On the geometric and material nonlinearity effects of polymeric thin plates or films on structural performance.

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Introduction & Objectives

- Polymer sheets are widely used for glazing and roofing structural applications.
- Conventional building materials such as glass and concrete are relative stiffer compared to polymeric materials.
- Design leveraging geometric and material non-linear effects of polymeric sheets will increase the efficient use of these materials.



Strain

Stress – Strain Diagram (Conventional Vs Polymer)



Nonlinearity Effects

• Geometric Nonlinearity.

• Material Nonlinearity.





Governing Equations

- The general governing differential equation for an isotropic plate, relating the load, rigidity and deformation.
- Isotropic plate differential equation including the effect of lateral loads and forces in the middle plane of the plate.
- COMSOL Nonlinear Structural Mechanics module.

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} = \frac{q}{D}$$
Where

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$$D = \frac{\mathrm{E}\,\mathrm{t}^{\mathrm{r}}}{12\,(1-\upsilon^2)}$$

Where,

E is elastic modulus,

t thickness and

n is Poisson's ratio.

$$\frac{\partial^{4} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{4}} + 2 \frac{\partial^{4} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{2} \partial \mathbf{y}^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{4} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{y}^{4}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D} \left(q + N_{x} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{2}} + 2N_{xy} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{x} \partial \mathbf{y}} + N_{y} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{w}}{\partial \mathbf{y}^{2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{w}$$

Where

$$D = \frac{\mathrm{E} \mathrm{t}^{3}}{12 (1 - \upsilon^{2})}$$
$$N_{x}, N_{y}, N_{xy} = N_{yx},$$

are midplane force components. Excerpt from the Proceedings of the 2014 COMSOL Conference in Bangalore

Structural Analysis DoE

- Geometry
 - Thickness
 - Width
 - Length
 - Aspect Ratio
- Boundary Conditions
 - Fixed
 - Simply Supported
 - Clamped
- Nonlinearity effects
- Analytical Vs. Numerical









Typical Elastoplastic deflection and stress contour plots. lacksquare



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Effect of boundary conditions and aspect ratio on polymeric sheet deflection behavior.

• Linear Analytical Vs. Numerical

• Exact





- Linear (L) Vs Non Linear (NL)
- Significant Reduction in deflection









PLATE CALCULATOR

- DoE for Geometric + material Nonlinearity + Range of AR, Th, Load, BC.
- Database of results for smart sheet selection tool.
- Engineering apps to process complex FEA results for use by Field engineers to enable Design Decision on the Go!





PLATE CALCULATOR

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Help	Disclaimer
Unit : mm	
Sheet Width to Length Ratio	: AR1:1
Sheet Width	: 525
Sheet Thickness	:8
Load	: 100



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