

# Introduction to Trace

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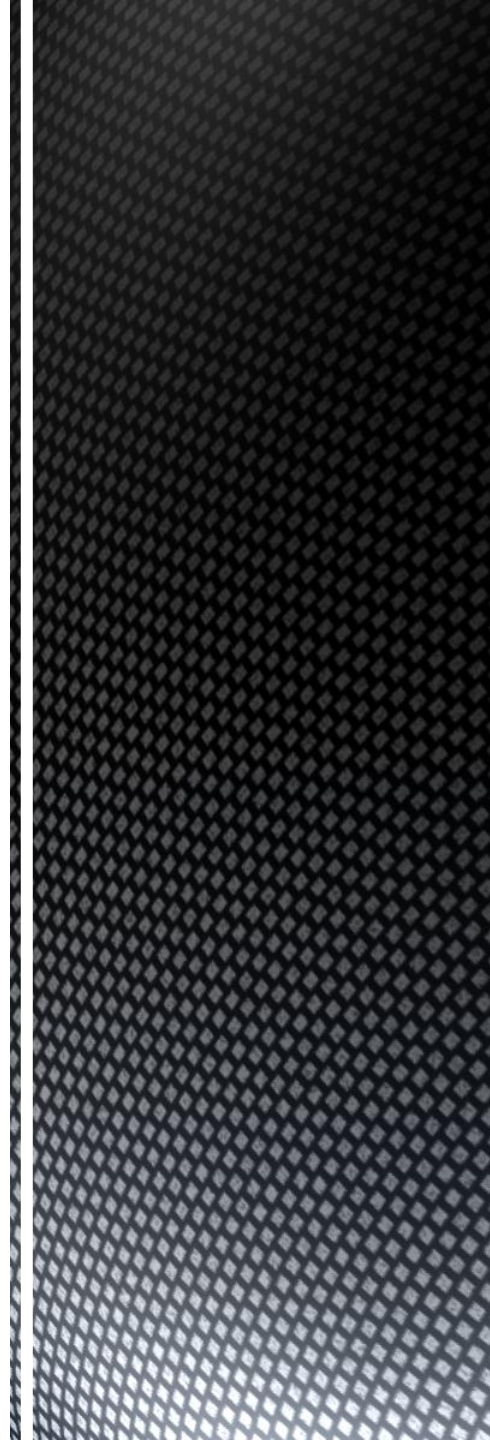
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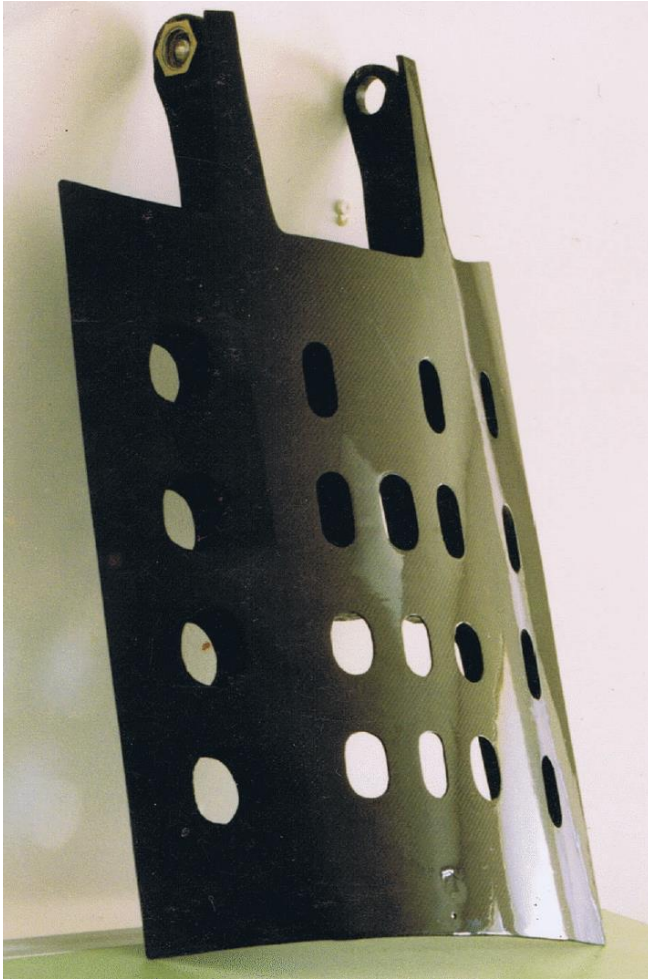


# Composites Design Challenge

Simplify the way we deal with material properties and make it as easy as working with Aluminium.

Lets see where we were before:





## Black Aluminium

Design it as if it is aluminium or  
replace existing aluminium  
component:

Extensive Use of Quasi  
Isotropic

Used rules of thumb to design  
equivalent laminates

Use large factors of safety

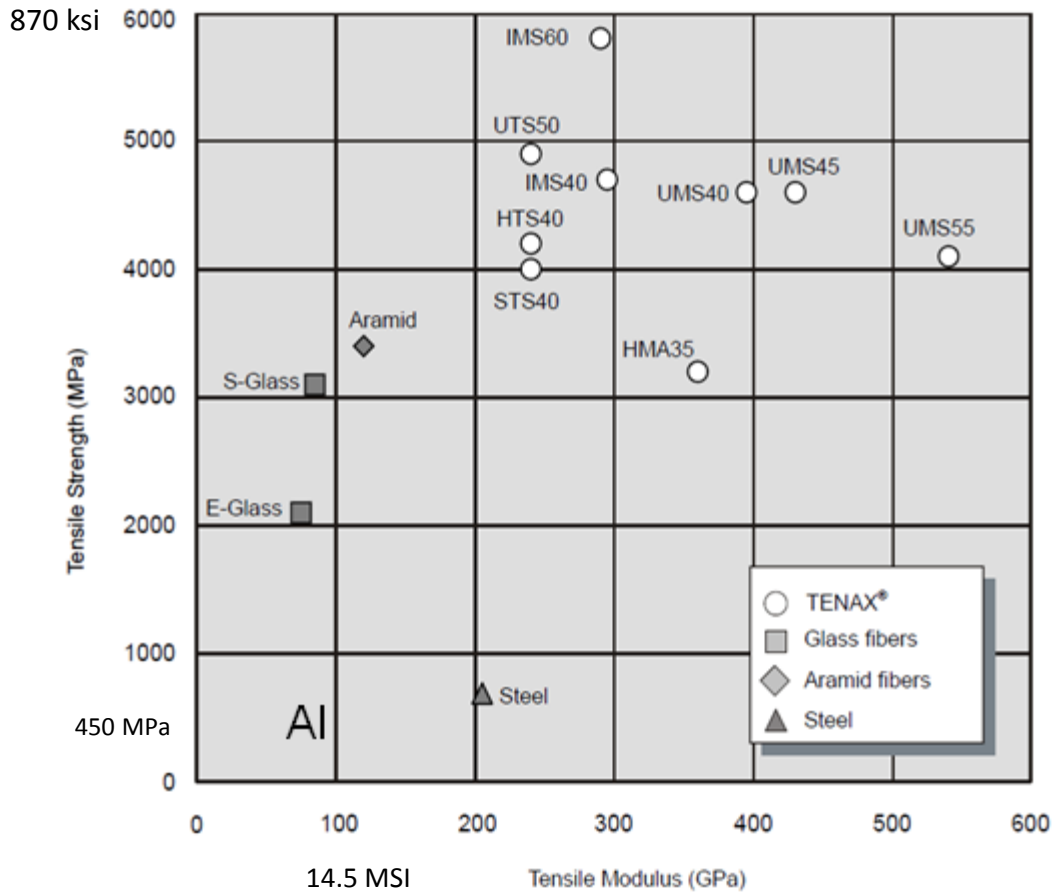




## Test Outcomes

- Strength and stiffness determined by test.
- Weight similar to aluminium.
- Sometimes too heavy.
- Stiffness barely better than Aluminium.
- Cost too high to redesign and retest.
- What is the point?

## PRODUCTS LINEUP OF **TENAX**<sup>®</sup> FILAMENT



## The Potential

Carbon Filaments with stiffness of steel

Strength over 10X that of aluminium

Stiffness over 2X that of aluminium

Corrosion free

Fatigue Resistant

Efficiency of Sandwich Structures

Some challenges:

Temperature

Moisture

Damage Tolerance & resistance



Prototype Cargo Pod



Ultimate Static Test > 6000 lb



## Some success

- Sandwich Construction
- Weight of pod 45kg
- Loaded with over 6000 lb of lead ingots
- No failure, high stiffness
- High strength to weight ratio
- Achieved with glass fibre facings on Nomex Honeycomb core

The potential is there...



Steel – 65kg

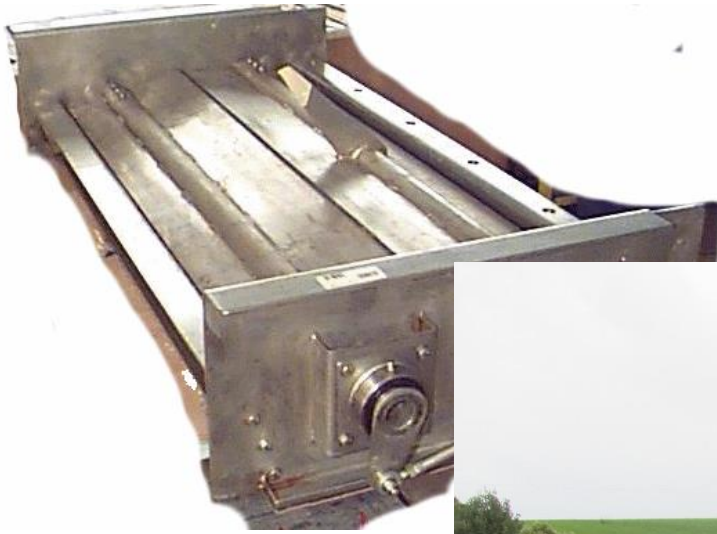


## Hopper Gate Box

Carbon – 15kg



Steel – 65kg

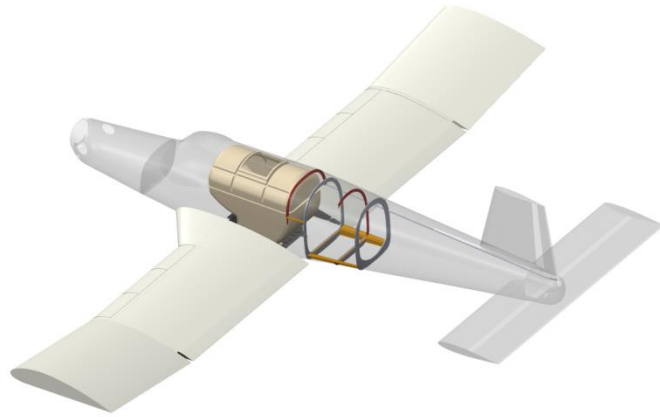


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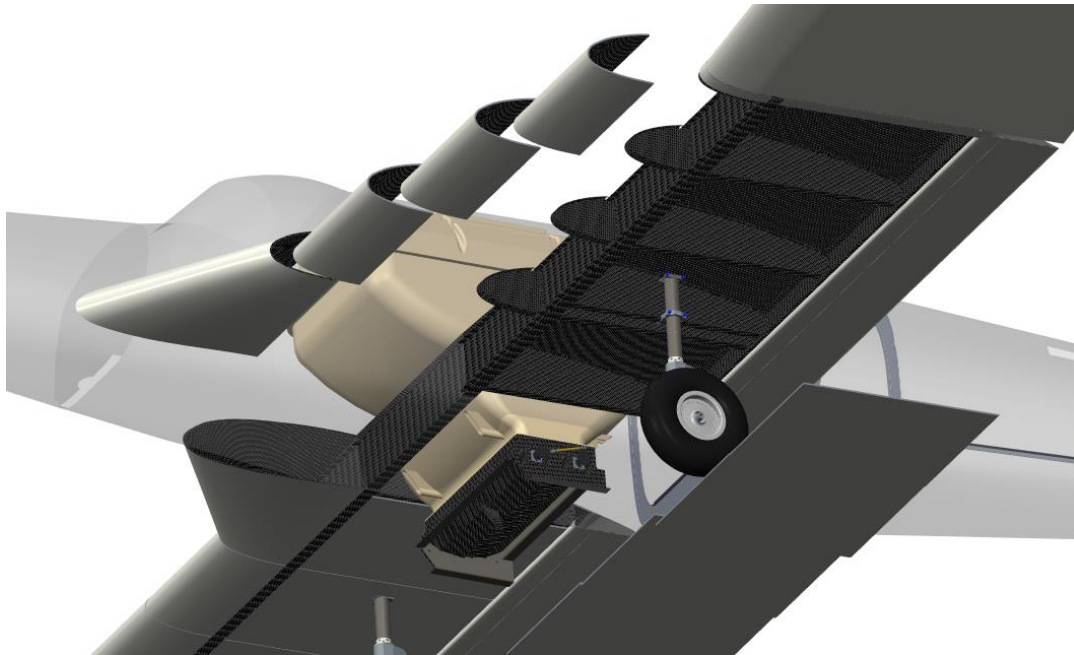






## Cresco Carbon Composite Centre Wing Section

New Project,  
New Design Challenges





# Trace to the rescue!

Beyond Black Aluminium



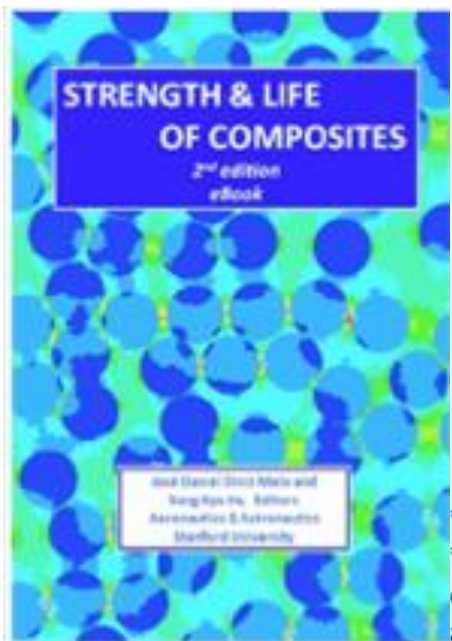
# Online, Live Composites Design Workshop X

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July 13-17, 2015; noon to 4 PM PST - USA



- **Truly authoritative and practical.**
- **20 hours of live online sessions.**
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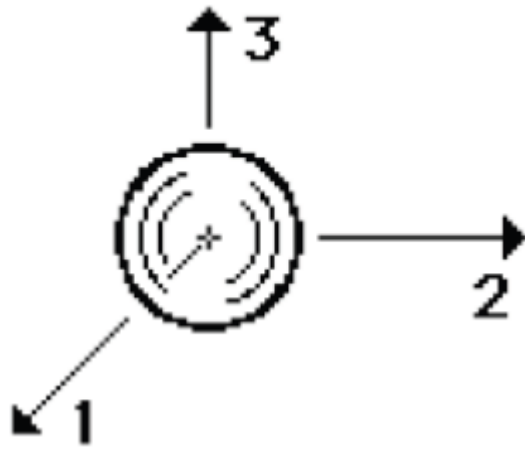
# LAMINATED PLATE THEORY: Stiffness

## Composites Design Workshop X

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Isotropic



Hooke's Law

In matrix form, Hooke's law for isotropic materials can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ 2\varepsilon_{23} \\ 2\varepsilon_{13} \\ 2\varepsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\nu & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & -\nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\gamma_{ij} := 2\varepsilon_{ij}$  is the **engineering shear strain**. The inverse relation may be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & 1-\nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & \nu & 1-\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-2\nu)/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-2\nu)/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-2\nu)/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ 2\varepsilon_{23} \\ 2\varepsilon_{13} \\ 2\varepsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Only two independent variables: E,  $\nu$

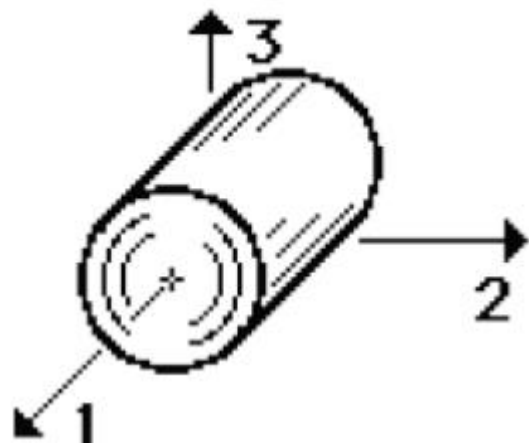
Under plane stress  $\sigma_{31} = \sigma_{13} = \sigma_{32} = \sigma_{23} = \sigma_{33} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ 2\varepsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\nu & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2(1+\nu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Or in inverse form the familiar:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ 2\varepsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Transversely Isotropic





The material matrix  $\underline{\underline{K}}$  has a symmetry with respect to a given **orthogonal transformation** ( $\underline{\underline{A}}$ ) if it does not change when subjected to that transformation. For invariance of the material properties under such a transformation we require

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \underline{\underline{K}} \cdot (\underline{\underline{A}} \cdot \mathbf{d}) \implies \mathbf{f} = (\underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} \cdot \underline{\underline{K}} \cdot \underline{\underline{A}}) \cdot \mathbf{d}$$

Hence the condition for material symmetry is (using the definition of an orthogonal transformation)

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} \cdot \underline{\underline{K}} \cdot \underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{A}}^T \cdot \underline{\underline{K}} \cdot \underline{\underline{A}}$$

Orthogonal transformations can be represented in Cartesian coordinates by a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  given by

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} .$$

Therefore the symmetry condition can be written in matrix form as

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{\underline{K}} \underline{\underline{A}}$$

For a transversely isotropic material, the matrix  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  has the form

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

In linear elasticity, the stress and strain are related by Hooke's law:

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}$$

or, using Voigt notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \\ \sigma_5 \\ \sigma_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & C_{15} & C_{16} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & C_{25} & C_{26} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} & C_{34} & C_{35} & C_{36} \\ C_{14} & C_{24} & C_{34} & C_{44} & C_{45} & C_{46} \\ C_{15} & C_{25} & C_{35} & C_{45} & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ C_{16} & C_{26} & C_{36} & C_{46} & C_{56} & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 \\ \epsilon_4 \\ \epsilon_5 \\ \epsilon_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The condition for material symmetry in linear elastic materials is

$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{A}}_{\epsilon}^T \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{A}}_{\epsilon} \quad \text{giving:}$$

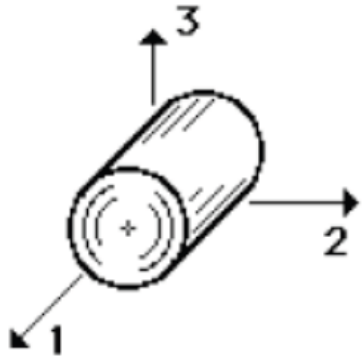
$$\underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{11} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{13} & C_{13} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (C_{11} - C_{12})/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{11} - 2C_{66} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{11} - 2C_{66} & C_{11} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{13} & C_{13} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Stiffness and Compliance Matrices

Figure 1.5

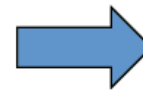
Isotropic-plane  
(2 constants)

2-3 plane  
isotropic symmetry



$$\begin{bmatrix}
 C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 C_{21} & C_{32} & C_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{C_{22}-C_{23}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{66} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \quad
 \begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{21} & S_{32} & S_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{S_{22}-S_{23}}{1/2} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix inversion



Engineering constants

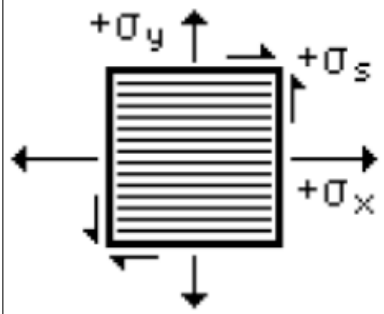
In engineering notation,

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{C}}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_x} & -\frac{\nu_{yx}}{E_x} & -\frac{\nu_{zx}}{E_z} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{xy}}{E_x} & \frac{1}{E_x} & -\frac{\nu_{zx}}{E_z} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{xz}}{E_x} & -\frac{\nu_{xz}}{E_x} & \frac{1}{E_z} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{yz}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{yz}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2(1+\nu_{xy})}{E_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note we have 5 variables, compared with 2 in isotropic material.

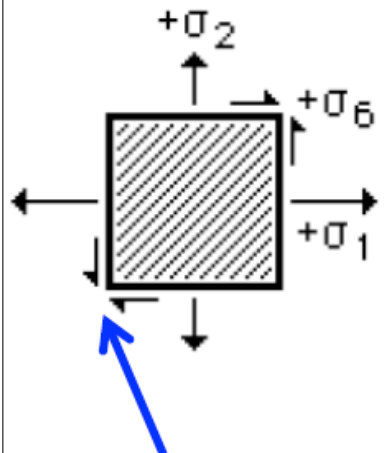
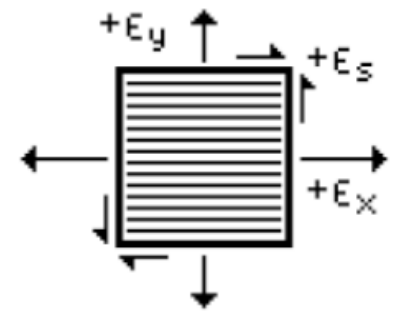


In the plane stress case for stiffness  $|Q|$



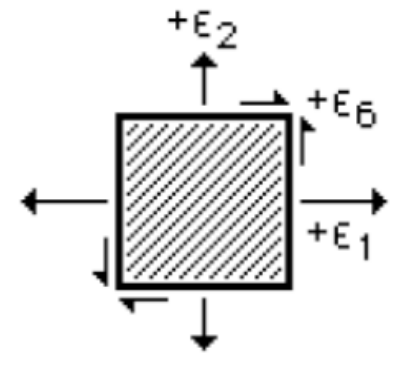
$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_s \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{xx} & Q_{xy} & 0 \\ Q_{yx} & Q_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Q_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \epsilon_s \end{Bmatrix}$$

On-axis stress-strain relation

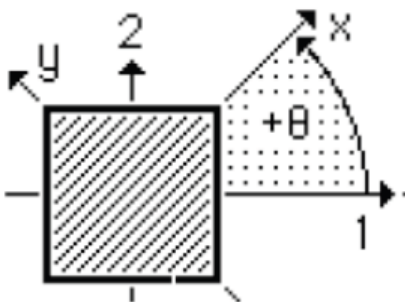


$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & Q_{16} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} & Q_{26} \\ Q_{61} & Q_{62} & Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Off-axis stress-strain relation



# Plane Stress Stiffness Transformation



$$\begin{Bmatrix} Q_{11} \\ Q_{22} \\ Q_{12} \\ Q_{66} \\ Q_{16} \\ Q_{26} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m^4 & n^4 & 2m^2n^2 & 4m^2n^2 \\ n^4 & m^4 & 2m^2n^2 & 4m^2n^2 \\ m^2n^2 & m^2n^2 & m^4+n^4 & -4m^2n^2 \\ m^2n^2 & m^2n^2 & -2m^2n^2 & (m^2-n^2)^2 \\ \hline m^3n & -mn^3 & mn^3-m^3n & 2(mn^3-m^3n) \\ mn^3 & -m^3n & m^3n-mn^3 & 2(m^3n-mn^3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} Q_{xx} \\ Q_{yy} \\ Q_{xy} \\ Q_{ss} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Figure 2.4

TRANSFORMATION OF STIFFNESS MATRIX FOR POSITIVE ANGLES  
 ( $m = \cos\theta$ ,  $n = \sin\theta$ )

Note: even power above blue line; odd power below it

# Linear Combinations of [Q]

$$m^4 = \frac{3+\cos 2\theta+\cos 4\theta}{8}, \quad m^3n = \frac{2\sin 2\theta+\sin 4\theta}{8}$$

$$m^2n^2 = \frac{1-\cos 4\theta}{8}, \quad mn^3 = \frac{2\sin 2\theta-\sin 4\theta}{8}, \quad n^4 = \frac{3-4\cos 2\theta+\cos 4\theta}{8} \quad (3.7)$$

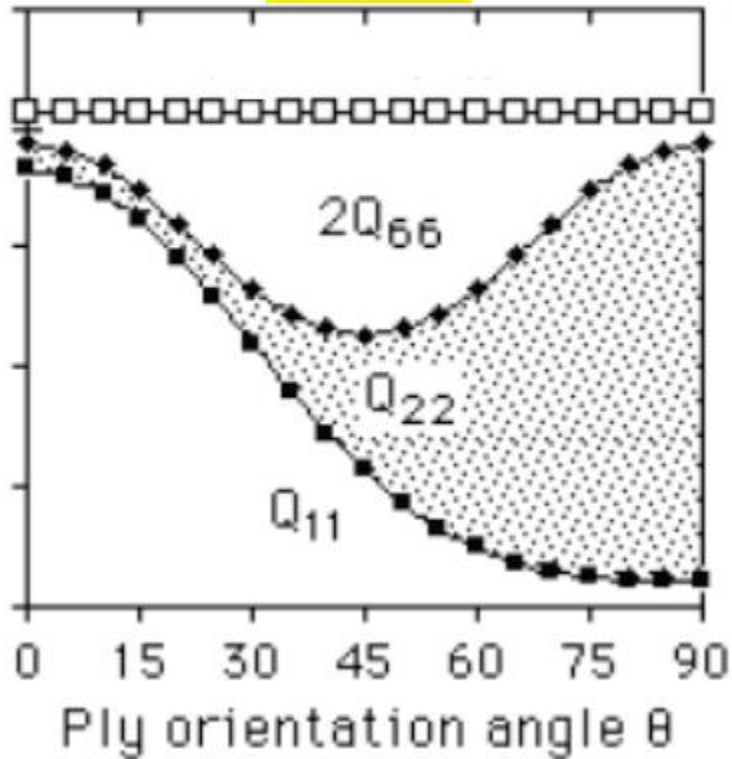
Table 2.1

LINEAR COMBINATIONS OF ON-AXIS STIFFNESS MODULI

	$Q_{xx}$	$Q_{yy}$	$Q_{xy}$	$Q_{ss}$	Invariant?
<u><math>U_1 = U_4 + 2U_5</math></u>	3/8	3/8	1/4	1/2	Yes
$U_2$	1/2	-1/2	0	0	No
$U_3$	1/8	1/8	-1/4	-1/2	No
<u><math>U_4 = U_1 - 2U_5</math></u>	1/8	1/8	3/4	-1/2	Yes
<u><math>U_5 = (U_1 - U_4)/2</math></u>	1/8	1/8	-1/4	1/2	Yes

Two independent invariants:  $U_1 = U_4 + 2U_5$

## Trace



$$\text{Trace} = Q_{11} + Q_{22} + 2Q_{66}$$

Trace does not vary with ply orientation.

# Master Ply

Material	$E_x$ (GPa)	$E_y$ (GPa)	$\nu_x$	$E_s$ (GPa)	$Q_{xx}^*$	$Q_{yy}^*$	$Q_{xy}^*$	$Q_{ss}^*$	Tr (GPa)	$E_x^*$
IM6/epoxy	203	11.20	0.32	8.40	0.8791	0.0485	0.0155	0.0362	232	0.874
IM7/977-3	191	9.94	0.35	7.79	0.8825	0.0459	0.0161	0.0358	218	0.877
T300/5208	181	10.30	0.28	7.17	0.8805	0.0501	0.0140	0.0347	206	0.877
IM7/MTM45	175	8.20	0.33	5.50	0.9014	0.0422	0.0139	0.0282	195	0.897
T800/Cytec	162	9.00	0.40	5.00	0.8955	0.0497	0.0199	0.0274	183	0.888
IM7/8552	159	8.96	0.32	5.50	0.8888	0.0501	0.0160	0.0306	180	0.884
T800S/3900	151	8.20	0.33	4.00	0.9034	0.0491	0.0162	0.0238	168	0.898
T300/F934	148	9.65	0.30	4.55	0.8878	0.0579	0.0174	0.0271	168	0.883
T700 C-Ply 64	141	9.30	0.30	5.80	0.8713	0.0575	0.0172	0.0356	163	0.866
AS4/H3501	138	8.96	0.30	7.10	0.8567	0.0556	0.0167	0.0438	162	0.852
T650/epoxy	139	9.40	0.32	5.50	0.8724	0.0590	0.0189	0.0343	160	0.866
T4708/MR60H	142	7.72	0.34	3.80	0.9029	0.0491	0.0167	0.0240	158	0.897
T700/2510	126	8.40	0.31	4.20	0.8827	0.0588	0.0182	0.0292	144	0.877
AS4/MTM45	127	7.93	0.30	3.60	0.8938	0.0558	0.0167	0.0252	143	0.889
T700 C-Ply 55	121	8.00	0.30	4.70	0.8746	0.0578	0.0173	0.0338	139	0.869
Std dev	24.6	1.0	0.029	1.5	0.0132	0.0053	0.0016	0.0056		0.013
Coeff var %	16.0	10.9	9.0	27.2	1.5	10.1	9.6	17.9		1.5
<b>Master ply</b>					<b>0.8849</b>	<b>0.0525</b>	<b>0.0167</b>	<b>0.0313</b>		<b>0.880</b>

## 1) Invariant stiffness

$$\text{Tr} [Q] = Q_{11} + Q_{22} + 2Q_{66}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 2Q_{16} \\ Q_{21} & Q_{22} & 2Q_{26} \\ Q_{61} & Q_{62} & 2Q_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_{12} \end{Bmatrix}$$

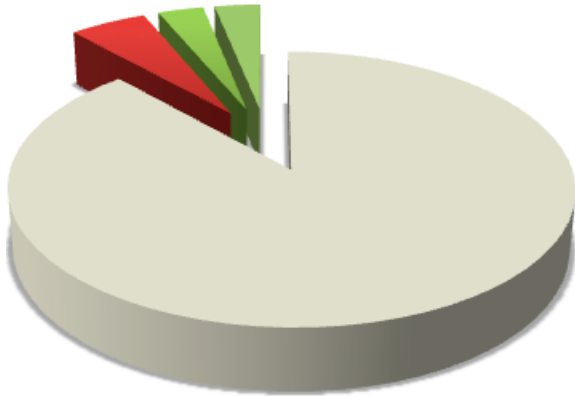
Need only ONE stiffness  $E_x$

$$\text{Tr} [Q] = \frac{E_x}{0.88}$$



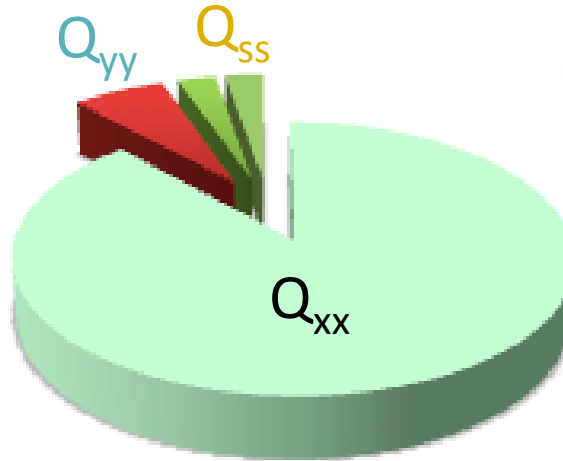
# Composition of Trace: Carbon, Kev, Glass

(88, 5, 3)%



Carbon/epoxy

(88, 6, 3)%



Kevlar 49/epoxy

(70, 15, 7)%

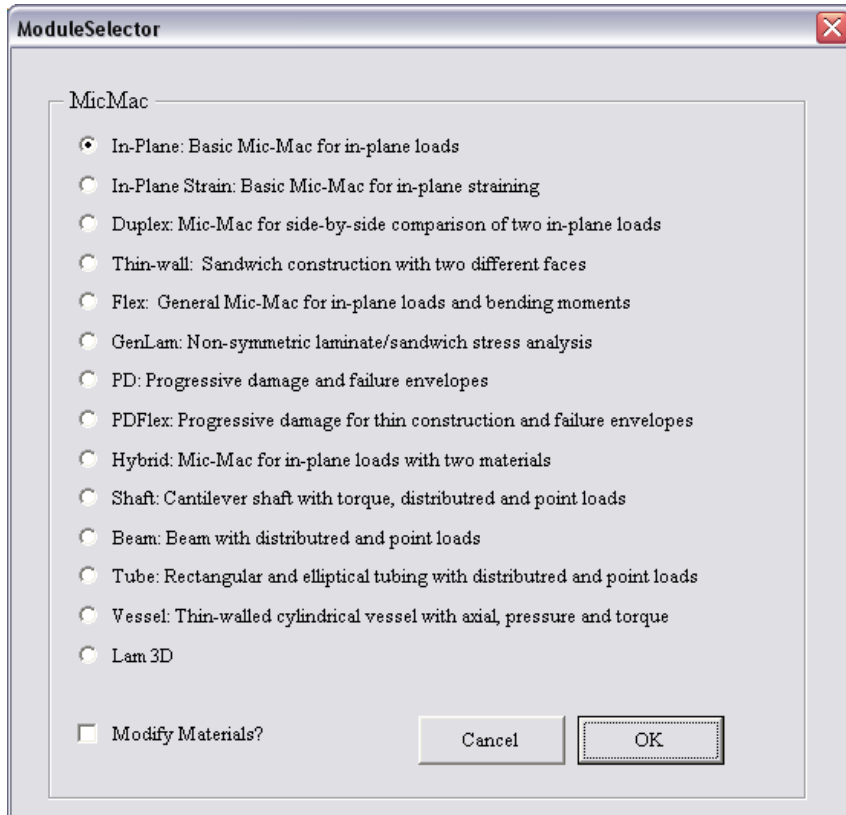


E-glass/epoxy

Ply material	$Q_{xx}^*$	$Q_{yy}^*$	$Q_{ss}^*$	$Q_{xy}^*$	Trace
Average CFRP	0.88	0.05	0.03	0.02	1.000
Kevlar/epoxy	0.88	0.06	0.03	0.03	1.000
E-glass/epoxy	0.70	0.15	0.07	0.04	1.000

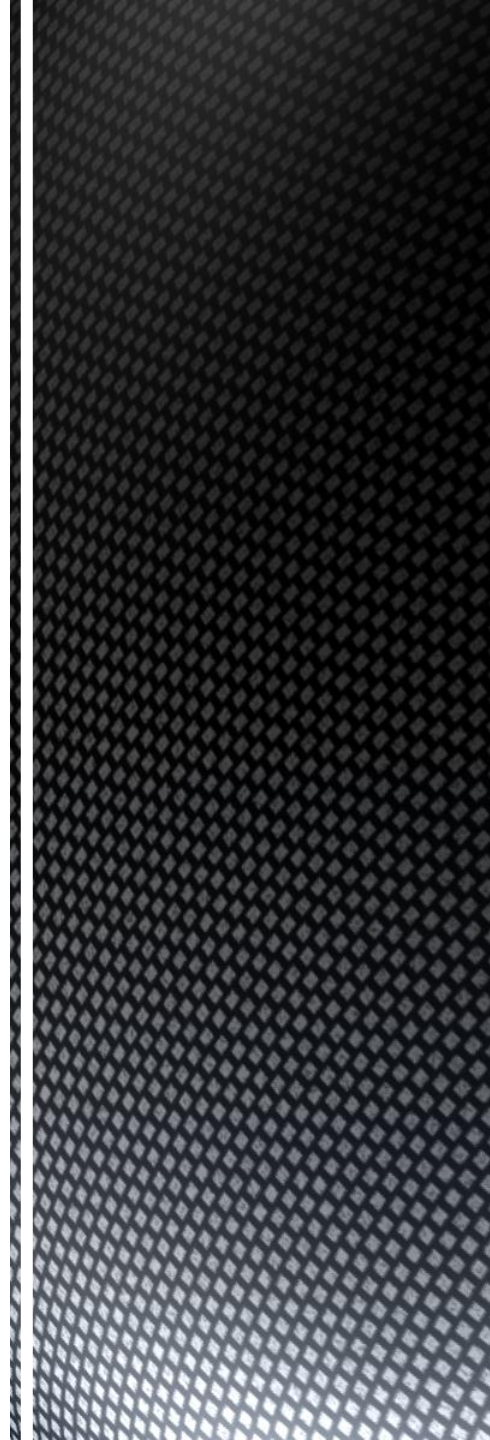
# MicMac Spreadsheet tool

Calculate macroscopic material properties for any laminate and orientation from microscopic material properties.



# How do we get the micro properties

Testing – As Manufactured  
Material Manufacturer's Data



# Mechanical Testing of Composites

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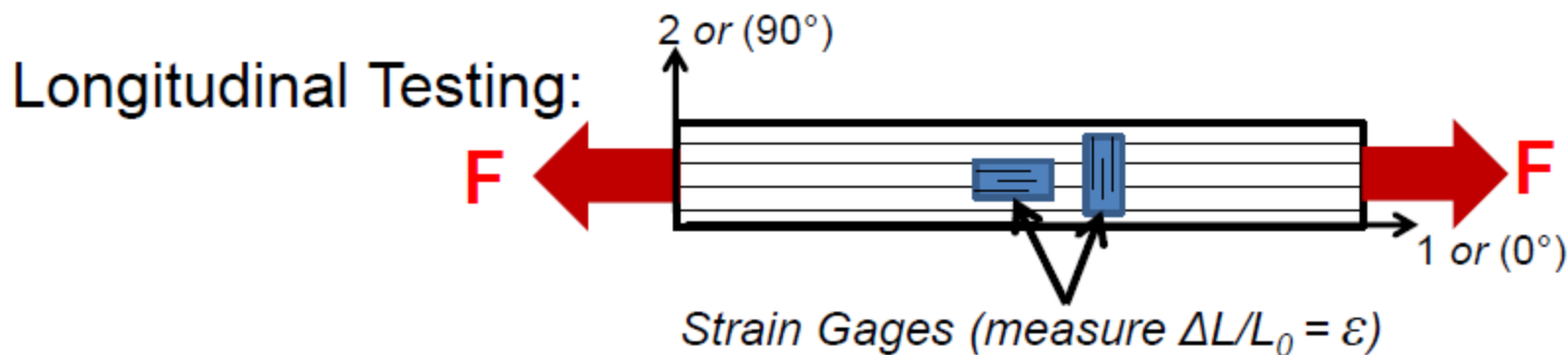
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## Tensile Test

## Lamina (fibers in one direction) Tensile Testing:



$A$  = cross-sectional area of specimen = width X thickness

### Properties typically generated:

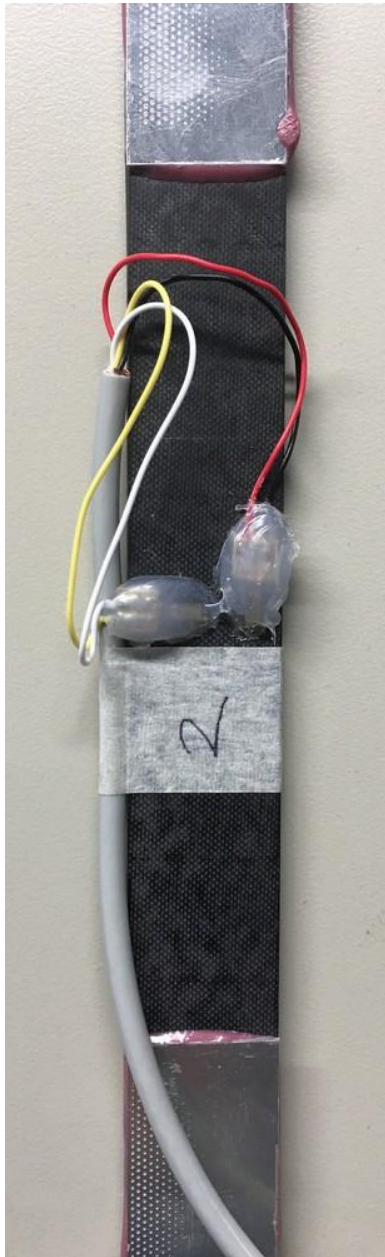
$0^\circ$  Tensile Strength  $\sigma_1^{tu} = F^u/A$

*Difficult to measure (More on this later)*

Longitudinal Tensile Modulus  $E_1^t = \sigma_1/\epsilon_1$

Poisson's Ratio  $\nu_{12} = -\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1 \sim 0.3$





Unidirectional coupon with  
0/90 strain gauges and  
aluminium grips



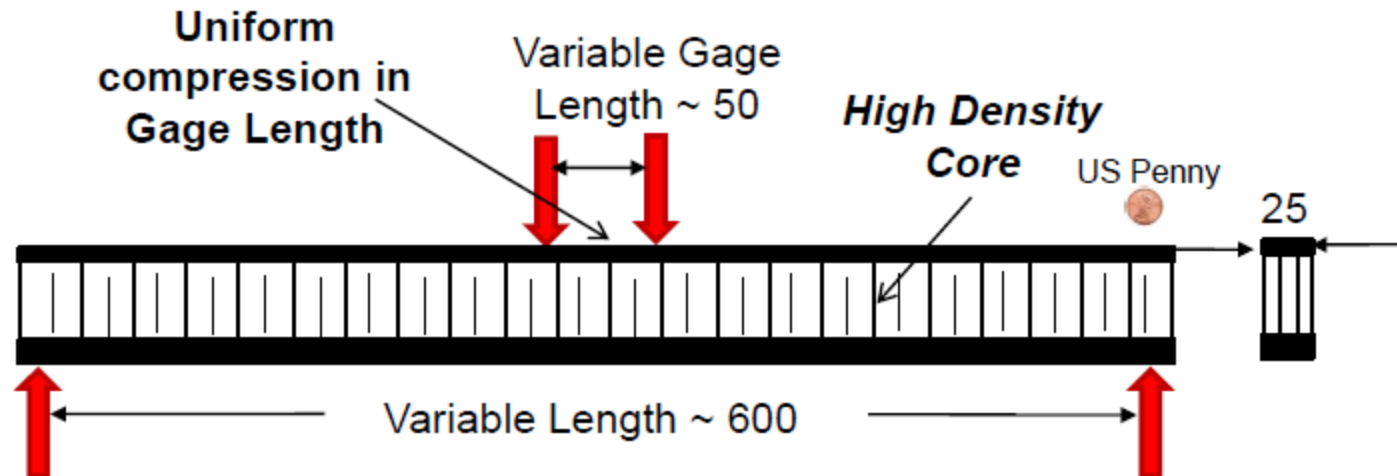
Four Point Beam Test

## Compression Testing Specifics:

# ASTM D-5467: Sandwich Beam Method

Schematic:

Dimensions in mm



Pros:

- Eliminates buckling of laminate
- Strain Gages not needed
- Needs much lower loads to break

Cons:

- Slight Variation in strain through the laminate thickness (~10%)
- Specimens are quite expensive
- Bottom Face Sheet needs to be sized so tensile failures do not occur



## Test Beam

0/90 Carbon Facings

Aluminium Honeycomb Core

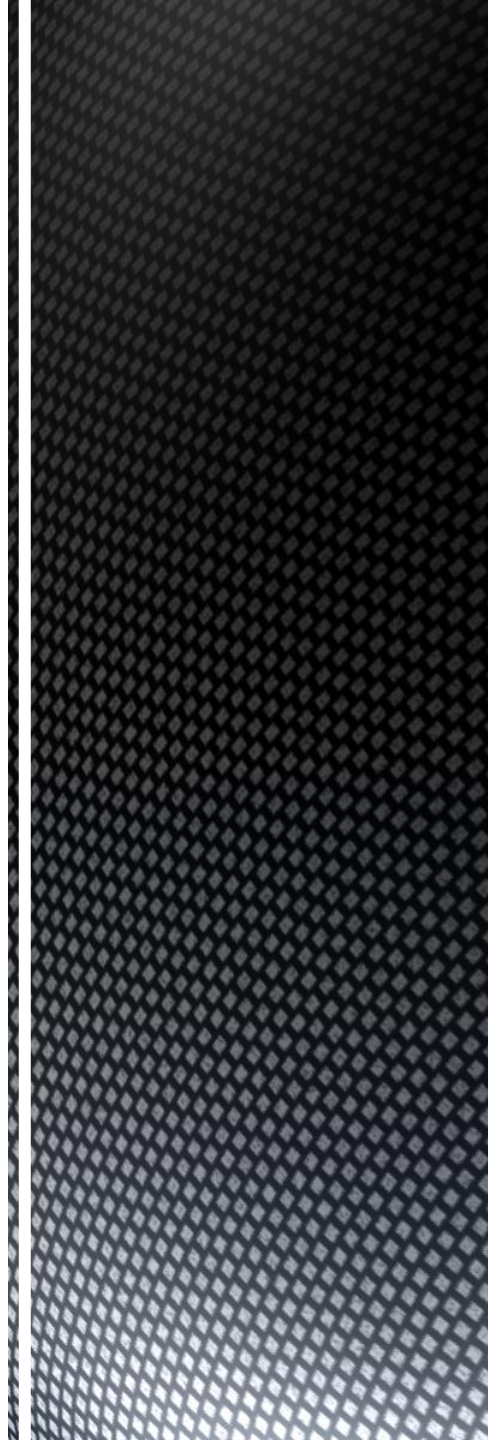
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# Design Allowables

How do we calculate design allowables from test data





# ***Structural Reliability Theory***

*and*

# ***Software Tools***

*for*

# ***Composites Design*** (\*)

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# NIST e-Handbook of Engineering Statistics

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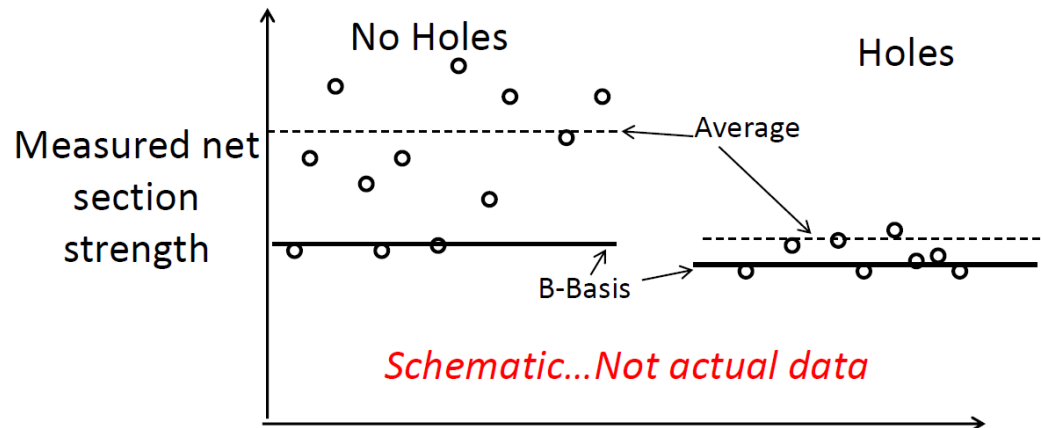
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# A and B basis design allowables depends on test data statistics (JW Nelson)

## Comment on Testing

Specimens with holes can have nearly the same B-Basis allowable as specimens with no hole!\*



\* First noted to author by A. Hodge

- As manufactured test samples are a good measure of manufacturing process capability – measure against material manufacturer's data.
- Compression strength of carbon laminates depends highly on configuration – failure mode is buckling of the fibre and depends on lateral support for the fibre.
- Nomex honeycomb core can only support relatively thin carbon fibre face sheets effectively, Al honeycomb is better and can be used in testing.

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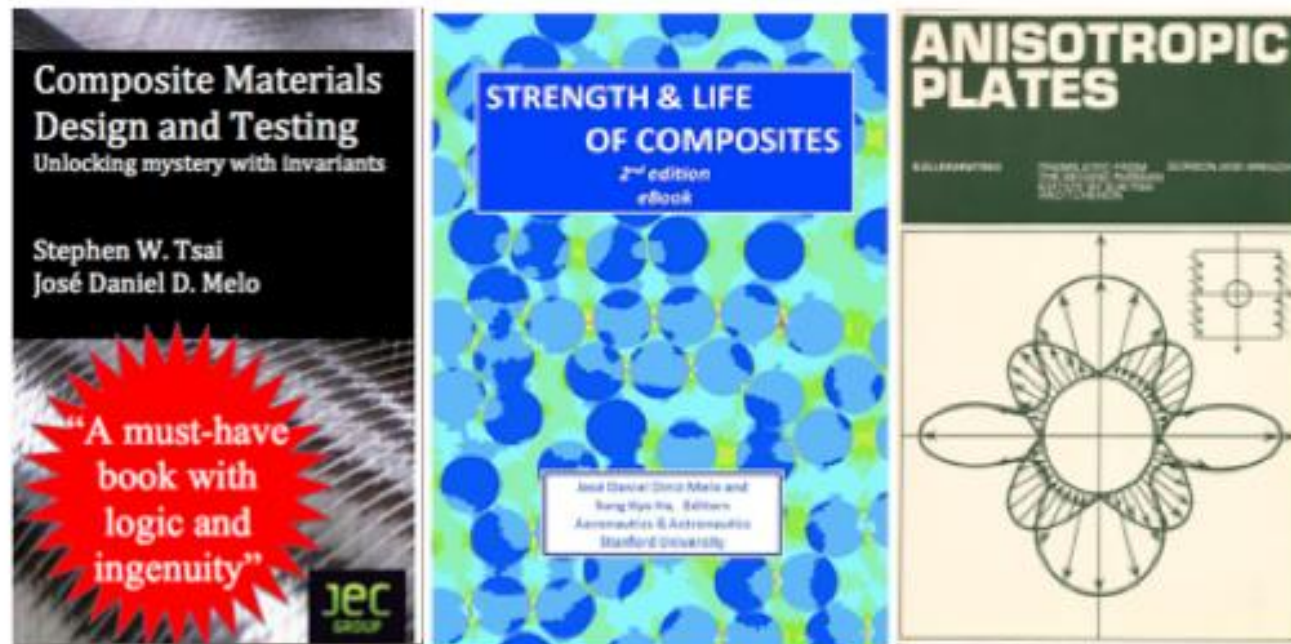
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