

Study on Crack Damage Characteristics and Fatigue Reliability of TBM Cutterhead (Postprint)

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Abstract

The cutterhead serves as the core load-bearing component of a hard rock tunnel boring machine (TBM) during operation, subjected to multi-directional random loads that readily initiate cracks, leading to fatigue failure and impacting construction progress and safety, thus making research on its crack fatigue reliability highly significant. This study identifies crack-prone regions and stress characteristics of the cutterhead through force analysis, and utilizes the submodel technique to calculate crack stress intensity factors, thereby investigating cutterhead crack damage characteristics; subsequently, integrating crack fatigue theory, a TBM cutterhead crack fatigue reliability assessment model is constructed with crack propagation life as the fundamental variable, the JC method is applied to determine cutterhead reliability under various operating conditions, and the influence of different factors on reliability is discussed. The results indicate that crack propagation at the deepest point of the crack tip is primarily dominated by opening and tearing modes, whereas all three propagation modes coexist at both ends of the crack; the crack fatigue reliability of the cutterhead decreases significantly with increasing initial crack depth, increases with increasing crack aspect ratio, while variations in critical crack depth exert negligible influence on reliability.

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Preamble

The manuscript presents a theoretical framework with key mathematical formulations. The primary notation uses standard conventions where applicable.

Methodological Framework

The core methodology introduces several key equations. The fundamental relationship is expressed as $G_H \cdot I_{J6} <> MATH_{\{0001\}}$. The method C1D estab-

lishes critical constraints on the system behavior, with subsequent derivations yielding the intermediate result $MATH_{\{0004\}}$.

Computational Results

The computational phase produces multiple quantitative measures. The expressions $MATH_{\{0007\}}$ and $MATH_{\{0008\}}$ represent primary optimization targets, while additional constraints are captured by $MATH_{\{0009\}}$. The solution space is further characterized by $MATH_{\{0010\}}$. Supplementary calculations provide $MATH_{\{0012\}}$ and the specialized formulation C1D567 8wo P=67 OPFG $MATH_{\{0013\}}$.

Analysis and Validation

The analytical validation involves $MATH_{\{0015\}}$, and extended verification confirms $MATH_{\{0021\}}$.

Concluding Formulation

The final synthesized model yields $MATH_{\{0023\}}$.

References

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