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# Homogeneous, Isotropic and anisotropic material



**Homogeneous:** Same properties at any site

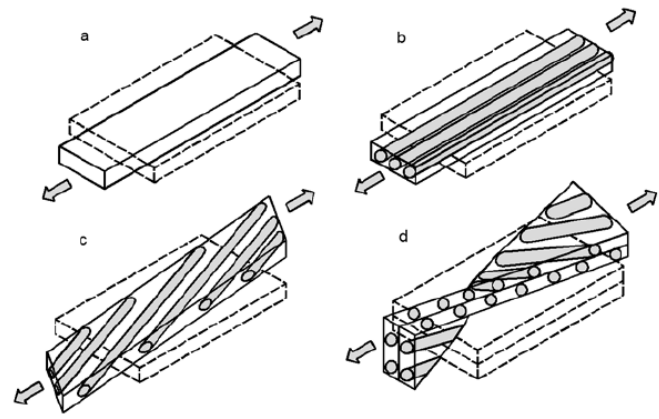
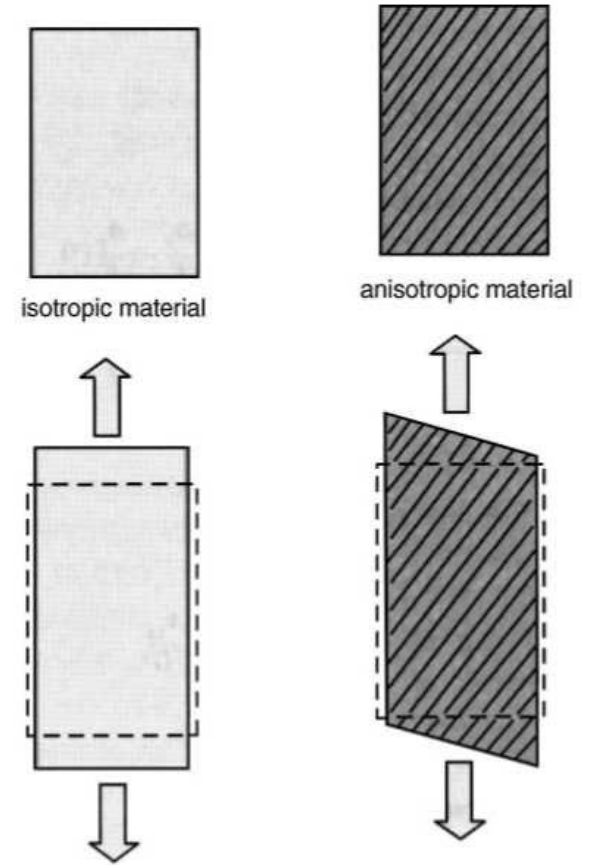
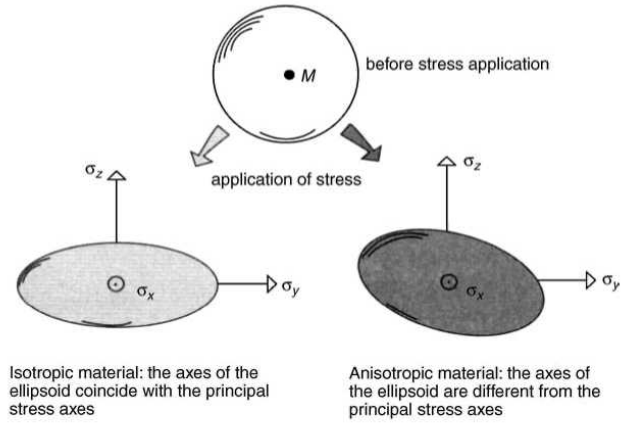


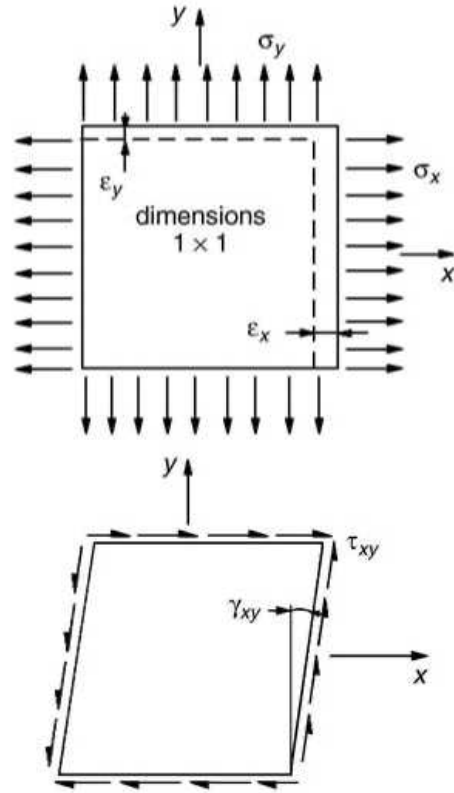
**Isotropic:** Same properties at all directions



**Anisotropic:** Different properties along different directions

Low or high anisotropy...





$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_y}{E}$$

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E}$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{G}$$

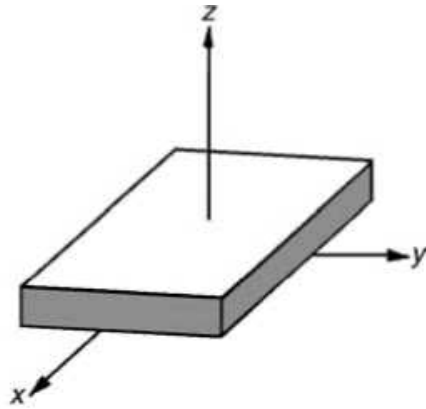
## ISOTROPIC MATERIAL

3 Elastic constants exist... $E$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $G$

However, since:

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

**Only 2 INDEPENDENT** elastic constants are necessary to characterize an elastic isotropic material.

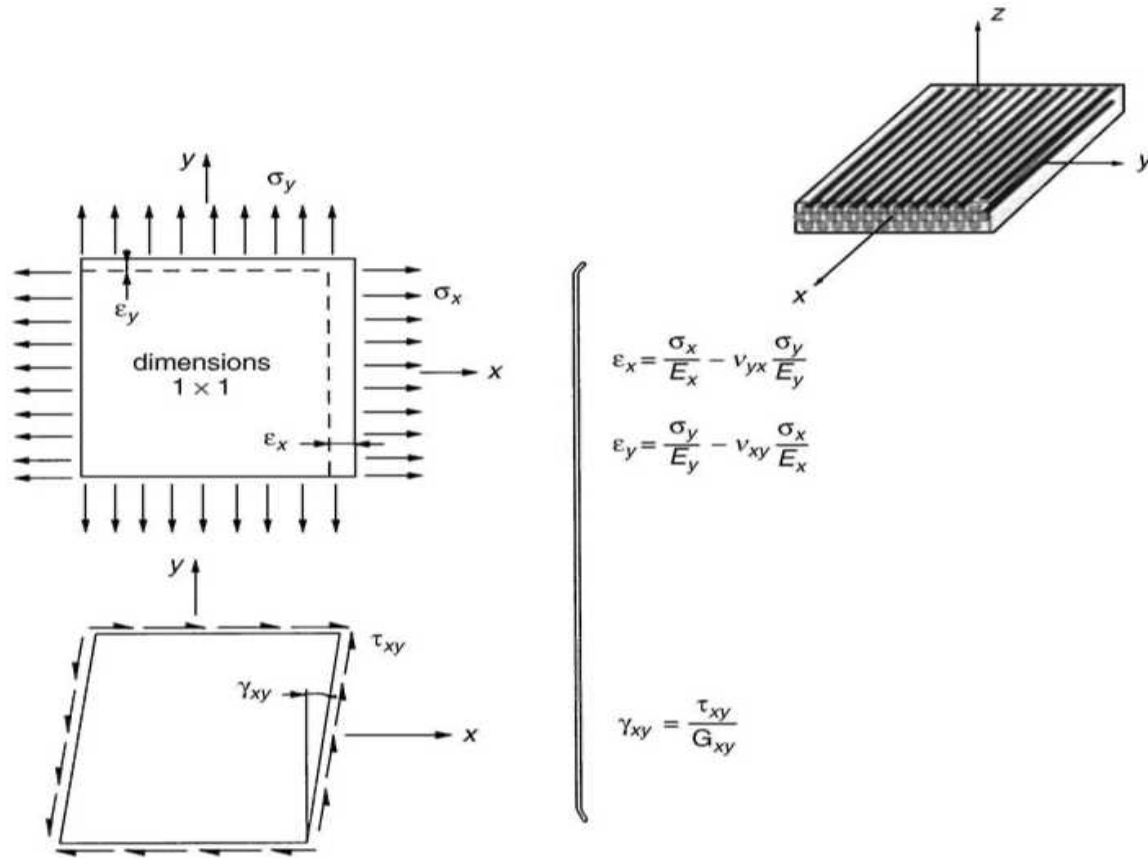


# Stress-strain relation for elastic-isotropic materials

$\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}$  are the small strains

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# ANISOTROPIC MATERIAL

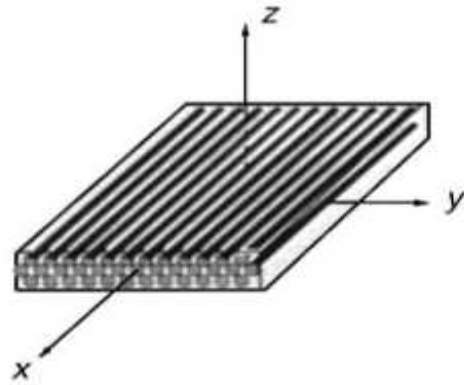
(here)  
Unidirectional lamina

- 5 distinct elastic constants:

- Two moduli of elasticity:  $E_x, E_y$
- Two Poisson coefficients:  $\nu_{xy}, \nu_{yx}$
- One shear modulus:  $G_{xy}$

symmetry

$$\nu_{xy} = \nu_{yx} \frac{E_x}{E_y}$$



# Stress-strain relation for elastic-anisotropic material (plane stress)

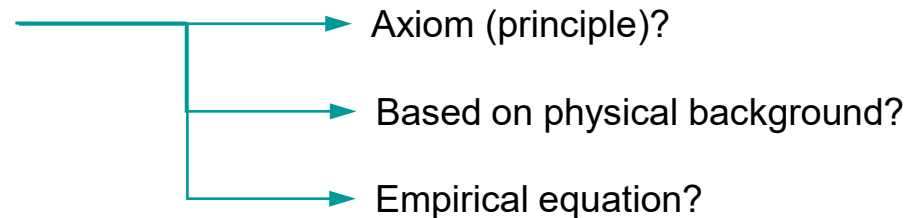
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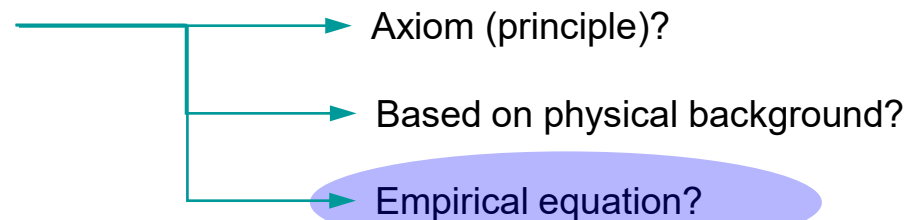
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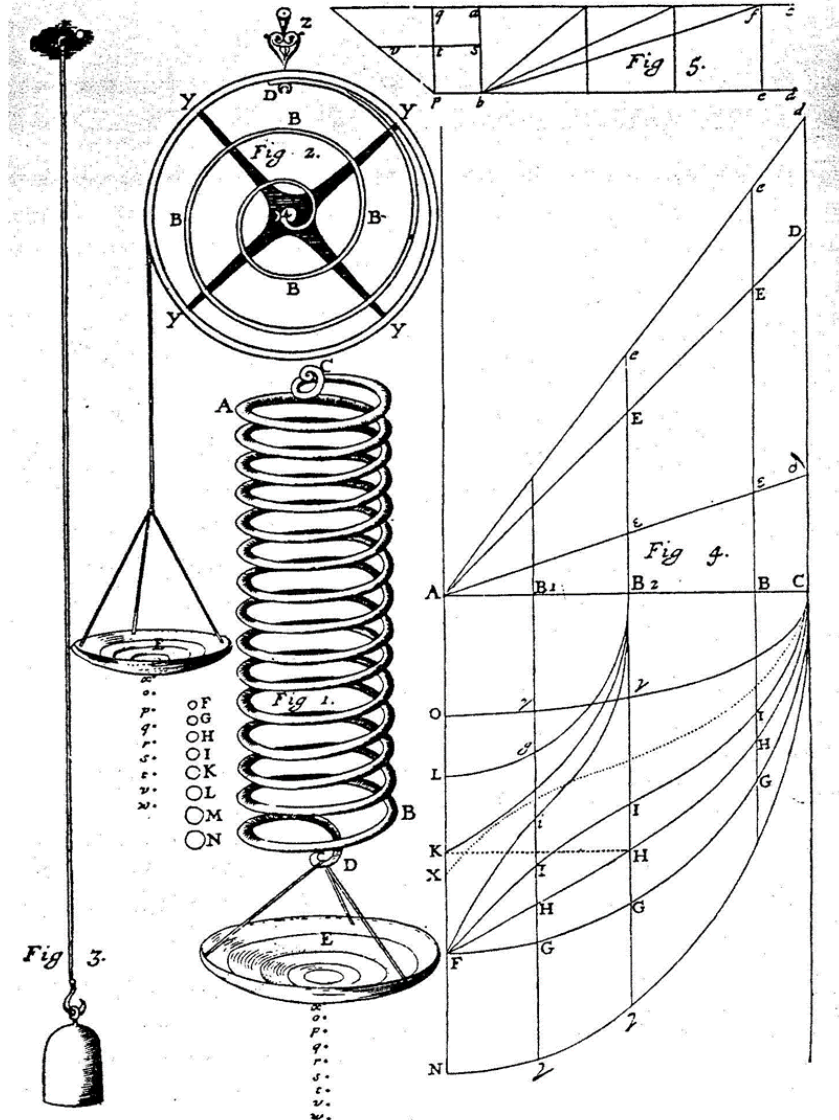
**Robert Hooke (1635-1703)**

“De Potentia restitutivâ” or “Of Spring” (1678)

Anagram: C E I I N O S S S T T U V

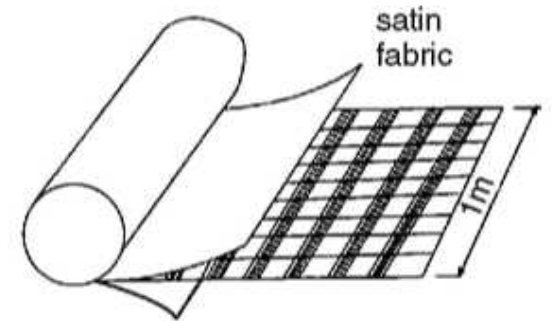
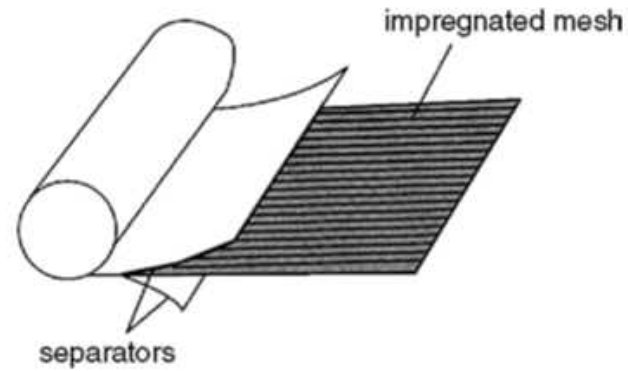
“UT TENSIO SIC VIS”

“As the extension, so the force”



## The laminate

A laminate results in the superposition of many layers, or plies, or sheets, made of unidirectional layers, fabrics or mats with proper orientation in each ply





# Code to represent a laminate

- Each ply is noted by its orientation
- The successive plies are separated by a slash
- An index is used to indicate more than one successive plies along the same orientation
- Indices T or S are placed at the end to determine Total, or Symmetric laminates
- Bar, e.g.,  $\overline{90}$  is used in symmetric laminates when plane of symmetry is in the current layer, e.g., laminate  $[0/90/0]_T$  could also be written as:  $[0/\overline{90}]_S$

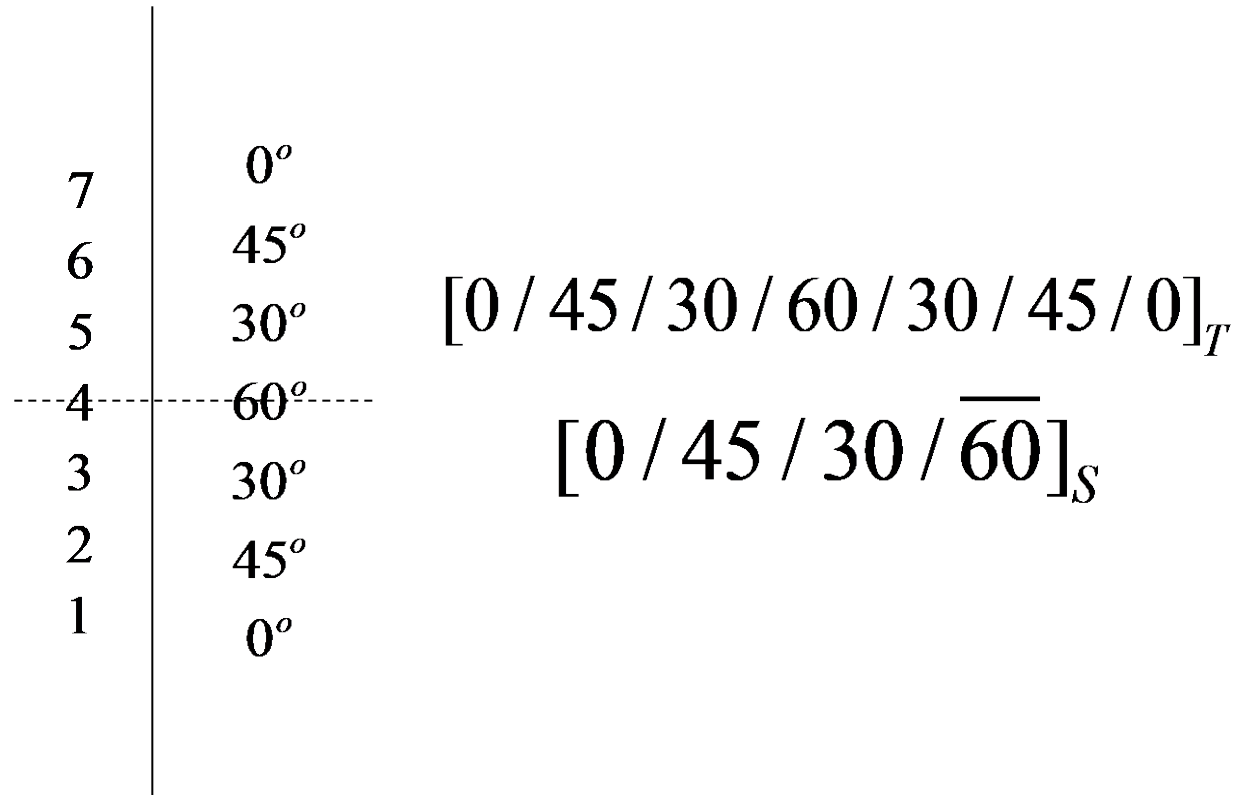
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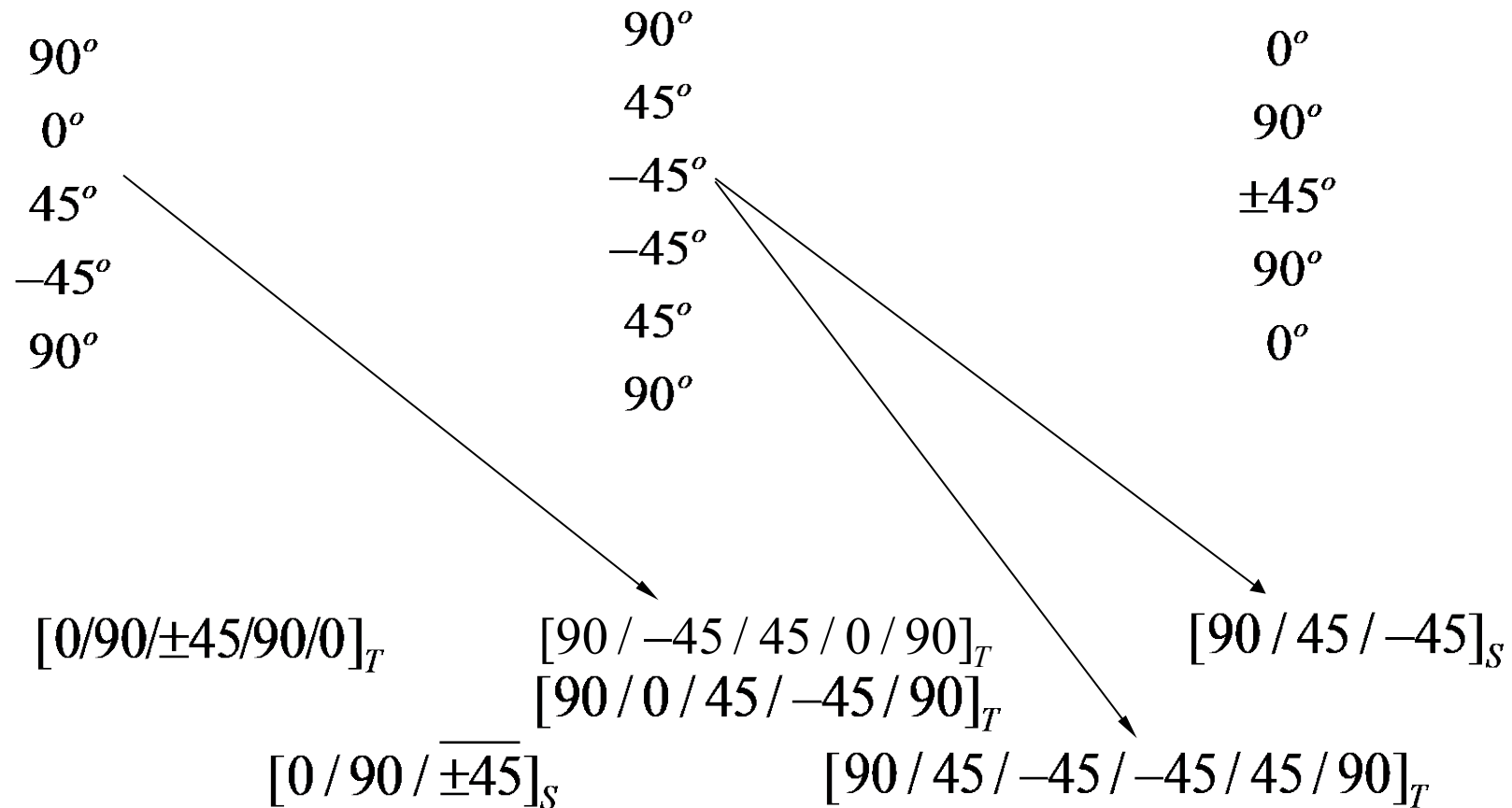
10	$90^\circ$	[90 / 0 <sub>2</sub> / 45 / -45 / -45 / 45 / 0 <sub>2</sub> / 90] <sub>T</sub>
9	$0^\circ$	
8	$0^\circ$	
7	$45^\circ$	
6	$-45^\circ$	
5	$-45^\circ$	
4	$45^\circ$	
3	$0^\circ$	
2	$0^\circ$	
1	$90^\circ$	

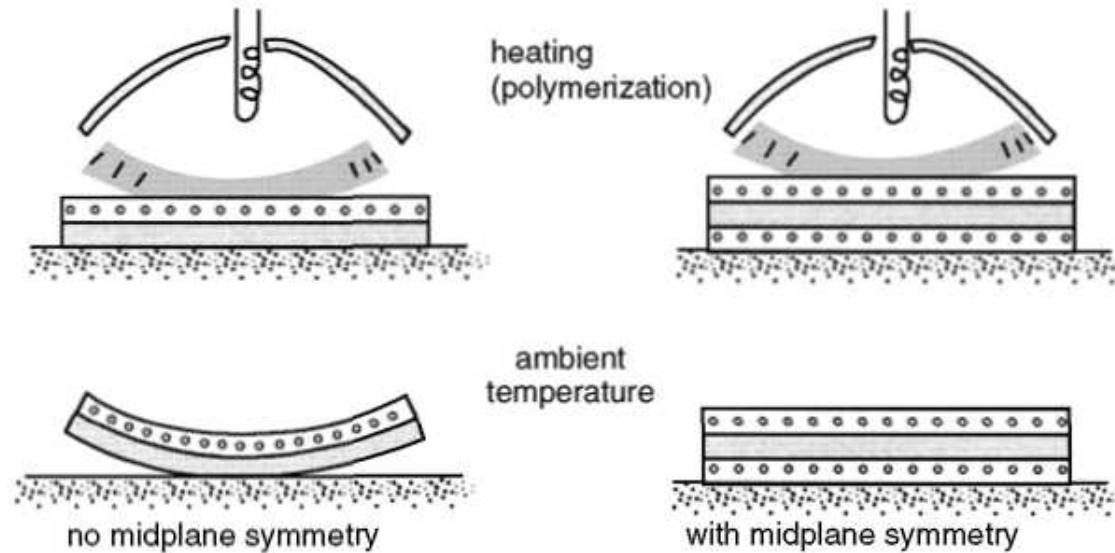
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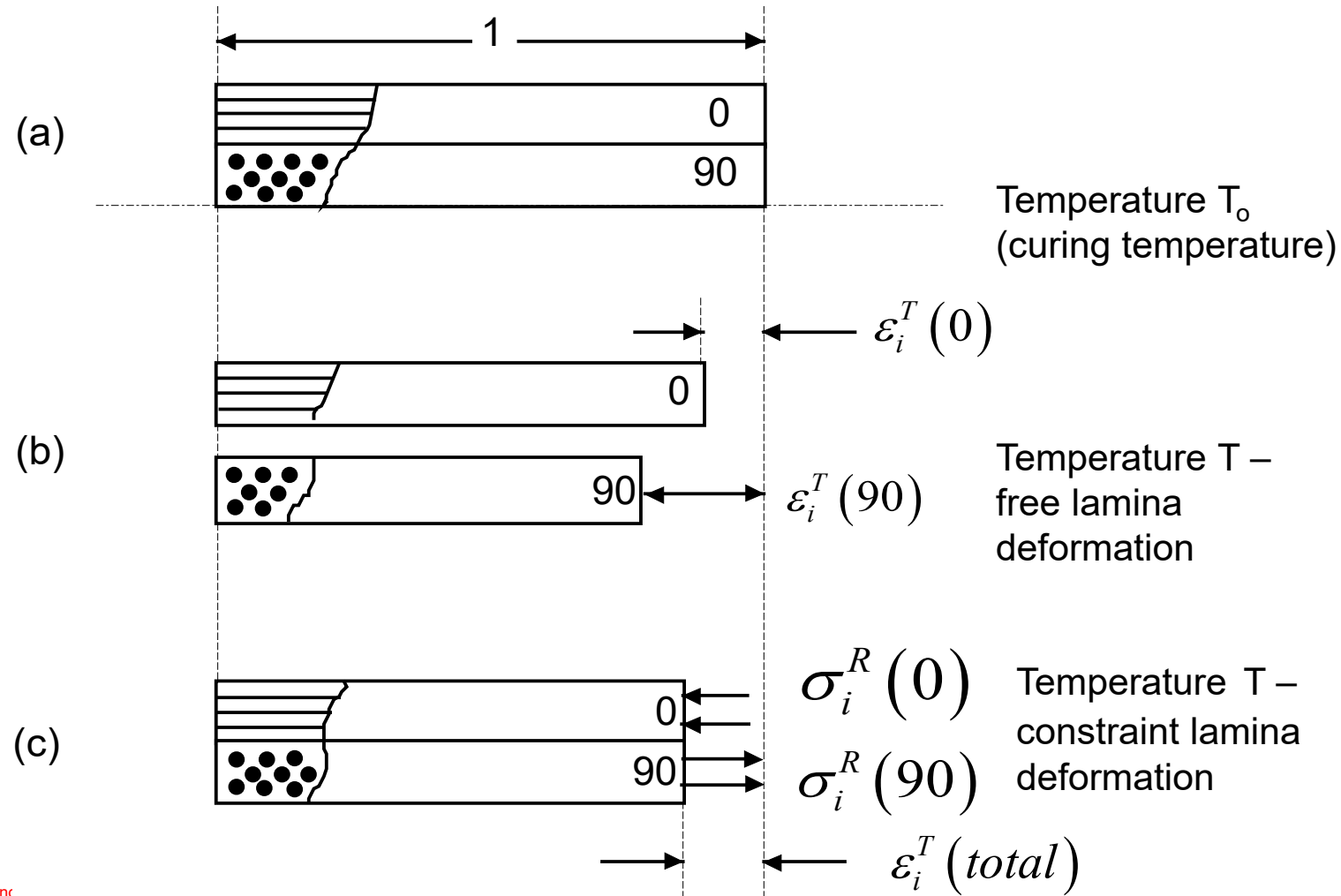
## Need for mid-plane symmetry

Mid-plane symmetry prevents the deformations due to thermal residual stresses...

Mid-plane symmetry imposes the symmetry of these stresses and prevents the deformations of the whole part.

# Remaining stresses

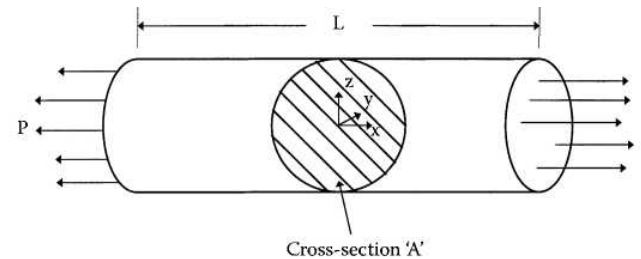
Residual stresses during fabrication, e.g.  $[0/90]_s$



# Macromechanical analysis of a lamina

- For a linear isotropic material in a three dimensional stress state, the Hooke's law stress strain relationships at a point in a x-y-z orthogonal system can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \epsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$



Determine stress and strain state

$$\sigma_x = \frac{P}{A}, \sigma_y = 0, \sigma_z = 0, \tau_{yz} = 0, \tau_{zx} = 0, \tau_{xy} = 0.$$

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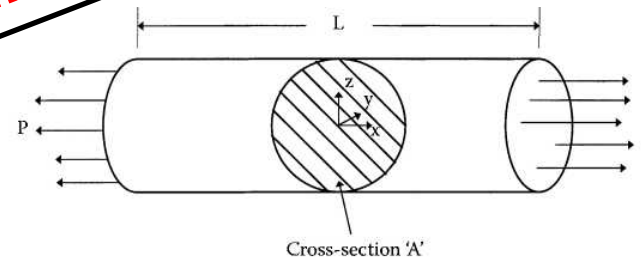
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$$\gamma_{yz} = 0, \gamma_{zx} = 0, \gamma_{xy} = 0.$$

# Hooke's Law for different types of materials

- For a general material, linearly elastic and anisotropic, the general stress-strain relationship is expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{31} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & C_{15} & C_{16} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & C_{25} & C_{26} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} & C_{34} & C_{35} & C_{36} \\ C_{41} & C_{42} & C_{43} & C_{44} & C_{45} & C_{46} \\ C_{51} & C_{52} & C_{53} & C_{54} & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ C_{61} & C_{62} & C_{63} & C_{64} & C_{65} & C_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{31} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix [C] is called the stiffness matrix.

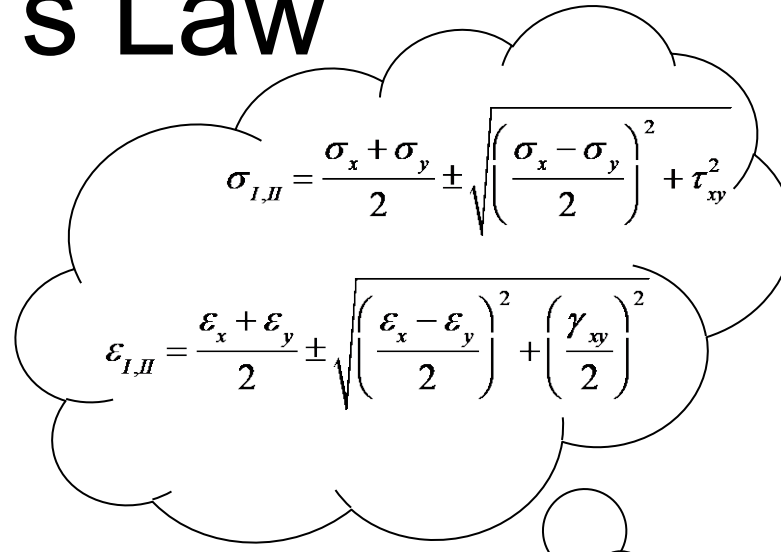
In this general case it contains 36 constants.

$C_{ij} = C_{ji}$  and thus only 21 independent variables exist

# Hooke's Law

Notation:

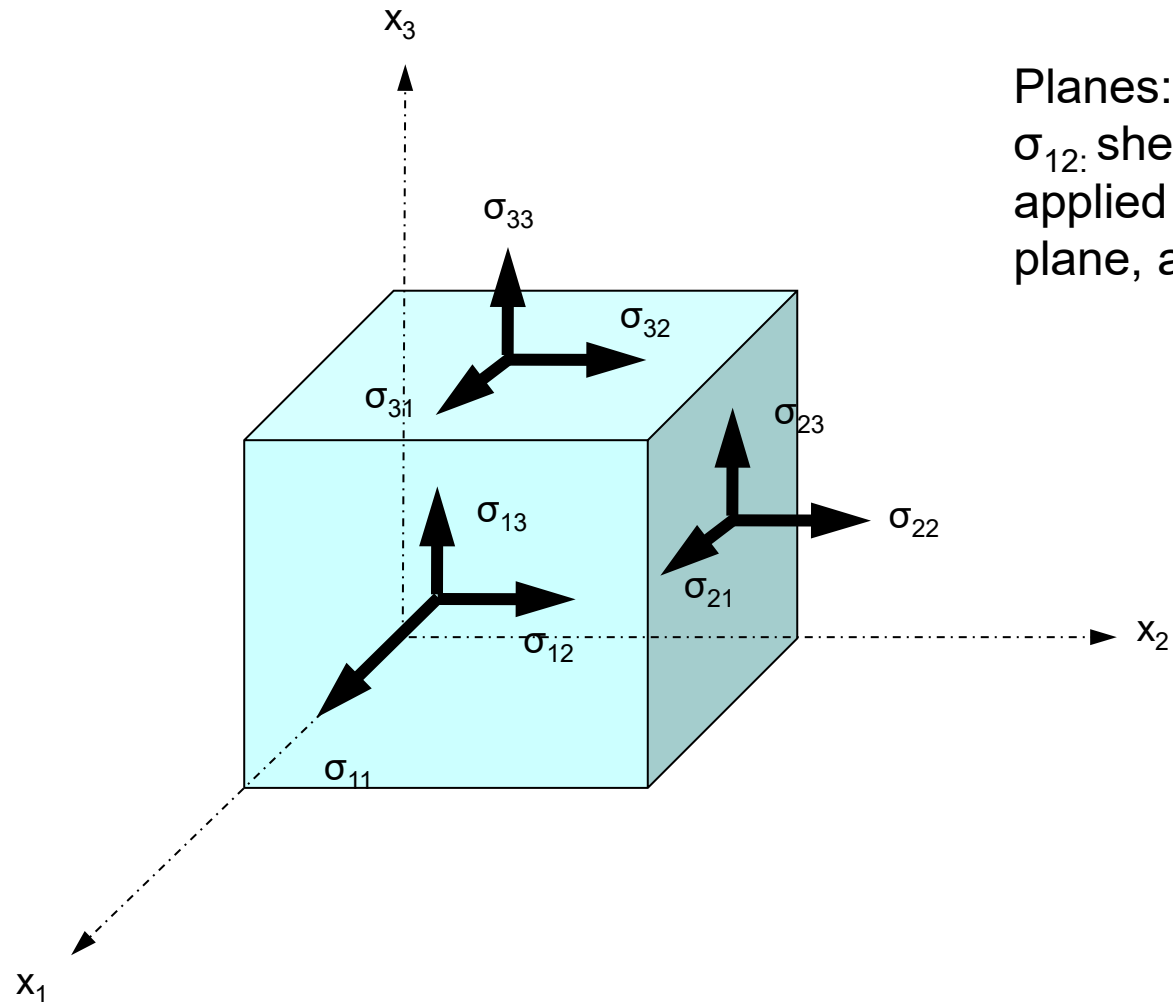
11	→	1	23	→	4
22	→	2	13	→	5
33	→	3	12	→	6



Hooke's law in matrix format:

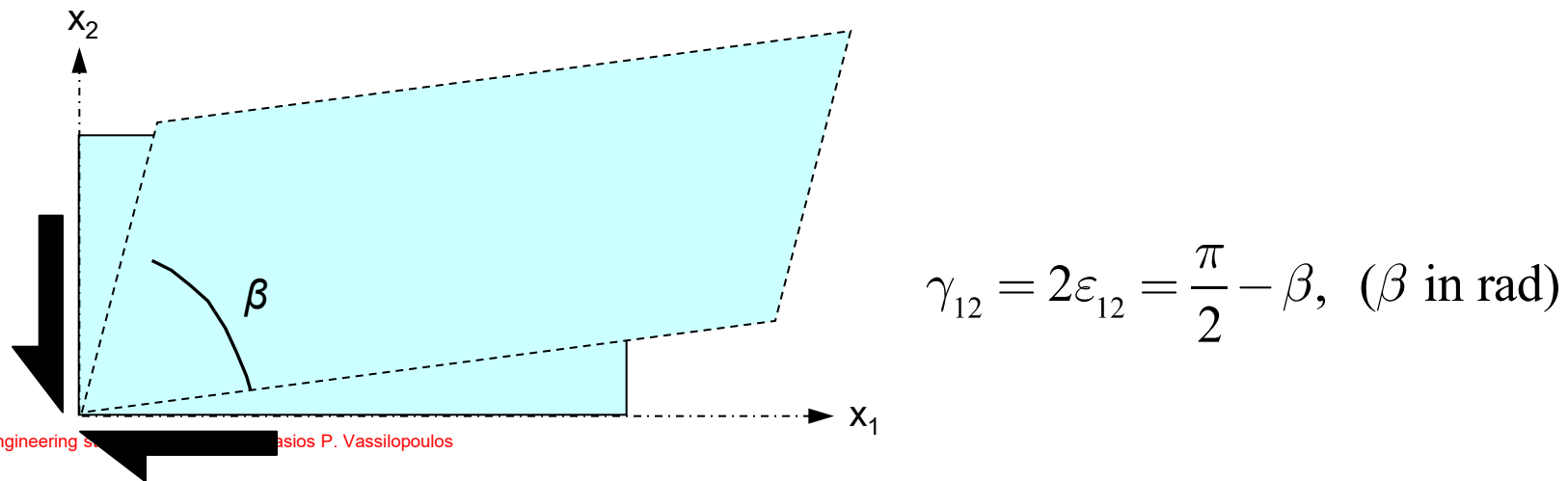
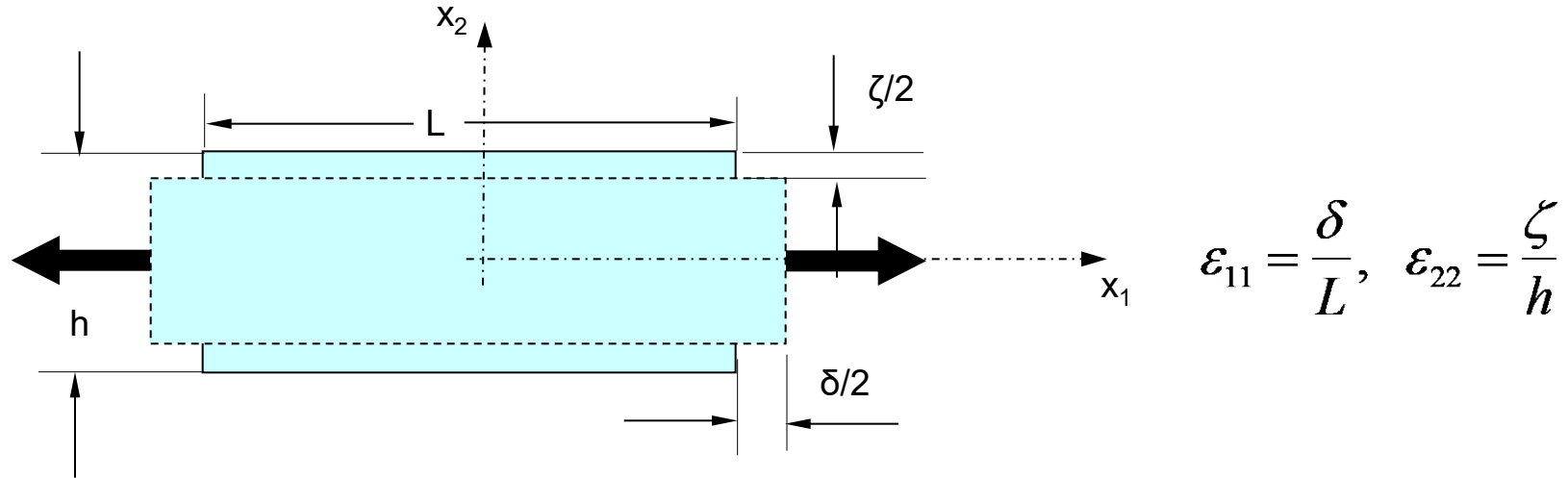
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# Geometrical meaning of the stress tensor components



Planes: 12, 13, 23  
 $\sigma_{12}$ : shear stress  
applied on the 23  
plane, along axis 2.

# Geometrical meaning of the strain components



# Compliance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{31} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} & S_{15} & S_{16} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} & S_{25} & S_{26} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} & S_{35} & S_{36} \\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{43} & S_{44} & S_{45} & S_{46} \\ S_{51} & S_{52} & S_{53} & S_{54} & S_{55} & S_{56} \\ S_{61} & S_{62} & S_{63} & S_{64} & S_{65} & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{31} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix}.$$

And for the case of an isotropic material:

$$S_{11} = \frac{1}{E} = S_{22} = S_{33}$$

$$S_{12} = -\frac{\nu}{E} = S_{13} = S_{21} = S_{23} = S_{31} = S_{32},$$

$$S_{44} = \frac{1}{G} = S_{55} = S_{66},$$

All other  $S_{ij}$   
components  
equal to zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x \\ \epsilon_y \\ \epsilon_z \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu}{E} & -\frac{\nu}{E} & \frac{1}{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix},$$

The stress strain relationship can be expressed as:

$$\sigma_i = \sum_{j=1}^6 C_{ij} \varepsilon_j, \quad i = 1 \dots 6$$

In this contracted notation:

$$\sigma_4 = \tau_{23}, \quad \sigma_5 = \tau_{31}, \quad \sigma_6 = \tau_{12},$$

$$\varepsilon_4 = \gamma_{23}, \quad \varepsilon_5 = \gamma_{31}, \quad \varepsilon_6 = \gamma_{12}$$

The strain energy in the body per unit volume is:

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^6 \sigma_i \varepsilon_i,$$

By substituting Hooke's law in the previous equation:

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 C_{ij} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j,$$

And by partial differentiation of W:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon_i} = C_{ij}, \quad \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon_j} = C_{ji}$$

Which means that:

$$C_{ij} = C_{ji}$$

Because differentiation does not necessarily need to be in order!

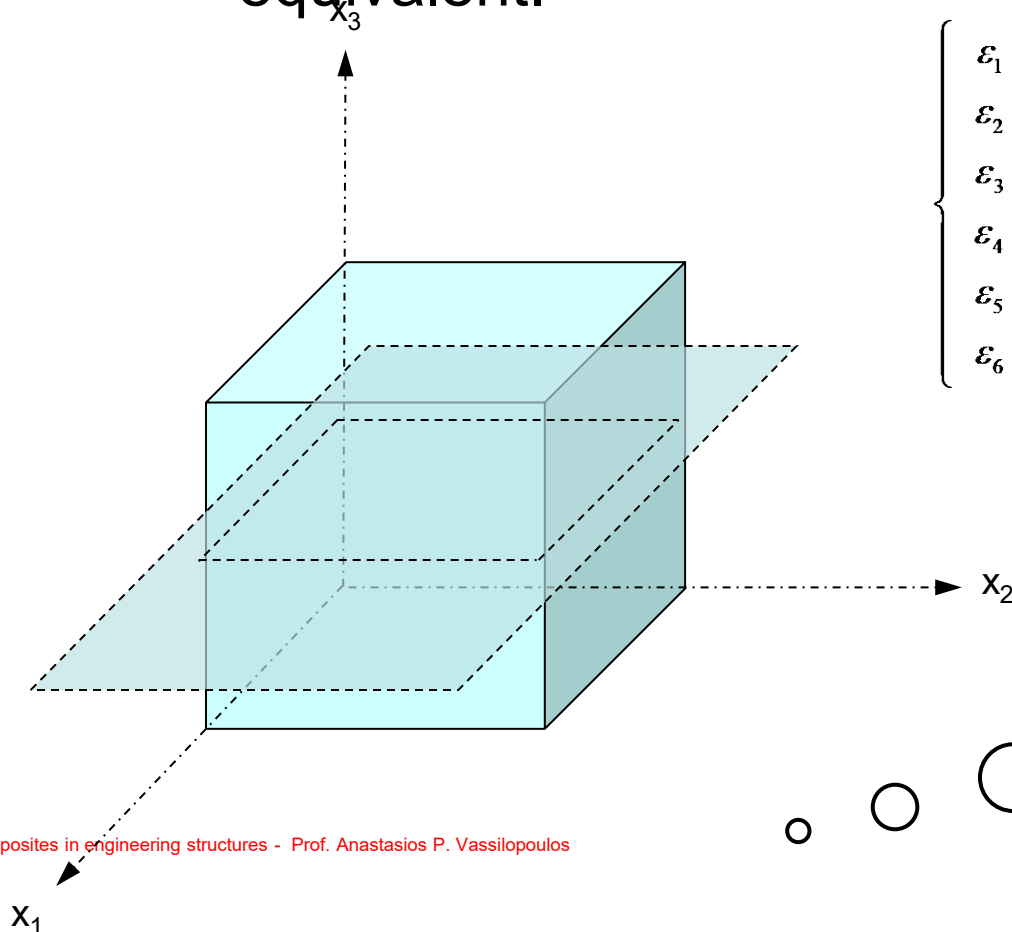


# Anisotropic material

- The material that has 21 independent elastic constants at a point
  - After determination of these constants for a specific **point**, then stress-strain relations could be developed, for that **point**.
  - If these constants are the same at different **points** of the material, then the material is called **homogeneous**, in other case, it is called **non-homogeneous**.
  - These 21 constants should be determined **experimentally**
  - However, some materials have same properties in different directions because of **symmetry** in their internal structure

# Monoclinic material

- Material with **one plane of symmetry**. Directions symmetric with respect to that plane are elastically equivalent.



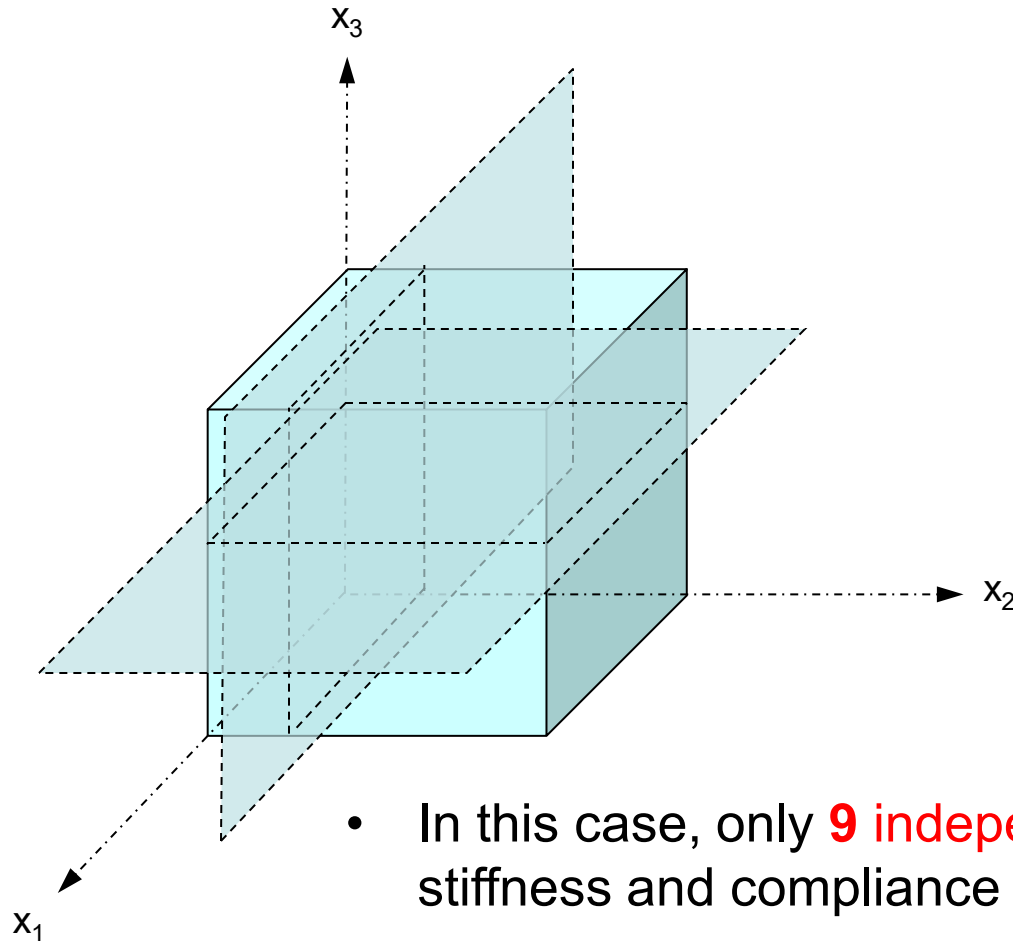
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Stiffness matrix has this form only because the plane  $x_1$ - $x_2$  has been selected as the symmetry plane...

$$C_{14} = 0, C_{15} = 0, C_{24} = 0, C_{25} = 0, C_{34} = 0, C_{35} = 0, C_{46} = 0, C_{56} = 0.$$

# Orthotropic material

- Material with **two perpendicular planes of symmetry**

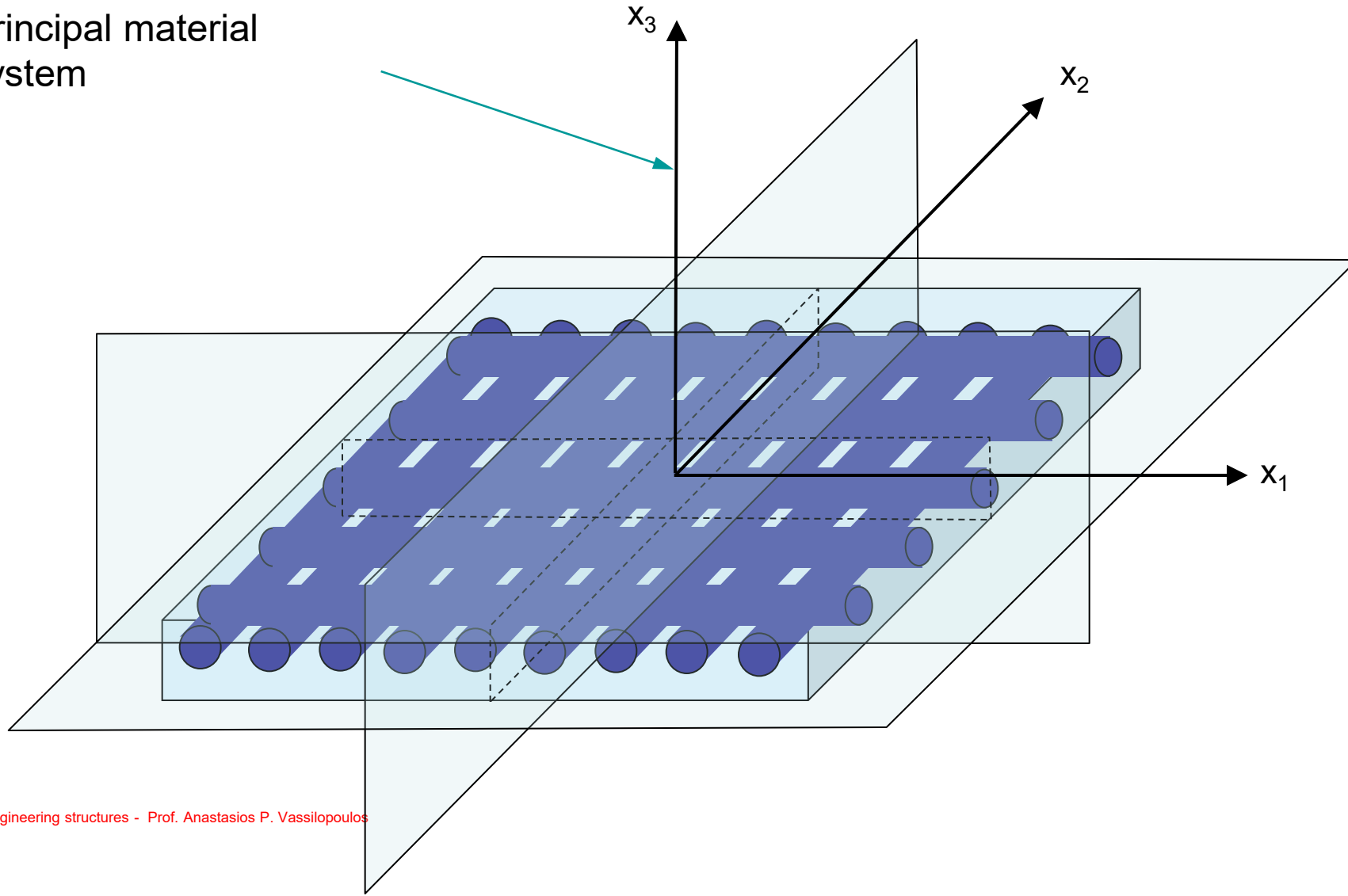


$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

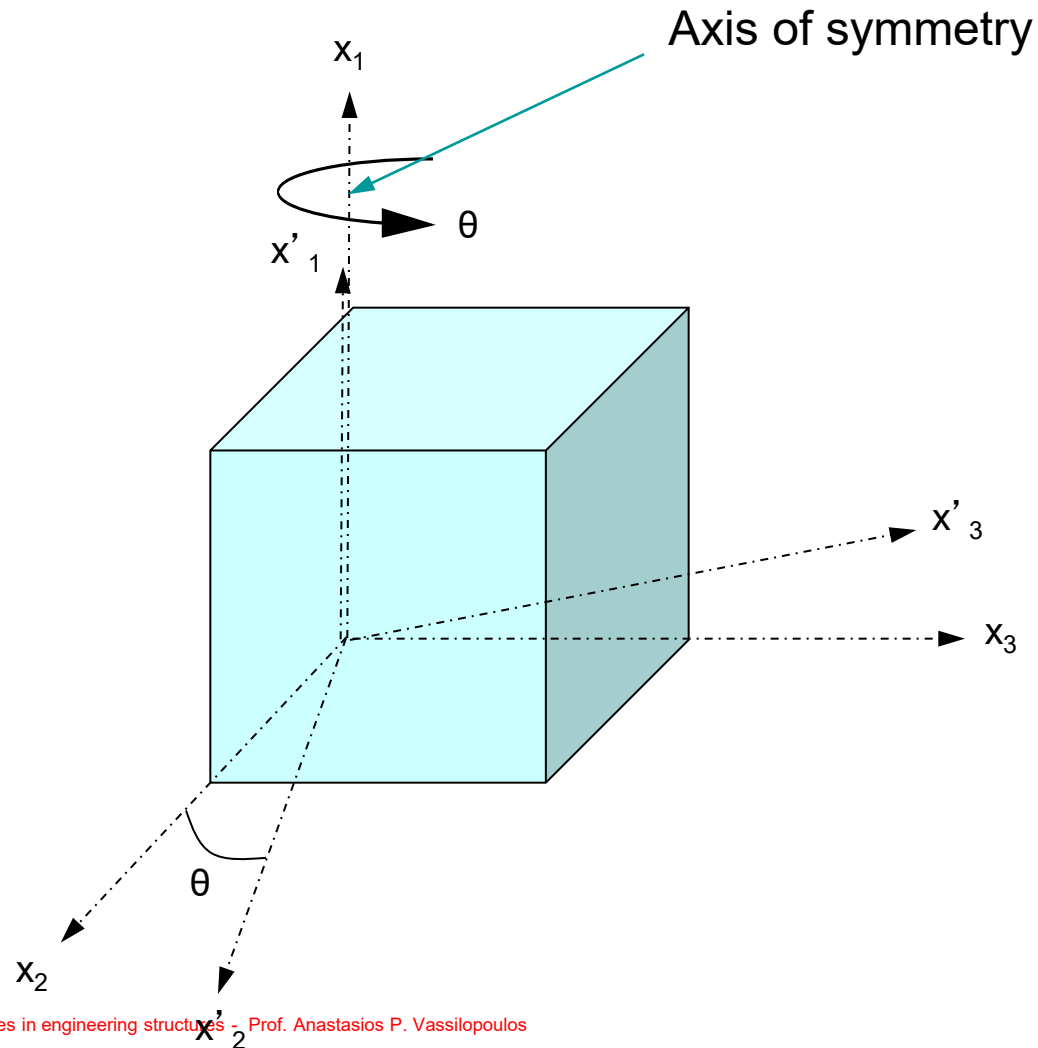
- In this case, only **9 independent variables** are present in both stiffness and compliance matrices

# Example of orthotropic material: Woven Fabric

Principal material system



# Transversely isotropic material

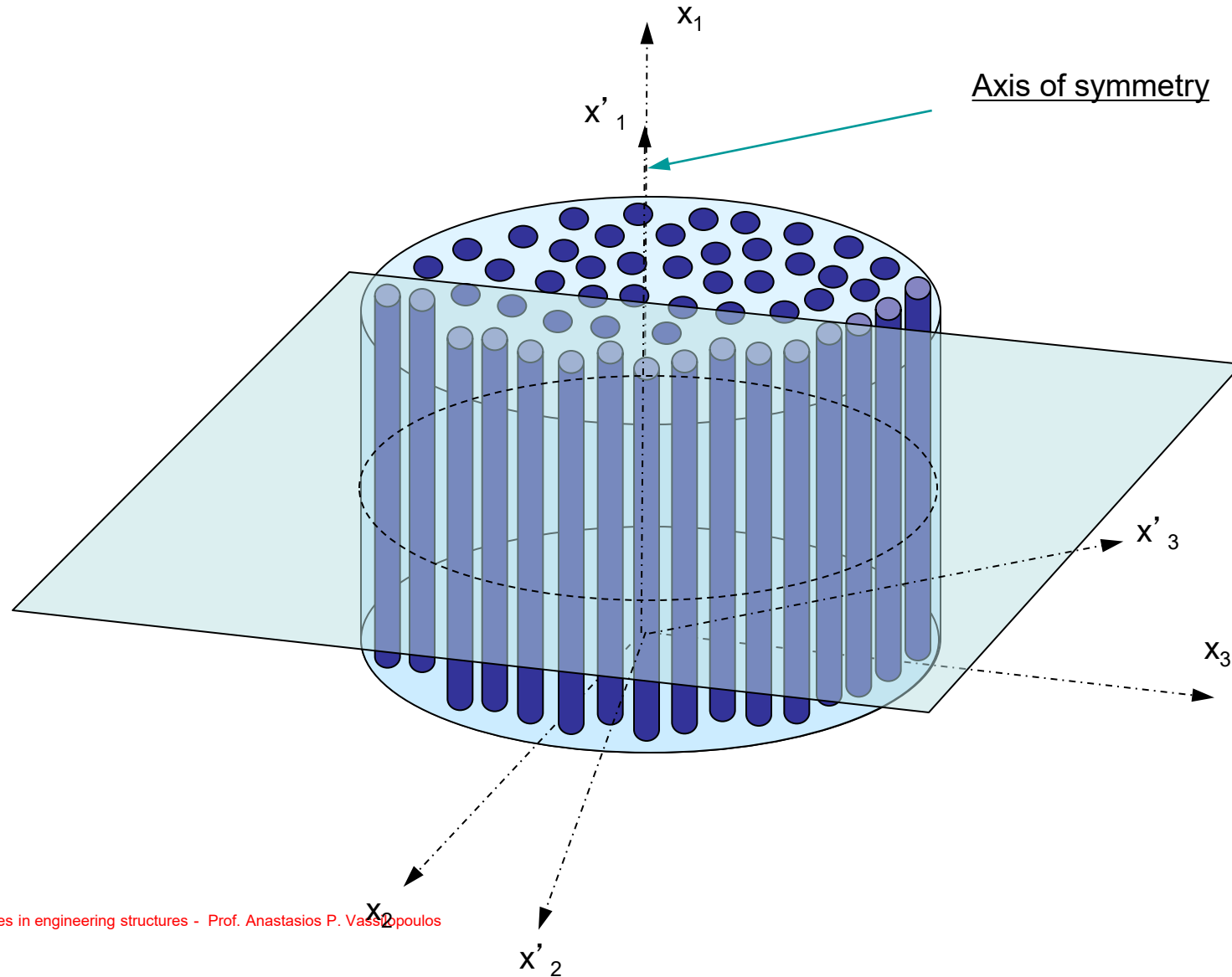


$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{12} & C_{23} & C_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{C_{22} - C_{23}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

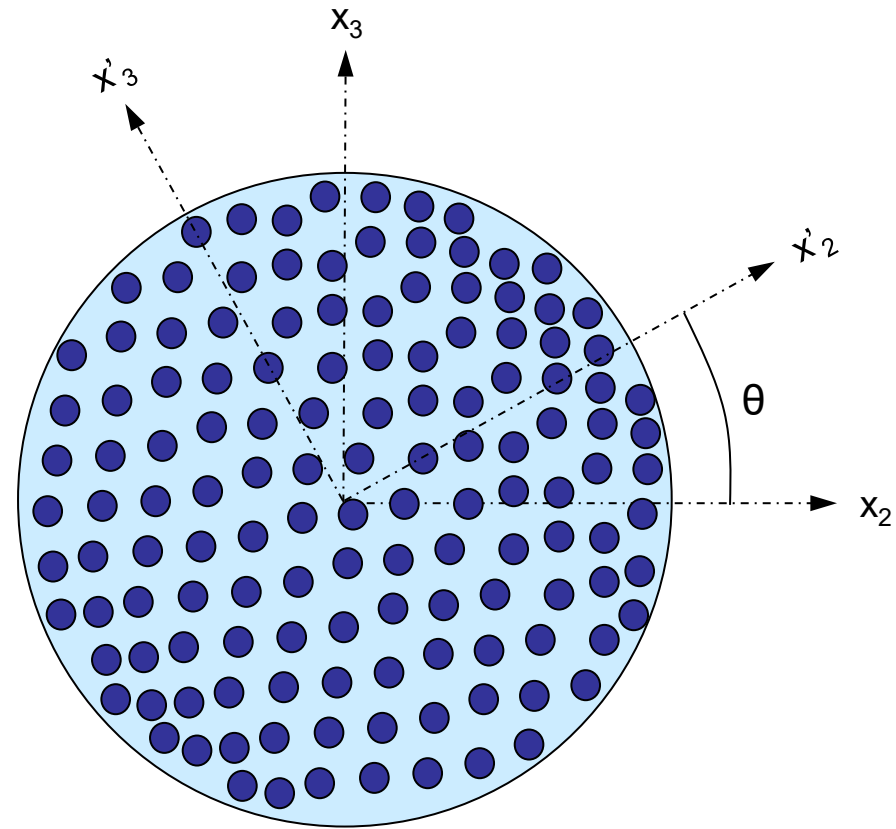
$$C_{22} = C_{33}, C_{12} = C_{13}, C_{55} = C_{66}, C_{44} = \frac{C_{22} - C_{23}}{2}$$

In this case only **5** independent variables exist.

# Example of transversely isotropic material



Isotropic plane of the transversely isotropic material



$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S'_{11} & S'_{12} & S'_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S'_{12} & S'_{22} & S'_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S'_{12} & S'_{23} & S'_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(S'_{22} - S'_{23}) & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S'_{66} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S'_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{12} & S_{23} & S_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(S_{22} - S_{23}) & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Isotropic material

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & S_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12}) & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12}) & 0 \\ & & & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2(S_{11} - S_{12}) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{E} + \frac{\nu}{E} \right) = \frac{2(1 + \nu)}{E} = \frac{1}{G}$$

~~Principal axes~~

$$\sigma'_i = C_{ij} \varepsilon'_j$$

$$\sigma_i = C_{ij} \varepsilon_j$$

## Summary-Independent elastic constants for various types of materials



Anisotropic:

21



Monoclinic:

13



Orthotropic:

9



Transversely isotropic:

5



Isotropic:

2

Summary:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} & S_{15} & S_{16} \\
 & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} & S_{25} & S_{26} \\
 & & S_{33} & S_{34} & S_{35} & S_{36} \\
 & & & S_{44} & S_{45} & S_{46} \\
 & & & & S_{55} & S_{56} \\
 & & & & & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Anisotropic, 21

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & S_{16} \\
 & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & S_{26} \\
 & & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & S_{36} \\
 & & & S_{44} & S_{45} & 0 \\
 & & & & S_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Monoclinic, 13

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & S_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthotropic, 9

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & S_{55} & 0 \\
 & & & & & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transversely isotropic, 5

The same is valid for  $C_{ij}$  components  
 (...  $1/2 (C_{11}-C_{12})$ ...)

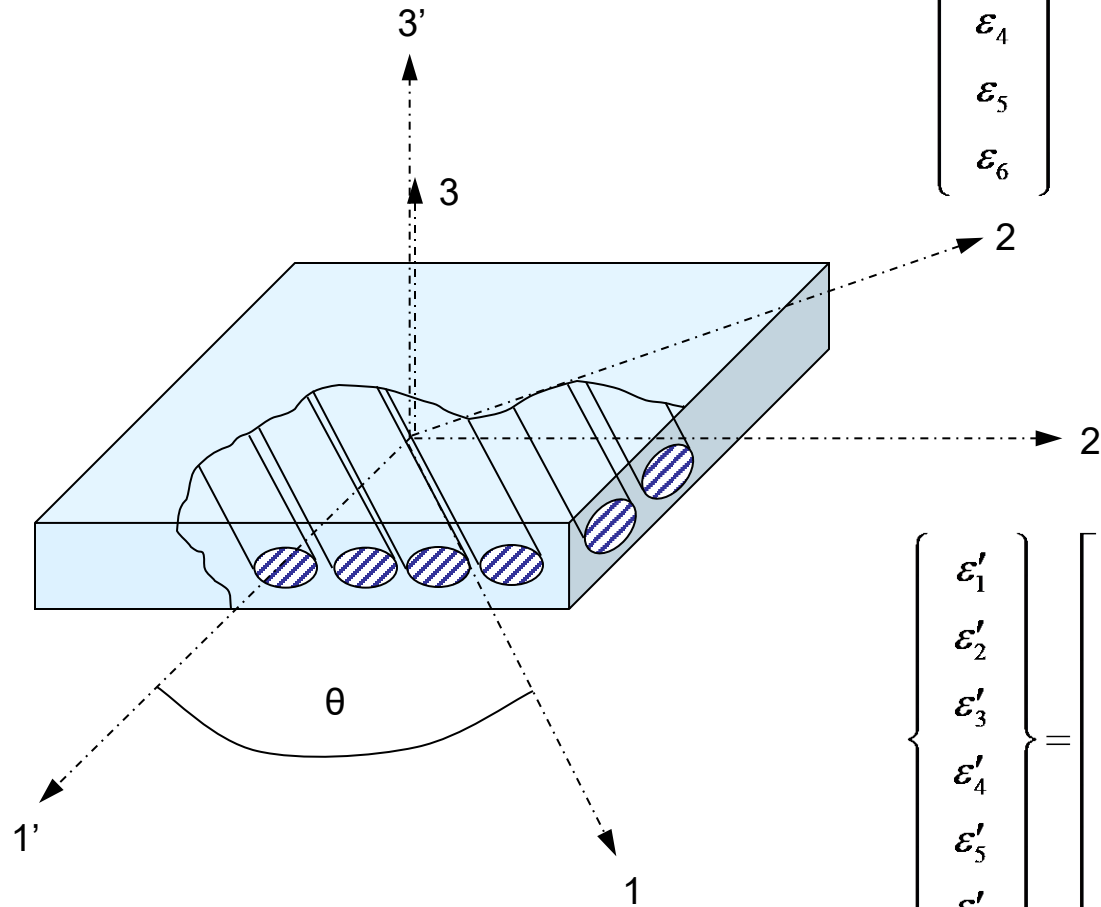
$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & S_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12}) & 0 & 0 \\
 & & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12}) & 0 \\
 & & & & & 2(S_{11} - S_{12})
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Isotropic, 2

### Mechanical behavior of the orthotropic material

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \\ \varepsilon_5 \\ \varepsilon_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \\ \sigma_5 \\ \sigma_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

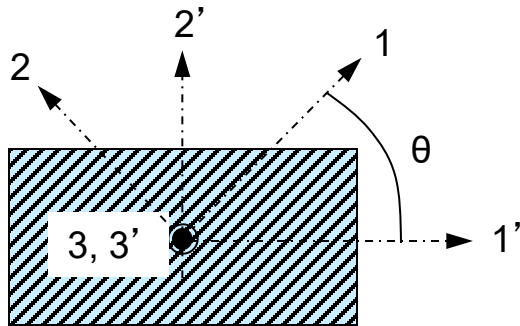
on-axis orthotropic (9 parameters)



$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon'_1 \\ \varepsilon'_2 \\ \varepsilon'_3 \\ \varepsilon'_4 \\ \varepsilon'_5 \\ \varepsilon'_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S'_{11} & S'_{12} & S'_{13} & 0 & 0 & S'_{16} \\ S'_{12} & S'_{22} & S'_{23} & 0 & 0 & S'_{26} \\ S'_{13} & S'_{23} & S'_{33} & 0 & 0 & S'_{36} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S'_{44} & S'_{45} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S'_{45} & S'_{55} & 0 \\ S'_{16} & S'_{26} & S'_{36} & 0 & 0 & S'_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma'_1 \\ \sigma'_2 \\ \sigma'_3 \\ \sigma'_4 \\ \sigma'_5 \\ \sigma'_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

off-axis orthotropic (13 parameters)

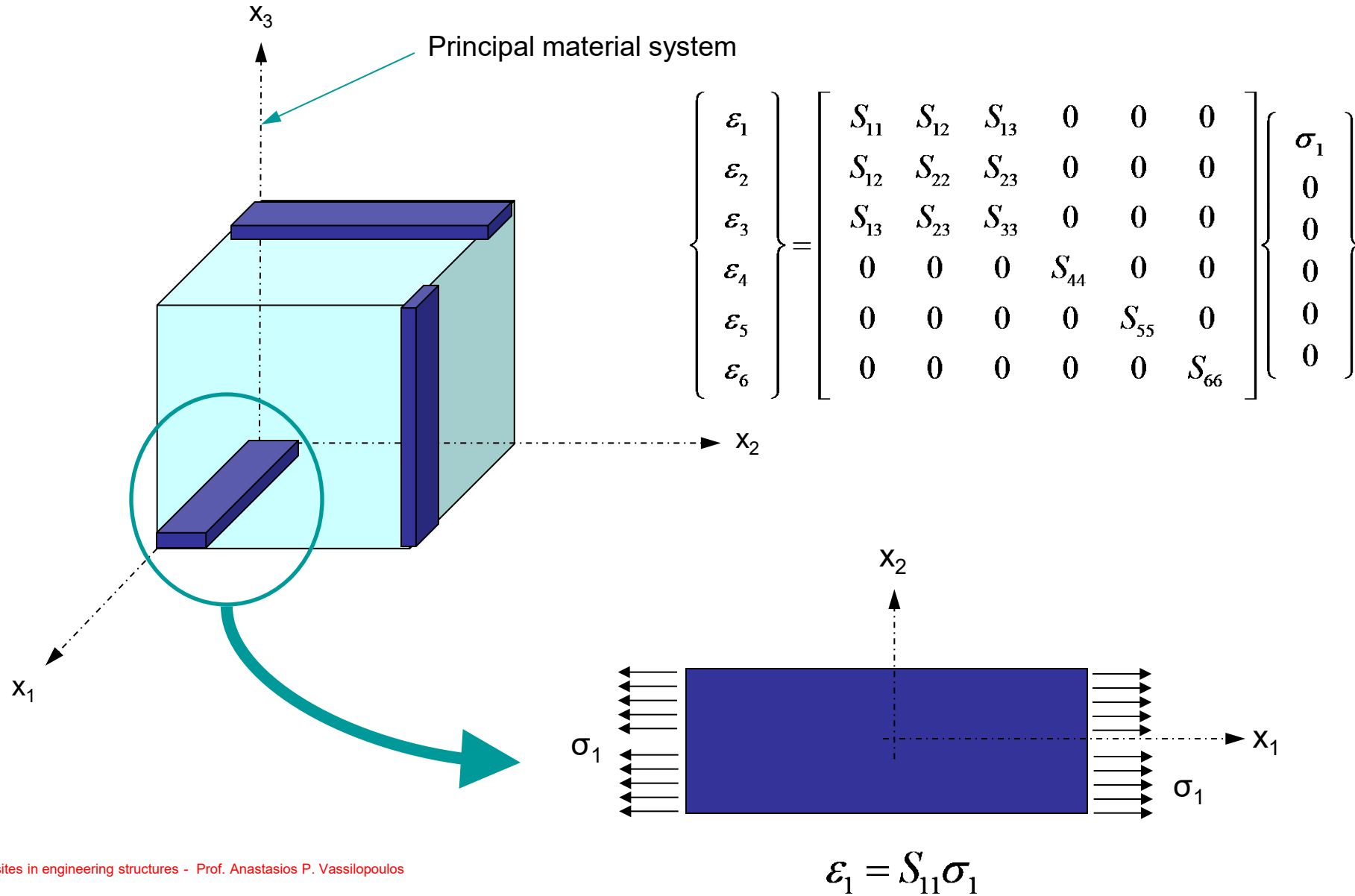
Along the principal material axes, on-axis, of an orthotropic medium, there are **9** stiffness/compliance components that should be defined experimentally, while along the off-axis system there are **13**.  
**(However, they are not independent...)**



Therefore, the **experimental characterization** of an orthotropic medium should be performed for the **on-axis system**, since the number of variables to be determined is **limited to 9!!!**

$$\begin{aligned}
 S'_{11} &= S_{11}m^4 + m^2n^2(2S_{12} + S_{66}) + S_{22}n^4 \\
 S'_{12} &= m^2n^2(S_{11} + S_{22} - S_{66}) + S_{12}(m^4 + n^4) \\
 S'_{13} &= S_{13}m^2 + S_{23}n^2 \\
 S'_{16} &= mn[2S_{11}m^2 - 2S_{22}n^2 - (2S_{12} + S_{66})(m^2 - n^2)] \\
 S'_{22} &= S_{11}n^4 + m^2n^2(2S_{12} + S_{66}) + S_{22}m^4 \\
 S'_{23} &= S_{13}n^2 + S_{23}m^2 \\
 S'_{26} &= mn[2S_{11}n^2 - 2S_{22}m^2 + (2S_{12} + S_{66})(m^2 - n^2)] \\
 S'_{33} &= S_{33} \\
 S'_{36} &= 2(S_{13} - S_{23})mn \\
 S'_{44} &= S_{44}m^2 + S_{55}n^2 \\
 S'_{45} &= (S_{55} - S_{44})mn \\
 S'_{55} &= S_{44}n^2 + S_{55}m^2 \\
 S'_{66} &= 2(2S_{11} + 2S_{22} - 4S_{12})m^2n^2 + S_{66}(m^2 - n^2)^2 \\
 S'_{14} &= S'_{15} = S'_{24} = S'_{25} = S'_{34} = S'_{35} = S'_{46} = S'_{56} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

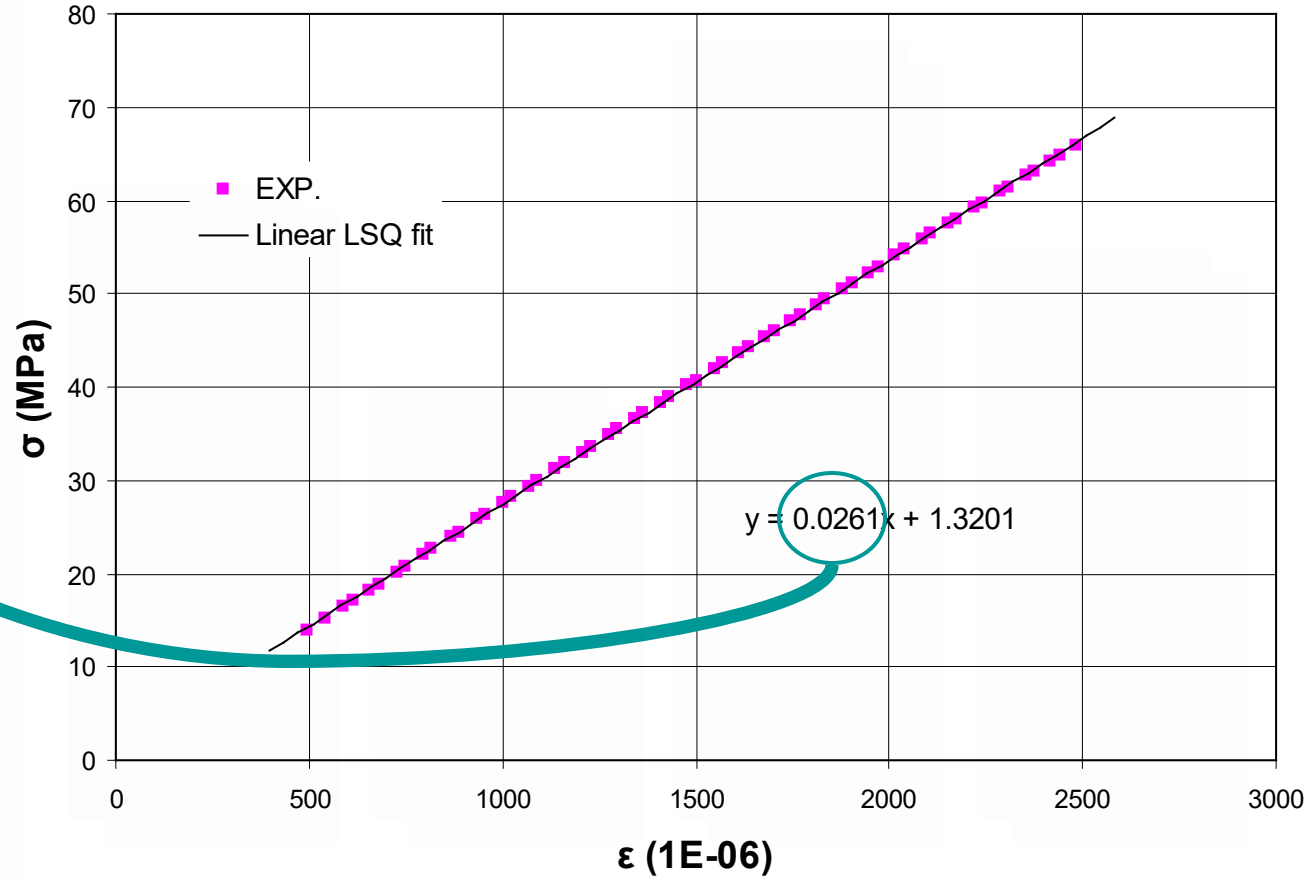
# Technical elastic constants for the orthotropic medium



$$\varepsilon_1 = S_{11}\sigma_1$$

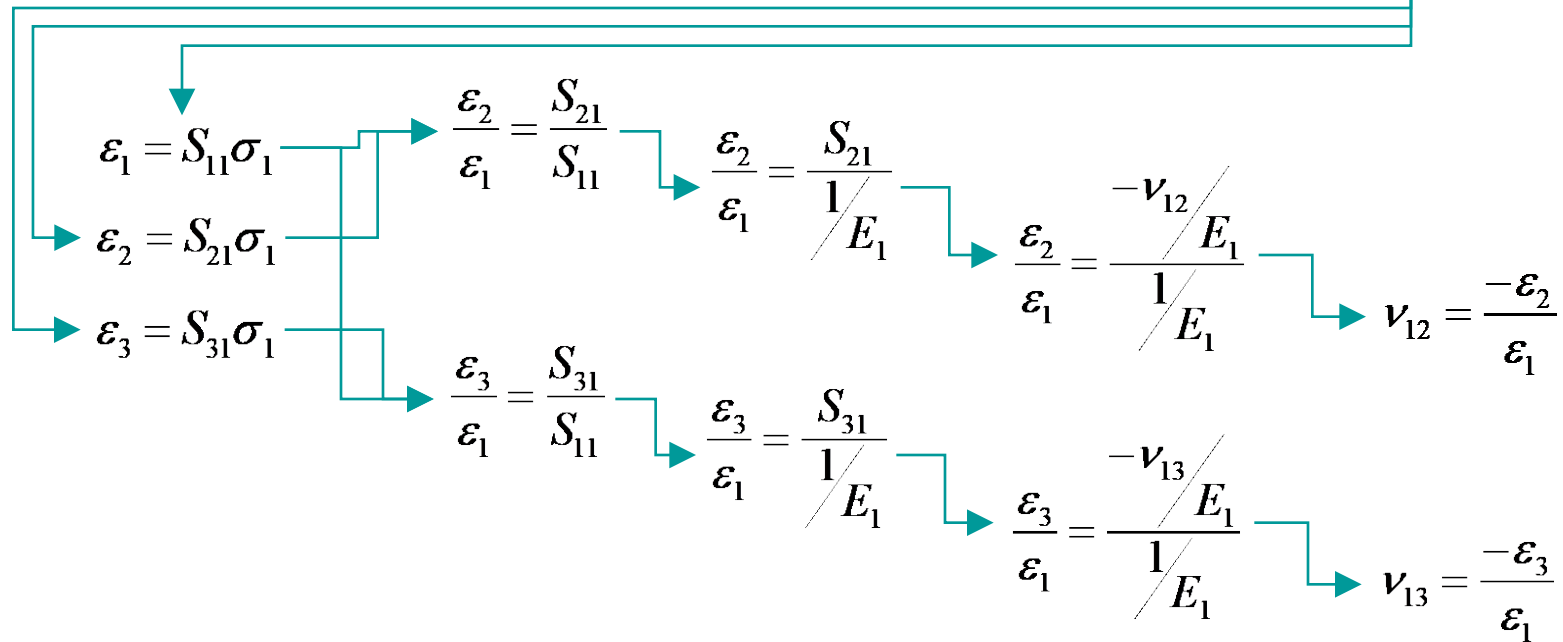
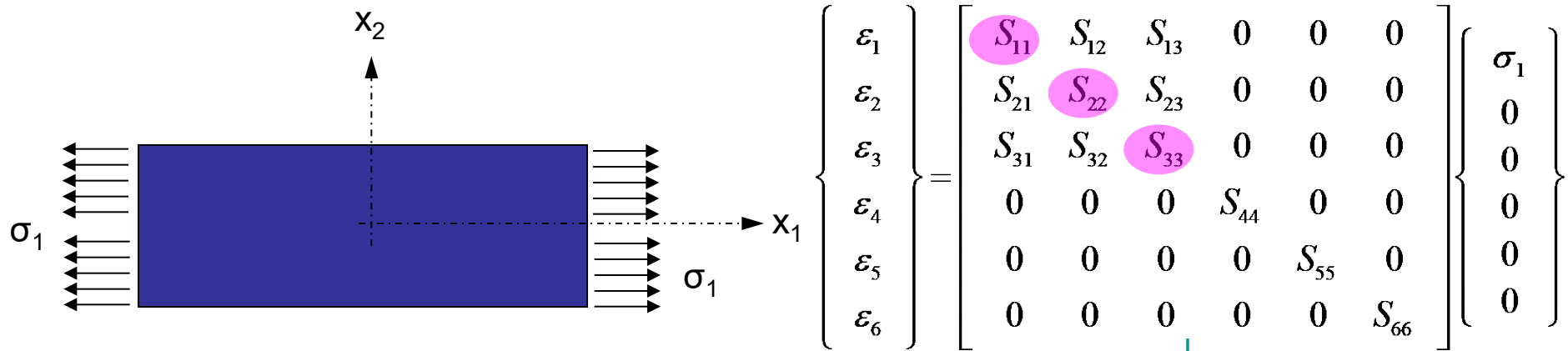
$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\varepsilon_1} = \frac{1}{S_{11}} = E_1$$

$$E_1 = 26.1 \text{ GPa}$$



By performing similar tests along the two other material directions we can define the other two elastic moduli

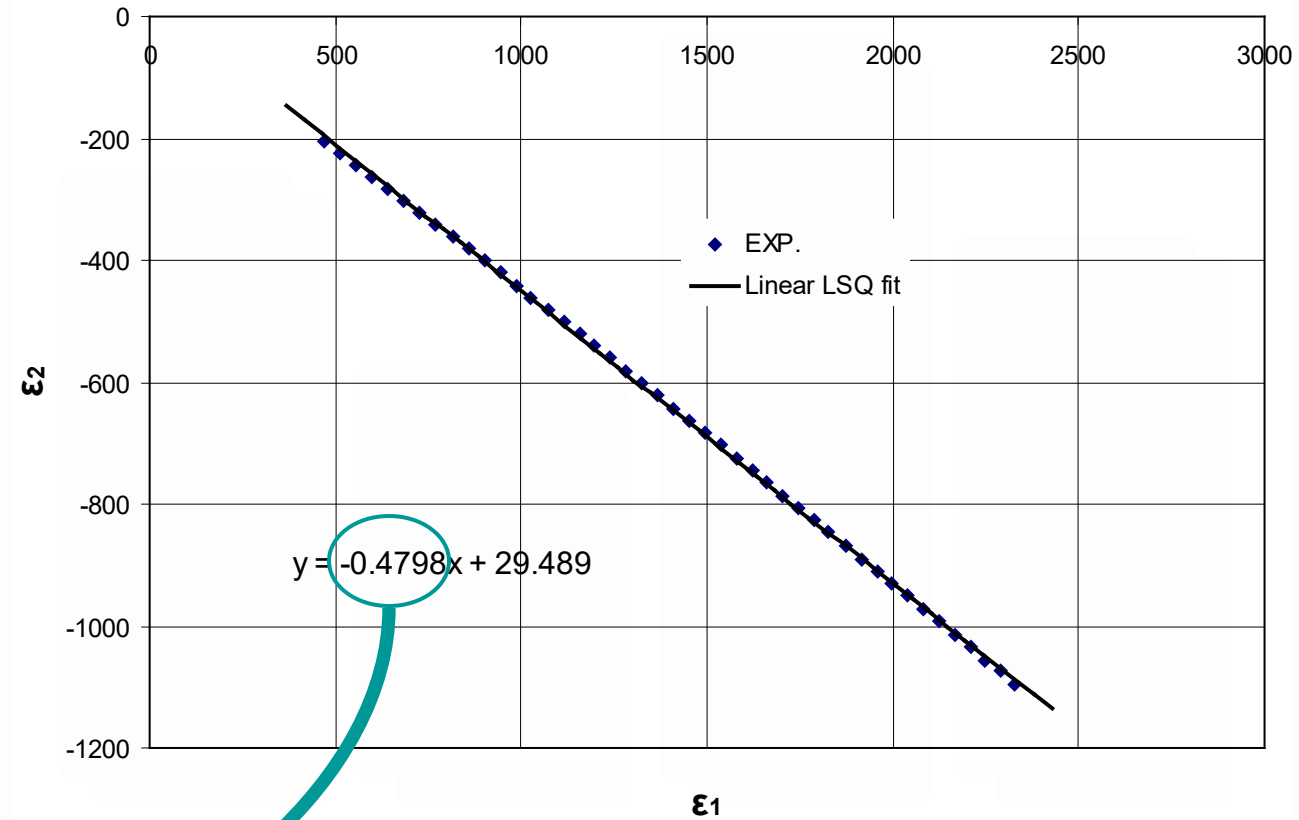
$$S_{22} = \frac{1}{E_2} \quad S_{33} = \frac{1}{E_3}$$



Therefore:  $S_{21} = \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_1}$      $S_{31} = \frac{-\nu_{13}}{E_1}$

Experimental derivation of the Poisson ratio,  $\nu_{12}$ 

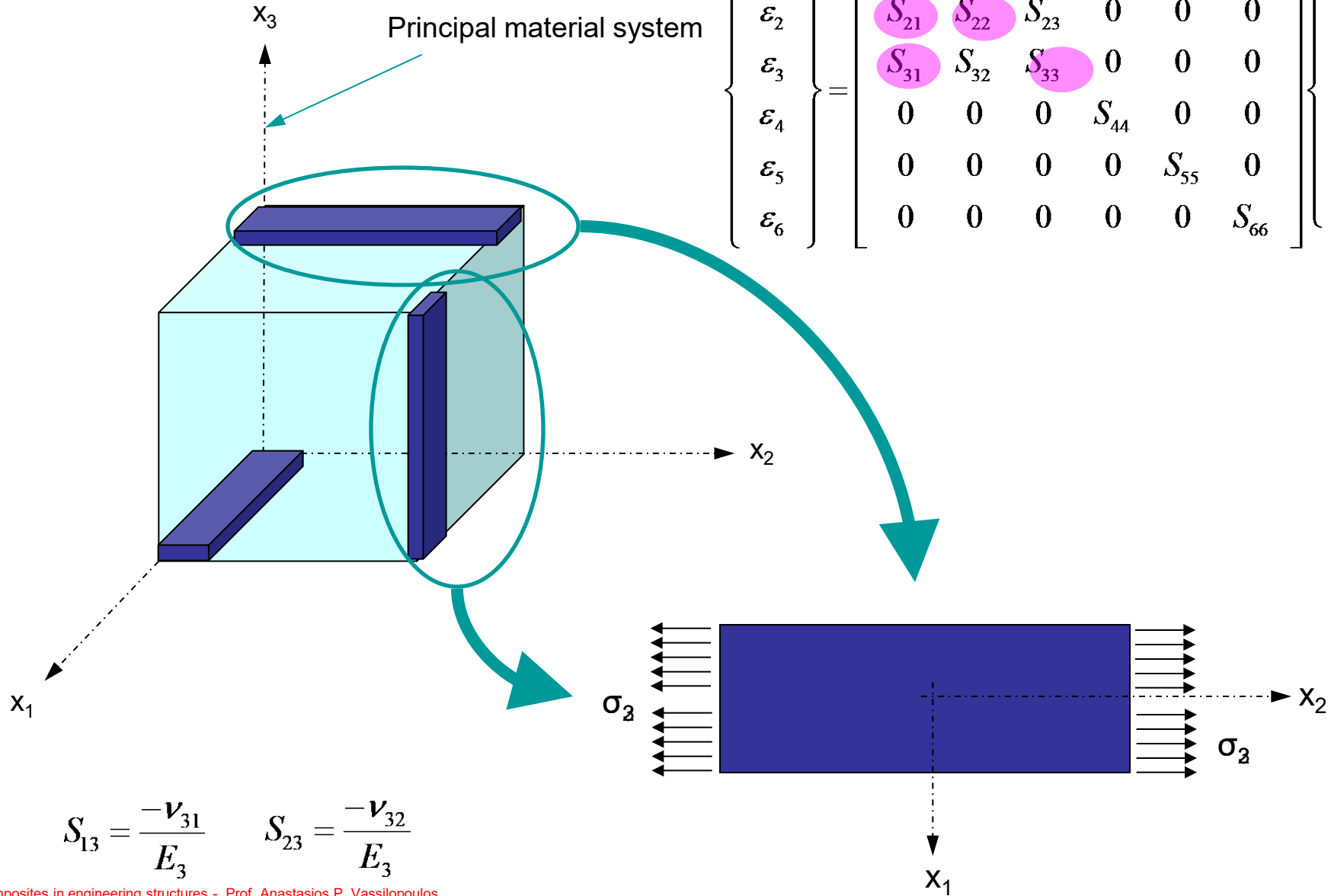
$$\nu_{12} = \frac{-\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}$$



$$\nu_{12} = 0.4798$$

Similarly, other Poisson ratios are derived:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \\ \varepsilon_5 \\ \varepsilon_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



Summing up:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \frac{1}{E_1} & \frac{-\nu_{21}}{E_2} & \frac{-\nu_{31}}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & \frac{-\nu_{32}}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{-\nu_{13}}{E_1} & \frac{-\nu_{23}}{E_2} & \frac{1}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$E_i$  : Young modulus along i-direction

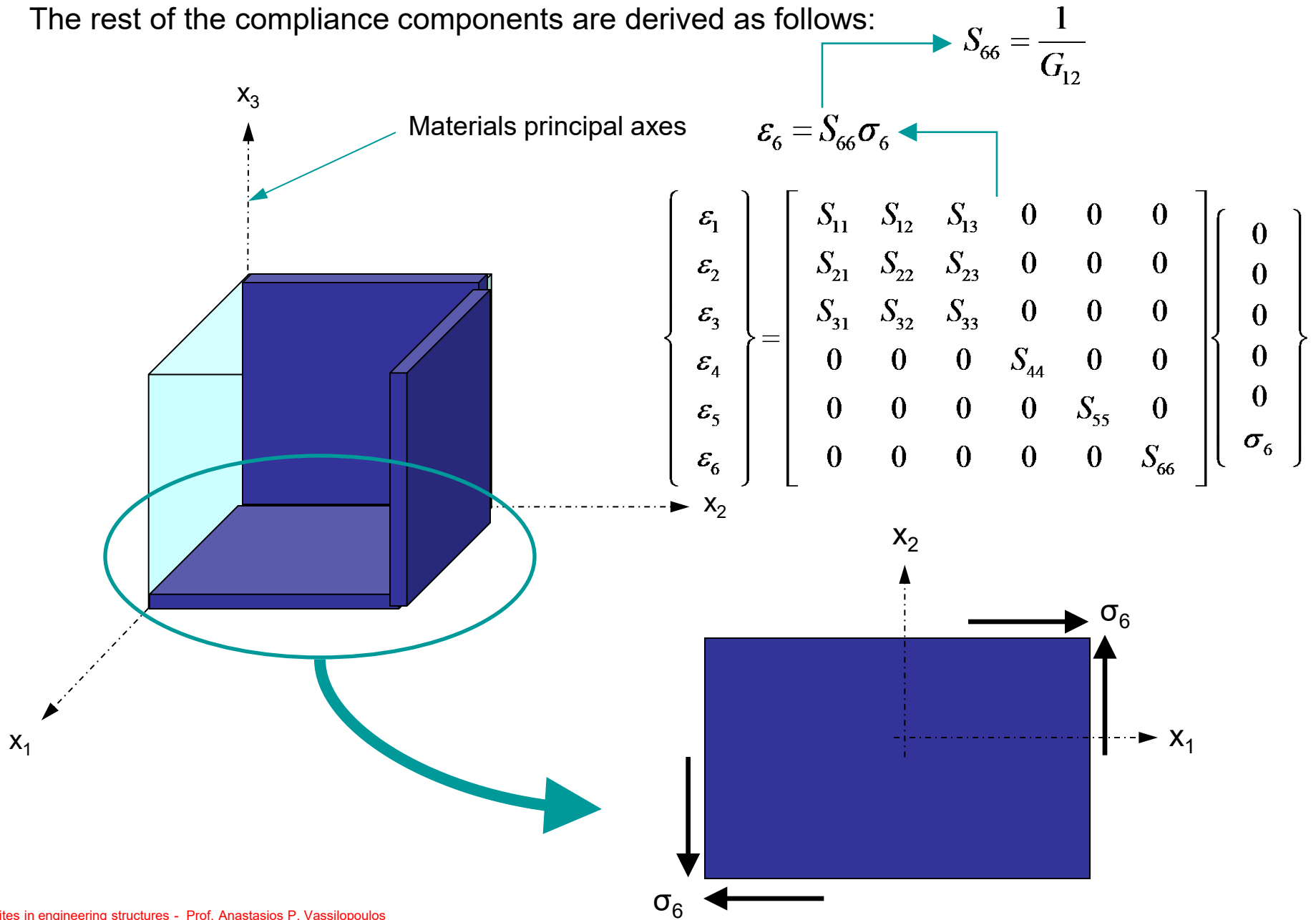
$\nu_{ij}$  : Poisson ratio: Normal strain along j-direction due to uniaxial tensile loading along the i-direction.

e.g.,  $\nu_{ij} = -\epsilon_j/\epsilon_i$  when all components of stress vector are 0 except,  $\sigma_i$ .

Symmetry of  $\mathbf{S}$  matrix poses that:

$$\frac{\nu_{ij}}{E_i} = \frac{\nu_{ji}}{E_j} , \quad i,j=1,\dots,3$$

The rest of the compliance components are derived as follows:



Finally: The engineering constants of the orthotropic material are given by:

$$[S_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & -\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} & -\frac{\nu_{31}}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & -\frac{\nu_{32}}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{13}}{E_1} & -\frac{\nu_{23}}{E_2} & \frac{1}{E_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{23}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{13}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $E_i$ : Young modulus, or elastic modulus
- $G_{ij}$ : Shear modulus
- $\nu_{ij}$ : Poisson ratio

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{S_{11}}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{1}{S_{22}}$$

$$E_3 = \frac{1}{S_{33}}$$

$$G_{12} \equiv \frac{\tau_{12}}{\gamma_{12}} = \frac{1}{S_{66}}$$

$$G_{23} \equiv \frac{\tau_{23}}{\gamma_{23}} = \frac{1}{S_{44}}$$

$$G_{13} \equiv \frac{\tau_{13}}{\gamma_{13}} = \frac{1}{S_{55}}$$

$$\nu_{12} \equiv -\frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} = -\frac{S_{12}}{S_{11}}$$

$$\nu_{23} \equiv -\frac{\varepsilon_3}{\varepsilon_2} = -\frac{S_{23}}{S_{22}}$$

$$\nu_{13} \equiv -\frac{\varepsilon_3}{\varepsilon_1} = -\frac{S_{13}}{S_{11}}$$

Since S (the compliance matrix) is the transverse of C, (the stiffness matrix):

$$\Delta = \frac{1 - \nu_{12}\nu_{21} - \nu_{23}\nu_{32} - \nu_{13}\nu_{31} - 2\nu_{21}\nu_{32}\nu_{13}}{E_1 E_2 E_3}$$

$$C_{11} = \frac{1 - \nu_{23}\nu_{32}}{E_2 E_3 \Delta}$$

$$C_{12} = \frac{\nu_{21} + \nu_{31}\nu_{23}}{E_2 E_3 \Delta} = \frac{\nu_{12} + \nu_{32}\nu_{13}}{E_1 E_3 \Delta}$$

$$C_{13} = \frac{\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}}{E_2 E_3 \Delta} = \frac{\nu_{13} + \nu_{12}\nu_{23}}{E_1 E_2 \Delta}$$

$$C_{22} = \frac{1 - \nu_{13}\nu_{31}}{E_1 E_3 \Delta}$$

$$C_{23} = \frac{\nu_{32} + \nu_{12}\nu_{31}}{E_1 E_3 \Delta} = \frac{\nu_{23} + \nu_{21}\nu_{13}}{E_1 E_2 \Delta}$$

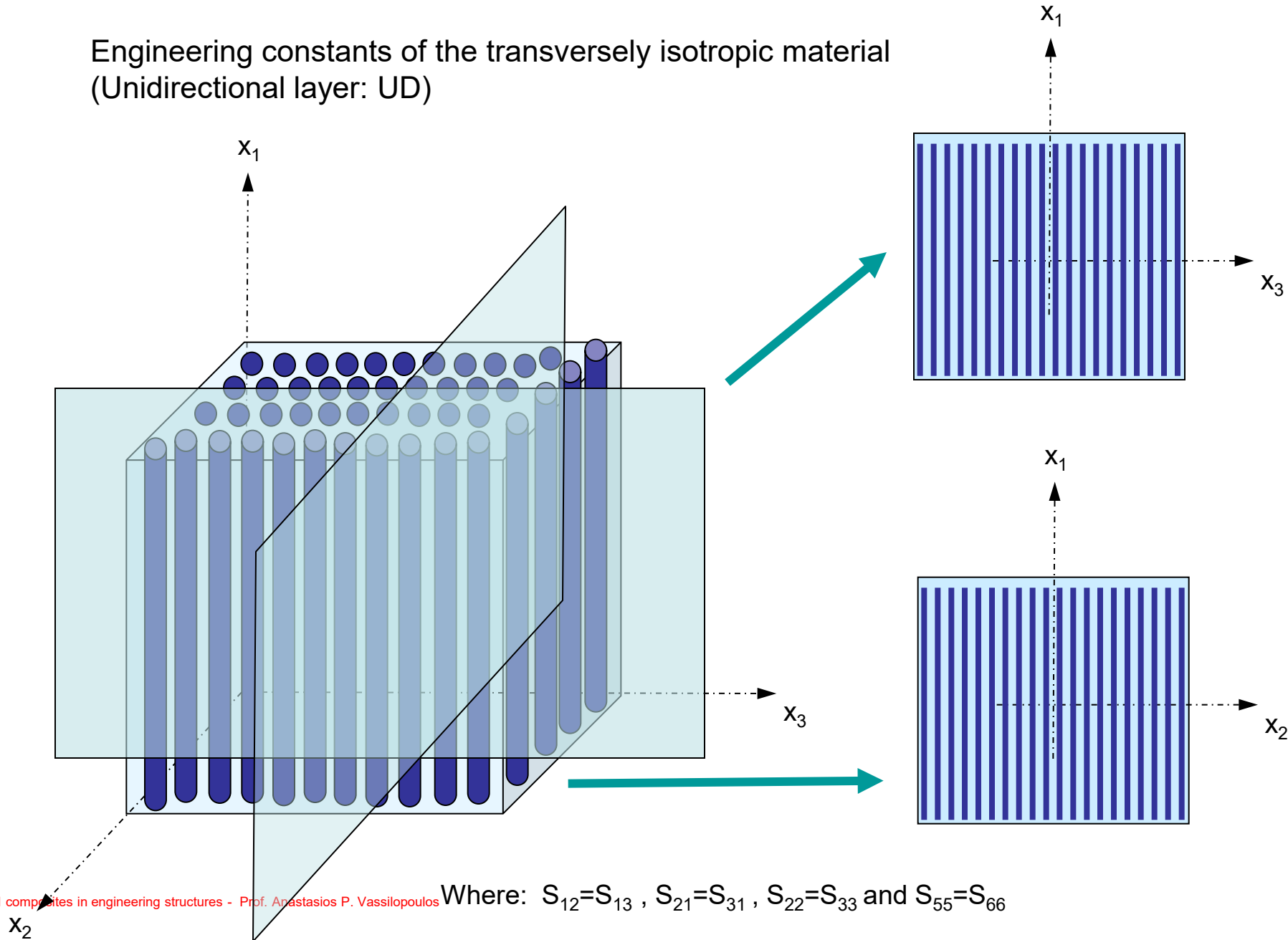
$$C_{33} = \frac{1 - \nu_{12}\nu_{21}}{E_1 E_2 \Delta}$$

$$C_{44} = G_{23}$$

$$C_{55} = G_{13}$$

$$C_{66} = G_{12}$$

Engineering constants of the transversely isotropic material  
(Unidirectional layer: UD)



$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{23} & S_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2(S_{22} - S_{23}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & \frac{-\nu_{21}}{E_2} & \frac{-\nu_{21}}{E_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & \frac{-\nu_{32}}{E_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{-\nu_{23}}{E_2} & \frac{1}{E_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2(1+\nu_{23})}{E_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Only **5** constants should be derived:

- $E_1$ : Tensile modulus in the fiber direction
  - $E_2$ : Tensile modulus in the transverse dir.
  - $G_{12}$ : Shear modulus
  - $\nu_{12}$ : Major Poisson ratio ( $\nu_{21}$ : Minor Poisson ratio)
  - $\nu_{23}$ : Transverse Poisson ratio
- or
- $G_{23}$ : Transverse shear modulus

# EPFL Typical values of engineering constants for orthotropic materials

Commercial name	Material	$E_1$ [GPa]	$E_2$ [GPa]	$G_{12}$ [GPa]	$\nu_{12}$	$\nu_f$
T300/5208	Gr/Ep	181	10.3	7.17	0.28	0.70
B(4)/5505	B/Ep	204	18.5	5.59	0.23	0.50
AS/3501	Gr/Ep	138	8.96	7.1	0.30	0.66
Scotchply 1002 (3M)	Gl/Ep	38.6	8.27	4.14	0.26	0.45
Kevlar 49	Ar/Ep	76	5.5	2.3	0.34	0.60
OPTIMAT UD	Gl/Ep	39.01	15.15	5.83	0.29	0.52
SISTEMA $\pm 45$	Gr/Ep	5.542	5.542	12.887	0.810	0.55
GEO UD	GRP	25.12	8.576	2.284	0.215	0.40

# Case study

- Define the compliance matrix for a graphite/epoxy lamina with the following material properties
  - $E_1=181$  GPa,  $E_2=10.3$  GPa,  $E_3=10.3$  GPa
  - $\nu_{12}=0.28$ ,  $\nu_{23}=0.60$ ,  $\nu_{13}=0.27$
  - $G_{12}=7.17$  GPa,  $G_{23}=3.0$  GPa,  $G_{31}=7.0$  GPa

$$\nu_{21} = E_2 \frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1}$$

$$\nu_{32} = E_3 \frac{\nu_{23}}{E_2}$$

$$\nu_{31} = E_3 \frac{\nu_{13}}{E_1}$$

# Solution

$$S_{11} = \frac{1}{E_1} = \frac{1}{181 \times 10^9} = 5.525 \times 10^{-12} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{22} = \frac{1}{E_2} = \frac{1}{10.3 \times 10^9} = 9.709 \times 10^{-11} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{33} = \frac{1}{E_3} = \frac{1}{10.3 \times 10^9} = 9.709 \times 10^{-11} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{12} = -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} = -\frac{0.28}{181 \times 10^9} = -1.547 \times 10^{-12} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{13} = -\frac{\nu_{13}}{E_1} = -\frac{0.27}{181 \times 10^9} = -1.492 \times 10^{-12} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{23} = -\frac{\nu_{23}}{E_2} = -\frac{0.6}{10.3 \times 10^9} = -5.825 \times 10^{-11} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{44} = \frac{1}{G_{23}} = \frac{1}{3 \times 10^9} = 3.333 \times 10^{-10} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{55} = \frac{1}{G_{31}} = \frac{1}{7 \times 10^9} = 1.429 \times 10^{-10} Pa^{-1}$$

$$S_{66} = \frac{1}{G_{12}} = \frac{1}{7.17 \times 10^9} = 1.395 \times 10^{-10} Pa^{-1}$$

$$[S] = \begin{bmatrix} 5.525 \times 10^{-12} & -1.547 \times 10^{-12} & -1.492 \times 10^{-12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.547 \times 10^{-12} & 9.709 \times 10^{-11} & -5.825 \times 10^{-11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.492 \times 10^{-12} & -5.825 \times 10^{-11} & 9.709 \times 10^{-11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3.333 \times 10^{-10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.429 \times 10^{-10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.395 \times 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix} Pa^{-1}$$

$$[C] = [S]^{-1}$$

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$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1850 \times 10^{12} & 0.7269 \times 10^{10} & 0.7204 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7269 \times 10^{10} & 0.1638 \times 10^{11} & 0.9938 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7204 \times 10^{10} & 0.9938 \times 10^{10} & 0.1637 \times 10^{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.3000 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6998 \times 10^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7168 \times 10^{10} \end{bmatrix} Pa$$

$$C_{11} = \frac{1 - \nu_{23}\nu_{32}}{E_2 E_3 \Delta}$$

$$\Delta = (1 - \nu_{12}\nu_{21} - \nu_{23}\nu_{32} - \nu_{13}\nu_{31} - 2\nu_{21}\nu_{32}\nu_{13}) / (E_1 E_2 E_3)$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.1850 \times 10^{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7269 \times 10^{11} & 0.38 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7204 \times 10^{11} & 0.1637 \times 10^{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3000 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6998 \times 10^{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7168 \times 10^{10} \end{bmatrix} \text{ Pa}$$

Calculate the stiffness matrix for the same material @ 15°

$$C_{11} = \frac{1 - \nu_{23}\nu_{32}}{E_2 E_3 \Delta}$$

$$\Delta = (1 - \nu_{12}\nu_{21} - \nu_{23}\nu_{32} - \nu_{13}\nu_{31} - 2\nu_{21}\nu_{32}\nu_{13}) / (E_1 E_2 E_3)$$