



# A tool to obtain the coefficients of thermal expansion for CFRP composites using full-field data fusion

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#### THERMOELASTIC STRESS ANALYSIS (TSA)

Stress variation ( $\Delta \sigma$ ) is required to obtain the <u>thermoelastic response</u> of a material:

 $T_0 \sim$  Mean temperature  $\rho \sim$  Density  $C_p \sim$  Specific heat capacity  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2 \sim$  Thermal expansion coefficients in 1,2  $\Delta \sigma_1$  and  $\Delta \sigma_2 \sim$  Stress variation in 1,2  $[Q]_{1,2} \sim$  Stiffness matrix  $[T] \sim$  Transformation matrix  $[\Delta \varepsilon_{xy}] \sim$  Strain variation in x,y



1,2: Ply coordinate system x,y: Laminate coordinate system

 $\Delta \mathbf{T} = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_n} (\alpha_1 \Delta \sigma_1 + \alpha_2 \Delta \sigma_2) = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_n} \left( [\alpha]_{1,2}^{\mathrm{T}} [\mathbf{Q}]_{1,2} [\mathbf{T}] [\Delta \varepsilon]_{\mathrm{xy}} \right)$ 

Simplified for orthotropic composite lamina (as  $\alpha_6 = 0$ )



### Full Field Imaging of MD CFRP



[1] Jiménez-Fortunato I., Bull DJ., Thomsen OT., Dulieu-Barton JM. On the source of the thermoelastic response from orthotropic fibre reinforced composite laminates. Composites Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing

# Thermoelastic Response of the MD CFRP laminates



The **stress/strain** state throughout the surface **is homogeneous too** 

 $\Delta T$  is different from 0 to 45-degree plies

**HEAT TRANSFER** 

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No constant

### FULL FIELD DATA PROCESSING & FUSION



### MOTIVATION OF THE RESEARCH

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Poisson's ratio v <sub>12</sub>	0.34	0.32	0.32	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.34	0.04
Bending stiffness G <sub>12</sub> (GPa)	5.06	5.30	5.17	5.00	5.20	4.69	5.17	5.60	1.14
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_1$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	-0.3	-5.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.17	0	-1.0	298.12
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- Undesired deformation

#### **Residual stress induced cracks**



#### Manufacturing induced deformation



#### Dimensional stability



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#### AIM & OBJECTIVES -> Device a quick and reliable tool for obtaining the CTEs from CFRP

- Use simple strip **multidirectional specimens** loaded in uniaxial cyclic tension at different loading frequencies.
- Use **Thermoelastic Stress Analysis (TSA) and Digital Image Correlation (DIC)** to obtain  $\Delta T/T_o$  and the strains
- Use an **optimization procedure** based on a **comparison of an analytical model of heat transfer** with the experimental data to **identify the CTEs**

#### $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$ must be known values!

# $\Delta T/T_0$ from Wong's model using values in [1-8]

Wong's model is used inputting IM7/8552 properties mentioned in Table 1.



Trend in the response Let's put the experimental results here which is correct?

# **CTE IDENTIFICATION METHODOLOGY**





# IM7/8552 MATERIAL PROPERTIES OBTENTION

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#### Constituents' properties of the fibre and the resin

IM7 Fibre Reference	[11]	[1	2]	[13]	[14]	[15]	[16]	[17]	[18]	CV (%)
Young's modulus E <sub>1f</sub> (GPa)	276	>	(	х	276	Х	276	276	263.7	2.01
Young's modulus E <sub>2f</sub> (GPa)	Х	>	(	х	56	Х	19.5	15	19	70.10
Poisson's ratio v <sub>f</sub>	0.22	>	(	х	0.32	х	0.28	0.2	0.2	21.99
Bending stiffness G <sub>f</sub> (GPa)	Х	>	(	х	28	Х	70	15	27.6	68.29
Density ρ <sub>f</sub> (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1780	>	(	х	Х	х	1780	1780	х	0.00
Specific heat capacity $Cp_f(J kg^{-1} K^{-1})$	879.2	>	(	х	Х	Х	879	х	Х	0.02
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_{1f}$ (10^{-6} K^{-1})	-0.64	-0	.4	-0.9	-2.29	-1	-0.54	Х	-0.4	75.21
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_{2f}$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Х	4.4 ^	<sup>-</sup> 6.6	7.2	9.2	10	10.08	Х	5.63	30.86
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Young's modulus E <sub>1r</sub> (GPa)	3.8	5	4.67	4.08	х	х	12	2.45		
Poisson's ratio v <sub>r</sub>	0.35	0.40	0.33	0.38	х	Х	8	.52		
Bending stiffness G <sub>r</sub> (GPa)	1.41	х	х	1.48	Х	х	3	.43		

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1350

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E<sub>1 Mean</sub>

E<sub>1 STD</sub>

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Х

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65

Tension tests were first performed on x3 CFRP [0]<sub>18</sub> and [90]<sub>18</sub>

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1025

Х

6.81

14.69

14.31

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E<sub>2 Mean</sub>

E<sub>2 STD</sub>







[0] <sub>18</sub> CFRP	[90] <sub>18</sub> CFRP
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**Experimental results** 

1153

1100

53.5

Х

Х

60

Density  $\rho_r$  (kg m<sup>-3</sup>)

Specific heat capacity Cp<sub>r</sub> (J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>)

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E<sub>1 Mean</sub>

E<sub>1 STD</sub>

E<sub>2 Mean</sub>

E<sub>2 STD</sub>

&

**Experimental results** 



# **RELIABLE BOUNDS FOR THE CTE OBTENTION**



- $\alpha_1$  swaps in sign around 0.5 IM7 Volume fraction
- Hashin and the **MSM** models give the best fit for  $\alpha_2$  [21]

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Range of possible CTEs from micromechanical models.

Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_1$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ) -1.610 0.974	
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_2$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ) 22.131 35.864	

#### **Physical plausible limits for CTEs**

### TSA Results from the UD specimens



#### **CFRP OPTIMISED CTEs and TSA response**



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# FFDF for detecting resin pockets in MD laminates

The thickness of the **RRL is not constant** through the entire imaged surface **and hence influences the response locally**. Full field  $\Delta T/T_0$  maps generated at 15.1Hz clearly show heterogeneities  $\alpha_1$  is highly sensitive to variations positive or negative values when doing the full field analysis. in fibre/matrix volume fractions CFRP [0,45,-45,0,0,0] CFRP [0,0,0,45,-45,0]<sub>s</sub>  $\alpha_1$  (K<sup>-1</sup>)  $\in$  [-0.3·10<sup>-6</sup>, 0.09·10<sup>-6</sup>]  $\times 10^{-4}$  $\times 10^{-4}$ 1.2 1.8 1.6  $(K^{-1})$ (K<sup>-1</sup> -5 10 1.4 Coefficient of Thermal Expansion  $\alpha$ Coefficient of Thermal Expansion  $\alpha$ -10 0.8 1.2  $\Delta T/T_0$  (K/K) (K/K)-15 🕣 Phase (0) Phase 0.6 0 0.8 -10 0.4 0.6 -5 15 -25 0.4 0.2 -10 -20 -30 -20 0.2

 $\times 10^{-8}$ 

### CONCLUSIONS

Feasible physical limits were first established for the laminae properties

•  $\alpha_1 (K^{-1}) \in [-0.161 \cdot 10^{-6}, 0]$  and  $\alpha_2 (K^{-1}) \in [22.131 \cdot 10^{-6}, 35.864 \cdot 10^{-6}].$ 

Possibility of calculating  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  accurately using an optimization algorithm as the  $\Delta T/T_0$  is very sensible to the CTEs

1. The multidirectional laminates  $\alpha_1 \approx -0.103 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$  and  $\alpha_2 \approx 23.139 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ 

**Resin pockets** in the surface **have been identified** combining the TSA Phase and variations in  $\alpha_1$ 

### FUTURE WORK

- **<u>Confirm results</u>** found with another experimental technique (e.g. resin concentration with X-Ray CT Scanning)
- <u>Real structure?</u>: **C-Spar** (If there is enough time)
- Different stress states (e.g. bending)

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### EXPERIMENTAL SETUP / Pictures





### TSA and DIC Data Processing



TSA parameters.					
Technique used	Thermal Image Acquisition				
Infrared fast camera	Telops Fast M3K				
Lens	50 mm				
Camera resolution	≈ 20 mK				
Pixel to mm conversion	1 px = 0.31 mm				
Frames	5250				
Frame Rate	383 Hz				

DIC parameters and evaluation for testing the unnotched specimens.						
Technique used	3D / Stereo Digital	Image Correlation				
	Camera 1 (Blackfly-12.3 MPx)	Camera 2 (Blackfly-12.3 MPx)				
Sensor, digitalization	Sony IMX226 (CMOS) , 4096 x 3000					
Stereo angle	19.53°					
Frame rate	10 Hz					
Camera noise (% of range)	0.454%	0.443%				
Lens and imaging distance	25 mm	25 mm				
Total number of images	316	316				
DIC software package	MatchID					
Pixel to mm conversion	1 px = 0.0876mm					
ROI (mm)	112.8 x 24.49					
Coordinate transformation	Best-plane-Fit					
Subset, step	13,	, 10				
Interpolation, shape function, correlation	Bicubic, Qua	dratic, ZNSSD				
Pre-smoothing	Gaussian	Smoothing				
Displacement resolution	2.176 ·	10 <sup>-3</sup> mm				
Strain conversion	Log. Eule	r–Almansi				
Smoothing technique	Local polynomial - at	ffine least-squares fit				
Strain window (pixels)	15 data	a points				
VSG	153	oixels				
Strain resolution	0.00	790%				

# HOW IS HEAT TRANSFER OCURRING?



TSA is based on the thermoelastic effect, which describes the coupling between mechanical deformation and thermal energy in an elastic solid and was established by Lord Kelvin (W. Thomson) [4] in 1855

Change in T is proportional to the change of the sum in the principal stresses under adiabatic conditions, and is loaded within the elastic region of the material

$$\dot{T} = \frac{T_0}{\rho C_{\varepsilon}} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial T} \dot{\varepsilon}_{ij} - \frac{\dot{Q}}{\rho C_{\varepsilon}} \text{ for } i, j = 1, 2, 3$$
$$\dot{Q} = k \nabla^2 T$$

If  $\dot{Q}$  (rate of internal heat generation) = 0  $\rightarrow$  Adiabatic

To minimise the effect of  $\dot{Q}$  (internal heat generation) an **increase in the** 

**loading frequency** is required  $\longrightarrow$  Increase in  $\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}$ 

 $\longrightarrow$  The  $\dot{Q}$  term can be neglected

#### The thermal diffusion length decrease, and "pseudo" adiabatic conditions are achieved

# IM7/8552 COUPONS MANUFACTURING



- Manufactured in an autoclave following the manufacturer recommended curing cycles.
- All panels were made either with peel ply or caul plate: for the peel ply each side of the panels has either a 'smooth' surface, which was in contact with the aluminum mold, or a rough surface containing the characteristic peel ply imprint.



### THERMAL CAMERAS / Comparison









Model	Telops FAST IR MK2	FLIR AC655	FLIR Lepton 3.5
Туре	Photon Detector	Micro-bolometer	PCB mounted micro- bolometer
Sensor size	256 x 320 pixels	480 x 640 pixels	120 x 160 pixels
Sensitivity	25 mk	50 mK	50 mK
Size	321 × 199 × 176 mm	216 × 73 × 75 mm	10 × 12 × 7 mm
Cost	~ 100k GBP	~10k GBP	~300 GBP

# THERMAL CAMERAS / Comparison



Photondetectors datasheet [1]

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Characteristics	Photon Detector					
IR Camera	FLIR SC5500	Telops FAST M2k				
Detector material	InSb					
Spectral range	2.5 - 5.1 μm	1.5 - 5.4 μm				
Pixel dimension	30 µm	25 μm				
Cost	~£100,000					
Maximum frame rate at full	383 Hz	1910 Hz				
window	565 112	1910112				
Frame rate selection	Any value up to 383 Hz	Any value up to 1910 Hz				
Reading array	All pixel detectors at the same time					
Integration time	10 - 20,000 μs	0.27 µs to 513 µs				
Response time	10 - 20,000 μs	0.27 µs to 513 µs				
Sensitivity (NETD)	<20 mK	<25 mK				
Resolution	320 x 25	6 pixels				
Cooling	Y	es				
Analogue input	Y	es				
Weight	3.8 kg	< 6 kg				
Size	310 x 141 x 159 mm	321 x 199 x 176 mm				

Microbolometers datasheet [1]

Characteristics	Standard microbolometer	Thermal core microbolometer	
IR Camera	FLIR A655sc FLIR Lepton 3.5 radio		
Detector material	VOx VOx		
Spectral range	7.5 - 14 μm	8 - 14 μm	
Pixel dimension	17 μm	12 µm	
Cost	~£10,000	~£500	
Maximum frame rate at full window	50 Hz	Limited at 8.7751 Hz	
Frame rate selection	50 Hz, 25 Hz, 12.5 Hz, 6.25 Hz, 3.13 Hz	8.7751 Hz	
Reading array	Each row of pixels at a time		
Thermal time constant	8 ms - fixed	12 ms	
Response time	24 ms (3 x thermal time constant)	36 ms (3 x thermal time constant)	
Sensitivity (NETD)	< 30 mK	< 50 mK	
Resolution	640 x 480 pixels	160 x 120 pixels	
Cooling	No		
Analogue input	No		
Weight	0.9 kg	0.9 g	
Size	216 x 73 x 75 mm	10.50 x 12.70 x 7.14 mm	



FLIR Lepton 3.5 radiometric



[1] Irene Jiménez-Fortunato. Development and integration of full-field imaging techniques for assessment of composite structures. 2021.

### Micromechanical Models considerations

#### Schapery model

 $\alpha_{22} = (\alpha_{fT} + \alpha_{fL}v_f)V_f + \alpha_m(1 + v_m)(1 - V_f) - \alpha_{11}[v_fV_f + v_m(1 - V_f)]$ Modified strip model

 $\alpha_{22} = \frac{(\alpha_{fT} + \alpha_{fL}v_f)V_f + \alpha_{fT}v_{fTT}\sqrt{V_f} + \alpha_m [1 - V_f + v_m (2 - V_f - \sqrt{V_f})] - \alpha_{11} [v_f V_f + v_m (1 - V_f)]}{1 + v_{fTT}\sqrt{V_f} + v_m (1 - \sqrt{V_f})}$ Chamis model  $\alpha_{22} = \alpha_{fT}\sqrt{V_f} + \alpha_m (1 - \sqrt{V_f}) \left(1 + V_f v_m \frac{E_{fT}}{E_{11}}\right)$ Hashin's concentric cylinder model

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{22} &= \widehat{\alpha}_{22} + \left(\overline{S}_{12} - \widehat{S}_{12}\right) \left[ \left(\alpha_{fL} - \alpha_m\right) P_{11} + 2\left(\alpha_{fT} - \alpha_m\right) P_{12} \right] \\ &+ \left(\overline{S}_{22} - \widehat{S}_{22}\right) \left[ \left(\alpha_{fL} - \alpha_m\right) P_{12} + \left(\alpha_{fT} - \alpha_m\right) (P_{22} + P_{23}) \right] \\ &+ \left(\overline{S}_{23} - \widehat{S}_{23}\right) \left[ \left(\alpha_{fL} - \alpha_m\right) P_{12} + \left(\alpha_{fT} - \alpha_m\right) (P_{22} + P_{23}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where S is the compliance matrix. Terms with an overbar and hat refer to effective and average composite properties.

$$P_{11} = (A_{22}^2 - A_{23}^2)/\det \mathbf{A}$$

$$P_{12} = (A_{12}A_{23} - A_{22}A_{12})/\det \mathbf{A}$$

$$P_{22} = (A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}^2)/\det \mathbf{A}$$

$$P_{23} = (A_{12}^2 - A_{11}A_{23})/\det \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}^{(\mathbf{f})} - \mathbf{S}^{(\mathbf{m})}$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = A_{11}(A_{22}^2 - A_{23}^2) + 2A_{12}(A_{12}A_{23} - A_{22}A_{12})$$

based on the simple planar model of alternating fibre and matrix strips.

developed based on Schapery model by introducing the constraint effects from thermal expansion and Poisson's ratio mismatch of fibre and matrix.

developed based on a simple force-balance.

developed from a cylinder assemblage model.

### ALL IM7/8552 Properties

Layups	[0, 0, 0, 45, -45, 0] <sub>s</sub> , [0, 45, -45, 0, 0, 0] <sub>s</sub> 0.5, 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1,7.1,8.1,9.1,10.1,12.1, 15.1, 17.1, 20.1, 22.1, 25.1, 27.1, 30.1 0.125			
Loading frequencies (Hz)				
Ply thickness (mm)				
Resin layer thickness (µm)	5, 8			
Experimental sampling frequency (Hz)		383.0		
Property	IM7/8552	Property	Epoxy resir	
Young's modulus E <sub>1</sub> (GPa)	159.5*	Young's modulus E (GPa)	3.8	
Young's modulus $E_2$ (GPa)	10.1*	Poisson's ratio v	0.35	
Poisson's ratio v <sub>12</sub>	0.325*	Shear modulus G <sub>12</sub> (GPa)	2.71	
Shear modulus G <sub>12</sub> (GPa)	5.14*	Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha r$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	53.5	
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_1$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-</sup>		Thermal conductivity k (W m K <sup>-1</sup> )	0.2	
<sup>1</sup> )	-0.102*	Density $ ho$ (Kg dm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.153	
Thermal expansion coeff. $\alpha_2$ (10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-</sup>		Specific heat C <sub>ɛ</sub> (J Kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	1110	
1)	23.138*			
Thermal conductivity k <sub>1</sub> (W m K <sup>-1</sup> )	5			
Thermal conductivity k <sub>2</sub> (W m K <sup>-1</sup> )	0.82			
Density $ ho$ (Kg dm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.5692*			
Specific heat C <sub>c</sub> (J Kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	884.53			

# Measuring the K<sub>t.thickness</sub> (The Flash Method)

Main literature reference: 0.84 W/m\*K [5]

[5] M.T. Saad, S.G. Miller, T. Marunda, Thermal characterization of IM7/8552-1 carbon-epoxy composites, ASME 2014 Int. Mech. Eng. Congr. Expos. (2014) 1–8.

Fable 1. Thermal Prop	erties of IM7/8552-1	Composite
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Temperature	Thermal	Specific	Thermal
(°C)	Diffusivity	Heat	Conductivity
	(cm <sup>2</sup> /s)	(J/g*K)	(W/m*K)
25	0.0068	0.85741	0.84126
50	0.0067	0.91981	0.88184
75	0.0065	0.98683	0.92572
100	0.0064	1.05835	0.97286
125	0.0063	1.13099	1.02034
150	0.0062	1.20378	1.06764
175	0.0061	1.28975	1.12186

#### The flash method

- The power source can be a laser or a flash lamp.
- The energy will then be absorbed by the specimen and emitted again on the top of the sample.
- This radiation results in a temperature rise on the surface of the sample.
- This temperature rise is recorded from an infrared (IR) detector.



#### The Flash Method









### Lock-in filtering approach













S

**F** 

75%



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### The resin influence on Strip specimens TSA Results



The trend of  $\Delta T/T_o$  is different for the two configurations with loading frequency.

Both layups "converge" to a similar level at high frequencies.

The **RRL** has an influence on  $\Delta T$  and **changes the response** in this frequency domain (0.5 – 30.1 Hz).

# Wong's model considerations

 $T_0 \sim$  Mean temperature  $\rho \sim$  Density  $C_p \sim$  Specific heat capacity  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2 \sim$  Thermal expansion coefficients in 1,2  $\Delta \sigma_1$  and  $\Delta \sigma_2 \sim$  Stress variation in 1,2  $[Q]_{1,2} \sim$  Stiffness matrix  $[T] \sim$  Transformation matrix  $[\Delta \varepsilon_{xy}] \sim$  Strain variation in x,y



x,y: Laminate coordinate system

$$\Delta \mathbf{T} = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_p} (\alpha_1 \Delta \sigma_1 + \alpha_2 \Delta \sigma_2) = \frac{-T_0}{\rho C_p} \left( [\alpha]_{1,2}^T [Q]_{1,2} [\mathbf{T}] [\Delta \varepsilon]_{xy} \right)$$

Simplified for orthotropic composite lamina (as  $\alpha_6 = 0$ )

There are **models** that aim to replicate the thermoelastic behaviour of composites

**A.K. Wong [10]:** A non-adiabatic thermoelastic theory for composite laminates (<u>numerical model</u>):

- 1-D model
- Conduction process is described by numerically solving the 1-D diffusion equation

Assuming that heat transfer during thermoelastic cycling is dominated by diffusion in the through-thickness direction

- Considers layers orientation, loading frequency, the resin surface layer thickness and the cyclic stress regime
- This model was validated for CFRP [0,45,-45] at a frequency range of 5-30 Hz