



Progressive failure analysis of a Pi joint and Delaminated Panel with uncertainties in fracture properties

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Motivation



Accurate Failure Models leads to Large Cost Savings





Two Examples

1. PI JOINT



2. CAI STRENGTH



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Pi Joint Composite Structure



Bonded interface is still the weakest link due to the large amount of load being transmitted over the region





Characterization of Pi Joint Performance





• Collier, C., Yarrington, P., Pickenheim M., Bednarcyk B. and Jeans J. "Analysis methods used on the NASA composite crew module (CCM)," Proceedings of the 49th AIAA/ASME/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics and Materials Conference, 2008.





FE Model of Pi Joint Composite Structure



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Discrete Cohesive Zone Model (DCZM)Element

- Decohesion process is discretized by successive failure of cohesive subelements governed by a traction separation law.
- Easily implemented into the conventional FE framework.
- Various failure modes (material failure, crack propagation, and local buckling) are tracked simultaneously, thus any potential interaction between the failure modes can be captured







Deformed configuration

DCZM Element

Initial configuration before opening







DCZM Element







DCZM Element

Direct-integration dynamic analysis

Hilber-Hughes-Taylor integration scheme

 $M\ddot{u} + Ku = F$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{t+\Delta t} &= -\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_{t+\Delta t} + (1+\alpha)(\mathbf{F}_{t+\Delta t} - \mathbf{K}_{t+\Delta t}\mathbf{u}_{t+\Delta t}) - \alpha(\mathbf{F}_t - \mathbf{K}_t\mathbf{u}_t) \\ \mathbf{u}_{t+\Delta t} &= \mathbf{u}_t + \Delta t\dot{\mathbf{u}}_t + \Delta t^2[(0.5-\beta)\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_t + \beta\dot{\mathbf{u}}_{t+\Delta t}] \\ \mathbf{v}_{t+\Delta t} &= \mathbf{v}_t + \Delta t[(0.5-\gamma)\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_t + \gamma\dot{\mathbf{u}}_{t+\Delta t}] \\ \mathbf{u}_0 &= \mathbf{u}(0) \qquad \mathbf{v}_0 &= \dot{\mathbf{u}}(0) \qquad \mathbf{a}_0 &= \mathbf{M}^{-1}(\mathbf{F_0} - \mathbf{K_0}\mathbf{u_0}) \end{aligned}$$

• ABAQUS implementation

$$AMATRX = \mathbf{M}^{el} \frac{d\ddot{\mathbf{u}}}{d\mathbf{u}} + (1+\alpha) \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}_{t+\Delta t}^{el}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{u}}} \frac{d\dot{\mathbf{u}}}{d\mathbf{u}} + (1+\alpha) \mathbf{K}_{t+\Delta t}^{el}$$

$$RHS = \mathbf{R}_{t+\Delta t}^{el}$$





Performance of 2D Pi Joint under pulloff loading



Note: Peak load and its corresponding displacement value of Base G_{2C} are used to normalize the axes

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Performance of 3D Pi Joint under pulloff loading







Performance of 3D Pi Joint under pulloff loading







Performance of 3D Pi Joint under shear loading







Probability Analysis with NESSUS - in the spirit of ICME



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• Thacker, B.H., Riha, D.S., Fitch, S.K., Huyse, L.J., and Pleming, J.B. (2006). "Probabilistic engineering analysis using the NESSUS software,". *Structural Safety*, 28(1-2), pp. 83-107.





Probability Analysis with NESSUS

Cumulative probability of peak load response of 2D
 Pi joint subject to pulloff loading







Probability Analysis with NESSUS

Important factors affecting the peak load response









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Laminated composite degradation – Schapery theory (ST)

- Thermodynamics based, work potential theory for the progressive damage growth in a lamina, capable of capturing the effects of microdamage mechanisms, responsible for macroscopic, orthotropic material nonlinearity.
- Matrix microcracks induce degradation in properties of the laminae including changes in strengths, effective moduli, Poisson's ratios, and other material properties.
- The use of these modeling strategies computes lamina degradation evolution during the damage process using the physics of the failure mechanisms.
- ST can account for fiber direction damage -- an additional internal state variable associated with the fiber direction response is used.

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Laminated composite degradation – Schapery theory (ST)















Distribution of degraded G_{12} at 5th layer

Full view

Section views for delamination pattern growth







 Distribution of degraded G₁₂ at 5th layer (Interface 2)





• Distribution of degraded G₁₂ at 6th layer (Interface 2)

• Delamination pattern growth over the DCZM region with G_{mix} distribution





X-ray photographs of the final delamination pattern (Reeder et al. 2002)



Comet Technology











- PFA is coupled with the probabilistic analysis using NEESUS.
- Geometrical as well as material uncertainties are accounted for.
- A computationally efficient methodology is developed to consider the geometric variability on large nodal data.

Mean value, standard deviation (STD) value, and distribution type of the variable parameters

Parameter	Mean	STD	Туре
$E_{11}(\mathrm{msi})$	18.25	1.83	Lognormal
E_{22} (msi)	1.35	0.3	Lognormal
G_{12} (msi)	0.74	0.3	Lognormal
radius (in)	1.25	0.1	Normal
x_{center} (in)	0.0	0.05	Normal
$G_{\rm 1C}$ (lb/in)	0.50127	0.05	Normal
$G_{\rm 2C}~({\rm lb/in})$	3.31679	1.0	Normal
$G_{\rm 3C}$ (lb/in)	3.31679	1.0	Normal
$\sigma_{\rm 1C}~({\rm psi})$	20	5	Normal
$\sigma_{ m 2c}~({ m psi})$	120	20	Normal
$\sigma_{\rm 3c}~({\rm psi})$	120	20	Normal







Cumulative probability distribution for peak load







Importance levels of modeling parameters on peak load







Concluding remarks

- Numerical framework for delaminations through the discrete cohesive zone model.
- Each fracture mode behavior and interactions of the modes can be captured.
- Probability analysis implemented to assess the reliability and quantify uncertainty in input properties and how these affect performance – using NEESUS
- Two example problems demonstrated in a unified numerical framework to predict interactive failure mechanisms.





Questions and Suggestions

Thank you!