day (237 trips) in KWh	Power consumption for one month in KWh	Power consumption for one year in KWh
Original	66,123	2,049,813	24,597,756
C	64,139	1,988,319	23,859,823

Table 4.9: Power consumption cost of original ET425M air conditioning unit design and with air conditioning unit design of model C.

Model	Power consumption per day (237 trips) in RM	Power consumption per month in RM	Power consumption per year in RM
Original	22,278	690,618	8,287,416
C	21,609	669,899	8,038,794

Table 4.10: Power consumption cost difference of original ET425M air conditioning unit design and with air conditioning unit design of model C.

Model	Difference of power consumption for 1 year in RM	Difference of power consumption for 20 years in RM	Difference of power consumption for 30 years in RM
Original	0	0	0
C	248,622	4,972,450	7,458,674

A 3% reduction is established in power consumption using approximation approach with various assumptions to establish relationship between reduction in air resistance and power consumption. The figures do not reflect actual saving as the method used is not proven method relating reduction of motion resistance with power consumption. However, it gave an understanding that even a slight reduction in power consumption reflects a significant amount in monetary aspect in a long run.

Table 4.11: Relationship between approximate reductions in power consumption with cost

Approximate reduction	Difference of power consumption cost for 10 years in RM	Difference of power consumption cost for 20 years in RM	Difference of power consumption cost for 30 years in RM
1%	828,741	1,657,483	2,486,255
2%	1,657,483	3,314,966	4,972,450
3%	2,486,225	4,972,450	7,458,674

As showed in table 4.11, even with approximate reduction of 1% power consumption, it generated a significant saving in power consumption cost in long term.

5. CONCLUSION

As the results showed, with just introduction of air deflector to the design of air a very significant reduction in aerodynamic resistance. With reduction of aerodynamic shall be reduction in traction effort in basic law of motion. The reduced traction effort leads to lead traction power need to be produce by the train traction motor, hence leads to reduce of power consumption. Reduced power consumption leads to reduced power consumption cost. The actual reduction of power consumption by reduction of aerodynamic resistance not been established in the research project. However, it set a basis and understanding the ignored additional power consumption due to ignored additional aerodynamic resistance leads to huge amount of wastage in monetary aspect. As ET425M is designed to be in operation for 30 years, an additional drag resistance should be mitigated during design stage as it will be bringing a significant amount in monetary perspective.

Incorporating air deflector design to air conditioning unit is expected not produce any huge amount in cost as it just may require a simple version of air spoiler with light material. The potential reduction in drag resistance by optimization of the design must take in account with design that expected with long operational expectancy as small percentage reduction in energy consumed contributed a huge amount in long term. With realize the potential of reduction drag resistance to saving in energy consumption cost will leads to greater effort in optimizing drag reduction in any design that known incurred additional small drag resistance. A model to predict reduction in drag resistance with power consumption especially in electric powered train should be developed in the future to understand the potential of optimizing drag reduction design.

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APPENDIX B: Mesh details for original air conditioning unit design

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APPENDIX C: Mesh details for model A

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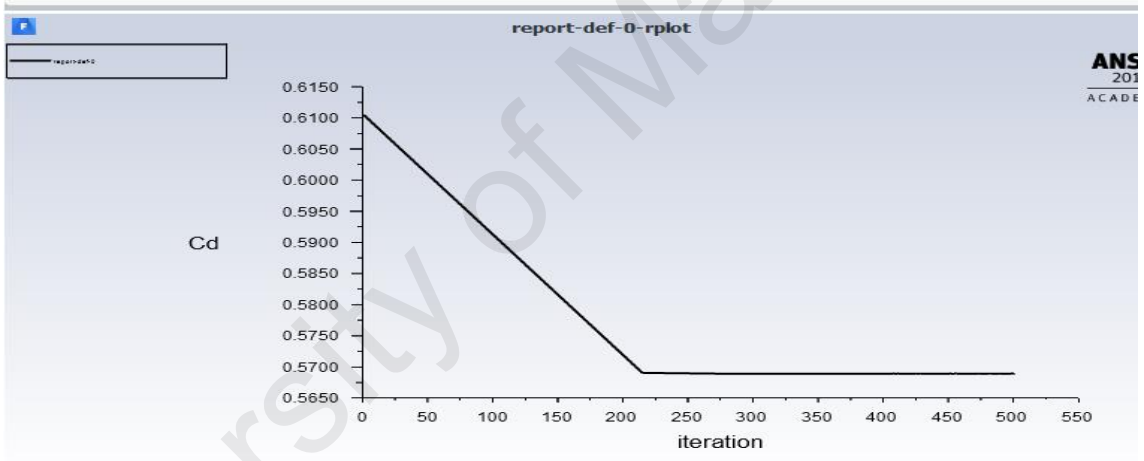
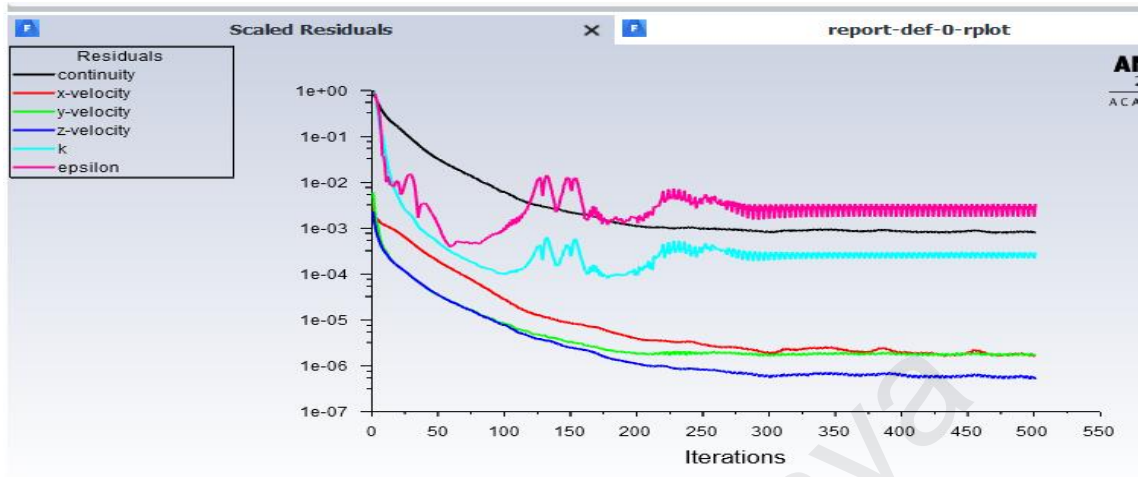
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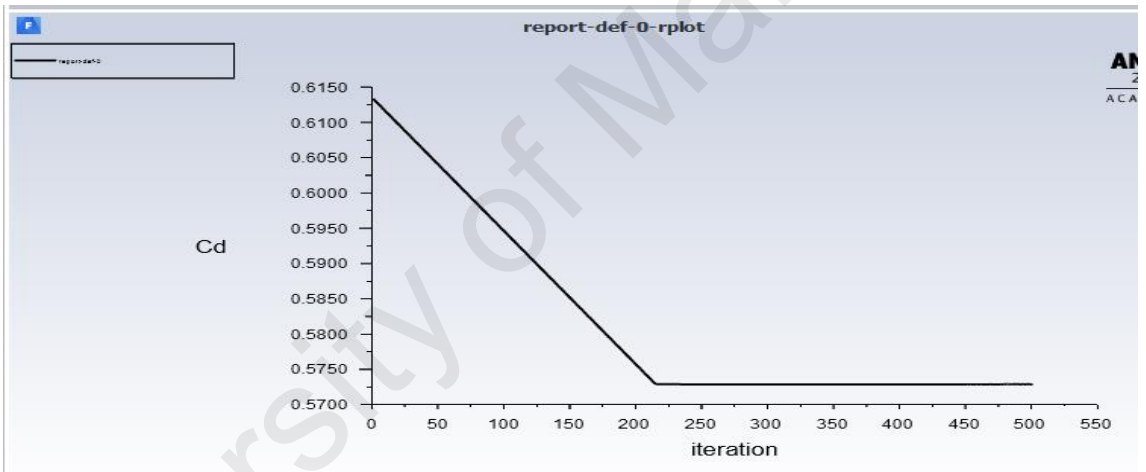
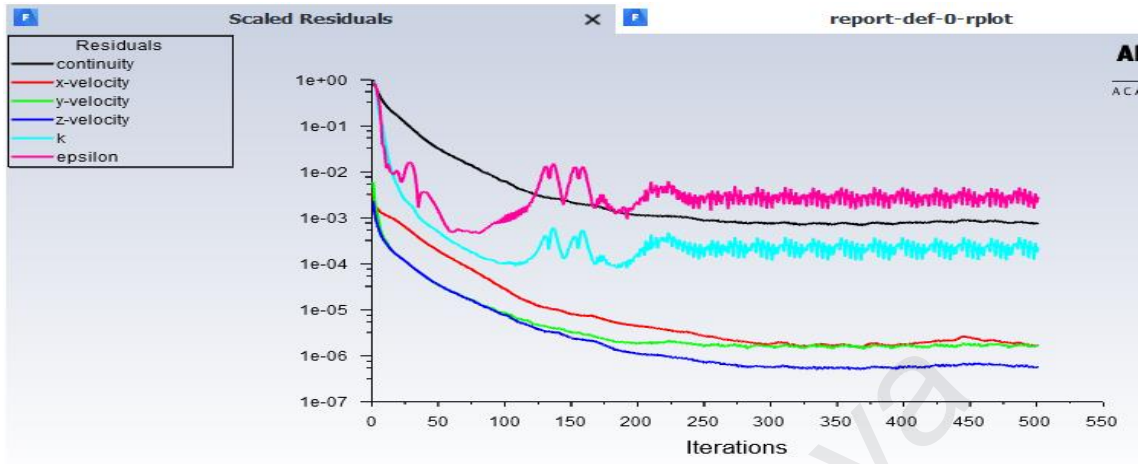
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APPENDIX F: Residual Scales drag coefficient & drag force for original design at 160 Km/h



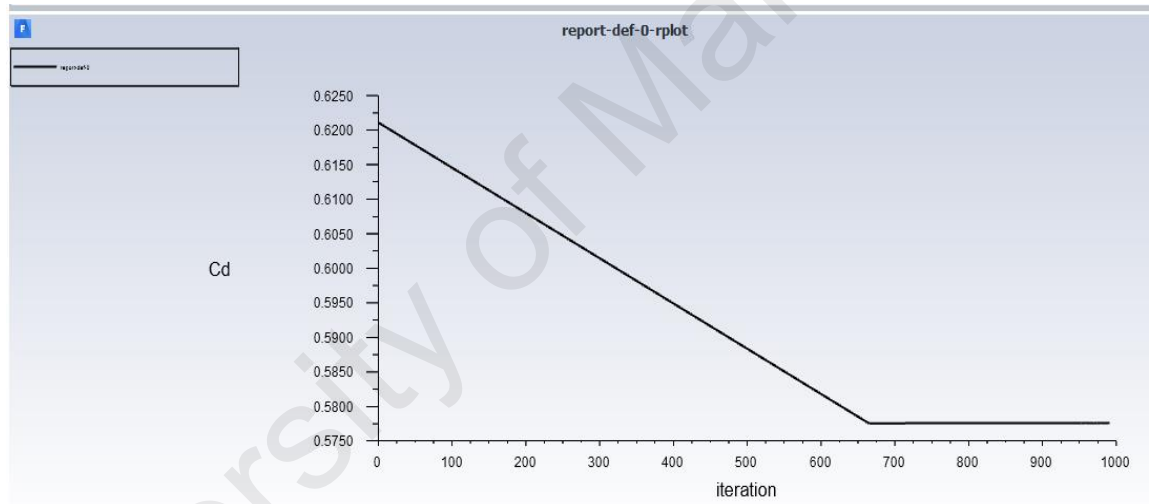
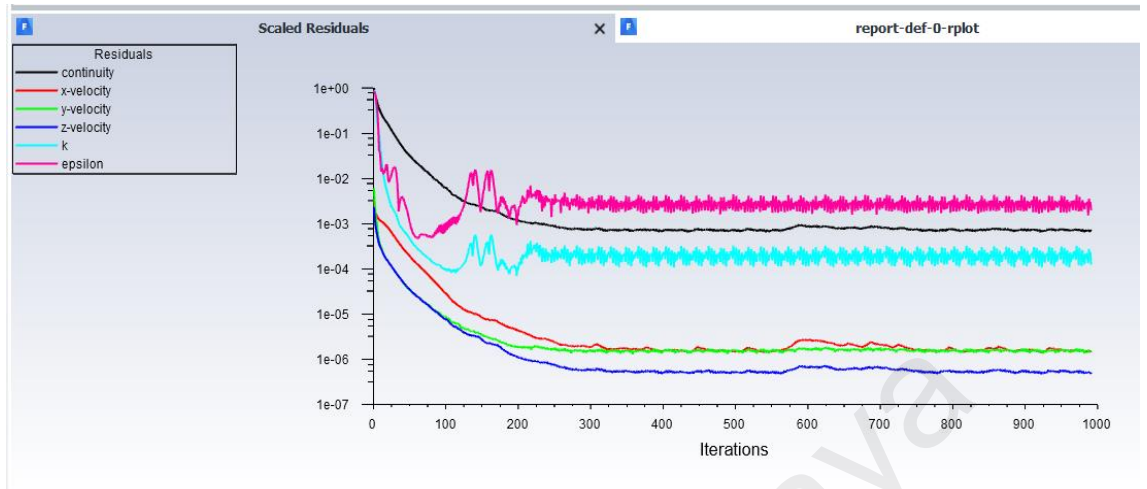
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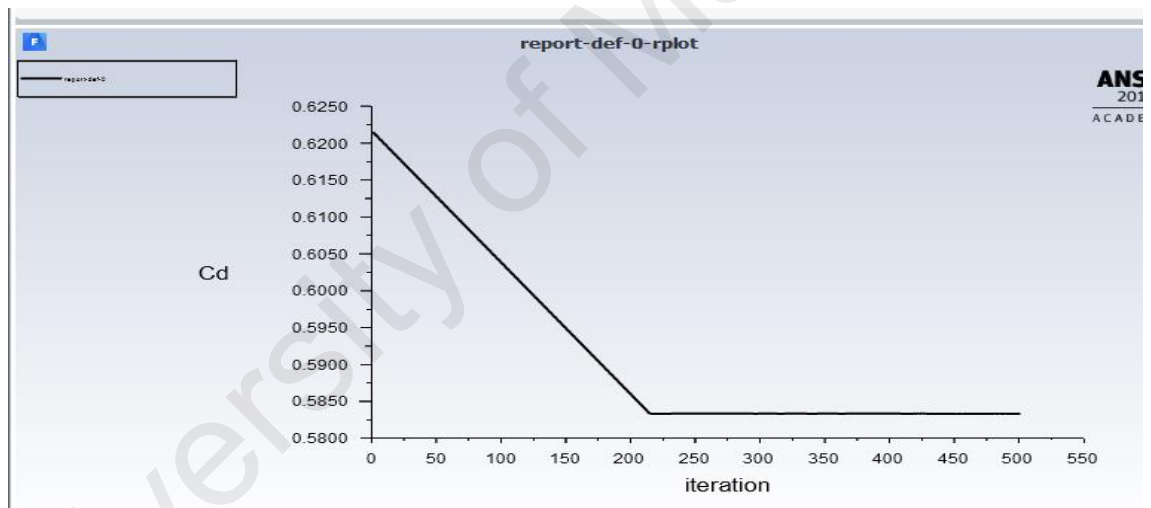
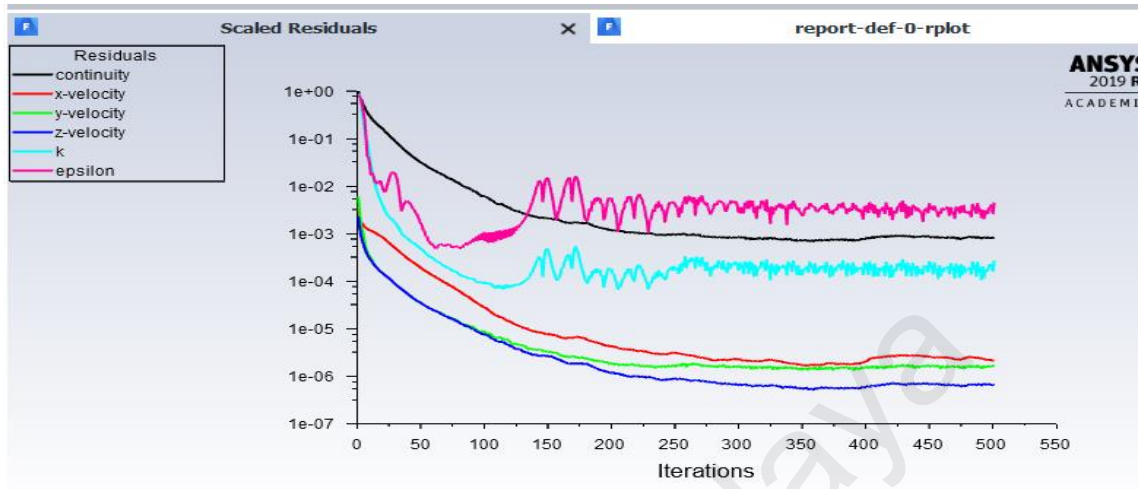
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APPENDIX H: Residual Scales drag coefficient & drag force for original design at 120 Km/h



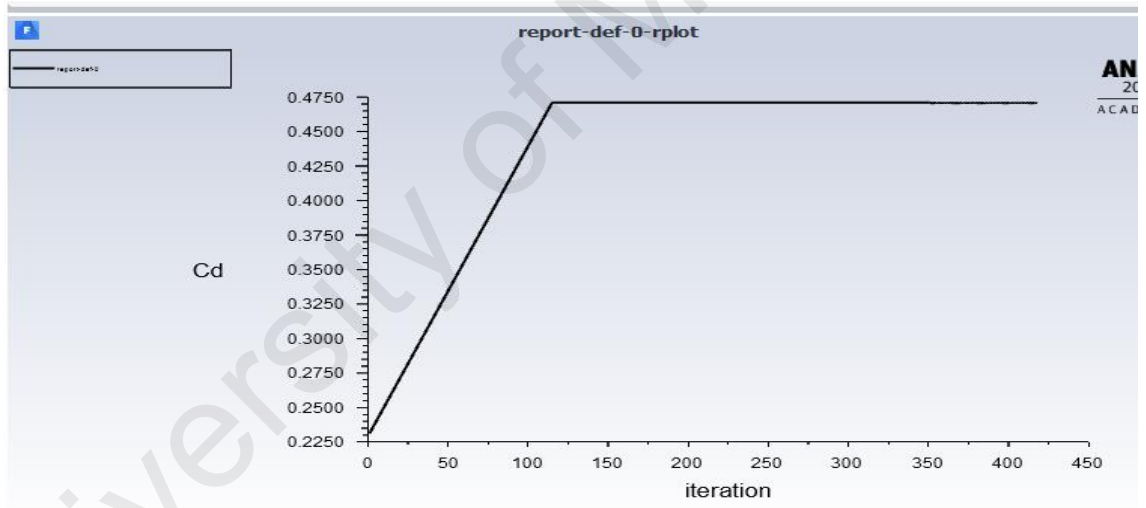
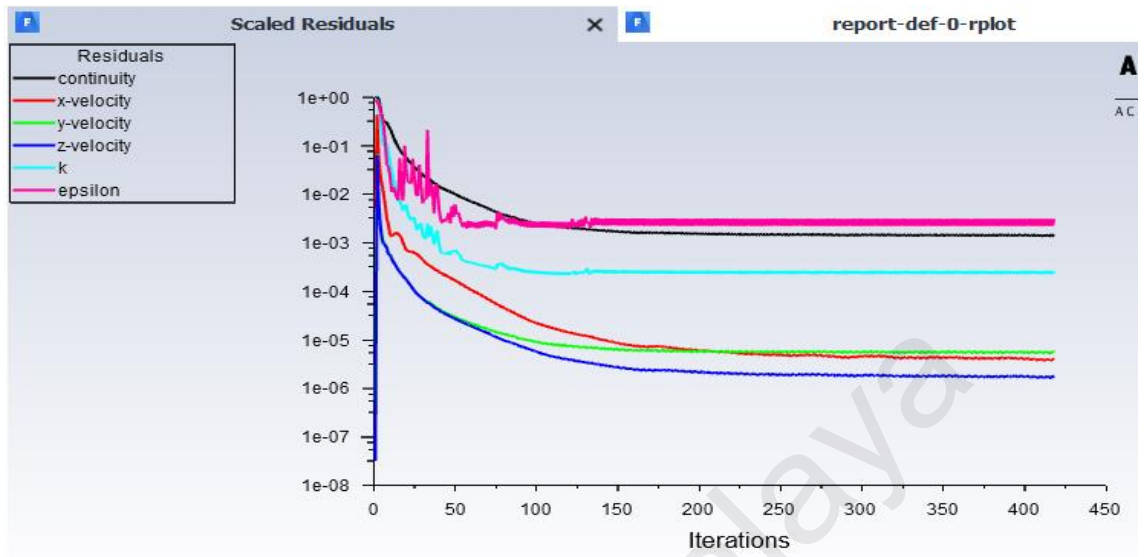
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Net	1517.2008	684.03705	2201.2379	0.39809874	0.17948467	0.57758341

APPENDIX I: Residual Scales drag coefficient & drag force for original design at 100 Km/h



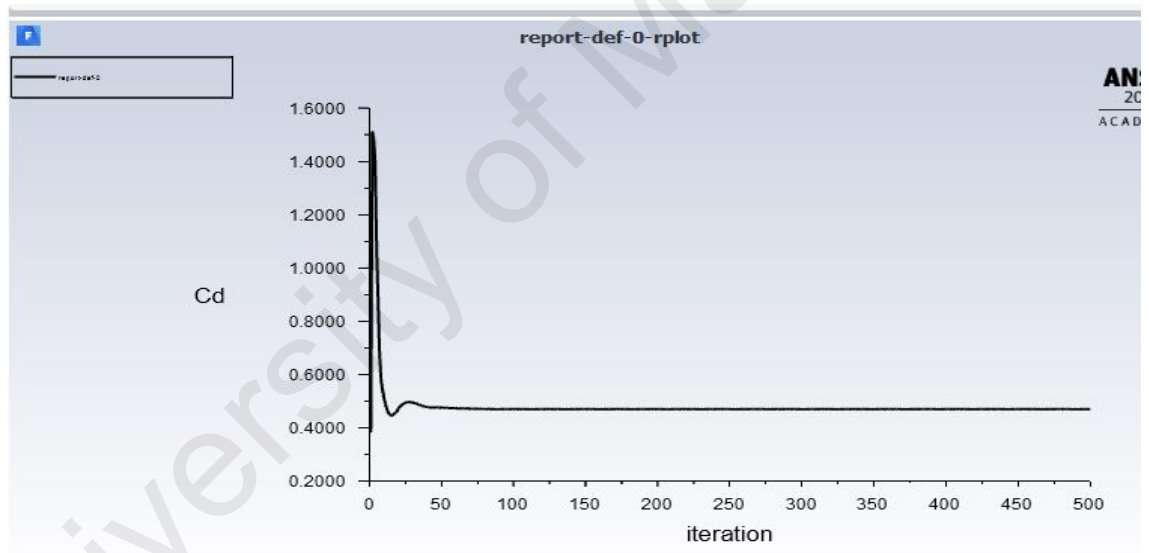
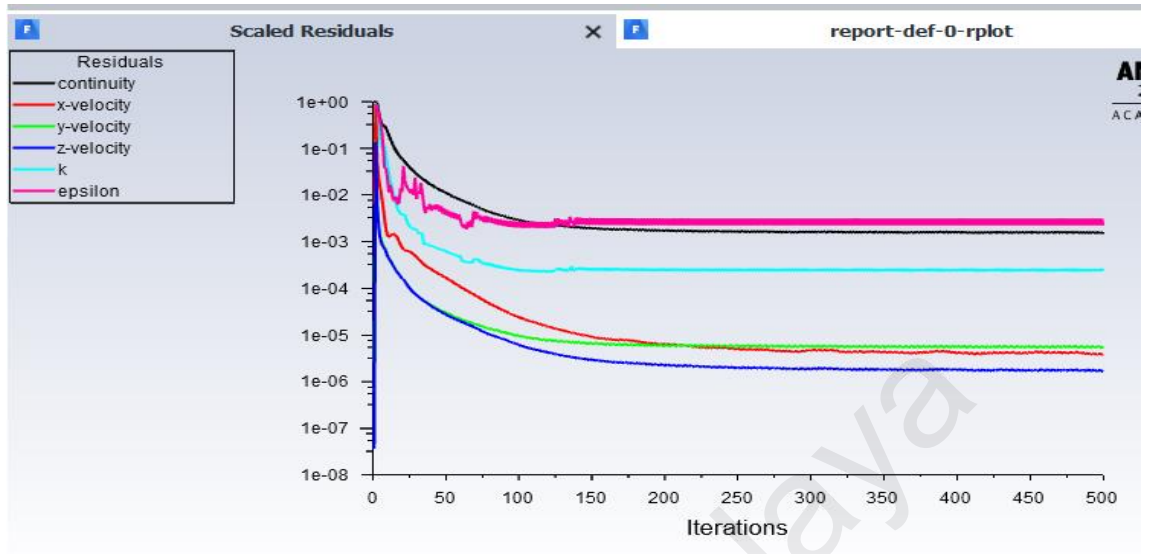
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	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	1055.7765	488.06958	1543.8461	0.39891668	0.18441318	0.58332985
Net	1055.7765	488.06958	1543.8461	0.39891668	0.18441318	0.58332985

APPENDIX J: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model A at 160 Km/h



Forces - Direction Vector (-1 0 0)						
Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	2047.3212	1140.6697	3187.9908	0.30217337	0.16835659	0.47052995
Net	2047.3212	1140.6697	3187.9908	0.30217337	0.16835659	0.47052995

APPENDIX K: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model A at 140 Km/h

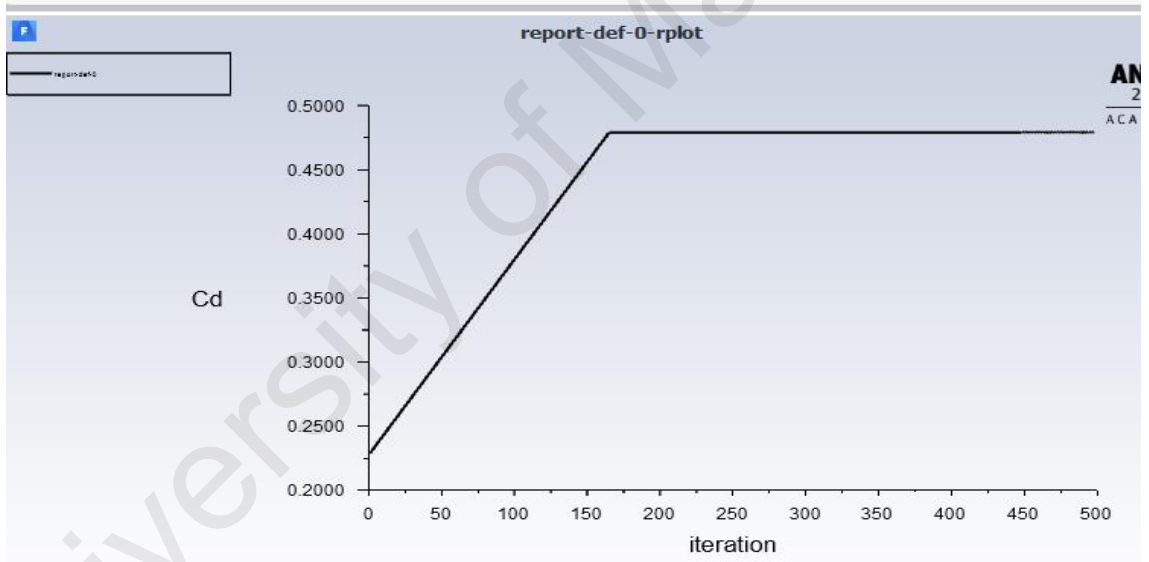
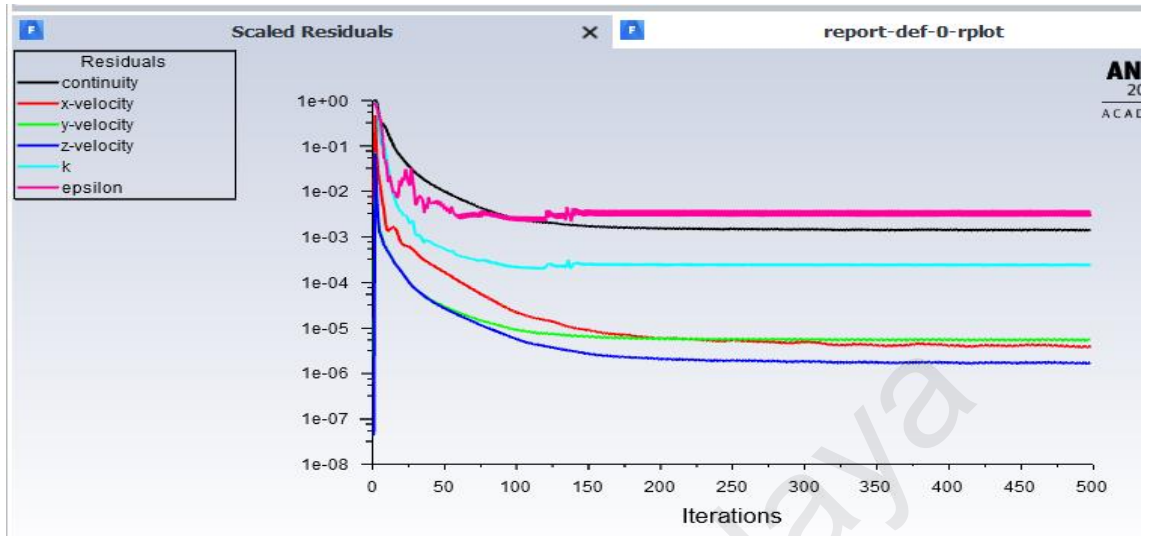


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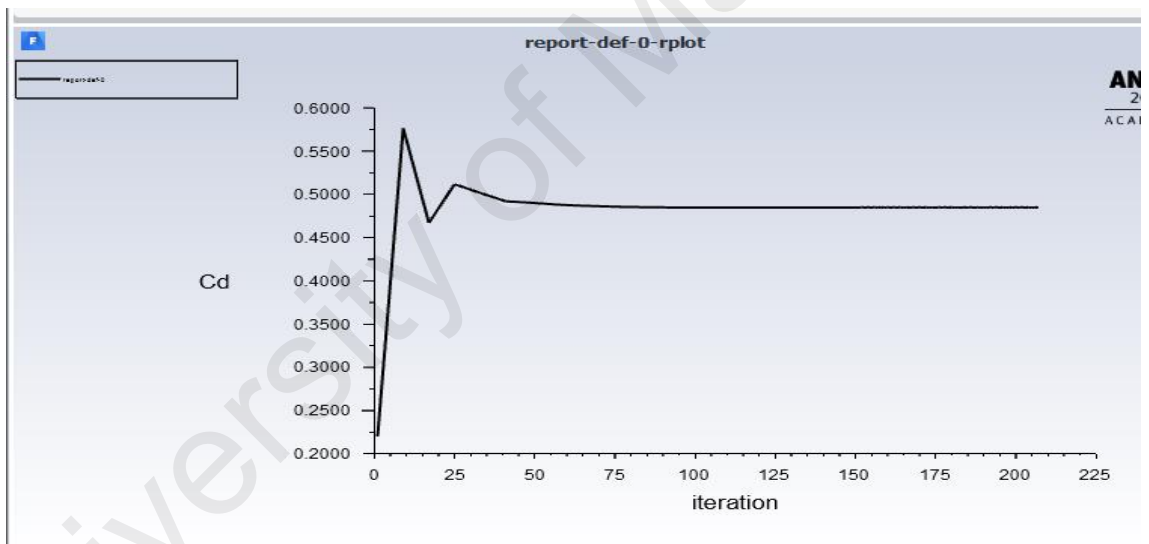
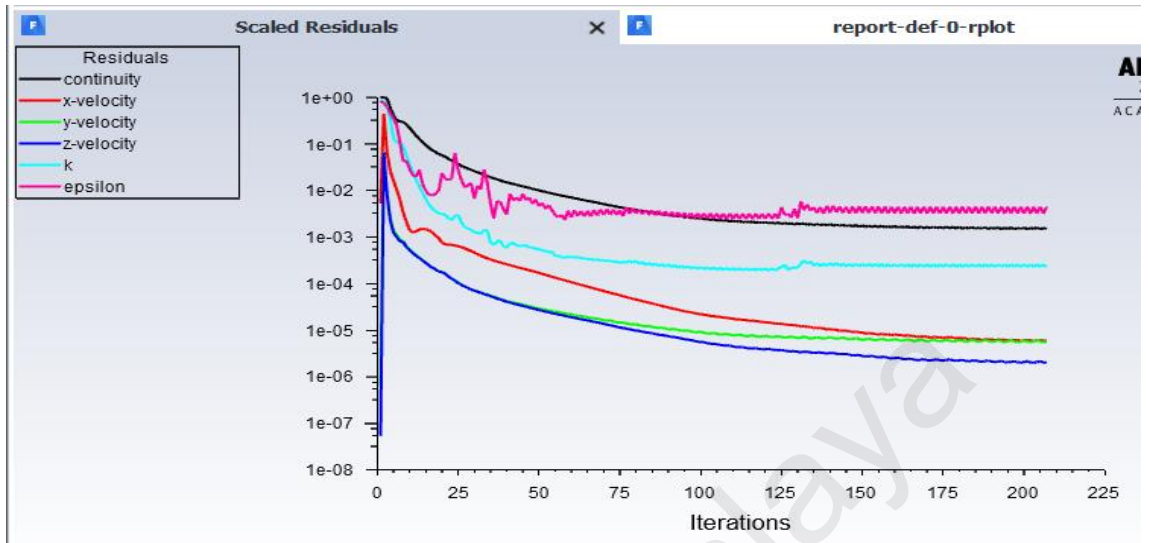
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          Pressure    Viscous         Total          Pressure    Viscous         Total
roof      1569.3984      890.88184      2460.2803     0.30254316 0.1717411     0.47428426
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Net       1569.3984      890.88184      2460.2803     0.30254316 0.1717411     0.47428426
    
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APPENDIX L: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model A at 120 Km/h



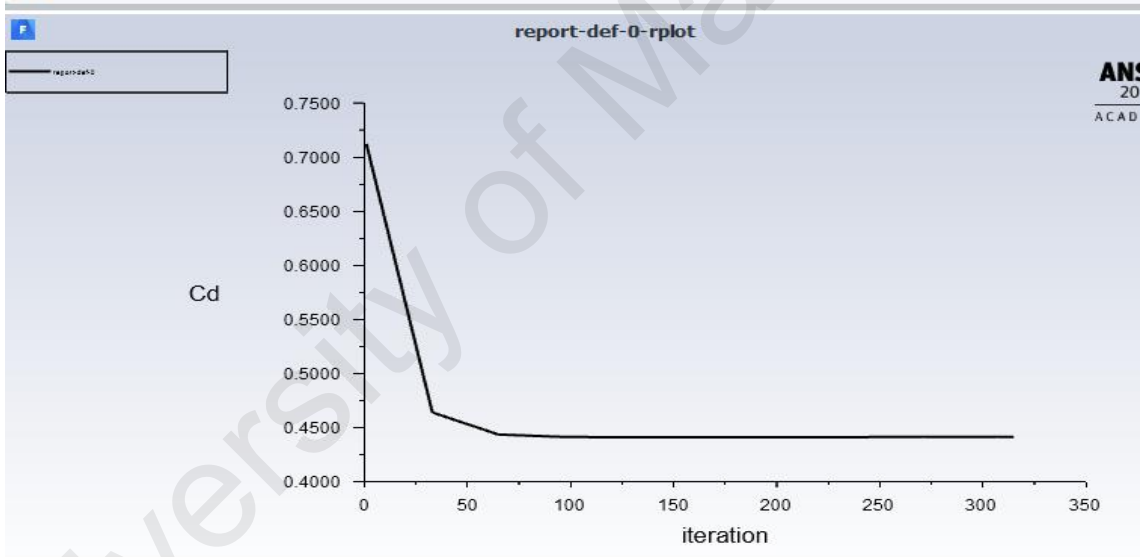
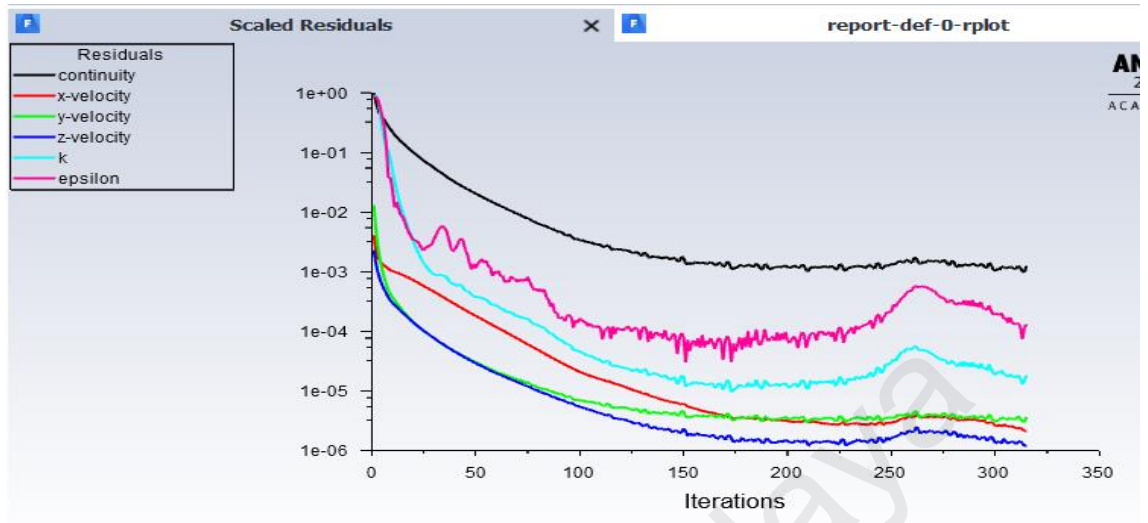
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Forces (n)						
Zone	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Coefficients		
				Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	1156.9156	670.21704	1827.1327	0.30356341	0.17585843	0.47942185
Net	1156.9156	670.21704	1827.1327	0.30356341	0.17585843	0.47942185

APPENDIX M: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model A at 100 Km/h



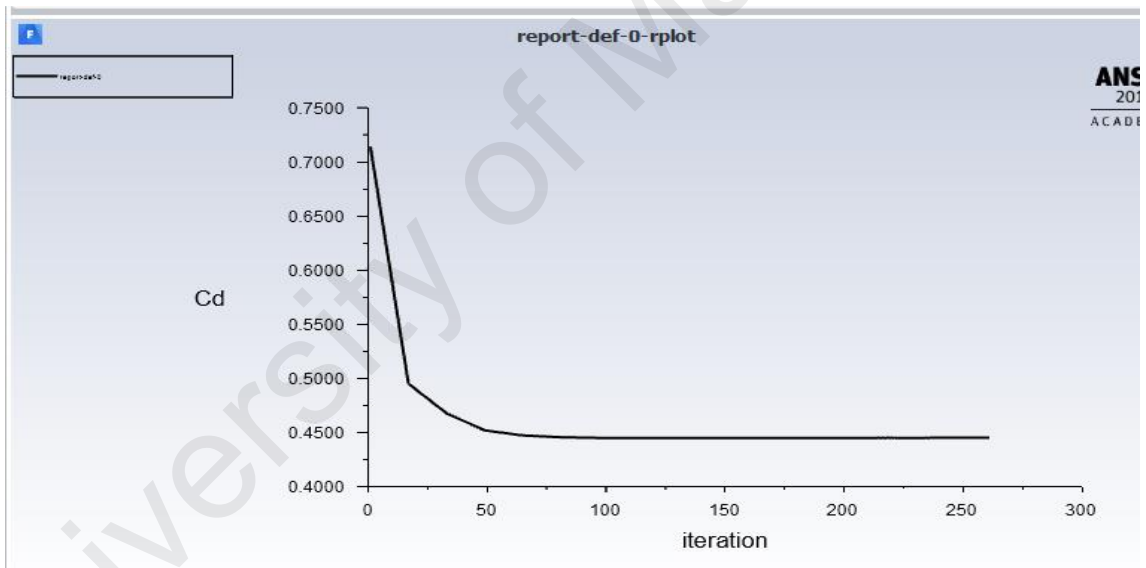
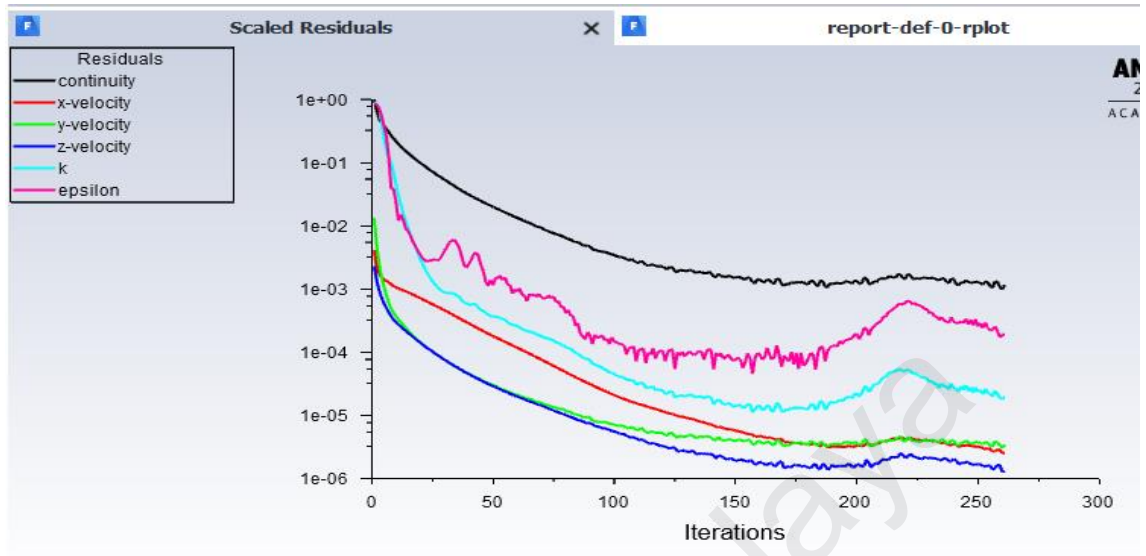
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Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	804.07227	478.5459	1282.6182	0.30381226	0.18081473	0.48462698
Net	804.07227	478.5459	1282.6182	0.30381226	0.18081473	0.48462698

APPENDIX N: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model B at 160 Km/h



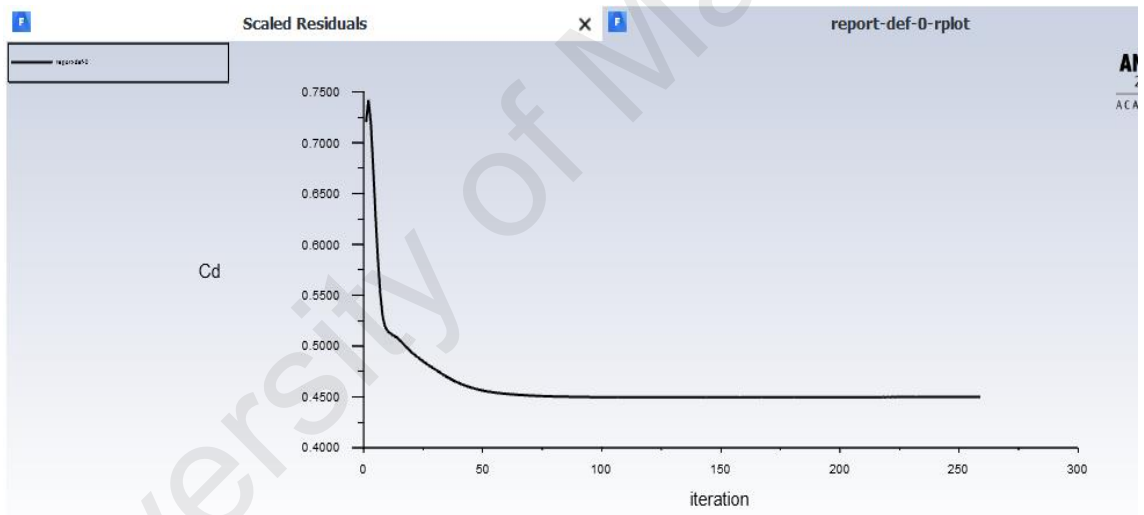
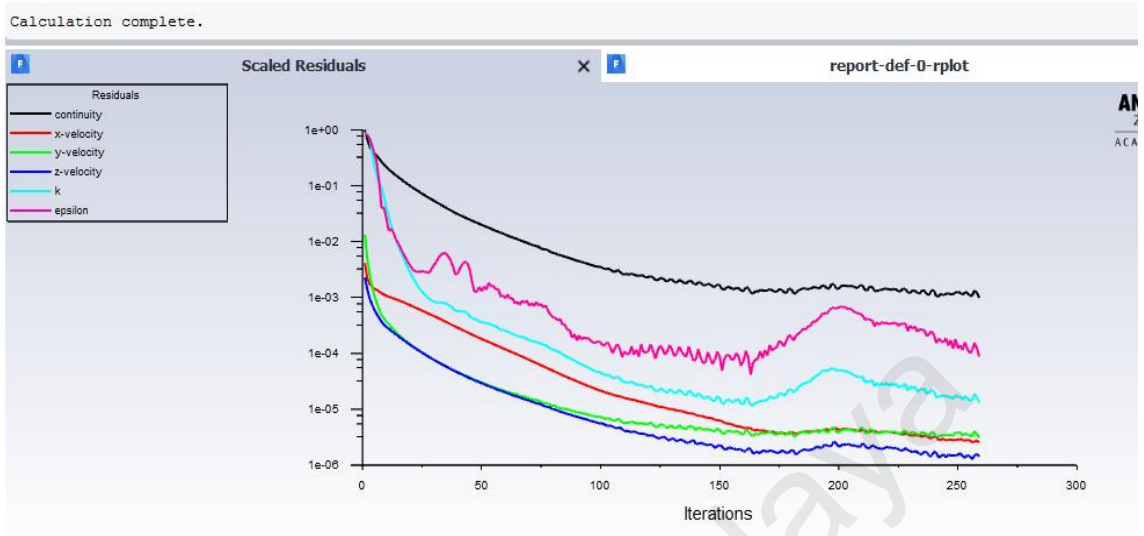
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Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	1859.896	1132.4967	2992.3927	0.27451044	0.1671503	0.44166074
Net	1859.896	1132.4967	2992.3927	0.27451044	0.1671503	0.44166074

APPENDIX O: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model B at 140 Km/h



Coefficients		Forces (n)		
Zone		Pressure	Viscous	Total
Pressure	Viscous	Total		
roof		1426.2428	884.47675	2310.7195
0.27494612	0.17050635	0.44545246		

APPENDIX P: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model B at 120 Km/h



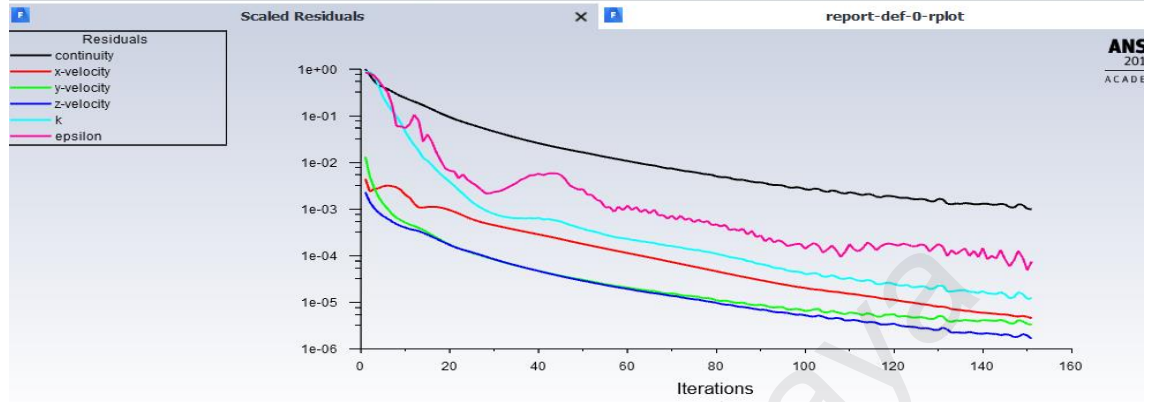
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Zone	Forces (n) Pressure	Viscous	Total	Coefficients Pressure	Viscous	Total
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Net	1049.5394	665.11517	1714.6546	0.27538894	0.17451975	0.44990869

APPENDIX Q: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model B at 100 Km/h

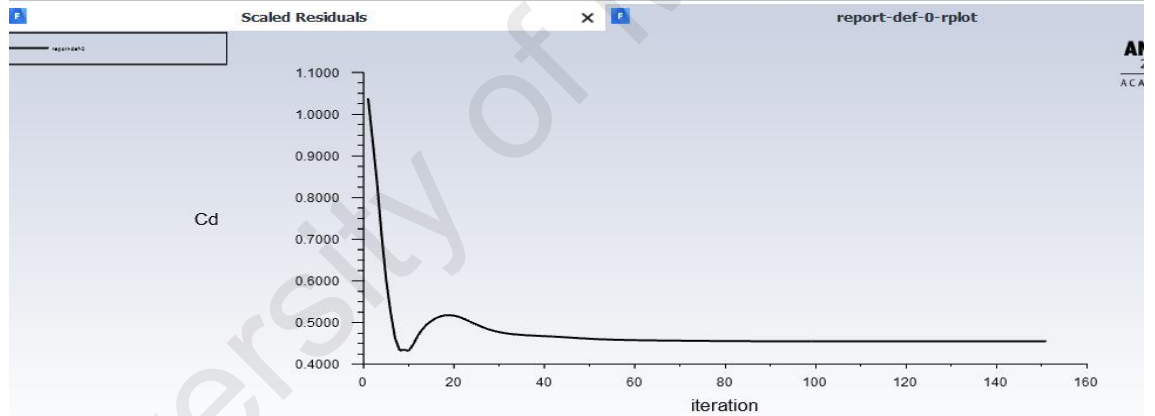
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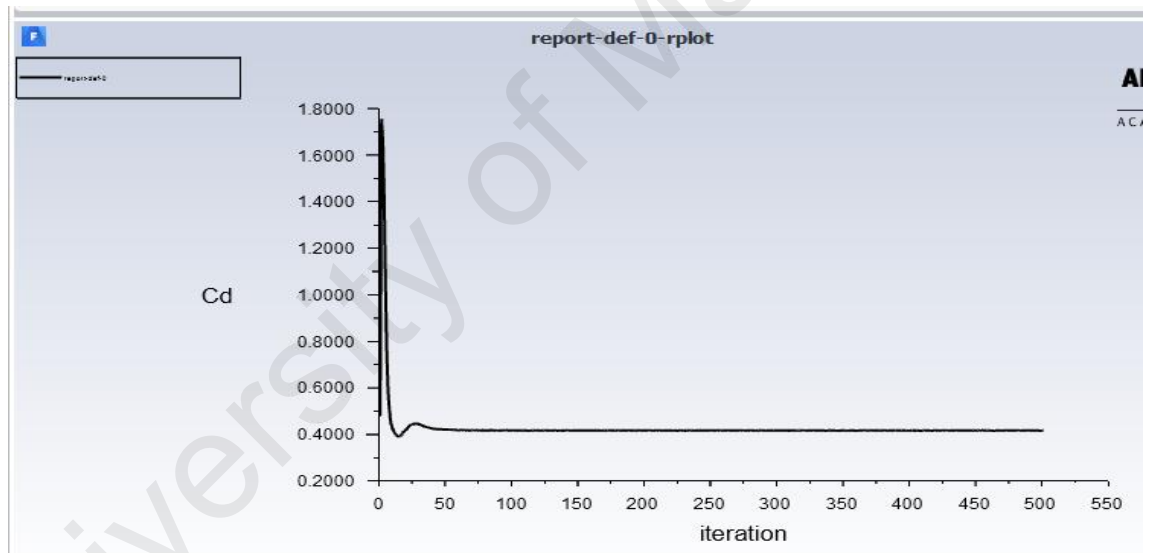
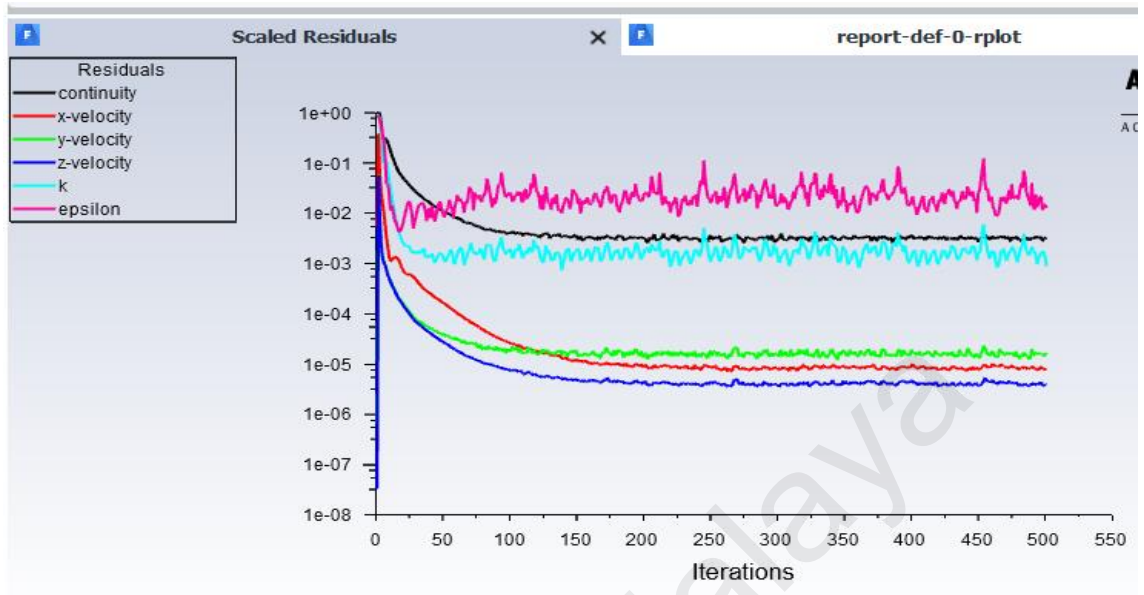
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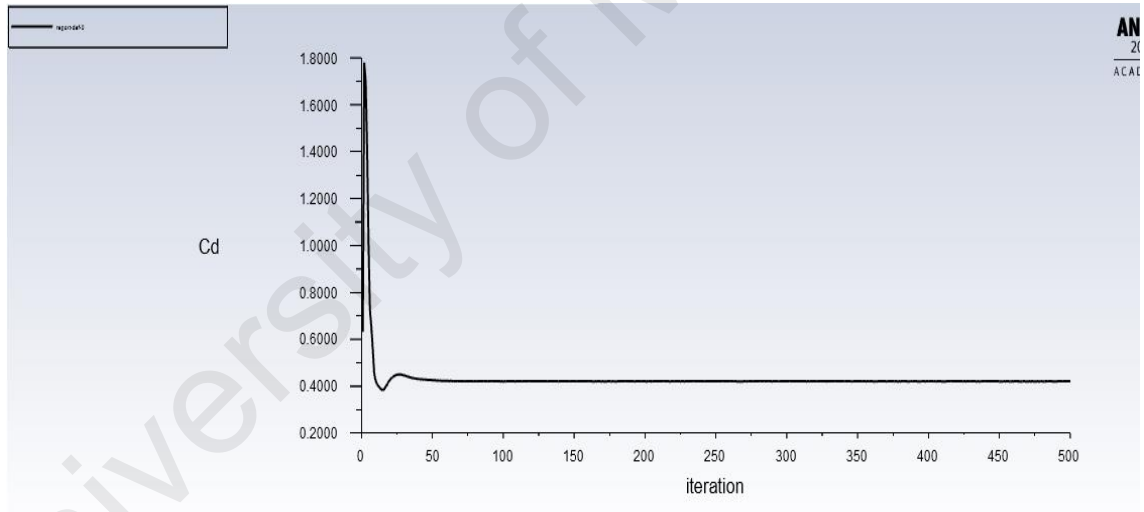
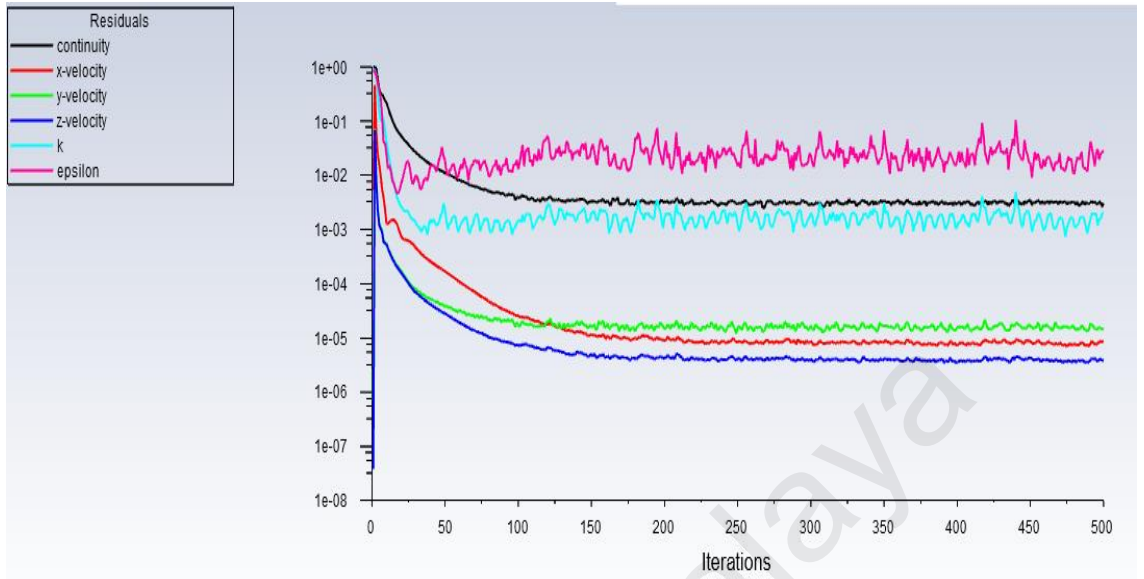
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Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
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Net	729.69604	474.97485	1204.6709	0.2757098	0.17946544	0.45517524

APPENDIX R: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model C at 160 Km/h



Forces - Direction Vector (-1 0 0)						
Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	1696.3198	1127.3987	2823.7185	0.2503675	0.16639786	0.41676536
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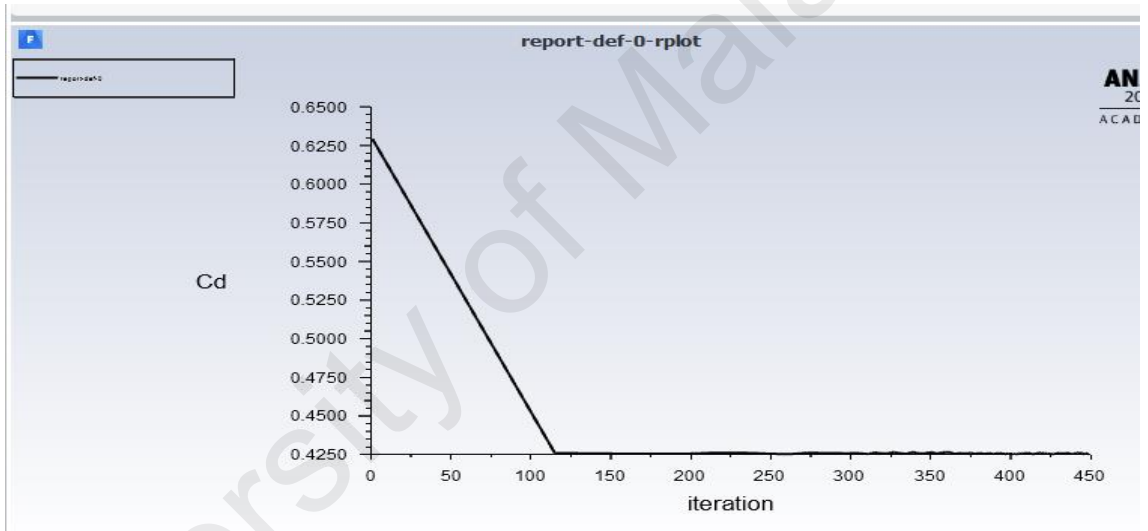
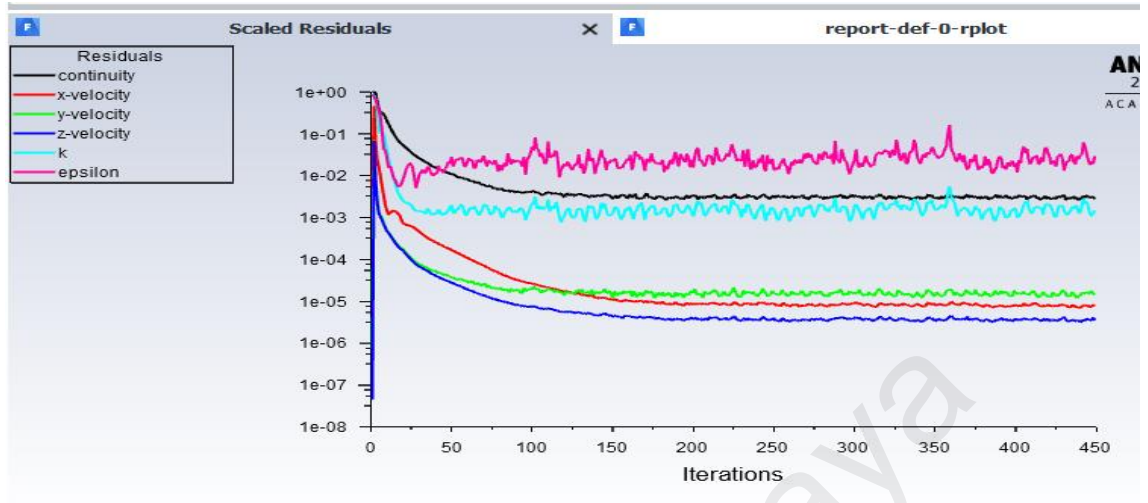
APPENDIX S: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model C at 140 Km/h



Forces - Direction Vector (-1 0 0)

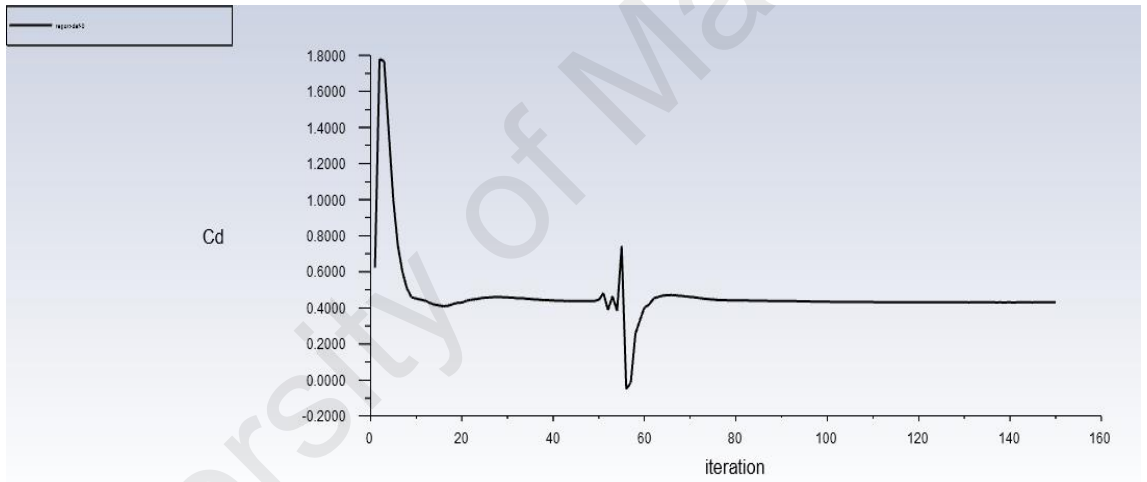
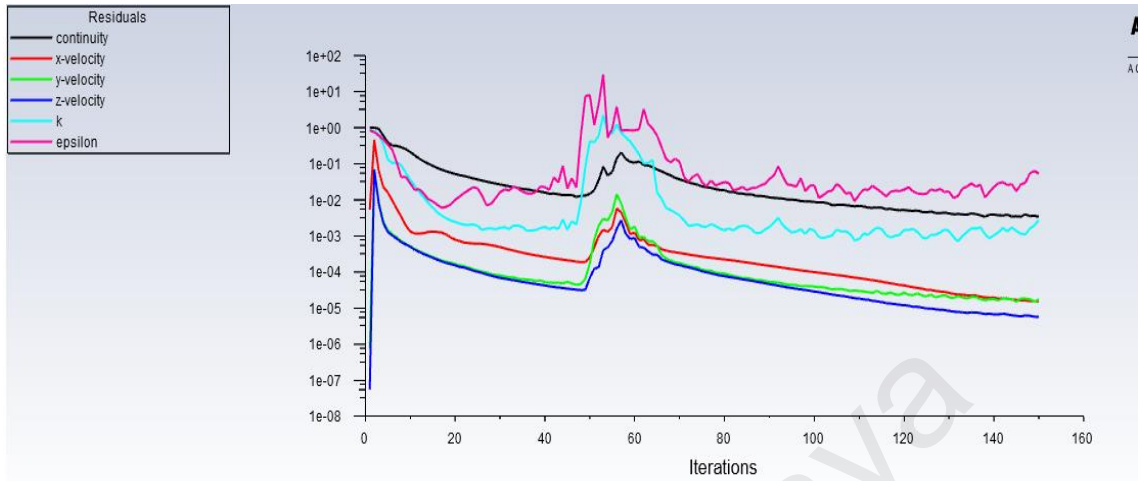
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	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
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Net	1302.0447	882.01288	2184.0576	0.25100364	0.17003137	0.42103501

APPENDIX T: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model C at 120 Km/h



Forces - Direction Vector (-1 0 0)						
Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	959.224	662.24731	1621.4713	0.25169105	0.17376725	0.4254583
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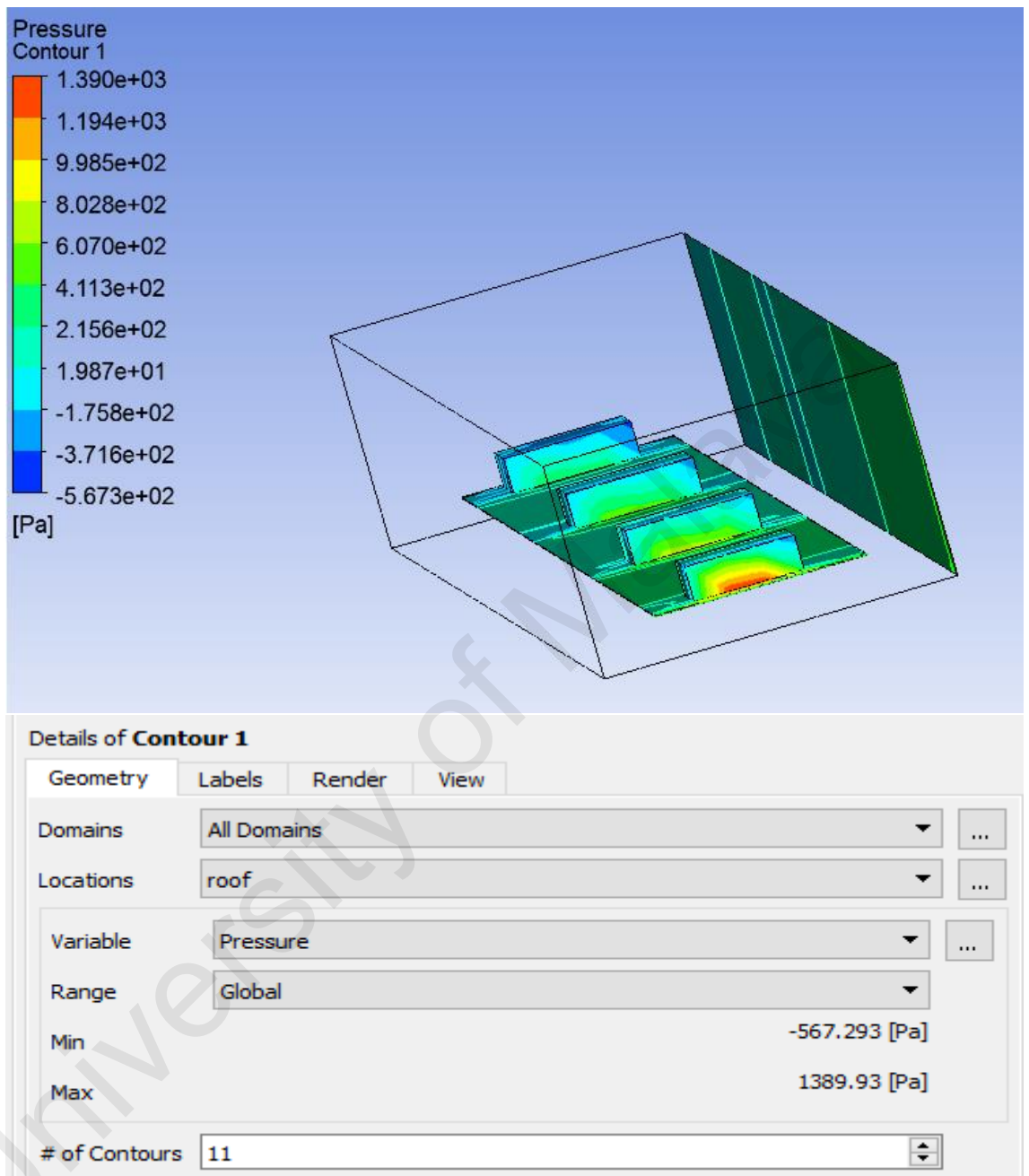
APPENDIX U: Residual Scales, drag coefficient & force for model C at 100 Km/h



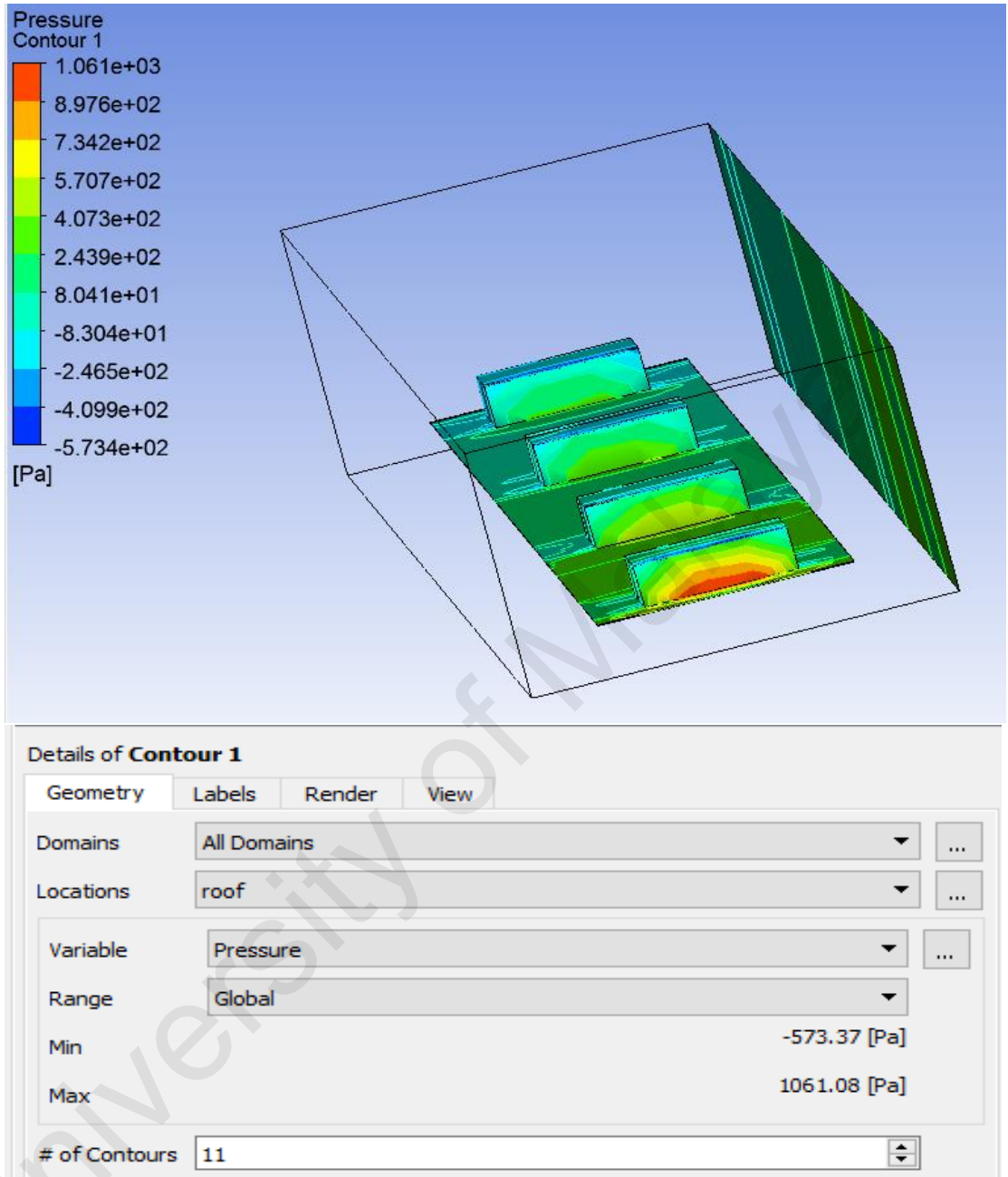
Forces - Direction Vector (-1 0 0)

Zone	Forces (n)			Coefficients		
	Pressure	Viscous	Total	Pressure	Viscous	Total
roof	668.53937	474.07532	1142.6147	0.25260224	0.17912556	0.43172779
Net	668.53937	474.07532	1142.6147	0.25260224	0.17912556	0.43172779

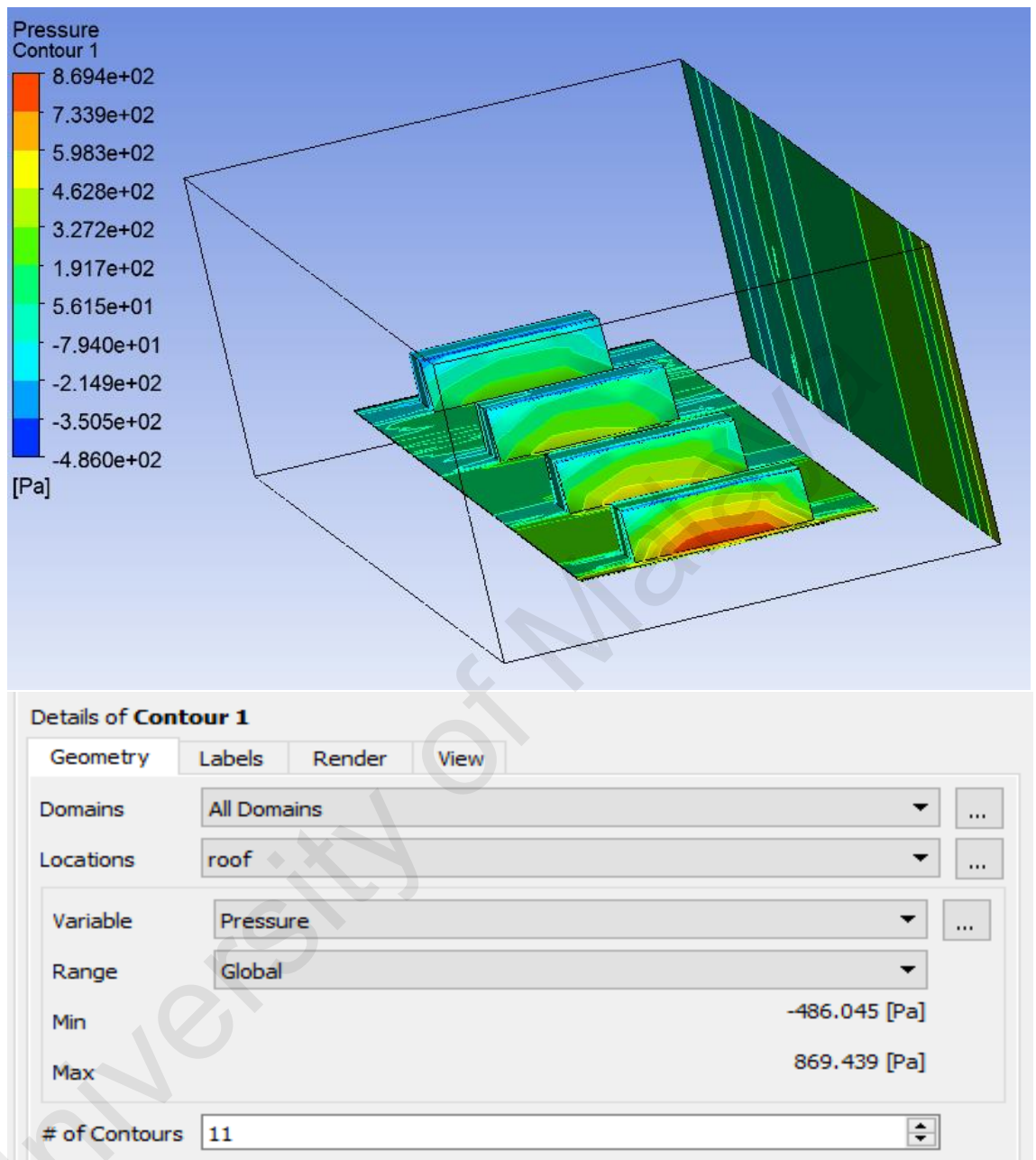
APPENDIX V: Pressure contour and details for original design at 160Km/h



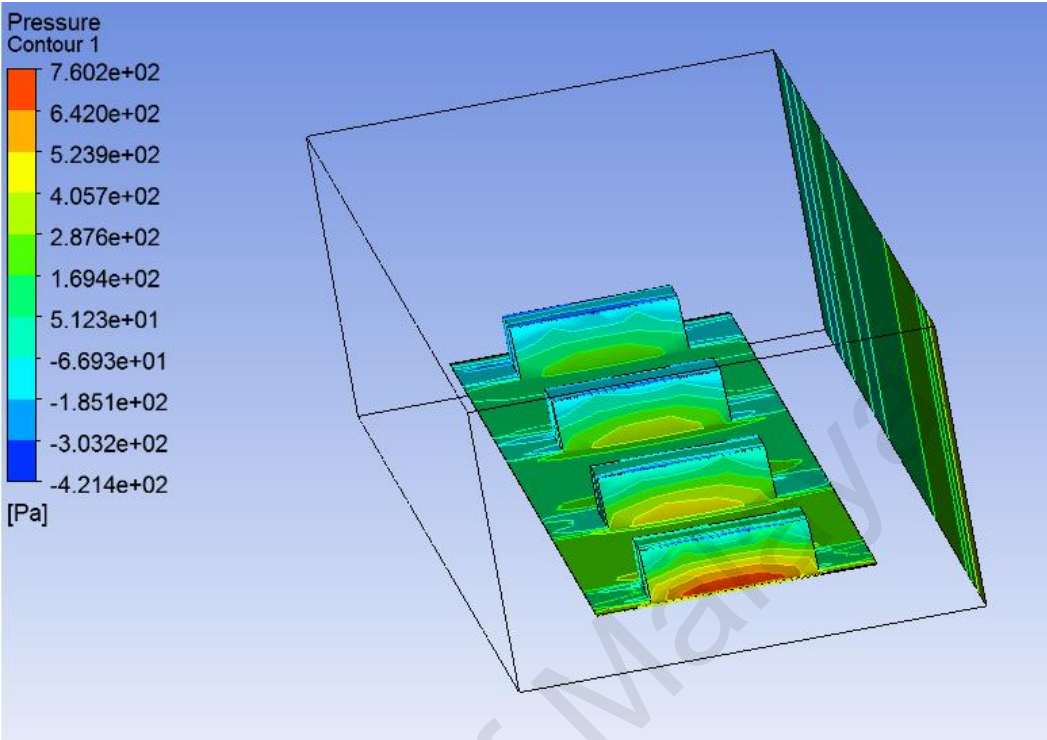
APPENDIX W: Pressure contour and details for model A at 160Km/h



APPENDIX X: Pressure contour and details for model B at 160Km/h



APPENDIX Y: Pressure contour and details for model C at 160Km/h



Details of Contour 1

Geometry | Labels | Render | View

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Locations: roof

Variable: Pressure

Range: Global

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of Contours: 11

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