

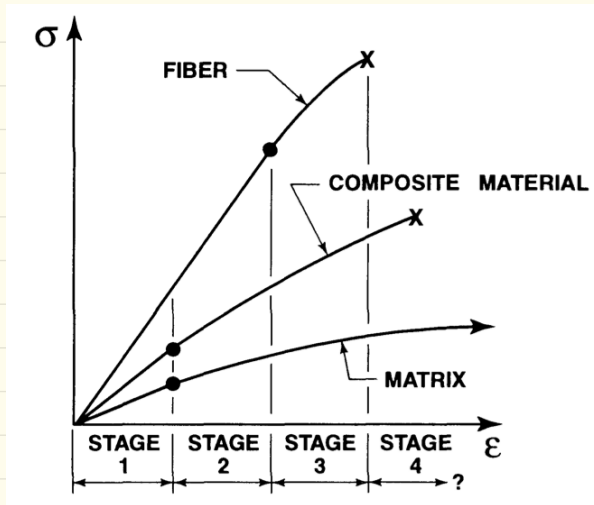
Composites

Lesson 5

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

Experimental methods to obtain the physical properties of the Composites will be studied in the next chapter.

## 2.5 - Tensile Strength in the Fiber Direction



1. Both fibers and matrix deform elastically
2. The fiber continue to deform elastically but the matrix deforms plastically
3. Both the fibers and the matrix deform plastically
4. The fibers fracture followed by fracture of the composite material

More than a certain minimum volume fraction of fibers ( $V_f$ ) ultimate strength of composite is achieved when the fibers are strained to correspond to their maximum (ultimate) stress.

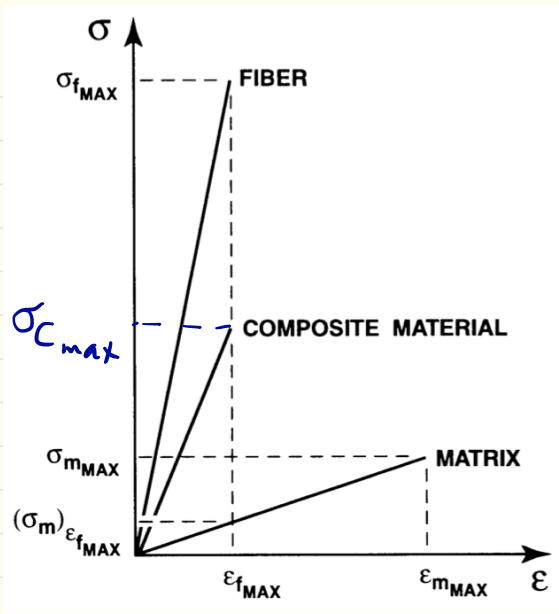
$$\epsilon_{c \max} = \epsilon_{f \max} \quad (2.5-1)$$

and we had that

$$\sigma_{c \max} = \sigma_{f \max} V_f + (\sigma_m)_{\epsilon_{f \max}} (1 - V_f) \quad (2.5-2)$$

$\sigma_{f \max}$  = maximum fiber tensile stress

$(\sigma_m)_{\epsilon_{f \max}}$  = matrix stress at a matrix strain equal to the maximum tensile strain in the fibers.



we use fiber reinforcement to lead to a greater strength than can be obtained with the matrix alone.

$$\sigma_{c_{max}} > \sigma_{m_{max}} \quad (2.5-3)$$

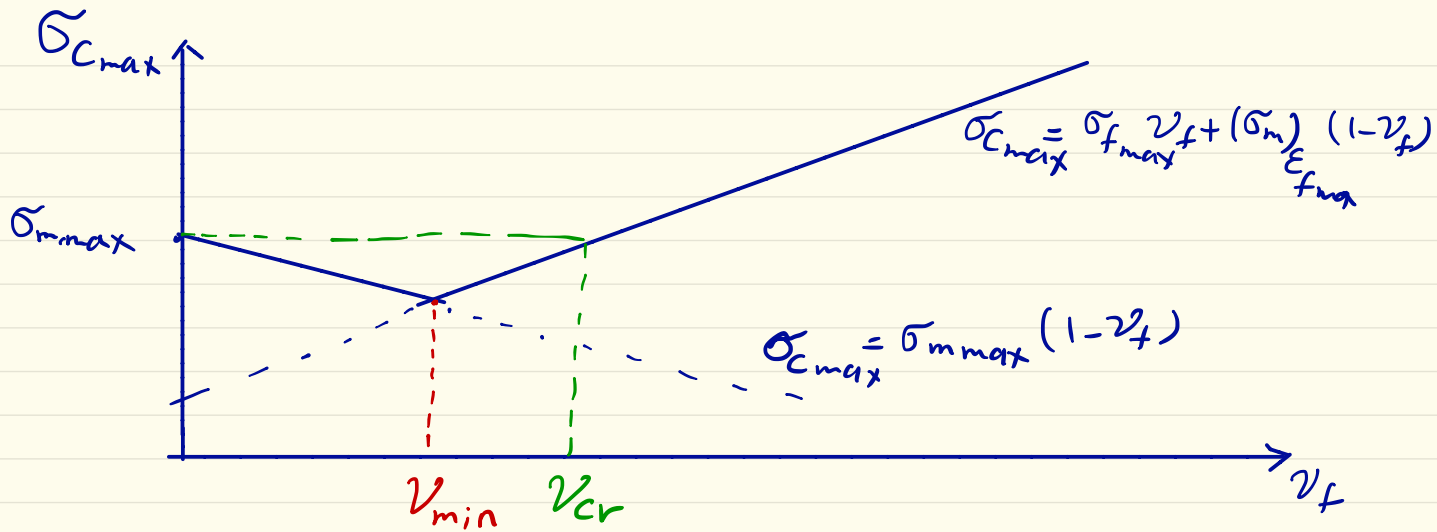
(2.5-2) & (2.5-3)

$$V_{cr} = \frac{\sigma_{m \max} - (\sigma_m) \epsilon_{f \max}}{\sigma_{f \max} - (\sigma_m) \epsilon_{f \max}} \quad (2.5-4)$$

$$\therefore V_f \geq V_{cr} \longrightarrow \sigma_{c \max} \geq \sigma_{m \max}$$

For very small values of  $V_f$ , the behavior of the composite material might not follow Eq. (2.5-2) because there might not be enough fibers to control the matrix elongation. Therefore all fibers break at the first moment and the matrix dominates the composite material.

$$\sigma_{c \max} = \sigma_{m \max} (1 - V_f) \quad (2.5-5)$$



$$\sigma_{mmax} (1 - v_f) = \sigma_{fmmax} v_f + (\sigma_m)_{\epsilon_{fmmax}} (1 - v_f)$$

$$v_{min} = \frac{\sigma_{mmax} - (\sigma_m)_{\epsilon_{fmmax}}}{\sigma_{fmmax} + \sigma_{mmax} - (\sigma_m)_{\epsilon_{fmmax}}}$$

$v_f \leq v_{\min} \Rightarrow$  The Composite strength is controlled by the matrix <sup>deformation</sup>

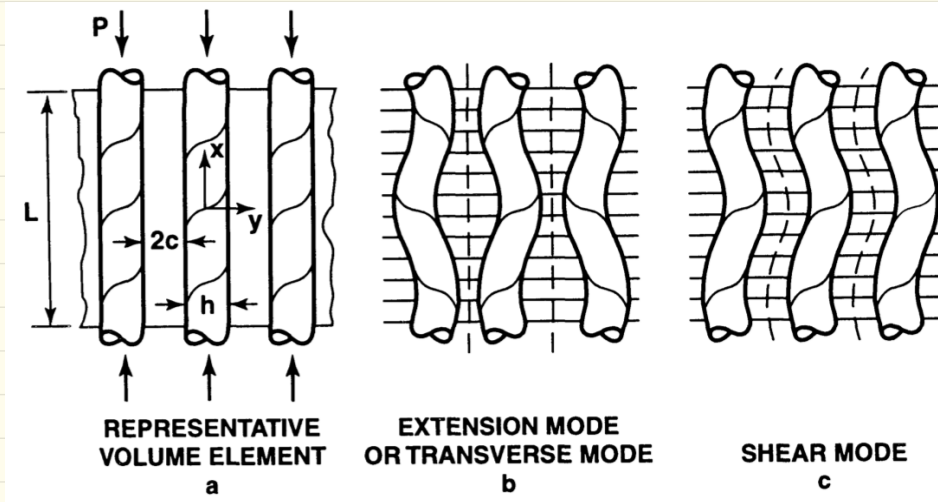
$v_{\min} \leq v_f \leq v_{cr} \Rightarrow$  The Composite strength is controlled by the fiber deformation

but the purpose of producing composites has not satisfied

$v_{cr} \leq v_f \Rightarrow$  Only for this case the composite material gain strength from having fiber reinforcement.

## 2.6. Compressive Strength in the Fiber Direction

When fiber-reinforced composites are loaded in compression, the mode of failure appears to be fiber buckling within the restraint of the matrix.





b: Symmetric. Horizontal lines of original length  $2c$  extend or contract. Thus, the matrix extends or contracts in  $y$ -direction transverse to the  $x$ -direction.

c: Antisymmetric. The matrix is subjected to shearing deformation. Horizontal lines do not change orientation or length.

Transvers or Extension mode

$$\sigma_{f_{cr}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{V_f E_m E_f}{3(1-V_f)}}$$

$$\sigma_{c_{max}} = 2\left[V_f + (1-V_f)\frac{E_m}{E_f}\right]\sqrt{\frac{V_f E_m E_f}{3(1-V_f)}}$$

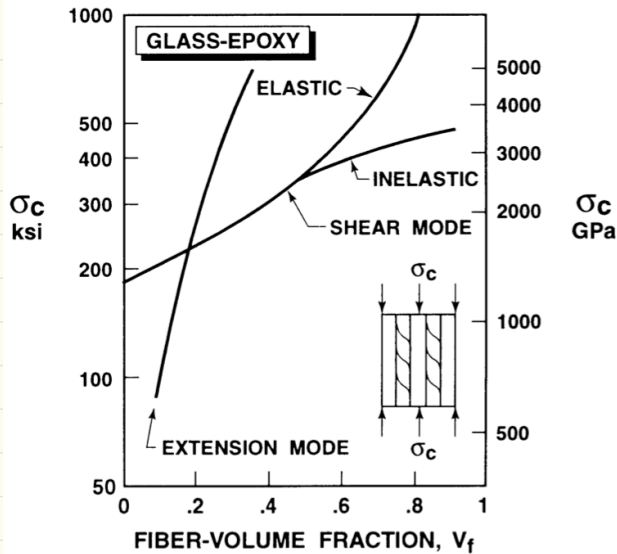
(2.6-1)

Shear mode

$$\sigma_{f_{cr}} = \frac{G_m}{V_f(1-V_f)}$$

$$\sigma_{c_{max}} = \frac{G_m}{1-V_f}$$

(2.6-2)



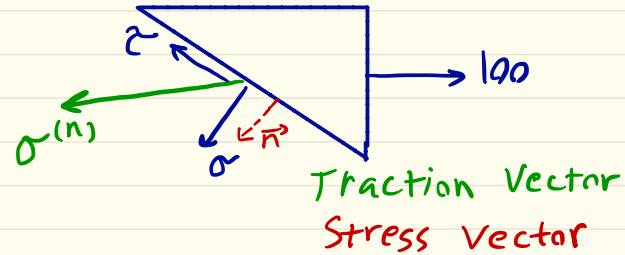
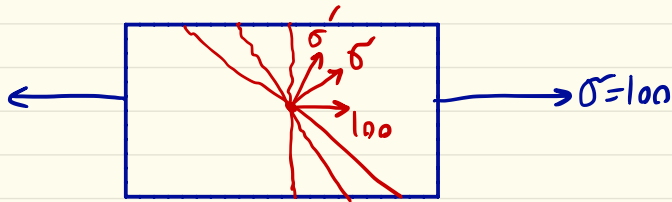
Compressive Strength of Glass-Epoxy Composite Materials

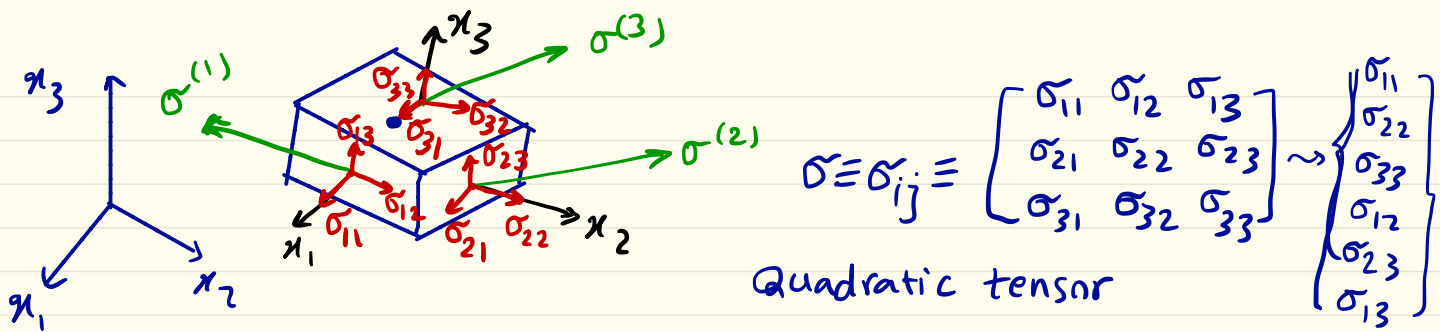
Extension mode is more probable for small values of  $V_f$  (for Glass-Epoxy it is less than 0.2) and for large values of  $V_f$ , shear mode is predicted.

# Chapter 3 - Macromechanical Behavior of a Lamina

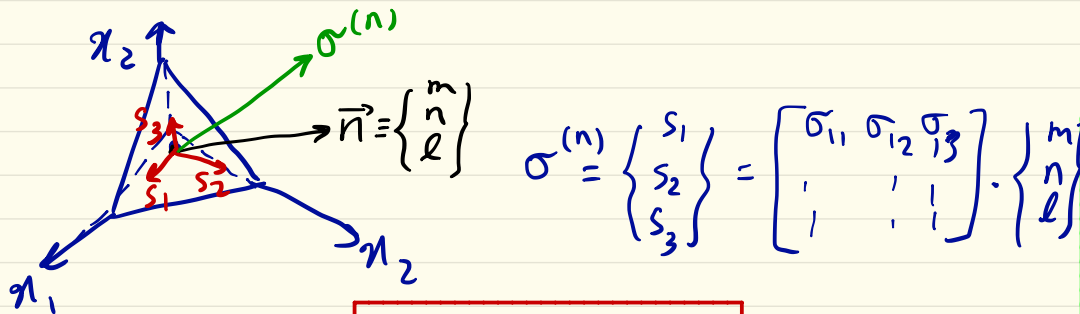
## 3.1 - Stress and Strain

### Stress





## Cauchy's stress theorem



$$\sigma_i^{(n)} = \sigma_{ij} n_j$$