

STRENGTH THEORIES OF COMPOSITES:
STATUS AND ISSUES

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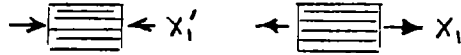
Central Issues

Under Uniaxial Stress

Fiber controlled? or Fiber dominated? 

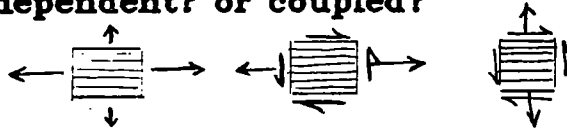
Matrix controlled? or Matrix dominated? 

Should tensile & compressive strength be related?



Under Combined Stress

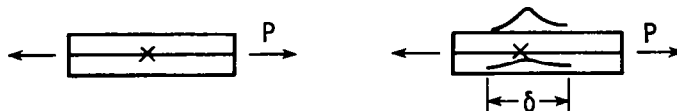
Are longitudinal & transverse strength independent? or coupled?



How to measure strength coupling?

ROLE OF MATRIX BINDER IN LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH (REFS. 1 AND 2)

MATRIX BINDER PROVIDES LOCAL REDUNDANCY



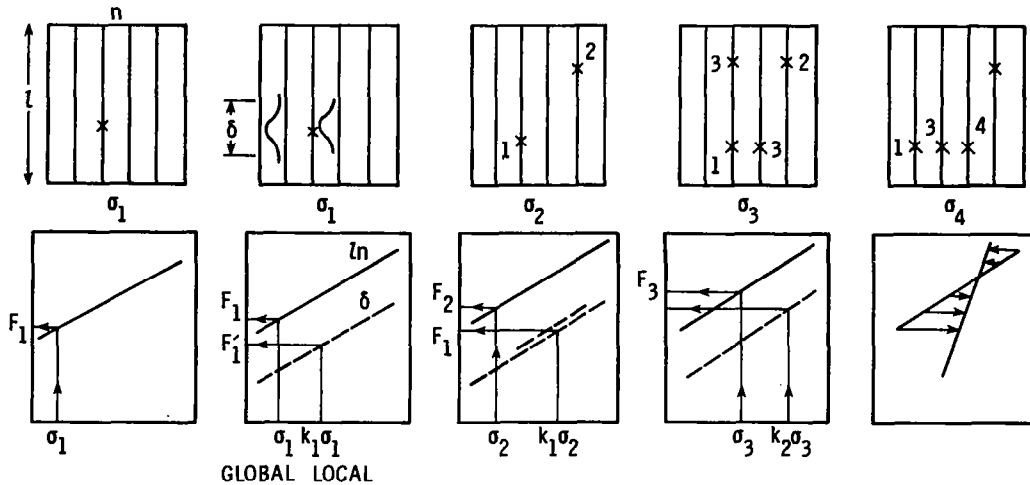
$\delta =$ INEFFECTIVE LENGTH
 $\sim 10 d$

FIBER BREAK	WITHOUT MATRIX		WITH MATRIX	
	NO. OF LOAD CARRYING FIBERS		NO. OF LOAD CARRYING FIBERS	
0	3	$P/3$	3	$P/3$
1	2	$P/2$	3-8	$\sim P/3$

LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH DEPENDS ON MATRIX EFFECTIVENESS

PARAMETER $\delta \left(E_m/E_f, \sigma_{m,ult}, \sigma_{INTERFACE} \right)$

LONGITUDINAL COMPOSITE FAILS SEQUENTIALLY (REF. 3)



LONG. COMPOSITE FAILURE IS SEQUENTIAL

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{ult}} \sim .2$$

SMALL δ MORE UNSTABLE BUT STRONGER

LARGE α MORE UNSTABLE WEAKER

MATRIX INCREASES α

- LONG COMPOSITE FAILURE IS SEQUENTIAL, NO WELL-DEFINED PLANE OF FAILURE

LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH: FIBER-DOMINATED OR FIBER-CONTROLLED

HIGH LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH OF FIBER IS DUE TO:

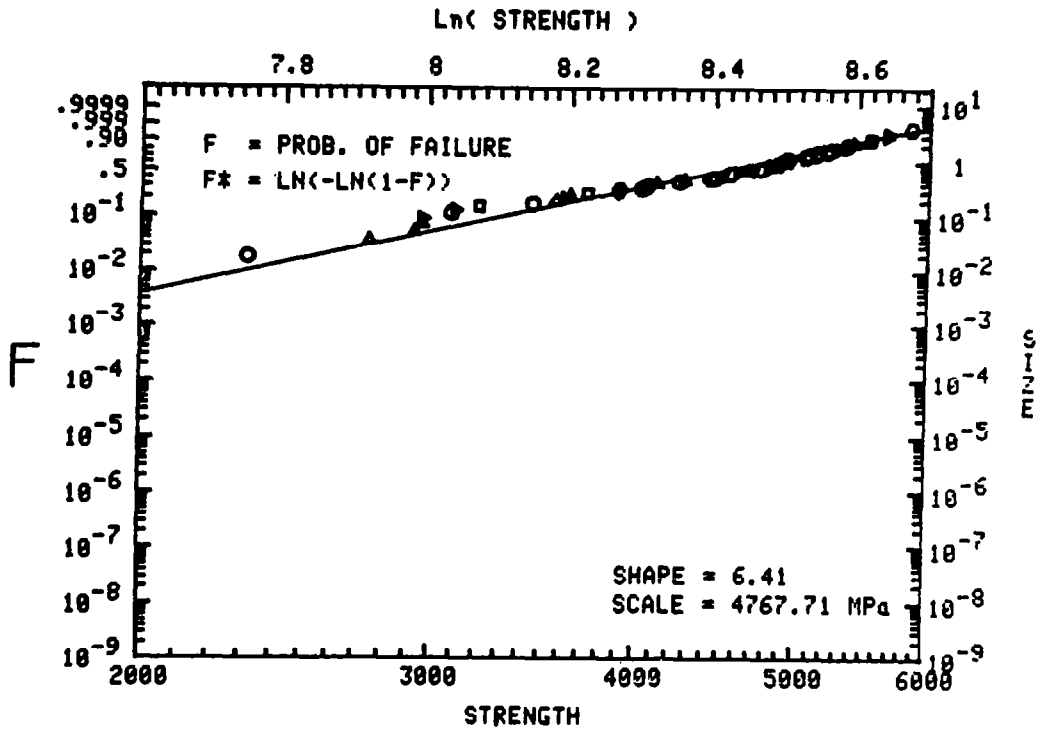
DEFECTS ARE MINIMIZED BY SMALL FIBER DIAMETER

$$\bullet \bullet \sigma_{ult} \sim 600 \text{ ksi} \quad (\text{STEEL} \sim 200 \text{ ksi})$$

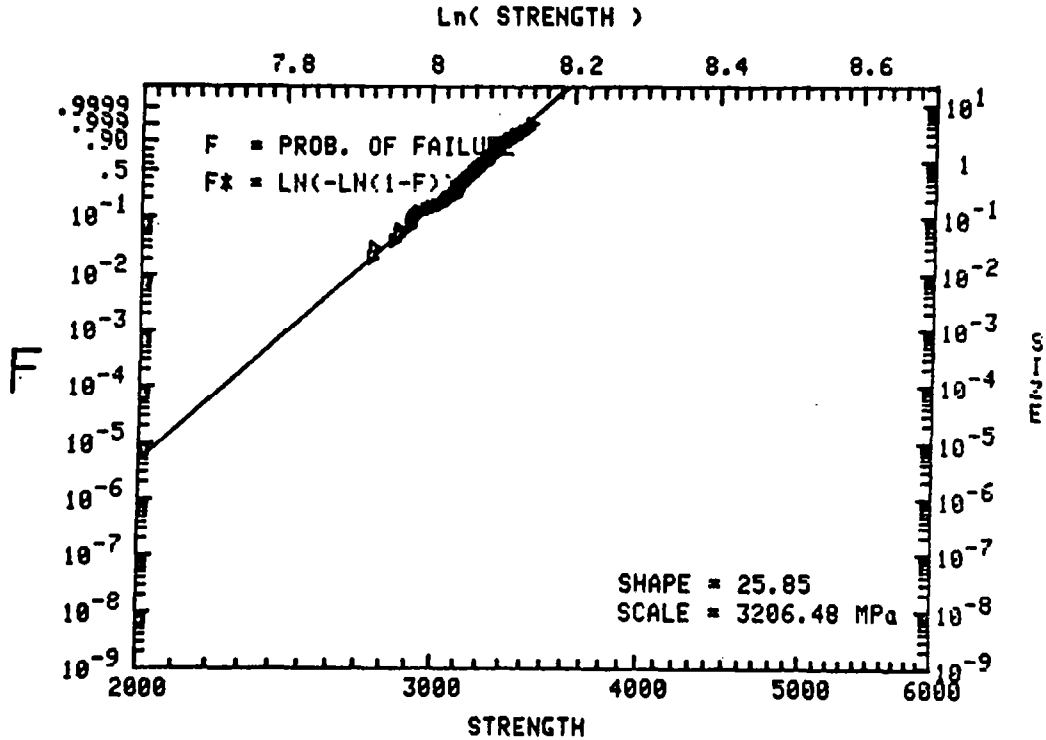
BUT EXISTENCE OF A SINGLE FLAW LEADS TO FAILURE (WEAKEST LINK OF CHAIN)

		COEFF. OF VAR.	SHAPE
•• LARGE SCATTER	FIBER	20%	6-8
	STEEL	3-5%	25-50
BUNDLE STRENGTH	WITH MATRIX	550 ksi	350 ksi
	BUNDLE SCATTER	4-5%	20-25%

- LONGITUDINAL COMPOSITE STRENGTH IS FIBER-DOMINATED WITH SUBSTANTIAL MATRIX INFLUENCE

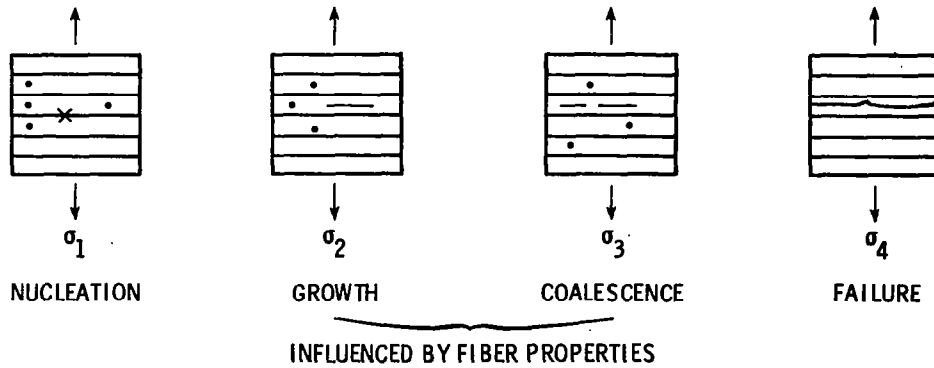


KEVLAR 49 FILAMENT (5CM)
INTRINSIC STRENGTH (.02CM/MIN, 23C), N=54



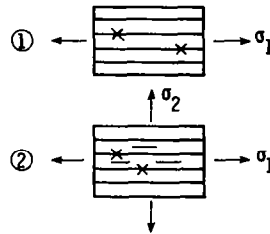
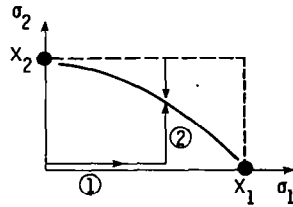
KELVAR 49-332/T403 STRAND
INTRINSIC STRENGTH (1CM/MIN), N=100

TRANSVERSE STRENGTH: MATRIX-DOMINATED OR MATRIX-CONTROLLED (REF. 4)

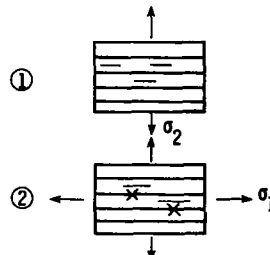
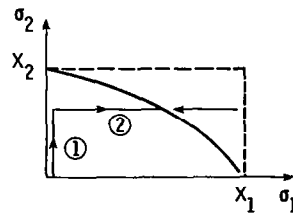


TRANSVERSE STRENGTH IS MATRIX-DOMINATED,
INFLUENCED BY FIBER AND PACKING, NOT WELL-DEFINED PLANE OF FAILURE

STRENGTH COUPLING UNDER COMBINED STRESS



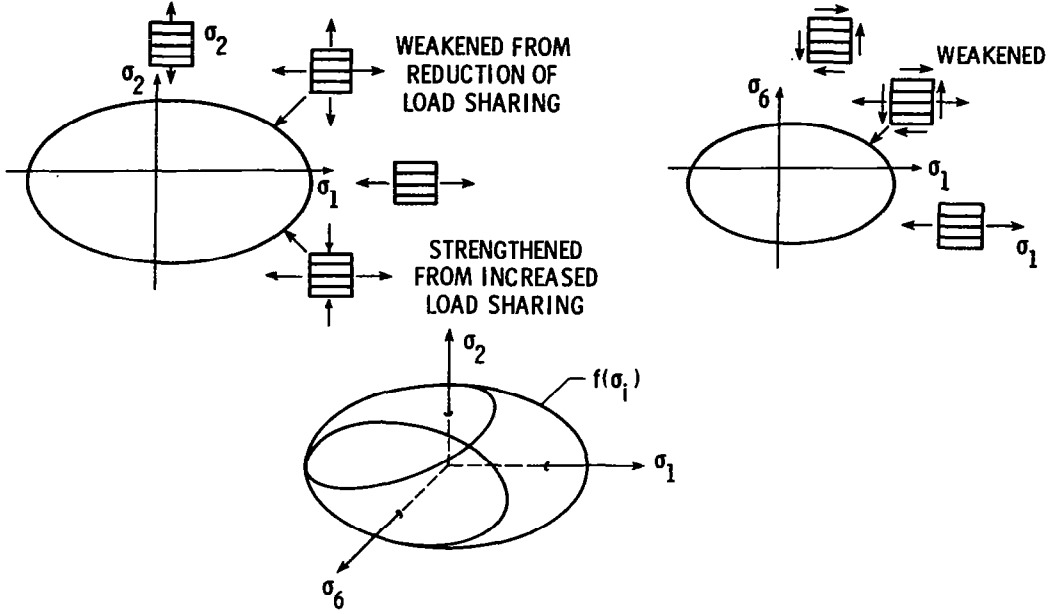
- BROKEN FIBER INITIATES TRANSVERSE CRACK, THEREFORE REDUCES TRANSVERSE STRENGTH



- STRENGTH COUPLING IS EXPECTED FROM PHYSICS OF FAILURE

- TRANSVERSE CRACK REDUCES LOAD TRANSFER, INCREASES δ , REDUCES LONGITUDINAL STRENGTH

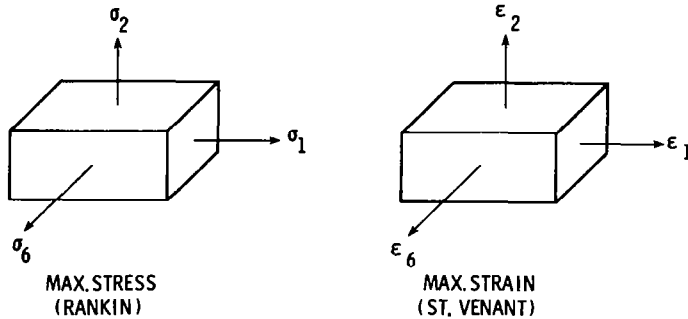
FAILURE SURFACE FOR STRENGTH COUPLING (REFS. 5 AND 6)



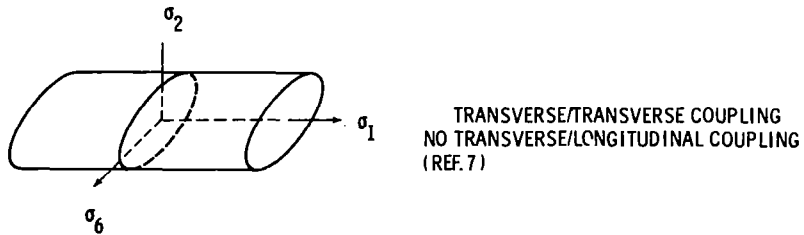
$$f(\sigma_i) = \sigma_i F_i + F_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j + F_{ijk} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k + \dots \leq 1$$

TENSOR POLYNOMIAL EXPANSION OF SURFACE

NONCOUPLING STRENGTH CRITERIA

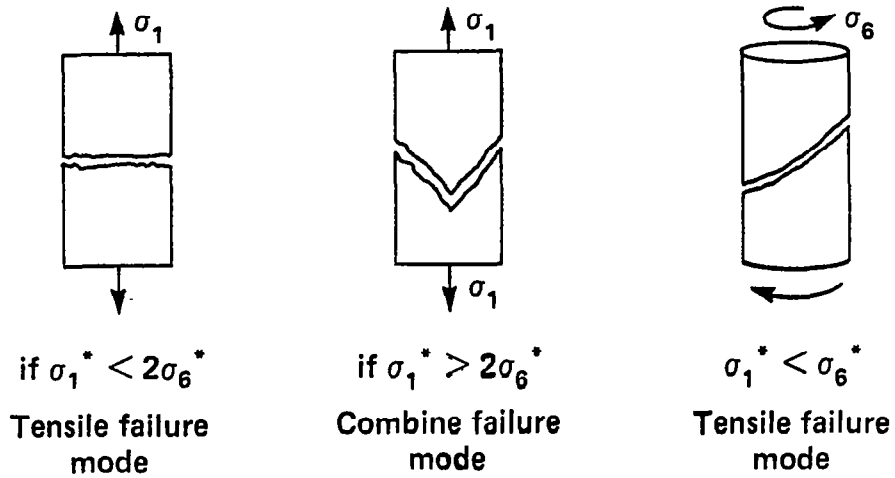


BOTH CAN BE EXPRESSED AS TENSOR POLYNOMIALS (REF. 5)



TRANSVERSE/TRANSVERSE COUPLING
NO TRANSVERSE/LONGITUDINAL COUPLING
(REF. 7)

FAILURE TESTS REQUIRES WELL-DEFINED FAILURE MODES



Plane of Failure does not necessarily correspond to applied stress

Plane of Failure of composites are seldom well defined

Failure Criterion based on applied stress is NOT Mechanistic; it is Operational

CONSISTENCY IN STRENGTH THEORY FORMULATION

	Output	=	Mtl constant	Input
Deformation	ϵ_{ij}	=	S_{ijkl}	σ_{kl}
	ϵ_{ij}	=	α_{ij}	ΔT
Strength	σ_{ij}^*	=	()	σ_{ij}

$$\sigma_{ij} < \sigma_{ij}^* \text{ uniaxial}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} < f(\sigma_{ij}^*) \text{ combined}$$

$$f(\sigma_{ij}) = F_{ij} \sigma_{ij} + F_{ijkl} \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{kl} + F_{ijklmn} \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{mn} + \dots$$

F_{ij} etc material constants dimensions $\left[\frac{1}{\text{stress}} \right], \left[\frac{1}{\text{stress}^2} \right], \dots$

- Independent of mtl's coordinates
- Allow mathematical operations

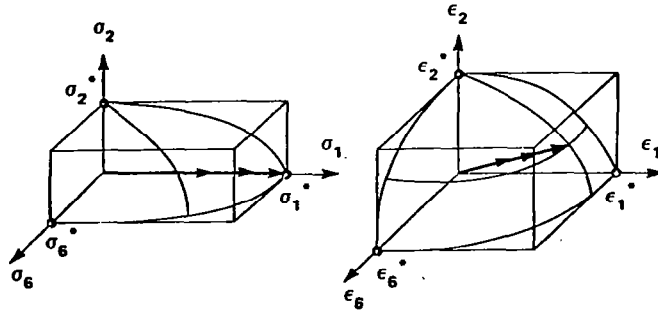
FAILURE STRENGTH MEASUREMENTS

Design loading conditions (direction of stress vector) which is capable of discriminating failure criteria

		Stimuli			
		σ_1	σ_2	σ_6	
Failure strains	ϵ_1	S_{11}	S_{12}	S_{16}	
	ϵ_2	S_{12}	S_{22}	S_{26}	
	ϵ_6	S_{16}	S_{26}	S_{66}	
		Failure stresses	σ_1	σ_2	σ_6

$$F_i \sigma_i + F_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j + \dots = 1$$

Material response constants



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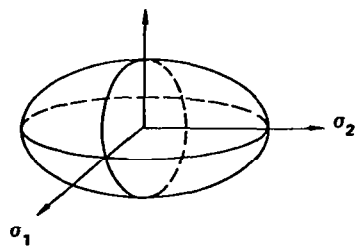
Constant characterization desirable

THREE-DIMENSIONAL FAILURE CRITERION

Tensor-polynomial Failure Criterion:

$$F_i \sigma_i + F_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j + \dots = 1 \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$F_i = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad F_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & F_{22} & F_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & F_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & F_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & F_{55} & 0 \\ & & & & & F_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$



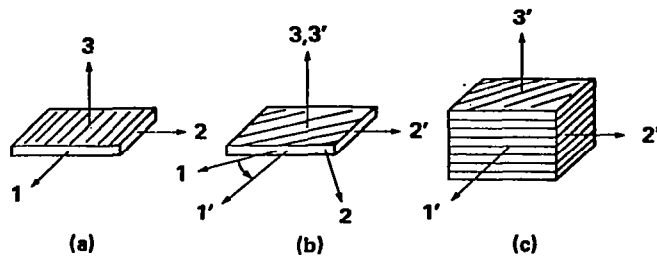
2-D a failure surface

3-D a hyper-surface (6)

- How many independent tests? (12)
- What are the tests?

NO. OF INDEPENDENT TESTS

Failure tensor F_i, F_{ij} follow tensor transformation rules



• 3-D failure criterion for lamina (a) only

Symmetry condition of orthotropic lamina $2 = 3$

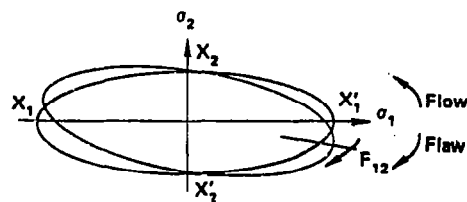
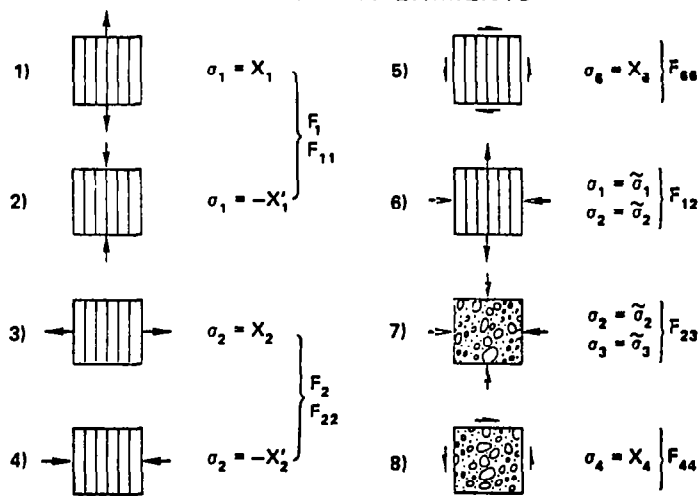
Tensor Notation	Contracted Notation	} 12 - 4 = 8
$F_{22} = F_{33}$	$F_2 = F_3$	
$F_{1122} = F_{1133}$	$F_{12} = F_{13}$	
$F_{2222} = F_{3333}$	$F_{22} = F_{33}$	
$F_{1313} = F_{1212}$	$F_{55} = F_{66}$	

Component not associate with planer properties

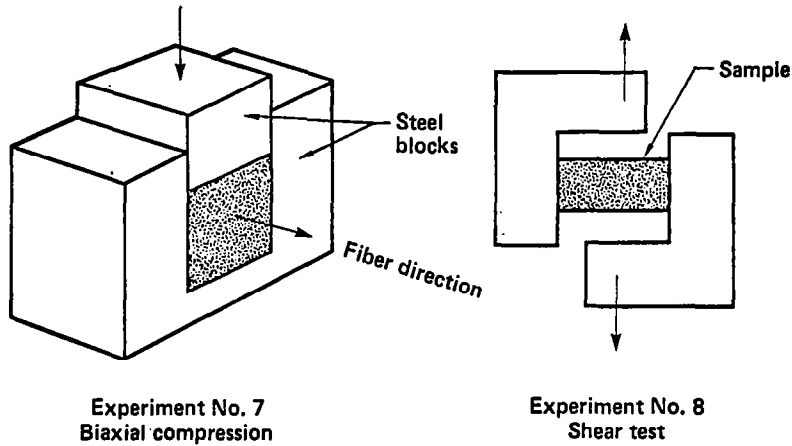
F_{2233} (F_{23}) Transverse strength coupling

F_{2323} (F_4) Shear

INDEPENDENT EXPERIMENTS



EXPERIMENTS ASSOCIATE WITH THICKNESS DIRECTION



Experiment No. 7
Biaxial compression

Experiment No. 8
Shear test

SHOULD TENSILE AND COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH BE RELATED?

FOR UNIAXIAL TENSION: $\sigma_i \neq 0, \sigma_j = 0, i \neq j$

$$F_{11} \sigma_1^2 + F_1 \sigma_1 = 1 \Rightarrow F_1 = \frac{1}{X_1} - \frac{1}{X_1'}, F_{11} = \frac{1}{X_1 X_1'}$$

$$\sigma_1 (F_{11} \cdot F_1) = \sigma_1 (X_1, X_1') \quad \begin{array}{l} X_1 \text{ TENSILE STRENGTH} \\ X_1' \text{ COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH} \end{array}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{X_1} -$$

ALTERNATE EQUIVALENT FORM:

$$\tilde{F}_{11} (\sigma_1 - \tilde{\sigma}_1)^2 = 1$$

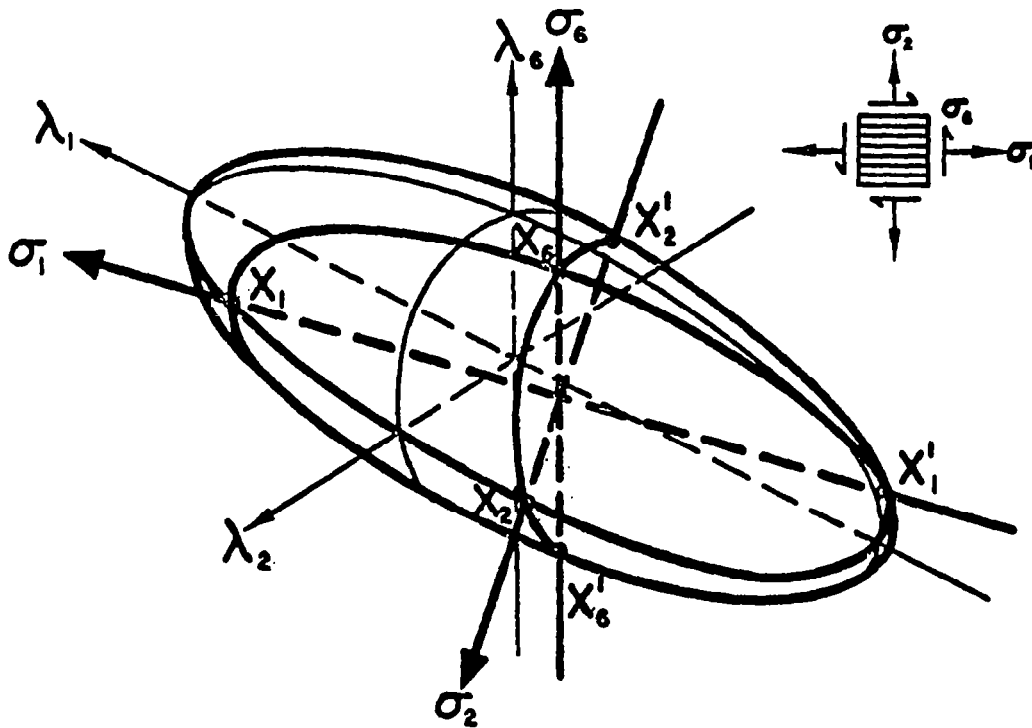
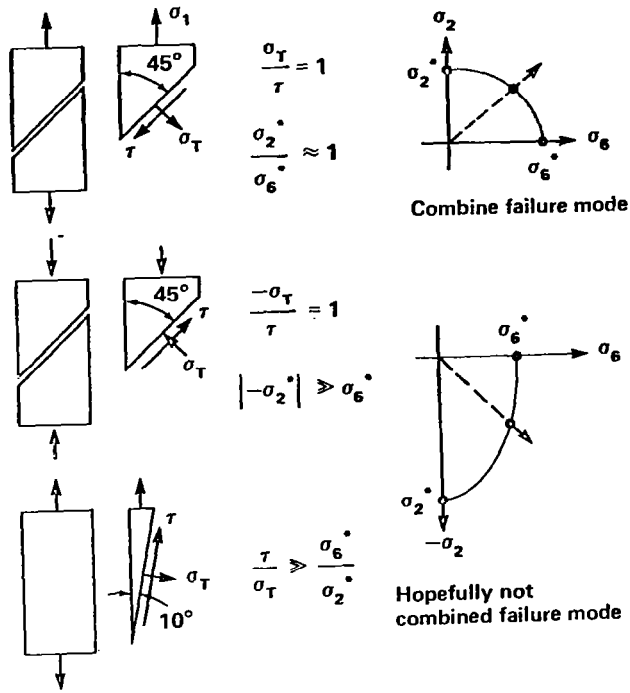
$$\tilde{F}_{11} \sigma_1^2 - (2\tilde{\sigma}_1 \tilde{F}_{11}) \sigma_1 = 1 - \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 \tilde{F}_{11}$$

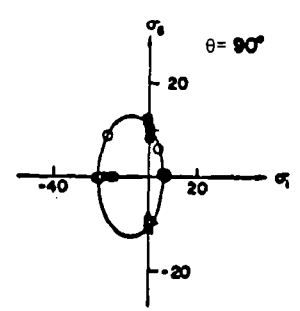
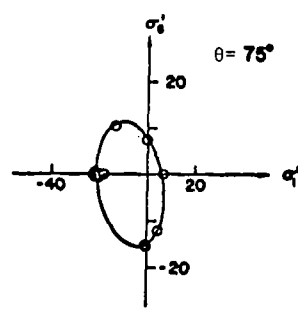
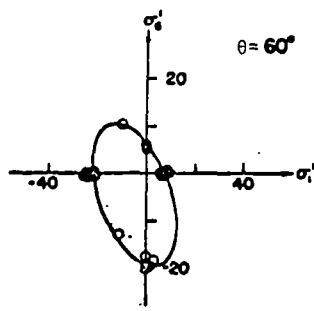
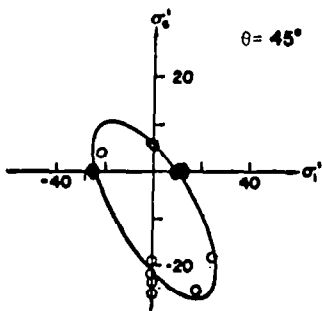
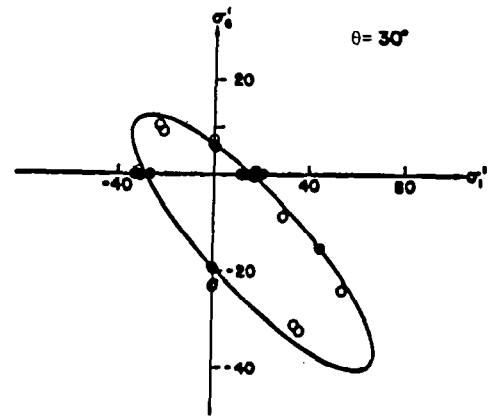
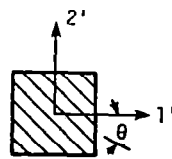
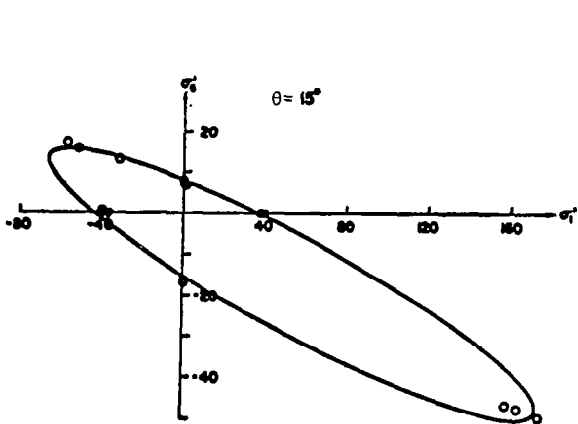
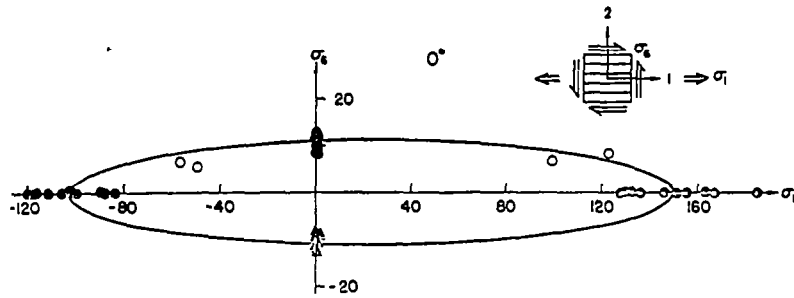
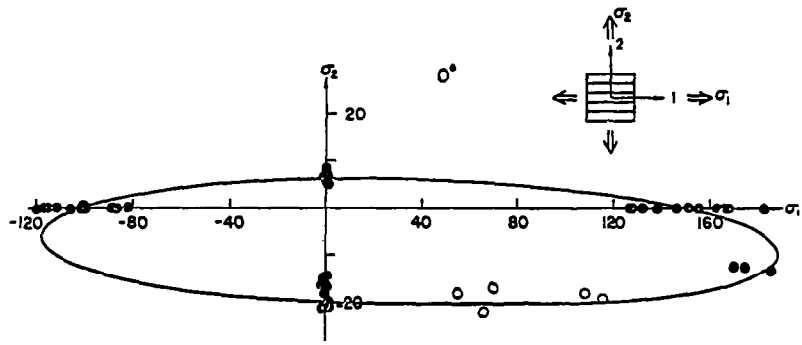
NOW, INTERPRET $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ AS INTERNAL STRESS (A MATERIAL CONSTANT).

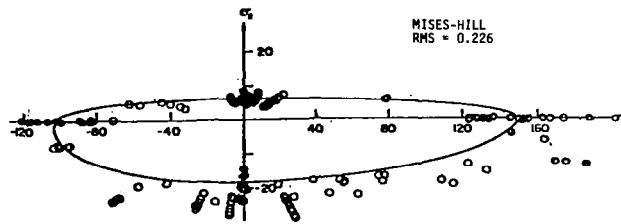
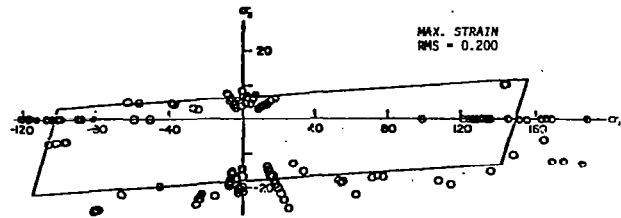
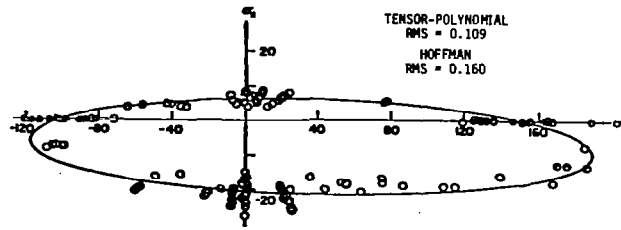
STRESS ANALYSIS MUST OPERATE ON $(\sigma_1 - \tilde{\sigma}_1)$.

WHICH IS AN OPERATIONAL INCONVENIENCE

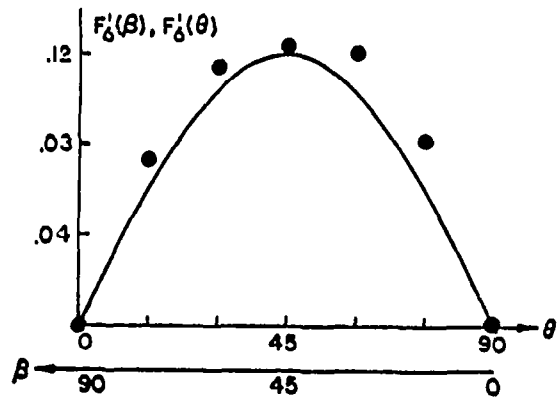
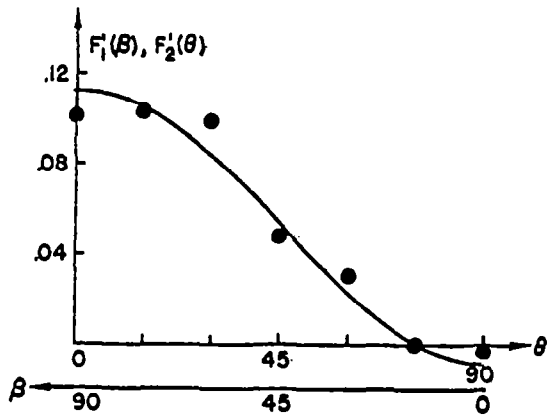
Off-axis sample to measure shear strength

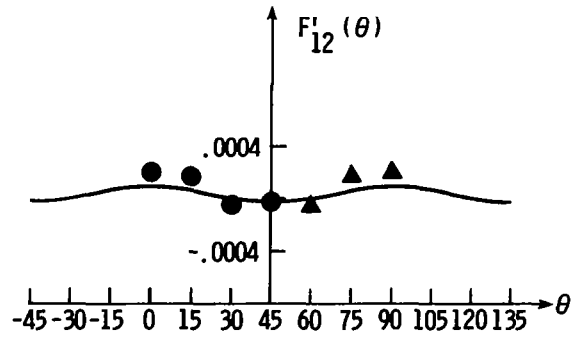
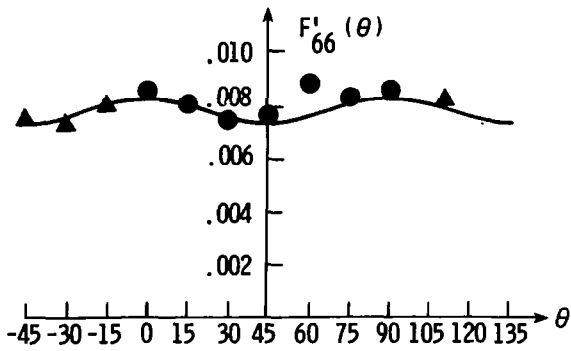
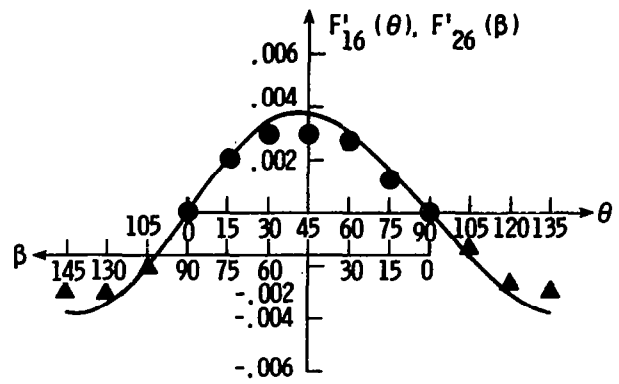
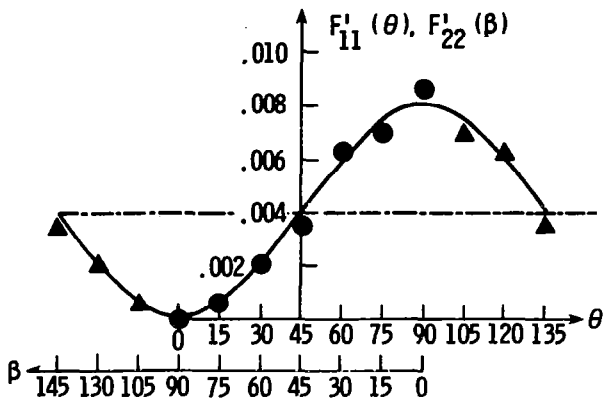






DATA INDICATES STRENGTH COUPLING

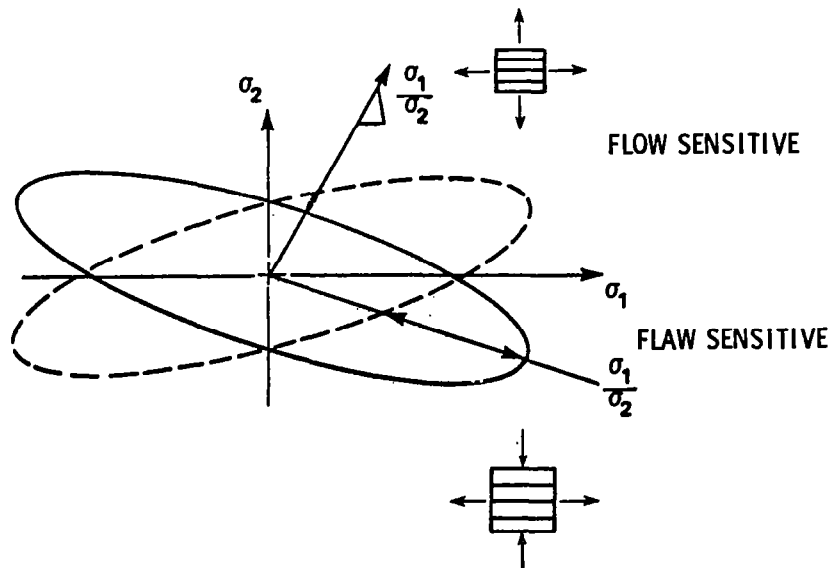




SENSITIVITY OF COMBINED STRESS EXPERIMENTS

$$F_{12} = (1 - F_1 \tilde{\sigma}_1 - F_2 \tilde{\sigma}_2 - F_{11} \tilde{\sigma}_1^2 - F_{22} \tilde{\sigma}_2^2) (1/2 \tilde{\sigma}_1 \tilde{\sigma}_2)$$

$$F_{23} = (1 - F_2 \tilde{\sigma}_2 - F_3 \tilde{\sigma}_3 - F_{22} \tilde{\sigma}_2^2 - F_{33} \tilde{\sigma}_3^2) (1/2 \tilde{\sigma}_2 \tilde{\sigma}_3)$$



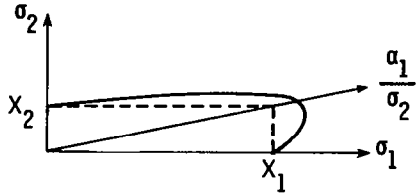
DETERMINATION OF COUPLING COEFFICIENTS

- EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENT AT OPTIMIZED STRESS RATIO $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}$ (REF. 5)

- SIMPLIFIED STRESS RATIO:

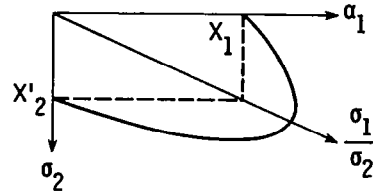
FOR DUCTILE MATRIX

MEASURE AT $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \sim \frac{X_1}{X_2}$



FOR BRITTLE MATRIX

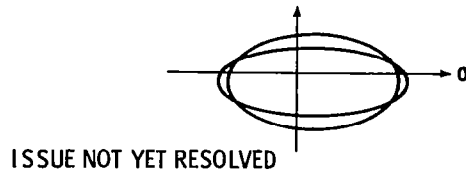
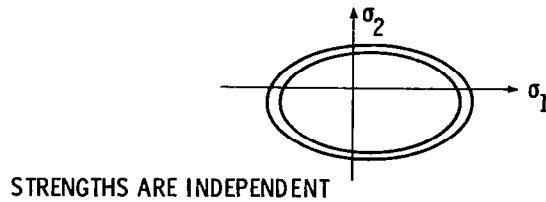
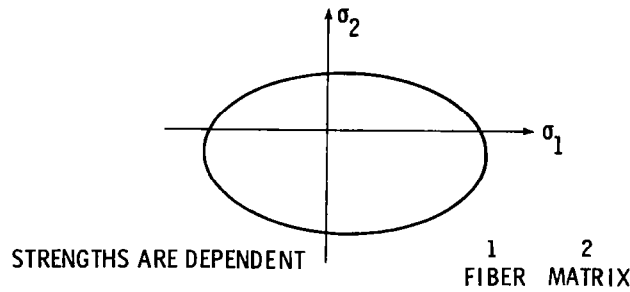
MEASURE AT $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \sim \frac{X_1}{-X'_2}$



- HEURISTIC ESTIMATION - BOUND $F_{12}^2 \leq F_{11} F_{22}$

IF X_1 HAS SMALL SCATTER THEN $F_{12} \rightarrow$ SMALL $\rightarrow 0$ } WITHIN BOUND
 IF X_1 HAS LARGE SCATTER THEN $F_{12} \rightarrow$ LARGE

COMBINED STRESS, ANISOTROPIC STRENGTH



SUMMARY

- MODELING OF SEQUENTIAL FAILURE - RECENT PROGRESS
- SHAPE OF COMBINED STRESS FAILURE SURFACE - LONGITUDINAL AND TRANSVERSE COUPLING EXPECTED AND OBSERVED
- FOR STRENGTH-COUPLED FAILURE SURFACE, TENSOR POLYNOMIAL IS OPERATIONALLY ATTRACTIVE:
 - COUPLING COEFFICIENTS (F_{12}) CAN BE MEASURED OR HEURISTICALLY ESTIMATED
 - READILY EXTENDABLE TO 3-D AND HIGHER ORDER
 - MOST ISSUES IN PROPER ORDER
- PROBABLISTIC REPRESENTATION OF FAILURE SURFACE NOT YET RESOLVED

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