

EML 4230 Introduction to Composite Materials

Chapter 3 Micromechanical Analysis of a Lamina **Coefficients of Moisture Expansion**

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Coefficients of Moisture Expansion

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\beta_f \Delta C_f V_f E_f + \beta_m \Delta C_m V_m E_m}{E_1 (\Delta C_f \rho_f V_f + \Delta C_m \rho_m V_m)} \rho_c$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{V_f (1 + \nu_f) \Delta C_f \beta_f + V_m (1 + \nu_m) \Delta C_m \beta_m}{(V_m \rho_m \Delta C_m + V_f \rho_f \Delta C_f)} \rho_c - \beta_1 \nu_{12}$$

Coefficients of Moisture Expansion

$$\beta_1 = \frac{E_m}{E_1} \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_m} \beta_m$$

$$\beta_2 = (1 + \nu_m) \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_m} \beta_m - \beta_1 \nu_{12}$$

Coefficients of Moisture Expansion

$$\beta_1 = 0, \text{ and} \quad \beta_2 = (1 + \nu_m) \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_m} \beta_m$$



$$F_1 = \sigma_1 A_c = 0 = \sigma_f A_f + \sigma_m A_m, \text{ and} \quad \sigma_f V_f + \sigma_m V_m = 0$$



$$\sigma_f = E_f (\varepsilon_f - \beta_f \Delta C_f), \text{ and} \quad \sigma_m = E_m (\varepsilon_m - \beta_m \Delta C_m)$$



$$\varepsilon_f = \frac{\beta_f \Delta C_f V_f E_f + \beta_m \Delta C_m V_m E_m}{E_f V_f + E_m V_m}$$

Coefficients of Moisture Expansion

$$\varepsilon_1 = \beta_1 \Delta C_c$$

$$\therefore \beta_1 = \frac{\beta_f \Delta C_f V_f E_f + \beta_m \Delta C_m V_m E_m}{(E_f V_f + E_m V_m) \Delta C_c}$$

$$\Delta C_c w_c = \Delta C_f w_f + \Delta C_m w_m$$

$$\therefore \Delta C_c = \Delta C_f W_f + \Delta C_m W_m$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\beta_f \Delta C_f V_f E_f + \beta_m \Delta C_m V_m E_m}{(E_f V_f + E_m V_m) (\Delta C_f W_f + \Delta C_m W_m)}$$

$$\therefore \beta_1 = \frac{\beta_f \Delta C_f V_f E_f + \beta_m \Delta C_m V_m E_m}{E_1 (\Delta C_f \rho_f V_f + \Delta C_m \rho_m V_m)} \rho_c$$

Example

Example 3.19

Find the two coefficients of moisture expansion for a Glass/Epoxy lamina with 70% fiber volume fraction. Use properties for glass and epoxy from Tables 3.1 and 3.2, respectively. Assume glass does not absorb moisture.

Example

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$$\rho_f = 2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\nu_m = 0.3$$

$$\rho_m = 1200 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\rho_c = 2110 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\beta_m = 0.33 \text{ m/m/kg/kg}$$

$$E_1 = 60.52 \text{ GPa}$$

$$E_m = 3.4 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu_{12} = 0.230$$

Example

Example 3.19

$$\beta_1 = \frac{3.4 \times 10^9}{60.52 \times 10^9} \frac{2110}{1200} (0.33)$$
$$= 0.3260 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m/m/kg/kg}$$

Example

Example 3.19

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_2 &= (1 + 0.3) \frac{2110}{1200} (0.33) - (0.3260 \times 10^{-1}) (0.230) \\ &= 0.7468 \text{ m/m/kg/kg}\end{aligned}$$

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