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## Research on Monitoring Force of Steel Wire Rope of Grab Dredger Base on Wireless Sensing

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#### Abstract

The article research on intelligent grab dredger. Work force mechanical model of steel wire is established during dredging Grab's flat digging working. Then, the theoretical calculation on stress of the steel wire is available. It's easy to get the result of dredging Grab's steel wire. Meanwhile, a way is put forward about changing the rotating shaft torque to the force of steel wire, which is based on detection of wireless sensor network technology in grab dredger's hoist. The ideal result on Real-time display of the curves of closing hoist and hoist rope's stress. The test result of real-time monitoring show that the theoretical calculation on stress of the steel wire is consistent with the test result of real-time monitoring, which provide the basis on the application of real-time monitoring of wireless sensor technology in the grab dredger's streel wire's stress.

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#### 1. Introduction

With the implementation of the "Marine potestatem" strategy, China has launched a series of significant movements on the development of the oceans, the use of the oceans, the protection of the oceans and the control of oceans. The construction of "Marine potestatem" has a critical impact on the healthy development of the national economy and will promote the rapid development of marine engineering. At the moment, large grab dredgers<sup>[1-2]</sup> are highly required to have flat digging function to excavate flat surface on the seabed for the caisson process in large - scale offshore engineering such as South China Sea construction project, Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge,

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### Nomenclature

- $F_i$  grab bucket body force, *i* values from 1 to 4
- B grab edge width(m)
- D blade thickness of the grab(m)
- Y the depth of grab edge cut in material(m)
- heta the bottom dorsal horn of grab edge (°)
- v the speed of grab edge cut in material (m/s)
- s Particle size (mm)
- $\rho$  material density ( $t/m^3$ )
- $\varphi$  internal friction angle of material particles (°)
- f effect coefficient of the grab edge
- k influence coefficient of material particle surface condition and shape on grasping resistance
- $Q_x$  the weight of the material Enter inside the hopper (kN)
- $l_o$  the length aimed at A (m)
- $\tilde{P}$  Support force of the hoist rod (kN)
- R the length of the hoist rod aimed at A (m)
- $G_{B}$  pressure which hoist rod stay on the bucket body(kN);
- $G_3$  the weight of the bucket (kN)
- $S_1$  tension of the closing rope (kN)
- $S_2$  tension of the hoist rope (kN)
- $G_1$  weight of upper sheave block (kN)
- $G_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$  pressure stay on the bucket body (kN)
- $F_1$  cutting resistance on horizontal cutting edge (kN)
- $F_2$  cutting resistance on lateral cutting edge (kN)
- $F_3$  pushing resistance in Horizontal direction (kN)
- $F_4$  the side friction resistance (kN)

Seabed pipelines and tunnels constructions etc. While, existing domestic and foreign equipment is difficult to meet the high precision construction requirements. Therefore, the flat digging process is of grab dredger is the hot and difficult problem in the research of large ocean engineering.

The dredging grab of the grab dredger, as shown in Fig.1, transfers the forces through ropes to reels' shafts in processes of digging, bucket closing and hoisting <sup>[3-4]</sup>. Using Wireless Sensor Technology, torque stresses on shafts of closing and hoisting reels are detected by the torque sensor on them which consists of resistance strain gauges. The closing ropes and hoisting ropes' tensions are calculated according to secondary data conversion which reflects the loads of the grab in dredging process.



Fig. 1. the appearance of the grab dredger.

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