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Wood-Glass-Epoxy Composites Research at Coventry

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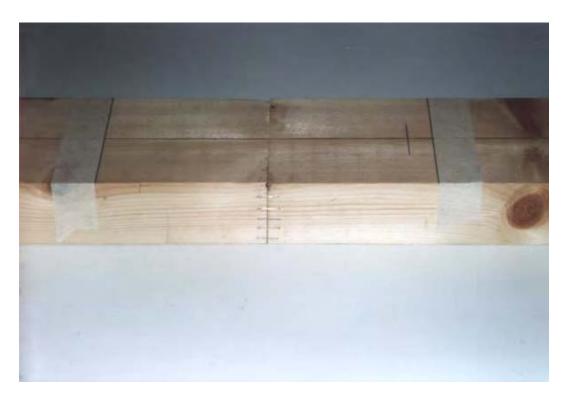
Assembling a timber joint with glass-epoxy





Examples of joints





Setting strain gauges in the resin



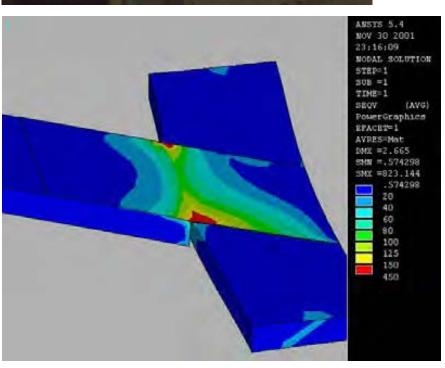
Testing

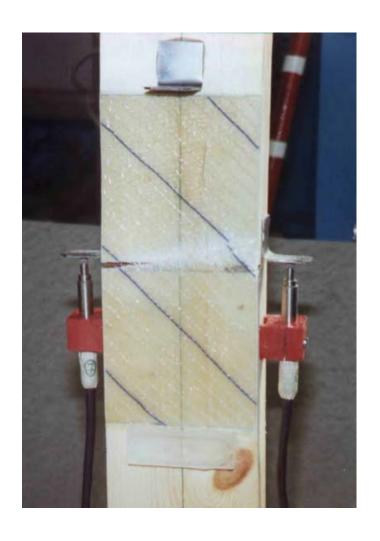






Modes of failure

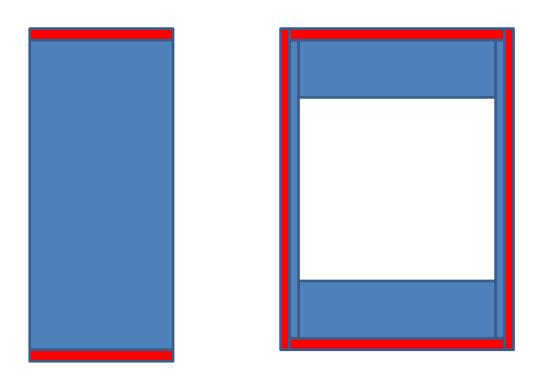




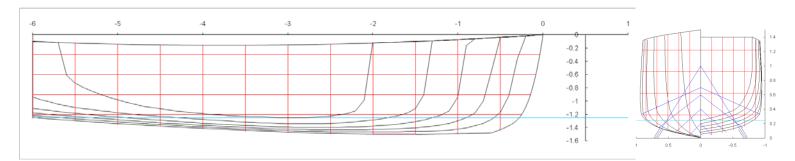
Testing a complete truss



Reinforcing timber and composite beams



Strip-plank boat construction using glass and aramid fibres.







Advantages and disadvantages

- The advantages of wood-glass epoxy composites are:
 - Improved joint efficiency can giver reduced member sizes
 - Surface is impermeable to water and durable
- The disadvantages are
 - Cost (can be reduced by using polyesters)
 - Difficulties with application including health risks.

Applications of glass-epoxy to bamboo??

Strip planking ??



Joining circular sections?

Thank you for your attention

For more details

(and a full copy of the PhD thesis)

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