



Determination of in-situ Interlaminar Fracture properties of Composites

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General damage scheme (only fibres are represented) consisting in debonds of fibres from the matrix in the 0- and 90-degrees plies (in yellow in the figure), involving the presence of a transverse crack (in red in the figure).



Damage onset of delamination involving just debonds in the 90-degrees ply.



Damage onset of delamination involving just debonds in the 0-degrees ply.







Interlaminar damage in a [0,90]_S laminate:

- a) debonds in fibres of the 90-degrees ply,
- b) debonds in fibres of the 0-degrees ply associated with the presence of a transverse crack.







a)





Configurations studied:

- a) full transverse crack in the 90-degrees ply,
- b) full transverse crack in the 90-degrees ply with delamination between 0- and 90-degrees plies.





Micrograph of a representative morphology of damage in a $[0_4, 90_4, 0_4]$.







a)





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- a) full transverse crack in the 90-degrees ply,
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Micrograph of a representative morphology of damage in a $[0_4, 90_{16}, 0_4]$.



$$2\int_{0}^{t_{90}} \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{90}(2u^{90})dy = G_{IC}^{90}(2t_{90}) + G_{C}^{0/90}(4s) \qquad \qquad G_{IC}^{0/90} = 60.215 \text{J/m}^2$$



Damages involving delamination







Evolution of *G*, *G*, and *G*, of the delamination crack in the range of damage like delamination crack observed

$$U = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{90}\varepsilon_R(2t_{90})$$





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