

# Design and Analysis of Airfoil with Different Shapedimples

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## ABSTRACT

Dimple plates are widely used for construction and vehicles, especially car bodies, trains, and aircraft wings. The dimples surface helps to overcome turbulent airflow around vehicles, thereby delaying the separation point and producing fewer vortices and drag. This study aims to predict the pressure distribution occurring over the airfoil with dimple. The test is carried out with Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) FLUENT program. Aerodynamic efficiency can be improved by adding dimples, vortex generator, suction effect on boundary layer and more. Research shows that adding dimples on the airfoil does improve the aerodynamic efficiency by delaying the separation of the flow. The purpose of this project is to identify whether adding different shapes of dimples on the surface of the standard NACA 63-412 airfoil will improve the aerodynamic efficiency. The main outcome of this research is to provide the different shapes of dimples which provides the better aerodynamic

efficiency at different configurations of placing the dimple were also studied in this project. There is a decrease in the pressure coefficient. This decrease occurs due to changes in flow characteristics.

**Keywords:(Airfoil, NACA 63-412, Dimple for different shapes, Flow properties)**

## 1. SCOPE OF WORK

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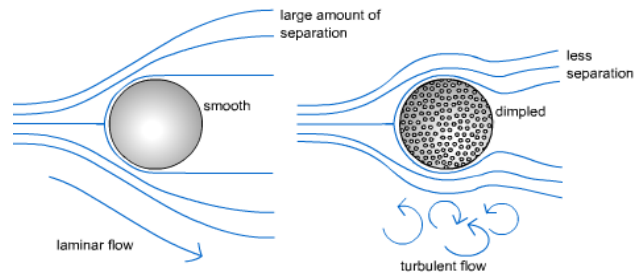
1. When a golf ball is analyzed dimples on the ball seems to reduce the vortex formation as well as the drag over the body. The main reasoning for dimples on the golf balls is about bluff body aerodynamics and boundary layers. A boundary layer is the air formed immediately around the object in airflow nearer to the surface of the body, the air moves with the body, so the relative airflow velocity is zero. From there, it increases, so that a few millimetres from the surface, the airflow velocity is almost identical to the airflow velocity infinitely far away from the body. Two main types of boundary layers formed are. Turbulent boundary layer Laminar boundary layer

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1. In a laminar layer, the air moves mainly parallel to each other shearing. In a turbulent layer, the air moves randomly in all directions and also cross-flow. The end result is that the turbulent boundary layer has much more momentum close to the surface, but takes much

more distance for the flow to reach the free-stream velocity

## 5. FLOW OVER GOLF BALL WITH AND WITHOUT DIMPLE



- The objective of the project are: Comparison of airfoil with different shapes of dimples on upper surface and without dimples to visualize its effects. Comparison of following shapes of dimple on airfoil ;

- Semi-spherical
- Parabolic
- Elliptic
- Triangular
- Square
- Hexagonal

Comparison of co-efficient of lift and co-efficient of drag for dimpled airfoil at 0°, 2°, 3°, 4°, 6°, 8°, 12°, 16° angle of attack.

Comparison of L/D ratio of above airfoil and 3D modelling of airfoil which provides better L/D ratio

## 7. LITERATURE SURVEY

### .Effect of Dimple on Aerodynamic Behaviour of Airfoil Rao & Sampath,

Surface modification was done to improve performance of airfoil. Here NACA4412 airfoil was modified with dimple and cylinders. Dimples of two sizes at different location were simulated. Dimples near trailing edge gave good result. Five different experiments were performed with various sizes of dimples and cylinders. But it was noticed that dimples on airfoil showed better result in terms of efficiency of the airfoil

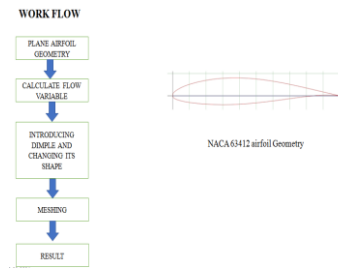
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Turbulent in rear side leads to pressure drag. In this smooth airfoil was compared with rough airfoil. Roughness was created on both upper and lower surface towards the trailing edge. For the simulation, velocity of the air was kept constant (100m/s) with k-ε std turbulent model. Overall performance of the airfoil was increased on

**Effect of Dimple on Aerodynamic Behaviour of Airfoil Faruqui, Albari, Md.Emrn, &Ferdous, 2013**

Efficiency of the airfoil can be increased by many ways i.e. flow control method or adaptive technology. Here the flow control method is used. Naca 4315 airfoil was used on CFD tools. Two different models were tested, one was smooth airfoil and other was with bumpy surface on upper side of the airfoil. The bump was generated at 80% of chord length toward trailing edge. The flow separation starts near 9 degree angle of attack in smooth airfoil. From this it was noticed that there was a drastic change in results of bumpy surfaced airfoil.

**9.METHODOLOGY**



**Effect of Dimple on Aerodynamic Behaviour of Airfoil Srivastav, 2012**

This study was done on the basis of dimples on the golf ball. This says that drag on golf ball can be reduced by dimples so on this basis author thought that drag could also be reduced if this theory is applied on airfoils.

**Table**

AOA (degree)	L/D RATIO FOR DIFFERENT SHAPES OF DIMPLE						
	WITHOUT DIMPLE	SEMI-SPHERICAL	PARABOLIC	SQUARE	HEXAGONAL	TRIANGULAR	ELLIPTICAL
0	21.18663	17.64634	21.18704	18.36235	20.30928	18.13158707	17.2139571
2	38.49569	31.37729	38.49467	30.50659	34.15851	31.61942477	29.09842328
3	42.95083	35.11081	42.9502	33.86169	40.0019	36.40957905	28.93996849
4	46.87042	38.78227	46.87131	38.57384	43.6217	40.96585603	47.84662479
6	43.96332	32.11771	43.96509	37.86726	41.3974	35.05775975	42.14235278
8	39.25006	12.09042	33.52416	32.59207	38.54199	39.01538741	37.39148453
12	39.10826	9.983386	30.42453	4.772003	29.69762	12.25135669	7.306393356
16	17.62959	1.670415	17.62917	3.173928	2.037073	6.007014311	2.990426407

**8.DESIGN AND DOMAIN SETUP**

The design was done by using ANSYS in this design NACA 63412 series airfoil was chosen for analysis; because it is used in real time purpose, so by analyzing this would be applicable for practical application Dimples of 0.05 C of Diameter and cord length of 100mm designed using software along the upper surface of airfoil for delaying separation of flow & decreasing the drag. The dimple is placed at 20% of chord length from the leading edge as the flow separation starts here. The analysis is done on six different shapes of dimple:

- Semi-spherical
- Triangular
- Square
- Hexagonal
- Parabolic
- Elliptic

**11. CONCLUSION**

The analysis of flat plate solar dryers for agricultural products underscores their significant potential in addressing post-harvest losses, enhancing food security, and promoting sustainable agriculture practices.

Through the examination of various parameters such as efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impact, it is evident that flat plate solar dryers offer a viable solution for reducing moisture content in agricultural produce while minimizing energy consumption.

The findings highlight the importance of optimizing design, orientation, and operational parameters to maximize performance and overall effectiveness.

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