Investigation of orthotropic engineering constants of CFRP laminate with and without delamination pre-crack

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ABSTRACT

The experimental method used in this paper is based on the Impulse Excitation Technique by Resonalyser procedure and focusses on the characterization of elastic and damping properties of carbon/epoxy material. The Resonalyser procedure is used for the non-destructive evaluation of the UD CFRP composite, that shows transverse isotropy behavior. The Resonalyser procedure is based on a mixed numerical experimental inverse method with measurements of resonance frequencies and damping ratios of thin plates and beams. The goal of the investigation is to determinate the complete orthotropic engineering constants of CFRP composites needed for 3D numerical modelling of structural elements and structures made of this material.

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