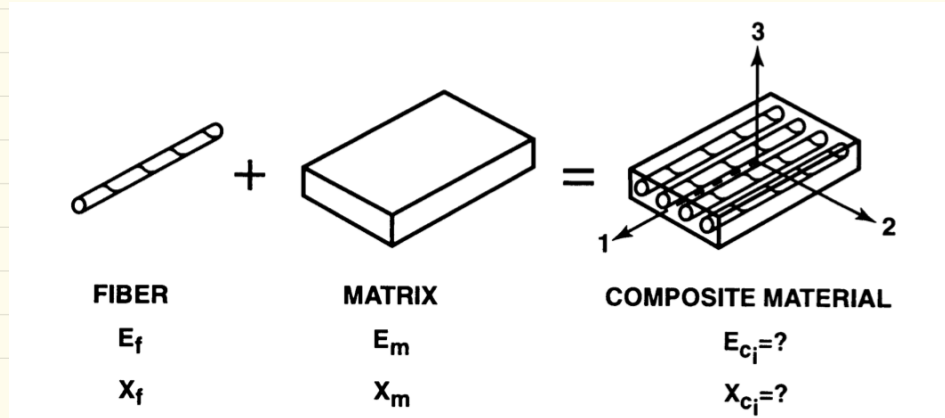


## Chapter 2 - Micromechanical Behavior of a Lamina

### 2.1 - Introduction

The basic question is: how can the Stiffnesses and strength of a composite material be varied by changing the proportion of fibers to matrix?



$$C_{ij} = C_{ij}(E_f, \nu_f, \nu_m, E_m, \nu_m, \nu_m)$$

$E_f$  = Young's modulus for fiber

$\nu_f$  = Poisson's ratio

$$\nu_f = \frac{\text{Volume of fiber}}{\text{Total volume of composite material}}$$

An additional objective of micromechanics approach is to determine the strengths of the composite:

$$X_i = X_i(X_{if}, \nu_f, X_{im}, \nu_m)$$

$X_i = X, Y, S$  = Composite material strengths

$X_{if} = X_f, Y_f, S_f =$  Fiber Strengths

Some basic approaches to the micromechanics of Composites:

- 1- Mechanics of Materials
- 2- experimental approach
- 3- Elasticity (exact solution)
- 4- semi-experimental approach

Basic restrictions on the composite material that can be treated here are:

- The Lamina is

- initially stress-free
- linearly elastic
- macroscopically homogeneous
- macroscopically orthotropic

- The fibers are

- homogeneous
- linearly elastic
- isotropic
- regularly spaced
- perfectly aligned
- perfectly bonded

- The matrix is

- homogeneous

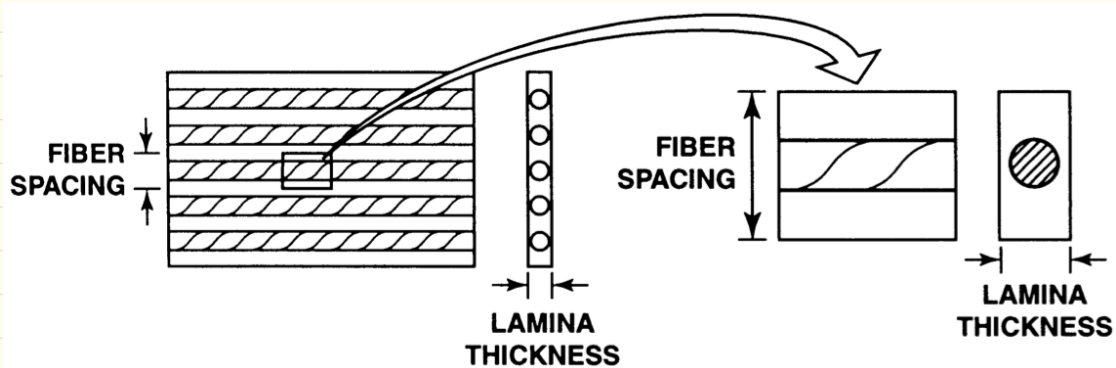
- linearly elastic

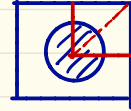
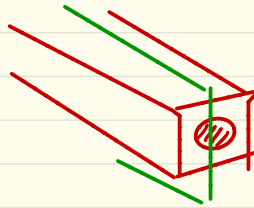
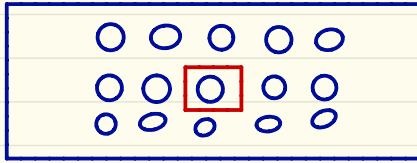
- isotropic

- void-free

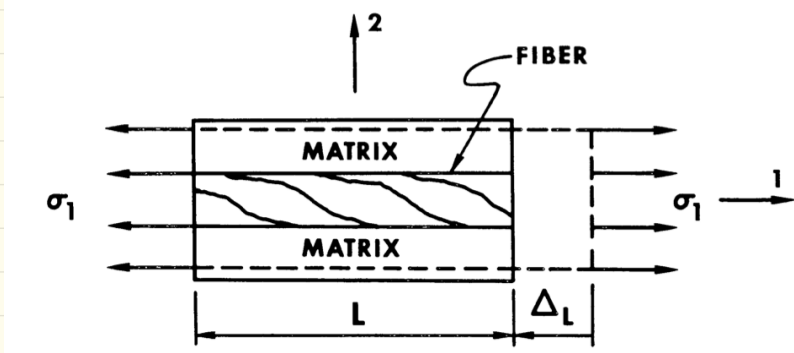
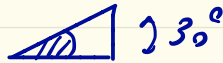
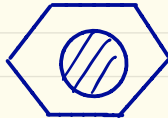
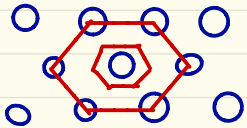
# RVE (Representative Volume Element)

RVE is the smallest region or piece of material over which the stresses and strains can be regarded as macroscopically uniform and yet the volume still has the correct proportions of fiber and matrix.



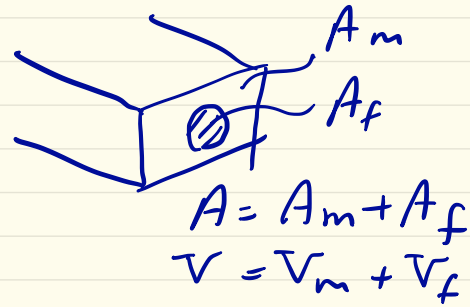
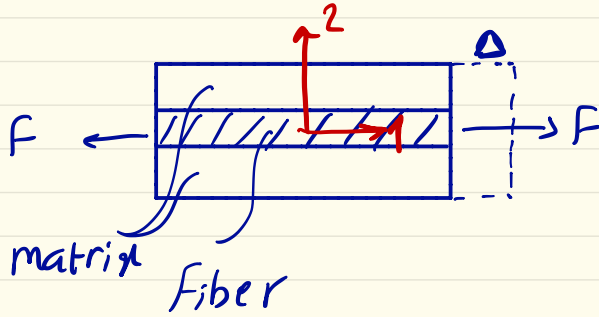


RVE



## 2.2- mechanics of materials approach to stiffness

### 2.2-1- Determination of $E_c$



$$\Delta_c = \Delta_f = \Delta_m \longrightarrow \epsilon_c = \epsilon_m = \epsilon_f$$

$$1 = v_m + v_f$$

load sharing is as simple Spring-in-parallel

$$F_c = F_m + F_f \longrightarrow \sigma_c \cdot A = \sigma_m A_m + \sigma_f A_f$$

Definition

$$v_f = \frac{V_f}{V_c}$$

Fiber-volume Fraction

$$v_m = 1 - v_f$$

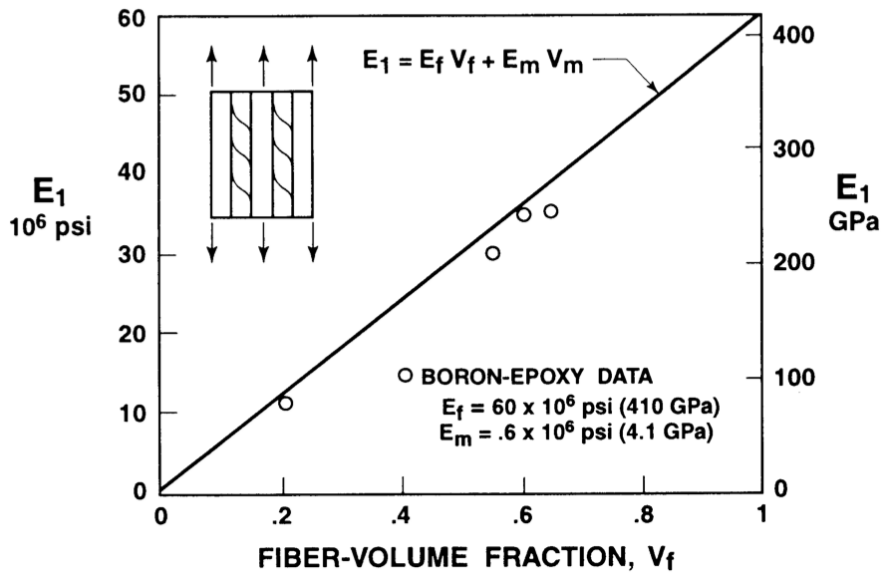


$$\sigma_c = \sigma_f v_f + \sigma_m (1 - v_f)$$

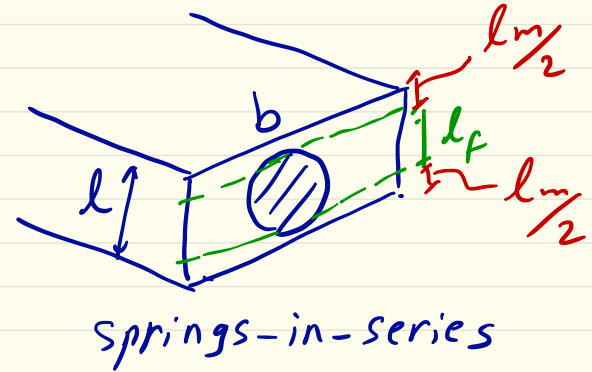
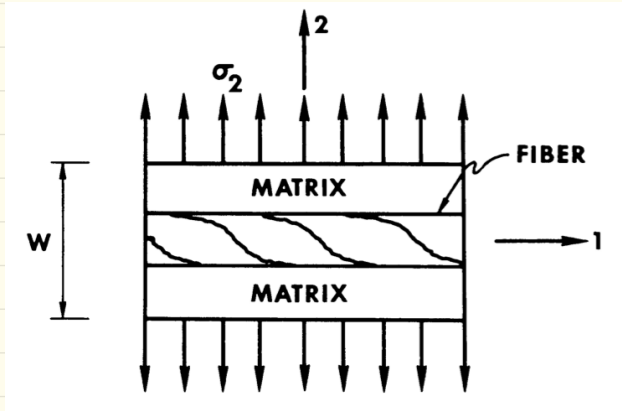
$$E_{c1} = E_1 = \frac{\sigma_c}{\epsilon_c} = \frac{\sigma_f v_f + \sigma_m (1 - v_f)}{\epsilon_c} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_c} v_f + \frac{\sigma_m}{\epsilon_c} (1 - v_f)$$

$$E_1 = E_f v_f + E_m (1 - v_f)$$

which is known as the rule of mixture.



## 2.2.2 Determination of $E_2$



$$F_c = F_m = F_f \longrightarrow \sigma_c = \sigma_m = \sigma_f$$

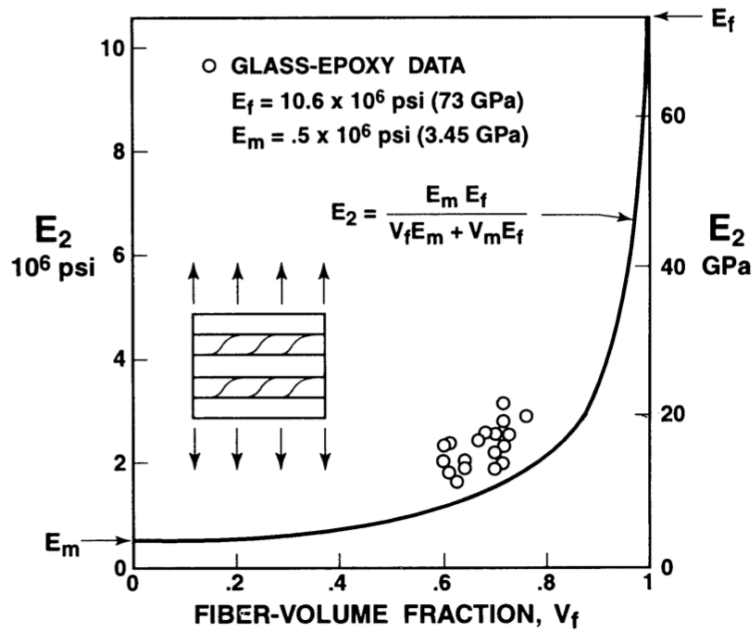
$$\Delta_c = \Delta_m + \Delta_f \rightarrow \epsilon_c \cdot l = \epsilon_f \cdot l_f + \epsilon_m l_m$$

$$(*) \quad \epsilon_c = \epsilon_f v_f + \epsilon_m (1 - v_f)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{2c}}{E_{2c}} = \frac{\sigma_{2f}}{E_f} v_f + \frac{\sigma_{2m}}{E_m} (1 - v_f)$$

$$\frac{1}{E_{2c}} = \frac{1}{E_{2f}} v_f + \frac{1}{E_{2m}} (1 - v_f)$$

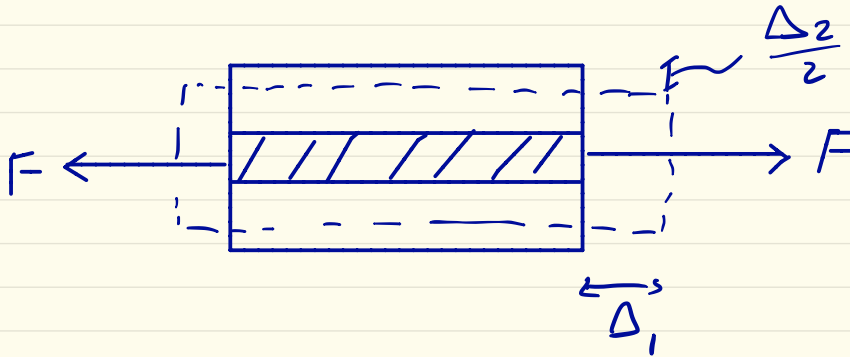
It's an underestimate approach and it's not precise.



## 2.2-3 - Determination of $\nu_{12}$

So-called major Poisson's ratio is defined as:

$$\nu_{12} = - \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}$$



$$(*) \rightarrow \epsilon_{2c} = \epsilon_{2f} \nu_f + \epsilon_{2m} (1 - \nu_f)$$

$$\epsilon_{1c} \nu_c = \epsilon_{1f} \nu_f \nu_f + \epsilon_{1m} \nu_m (1 - \nu_f)$$

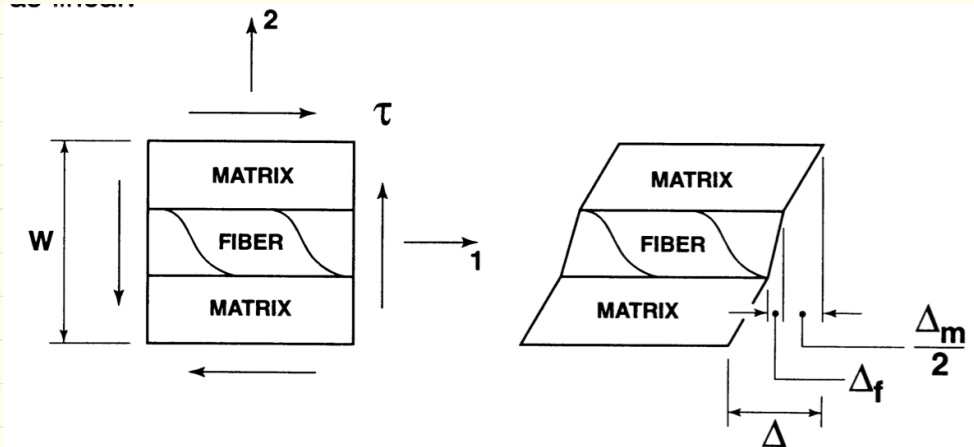
$$v_c = v_f v_f + v_m (1 - v_f)$$

rule of mixture  
(Good prediction)

## 2.2-4 Determination of $G_{12}$

in-plane shear modulus of a lamina

$$\gamma = \frac{\tau}{G}$$



After a bit of math, the following equation results

$$\frac{1}{G_{12}} = \frac{1}{G_f} v_f + \frac{1}{G_m} (1 - v_f)$$



## 2.3 The Halpin-Tsai Equations

Halpin and Tsai developed an interpolation procedure that the result is simple used and quite accurate:

$$E_{1c} = E_f v_f + E_m v_m$$

$$v_{12} = v_f v_f + v_m v_m$$

$$M = M_m \frac{1 + \xi \eta v_f}{1 - \eta v_f}$$

$$\eta = \frac{M_f/M_m - 1}{M_f/M_m + \xi}$$

$M$  = Composite material modulus  $E_{23}$ ,  $G_{12}$  or  $\nu_{23}$

$M_f$  = Corresponding fiber modulus  $E_f, G_f$  or  $\nu_f$

$M_m$  = Matrix  $E_m, G_m$  or  $\nu_m$

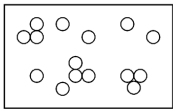
$\xi$  is a measure of fiber reinforcement to the composite material that depends on the fiber geometry, packing geometry, and loading condition.

## 2.4 - Elasticity Solution

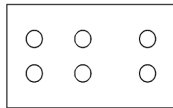
$$E_2 = 2 [1 - \nu_f + (\nu_f - \nu_m)V_m] \left[ (1 - C) \frac{(K_f(2K_m + G_m) - G_m(K_f - K_m)V_m)}{(2K_m + G_m) + 2(K_f - K_m)V_m} + C \frac{(K_f(2K_m + G_f) + G_f(K_m - K_f)V_m)}{(2K_m + G_f) - 2(K_m - K_f)V_m} \right]$$

$$\nu_{12} = [(1 - C) \frac{K_f \nu_f (2K_m + G_m)V_f + K_m \nu_m (2K_f + G_m)V_m}{K_f(2K_m + G_m) - G_m(K_f - K_m)V_m} + C \frac{K_m \nu_m (2K_f + G_f)V_m + K_f \nu_f (2K_m + G_f)V_f}{K_f(2K_m + G_m) + G_f(K_m - K_f)V_m}]$$

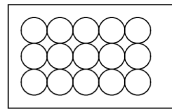
$$G_{12} = [(1 - C)G_m \frac{2G_f - (G_f - G_m)V_m}{2G_m + (G_f - G_m)V_m} + C G_f \frac{(G_f + G_m) - (G_f - G_m)V_m}{(G_f + G_m) + (G_f - G_m)V_m}]$$



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C=0



C=1

همچنین:

$$K_m = \frac{E_m}{2(1-\nu_m)} \quad K_f = \frac{E_f}{2(1-\nu_f)}$$

$$G_m = \frac{E_m}{2(1+\nu_m)} \quad G_f = \frac{E_f}{2(1+\nu_f)}$$