# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC Faculty of Textile Engineering 

MECHANICS OF PARALLEL FIBER BUNDLES<br>„TRIVIAL FIBER BUNDLE, TWO-COMPONENT FIBER BUNDLE"



Ing. Iva Mertová, Ph.D. / Department of technologies and structures

Common variables for one fiber and fiber bundle:
h...gauge length $\varepsilon$...strain (relative elongation)
Other variables and functions:
Number of fibers:
Tensile force:
Force-strain relation:
Strength:
Breaking strain:

One fiber: Fiber bundle:


1
S
$S=S(\varepsilon)$
$S_{\Sigma}$
$P$ (max. of $S$ ) $\quad P_{\Sigma}\left(\right.$ max. of $\left.S_{\Sigma}\right)$
$a,(P=S(a)) \quad a_{\Sigma},\left(P_{\Sigma}=S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{\Sigma}\right)\right)$

CASE 1 (trivial)
Assumptions: All fibers have
a) same force-strain curve $S=S(\varepsilon)$ and
b) same strength $P$ and same breaking strain $a$. Then the following equations are valid evidently:

$$
S_{\Sigma}(\varepsilon)=n S(\varepsilon), \quad P_{\Sigma}=n P, \quad a_{\Sigma}=a
$$

CASE 2 (blending theory like W. J. Hamburger) Assumptions:

1. Fiber bundle is a blend (| and |) of 2 types of fibers.
2. All fibers of one type have
a) same force-strain curve $S=S(\varepsilon)$ and
b) same strength $P$ and same breaking

strain $a$.

Convention:
Fiber of one type having smaller value of breaking strain is denoted as No. 1 (I), other type of fibers is denoted as No. 2. (|). (These numbers are used as subscripts.)

| Variables: | Fiber material |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. 1 | No. 2 |
| Fiber fineness | $t_{1}$ | $t_{2}$ |
| Force-strain relation | $S_{1}(\varepsilon)$ | $S_{2}(\varepsilon)$ |
| Breaking strain of fiber | $a_{1} \leq a_{2}$ |  |
| Fiber strength | $P_{1}=S_{1}\left(a_{1}\right)$ | $P_{2}=S_{2}\left(a_{2}\right)$ |
| Number o fibers | $n_{1}$ |  |
| Total number of fibers | $n=n_{1}+n_{2}$ |  |
| Mass of fibers | $m_{1}$ |  |
| Total mass of fibers | $m=m_{1}+m_{2}$ |  |
| Bundle fineness (count) | $T=m / h$ |  |
| Mass portion | $g_{1}=m_{1} / m$ | $g_{2}=m_{2} / m$ |
| Sum of mass portions | $g_{1}+g_{2}=1$ |  |

It is valid for the fiber No. 1:

$$
m_{1}=g_{1} m, t_{1}=m_{1} /\left(n_{1} h\right), n_{1}=m_{1} /\left(t_{1} h\right)=\left(g_{1} / t_{1}\right)(m / h), n_{1}=g_{1}\left(T / t_{1}\right)
$$

For the fiber No. 2, it is valid analogically:

$$
n_{2}=g_{2}\left(T / t_{2}\right)
$$

Maximum forces, in a bundle Force-strain curves:
a) Interval $\varepsilon \leq a_{1}$ max. at $\varepsilon=a_{1}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{1}\right)=n_{1} P_{1}+n_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) \\
& S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{1}\right)=T\left[g_{1} P_{1} / t_{1}+g_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

b) Interval $\varepsilon \in\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right\rangle$ max. at $\varepsilon=a_{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{2}\right)=n_{1} \cdot 0+n_{2} P_{2} \\
& S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{2}\right)=T g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$


c) Interval $\varepsilon>a_{2} \Rightarrow$ all fibers are broken,

$$
S_{\Sigma}\left(\varepsilon>a_{2}\right)=0
$$

## Strength of bundle

$$
P_{\Sigma}=\max \left\{S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{1}\right), S_{\Sigma}\left(a_{2}\right)\right\}=T \max \left\{\left[g_{1} \frac{P_{1}}{t_{1}}+g_{2} \frac{S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)}{t_{2}}\right],\left[g_{2} \frac{P_{2}}{t_{2}}\right]\right\}
$$

$P_{1} / t_{1} \quad$...tenacity of fiber No. 1 (e.g. $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{tex}$ )
$P_{2} / t_{2} \quad$...tenacity of fiber No. 2 (e.g. N/tex)
$S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}$...specific stress of fiber No. 2 (e.g. N/tex) at $\quad \varepsilon=a_{1}$
Bundle tenacity $P_{\Sigma} / T$

$$
\frac{P_{\Sigma}}{T}=\max \left\{\left[g_{1} \frac{P_{1}}{t_{1}}+g_{2} \frac{S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)}{t_{2}}\right],\left[g_{2} \frac{P_{2}}{t_{2}}\right]\right\} \text { (e.g. N/tex) }
$$

Breaking strain of bundle
a) $a_{\Sigma}=a_{1}$ if $P_{\Sigma} / T=g_{1} P_{1} / t_{1}+g_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}$
b) $a_{\Sigma}=a_{2}$ if $\quad P_{\Sigma} / T=g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}$

Graphical representation of resulting equation

$$
P_{\Sigma} / T=\max \left\{\left[g_{1} P_{1} / t_{1}+g_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}\right],\left[g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}\right]\right\}
$$



Minimum bundle tenacity - two possibilities:
a) $g_{2}=0$ (o) and then $\quad P_{\Sigma} / T=P_{1} / t_{1}$

b) By point of intersection ( $\circ$ ) of two lines, it is

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\stackrel{=1-g_{2}}{g_{1}} P_{1} / t_{1}+g_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}=g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}, & g_{2}=\frac{P_{1} / t_{1}}{P_{1} / t_{1}+P_{2} / t_{2}-S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}} \\
P_{1} / t_{1}=g_{2} P_{1} / t_{1}+g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}-g_{2} S_{2}\left(a_{1}\right) / t_{2}, &
\end{array}
$$

and using of this value we get $P_{\Sigma} / T=g_{2} P_{2} / t_{2}$
Now, the minimum bundle tenacity is the minimum of three calculated values $P_{\Sigma} / T$.
Note: After addition of fibers having higher tenacity, the tenacity of resulting bundle can decrease!

## EMPIRICAL USAGE OF RESULTS FOR YARNS

Instead of fiber parameters, parameters of one component and blended yarns are used.

| Quantity | Instead of FIBERS and BUNDLES | we use values of YARNS |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $p_{1}$ | Relative strength (tenacity) of fiber <br> with lower breaking strain | Relative strength (tenacity) of one <br> component yarn with lower breaking <br> strain |
| $p_{2}$ | Relative strength (tenacity) of fiber <br> with higher breaking strain | Relative strength (tenacity) of one <br> component yarn with higher breaking strain |
| $a_{1}$ | Breaking strain of fiber of compo- <br> nent with lower breaking strain | Breaking strain of one component <br> yarn with lower breaking strain |
| $a_{2}$ | Breaking strain of fiber of compo- <br> nent with higher breaking strain | Breaking strain of one component <br> yarn with higher breaking strain |
| $\sigma_{21}(a)$ | Relative force in fiber with higher <br> breaking strain by relative <br> elongation $\varepsilon=a_{1}$ | Relative force in one component yarn <br> with higher breaking strain by <br> relative elongation |
| $g_{1}, g_{2}$ | Mass portion of fibers with lower <br> and higher breaking strain in <br> bundle | Mass portion of fibers of one compo- <br> nent yarn with lower and higher <br> breaking strain in bundle |
| $p_{\Sigma}$ | Relative strength (tenacity) <br> of bundle from two components | Relative strength (tenacity) <br> of blended yarn from two components |
| $a_{\Sigma}$ | Breaking strain of bundle from <br> two components | Breaking strain of blended yarn from <br> two components |

Task 1 Calculate number of fibers in bundle, breaking strain of bundle, breaking strength of bundle and relative breaking strength of bundle.
a) $100 \%$ cotton, $T=20 \mathrm{tex}, t=0,17 \mathrm{tex}, ~ l=26 \mathrm{~mm}, p=0,298 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}, a=9 \%$
b) $100 \%$ POP, $T=20 \mathrm{tex}, t=0,188 \mathrm{tex}, l=40 \mathrm{~mm}, p=0,4 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}, a=63 \%$
a) $n=118$ fibers, $a_{\text {bundle }}=9 \%, P_{\text {bundle }}=5,98 \mathrm{~N}, p_{\text {bundle }}=0,298 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}$
b) $n=106$ fibers, $a_{\text {bundle }}=63 \%, P_{\text {bundle }}=7,97 \mathrm{~N}, p_{\text {bundle }}=0,4 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}$

Task 2 Calculate relative breaking strength of blended yarn 65CO/35POP, yarn count is 20tex, if you know properties of each component:
$100 \%$ cotton, $t=0,17$ tex, $p_{1}=0,183$ Ntex $^{-1}, a_{1}=6,2 \%$
$100 \%$ POP, $t=0,188$ tex, $p_{2}=0,231 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}, a_{2}=24,3 \%$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)=a_{1} \frac{p_{2}}{a_{2}}=6,2 \frac{0,231}{24,3}=0,0589 \mathrm{~N} / \text { tex } \\
& G_{2}=\frac{p_{1}}{p_{1}+p_{2}-\sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)}=\frac{0,183}{0,183+0,231-0,0589}=0,52 \\
& G_{1}=1-G_{2}=0,48 \\
& g_{2}=0,35 \Rightarrow p_{\Sigma}=g_{1} p_{1}+g_{2} \sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)=0,65 * 0,183+0,35 * 0,0589=0,1396 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{tex}
\end{aligned}
$$

Task 3 Calculate relative breaking strength of blended yarn 50CO/50PES, yarn count is 25tex, if you know properties of each component:
$100 \%$ cotton, $p_{1}=0,332$ Ntex $^{-1}, a_{1}=4,9 \%$
$100 \%$ PES, $p_{2}=0,132$ Ntex $^{-1}, a_{2}=15 \%$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)=a_{1} \frac{p_{2}}{a_{2}}=4,9 \frac{0,132}{15}=0,04312 \mathrm{~N} / \text { tex } \\
& G_{2}=\frac{p_{1}}{p_{1}+p_{2}-\sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)}=\frac{0,332}{0,332+0,132-0,04312}=0,79 \\
& G_{1}=1-G_{2}=0,21 \\
& g_{2}=0,5 \Rightarrow p_{\Sigma}=g_{1} p_{1}+g_{2} \sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)=0,50 * 0,332+0,5 * 0,04312=0,1876 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{tex}
\end{aligned}
$$

Task 4 Calculate relative breaking strength of blended yarn 35CO/65POP, yarn count is 20tex, if you know properties of each component:
$100 \%$ cotton, $p_{1}=0,14 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}, a_{1}=4,2 \%$
$100 \%$ POP, $p_{2}=0,42 \mathrm{Ntex}^{-1}, a_{2}=9 \%$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)=a_{1} \frac{p_{2}}{a_{2}}=4,2 \frac{0,42}{9}=0,196 \mathrm{~N} / \text { tex } \\
& G_{2}=\frac{p_{1}}{p_{1}+p_{2}-\sigma_{2}\left(a_{1}\right)}=\frac{0,14}{0,14+0,42-0,196}=0,38 \\
& G_{1}=1-G_{2}=0,62 \\
& g_{2}=0,65 \Rightarrow p_{\Sigma}=g_{2} p_{2}=0,65 * 0,42=0,273 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{tex}
\end{aligned}
$$

