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Simplified modelling for the simulation of bolted and/or bonded joints. Macro-element technique.

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ORIGIN

Which **simplified model** to **quickly and accurately** assess the load transfer within a **hybrid (bolted / bonded) joint** in-plane loaded?







SIMPLIFIED MODELLING



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Pr. Marc Sartor (INSA Toulouse) suggested to model the joints with special elements, termed macroelements (ME). (Paroissien, 2006) (Paroissien et al., 2007a) (Paroissien et al., 2007b)









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The methodology consists in:

- 1. to assemble the structural stiffness matrix from the elementary stiffness matrix
 - K_{s}

- 2. to apply the boundary conditions
- 3. to minimize the potential energy leading to the linear system $F_s = K_s U_s$

The main difficulty is then the formulation of elementary stiffness matrices.







The elementary stiffness matrix of fastener macro-element depends on the chosen kinematics.

1D-bar Shear spring

This modelling corresponds to the classical one used for the simplified stress analysis of bolted joint under 1D-bar kinematics (Ross, 1947).



 $K_{F-2} = C_u \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$









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The elementary stiffness matrices of fastener macro-element depend on fastener stiffness C_u , C_v and C_{θ} .

In the literature, it exists a large number of formulae to compute these stiffnesses such as: (Tate and Rosenfeld, 1946) (Swift, 1984) (Huth, 1986) (Cope and Lacy, 2000) (Morris, 2004)

These fastener stiffnessses are regarded as global parameters representing for several local phenomenon. They can be assessed from experimental and numerical tests, in a tailored application field.







A – Preamble

In the literature, it exists a large numbers of closed-form formulae to accurately predict the adhesive stress distribution along the overlap, such as detailed in: (van Ingen and Volt, 1993) (Tsaï and Morton, 1994) (da Silva et al. 2009).

it means that the choice of simplified hypotheses on which are based these formulae is judicious.

Nevertheless, the application field of these formulae is in general quite restricted. For example, Goland and Reissner provided in 1944 (Goland and Reissner, 1944) the adhesive shear and peel stress distribution for a balanced, simply supported, in plane loaded lap joint. But, there is not any more closed-form solution if the adherends are dissimilar or if the joint is clamped....







A – Preamble

The judicious simplified hypotheses lead to a system of ODEs composed of the constitutive equations and of the local equilibrium equations.

This system can be difficult to be solved in particular :

- when the adherends are dissimilar
- when the **boundary conditions** are given
- when the material are non linear

Goland and Reissner introduced a methodology for the stress analysis of bonded joints referred to **sandwichtype analysis**. It consists in analyzing the bonded overlap as function of internal loads and/or displacements joint extremities.

The adhesive layer is seen as **bed of springs** linked to the adherends **surface modelled as plates**.

Moreover, in the solution by Goland and Reissner takes into account for the **non linear geometrical effect** induced by the lag of the **neutral line**.









A – Preamble

As a result, following Goland and Reissner, several other analyses have been published **to enlarge the application field**. Most of them used the sandwich type analysis, such as: (Hart-Smith 1973b) (Williams 1975) (Bigwood and Crocombe 1989) (Oplinger 1991) (Tsaï et al. 1998) (Högberg 2004) (Nemes and Lachaud 2009) (Luo et Tong 2009) (Weißgraeber et al. 2014).

Other simplified stress analyses of bonded joints were published by modelling the adherends and the adhesive layer such as **2D continuum media** (Renton and Vinson, 1977) (Allman, 1977) (Adams and Mallick, 1992). This type of analysis allows for the compliance of the **free stress state** at overlap ends.

Nevertheless, in order to solve the system of ODEs in a large application field, **particular resolution schemes** have to used such as:

- « multisegment integration method » (Mortensen, 1997)
- the macro-element technique (Gustafson et al., 2006) (Paroissien, 2006)





B – Principle

The elementary stiffness matrix for a bonded overlap expresses the relationships between the nodal displacements and the nodal forces.









B – Principle

Contrary to the classical FE, **the shape of interpolation functions is not assumed** a priori. The shape of interpolation functions has the shape of functions solving the ODEs.

One significant consequence is that only one ME is needed to model an entire bonded overlap (linear elastic analysis). The displacements, internal forces and adhesive stresses are obtained at any abscissa of the overlap.







C – 1D-bar

The hypotheses are:

- homogeneous linear elastic material behavior
- local equilibrium of Volkersen (Volkersen, 1938)
- the adherends are modelled as bars, with eventually a linear variation of the shear stress with the thickness (Tsaï et al., 1998)
- the adhesive layer is modelled as a bed of shear springs
- the adhesive thickness e_a is constant
- mechanical loading and application of a uniform temperature variation Δ_{T}









C – 1D-bar





local equilibrium of Volkersen







C – 1D-bar

From the constitutive equations and the local equilibrium equations, a system of ODE's in the adherend longitudinal displacements can be written and solved.

$$\frac{dN_{j}}{dx} = (-1)^{j}bT, j = 1,2$$

$$T = \frac{G_{a}}{e_{a}}(u_{2} - u_{1})$$

$$\frac{du_{j}}{dx} = \frac{N_{j}}{A_{j}} + \alpha_{j}\Delta_{T}, j = 1,2$$

$$u_{1} = \frac{1}{2}[c_{1} + c_{2}x - c_{3}(1 + \chi)e^{-\eta x} - c_{4}(1 + \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$u_{2} = \frac{1}{2}[c_{1} + c_{2}x + c_{3}(1 - \chi)e^{-\eta x} + c_{4}(1 - \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$\eta^{2} = \frac{G_{a}}{e_{a}}\left(\frac{1}{e_{1}E_{1}} + \frac{1}{e_{2}E_{2}}\right)$$

$$\chi = \frac{\frac{1}{2}[\frac{1}{e_{1}E_{1}} - \frac{1}{e_{2}E_{2}}}{\frac{1}{e_{1}E_{1}} + \frac{1}{e_{2}E_{2}}}$$





C – 1D-bar

The 4 integration constants **c**_i can then be expressed as functions of the 4 nodal displacements.

$$u_{1} = \frac{1}{2} [c_{1} + c_{2}x - c_{3}(1 + \chi)e^{-\eta x} - c_{4}(1 + \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$u_{2} = \frac{1}{2} [c_{1} + c_{2}x + c_{3}(1 - \chi)e^{-\eta x} + c_{4}(1 - \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$(c_{1})_{c_{2}} = M_{e}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1}(0) \\ u_{2}(0) \\ u_{1}(\Delta) \\ u_{2}(\Delta) \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow C = M_{e}^{-1} U_{e}$$

$$M_e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} (1-\chi) & (1+\chi) & 0 & 0\\ -\frac{(1-\chi)}{\Delta} & -\frac{(1+\chi)}{\Delta} & \frac{(1-\chi)}{\Delta} & \frac{(1+\chi)}{\Delta}\\ -\frac{e^{\eta\Delta}}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & \frac{e^{\eta\Delta}}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & \frac{1}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & -\frac{1}{2\sinh\eta\Delta}\\ \frac{e^{-\eta\Delta}}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & -\frac{e^{\eta-\Delta}}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & -\frac{1}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} & \frac{1}{2\sinh\eta\Delta} \end{pmatrix}$$





C – 1D-bar

From the constitutive equation of adherends, the normal forces can be deduced as functions of integration constants:

$$\frac{N_1}{A_1} = \frac{du_1}{dx} - \alpha_1 \Delta_T$$

$$\frac{N_2}{A_2} = \frac{du_2}{dx} - \alpha_2 \Delta_T$$

$$N_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} [c_2 + c_3 \eta (1 + \chi) e^{-\eta x} - \eta c_4 (1 + \chi) e^{\eta x}] A_1 - A_1 \alpha_1 \Delta_T$$

$$N_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} [c_2 - c_3 \eta (1 - \chi) e^{-\eta x} + \eta c_4 (1 - \chi) e^{\eta x}] A_2 - A_2 \alpha_2 \Delta_T$$





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The nodal forces are then expressed as functions of integration constants such as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -N_1(0) \\ -N_2(0) \\ N_1(\Delta) \\ N_2(\Delta) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -A_1\alpha_1 \\ -A_2\alpha_2 \\ A_1\alpha_1 \\ A_2\alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \Delta_T = N_e \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow F_e + F_{therm} = N_e C$$

$$N_{e} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -A_{1} & -\eta(1+\chi)A_{1} & \eta(1+\chi)A_{1} \\ 0 & -A_{2} & \eta(1-\chi)A_{2} & -\eta(1-\chi)A_{2} \\ 0 & A_{1} & \eta(1+\chi)e^{-\eta\Delta}A_{1} & -\eta(1+\chi)e^{\eta\Delta}A_{1} \\ 0 & A_{2} & -\eta(1-\chi)e^{-\eta\Delta}A_{2} & \eta(1-\chi)e^{\eta\Delta}A_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$





C – 1D-bar

For the 1D-bar kinematics, it is then possible to obtain the expressions for the components of the elementary stiffness matrix K_{BBa} (Paroissien, 2006) (Paroissien, 2007a).

$$C = M_e^{-1}U_e$$

$$F_e + F_{therm} = N_eC$$

$$F_e + F_{therm} = N_eM_e^{-1}U_e$$

$$K_{BBa}$$

$$K_{BBa} = \frac{1}{1 + \chi_A} \frac{A_2}{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} + \frac{1}{\chi_A} & 1 - \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} & -\frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - \frac{1}{\chi_A} & \frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - 1 \\ 1 - \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} & \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} + \chi_A & \frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - 1 & -\frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - \chi_A \\ -\frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - \frac{1}{\chi_A} & \frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - 1 & \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} + \frac{1}{\chi_A} & 1 - \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} \\ \frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - 1 & -\frac{\eta \Delta}{sinh \eta \Delta} - \chi_A & 1 - \frac{\eta \Delta}{tanh \eta \Delta} + \chi_A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_A = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$





SOLUTION

C – 1D-bar

The resolution of $F_S = K_S U_S$ allows for the determination of the nodal displacement vector: U_S

For each ME, the vector of nodal displacement is then known: U_e

Thus , for each ME, the integration constants are obtained such as: $C = M_e^{-1}U_e$

As result, the internal loads, the displacements and adhesive shear stress are obtained at any x:

$$u_{1} = \frac{1}{2} [c_{1} + c_{2}x - c_{3}(1 + \chi)e^{-\eta x} - c_{4}(1 + \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$u_{2} = \frac{1}{2} [c_{1} + c_{2}x + c_{3}(1 - \chi)e^{-\eta x} + c_{4}(1 - \chi)e^{\eta x}]$$

$$T = \frac{G_{a}}{e_{a}}(u_{2} - u_{1})$$

$$N_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} [c_{2} + c_{3}\eta(1+\chi)e^{-\eta x} - \eta c_{4}(1+\chi)e^{\eta x}]A_{1} - A_{1}\alpha_{1}\Delta_{T}$$
$$N_{2}(x) = \frac{1}{2} [c_{2} - c_{3}\eta(1-\chi)e^{-\eta x} + \eta c_{4}(1-\chi)e^{\eta x}]A_{2} - A_{2}\alpha_{2}\Delta_{T}$$





C – 1D-beam

The hypotheses are:

- linear elastic material behavior
- local equilibrium of Goland and Reissner (Goland and Reissner, 1944)
- the adherends are modelled as laminated Euler-Bernoulli beams, with eventually a linear variation of the shear stress with the thickness (Tsaï et al., 1998)
- the adhesive layer is modelled as a bed of shear and peel springs
- the adhesive thickness **e**_a is constant
- mechanical loading and application of a uniform temperature variation Δ_T







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ELEMENTARY STIFFNESS MATRIX

C – 1D-beam









C – 1D-beam

Contrary to the 1D-bar case, the closed-form expressions for the components of the elementary stiffness matrix are not obtained. However, the resolution scheme consisting in:

- determining the shape of solutions in displacements as functions of integration constants
- deducing the shape of internal loads as functions of integration constants

can be applied.

The difficulty here is the identification of a set of 12 free integration constants among the 27 appearing during the employed mathematical path.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -N_{1}(0) \\ -N_{2}(0) \\ N_{1}(\Delta) \\ N_{2}(\Delta) \\ -V_{1}(0) \\ -V_{2}(0) \\ V_{1}(\Delta) \\ V_{2}(\Delta) \\ -M_{1}(0) \\ -M_{2}(0) \\ M_{1}(\Delta) \\ M_{2}(\Delta) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -N_{1}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ -N_{2}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ N_{2}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ M_{1}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ M_{2}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ -M_{1}^{\Delta_{T}} \\ -M_{2}^{\Delta_{T}} \end{pmatrix} = K_{PC} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1}(0) \\ u_{2}(0) \\ u_{1}(\Delta) \\ u_{2}(\Delta) \\ v_{1}(0) \\ v_{2}(0) \\ v_{1}(\Delta) \\ v_{2}(\Delta) \\ \theta_{1}(0) \\ \theta_{2}(0) \\ \theta_{1}(\Delta) \\ \theta_{2}(\Delta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_e + F_{therm} = N_e M_e^{-1} U_e = K_{PC} U_e$$







C – 1D-beam

Another resolution scheme is developed since 2014. It is based on the resolution of the system of 1st order ODEs in the internal loads and displacements, making use of the exponential matrix (Paroissien et al., 2018a) (Paroissien et al., 2018b).









C – 1D poutre

This resolution scheme allows for the fast formulation of the elementary stiffness matrix when the simplified hypotheses are modified. For example: Timoshenko beam, local equilibrium of Hart-Smith (Hart-Smith, 1973) or of Luo and Tong (Luo et Tong, 2009).







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NONLINEAR COMPUTATION

The non linear material behavior of the adhesive layer and of fasteners can be taken into account thanks to computation scheme based on the Newton-Raphson iterative scheme using the secant stiffness matrix (Lélias et al., 2015).

In the case of non linear adhesive material, a mesh along the overlap is then required in order to be able to update the elementary stiffness matrix of each ME.



Various behavior laws are available (elasto-plastic, damaging evolution (CZM)) or will be available (visco-elastic, visco-plastic).







CPU TIME REDUCTION

Unbalanced single-lap bonded joint with an elastic perfectly plastic adhesive material in plane loaded (Paroissien et al., 2013a).







CPU TIME REDUCTION

The simulation of the mechanical behavior of bonded joints using the FEM is time consumming due to the relative difference in thickness between the adherends and the adhesive layers.

Example of single-lap bonded joint in 3D:

- adherend thickness: 2 mm / adhesive thickness: 0.2 mm
- 10 cubic elements in adhesive thickness = 0.02 mm each
- transition ratio of 1 imposed at the adhesive interface, an element size of 0.02 mm

 \Rightarrow potentially 100 elements in the adherend thickness, to be multiplied by length, width mesh parameters...







ASSESSMENT OF CZM FOR THIN ADHESIVE LAYERS

The ME technique has successively been used for the assessment of CZM for thin adhesive layers (Lélias, 2016) (Lélias et al., 2018).









HYBRID (BOLTED/BONDED) JOINTS

Comparison between experimental test, 3D FE test and 1D-beam ME test of a single lap HBB joint inplane loaded (Paroissien et al., 2017).











HYBRID (BOLTED/BONDED)





Fatigue strength prediction from ME output:

- for the holes with classical semi-empirical uniaxial approaches (Müller, 1995)
- for the adhesive layer through the progressive degradation of CZM (Khomarishad, 2011)







BONDED JOINTS UNDER THERMAL LAODING

Comparison between 1D FE model and 1D ME model (Paroissien et al., 2013b).

The 1D FE model is built with beam and spring elements.

Unbalanced single-lap joints under pure thermal loading under membrane and bending.



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1D-beam ME shear stress at Ea,min and Ga,min

1D-beam ME shear stress at Ea, max and Ga, max

[TC#3] 1D-beam ME shear stress

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FUNCTIONNALY GRADED ADHESIVE JOINTS

in collaboration with University of Porto

Unbalanced single-lap joints under combined mechanical and thermal loading with a symmetrical parabolic graduation (Paroissien et al., 2018b).

- reduction of peak stresses
- the simplified model offers a solution to optimize the graduation



80

70

60

50

40

30





APPLICATION CASES



REDUCTION OF PEAK STRESSES

single-lap joint with tapered adherend

• reduction of peak peel stresses







IN PROGRESS



Prediction of failure at adherend/adhesive interface [PRACCOMET]

- PhD Thesis by Thiago Birro (2017-2020) supervised by ¹Frédéric Lachaud, ²Maëlenn Aufray and ¹Éric Paroissien
- funded by Région Occitanie and ISAE-SUPAERO (APR2017 UFT MiP)
- Collaboration with CIRIMAT: TACCOS
- experimental and numerical modelling of adherend/adhesive interface behavior

Assessment of constitutive behavior of thin adhesive layer [S3PAC]

- PhD Thesis by Agathe Jaillon (2017-2020) supervised by ¹Frédéric Lachaud, ³Julien Jumel and ¹Éric Paroissien
- funded by BPI France, Région Occitanie and Région Nouvelle Aquitaine
- FUI (21) S3PAC
- > experimental and numerical modelling of cohesive behavior as function of adhesive thickness

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TO COME



Macro-element of bonded plates [SCODyn]

- PhD Thesis by Benjamin Ordonneau (2018-2021) supervised by ¹Michel Salaün and ¹Éric Paroissien
- funded by CETIM and DGA
- > formulation of elementary stiffness and mass matrices of bonded overlap under 3D loading

Dual functionalisation strength / fragmentation [SIMPACOS]

- PhD Thesis by Lorraine Silva (2018-2021) supervised by ¹Christine Espinosa and ⁴Lucas FM da Silva
- funded by ED MEGeP
- particle-based numerical simulation to predict strength and controlled fragmentation for space structures

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