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Abstract (100 words):

Due to the increasing application of CFRP in mass application, an economic repair process gains importance. As the typical repair process starts with the defect detection, the accuracy of the measurement system is a limiting factor of the repair process. Lock-in thermography is a promising approach for non-destructive defect detection. Since the phase images contain a superposition of depth information, the determination of the defects' depth is a challenge. Based on the complex wave field, this paper introduces a method to determine the thermal properties and the defects' depth in CFRP structures using lock-in thermography.

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Main text

1. Introduction

To guarantee an economical feasible application of carbon fiber reinforced plastics (CFRP) long-term operational reliability and economic repair processes have to be assured. As the application of CFRP increases especially in mass markets (e.g. automotive industry), generously replacing damaged parts, which is an established in aircraft industry, is not justifiable anymore. Alternatively, economic repair processes are required. The typical repair process starts with the defect detection and is limited by the

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