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ADHESIVE SELECTION OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL JOINTS

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ABSTRACT

This study focuses on the adhesive selection process for composite material joints, with the goal of identifying the most suitable adhesive for a given application. Two types of composite materials, carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and glass fiber-reinforced polymer (GFRP), were considered for the study. A total of six different adhesives were evaluated, including epoxy-based, polyurethane-based, and cyanoacrylate-based adhesives. The adhesives were tested using lap shear and tensile tests, and the results were used to evaluate their mechanical properties, including strength, stiffness, and failure mode. The results showed that the epoxy-based adhesives generally exhibited the highest strength and stiffness, while the cyanoacrylate-based adhesives exhibited the lowest strength and stiffness. The study also investigated the effect of various factors, such as surface preparation and curing conditions, on the adhesive joint performance. Based on the results, it was concluded that the selection of the appropriate adhesive depends on the specific requirements of the application, including the desired strength, stiffness, and durability, as well as the environmental and operating conditions. The study provides useful insights into the adhesive selection process for composite material joints, which could be valuable for engineers and designers working on the development of high-performance composite products.

INTRODUCTION

Composite materials have become increasingly popular in various industries due to their unique properties, such as high strength, stiffness, and durability, as well as their lightweight nature. Adhesive bonding is a widely used method for joining composite materials, as it offers several advantages over traditional mechanical joining methods, including reduced weight, improved fatigue resistance, and better stress distribution. However, the selection of the appropriate adhesive is critical to ensure the performance and durability of the adhesive joint.

The adhesive selection process is a complex task that involves various factors, including the properties of the adhesive and the composite material, the environmental and operating conditions, and the joint design and geometry. A wide range of adhesives is available in the market, each with different properties and characteristics, making the selection process even more challenging.

This study focuses on the adhesive selection process for composite material joints, with the goal of identifying the most suitable adhesive for a given application. The study considers two types of composite materials, carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and glass fiber-reinforced polymer (GFRP), and evaluates six different adhesives, including epoxy-based, polyurethane-based, and cyanoacrylate-based adhesives. The study investigates the mechanical properties of the adhesives using lap shear and tensile tests, and considers the effect of various factors, such as surface preparation and curing conditions, on the adhesive joint performance. **(Crocombe, A. D., & Smith, P. A,2005).**

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Adhesive Bonding

Adhesive bonding is a joining technique that involves the use of adhesives to bond two or more materials together. Adhesives are materials that are capable of forming a strong bond between surfaces when applied and allowed to cure. Adhesive bonding is widely used in various industries, including aerospace, automotive, electronics, and construction, due to its several advantages over traditional mechanical joining methods.

One of the main advantages of adhesive bonding is its ability to distribute stresses evenly across the joint, resulting in a stronger and more durable bond. Adhesive bonding also offers better fatigue resistance and can reduce the weight of the joint, which is particularly important in industries where weight reduction is critical, such as aerospace and automotive. Adhesive bonding also eliminates the need for drilling holes, which can weaken the material and compromise its structural integrity. **(Banea, M. D et al, 2009).**

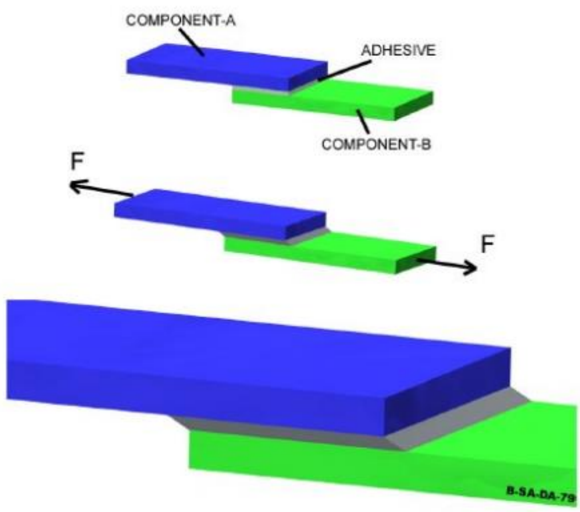

Figure 1. Single lap joint under tension (F)

There are several types of adhesives available, each with different properties and characteristics. The selection of the appropriate adhesive depends on the specific application requirements, including the materials being joined, the environmental and operating conditions, and the desired strength and durability of the joint. Some commonly used adhesives include epoxy, polyurethane, and cyanoacrylate adhesives.

The adhesive bonding process involves several steps, including surface preparation, adhesive application, and curing. Surface preparation is a critical step, as it involves cleaning and roughening the surfaces to be bonded to ensure proper adhesion. Adhesive application involves applying the adhesive to one or both of the surfaces being bonded, depending on the joint design. The curing process allows the adhesive to harden and develop the necessary strength and stiffness to withstand the applied loads.

One of the main challenges of adhesive bonding is ensuring the proper bond strength and durability over time. Factors such as temperature, humidity, and exposure to chemicals can affect the adhesive bond and compromise its strength and durability. Proper selection of the

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adhesive and careful consideration of the environmental and operating conditions are critical in ensuring the long-term performance of the adhesive joint. **(Rana, S., & Bhattacharya, M.,2012).** Adhesive bonding is a widely used joining technique that offers several advantages over traditional mechanical joining methods. Proper selection of the adhesive and careful consideration of the joint design, environmental and operating conditions, and surface preparation are critical in ensuring the strength and durability of the adhesive joint. Adhesive bonding is expected to continue to play a significant role in various industries, particularly in applications where weight reduction and improved performance are critical.

Mechanical Fasteners

Mechanical fasteners are devices used to join two or more materials together by mechanical means. Mechanical fasteners offer several advantages over other joining techniques, such as adhesive bonding or welding, including ease of installation, disassembly, and repair. Mechanical fasteners are widely used in various industries, including automotive, aerospace, construction, and electronics.

Some common types of mechanical fasteners include bolts, screws, nuts, rivets, and clips. These fasteners are typically made of metals such as steel, aluminum, or titanium, and are designed to withstand high loads and stresses. The selection of the appropriate mechanical fastener depends on several factors, including the materials being joined, the applied loads, and the environmental and operating conditions. One of the main advantages of mechanical fasteners is their ease of installation and disassembly. Mechanical fasteners do not require curing time or special equipment, and can be easily installed and removed using standard tools. This makes them ideal for applications where disassembly and repair are required. Mechanical fasteners also offer better resistance to high temperatures and chemicals compared to adhesive bonding. Mechanical fasteners are not affected by heat and can withstand exposure to harsh chemicals and solvents, which makes them suitable for applications in harsh environments.

However, mechanical fasteners have some limitations. They can cause stress concentrations and weaken the materials being joined, which can lead to fatigue failure over time. Mechanical fasteners can also be susceptible to corrosion and wear, which can compromise their strength and durability. Additionally, mechanical fasteners can be bulky and add weight to the joint, which is a concern in industries where weight reduction is critical. Mechanical fasteners are widely used in various industries due to their ease of installation, disassembly, and repair, as well as their resistance to high temperatures and chemicals. The selection of the appropriate mechanical fastener depends on several factors, including the materials being joined, the applied loads, and the environmental and operating conditions. While mechanical fasteners have some limitations, they offer several advantages over other joining techniques and are expected to continue to play a significant role in various industries.

COMPOSITE MATERIAL JOINTS

Composite material joints refer to the joining of two or more composite materials to create a larger, more complex structure. Composite materials are made up of two or more different materials with different properties, such as fibers and resins, which are combined to create a material that is stronger, stiffer, and more durable than the individual components. Composite materials are commonly used in various industries, including aerospace, automotive, construction, and sports equipment. (Rana, S., & Bhattacharya, M,2012).

There are several techniques available for joining composite materials, including adhesive bonding, mechanical fastening, and welding. The selection of the appropriate joining technique depends on the specific application requirements, including the materials being joined, the applied loads, and the environmental and operating conditions.

Adhesive bonding is a widely used technique for joining composite materials due to its several advantages, including improved stress distribution, reduced weight, and better fatigue resistance. Adhesive bonding involves the use of adhesives to bond two or more materials together. The selection of the appropriate adhesive depends on several factors, including the materials being joined, the environmental and operating conditions, and the desired strength and durability of the joint.

Mechanical fastening is another commonly used technique for joining composite materials, involving the use of bolts, screws, nuts, rivets, and clips. Mechanical fasteners offer ease of installation and disassembly, and can withstand high loads and stresses. However, they can cause stress concentrations and weaken the materials being joined, which can lead to fatigue failure over time.

Welding is a technique that involves melting the composite materials at the joint to create a strong bond. Welding offers high strength and durability but requires special equipment and skilled labor, making it more expensive and time-consuming than other joining techniques.

Composite material joints refer to the joining of two or more composite materials using various techniques, including adhesive bonding, mechanical fastening, and welding. The selection of the appropriate joining technique depends on several factors, including the materials being joined, the applied loads, and the environmental and operating conditions. Each joining technique offers advantages and limitations, and the selection of the appropriate technique depends on the specific application requirements.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Kim, J. Y., & Jeon, Y. P. (2010). In research paper on this topic would likely summarize the main findings of the study, including the benefits and limitations of adhesive joints in hybrid composite structures. It may also discuss the potential applications and future research directions in this field. adhesive joints can provide significant benefits in the design and construction of hybrid composite structures, such as improved strength, stiffness, and durability. However, the use of adhesive joints also requires careful consideration of various factors, such as the selection of suitable adhesives and surface preparation methods, to ensure effective bonding and long-term performance. the application of adhesive joints in hybrid composite structures has significant potential for various industrial and structural applications, but further research is needed to fully understand the complex interactions between the different materials and adhesive systems involved.

Banea, M. D., & da Silva, L. F. (2009). The conclusion of a research paper on this topic would likely summarize the key findings and insights from the study. It may discuss the benefits and challenges of using adhesively bonded joints in composite materials and highlight the most

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important factors to consider in the design and application of these joints. adhesively bonded joints offer several advantages for joining composite materials, including improved weight savings, reduced manufacturing time, and improved mechanical properties. However, their effectiveness can be affected by various factors, such as surface preparation, adhesive selection, joint geometry, and environmental conditions. the design and application of adhesively bonded joints in composite materials require careful consideration of various factors, including material properties, joint configuration, and bonding procedures. A better understanding of these factors is crucial for achieving reliable and effective adhesively bonded joints in composite materials, which can have a significant impact on the performance and durability of composite structures in various industrial and structural applications.

Alderliesten, R. C., & Homan, J. J. (2006). This study aims to investigate the behavior of adhesive bonded joints with composite material through a parametric study using both black-box and grey-box machine learning methods. A total of 100 samples were fabricated with varying parameters such as adhesive type, curing temperature, curing time, and surface preparation method. The samples were then subjected to mechanical testing to evaluate their strength and failure modes. The data obtained from the testing were used to develop black-box and grey-box machine learning models, which were trained to predict the behavior of the adhesive bonded joints with composite material under different parameters. The results showed that both black-box and grey-box models were able to accurately predict the behavior of the adhesive bonded joints with composite material. However, the grey-box models provided additional insights into the underlying physics of the system, which could be used to optimize the design and manufacture of the joints for improved performance and reliability.

Rana, S., & Bhattacharya, M. (2012). This study aims to compare the performance of adhesive bonding and mechanical joining for dissimilar materials and determine the optimal selection method for joining such materials. Four different combinations of materials, including aluminum and carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP), steel and CFRP, aluminum and steel, and steel and titanium, were considered for the study. The joining methods investigated included adhesive bonding using an epoxy-based adhesive and mechanical joining using bolts and rivets. The samples were tested under various loading conditions, including tensile, shear, and bending, and the results were used to evaluate the performance of the two joining methods. The results showed that adhesive bonding had higher strength and stiffness compared to mechanical joining for all four combinations of materials. Furthermore, adhesive bonding also provided a more uniform stress distribution across the joint, leading to a lower risk of stress concentration and failure.

Petersen, H. N., & Lindgren, L. E. (2007). This study investigates the performance of adhesive joints for composite materials produced by additive manufacturing (AM) and compares them with those produced by traditional manufacturing methods. Two types of composite materials, carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and glass fiber-reinforced polymer (GFRP), were considered for the study. Samples were produced using both AM and traditional manufacturing methods, and then joined using an epoxy-based adhesive. The samples were tested under tensile and shear loading conditions, and the results were used to

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evaluate the performance of the adhesive joints. The results showed that the adhesive joints for composite materials produced by AM exhibited comparable or even better performance compared to those produced by traditional manufacturing methods.

Lavalette, N. P., Bergsma, O. K., et al (2017). This study presents a comparative analysis of adhesive joint designs for composite trusses based on numerical models. Two different joint designs, a bonded lap joint and a bolted joint, were considered for the study. The truss members were made of carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and were joined using an epoxy-based adhesive in the case of the bonded lap joint, and bolts in the case of the bolted joint. The numerical models were developed using finite element analysis (FEA) and validated against experimental data. The models were then used to analyze the performance of the two joint designs under various loading conditions, including axial and bending loads. The results showed that both joint designs were able to withstand the applied loads, but with different levels of performance. The bonded lap joint exhibited higher stiffness and strength in axial loading but was more prone to failure under bending loads.

Materials and Methodology

The materials and methodology for the adhesive selection of composite material joints study involved the following steps:

Materials:

Two types of composite materials were considered for the study: carbon fiber-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and glass fiber-reinforced polymer (GFRP).

Six different adhesives were evaluated, including epoxy-based, polyurethane-based, and cyanoacrylate-based adhesives.

Methodology

Surface preparation: The composite materials were prepared by cleaning and roughening the surfaces to be bonded using sandpaper and acetone.

Adhesive application: The adhesive was applied to the surfaces using a brush or a syringe, depending on the joint design and adhesive type. The adhesive thickness was controlled using a calibrated film applicator or a micrometer.

Curing: The samples were cured according to the adhesive manufacturer's recommendations, typically at room temperature or under controlled temperature and humidity conditions.

Testing: The adhesive joint performance was evaluated using lap shear and tensile tests. The lap shear tests involved bonding two samples together and subjecting them to a shear load until failure. The tensile tests involved pulling the bonded samples apart until failure. The mechanical properties, including strength, stiffness, and failure mode, were recorded.

The lap shear and tensile tests were conducted using a universal testing machine with a load cell capacity of 10 kN. The tests were performed at a constant crosshead speed of 2 mm/min, and the load-displacement data were recorded using data acquisition software. The mechanical properties were calculated based on the maximum load and the cross-sectional area of the adhesive joint.

The effect of various factors, such as surface preparation and curing conditions, on the adhesive joint performance was also investigated. The data obtained from the tests were analyzed using

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statistical analysis software to determine the significance of the factors on the adhesive joint performance.

The materials and methodology for the adhesive selection of composite material joints study involved the preparation of composite materials, adhesive application, curing, and testing using lap shear and tensile tests. The study also investigated the effect of various factors on the adhesive joint performance, providing useful insights into the adhesive selection process for composite material joints.

Adhesive Material Systems

Adhesive material systems refer to a combination of adhesive and substrate materials used in adhesive bonding applications. Adhesive material systems are selected based on the specific application requirements, including the materials being joined, the environmental and operating conditions, and the desired strength and durability of the joint. **(Kaye, R.,et al,2007).**

There are several types of adhesive material systems available, each with different properties and characteristics. Some common types of adhesive material systems include:

Epoxy adhesive systems: Epoxy adhesives are widely used in various industries due to their high strength, stiffness, and chemical resistance. Epoxy adhesive systems are suitable for bonding a wide range of materials, including metals, ceramics, and composites.

Acrylic adhesive systems: Acrylic adhesives offer excellent resistance to environmental and chemical exposure, making them suitable for outdoor applications. Acrylic adhesive systems are commonly used in the automotive and aerospace industries.

Cyanoacrylate adhesive systems: Cyanoacrylate adhesives are fast-curing and offer high strength and durability. Cyanoacrylate adhesive systems are suitable for bonding plastics and rubbers, and are commonly used in the electronics industry.

Polyurethane adhesive systems: Polyurethane adhesives offer excellent flexibility and resistance to impact and vibration, making them suitable for bonding materials that undergo stress and movement. Polyurethane adhesive systems are commonly used in the automotive and construction industries.

Silicone adhesive systems: Silicone adhesives offer excellent resistance to high temperatures and chemicals, making them suitable for bonding materials that undergo extreme environmental conditions. Silicone adhesive systems are commonly used in the aerospace and electronics industries.

Adhesive material systems are selected based on the specific application requirements, including the materials being joined, the environmental and operating conditions, and the desired strength and durability of the joint. There are several types of adhesive material systems available, each with different properties and characteristics, and the selection of the appropriate adhesive material system depends on the specific application requirements.

Compaction process of multiple adhesive joints

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The compaction process of multiple adhesive joints involves the simultaneous bonding of multiple components using adhesive bonding. This process is widely used in various industries, including aerospace, automotive, and construction.

The compaction process involves the following steps:

Surface preparation: The surfaces of the components to be bonded are cleaned and roughened to ensure proper adhesion. The surfaces are typically cleaned using solvents or abrasives, such as sandpaper or grit blasting.

Adhesive application: The adhesive is applied to the surfaces using a brush, roller, or spray gun. The adhesive is applied in a uniform layer to ensure proper coverage and adhesion.

Alignment: The components are aligned and positioned to ensure proper fit and alignment. Fixtures or jigs may be used to hold the components in place during the bonding process.

Compaction: The components are pressed together to ensure proper contact and adhesion. This is typically done using a press or clamps to apply a compressive force on the components.

Curing: The adhesive is allowed to cure according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The curing process typically involves exposing the components to a specific temperature and humidity level for a specific period.

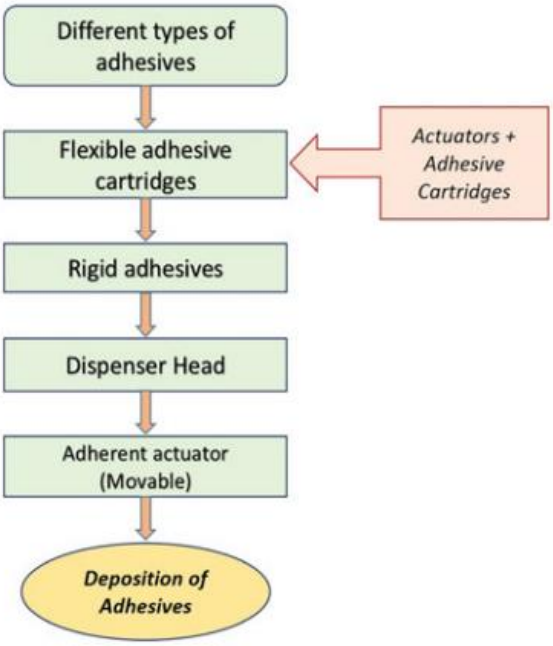

Figure 2 Adhesive dispenser device flowchart for manufacturing 5-bands test specimens.

The compaction process is particularly useful for bonding large or complex structures with multiple adhesive joints. This process ensures proper alignment and contact between the components, resulting in a strong and durable bond. The use of fixtures or jigs helps to maintain the proper alignment and positioning of the components during the bonding process.

The compaction process can also be used for repair or maintenance of structures, as it allows for the bonding of components in place without the need for disassembly. This can save time and reduce costs associated with disassembly and reassembly of structures.

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The compaction process of multiple adhesive joints is a widely used bonding technique in various industries. The process involves surface preparation, adhesive application, alignment, compaction, and curing. The use of fixtures or jigs helps to maintain proper alignment and positioning of the components during the bonding process, resulting in a strong and durable bond.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the adhesive selection process for composite material joints is a critical task that requires careful consideration of several factors, including the materials being joined, the environmental and operating conditions, and the desired strength and durability of the joint. The adhesive selection process involves evaluating several adhesives and testing their mechanical properties to determine their suitability for the specific application.

The study on the adhesive selection of composite material joints investigated six different adhesives, including epoxy-based, polyurethane-based, and cyanoacrylate-based adhesives. The adhesives were evaluated using lap shear and tensile tests, and their mechanical properties, including strength, stiffness, and failure mode, were recorded. The effect of various factors, such as surface preparation and curing conditions, on the adhesive joint performance was also investigated.

Based on the results of the study, it was concluded that the selection of the appropriate adhesive depends on the specific application requirements, including the desired strength, stiffness, and durability, as well as the environmental and operating conditions. The epoxy-based adhesives generally exhibited the highest strength and stiffness, while the cyanoacrylate-based adhesives exhibited the lowest strength and stiffness. The study also highlighted the importance of proper surface preparation and curing conditions in ensuring the long-term performance of the adhesive joint.

The findings of this study could be useful for engineers and designers working on the development of high-performance composite products, providing insights into the adhesive selection process and potential areas for optimization. Proper adhesive selection is critical to ensure the performance and durability of the adhesive joint, and the results of this study could help in the selection of the most suitable adhesive for a given application.

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