

# Analysis of Bonded Tubular Single Lap Joint subjected to varying Pressure at constant Torsion

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**Abstract:** Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) composites are becoming increasingly popular in the engineering applications as alternative to conventional engineering materials. The unique characteristics of FRP, such as their light weight, their resistance to corrosion, high energy absorption, and the lower cost of transportation, erection and maintenance, are very promising in the application of FRP in various engineering fields. Bonded tubular structures made with FRP composites have been common structures in various fields of engineering. The purpose of this paper is to study the combined effect of internal pressure and torsion on stress distributions and failure within the joint region. Special attention has been devoted to study the effect of pressure increase at constant torsion on the failure prone regions.

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## Introduction

Two Gr/E [0]<sub>4</sub> laminated FRP composite tubes which are similar with respect to length, thickness, and properties have been used as adherends. Here zero degree fiber orientation indicates circumferentially wound fibers. The two tubes have been joined through a thin layer of adhesive (epoxy) as shown in the Figure. The bonded TSLJ have been subjected to an internal pressure of 10 MPa at the inner adherend as well as torsion loading of 100 N-m (direction of the applied torque is CCW as we see from the free end of the bonded TSLJ) at the free end of the bonded TSLJ structure. Internal pressure loading has been varied as 1MPa, 10MPa, 13 MPa, and 16 MPa for a constant torsional loading of 100 N-m in order to study the effect of circumferential pressure variation on joint strength. The material properties along with strength values for adhesive and adherends have been given. The material properties have been considered from then work of Das and Pradhan (2010). Three different bondline interfaces have been identified to be the critical regions prone to stress concentration effects in the present analysis: (i) inner adherend-adhesive interface, (ii) adhesive mid-layer, and (iii) outer adherend-adhesive interface (Figure). Two-dimensional stress distribution comparison in different cases has been over viewed in this chapter.

Specimen geometry and boundary conditions Figure shows specimen geometry and boundary conditions of the bonded single lap joint along with different interfaces at the joint region.

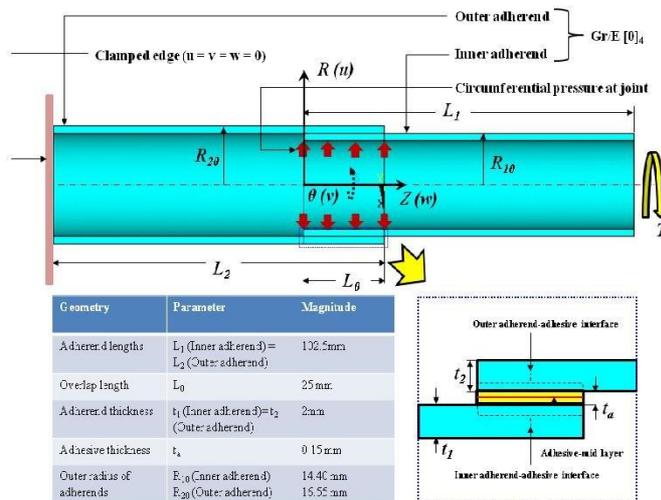
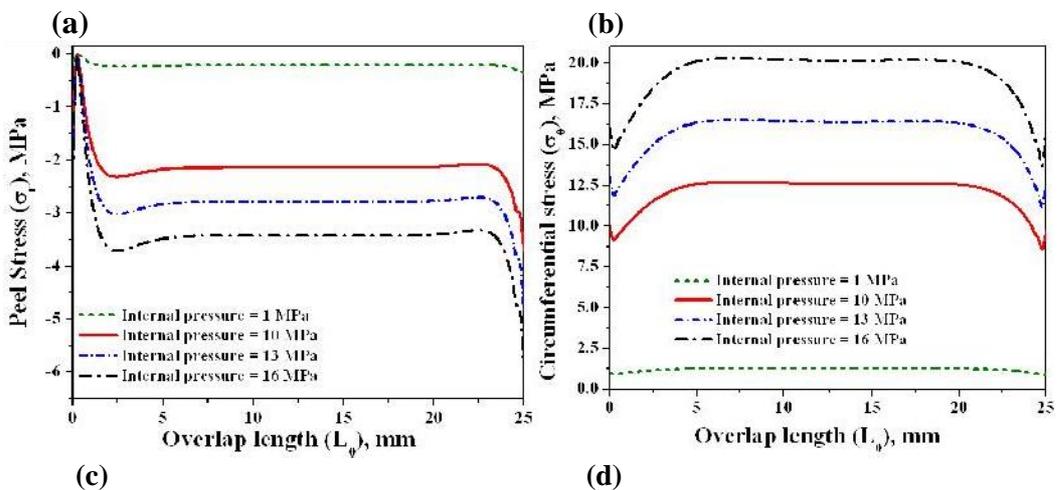
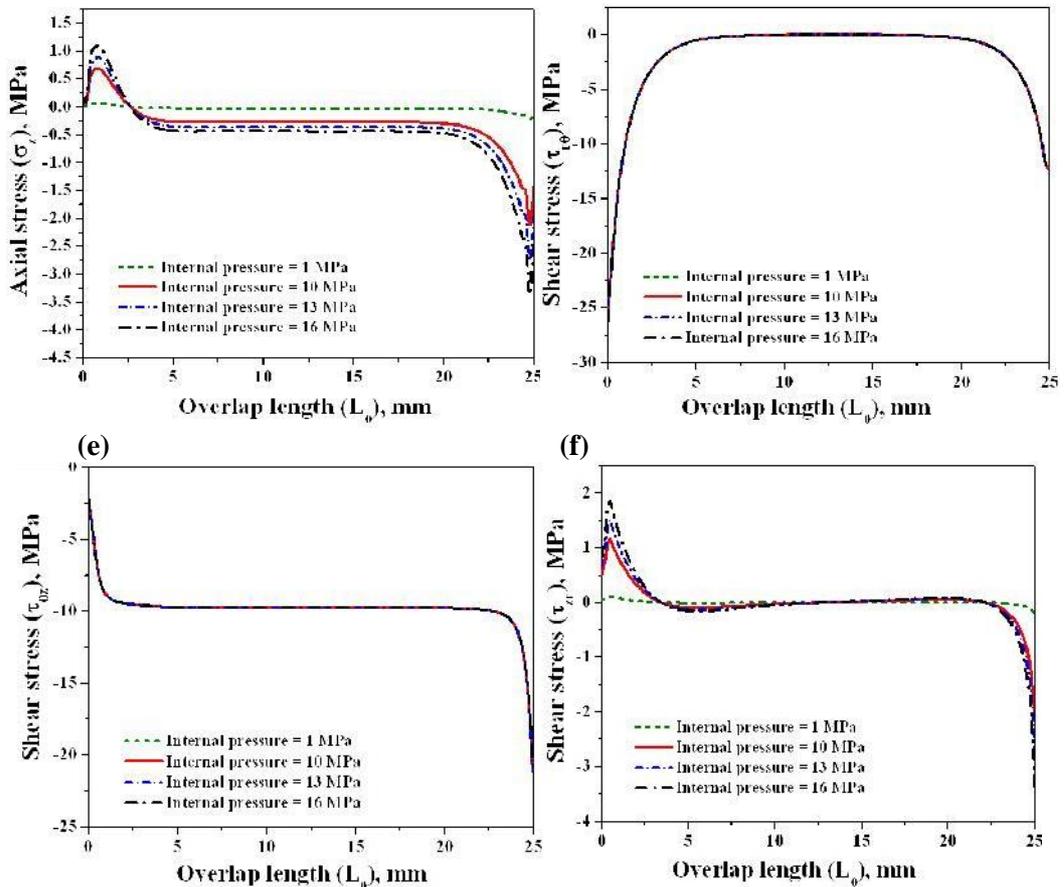


Figure 1.1. Specimen geometry and boundary conditions of the bonded single lap joint along with different interfaces at the joint region.

### Results and discussion

Effect of pressure variation in presence of Torsion on stresses in the critical bondline interface





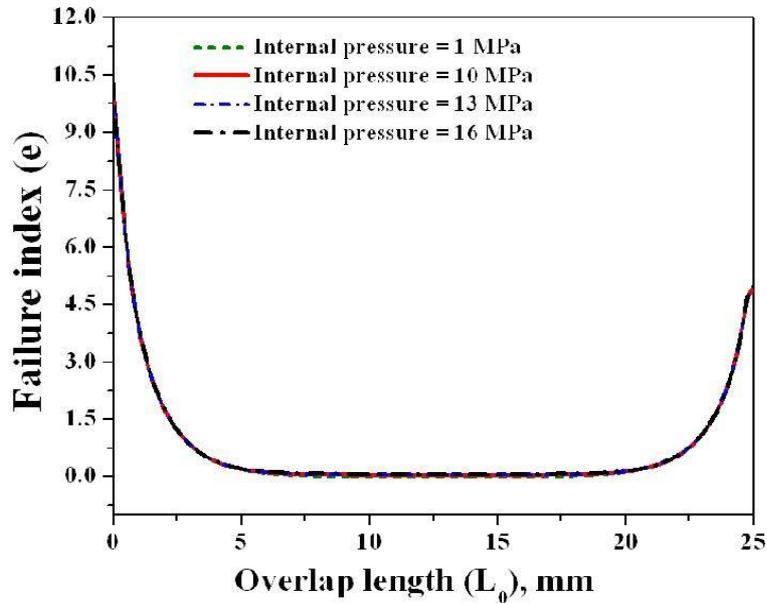
**Figure 1.2 Effect of increase in circumferential pressure in presence of torque on stress distribution within the outer adherend-adhesive interface.**

As the pressure has been varied from 1 MPa to 16 MPa in presence of a constant torque of 100 N-m, it can be observed that only the normal stress components ( $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ , and  $\sigma_z$ ) and the radial-axial shear stress ( $\tau_{rz}$ ) component have been increasing. However, the remaining shear stress components ( $\tau_{r\theta}$ ,  $\tau_{\theta z}$ ) have remained unchanged due to the pressure variation.

#### **Effect of pressure variation in presence of Torsion on failure at the critical bondline interface**

Although variation of internal pressure at constant torsion has got impact on the stress distribution at the outer adherend-adhesive interface (Figure 6.6), but it has got negligible effect on the failure index values as shown in Figure 6.7. So increase in internal pressure has got negligible effect on the failure at the critical bondline interface.

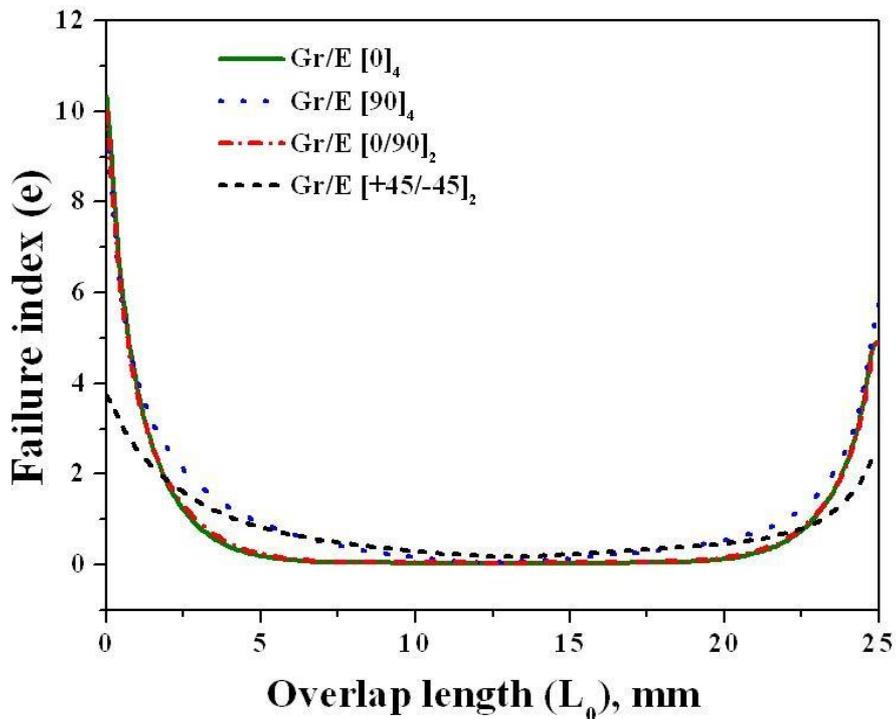
It has been observe from the given plot that variation in magnitude of internal pressure not showing a desirable effect on the failure. It can clearly seen from failure index plot that on a small increment in pressure value, the failure indices are almost coinciding with other and also the pressure with lower magnitude found to be safe towards failure indices.



**Figure. 1.3 Effect of increase in circumferential pressure in presence of torque on failure within the outer adherend-adhesive interface.**

**Effect of different ply-orientations on failure at the critical bondline interface due to variation of pressure at constant torsion**

It is interesting to note that, as internal pressure is introduced in presence of torsional loading Gr/E [+45/-45]<sub>2</sub> ply-orientations seems to be better as it reduced the magnitude of failure indices corresponding to the critical bondline interface (Figure 6.8). The circumferentially wound fiber orientation (Gr/E [0]<sub>4</sub>) and axially cross-ply orientation (Gr/E [0/90]<sub>2</sub>) which have been found to be better corresponding to pure pressure and pure torsional loading have been observed to be giving comparatively greater failure index values. Hence for a combined torsional and pressure loading the angle ply-orientation (Gr/E [+45/- 45]<sub>2</sub>) is most preferable.



**Figure 1.4 Effect of stacking sequences on Tsai-wu coupled stress criteria based failure indices at critical bondline interface under combined pressure and torsional loading**

#### Summary and conclusions

Laminated FRP composite made bonded TSLJ subjected to a constant torsion (100 N-m) and varying internal pressure loading (1 MPa to 16 MPa) has been analyzed through finite element method. The FE codes have been developed through ANSYS APDL in a high speed IBM platform. Stress and failure effects within the joint region have been studied carefully in presence and absence of internal pressure (along with torsional loading). Finally effect of different ply orientations on the failure indices corresponding to the critical bondline interface has been studied and a suitable stacking sequence has been suggested for an improved performance of the joint. The salient conclusions have been enlisted below.

- Four stress ( $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $\sigma_z$ , and  $\tau_{rz}$ ) components within all the bondline interfaces have been enhanced considerably (maintain the same magnitude as in the case of pure pressure loading) due to introduction of internal pressure loading along with a constant torsional loading.
- However, the remaining stress components ( $\tau_{r\theta}$ ,  $\tau_{\theta z}$ ) remain unaltered (maintain the same magnitude as in the case of pure torsional loading) due to introduction internal pressure loading along with a constant torsional loading.
- Introduction of internal pressure along with the pure torsional loading is marginally affecting the failure index profiles for the different bondline interfaces.
- Outer adherend-adhesive interface is the critical bondline interface which is prone to fail through adhesion failure towards the clamped edge under combined pressure and torsional loading (as in the case of pure torsional

loading).

- As the pressure has been varied, four stress components ( $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $\sigma_z$ , and  $\tau_{rz}$ ) within the joint have been increasing. However, the remaining shear stress components ( $\tau_{r\theta}$ ,  $\tau_{\theta z}$ ) have remained unchanged.
- For a combined torsional and pressure loading the angle ply-orientation (Gr/E [+45/-45]<sub>2</sub>) is most preferable.

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