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# Fracture Analysis of a Three-Dimensional Functionally Graded Multilayered Beam

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## Аналіз руйнування тривимірної функціонально-градієнтної багатошарової балки

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Аналітично вивчено режим руйнування при відшаруванні для тривимірної функціональноградієнтної багатошарової балки при визначенні зсуву на напустку з тріщиною на основі розрахунку швидкості виділення енергії деформації з використанням методів лінійно-пружної механіки руйнування. Балка може включати в себе довільну кількість шарів, кожен з яких має різні товщину і властивості компонентів. Матеріал кожного шару функціонально-градієнтний по ширині, товщині і довжині. Тріщина відшарування розташована довільно по висоті балки. Швидкість виділення енергії деформації отримано шляхом аналізу її густини у поперечному перерізі балки перед і за фронтом тріщини. Для верифікації її додатково проаналізовано за допомогою енергії деформації балки. Оцінено вплив градієнта матеріалу і розташування тріщини по висоті балки на режим руйнування при відшаруванні.

*Ключові слова*: функціонально-градієнтні матеріали, лінійно-пружна механіка руйнування, багатошарові конструкції.

**Introduction**. Since their introduction in the mid 1980s, functionally graded materials have become a promising alternative to laminated composites [1–8]. This is due to the fact that by gradual variation of material constituents composition in functionally graded materials, the interface stress concentrations are avoided, in contrast to laminated composites [9–11]. In this way, failure performances are improved. At the same time the variation of material properties in one or more spatial coordinates can be designed so as to achieve the optimum performance of members and components made of functionally graded materials to the external loads and influences. An important consideration in safety design of functionally graded materials has received significant attention from the academic circles [12–17]. In spite of that, there are crack problems which have not been researched sufficiently. One of these problems is delamination in three-dimensional functionally graded multilayered beams.

Therefore, the main purpose of present paper was to perform an analytical study of delamination fracture in the multilayered crack lap shear (CLS) beam configuration assuming that in each layer the material is functionally graded along the width, thickness and length of layer. The fracture was studied in terms the strain energy release rate by analyzing the strain energy densities in the beam cross sections ahead and behind the crack

front. The solution derived was applied to perform the parametric analysis, in order to evaluate the influences of material gradient and crack location on the delamination fracture.

1. Delamination Analysis in Terms of the Strain Energy Release Rate. The multilayered functionally graded CLS beam configuration analyzed in the present paper is shown schematically in Fig. 1. The beam is built up by an arbitrary number of horizontal layers. A perfect adhesion was assumed between layers. The beam cross section is a rectangle of width b and height 2h. The beam length is l. A delamination crack of length a is located arbitrary along the beam height. The lower and upper crack arm thicknesses are  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ , respectively. The loading consists of a horizontal force F applied at the free end of lower crack arm (Fig. 1). Thus, the upper crack arm is free of stresses. The beam is clamped in section B. The material in each layer is functionally graded along the width, thickness and length of layer.



Fig. 1. Geometry and loading of the multilayered CLS beam.

The delamination fracture analysis was carried-out assuming that in each layer the modulus of elasticity  $E_i$  varies linearly along the width, thickness and length of layer. It was also assumed that in the *i*th layer  $E_{K_i}$ ,  $E_{H_i}$ , and  $E_{D_i}$  are the values of modulus of elasticity in points  $K_i$ ,  $H_i$ , and  $D_i$ , respectively, in a cross section located at distance x from the beam free end (Fig. 2). The distribution of modulus of elasticity in the *i*th layer was expressed in a function of y and z through  $E_{K_i}$ ,  $E_{H_i}$ , and  $E_{D_i}$  by using the following equation [18] of a plane that passes via three points of coordinates  $(E_{K_i}, y_{K_i}, z_{K_i}), (E_{H_i}, y_{H_i}, z_{H_i})$ , and  $(E_{D_i}, y_{D_i}, z_{D_i})$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} E_i & y & z & 1 \\ E_{K_i} & y_{K_i} & z_{K_i} & 1 \\ E_{H_i} & y_{H_i} & z_{H_i} & 1 \\ E_{D_i} & y_{D_i} & z_{D_i} & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n,$$
(1)



Fig. 2. Notations in the *i*th layer of CLS beam.

where (see Fig. 2)

$$y_{K_i} = -b/2, \quad z_{K_i} = z_i, \quad y_{H_i} = b/2, \quad z_{H_i} = z_i, \quad y_{D_i} = b/2, \quad z_{D_i} = z_{i+1}.$$
 (2)

In (2), n is the number of layers.

By substituting (2) into (1), the distribution of modulus of elasticity in the ith layer was obtained as

$$E_i = q_{1i} y + q_{2i} z + q_{3i}, (3)$$

where

$$q_{1i} = \frac{E_{K_i}(z_i - z_{i+1}) + E_{H_i}(z_{i+1} - z_i)}{b(z_{i+1} - z_i)},$$
(4)

$$q_{2i} = \frac{E_{D_i} - E_{H_i}}{z_{i+1} - z_i},$$
(5)

$$q_{3i} = \frac{E_{K_i}(z_{i+1} - z_i) + E_{H_i}(z_{i+1} + z_i) - 2E_{D_i}z_i}{2(z_{i+1} - z_i)},$$
(6)

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$
 (7)

In each layer, the moduli of elasticity  $E_{K_i}$ ,  $E_{H_i}$ , and  $E_{D_i}$  vary continuously along the beam length, according to the following quadratic equations:

$$E_{K_i} = E_{K_{0i}} + \frac{E_{K_{1i}} - E_{K_{0i}}}{l^2} x^2,$$
(8)

$$E_{H_i} = E_{H_{0i}} + \frac{E_{H_{1i}} - E_{H_{0i}}}{l^2} x^2,$$
(9)

$$E_{D_i} = E_{D_{0i}} + \frac{E_{D_{1i}} - E_{D_{0i}}}{l^2} x^2,$$
(10)

where

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$
 (11)

$$0 \le x \le l. \tag{12}$$

In Eqs. (8), (9), and (10),  $E_{K_{0i}}$ ,  $E_{H_{0i}}$ , and  $E_{D_{0i}}$  are the moduli of elasticity in points  $K_{0i}$ ,  $H_{0i}$ , and  $D_{0i}$ , respectively (Fig. 2). The moduli of elasticity in points  $K_{1i}$ ,  $H_{1i}$ , and  $D_{1i}$  are  $E_{K_{1i}}$ ,  $E_{H_{1i}}$ , and  $E_{D_{1i}}$ , respectively. It can be summarized that Eqs. (3), (8), (9), and (10) describe the distribution of modulus of elasticity in the layers of functionally graded CLS beam configuration shown in Fig. 1.

The delamination was studied in terms of the strain energy release rate assuming linear-elastic behavior of the material in each layer. The strain energy release rate G can be expressed through the changes of external work  $\Delta W_{ext}$  and strain energy  $\Delta U$  as

$$G = \frac{\Delta W_{ext} - \Delta U}{\Delta A},\tag{13}$$

where

$$\Delta A = b \Delta a. \tag{14}$$

In (14),  $\Delta a$  is a small increase of the crack length. Due to the fact that linear-elastic material behavior was assumed, the change of external work can be written as

$$\Delta W_{ext} = 2\Delta U. \tag{15}$$

The change of strain energy can be expressed as

$$\Delta U = U_b - U_a, \tag{16}$$

where  $U_b$  and  $U_a$  are the strain energies before and after the increase of crack, respectively. By substitution of (14), (15), and (16) in (13), the formula for strain energy release rate can be reduced to

$$G = \frac{U_a - U_b}{b\Delta a}.$$
(17)

Equation (17) was applied to calculate the strain energy release rate in the multilayered functionally graded CLS beam configuration (Fig. 1).

The strain energy before the increase of crack was derived by integrating of the strain energy density in the uncracked beam ahead of the crack front (Fig. 3)

$$U_b = \Delta a \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \int_{z_{2i}}^{z_{2i+1}} \left( \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} u_{0ui} \, dy_2 \right) dz_2, \tag{18}$$

where  $z_{2i}$  and  $z_{2i+1}$  are the coordinates of upper and lower edges of the *i*th layer. The strain energy density  $u_{0ui}$  in the *i*th layer was written as

$$u_{0ui} = \frac{1}{2} E_i \varepsilon^2, \tag{19}$$

where  $E_i$  was determined by (3). In (19),  $\varepsilon$  is the distribution of strains.



Fig. 3. The uncracked beam portion (ahead of the crack front).

An analysis of strains was carried out, in order to determine the strain energy density. The validity of the Bernoulli hypothesis for plane sections was assumed, since the span to height ratio of the beam considered is large. It should be mentioned that the Bernoulli hypothesis has been widely applied in fracture studies of functionally graded materials [15, 16]. Concerning the application of Bernoulli hypothesis in the present paper, it can also be noted that due to the fact that the multilayered functionally graded beam is loaded in eccentric tension (Fig. 1), the only non-zero strain is the longitudinal strain  $\varepsilon$ . Thus, according to the small strain compatibility equations,  $\varepsilon$  is distributed linearly in beam cross section. In the cross section  $S_1S_3S_4$  ahead of the crack front (Fig. 3) the strain  $\varepsilon$  was expressed in a function of  $y_2$  and  $z_2$  by using the strains  $\varepsilon_{S_1}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{S_3}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{S_4}$  in points  $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $S_4$ . For this purpose, the following equation of a plane that passes though points ( $\varepsilon_{S_4}$ ,  $y_{2S_4}$ ,  $z_{2S_4}$ ), ( $\varepsilon_{S_3}$ ,  $y_{2S_3}$ ,  $z_{2S_3}$ ), and ( $\varepsilon_{S_1}$ ,  $y_{2S_1}$ ,  $z_{2S_1}$ ) was applied:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon & y_2 & z_2 & 1 \\ \varepsilon_{S_4} & y_{2S_4} & z_{2S_4} & 1 \\ \varepsilon_{S_3} & y_{2S_3} & z_{2S_3} & 1 \\ \varepsilon_{S_1} & y_{2S_1} & z_{2S_1} & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$
(20)

where (see Fig. 3)

$$y_{2S_4} = -b/2, \quad z_{2S_4} = -h, \quad y_{2S_3} = b/2, \quad z_{2S_3} = -h, \quad y_{2S_1} = b/2, \quad z_{2S_1} = h.$$
 (21)

By substituting (21) into (20), we get

$$\varepsilon = r_1 y_2 + r_2 z_2 + r_3, \tag{22}$$

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where

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{b} (\varepsilon_{S_3} - \varepsilon_{S_4}), \tag{23}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{2h} (\varepsilon_{S_1} - \varepsilon_{S_3}),$$
(24)

$$r_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{S_1} + \varepsilon_{S_4}). \tag{25}$$

The quantities  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , and  $r_3$  were determined from the following equations for equilibrium of the beam cross section ahead of the crack tip:

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \int_{z_{2i}}^{z_{2i+1}} \left( \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_i \, dy_2 \right) dz_2,$$
(26)

$$M_{y_2} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \int_{z_{2i}}^{z_{2i+1}} \left( \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_i z_2 dy_2 \right) dz_2,$$
(27)

$$M_{z_2} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \int_{z_{2i}}^{z_{2i+1}} \left( \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_i y_2 dy_2 \right) dz_2,$$
(28)

where N,  $M_{y_2}$ , and  $M_{z_2}$  are the axial force and the bending moments for the  $y_2$ - and  $z_2$ -axis, respectively (Fig. 3). It is obvious that (Figs. 1 and 3)

$$N = F$$
,  $M_{y_2} = F\left(h - \frac{h_1}{2}\right)$ , and  $M_{z_2} = 0.$  (29)

The stress distribution  $\sigma_i$  in the *i*th layer was calculated by the Hooke law

$$\sigma_i = E_i \varepsilon. \tag{30}$$

In order to perform the integration in (26), (27), and (28), the modulus of elasticity (3) was transformed as (Fig. 3)

$$E_i = q_{1i} y_2 + q_{2i} z_2 + q_{3i}. aga{31}$$

By substituting of (30) and (31) in (26), (27), and (28), we derived

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left[ q_{1i}r_1 \frac{b^3}{12} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}) + q_{2i}r_2 \frac{b}{3} (z_{2i+1}^3 - z_{2i}^3) + q_{3i}r_2 \frac{b}{2} (z_{2i+1}^2 - z_{2i}^2) + q_{2i}r_3 \frac{b}{2} (z_{2i+1}^2 - z_{2i}^2) + q_{3i}r_3 b (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i+1}) \right],$$
(32)

$$M_{y_2} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left[ q_{1i}r_1 \frac{b^3}{24} (z_{2i+1}^2 - z_{2i}^2) + q_{2i}r_2 \frac{b}{4} (z_{2i+1}^4 - z_{2i}^4) + q_{3i}r_2 \frac{b}{3} (z_{2i+1}^3 - z_{2i}^3) + q_{2i}r_3 \frac{b}{3} (z_{2i+1}^3 - z_{2i}^3) + q_{3i}r_3 \frac{b}{2} (z_{2i+1}^2 - z_{2i}^2) \right],$$
(33)

$$M_{z_{2}} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left[ q_{2i}r_{1} \frac{b^{3}}{24} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + q_{3i}r_{1} \frac{b^{3}}{12} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}) + q_{1i}r_{2} \frac{b^{3}}{24} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + q_{1i}r_{3} \frac{b^{3}}{12} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}) \right].$$
(34)

Equations (32), (33), and (34) should be solved with respect to  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , and  $r_3$  by using the MatLab computer program. Then the strain distribution in the beam cross section ahead of the crack front can be obtained by substituting of  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ , and  $r_3$  in (31).

It should be noted that at  $E_{K_i} = E_{H_i} = E_{D_i} = E$  from (22), (32), (33), and (34), we get

$$\varepsilon = \frac{F}{2bhE} + \frac{3F\left(h - \frac{h_1}{2}\right)}{2bh^3E} z_2, \qquad (35)$$

which exacted matches the formula for strain distribution [19] in a homogeneous beam of rectangular cross section  $b \times 2h$  loaded by the eccentric tension by a force F at eccentricity  $h - h_1/2$ .

The strain energy after the increase of crack  $U_a$  was obtained by integration of the strain energy density in the lower crack arm only (the upper crack arm is free of stresses)

$$U_{a} = \Delta a \sum_{i=1}^{i=n_{L}} \int_{z_{1i}}^{z_{1i+1}} \left( \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} u_{0li} dy_{1} \right) dz_{1},$$
(36)

where  $z_{1i}$  and  $z_{1i+1}$  are the coordinates of upper and lower edges of the *i*th layer (Fig. 4),  $n_L$  is the number of layers in the lower crack arm,  $u_{0li}$  is the strain energy density in the *i*th layer which was written as

$$u_{0li} = \frac{1}{2}E_i\varepsilon^2. \tag{37}$$

In (37),  $E_i$  and  $\varepsilon$  are the distributions of modulus of elasticity and strains, respectively.



Fig. 4. The lower crack arm cross section behind the crack front.

Equation (3) was used to describe the distribution of modulus of elasticity in the lower crack arm cross section. For this purpose, (3) was re-written as

$$E_i = q_{1i} y_1 + q_{2i} z_1 + q_{3i}, (38)$$

where the axes  $y_1$  and  $z_1$  are shown in Fig. 4.

In order to express the distribution of strains, Eq. (22) was reduced to

$$\varepsilon = r_{1l} y_1 + r_{2l} z_1 + r_{3l}, \qquad (39)$$

where the quantities  $n_l$ ,  $r_{2l}$ , and  $r_{3l}$  were determined from Eqs. (32), (33), and (34). For this purpose, n,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $r_3$ ,  $z_{2i}$ , and  $z_{2i+1}$  were replaced with  $n_L$ ,  $r_{1l}$ ,  $r_{2l}$ ,  $r_{3l}$ ,  $z_{1i}$ , and  $z_{1i+1}$ , respectively. Besides,  $M_{\gamma_2} = 0$  was substituted in (29).

Finally, by substituting of (18), (19), (22), (30), (31), (36), (37), (38), and (39) in (17), we derived

$$\begin{split} G &= \sum_{i=1}^{i=n_{l}} \left[ n_{l} r_{2l} q_{1i} \frac{b^{2}}{24} (z_{1i+1}^{2} - z_{1i}^{2}) + n_{l} r_{3l} q_{1i} \frac{b^{2}}{12} (z_{1i+1} - z_{1i}) + n_{l}^{2} q_{2i} \frac{b^{2}}{48} (z_{1i+1}^{2} - z_{1i}^{2}) + \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} r_{2l}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{1i+1}^{4} - z_{1i}^{4}) + \frac{1}{4} r_{3l}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{1i+1}^{2} - z_{1i}^{2}) + \frac{1}{3} n_{l} r_{3l} q_{2i} (z_{1i+1}^{3} - z_{1i}^{3}) + \\ &+ n_{l}^{2} q_{3i} \frac{b^{2}}{24} (z_{1i+1} - z_{1i}) + \frac{1}{6} r_{2l}^{2} q_{3i} (z_{1i+1}^{3} - z_{1i}^{3}) + \frac{1}{2} r_{3l}^{2} q_{3i} (z_{1i+1} - z_{1i}) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} n_{l} r_{3l} q_{3i} (z_{1i+1}^{2} - z_{1i}^{2}) \right] - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left[ n_{i} r_{2} q_{1i} \frac{b^{2}}{24} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + n_{l} r_{3} q_{1i} \frac{b^{2}}{12} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}) \right] - \\ &+ n_{l}^{2} q_{2i} \frac{b^{2}}{48} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + \frac{1}{8} r_{2}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{2i+1}^{4} - z_{1i}^{4}) + \frac{1}{4} r_{3}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + \\ &+ n_{l}^{2} q_{2i} \frac{b^{2}}{48} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + \frac{1}{8} r_{2}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{2i+1}^{4} - z_{2i}^{4}) + \frac{1}{4} r_{3}^{2} q_{2i} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{3} n_{l} r_{3} q_{2i} (z_{2i+1}^{3} - z_{2i}^{3}) + r_{l}^{2} q_{3i} \frac{b^{2}}{24} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}) + \frac{1}{6} r_{2}^{2} q_{3i} (z_{2i+1}^{3} - z_{2i}^{3}) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} r_{3}^{2} q_{3i} (z_{2i+1} - z_{2i}^{3}) + r_{l}^{2} q_{3i} (z_{2i+1}^{2} - z_{2i}^{2}) \right]. \end{split}$$

Equation (40) calculates the strain energy release rate in the multilayered functionally graded CLS beam configuration.

At  $E_{K_i} = E_{H_i} = E_{D_i} = E$  and  $h_1 = h$ , Eq. (40) transforms in

$$G = \frac{F^2}{16Eb^2h},\tag{41}$$

which coincides with the expression for strain energy release rate in homogeneous CLS when the crack is in the beam mid-plane [20].

In order to verify (40), an additional analysis of the strain energy release rate was developed by using the fact that for linear-elastic materials the strain energy release rate can be written as

$$G = \frac{dU}{dA},\tag{42}$$

where U is the beam strain energy. In view of the fact that

$$dA = bda,\tag{43}$$

Eq. (42) was re-written as

$$G = \frac{dU}{bda}.$$
(44)

Since the upper crack arm is stress-free, the beam strain energy was calculated by integrating the strain energy density in the lower crack arm and in the uncracked beam portion

$$U = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n_L} \int_{z_{1i}}^{z_{1i+1}} \left[ \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \left( \int_{0}^{a} u_{0li} \, dx \right) dy_1 \right] dz_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \int_{z_{2i}}^{z_{2i+1}} \left[ \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \left( \int_{a}^{l} u_{0ui} \, dx \right) dy_2 \right] dz_2.$$
(45)

By substituting of (19), (30), (31), (37), (38), (39), and (45) in (44), we obtained expression for the strain energy release rate that matches exactly (40). This fact verifies the fracture analysis developed in the present paper.

The effects of material gradient and crack location along the beam height on the delamination fracture behavior were evaluated. For this purpose, calculations of the strain energy release rate were performed by using Eq. (40). The results obtained were presented in nondimensional form by using the formula  $G_N = G/(E_{D_{01}}b)$ . Two three-layered CLS beam configurations were considered (Fig. 5).

In the first configuration, the delamination crack is located between layers 2 and 3 (Fig. 5a). In the configuration in Fig. 5b the delamination is between layers 1 and 2. It was assumed that  $t_1 = 0.0025$  m, b = 0.025 m, and F = 70 N.



Fig. 5. Two three-layered CLS beam configurations.

The material gradient along the vertical edge  $H_{03}D_{03}$  of layer 3 was characterized by  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  ratio. It should be mentioned that  $E_{D_{03}}$  was kept constant in the calculations. Thus,  $E_{H_{03}}$  was varied in order to generate various  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  ratios. The strain energy release rate in nondimensional form was plotted against  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  ratio for the two three-layered CLS beam configurations at a/l = 0.5,  $E_{D_{03}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1.5$ ,  $E_{K_{03}}/E_{D_{03}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{D_{13}}/E_{D_{03}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{13}}/E_{H_{03}} = 2$ ,  $E_{K_{13}}/E_{K_{03}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{01}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1$ ,  $E_{K_{01}}/E_{D_{01}} = 2$ ,  $E_{D_{11}}/E_{D_{01}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{L_{01}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{L_{11}}/E_{L_{01}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{D_{02}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1$ ,  $E_{H_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{L_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{12}}/E_{L_{02}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{12}}/E_{L_{02}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 1$ ,  $E_{L_{12}}/E_{L_{02}} = 1$ , and  $E_{L_{12}}/E_{L_{02}} = 1$  in Fig. 6. The curves in Fig. 6 indicate that the strain energy release rate decreases with increasing of  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  ratio. This finding was attributed to the increase of beam stiffness. One can observe in Fig. 6 that the strain energy release rate is higher when the crack is located between layers 2 and 3 in comparison with the case when the crack is between layers 1 and 2. This is due to the increase of lower crack arm stiffness (the upper crack arm is free of stresses) and to the decrease of eccentricity of force F in the uncracked beam portion ahead of the crack front when the crack is between layers 1 and 2.



Fig. 6. The strain energy release rate in nondimensional form plotted against  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  ratio: (1), (2) for the beam configuration in Fig. 5a and Fig. 5b, respectively.

Fig. 7. The strain energy release rate in nondimensional form presented as a function of  $E_{K_{01}}/E_{H_{01}}$  ratio at three a/l ratios.

The effect of crack length was analyzed too. The crack length was characterized by a/l ratio. Calculations of the strain energy release rate were performed for the crack in Fig. 5a. The strain energy release rate in nondimensional form was presented as function of  $E_{K_{01}}/E_{H_{01}}$  ratio for three a/l ratios at  $E_{H_{01}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1$ ,  $E_{D_{11}}/E_{D_{01}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{11}}/E_{H_{01}} = 2$ ,  $E_{K_{11}}/E_{K_{01}} = 2$ ,  $E_{D_{02}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1$ ,  $E_{H_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{K_{02}}/E_{D_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{D_{12}}/E_{D_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{12}}/E_{H_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{K_{12}}/E_{K_{02}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{D_{03}}/E_{D_{01}} = 1.5$ ,  $E_{K_{03}}/E_{D_{03}} = 0.5$ ,  $E_{D_{13}}/E_{D_{03}} = 2$ ,  $E_{H_{13}}/E_{H_{03}} = 2$ , and  $E_{K_{13}}/E_{K_{03}} = 2$  in Fig. 7. It can be observed in Fig. 7 that the strain energy release rate decreases with increasing of a/l ratio (this can be explained with the increase of modulus of elasticity in the beam cross section, in which

the crack front is located, since the modulus of elasticity in the clamped end of beam is higher than in the free end of beam). Besides, the strain energy release rate decreases with  $E_{K_{01}}/E_{H_{01}}$  ratio (Fig. 7).

Conclusions. An analytical study of the delamination fracture in the functionally graded multilayered CLS beam configuration was carried out. A perfect adhesion was assumed between layers. The beam can have any number of layers. Besides, each layer can have different thickness and material properties. Also, in each layer the material is functionally graded along the width, thickness and length of layer. The delamination crack can be located arbitrary along the beam height. It was assumed that in each layer the modulus of elasticity varies linearly along the width and thickness of layer. Along the layer length, the modulus of elasticity varies in a quadratic law. The fracture was studied in terms of the strain energy release rate assuming linear-elastic material behavior. A closed form analytical solution for the strain energy release rate was derived by analysing the strain energy densities in the beam cross sections ahead and behind the crack front. In order to verify the solution, an additional analysis of the strain energy release rate was performed by using the beam strain energy. The influence of material gradient and crack location along the beam height on the delamination fracture behavior was analyzed. It was found that the strain energy release rate decreases with  $E_{H_{03}}/E_{D_{03}}$  and  $E_{K_{01}}/E_{H_{01}}$  ratios. The analysis revealed also that the strain energy release rate decreases with crack length when the modulus of elasticity in the clamped end of beam is higher than in the free one. The analytical solution derived in the present paper is useful for parametric studies since the simple formulas obtained capture the essentials of delamination fracture behavior of the three-dimensional functionally graded multilayered SCL beam.

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### Резюме

Аналитически изучен режим разрушения при отслоении для трехмерной функционально-градиентной многослойной балки для определения сдвига на нахлестке с трещиной на основе расчета скорости выделения энергии деформации с использованием методов линейно-упругой механики разрушения. Рассматриваемая конфигурация балки может состоять из произвольного количества слоев, имеющих различные толщину и свойства компонентов. Материал каждого слоя функционально градиентен по ширине, толщине и длине. Трещина отслоения расположена произвольно по высоте балки. Скорость выделения энергии деформации получена путем анализа ее плотности в поперечном сечении балки перед и за фронтом трещины. Для верификации она дополнительно проанализирована с помощью энергии деформации балки. Выполнена оценка влияния градиента материала и расположения трещины по высоте балки на режим разрушения при отслоении.

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