

# Jessi: Predicting Properties of Ropes from Yarns

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Variability & Viscoelasticity of aramid ropes (parafil = ~~Kevlar~~ Kevlar<sup>49</sup>) creep.

Little or ~~no~~ twist of fibres in yarns.  $\exists$  an optimum twist because broken fibres can still carry load  $\epsilon(t, \sigma) = \alpha(\sigma) + \beta(\sigma) \cdot f(t)$   
 No twist of yarns in ropes.  $\approx 7^\circ/\text{metre}$ .  $\epsilon_{t=0}$  response

A Terylene } 3 types of parafil.  
 F Kevlar 29 }  
 Type 6 Kevlar 49 }  
 high stress, high modulus, lowest breaking strain.

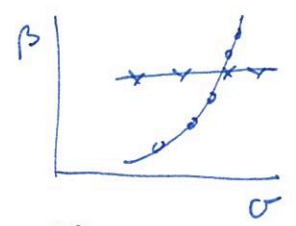
$$f(t) = t^n$$

$$\approx \log(a + bt)$$

Strength and  $E$  and  $E_f$  all decrease as rope size increases.  
 $\sigma_E \leftarrow 2-30 \text{ MPa}$   
 $\leftarrow 2000 \text{ MPa}$   
 $\leftarrow 1000 \text{ fibre yarn}$   
 $\leftarrow 100 \text{ fibres}$   
 $\leftarrow 3500 \text{ MPa}$   
 $\leftarrow 100 \text{ W's is } 1926 \text{ MPa}$   
 X-Area

over 300 yarns in 60 tonne rope.

is  $\beta(\sigma) = K \cdot \sigma$  ?  
 Conflicts repair !!!



NB. ropes are prestressed.



$$\sigma(t) = E_0 \cdot L(t)$$

strain relax

$$\epsilon(t) = \sigma_0 \cdot J(t)$$

creep relaxation complex

& relate  $J$  &  $L$ .  
 $\epsilon$  all eqns in terms of  $\epsilon$  &  $\sigma$ .  
 Better to use  $\dot{\epsilon}(\epsilon)$  &

## Models used to Describe Behaviour

using scatter in fibre properties

- Daniel's - equal area + stiffens each yarn 0.9
- Phoenix - considers slack 0.85
- bundle strength / fibre strength 0.7  $\leftarrow$  expt. l.

## New Model

variation in yarn area! (expt.)  
 stiffens NOT constant  $\rightarrow$  load sharing shift as yarns break  
 $\hookrightarrow$  non linear stiffness.  
 inc. slack.

$$\sigma_i(\epsilon) = \begin{cases} f(\epsilon, A_i, b_i) & \epsilon < \epsilon_{f_i} \\ 0 & \epsilon > \epsilon_{f_i} \end{cases}$$

slack

assume  $A_i, b_i, \epsilon_{f_i}$  are independent distributions.

But fibres are in dependent.

bundle stress prob is:

$$F_n(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\epsilon)$$

$$U(\epsilon) = E[\sigma_i(\epsilon)]$$

mean estimated stress of fibre bundle.

just like Phoenix except for a non-linear  $\sigma/\epsilon$  curve.