



A finite strain model for fiber angle plasticity of textile fabrics based on isogeometric shell finite elements

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ABSTRACT

This work presents a shear elastoplasticity model for textile fabrics within the theoretical framework of anisotropic Kirchhoff–Love shells with bending of embedded fibers proposed by Duong et al. (2023). The plasticity model aims at capturing the rotational inter-ply frictional sliding between fiber families in textile composites undergoing large deformation. Such effects are usually dominant in dry textile fabrics such as woven and non-crimp fabrics. The model explicitly uses relative angles between fiber families as strain measures for the kinematics. The plasticity model is formulated directly with surface invariants without resorting to thickness integration. Motivated by experimental observations from the picture frame test, a yield function is proposed with isotropic hardening and a simple evolution equation. A classical return mapping algorithm is employed to solve the elastoplastic problem within the isogeometric finite shell element formulation of Duong et al. (2022). The verification of the implementation is facilitated by the analytical solution for the picture frame test. The proposed plasticity model is calibrated from the picture frame test and is then validated by the bias extension test, considering available experimental data for different samples from the literature. Good agreement between model prediction and experimental data is obtained. Finally, the applicability of the elastoplasticity model to 3D shell problems is demonstrated.

1. Introduction

This work is concerned with dry textile fabric sheets that are formed by two (or more) families of fiber bundles – called warp and weft yarns, which are loosely linked together by weaving, resulting in woven fabrics. These fabric structures are widely used in the automotive, marine and aeronautic industry due to their high specific stiffness-to-weight ratio. Our present contribution aims at formulating a general shear elastoplasticity model for such dry textile fabrics in the framework of nonlinear Kirchhoff–Love shells and rotation-free isogeometric discretization. Such fabric models are required for accurately simulating the local deformations during mechanical loading. A particular motivation is the description and optimization of draping processes that are crucial for the production of fiber reinforced composites.

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List of important symbols

1	$= \mathbf{A}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}^\alpha + \mathbf{N} \otimes \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{a}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{a}^\alpha + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n}$; 3D identity tensor
a	Model parameter of yield function f_y
$\mathbf{a}_\alpha, \mathbf{a}^\alpha$	Current co- and contravariant tangent vectors at $\mathbf{x} \in S$; $\alpha = 1, 2$
$\hat{\mathbf{a}}_\alpha, \hat{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha$	Co- and contravariant tangent vectors at $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \hat{S}$; $\alpha = 1, 2$
$\mathbf{A}_\alpha, \mathbf{A}^\alpha$	Initial co- and contravariant tangent vectors at $\mathbf{X} \in S_0$; $\alpha = 1, 2$
$\mathbf{a}_{\alpha;\beta}$	Parametric derivative of $\mathbf{a}_\alpha$ w.r.t. ξ^β
$\mathbf{a}_{\alpha;\beta}$	Covariant derivative of $\mathbf{a}_\alpha$ w.r.t. ξ^β
$\mathbf{a}_{\alpha\beta}, \mathbf{a}^{\alpha\beta}$	Current co- and contravariant surface metric at $\mathbf{x} \in S$
$\hat{\mathbf{a}}_{\alpha\beta}, \hat{\mathbf{a}}^{\alpha\beta}$	Co- and contravariant surface metric at $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \hat{S}$
A	Model parameter of yield function f_y
$\mathbf{A}_{\alpha\beta}, \mathbf{A}^{\alpha\beta}$	Initial co- and contravariant surface metric at $\mathbf{X} \in S_0$
α_p	Accumulated plastic angle strain
b	Model parameter of yield function f_y
$b_{\alpha\beta}$	Current covariant components of the out-of-plane curvature tensor at $\mathbf{x} \in S$
$\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$	Current covariant components of the in-plane fiber curvature tensor at $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
$\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i$	Current components $\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$ indexed by fiber family i
B	Model parameter of yield function f_y
$B_{\alpha\beta}$	Initial covariant components of the out-of-plane curvature tensor at $\mathbf{X} \in S_0$
$\bar{B}_{\alpha\beta}$	Initial covariant components of the in-plane curvature tensor at $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
$\beta_\bullet$	Material parameters for fiber bending and torsion
c	Model parameter of yield function f_y
c, c_i	Current in-plane fiber director vector of fiber C (or C_i) at fiber point $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
$c_{,\alpha}$	Parametric derivative of c w.r.t. ξ^β
$\bar{c}_{,\alpha}$	Projection of $c_{,\alpha}$ onto the current tangent plane
c_0	Initial in-plane fiber director vector of fiber C_0 at fiber point $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
$c_{0,\alpha}$	Parametric derivative of c_0 w.r.t. ξ^β
c_α, c^α	Co- and contravariant components of vector c at fiber point $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
$\bar{c}_1, \bar{c}_2, \bar{c}_3$	Integration constants
c_0^α	Contravariant components of vector c_0 at fiber point $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
$c_{\alpha;\beta}, c_{\alpha;\beta}^\alpha$	Covariant derivatives of c_α and c^α
$c^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$	Components of the material tangent associated with $\tau^{\alpha\beta}$
$c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$	Components of the material tangent associated with fiber angle stress $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$
C	Model parameter of yield function f_y
$\mathbf{C}$	Right Cauchy–Green tensor of the shell mid-surface
$\mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha}$	Auxiliary shape function array for the in-plane bending contribution
C	The curve representing a fiber embedded in the current shell surface S
C_0	Initial configuration of fiber curve C embedded in shell surface S_0
C_i	The curve of fiber family i ; $i = 1, \dots, n_f$
C_I	The curve of fiber family I within a pair; $I = 1, 2$
C_α^γ	Components of shape function $\mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha}$ associated with $\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \otimes c$
$\mathcal{C}$	Interval of the cycling loading curve
$\mathcal{C}_e$	Elastic phase of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\mathcal{C}_p$	Plastic phase of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$d_\bullet$	Infinitesimal element of quantity $\bullet$
$\delta_\bullet$	Variation of $\bullet$
δ_α^β	Surface Kronecker delta
$\Delta_\bullet$	Linearization of $\bullet$
$\epsilon_\bullet$	Material parameters for fiber stretching and shearing
ϵ_{12}	Shear stress component of the classical infinitesimal strain tensor
E	Green–Lagrange strain tensor of the shell mid-surface
$E_{\alpha\beta}$	Covariant components of tensor E at surface point $\mathbf{x} \in S$
$E_{\alpha\beta}^e$	Elastic part of $E_{\alpha\beta}$
f	Prescribed surface loads
$\mathbf{f}_\bullet$	Finite element force vectors
f_y, f_y^{n+1}	Yield function, evaluated at time $t = n + 1$
f_y^{trial}	Trial yield function in the predictor–corrector algorithm

f_{iso}	Isotropic hardening function
$\mathbf{F}$	Deformation gradient of the shell mid-surface
$\mathbf{F}_e$	Elastic part of deformation gradient $\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{F}_p$	Plastic part of deformation gradient $\mathbf{F}$
$g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}$	Contravariant components of a structure tensor induced by fibers $I = 1$ and 2
$g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$	Contravariant components of the tangent tensor induced by $g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}$
G_{in}	Inertial virtual work
G_{ext}	External virtual work
G_{int}	Internal virtual work
$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$	Current surface Christoffel symbols of the second kind on S
$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^c$	Components of vectors $\mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta}$ in direction c
$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\ell$	Components of vectors $\mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta}$ in direction ℓ
h	$= \text{sign}(\tau)$; sign function of shear stress τ
h_e	$= \text{sign}(\tau_e)$; sign function of shear stress τ_e
$\bullet_i, \bullet_j$	Global fiber family index, taking value $i, j = 1, \dots, n_f$
$\bullet_I, \bullet_J$	Local fiber family index within a pair of two fiber families, taking value 1 or 2
I_1	First invariant of tensor $\mathbf{C}$
$\mathbf{I}$	$= \mathbf{A}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}^\alpha = \mathbf{A}^\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}_\alpha$; surface identity tensor on S_0
J	$= \det_s \mathbf{F}$; area stretch at $\mathbf{x} \in S$
J_e	$= \det_s \mathbf{F}_e$; elastic part of area stretch J
J_p	$= \det_s \mathbf{F}_p$; plastic part of area stretch J
κ_n	Normal curvature of current fiber configuration C at $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
κ_n^0	Normal curvature of reference fiber configuration C_0 at $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
κ_g	Geodesic curvature of current fiber configuration C at $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
κ_g^0	Geodesic curvature of reference fiber configuration C_0 at $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
$K_{\alpha\beta}$	Covariant components of the relative out-of-plane curvature tensor S w.r.t. S_0
$K_{\alpha\beta}^e$	Elastic part of $K_{\alpha\beta}$
$\bar{K}_{\alpha\beta}$	Covariant components of the relative in-plane curvature tensor S w.r.t. S_0
K_n	Nominal change in normal curvature κ_n at point $\mathbf{x}$ of fiber $C \subset S$
K_g	Nominal change in geodesic curvature κ_g at point $\mathbf{x}$ of fiber $C \subset S$
ℓ, ℓ_i, ℓ_I	Current unit tangent vector of fiber C (or C_i, C_I) at fiber point $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
$\hat{\ell}_I, \hat{\ell}_J$	Unit tangent vector of fiber indexed I or J at fiber point $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \hat{S}$
$\tilde{\ell}_I$	Current unit tangent vector of fiber indexed I in $\tilde{S}$ in loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
ℓ_α, ℓ^α	Current co- and contravariant components of ℓ in S ; $\alpha = 1, 2$
ℓ_α^I	Contravariant components of ℓ indexed by fiber index I in S ; $I = 1, 2$
$\ell^{\alpha\beta}$	$= \ell^\alpha \ell^\beta$; Current contravariant components of structural tensor $\ell \otimes \ell$ in S
$\ell^{\alpha\beta}_I$	Current contravariant components $\ell^{\alpha\beta}$ indexed by fiber family I ; $I = 1, 2$
λ	Stretch of fiber C at fiber point $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
$\mathbf{L}$	Initial unit tangent vector of fiber C_0 at fiber point $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
L_0	Reference length unit
$\mathbf{L}_I, \mathbf{L}_J$	Fiber direction $\mathbf{L}$ indexed by fiber family I or J , where $I, J = 1, 2$
$\mathbf{L}^I$	Dual fiber direction to $\mathbf{L}_I$ of fiber family I
L_α, L^α	Co- and contravariant components of $\mathbf{L}$; $\alpha = 1, 2$
L^γ_α	Parametric derivative of L^γ w.r.t. ξ^β
$L^{\alpha\beta}, L^{\alpha\beta}_i$	$= L^\alpha L^\beta$; contravariant components of tensor $\mathbf{L} \otimes \mathbf{L}$; possibly with fiber index i
$\mathcal{L}^\gamma_\alpha$	Components of shape function $\mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha}$ associated with $1 - 2 \ell \otimes \ell$
Λ	$= \lambda^2$; square of the stretch of fiber $C \subset S$
μ	Shear modulus of shell S
μ_0	A stress measure, i.e. a reference stress unit
μ_f	Shear modulus of fabrics
$m_\tau, m_v, \bar{m}$	Components of moments causing out-of-plane, drilling, and in-plane bending
$\mathbf{M}$	Stress couple vector associated with out-of-plane bending on a cutting boundary
$\bar{\mathbf{M}}$	Stress couple vector associated with in-plane bending on a cutting boundary
$\bar{\mathbf{M}}_i$	Stress couple vector $\bar{\mathbf{M}}$ indexed by fiber family i
$M^{\alpha\beta}$	Contravariant components of out-of-plane bending stress couple tensor
$M^{\alpha\beta}_0$	Components $M^{\alpha\beta}$ scaled by J
$\bar{M}^{\alpha\beta}$	Contravariant components of in-plane bending stress couple tensor
$\bar{M}^{\alpha\beta}_0$	Components $\bar{M}^{\alpha\beta}$ scaled by J

$\bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta}$	Components $\bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta}$ indexed by fiber family i
$\mathbf{n}$	Current unit surface normal vector of S at $\mathbf{x} \in S$
$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$	Unit surface normal vector of $\hat{S}$ at $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \hat{S}$
n_f	Total number of fiber families embedded in S
$\mathbf{N}$	Initial unit surface normal vector of S_0 at $\mathbf{X} \in S_0$
$\mathbf{N}_e$	Shape function array of finite element e
$\mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}^I$	Parametric derivative of $\mathbf{N}_e$ w.r.t ξ^α
$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma$	Components of shape function $\mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha}$ associated with $\ell \otimes \mathbf{n}$
v_α, v^α	Co- and contravariant components of unit normal on a cutting boundary
ξ^α	Curvilinear coordinates; $\alpha = 1, 2$
p	External surface pressure (following surface deformation)
$\mathcal{P}$	Parametric domain spanned by ξ^1 and ξ^2
ϕ, ϕ^n	Relative fiber angle change during deformation, evaluated at time $t = n$
ϕ_e, ϕ_e^n	Elastic part of ϕ , evaluated at time $t = n$
ϕ_p, ϕ_p^n	Plastic part of ϕ , evaluated at time $t = n$
$\bar{\phi}, \bar{\phi}_e, \bar{\phi}_p$	Relative angles defined analogously to ϕ, ϕ_e, ϕ_p but interval-wise in $\mathcal{C}$
ϕ_y	Yield angle
$\bar{\Psi}$	Helmholtz free energy per unit intermediate configuration area
q, q^n	Isotropic hardening variable, evaluated at time $t = n$
$\bar{q}$	An explicit expression of q in terms of interval-wise relative plastic angles $\bar{\phi}_p$
q^0	Value of variable q at the start of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
Q	Isotropic hardening variable offset by a constant
Q^0	Value of variable Q at the start of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\mathbb{R}^3$	Three dimensional vector space
ρ	Areal mass density of surface S
s	Arc-length parameter coordinate of fiber C
S	Current configuration of the shell surface
$\hat{S}$	Intermediate (fictitious) configuration of the shell surface
S_0	Reference configuration of the shell surface
$\hat{S}_0$	The shell configuration at the start of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\tilde{S}$	Intermediate configuration in between S and $\hat{S}_0$ within loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
∂S	Boundary of S
$\bullet_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{sym}}$	$= \frac{1}{2}(\bullet_{\alpha\beta} + \bullet_{\beta\alpha})$; symmetrization of $\bullet_{\alpha\beta}$
σ_{12}	$= \tau/J$; Cauchy shear stress work-conjugate to fiber angle change ϕ_e
$\sigma^{\alpha\beta}$	Contravariant components of Cauchy stress tensor of the shell
t	Time variable
$\mathbf{t}$	External load vector acting on shell boundary
T_g	Nominal change in geodesic torsion τ_g at point $\mathbf{x}$ of fiber $C \subset S$
τ	Kirchhoff shear stress work-conjugate to fiber angle change ϕ_e
τ_{12}^0	Stress τ at the start of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
τ_e	Stress τ at the end of elastic phase $\mathcal{C}_e$ of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\bar{\tau}$	Kirchhoff shear stress contribution from loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
τ^n, τ^{n+1}	Kirchhoff shear stress evaluated at time $t = n$ and $t = n + 1$
τ^{trial}	Trial shear stress τ in the predictor corrector algorithms
$\mathbf{T}$	Traction vector acting on a cutting boundary
τ_g	Geodesic torsion of current fiber configuration C at $\mathbf{x} \in C \subset S$
τ_g^0	Geodesic torsion of reference fiber configuration C_0 at $\mathbf{X} \in C_0 \subset S_0$
$\tau^{\alpha\beta}$	Contravariant components of the Kirchhoff stress tensor of the shell
$\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$	Components of Kirchhoff stress tensor induced by fiber angle change ϕ_e
θ	Relative angle between current fibers I and J in S
θ_{IJ}	$= \ell_I \cdot \ell_J$; angle cosine between current fibers I and J in S
Θ	Relative angle between initial fibers I and J in S_0
Θ_{IJ}	$= \mathbf{L}_I \cdot \mathbf{L}_J$; angle cosine between initial fibers I and J in S_0
$\hat{\theta}$	Relative angle between current fibers I and J in $\hat{S}$
$\hat{\theta}_{IJ}$	$= \hat{\ell}_I \cdot \hat{\ell}_J$; angle cosine between current fibers I and J in $\hat{S}$
$\hat{\theta}_{12}$	Angle cosine $\hat{\theta}_{12}$ in $\hat{S}$ within loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
θ_{12}^0	Angle cosine θ_{12} at the start of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\theta_{12}^{\max}$	Angle cosine θ_{12} at the end of loading interval $\mathcal{C}$
$\mathbf{v}$	Material velocity, i.e. the material time derivative of $\mathbf{x}$

$\dot{\nu}$	Material acceleration, i.e. the material time derivative of ν
$\mathcal{V}$	Space of admissible variations δx
W	Strain energy density function per reference area
$W_{\text{fib-angle}}$	Part of W that is induced by fiber angle change
$W_{\text{fib-stretch}}$	Part of W that is induced by fiber stretching
$W_{\text{fib-bending}}$	Part of W that is induced by fiber bending
$W_{\text{fib-torsion}}$	Part of W that is induced by fiber torsion
x	Current position of a surface point on the current shell surface S
$x_{,\alpha}$	Parametric derivative of x w.r.t. ξ^β
$\hat{x}$	Position of a surface point on the intermediate shell surface $\hat{S}$
x_e	Array of positions of nodes in finite element e
X	Initial position of x on the reference shell surface S_0

In this work, we focus on the angle plasticity of woven fabrics, which is the plasticity induced by rotational sliding between warp and weft yarns when the fabric undergoes deformation. Our model assumes that the plastic shear behavior of the fabric is governed by two main mechanisms: At small deformation, friction between warp and weft yarns is the dominant mechanism, while at large deformation, the fabric behavior is dominated by *locking* between tows (i.e. warp and weft yarns), also denoted *yarn-yarn locking* (Cao et al., 2008). Locking denotes the state when the rotation of tows becomes restricted due to their in-plane compression.

In order to formulate constitutive models for shells (including elastoplasticity), two main approaches are usually distinguished in the literature:

The first is characterized by *numerical thickness integration* that numerically reduces (or projects) the underlying 3D continuum to a 2D one. Examples of this type are found, among others, by Kiendl et al. (2015) and Liu et al. (2022). This approach uses existing 3D constitutive models and obtains their surface counterparts by numerical thickness integration. The integrand is usually the 3D stress function, but the method extends to other quantities, such as strain, energy and algorithms. The *numerical thickness integration* approach has been widely used for shells, since the computational procedure is straightforward, as long as the underlying 3D material model exists. An example is the thickness integration of the classical J_2 -plasticity model with isotropic hardening, see e.g. Simo and Hughes (2006). The method has also been applied to anisotropic large strain elastoplasticity (Schieck et al., 1999) as well as viscoplasticity (Sansour and Wagner, 2001). Examples in the field of isogeometric Kirchhoff-Love shells are Ambati et al. (2018), Huynh et al. (2020) and Alaydin et al. (2021).

The second is a *direct surface* approach that avoids numerical integration. Now the shell equations are directly formulated (or theoretically derived) in surface form, which allows to make the computational formulation more efficient. The approach is also referred to as the *stress-resultant* approach in the literature, see e.g. Simo and Kennedy (1992). In order to obtain this, various modeling techniques can be used. Depending on the treatment of the thickness, one can further subdivide the *direct surface* approach into *analytical thickness integration* and *surface invariant-based* approaches.

In the *analytical thickness integration* approach, the stress resultant is obtained by (exact or approximate) analytical integration over the thickness of an existing 3D constitutive model, or the stress resultant is proposed directly in surface form such that the 3D model is recovered (exactly or approximately). Therefore, this approach can usually be distinguished by the thickness variable that is considered as an extrinsic parameter (i.e. a geometrical quantity that is not part of the material properties). An example for J_2 -plasticity is given by Simo and Kennedy (1992), which is generalized from the two-yield-surface model of Shapiro (1961). Other examples are found in Skallerud et al. (2001), Zeng et al. (2001) and Dujc and Brank (2012). As noted in Simo and Kennedy (1992), the yield surface is expressed in terms of the stress resultants, which in turn are obtained from an analytical thickness integration. Since such an integration is quite complicated when applied to elastoplasticity even for simple J_2 -plasticity, a highly complicating expression for the stress resultants is obtained.

The *surface invariant-based* approach can also be categorized into the *direct surface* approach. However, in contrast to the *analytical thickness integration*, the stress resultant is usually not constructed from an existing 3D material model. Instead, it is derived from a surface energy density function that is constructed directly in terms of surface invariants without resorting to a thickness variable. Examples of this type are the shell models of Canham (1970) and Helfrich (1973). Facilitated by the representation theorem (Rivlin and Rideal, 1949), the invariant-based formalism – see e.g. Spencer (1984), Rubin and Jabareen (2008) and Melnik et al. (2018) – usually plays an important role in reducing the modeling complexity. From another perspective, *surface-invariant-based* models are usually distinguished by considering the thickness variable as an intrinsic parameter of the material model (i.e. the thickness variable becomes part of the material properties).

In applications of the approaches discussed above, the *thickness integration* approach (either numerical or analytical) usually finds its advantages when the shell thickness can be well-defined and well-measured, like for a metal sheet at engineering scale, so that thickness integration can be performed for a 3D material model. The *surface invariant-based* approach, on the other hand, finds its advantage in shell structures where the shell thickness is not well-defined to be measured accurately. An example are lipid bilayers that behave like a liquid in-plane and like a solid out-of-plane (Zimmerberg and Kozlov, 2006). An other example is graphene, where the shell thickness is at the atomic scale with bending resistance induced by electromagnetic interaction forces (Lu et al., 2009). In particular for dry textile shells as considered in this work, the thickness is usually not well-defined or measured accurately either, since the thickness scale is equivalent to the scale of a yarn, which consists of fibers only loosely compacted (Allaoui et al.,

2012). Further, the dominant mechanism for angle plasticity is frictional contact between yarns. For each neighboring pair of fiber families, there is a yarn-yarn contact interface along the thickness direction. Accurately accounting for all contact conditions in the thickness integration can become complicating.

Apart from using *direct surface* material models that avoid numerical thickness integration, the efficiency in shell computations can be further improved by using Kirchhoff–Love shell formulations based on rotation-free isogeometric discretization (Hughes et al., 2005) that requires only three displacement degrees of freedom per control point. Such a shell formulation was first proposed by Kiendl et al. (2009) for linear shells, and later extended to various types of nonlinear shells by Kiendl et al. (2015), Tepole et al. (2015) and Duong et al. (2017) among many others.

In shell formulations for dry textile fabrics, it is required to account for in-plane bending of embedded fibers as it becomes significant in certain loading scenarios (Barbagallo et al., 2017). In this case, a gradient shell theory (e.g. Steigmann (2018)) can be used. Corresponding computational formulations can be found in e.g. Schulte et al. (2020) and Witt et al. (2021). Alternatively to gradient theory, in-plane bending of embedded fibers can also be captured by Kirchhoff–Love shell theory extended to the geodesic curvature of embedded fibers. As demonstrated by Duong et al. (2023), such a generalized theory can be formulated directly from Kirchhoff–Love assumptions similarly to out-of-plane bending, without resorting to a general gradient shell theory. Its rotation-free isogeometric discretization and an efficient implementation was detailed in Duong et al. (2022). It is worth to mention here, that despite the additional kinematics, no extra degrees of freedom are required beyond the three displacement degrees of freedom in standard rotation-free shell formulations.

For finite element computations of textile fabrics where dissipation is not of interest, hyperelasticity is sufficient and more efficient. However, elastoplasticity is a more realistic behavior of textile fabrics. In this context, the first *surface invariant-based* elastoplasticity model was proposed by Denis et al. (2018) for 2D plane problems. Their model considers two fiber families with an initial relative angle of 90 degrees and is based on a fractional derivative model with 20 parameters for both kinematic and isotropic hardening. It uses nested yield surfaces in order to account for the asymptotic paths of unloading curves observed in their cyclic load experiments for carbon fabrics.

In this contribution, we propose an angle elastoplasticity model directly in terms of surface invariants for textiles modeled by the (anisotropic) Kirchhoff–Love shell formulation of Duong et al. (2023). That is, this work extends the hyperelasticity framework of Duong et al. (2023) and its computational counterpart (Duong et al., 2022) to angle elastoplasticity. Therefore, the proposed model has no limitation on the number of fiber families and initial angle between them. In order to obtain a simple but still applicable model for loading-unloading computations, we focus on reproducing the isotropic hardening observed in the shear behavior of fabrics. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time such an elastoplasticity model is formulated and applied to an isogeometric shell formulation.

Our model is a *surface invariant-based* formulation. It uses surface invariants induced by fiber angles and proposes a yield function with isotropic hardening in terms of these invariants. The expression of the yield function uses 7 physical constants in order to capture the three deformation phases usually observed in the shear response of woven fabrics. Since we formulate the direct surface model based on invariants, only one (scalar) internal variable appears in the model. It can be shown that the adopted surface invariants are induced by strain tensors of the first displacement gradient, and correspond to a multiplicative split of the surface deformation gradient F into elastic and plastic parts, F_e and F_p (Sauer et al., 2019). Unlike classical 3D isotropic plasticity where $\det F_p = 1$, the plastic deformation in our formulation assumes no length change in fiber direction, which is a characteristic of many deforming textiles.

For the purpose of verifying finite element implementations, we further provide an analytical solution of the proposed model.

In summary, our contribution contains the following novelties and merits:

- It proposes a new shear elastoplasticity model for textile fabrics
- It has no limitation on the number of fiber families and the initial angles between them.
- Its strain energy is directly formulated in surface form without any thickness integration.
- It is based explicitly on the relative fiber angles and their elastoplastic split.
- It proposes a yield function with isotropic hardening for dry textile fabrics.
- It contains the analytical solution for elastoplasticity in the picture frame test.
- It contains model verification, calibration, and validation of the proposed model.

The remaining sections are organized as follows: Section 2 summarizes the hyperelastic fabric model of Duong et al. (2023) and extends its kinematics and constitutive equations to admit angle elastoplasticity. Section 3 then presents the proposed angle elastoplasticity model in detail. Its analytical solution for the picture frame test is provided in Section 4. With this, the finite element implementation is verified and the influence of model parameters is illustrated in Section 5. Section 6 then discusses the calibration and validation of the proposed model. A three dimensional example is shown in Section 7. Section 8 concludes the paper.

2. Generalized Kirchhoff–Love shell with embedded fibers

This section first summarizes the generalized hyperelastic Kirchhoff–Love shell theory with embedded fibers of Duong et al. (2023). Sections 2.3 and 2.4 then extend it to angle elastoplasticity by proposing a multiplicative split of the deformation gradient that preserves fiber length during plasticity. Adapting this enhanced kinematics to the constitutive equations is demonstrated in Section 2.6.

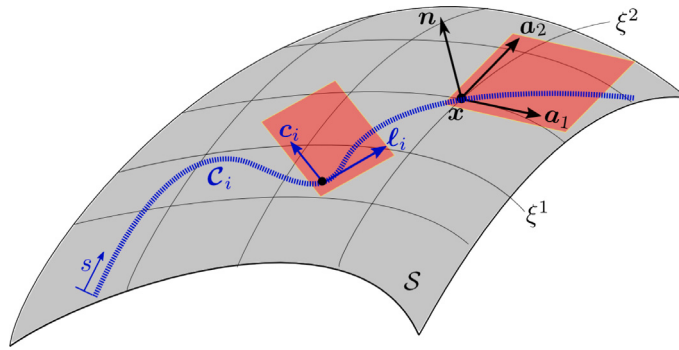


Fig. 1. Shell surface S with an embedded fiber bundle along curve C (Duong et al., 2023). Multiple fiber families are distinguished by index $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n_f$. Vectors ℓ_i , c_i , and n maintain unit length during deformations by definition. The red planes illustrate tangent planes.

2.1. Surface description

This subsection summarizes the essential geometrical objects used to describe thin shells with embedded fibers under large deformations within the anisotropic Kirchhoff–Love shell theory of Duong et al. (2023).

A mathematical surface S representing the mid-surface of the shell in $\mathbb{R}^3$ at any time t is defined by the one-to-one mapping from a point (ξ^1, ξ^2) in 2D parameter space $\mathcal{P}$ to the point $x \in S$ as (see Fig. 1)

$$x = x(\xi^\alpha, t). \quad (1)$$

The two tangent vectors at $x \in S$

$$a_\alpha := \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi^\alpha} = x_{,\alpha}, \quad (2)$$

with $\alpha = 1, 2$ define the unit normal vector

$$n := \frac{a_1 \times a_2}{\|a_1 \times a_2\|}. \quad (3)$$

In Eq. (2), the comma denotes the parametric derivative. From Eqs. (2) and (3), follow the components of the surface metric

$$a_{\alpha\beta} := a_\alpha \cdot a_\beta, \quad (4)$$

and the components of the out-of-plane surface curvature

$$b_{\alpha\beta} := n \cdot a_{\alpha,\beta} = -n_{,\beta} \cdot a_\alpha. \quad (5)$$

Here, the latter identity follows from $n \cdot a_\alpha = 0$. The contravariant metric components

$$a^{\alpha\beta} := [a_{\alpha\beta}]^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

relate the dual tangent vectors a^α to the tangent vectors a_α by¹

$$a^\alpha = a^{\alpha\beta} a_\beta, \quad (7)$$

which satisfies $a^\alpha \cdot a_\beta = \delta^\alpha_\beta$, with δ^α_β being the Kronecker delta.

Note, that vectors $a_{\alpha,\beta}$ appearing in (5) have both in-plane and out-of-plane components, i.e.

$$a_{\alpha,\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma a_\gamma + b_{\alpha\beta} n, \quad (8)$$

where the in-plane components $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma := a_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot a^\gamma$ denote the so-called Christoffel symbols.

Further, a fiber family C_i embedded in surface S is characterized by its normalized fiber tangent vector, see Fig. 1, defined by

$$\ell_i := \frac{\partial x}{\partial s}, \quad (9)$$

where s denotes the arc length coordinate along C_i such that $ds = \|dx\|$. Fiber direction ℓ_i and surface normal (3) define the fiber director vector

$$c_i := n \times \ell_i. \quad (10)$$

¹ In this paper, the summation convention is applied to repeated Greek indices taking values from 1 to 2.

In the following derivation for a single fiber family where no ambiguities arise, fiber index i is skipped to simplify the notation. Vectors ℓ and c can be expressed in bases $\{\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2, \mathbf{n}\}$ and $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{n}\}$ as

$$\ell = \ell_\alpha \mathbf{a}^\alpha = \ell^\alpha \mathbf{a}_\alpha, \quad (11)$$

$$c = c_\alpha \mathbf{a}^\alpha = c^\alpha \mathbf{a}_\alpha. \quad (12)$$

Here, ℓ_α and ℓ^α are the covariant and contravariant components of vector ℓ . Likewise, c_α and c^α for components of c . For the sake of concise expressions, we further define the auxiliary quantities

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^c := c \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta} = c_\gamma \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma, \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\ell := \ell \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta} = \ell_\gamma \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma. \quad (13)$$

Similarly to Eq. (5), the components of the (symmetric) in-plane fiber curvature tensor can be defined from the parametric derivatives of the fiber director, $c_{,\alpha}$, as

$$\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} := -\frac{1}{2}(c_{,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\beta + c_{,\beta} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\alpha). \quad (14)$$

According to this, only the in-plane components of vectors $c_{,\alpha}$ contribute to the in-plane fiber curvature tensor. We thus can rewrite Eq. (14) as

$$\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{c}_{,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\beta + \bar{c}_{,\beta} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2}(c_{\alpha;\beta} + c_{\beta;\alpha}), \quad (15)$$

where

$$\bar{c}_{,\alpha} := (\mathbf{a}_\beta \otimes \mathbf{a}^\beta) c_{,\alpha} \quad (16)$$

denote the projection of vectors $c_{,\alpha}$ onto the current tangent plane. Further in Eq. (15), the semicolon denotes the covariant derivative, which is defined for the covariant and contravariant components of $c_{,\alpha}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\beta;\alpha} &:= \mathbf{a}_\beta \cdot c_{,\alpha} = c_{\beta,\alpha} - c_\gamma \Gamma_{\beta\alpha}^\gamma, \\ c_{,\alpha}^\beta &:= \mathbf{a}^\beta \cdot c_{,\alpha} = c_{,\alpha}^\beta + c^\gamma \Gamma_{\gamma\alpha}^\beta, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

respectively. As a result from definitions (16) and (17), vectors $\bar{c}_{,\alpha}$ only have in-plane components, i.e.

$$\bar{c}_{,\alpha} = c_{,\alpha}^\beta \mathbf{a}_\beta = c_{\beta;\alpha} \mathbf{a}^\beta. \quad (18)$$

According to Duong et al. (2023), the curvature tensors (5) and (14) can induce useful invariants to measure curvatures of embedded fiber such as

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_n &:= b_{\alpha\beta} \ell^\alpha \ell^\beta, \quad \text{with } \ell^{\alpha\beta} := \ell^\alpha \ell^\beta, \\ \tau_g &:= b_{\alpha\beta} \ell^\alpha c^\beta, \\ \kappa_g &:= \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} \ell^\alpha \ell^\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

They denote the normal curvature, geodesic torsion, and geodesic curvature of the embedded fiber, respectively. Note, that only the magnitude of the curvature measures (19) is strictly invariant, while their sign depends on the direction of vectors $\mathbf{n}$, ℓ , and/or c .

2.2. Surface deformation

In order to measure shell deformations, we distinguish between the reference surface configuration S_0 and the current surface configuration S . The former can be understood as the instance of configuration S at time $t = 0$. Therefore, all the geometrical objects defined in Section 2.1 are valid on S_0 , but we rename their symbols by uppercase (or 0-indexed) symbols. Namely, shell surface S_0 is defined from Eq. (1) as $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}(\xi^\alpha, t = 0)$. Tangent vectors $\mathbf{A}_\alpha$, normal vector $\mathbf{N}$, metric components $A_{\alpha\beta}$, and out-of-plane curvature components $B_{\alpha\beta}$ are defined analogously from Eqs. (2), (3), (4), and (5), respectively. Likewise, fiber family C , its normalized fiber direction ℓ and fiber director c are redenoted by C_0 , L and c_0 on S_0 , respectively. Similarly to Eqs. (11) and (12), vectors L and c_0 can be expressed in bases $\{\mathbf{A}^1, \mathbf{A}^2, \mathbf{N}\}$ and $\{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{N}\}$ as $L = L^\alpha \mathbf{A}_\alpha = L_\alpha \mathbf{A}^\alpha$, and $c_0 = c_\alpha^0 \mathbf{A}^\alpha$. With these, in-plane curvature tensor components $\bar{B}_{\alpha\beta}$ are defined analogously to (14) as $\bar{B}_{\alpha\beta} := -\frac{1}{2}(c_{0,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{A}_\beta + c_{0,\beta} \cdot \mathbf{A}_\alpha)$.

The in-plane surface deformation is characterized by the surface deformation gradient

$$\mathbf{F} := \mathbf{a}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}^\alpha. \quad (20)$$

It is used to define the right Cauchy–Green surface tensor

$$\mathbf{C} := \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} = a_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{A}^\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}^\beta, \quad (21)$$

as well as the Green–Lagrange surface strain tensor $\mathbf{E} := (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})/2$, that has the components

$$E_{\alpha\beta} := \frac{1}{2}(a_{\alpha\beta} - A_{\alpha\beta}). \quad (22)$$

Here, $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{A}^\alpha$ denote the surface identity tensor on S_0 . Further, $\mathbf{F}$ pushes forward the fiber direction according to

$$\lambda \ell = \mathbf{F} L, \quad (23)$$

where $\lambda = \|F L\|$ denotes the fiber stretch. Note that fiber direction $L \in S_0$ is a normalized vector. Alternatively to definition (9), current fiber direction ℓ can be computed from deformation map (23) by $\ell = F L / \lambda$. That is, by definition $\|\ell\| = 1$ for all deformations.

The out-of-plane bending deformation is characterized by the relative surface curvature

$$K_{\alpha\beta} := b_{\alpha\beta} - B_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (24)$$

and similarly the in-plane fiber bending deformation is characterized by the relative in-plane curvature

$$\bar{K}_{\alpha\beta} := \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (25)$$

where components $\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$ can be computed from definition (14). Further, thanks to the deformation map (23) and relation (10), components $c_{\beta;\alpha}$ can be rewritten from Eq. (17) as (Duong et al., 2023)

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\beta;\alpha} &= -\ell^\beta (\lambda^{-1} c_\gamma L^\gamma_{,\alpha} + \ell^\gamma \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta}), \\ c^\beta_{;\alpha} &= -\ell^\beta (\lambda^{-1} c_\gamma L^\gamma_{,\alpha} + \ell^\gamma \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha\beta}). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Note that for multiple fiber families, fiber-related quantities – such as Eqs. (23), (25) and (26) – are defined separately for each fiber family.

With deformation and strain measures (21), (24) and (25), various kinematical invariants useful for the construction of material models can be induced. For example (Duong et al., 2023)

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &:= A^{\alpha\beta} a_{\alpha\beta}, \\ A_i &:= a_{\alpha\beta} L^{\alpha\beta}_i = \lambda_i^2, \\ T_g &:= b_{\alpha\beta} c^\alpha_0 L^\beta - \tau^0_g, \\ K_n &:= \kappa_n \lambda^2 - \kappa^0_n, \\ K_g &:= \kappa_g \lambda^2 - \kappa^0_g, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

are the surface shear measure, square of the fiber stretch, the nominal change in geodesic fiber torsion, normal fiber curvature, and geodesic fiber curvature, respectively. In Eq. (27), we have defined $L^{\alpha\beta} := L^\alpha L^\beta$, $\tau^0_g := B_{\alpha\beta} L^\alpha c^\beta_0$, $\kappa^0_n := B_{\alpha\beta} L^{\alpha\beta}$, and $\kappa^0_g := \bar{B}_{\alpha\beta} L^{\alpha\beta}$.

2.3. Angle measures for shear elastoplasticity

This section presents angle measures suitable for angle elastoplasticity of textile materials under large deformations. It also shows, that various measures for relative fiber angles are invariants that can be properly induced by strain tensors of the displacement gradient.

To this end, an intermediate (fictitious) configuration $\hat{S}$ is introduced following Sauer et al. (2019), see Fig. 2. The geometrical objects of Section 2.1 are defined analogously on $\hat{S}$ using a hat, giving tangent vectors $\hat{a}_\alpha$, normal vector $\hat{n}$, and metric components $\hat{a}_{\alpha\beta}$. With this, the deformation gradient (20) is split into plastic and elastic parts as

$$F = F_e F_p, \quad (28)$$

where

$$F_p := \hat{a}_\alpha \otimes A^\alpha, \quad (29)$$

$$F_e := a_\alpha \otimes \hat{a}^\alpha. \quad (30)$$

The area stretch $J := \det_s F$ can then be expressed as

$$J = J_e J_p, \quad \text{where} \quad J_e := \det_s F_e \quad \text{and} \quad J_p := \det_s F_p. \quad (31)$$

In order to characterize angle plasticity, we consider a pair of fiber families. For multiple pairs of fiber families in S , the kinematics in this section is simply replicated for each pair. We use uppercase Latin indices, such as I, J – taking value 1 or 2 – to count the two fiber families locally within a pair. Summation is also implied on those repeated Latin indices unless otherwise stated. They should not be confused with the lowercase Latin indices used to count all the fiber families appearing in S , and with Greek indices used for the two curvilinear coordinates.

Under deformations, the directions of fiber family C_I in configurations S_0 , $\hat{S}$, and S are L_I , $\hat{\ell}_I$, and ℓ_I , respectively. The relative angles cosines between fibers I and J are defined by

$$\Theta_{IJ} := L_I \cdot L_J, \quad (32)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{IJ} := \hat{\ell}_I \cdot \hat{\ell}_J, \quad (33)$$

$$\theta_{IJ} := \ell_I \cdot \ell_J \quad (34)$$

in configurations S_0 , $\hat{S}$, and S , respectively. Note that in these equations $\Theta_{II} = \hat{\theta}_{II} = \theta_{II} = 1$ (no sum on I), since vectors $\|L_I\| = \|\hat{\ell}_I\| = \|\ell_I\| = 1$. Therefore, the mixed components become $\Theta_{12} = \cos \Theta$, $\hat{\theta}_{12} = \cos \hat{\theta}$, and $\theta_{12} = \cos \theta$, where Θ , $\hat{\theta}$, and

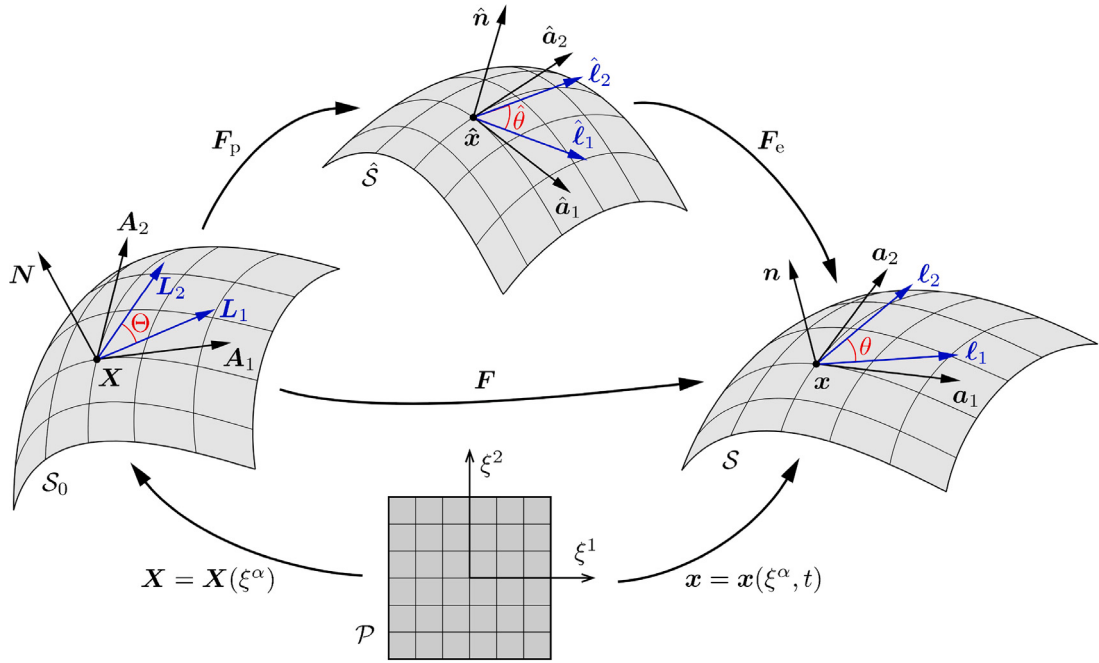


Fig. 2. Split of the surface deformation into elastic and plastic parts (Sauer et al., 2019). This introduces the intermediate configuration $\hat{S}$ between reference and current configurations S_0 and S . The geometrical objects of Section 2.1 are defined likewise in the three configurations. In particular, fiber angle measures $\Theta_{12} := L_1 \cdot L_2 = \cos \Theta$, $\theta_{12} := \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 = \cos \theta$ and $\hat{\theta}_{12} := \hat{\ell}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 = \cos \hat{\theta}$ are defined here for a pair of two fiber families C_1 and C_2 .

θ denote the corresponding relative angles between fiber family 1 and 2 in configurations S_0 , $\hat{S}$, and S , respectively. Further, Eqs. (32)–(34) induce surface metrics that can be arranged in matrix form, e.g.

$$[\Theta_{IJ}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Theta_{12} \\ \Theta_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (35)$$

For the angle plasticity model proposed in this work, we employ the following measures of the relative fiber angle change during deformation

$$\phi := \theta_{12} - \Theta_{12}, \quad (36)$$

$$\phi_e := \theta_{12} - \hat{\theta}_{12}, \quad (37)$$

$$\phi_p := \hat{\theta}_{12} - \Theta_{12}, \quad (38)$$

that satisfy the additive split

$$\phi = \phi_e + \phi_p. \quad (39)$$

In most textile composites, since fiber tensile stiffness usually dominates over shear stiffness, we assume there is no change in fiber length during angle plasticity. We thus pick deformation gradient F_p such that fiber lengths are preserved in configuration $\hat{S}$. Namely,

$$F_p = \hat{\ell}^I \otimes L^I, \quad (40)$$

where L^I is the fiber direction vector dual to L_I in S_0 , defined by

$$L^I = \Theta^{IJ} L_J, \quad \text{with} \quad [\Theta^{IJ}] := [\Theta_{IJ}]^{-1}. \quad (41)$$

By comparing Eqs. (40) and (29) we obtain an expression for $\hat{a}_\alpha$ in terms of the fiber directions, i.e.

$$\hat{a}_\alpha = (L^I \cdot A_\alpha) \hat{\ell}^I = F_p A_\alpha. \quad (42)$$

Remark 2.1. The angle change ϕ , ϕ_e and ϕ_p defined from Eqs. (36)–(38) are invariants that can be properly induced by strain tensors related to the displacement gradient. This is shown in Appendix A. It should be noted, that similarly to the curvature measures (19), only the magnitude of these measures is invariant in a strict sense, since their sign still depends on the direction of the fiber directions, which is exchangeable. However, it can easily be shown that (both the sign and magnitude of) the measures ϕ , ϕ_e and ϕ_p are frame invariant under superimposed rigid body motions of the shell surface.

2.4. Variations and linearizations of kinematical quantities

This section recalls essential variations (and linearizations) of some kinematical quantities mentioned above. Quantities that are not listed here can be found elsewhere, e.g. in [Sauer and Duong \(2017\)](#) and [Duong et al. \(2023\)](#).

We consider a variation of the surface deformation, denoted $\delta \mathbf{x}$, which causes variations in tangent vectors $\mathbf{a}_\alpha$, denoted $\delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha = \delta \mathbf{x}_{,\alpha}$. The variation of the kinematical quantities in Eqs. (22), (24) and (25) requires $\delta a_{\alpha\beta}$, $\delta b_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$. They are given by ([Sauer and Duong, 2017](#); [Duong et al., 2023](#))

$$\begin{aligned}\delta a_{\alpha\beta} &= \delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{a}_\beta + \mathbf{a}_\alpha \cdot \delta \mathbf{a}_\beta, \\ \delta b_{\alpha\beta} &= \mathbf{n} \cdot \delta \mathbf{d}_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \text{with} \quad \delta \mathbf{d}_{\alpha\beta} := \delta \mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \delta \mathbf{a}_\gamma, \\ \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} &= -\bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} (\delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha \cdot \bar{\mathbf{c}}_{,\beta} + \mathbf{a}_\alpha \cdot \delta \bar{\mathbf{c}}_{,\beta}),\end{aligned}\tag{43}$$

where the last equation holds for any symmetric tensor $\bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta}$.

The variation of surface normal vector $\mathbf{n}$, fiber direction $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ and fiber director $\mathbf{c}$ can be shown to be expressible in terms of $\delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha$ (cf. Eqs. (204), (206), and (211) in [Duong et al. \(2023\)](#)) as

$$\delta \mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{a}^\alpha (\mathbf{n} \cdot \delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha). \tag{44}$$

$$\delta \boldsymbol{\ell} = (\mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{c}) \boldsymbol{\ell}^\alpha \delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha. \tag{45}$$

$$\delta \mathbf{c} = -(\mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{c}) \delta \mathbf{n} - (\boldsymbol{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{c}) \delta \boldsymbol{\ell}. \tag{46}$$

Consequently, the variation $\delta \phi$ following from Eq. (36), with (34) and (45), can be expressed fully in terms of the variation of the surface metric as

$$\delta \phi = \delta \theta_{12} = g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} \delta a_{\alpha\beta}, \tag{47}$$

where we have defined

$$g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} := \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^\alpha \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^\beta + \boldsymbol{\ell}_1^\beta \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^\alpha) - \frac{\theta_{12}}{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\alpha\beta} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\alpha\beta}), \quad \text{with} \quad \boldsymbol{\ell}_I^{\alpha\beta} := \boldsymbol{\ell}_I^\alpha \boldsymbol{\ell}_I^\beta \text{ (no sum on } I\text{)}. \tag{48}$$

From this equation and (45), follows the linearization

$$\Delta g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} = g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \Delta a_{\gamma\delta}, \tag{49}$$

where

$$g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} := \frac{\partial g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial a_{\gamma\delta}} = -(\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^\alpha \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^\beta)^{\text{sym}} \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\gamma\delta} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\gamma\delta}) - \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\alpha\beta} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\alpha\beta}) g_{12}^{\gamma\delta} + \frac{\theta_{12}}{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\gamma\delta} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\gamma\delta}). \tag{50}$$

2.5. Weak form

This section presents the weak form and the material tangents for the generalized Kirchhoff-Love shell with embedded fibers of [Duong et al. \(2023\)](#). For all variation $\delta \mathbf{x}$ within the set of kinematically admissible variations $\mathcal{V}$, the weak form follows from the principle of virtual work as ([Duong et al., 2023](#))

$$G_{\text{in}} + G_{\text{int}} - G_{\text{ext}} = 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}, \tag{51}$$

where

$$G_{\text{in}} = \int_{S_0} \delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{v}} \, dA, \tag{52}$$

$$G_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_0} \tau^{\alpha\beta} \delta a_{\alpha\beta} \, dA + \int_{S_0} M_0^{\alpha\beta} \delta b_{\alpha\beta} \, dA + \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \int_{S_0} \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i \, dA, \tag{53}$$

$$G_{\text{ext}} = \int_S \delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{f} \, da + \int_{\partial S} \delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{T} \, ds + \int_{\partial S} \delta \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{M} \, ds + \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \int_{\partial S} \delta \mathbf{c}_i \cdot \bar{\mathbf{M}}_i \, ds. \tag{54}$$

Here, $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$ and ρ_0 denote the material acceleration and the mass density with unit [mass/reference area], while n_f , $\tau^{\alpha\beta}$, $M_0^{\alpha\beta}$, and $\bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta}$ are the number of fiber families, the components of the effective stress tensor, the nominal stress couple tensor associated with out-of-plane bending, and the nominal stress couple tensor associated with in-plane fiber bending, respectively. Eq. (54) contains the external body force $\mathbf{f}$, external boundary traction $\mathbf{T}$, external out-of-plane bending moment $\mathbf{M}$, and external in-plane fiber bending moment $\bar{\mathbf{M}}_i$. Apart from these Neumann type boundary conditions, displacements and rotations can be prescribed on the shell boundary. Further in Eqs. (53)–(54), the variations of tensor components $\delta a_{\alpha\beta}$, $\delta b_{\alpha\beta}$, and $\delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$, and vectors $\delta \mathbf{n}$ and $\delta \mathbf{c}$ are found in Eqs. (43), (44), and (46), respectively.

From the linearization of internal virtual work (53) follows²

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_{\text{int}} = & \int_{S_0} \left[c^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \frac{1}{2} \delta a_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2} \Delta a_{\gamma\delta} + d^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \frac{1}{2} \delta a_{\alpha\beta} \Delta b_{\gamma\delta} + \bar{d}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \frac{1}{2} \delta a_{\alpha\beta} \Delta \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^i \right. \\ & + e^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta b_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2} \Delta a_{\gamma\delta} + f^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta b_{\alpha\beta} \Delta b_{\gamma\delta} + \bar{g}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta b_{\alpha\beta} \Delta \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^i \\ & + \bar{e}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i \frac{1}{2} \Delta a_{\gamma\delta} + \bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i \Delta b_{\gamma\delta} + \bar{f}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i \Delta \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^j \\ & \left. + \tau^{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \delta a_{\alpha\beta} + M_0^{\alpha\beta} \Delta \delta b_{\alpha\beta} + \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta} \Delta \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i \right] dA, \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

with the nine material tangents (Duong et al., 2023)

$$\begin{aligned} c^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= 2 \frac{\partial \tau^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial a_{\gamma\delta}}, & d^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial \tau^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial b_{\gamma\delta}}, & \bar{d}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial \tau^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^i}, \\ e^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= 2 \frac{\partial M_0^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial a_{\gamma\delta}}, & f^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial M_0^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial b_{\gamma\delta}}, & \bar{g}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial M_0^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^i}, \\ \bar{e}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= 2 \frac{\partial \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial a_{\gamma\delta}}, & \bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial b_{\gamma\delta}}, & \bar{f}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \frac{\partial \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \bar{b}_{\gamma\delta}^j}. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Remark 2.2. As seen from internal virtual work (53), the bending terms contain the variations of curvature tensors $\delta b_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}$, which are defined from the second derivative of the displacement field, see Eq. (43). Therefore, a rotation-free shell formulation (with only three displacement degrees of freedom per node) requires at least C^1 -continuity of the geometry in order to transfer moments through the shell structure. The continuity condition can be satisfied by the isogeometric discretization (Hughes et al., 2005). Such a finite element procedure can be found in Duong et al. (2022), which is summarized here in Appendix B.

2.6. Constitutive equations

Given the work-conjugation pairs appearing in Eq. (53), and by using the classical procedure of Coleman and Noll (1964) for hyperelasticity, the stresses and stress couples in Kirchhoff–Love shells can be obtained from the derivative of a stored energy function per reference area, denoted by W , with respect to the corresponding work-conjugate kinematic variables (Duong et al., 2023). I.e.

$$\tau^{\alpha\beta} = 2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}}, \quad M_0^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial b_{\alpha\beta}}, \quad \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i}. \quad (57)$$

In the presence of material anisotropy and angle elastoplasticity as considered in this work, W takes the form

$$W = W(a_{\alpha\beta}, b_{\alpha\beta}, \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}^i; L_i^{\alpha\beta}, \phi_p), \quad (58)$$

while the constitutive relations (57) remains unchanged, see Sauer et al. (2019), Duong et al. (2023) and Remark 2.3. Here, ϕ_p is chosen as the internal variable to describe the plastic angle change between two fiber families i and j . Alternatively to Eq. (58), W can also be expressed in terms of invariants thanks to the representation theorem (Rivlin and Rideal, 1949). This is considered in the following.

A simple form of a generalized hyperelastic shell model for two-fiber-family dry fabrics is given by (Duong et al., 2023)

$$W = W_{\text{fib-stretch}} + W_{\text{fib-bending}} + W_{\text{fib-torsion}} + W_{\text{fib-angle}}, \quad (59)$$

which consists of the strain energies for fiber stretching, out-of-plane and in-plane fiber bending, fiber torsion, and elastic angle change between the two fiber families, respectively. For angle elastoplasticity, the last term is a function of the elastic angle ϕ_e from Eq. (37), instead of the total angle ϕ as in hyperelasticity, see Duong et al. (2023). A simple quadratic form for $W_{\text{fib-angle}}$ is

$$W_{\text{fib-angle}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_f \phi_e^2, \quad (60)$$

where material parameter μ_f can be identified as the shear modulus of fabrics, see Remark 3.1.

The other terms in Eq. (59) are taken as in the hyperelastic textile model of (Duong et al., 2023),

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{fib-stretch}} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_L \sum_{i=1}^2 (\lambda_i - 1)^2, \\ W_{\text{fib-bending}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[\beta_n (K_n^i)^2 + \beta_g (K_g^i)^2 \right], \\ W_{\text{fib-torsion}} &= \frac{1}{2} \beta_\tau \sum_{i=1}^2 (T_g^i)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

² Apart from the Greek indices, summation is also implied on repeated fiber indices $i, j = 1 \dots n_f$.

where T_g , K_n , and K_g are defined in Eq. (27). Quantities ϵ_L , β_n , β_g , and β_τ are material parameters representing the stiffness for fabric stretching, out-of-plane fabric bending, in-plane fabric bending, and fabric torsion, respectively.

From Eqs. (61) and (57), the effective stress and moment components follow as

$$\begin{aligned}\tau^{\alpha\beta} &= \epsilon_L \sum_{i=1}^2 (\lambda_i - 1) \frac{1}{\lambda_i} L_i^{\alpha\beta} + \tau_a^{\alpha\beta}, \\ M_0^{\alpha\beta} &= \beta_n \sum_{i=1}^2 K_n^i L_i^{\alpha\beta} + \beta_\tau \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 T_g^i (c_{0i}^\alpha L_i^\beta + c_{0i}^\beta L_i^\alpha), \\ \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} &:= \sum_{i=1}^2 \bar{M}_{0i}^{\alpha\beta} = \beta_g \sum_{i=1}^2 K_g^i L_i^{\alpha\beta},\end{aligned}\quad (62)$$

where $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta} := 2 \partial W_{\text{fib-angle}} / \partial a_{\alpha\beta}$. The material tangents of (62) follow from Eq. (56) as

$$\begin{aligned}c^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= + \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \epsilon_L^i \lambda_i^{-3} L_i^{\alpha\beta} L_i^{\gamma\delta} + c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \\ f^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \beta_n^i L_i^{\alpha\beta} L_i^{\gamma\delta} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \beta_\tau^i (c_{0i}^\alpha L_i^\beta)^{\text{sym}} (c_{0i}^\gamma L_i^\delta)^{\text{sym}}, \\ \bar{f}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &:= \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \bar{f}_{ii}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \beta_g^i L_i^{\alpha\beta} L_i^{\gamma\delta}, \\ d^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= e^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \bar{d}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \bar{e}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \bar{g}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0,\end{aligned}\quad (63)$$

where $c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 2 \partial \tau_a^{\alpha\beta} / \partial a_{\alpha\beta}$ denotes the material tangents associated with stress $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$. They will be derived in Section 3.

Remark 2.3. By applying the classical procedure of Coleman and Noll (1964) to thin shell elastoplasticity, Sauer et al. (2019) show that the stresses and moments are given by (cf. Sauer et al. (2019), Eq. (157))

$$\sigma^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{J_e} \frac{\partial \hat{\Psi}}{\partial E_{\alpha\beta}^e}, \quad M^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{J_e} \frac{\partial \hat{\Psi}}{\partial K_{\alpha\beta}^e}, \quad (64)$$

in our notation, where $E_{\alpha\beta}^e := (a_{\alpha\beta} - \hat{a}_{\alpha\beta})/2$ and $K_{\alpha\beta}^e := b_{\alpha\beta} - \hat{b}_{\alpha\beta}$ are the elastic strains, and where $\hat{\Psi}$ is the Helmholtz free energy per unit intermediate configuration area. The energy per reference area then follows as $W = J_p \hat{\Psi}$. Since

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial E_{\alpha\beta}^e} = 2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}}, \quad \frac{\partial J_p}{\partial E_{\alpha\beta}^e} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial W}{\partial K_{\alpha\beta}^e} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial b_{\alpha\beta}}, \quad (65)$$

(cf. Eqs. (78.1), (80.1), (90.1) in Sauer et al. (2019)), this leads to the nominal stresses $\tau^{\alpha\beta} := J \sigma^{\alpha\beta}$ and $M_0^{\alpha\beta} := J M^{\alpha\beta}$ as given in Eq. (57) above. Working with $\hat{\Psi}$ offers advantages when adapting existing hyperelasticity models to inelastic materials, as the functional form $\hat{\Psi} = \hat{\Psi}(E_{\alpha\beta}^e, K_{\alpha\beta}^e)$ (as well as stresses and material tangents) can be picked the same as that of the purely elastic case $W = W(E_{\alpha\beta}, K_{\alpha\beta})$. See Vu-Bac et al. (2019) for an application to thermoelastic shells.

3. Angle elastoplasticity of textiles

This section derives the stress response due to elastoplastic angle change. It follows from a given stored energy function $W_{\text{fib-angle}}(\phi_e)$, which for example is given by Eq. (60). According to Eq. ((57).1) this stress is

$$\tau_a^{\alpha\beta} = 2 \frac{\partial W_{\text{fib-angle}}}{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}}. \quad (66)$$

As seen from Eqs. (39), (37) and (47), angle measure ϕ_e can be expressed in terms of the metric $a_{\alpha\beta}$. Therefore Eq. (66) can be rewritten as

$$\tau_a^{\alpha\beta} = 2 \tau \frac{\partial \phi_e}{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}}, \quad (67)$$

where we have defined the (scalar) shear stress between fiber families

$$\tau := \frac{\partial W}{\partial \phi_e}, \quad (68)$$

and where $\partial \phi_e / \partial a_{\alpha\beta}$ is determined below, see Remark 3.4. In case of model (60), τ takes the simple expression

$$\tau = \mu_f \phi_e. \quad (69)$$

The computation of ϕ_e requires the knowledge of ϕ and ϕ_p according to Eq. (39). While ϕ is observable from the current configuration (using Eq. (36)), the internal variable ϕ_p requires resorting to the intermediate configuration $\hat{\mathcal{S}}$. This is discussed in the following subsection.

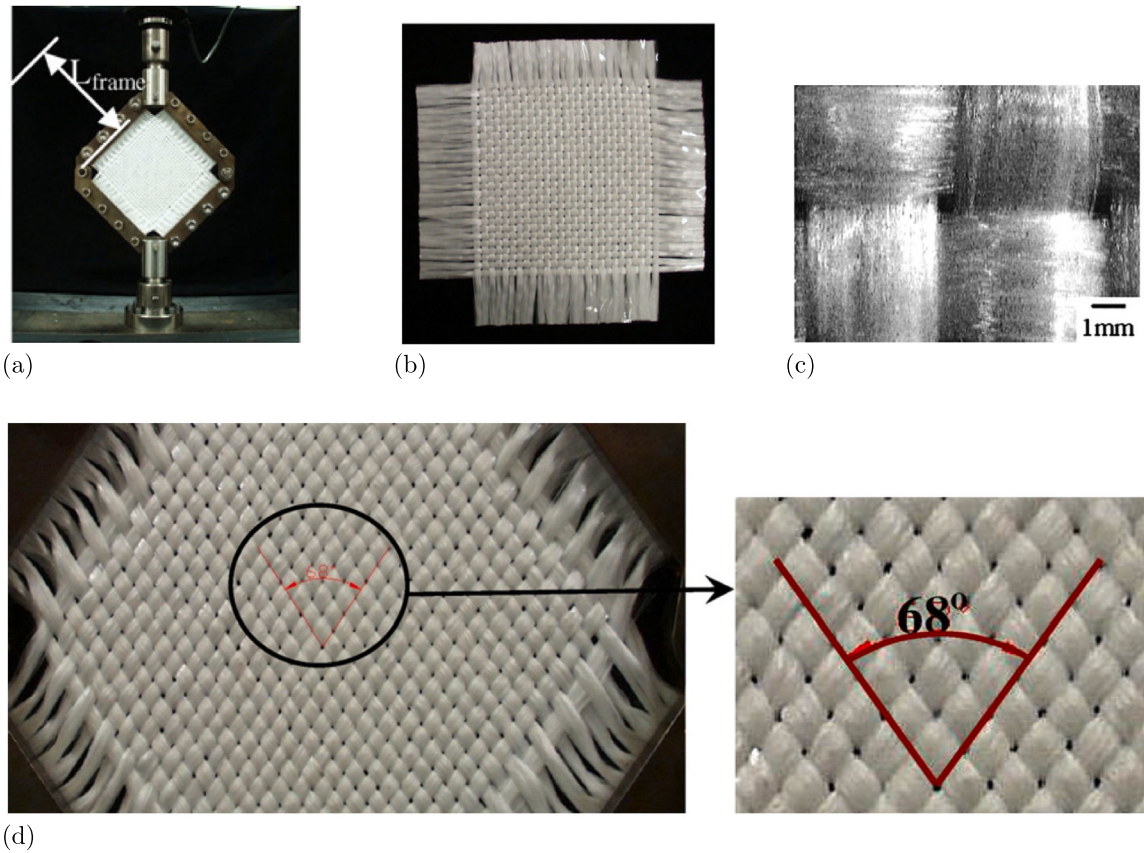


Fig. 3. Picture frame test conducted at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST): (a) frame setup, (b) a woven fabric sample at initial configuration, (c) enlargement of a representative fabric cell, (d) fabric sample at deformed configuration. Here, the pictures are taken from [Cao et al. \(2008\)](#) and [Zhu et al. \(2007\)](#), with permission from Elsevier.

Remark 3.1. As seen from Eq. (67), scalar stress quantity τ defined by (68) can be interpreted as a stress invariant induced by angle stress tensor (66), while tensor $\partial\phi_c/\partial a_{\alpha\beta}$ is a structural tensor that is given explicitly in our plasticity model by Eq. (48) following from Remark 3.4. In case of multiple pairs of fiber families, stress τ is defined separately for each pair and $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$ results from the summation over all pairs on the right hand side of Eq. (67). Stress τ is like the Kirchhoff stress in classical continuum mechanics, i.e. having the unit [force/reference length]. It can be transformed to the physical Cauchy stress (in the current configuration) by $\sigma_{12} = \tau/J$, with J defined in Eq. (31). For an initial fiber angle of 90 degrees and small angle changes, the quantity ϕ is equal to two times the infinitesimal shear strain component ε_{12} , i.e. $\phi = \theta_{12} = 2\varepsilon_{12}$. In linear elasticity, the shear stress then is $\sigma_{12} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{12}$, where μ is the shear modulus. In other words, in this case stress τ defined in Eq. (69) is the classical shear stress, while μ_f is the classical shear modulus of fabrics.

3.1. Underlying mechanism of angle elastoplasticity

This section discusses the major underlying mechanisms of angle elastoplasticity from the picture frame test for woven fabrics, which motivates our choice of the yield function in Section 3.2.

Therefore we examine the experiments conducted at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) as seen in Fig. 3, whose experimental results were reported in [Cao et al. \(2008\)](#) and [Zhu et al. \(2007\)](#). In the experiment, a woven glass fabric – with two fiber families with $\theta = 90^\circ$ (Fig. 3b) – is mounted in a square frame (Fig. 3a), which is then deformed into a rhombus (Fig. 3d).

Angle shear resistance in woven fabrics is observed to be varied significantly by the frame design and preparation of specimens ([Cao et al., 2008](#)). This leads to a scattering of data seen in the reported curves by different research groups, see also Fig. 11. Nevertheless, a typical response of shear force versus shear angle change during deformation looks like in Fig. 4. Overall, the curve is a monotonically increasing function, and there are two major events that significantly alter the trajectory of the curve. The first one appears at small angles ($\gamma = 1-2^\circ$, i.e. almost at the start of deformation), followed then by a low shear resistance period. Meanwhile, the second happens much later ($\gamma = 35-45^\circ$), which is followed by a drastic increase in shear resistance.

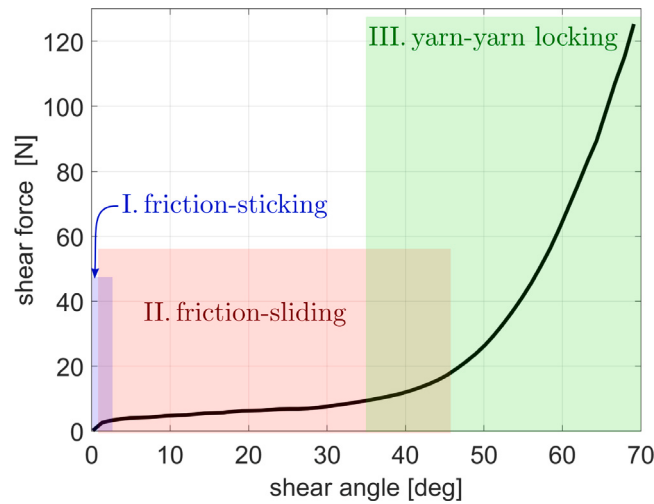


Fig. 4. Picture frame test: A typical shear force curve versus shear angle, approximately subdivided into three phases, where phases I-II result from rotational friction, and phase III is governed by yarn-yarn locking. The shear angle here is defined as $\gamma := 90^\circ - \theta$.

We assume there are two main physical mechanisms governing the above-mentioned shear response of woven fabrics: The first is elastoplastic angle change due to rotational friction between warp and weft yarns, which includes initial sticking and rotational sliding friction. The second is elastoplastic angle change due to yarn-yarn locking (Cao et al., 2008), where warp and weft yarns exert in-plane pressure on each other, constraining further relative rotations between them.

During deformation, one mechanism dominates over the other, resulting in the three phases marked in Fig. 4. In particular, when inspecting the experimental data of Fig. 11, we can assume that sticking and rotational sliding friction dominate phase I (at $\gamma < 2^\circ$, approximately) and phase II ($\gamma = 2\text{--}35^\circ$), respectively. Meanwhile yarn-yarn locking begins at around $\gamma = 35\text{--}45^\circ$ and becomes dominant at larger shear angle γ (phase III).

It should be noted that, the characterization into phases here is only meant qualitatively (yet useful for our modeling purpose). For example, the extent of phase II depends on the initial clearance between yarns that facilitates the shearing of the fabric, see Fig. 3c. It can depend also on fiber density, fiber pretension, among other factors.

3.2. Proposed yield function and flow rule

Motivated by the experimental observations from the picture frame test discussed in Section 3.1, this section proposes a corresponding yield function and flow rule. Recall from Eq. (67) (and Remark 3.1), that only one invariant of the angle stress tensor is required as the work-conjugated counterpart to the angle change. This helps to significantly reduce the modeling complexity of angle elastoplasticity as is shown in the following.

We assume the evolution of the internal variable ϕ_p is governed by a yield function with an associated flow rule and evolution equations of independent hardening/softening variables.

The yield function for angle plasticity can be written in the form

$$f_y(\tau, q) = |\tau| - f_{\text{iso}}(q), \quad (70)$$

where $f_{\text{iso}}(q) \geq 0$ models isotropic hardening, and q denotes the hardening variable. The yield function takes the following values

$$f_y \begin{cases} < 0 & \text{elastic,} \\ = 0 & \text{plastic.} \end{cases} \quad (71)$$

To reproduce the shear behavior discussed in Section 3.1, we propose the scalar-valued function

$$f_{\text{iso}}(q) = \tau_y + A \sinh(aq) + B \tanh(bq) + C q^c, \quad (72)$$

for isotropic hardening. Here, τ_y is the initial yield stress, while A, B, C , and a, b and c are model parameters. In connection with the deformation phases shown in Fig. 4, parameter τ_y sets the initial sticking limit of phase I, while the four parameters A, a, B and b reflect the low plastic resistance of phase II, and the two parameters C and c capture the increased hardening of phase III by a power law.

With Eq. (72), Eq. (70) becomes

$$f_y(\tau, q) = h\tau - \tau_y - A \sinh(aq) - B \tanh(bq) - C q^c, \quad \text{with } h := \text{sign}(\tau), \quad (73)$$

which is plotted in Fig. 5a.

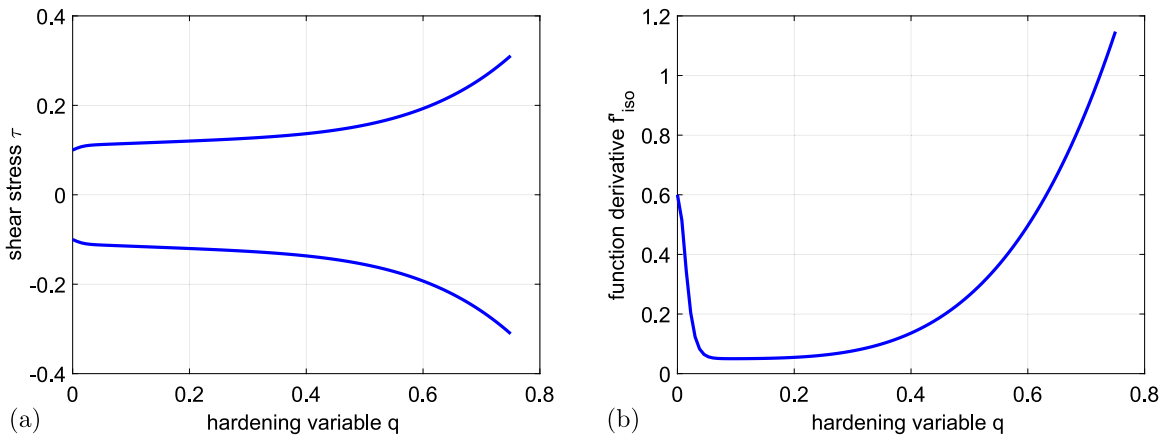


Fig. 5. Characteristics of the proposed yield function: (a) yield surface $f_y = 0$ from Eq. (70) and (b) function derivative $f'_{iso}(q)$ from Eq. (72) versus hardening variable q . Here, we have used $\tau_y = 0.1 \mu_0$, $A = 0.05 \mu_0$, $a = 1$, $B = 0.01 \mu_0$, $b = 55$, $C = 0.7 \mu_0$ and $c = 5$, where μ_0 denotes a stress measure.

We further assume the associated flow rule

$$\dot{\phi}_p = \dot{\alpha}_p \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial \tau}, \quad (74)$$

where α_p denotes the accumulated plastic angle change. Inserting (72) into Eq. (74) gives

$$\dot{\phi}_p = h \dot{\alpha}_p. \quad (75)$$

For the hardening variable q , we assume the simple evolution law

$$\dot{q} = \dot{\alpha}_p. \quad (76)$$

Remark 3.2. The parameter set $[\tau_y, A, a, B, b, C, c]$ appearing in Eq. (73) is chosen such that it leads to a monotonically increasing hardening function $f_{iso}(q)$ in accordance with the experimental behavior of Fig. 4, i.e. $f'_{iso}(q) > 0$ as seen Fig. 5b.

Remark 3.3. Hardening function (72) is not only motivated from reproducing the experimental observation discussed in Section 3.1. It is also chosen such that it provides continuous differentiability as seen in Fig. 5b. The latter is to obtain a well-behaved and smooth tangent matrix, which facilitates robustness of the Newton–Raphson algorithm.

3.3. Time discretization and predictor–corrector algorithm

A time integration scheme is required for solving Eqs. (75) and (76). Here, we employ the backward Euler scheme for both variables ϕ_p and q , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_p^{n+1} &= \phi_p^n + h^{n+1} \Delta \alpha_p^{n+1}, \\ q^{n+1} &= q^n + \Delta \alpha_p^{n+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

With this, the evaluation of Eq. (73) is based on a classical predictor–corrector algorithm³:

1. The *trial step* is to determine whether the material point is in an elastic or plastic state by assuming the former, i.e. setting the increment of the plastic strain to $\Delta \alpha_p = 0$. This gives the current elastic trial angle

$$\phi_e^{\text{trial}} = \phi_p^{n+1} - \phi_p^n \quad (78)$$

due to Eqs. ((77).1) and (39). Thus the current trial stress (69) becomes

$$\tau^{\text{trial}} := \mu_f \phi_e^{\text{trial}}. \quad (79)$$

The verification of the elastic assumption is then based on the value of the yield function (73) computed in this step,

$$\begin{aligned} f_y^{\text{trial}} &:= h^{\text{trial}} \tau^{\text{trial}} - \tau_y - A \sinh(a q^n) - B \tanh(b q^n) - C (q^n)^c, \\ h^{\text{trial}} &:= \text{sign}(\tau^{\text{trial}}). \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

³ Henceforth, unless indicated otherwise, variables without time step superscript are evaluated at the current time step $n + 1$.

2. If $f_y^{\text{trial}} \leq 0$, then the material is indeed in an *elastic state*. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \tau^{\text{trial}}, \\ \phi_e &= \phi_e^{\text{trial}}.\end{aligned}\quad (81)$$

Taking the variation of the last equation in (81) and considering Eqs. (78) and (47), gives

$$\delta\phi_e = \delta\theta_{12}^{n+1} = g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} \delta a_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (82)$$

such that Eq. (66) leads to the stress components

$$\tau_a^{\alpha\beta} = 2 \tau^{\text{trial}} g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}. \quad (83)$$

The corresponding material tangents follows from Eq. (56) as

$$c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 4 \mu_f g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} g_{12}^{\gamma\delta} + 4 \tau^{\text{trial}} g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}, \quad (84)$$

where $g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}$ and $g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ are defined by Eqs. (48) and (50), respectively.

3. If $f_y^{\text{trial}} > 0$, then the state is plastic. An evaluation of plastic strain $\Delta\alpha_p > 0$ is then required for the correction of the trial state. The computation of plastic strain $\Delta\alpha_p$ is found such that Eq. (73) satisfies

$$f_y^{n+1} = h^{n+1} \tau^{n+1} - \tau_y - A \sinh(a q^{n+1}) - B \tanh(b q^{n+1}) - C (q^{n+1})^c = 0, \quad (85)$$

where τ^{n+1} is now computed from

$$\tau^{n+1} = \mu_f (\phi^{n+1} - \phi_p^{n+1}). \quad (86)$$

By considering Eqs. ((77).1), (79) and (78), Eq. (86) becomes

$$\tau^{n+1} = \tau^{\text{trial}} - h^{n+1} \mu_f \Delta\alpha_p. \quad (87)$$

Given that parameters $\mu_f > 0$ and $\Delta\alpha_p > 0$, Eq. (87) leads to

$$h^{n+1} = h^{\text{trial}}. \quad (88)$$

Inserting Eqs. (88), (87) and ((77).2) into (85) gives

$$\begin{aligned}g(\Delta\alpha_p) &:= h^{\text{trial}} \tau^{\text{trial}} - \mu_f \Delta\alpha_p - \tau_y \\ &\quad - A \sinh[a (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)] - B \tanh[b (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)] - C (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)^c = 0,\end{aligned}\quad (89)$$

which is solved for $\Delta\alpha_p$ using Newton's method. For this, the derivative

$$g' = -\mu_f - \frac{A a}{\sqrt{1 + a^2 (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)^2}} - B b \operatorname{sech}^2[b (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)] - C c (q^n + \Delta\alpha_p)^{c-1} \quad (90)$$

is needed. With $\Delta\alpha_p$ evaluated, the elastic angle strain and stress can then be updated from

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_p^{n+1} &= \phi_p^n + h^{\text{trial}} \Delta\alpha_p, \\ \phi_e^{n+1} &= \phi^{n+1} - \phi_p^{n+1}, \\ q^{n+1} &= q^n + \Delta\alpha_p, \\ \tau^{n+1} &= \mu_f \phi_e^{n+1}.\end{aligned}\quad (91)$$

From Eq. ((91).2) follows the elastic angle variation

$$\delta\phi_e = \delta\phi_e^{n+1} = \delta\phi^{n+1} = \delta\theta_{12}^{n+1} = g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} \delta a_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (92)$$

the stress components (66)

$$\tau_a^{\alpha\beta} = 2 \tau g_{12}^{\alpha\beta}, \quad (93)$$

and the corresponding material tangent (56)

$$c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 4 (\mu_f + \mu_f^2 / g') g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} g_{12}^{\gamma\delta} + 4 \tau g_{12}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}. \quad (94)$$

The resulting predictor–corrector algorithm is summarized in Table 1.

Remark 3.4. As seen from Eqs. (82) and (92), the change of elastic angle ϕ_e with respect to the metric in the presented plasticity model is simply

$$\frac{\partial\phi_e}{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}} = g_{12}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (95)$$

for both elastic and plastic states.

Table 1

Summary of the predictor–corrector algorithm.

Given: current fiber angle ϕ^{n+1} , the previous values ϕ^n , ϕ_p^n , q^n , shear stiffness μ_t , and yield function f_y .
1. Trial step with the elastic assumption $\phi_e^{\text{trial}} = \phi^{n+1} - \phi_p^n$, and $\tau^{\text{trial}} = \epsilon \phi_e^{\text{trial}}$
• Compute trial yield function $f_y^{\text{trial}} := f_y(\tau^{\text{trial}}, q^n)$ from Eq. (80).
2. If $f_y^{\text{trial}} \leq 0$, then the step is indeed elastic.
• Set plastic strain $\Delta\alpha_p = 0$.
• Compute elastic angle strain ϕ_e^{n+1} and elastic shear stress τ from Eq. (81).
• Compute stress $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$ and corresponding tangents $c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ from Eqs. (83) and (84).
3. If $f_y^{\text{trial}} > 0$, then the step is plastic:
• Compute plastic strain $\Delta\alpha_p$ using Newton's method with residual (89) and gradient (90).
• Compute elastic angle strain ϕ_e^{n+1} and elastic shear stress τ from Eq. (91).
• Compute stress $\tau_a^{\alpha\beta}$ and corresponding tangents $c_a^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ from Eqs. (93) and (94).
4. Update ϕ_p and q from Eq. (77)

4. Analytical solution of angle plasticity in the picture frame test

This section presents the analytical solution for the picture frame test shown in Figs. 3 and 6a–b. The aim is to find an analytical expression for the stress based on the angle plasticity model proposed in Section 3. Our solution is applicable to multiple loading (or unloading) cycles. To this end, we employ a so-called expanding yield surface approach: It solves for the shear stress within a given loading or unloading interval using the initial conditions provided from the solution at the end of the previous interval. A supplementary Matlab code for this is provided at <https://github.com/xuanthangduong/textile-picture-frame-test.git>

4.1. Various angle measures in the picture frame test

The initial configuration and fiber directions in the picture frame test are seen in Fig. 6a. In this case the angle measures from Eqs. (32) and (34) become

$$\Theta_{12} := \mathbf{L}_1 \cdot \mathbf{L}_1 = \cos \Theta = 0, \quad (96)$$

$$\theta_{12} := \mathcal{L}_1 \cdot \mathcal{L}_2 = \cos \theta. \quad (97)$$

For the plotting of the testing results, it is convenient to use the shear angle

$$\gamma := 90^\circ - \theta \quad [\text{deg}]. \quad (98)$$

Consider a loading (or unloading) interval, denoted $\mathcal{C}$, where $\theta_{12} \in [\theta_{12}^0, \theta_{12}^{\max}]$. We define the relative angles $\bar{\phi}$ similarly to Eqs. (36)–(38) but now with respect to the configuration at the start of interval $\mathcal{C}$. Here, the bar indicates an interval-wise quantity. This means that within interval $[\theta_{12}^0, \theta_{12}^{\max}]$ the configuration at θ_{12} is identical to the current configuration S . But the configuration at θ_{12}^0 now becomes the reference configuration and is denoted by $\bar{S}_0$. Between $\bar{S}_0$ and S , the intermediate configuration is denoted by $\bar{S}$ – generally different from $\hat{S}$. The directions of two fiber pairs in configurations $\bar{S}_0$ and $\bar{S}$ are denoted by $\mathcal{L}_I^0$ and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_I$, respectively. Similarly to Eqs. (32) and (33), fiber directions $\mathcal{L}_I^0$ and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_I$ constitute the relative fiber angles, denoted θ_{12}^0 and $\hat{\theta}_{12}$, respectively.

With these, the relative angles within interval $\mathcal{C}$ are defined as

$$\bar{\phi} := \theta_{12} - \theta_{12}^0, \quad (99)$$

$$\bar{\phi}_e := \theta_{12} - \hat{\theta}_{12}, \quad (100)$$

$$\bar{\phi}_p := \bar{\phi} - \bar{\phi}_e. \quad (101)$$

Consequently $\bar{\phi}$ always ranges from zero to $\phi^{\max} := \theta_{12}^{\max} - \theta_{12}^0$. Note that $\phi^{\max}$ can take a negative value.

4.2. Shear stress in a loading interval

Similar to the interval-wise angle measures defined in Eqs. (99)–(101), the shear stress can be expressed in an interval-wise manner as follows.

Consider a loading or unloading interval $\mathcal{C}$, which proceeds from the previous interval, say $\mathcal{C}^0$. Given that $\bar{\phi}$ ranges from 0 to $\phi^{\max}$ and the fabric deforms from elastic phase $\mathcal{C}_e$ to plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$, the total shear stress τ can be computed from the shear stress at the end of interval $\mathcal{C}^0$ plus an additional stress. That is,

$$\tau = \tau^0 + \bar{\tau}, \quad (102)$$

where τ^0 and $\bar{\tau}$ denote the shear stress due to the change of fiber angles in interval $\mathcal{C}^0$ and $\mathcal{C}$, respectively. Here, $\bar{\tau}$ follows from (69) with (101) as

$$\bar{\tau} := \mu_f \bar{\phi}_e = \mu_f (\bar{\phi} - \bar{\phi}_p). \quad (103)$$

Here, the internal variable $\bar{\phi}_p$ is still unknown and can be solved by the following approach, which we term the *expanding yield surface approach*.

4.3. Analytical solution by an expanding yield surface approach

We now aim at solving for $\bar{\phi}_p$ to compute shear stress $\bar{\tau}$. To this end, performing time integration over plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$ on both sides of the evolution Eqs. (75) and (76) gives

$$h(\bar{\phi}_p + \bar{c}_1) = \alpha_p + \bar{c}_2, \quad (104)$$

$$Q := \alpha_p + \bar{c}_2 = q + \bar{c}_3, \quad (105)$$

where $\bar{\phi}_p$ is the plastic angle defined in Eq. (101), Q denotes an offset of q (and also α_p) over $\mathcal{C}$, and parameters $\bar{c}_1$, $\bar{c}_2$, and $\bar{c}_3$ are constants to be determined from the initial conditions, see Eq. (116). Inserting Eq. (104) into (105) gives the explicit expression of the hardening variable q in terms of $\bar{\phi}_p$ as⁴

$$q = \alpha_p + \bar{c}_2 - \bar{c}_3 = h(\bar{\phi}_p + \bar{c}_1) - \bar{c}_3 =: \tilde{q}(\bar{\phi}_p). \quad (106)$$

With this and angle $\bar{\phi}$ given, we can solve for $\bar{\phi}_p$

$$f_y(\tau, \tilde{q}) = 0 \quad (107)$$

in a plastic state. Here,

$$f_y = \bar{\tau} h - (\tau_y + |\tau^0|) - A \sinh(a \tilde{q}) - B \tanh(b \tilde{q}) - C \tilde{q}^c \quad (108)$$

follows from (73) when inserting (102), and $\bar{\tau}$ is expressed by Eq. (103) with (106). Therefore, f_y from Eq. (108) becomes a function of sole (scalar) variable $\bar{\phi}_p$, and Eq. (107) can be solved for $\bar{\phi}_p$ by Newton's method using the derivative

$$f'_y = -h \mu_f - \frac{A a h}{\sqrt{1 + a^2 \tilde{q}^2}} - B b h \operatorname{sech}^2(b \tilde{q}) - C c h \tilde{q}^{c-1}. \quad (109)$$

As seen from Eq. (108), the yield stress is shifted by $|\tau^0|$ since the current interval starts from the last point of the previous interval. In other words, the yield surface expands by $|\tau^0|$.

Further, the elastic phase in interval $\mathcal{C}$ can be defined from function (108) with the condition

$$f_y(\bar{\tau}) < 0. \quad (110)$$

Note that in this phase, hardening variable $\tilde{q}$ does not evolve. That is, it remains constant at the value from the previous loading interval, say $\tilde{q} = q^0$, and $\bar{\tau} = \mu_f \bar{\phi}$ from Eq. (103) since $\bar{\phi}_p = 0$, and function (108) becomes

$$f_y = \mu_f |\bar{\phi}| - (\tau_y + |\tau^0|) - A \sinh(a q^0) - B \tanh(b q^0) - C (q^0)^c. \quad (111)$$

With this, condition (110) gives the definition of the elastic zone as

$$|\bar{\phi}| < \phi_y, \quad (112)$$

where we have defined the so-called yield angle ϕ_y as

$$\phi_y := \frac{1}{\mu_f} \left[\tau_y + |\tau^0| + A \sinh(a q^0) + B \tanh(b q^0) + C (q^0)^c \right]. \quad (113)$$

In particular for the initial loading interval, setting $\tau^0 = 0$, and $q^0 = 0$ in Eq. (113) gives $\phi_y = \tau_y / \mu_f$.

4.4. Analytical solution procedure

At the start of interval $\mathcal{C}$, the values of shear stress τ , accumulated plastic angle α_p , hardening variable q , and accumulation Q in Eq. (105) are taken over from (the end of) the previous interval $\mathcal{C}_0$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \tau^0, \\ \alpha_p &= \alpha_p^0, \\ q &= q^0, \\ Q &= Q^0, \end{aligned} \quad (114)$$

where $Q^0 = \tau^0 = \alpha_p^0 = q^0 = 0$ for the initial loading interval. With this, we can compute the yield angle ϕ_y from Eq. (113).

⁴ Here we keep the constants separate for the sake of comparison with the general numerical procedure in Section 3.3. Alternatively, one can combine the constants and eliminate variable α_p .

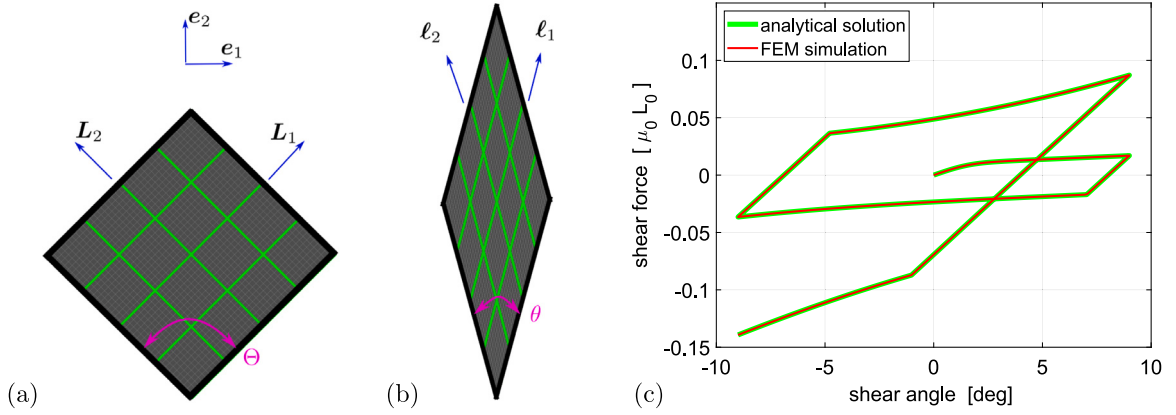


Fig. 6. Verification of the proposed angle plasticity model using the picture frame test: (a) Initial and (b) deformed configurations with two fiber families (marked in green). (c) Comparison of FEM results with analytical solution for multiple loading and unloading cycles. Here, the following parameters are used: $\tau_y = 0$, $\mu_t = \mu_0$, $A = 0.05 \mu_0$, $a = 1$, $B = 0.01 \mu_0$, $b = 55$, $C = 0.7 \mu_0$ and $c = 5$. A supplementary Matlab code for this is provided at <https://github.com/xuanthangduong/textile-picture-frame-test.git>.

For any given $\bar{\phi} \in [0, \phi^{\max}]$, if $\bar{\phi}$ falls in the elastic phase $\mathcal{C}_e$, i.e. $|\bar{\phi}| \leq \phi_y$, the shear stress (102) becomes

$$\tau = \tau^0 + \mu_t \bar{\phi}, \quad (115)$$

since $\bar{\phi}_p = 0$.

On the other hand, if $\bar{\phi}$ falls in the plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$, i.e. $|\bar{\phi}| > \phi_y$, we compute $\bar{\phi}_p$ by solving Eq. (107) with f_y defined by Eq. (108), where the three constants appearing in Eqs. (104) and (105) are determined from the initial conditions at the start of plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_3 &= Q^0 - q^0, \\ \bar{c}_2 &= Q^0 - \alpha_p^0, \\ \bar{c}_1 &= h^e Q^0, \\ h^e &= \text{sign } \tau_e. \end{aligned} \quad (116)$$

Here, τ_e denotes the shear stress (115) at the end of the elastic phase $\mathcal{C}_e$ (i.e. the start of plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$), and we have used the condition $\bar{\phi}_p = 0$ at the start of plastic phase $\mathcal{C}_p$, and the fact that Q , q , and α_p remain unchanged in $\mathcal{C}_e$ as q and α_p evolve only in plastic phases.

With $\bar{\phi}_p$ computed, apart from stress τ from (102), variables q , Q and α_p from Eqs. (106) and (104) can be computed at the end of the current interval, so that they are available for the initial conditions of the next loading interval.

5. Model verification using the picture frame test

This section first verifies the preceding finite element formulation using the analytical solution of the proposed angle plasticity model for the picture frame test given in Section 4. Second, the picture frame test is used to investigate the influence of the model parameters. In these results, shear forces are normalized by frame length L_0 and stress measure μ_0 .

5.1. Finite element versus analytical solutions of the picture frame test

The picture frame test consists of a square sheet of dimension $L_0 \times L_0$ with two embedded fiber families that is deformed into a rhombus as seen Fig. 6a–b. The deformation is applied by the Dirichlet boundary condition

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi, \bar{\mathbf{X}}) = \sqrt{2} (\cos \varphi \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \sin \varphi \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2) \bar{\mathbf{X}}. \quad (117)$$

Here, $\varphi := (\pi - \theta)/2$, and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$ denote the current and initial position of the boundary points, respectively. The plasticity model from Section 2.6 is used in the test. Assuming no wrinkling occurs, the problem can be solved analytically, as is shown in Section 4. Fig. 6c shows that the finite element solution and analytical solution of the shear forces are identical (within machine precision). This verifies the implemented finite element formulation.

5.2. Parameter study based on the picture frame test

In the following, the picture frame test is used to study the influence of the parameters appearing in the angle plasticity model (73) on the shear response. Additionally, the agreement between simulation and exact solution is confirmed in all cases.

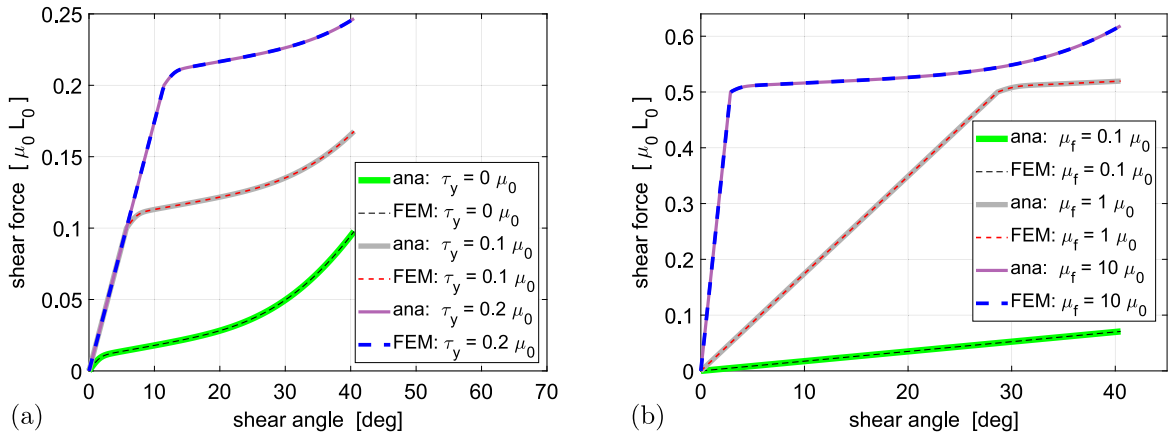


Fig. 7. Parameter study based on the picture frame test during phase I: influence of (a) yield stress τ_y and (b) initial shear modulus μ_f of model (73). Here, unless otherwise varied and specified in the figure legends, the following parameters are used: $\tau_y = 0.5 \mu_0$, $\mu_f = \mu_0$, $A = 0.05 \mu_0$, $a = 1$, $B = 0.01 \mu_0$, $b = 55$, $C = 0.7 \mu_0$ and $c = 5$.

5.2.1. Influence of tensile stiffness, initial shear modulus and yield stress

Tensile fiber stiffness ϵ_L has no influence on the shear response of fabrics when it is sufficiently large. Fig. 7a–b shows the influence of yield stress τ_y and initial shear modulus μ_f on to the elastic shear response of fabrics (phase I, see Section 3.1). As expected, parameter τ_y offsets the curve vertically, while μ_f controls its slope within the elastic range.

5.2.2. Influence of angle plasticity parameters

Fig. 8a–d show the influence of parameters A , a , B , and b in the proposed plasticity model (73). This set of parameters govern the low plastic resistance phase (phase II, see Section 3.1). Note that τ_y is set to zero here, so that no elasticity is present. Parameters A and a change the global slope and offset of the curve as seen in Fig. 8a–b, while parameters B and b control the slope and offset at small shear angles as shown in Fig. 8c–d.

On the other hand, parameters C and c govern the shear response during phase III (see Section 3.1) in the fabric. They thus only alter the later part of the curve as seen in Fig. 9. In theory, $\gamma = 90^\circ$ is the limit of deformation as the frame area reaches zero. Although the power law with parameters C and c does not strictly prevent this limit state, the computation becomes infeasible due to a vanishing finite element Jacobian. In practice, due to a finite yarn thickness, the shear force usually changes rapidly for shear angles that are far from this limit state. For example, the data in Fig. 11 shows that phase III already begins around $\gamma = 35\text{--}45^\circ$.

6. Model calibration and validation

The section presents the calibration and validation of the proposed angle plasticity model. The case of plain weave (glass) fabrics is considered using experimental data provided in the literature.

6.1. Model calibration

The following three subsections discuss the calibration of all the different material parameters. The results are summarized in Table 2.

6.1.1. Calibration of the initial tensile and shear modulus of plain weave fabric

Tensile stiffness ϵ_L in Eq. ((61).1) can be calibrated from experimental data of uniaxial tensile tests as shown in Fig. 10a. Here, in order to account for the undulation of yarns within the fabric, we use the tensile data provided by Peng and Cao (2005) for fabric samples instead of a single yarn, and our model is fitted to the data such that the initial slopes are matched.

Initial fabric shear modulus μ_f in Eq. (69), on the other hand, needs to be calibrated from a shear test, such as the picture frame test, as shown in Fig. 10b. Here, the data set from Laboratoire de Mécanique des Systèmes et des Procédés (LMSP) (Cao et al., 2008) is used, since it was obtained from the largest ratio of the fabric length (240 mm, excluding the clamp-affected zone) to the frame length (245 mm), cf. Tab. 3 in Cao et al. (2008). Such a setup maximizes the interaction between yarns in the initial loading phase, which may contribute to the largest initial slope among other testing setups as seen in Fig. 11a and Fig. 25 in Cao et al. (2008).

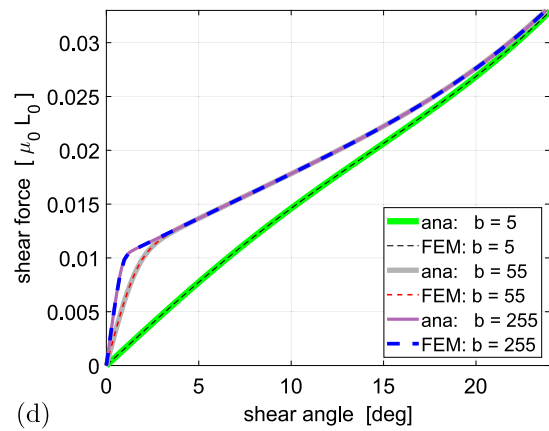
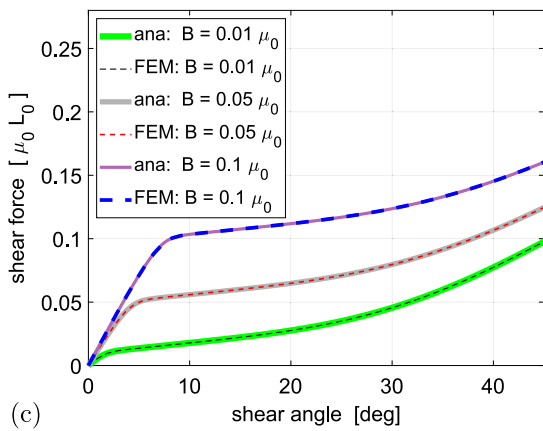
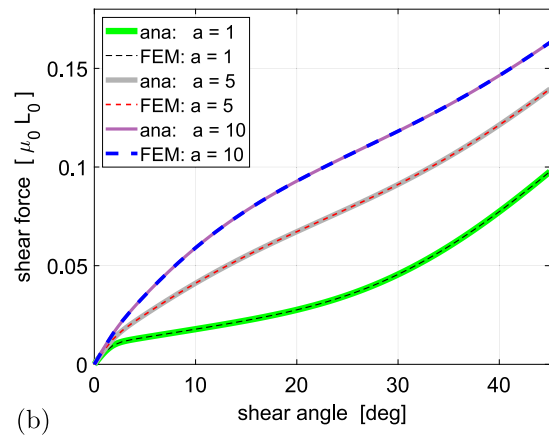
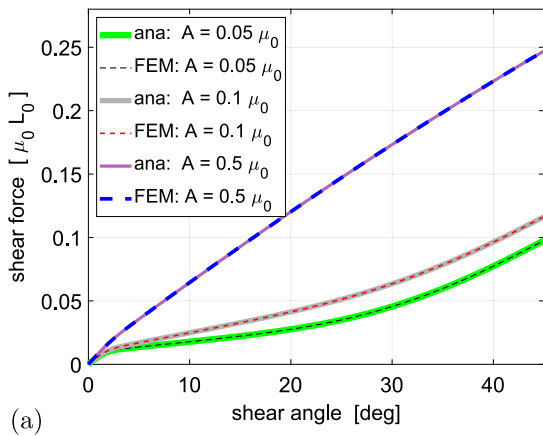


Fig. 8. Parameter study based on the picture frame test during phase II: (a)–(d) influence of parameter A , a , B and b , respectively, of model (73). These parameters govern the low plastic resistance phase (phase II). Here, unless otherwise varied and specified in the figures, the following parameters are used: $\tau_y = 0$, $\mu_t = \mu_0$, $A = 0.05 \mu_0$, $a = 1$, $B = 0.01 \mu_0$, $b = 55$, $C = 0.7 \mu_0$ and $c = 5$.

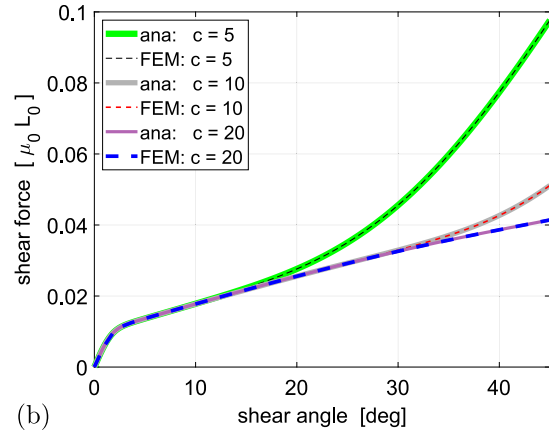
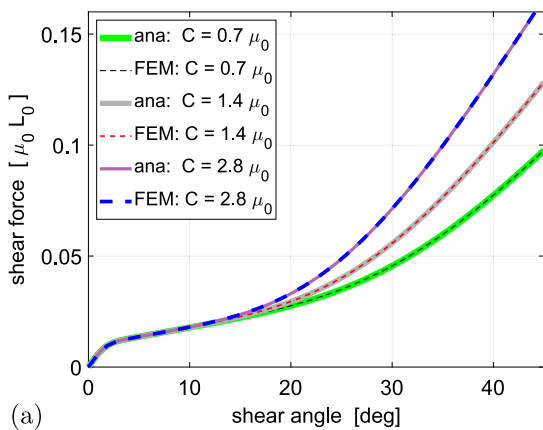


Fig. 9. Parameter study based on the picture frame test during phase III: (a)–(b) influence of parameter C and c , respectively, of model (73). These parameters govern the increased hardening phase (phase III). Here, $\tau_y = 0$, $\mu_t = \mu_0$, $A = 0.05 \mu_0$, $a = 1$, $B = 0.01 \mu_0$, $b = 55$ are used.

Table 2

Calibrated material parameters of fabric model (59) suitable to plain weave fabrics of glass fibers. Here, we use the following data sources reported by Peng and Cao (2005), Cao et al. (2008) and Quenzel et al. (2022) to fit the proposed plasticity model: Laboratoire de Mécanique des Systèmes et des Procédés (LMSP), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium (KUL), University of Nottingham in UK (UN), and University of Massachusetts Lowell in USA (UML).

Parameter	Value	Unit	Physical meaning	Calibrated from
μ_f	5.0	N/mm	Initial fabric shear modulus	Pic. frame (LSMP): Cao et al. (2008)
τ_y	10^{-4}	N/mm	Initial fabric yield stress	Assumption
A	8.8	N/mm	Yield function parameter #1	Pic. frame (KUL): Cao et al. (2008)
a	0.0024	–	Yield function parameter #2	Pic. frame (KUL): Cao et al. (2008)
B	0.0028	N/mm	Yield function parameter #3	Pic. frame (KUL): Cao et al. (2008)
b	65.0	–	Yield function parameter #4	Pic. frame (KUL): Cao et al. (2008)
C	1.0	N/mm	Yield function parameter #5	Pic. frame (UN & UML): Cao et al. (2008)
c	11.0	–	Yield function parameter #6	Pic. frame (UN & UML): Cao et al. (2008)
ϵ_L	110.0	N/mm	Tensile fabric stiffness	Uniaxial tensile: Peng and Cao (2005)
β_a	3.023	N mm	Out-of-plane fabric bend. stiffness	Fiber cantilever: Quenzel et al. (2022)
β_s	3.023	N mm	In-plane fabric bend. stiffness	Assumption
β_τ	3.023	N mm	Fiber torsion stiffness	Assumption

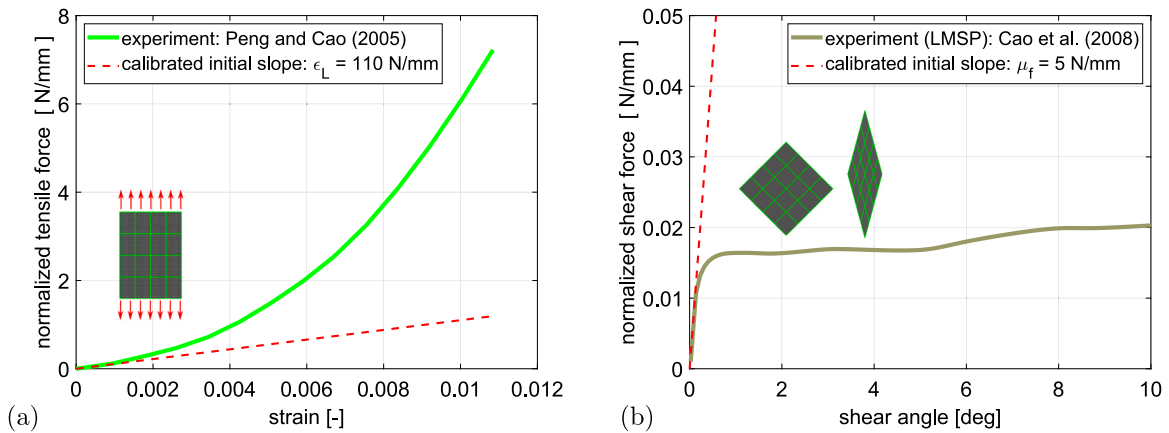


Fig. 10. Model calibration of the initial tensile stiffness ϵ_L and initial elastic shear modulus μ_f for plain weave dry fabric – see Eqs. ((61).1) and (69), respectively – from (a) uniaxial tensile test and (b) picture frame test, respectively. The former uses the experimental data of the uniaxial tensile test averaged over the four fabric samples provided by Peng and Cao (2005). The latter uses the data for the shear force normalized by the frame length, reported by Laboratoire de Mécanique des Systèmes et des Procédés (LMSP) in Cao et al. (2008). The shear angle is defined as $\gamma := 90^\circ - \theta$.

6.1.2. Calibration of the proposed yield function

The material parameters required to calibrate the proposed yield function (73) are τ_y , A , a , B , b , C , and c – see also Section 3.1. In principle, these seven parameters can be determined from the picture frame test. However there is no unloading data available for glass fibers in the literature. We therefore assume that the initial yield stress τ_y has a small value (10^{-4} N/mm). This is justified since rotational sliding between warp and weft yarns is expected to start for small shear angles.

Apart from τ_y , the four parameters A , a , B , b – governing the rotational sliding between yarns – are fitted to the experimental data from Cao et al. (2008), as shown in Fig. 11a. As seen, there is large scattering between the experimental data from different sources. In particular, the LMSP data – while its first phase is useful in determining the initial shear modulus (see Section 6.1.1) – becomes unsuitable for the purpose of fitting A , a , B , b , since its second phase contains the shear resistance of the yarns at the sample edges due to the large fabric-frame length ratio used. The data from KUL, on the other hand, is more suitable (up to the point of the increased hardening phase) since it was obtained from three repetitions on a single sample. It was reported that the second and the third repetitions gave similar data that was significantly lower than the first instance (KUL 1st). It is noticeable in Fig. 11a that the KUL 1st curve lies approximately at the mean of the data from UN, HKUST, and UML. This leads to our conjecture that the rotational sliding phase of the KUL 3rd curve is more accurate than the others, and we therefore use it to calibrate parameters A , a , B , b in our proposed model.

For the calibration of parameters C and c – governing the increased hardening behavior (phase III), see Section 3.1 – the KUL data is insufficient as it does not go far enough as is seen from Fig. 11a. We therefore calibrate C and c such that the third phase of the curve from our model approximately matches the slope of the UN and UML curves. This is seen in Fig. 11a.

Further, we verify the applicability of the frame length normalization employed for our calibration by plotting the shear force versus shear angle in Fig. 11b. As seen, the curve for our fitted model is in good agreement with the KUL 3rd curve up to a shear angle of 25 degrees. After that, our proposed curve deviates from the KUL 3rd curve but it still generally follows the trend of the UN and UML curves.

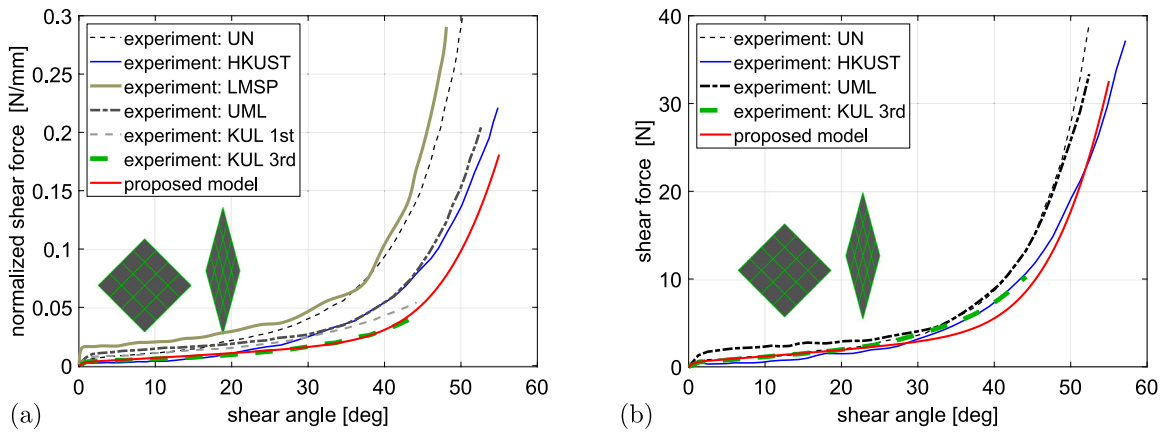


Fig. 11. Model calibration for the yield function parameters A , a , B , b , C , and c – see Eq. (73) – from the picture frame test for (a) the shear force normalized by the frame length, and (b) the shear force that has been scaled by the equivalent fabric size $L_0 = 180$ mm. I.e. $F_{\text{scaled}} := (L/L_0) F_{\text{reported}}$, where F_{reported} denotes the shear force reported from experiments with fabric length L . Here, the experimental curves for the normalized shear force and for F_{reported} are taken from Fig. 25 and Fig. 22, respectively, in Cao et al. (2008) for the various data sources.

Table 3

List of considered samples for the model verification using the bias extension test. The experimental data – here extracted from Cao et al. (2008) cf. Fig. 38 therein – originates from different institutions: University of Nottingham in UK (UN), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), INSA-Lyon in France and Northwestern University in USA (INSA-NU).

Sample	Size [mm ²]	Aspect ratio	Experiment data source
#1	100 × 200	1 : 2	UN
#2	115 × 230	1 : 2	HKUST, INSA-NU
#3	150 × 300	1 : 2	INSA-NU
#4	100 × 250	1 : 2.5	UN
#5	100 × 300	1 : 3	UN, INSA-NU
#6	150 × 450	1 : 3	INSA-NU

6.1.3. Calibration of other parameters

Finally, we need to calibrate the bending stiffnesses β_n and β_g and torsional stiffness β_τ for fiber bending model ((61).2–3). For β_n and β_g , we use the value of 3.023 N/mm from the bending test of a single yarn reported in Quenzel et al. (2022). To the best of our knowledge, no data for the torsion of yarns is available in the literature. We thus use $\beta_\tau = 3.023$ N/mm in our simulations.

6.2. Model validation using the bias extension test

This section validates our calibrated plasticity model using the bias extension test for a rectangular sheet of plain weave fabric (Cao et al., 2008).

We consider the six samples listed in Table 3. These samples vary in size, but can be grouped into three sample classes based on the appearing aspect ratios 1 : 2, 1 : 2.5 and 1 : 3. The three sample classes are discretized by 32×64 , 32×80 and 32×96 quadratic NURBS finite elements, respectively. The calibrated material parameters from Table 2 are used in all subsequent computations. Here, it is noted that, since we use identical material parameters for the two fiber families, and in-plane bending stiffness is relatively small compared to the tensile fabric stiffness, the influence of the in-plane bending on the following results appears insignificant. However, it is still needed for the convergence of shear bands as well as computational stability. This is shown in Duong et al. (2022).

Fig. 12 shows the initial and deformed configurations resulting from our simulations. Regardless of difference in size, almost identical shapes are expected for the same aspect ratio due to the relatively small bending stiffness used (see Table 2). This is confirmed in our computations.

Fig. 13 further compares the deformed shape of sample #2 at displacement 30 mm (i.e. before significant damage occurs) from our simulation to the experiment reported by Zhu et al. (2007). As the comparison shows, our prediction is generally in good agreement with the experimental results in terms of overall shape and fiber angles.

Next, Fig. 14 shows the distributions of shear stress σ_{12} , elastic angle strain ϕ_e , plastic angle strain ϕ_p and total shear angle $\gamma := 90^\circ - \arccos(\theta_{12})$ resulting from our simulations for all samples. As seen from Fig. 14 (2. & 3. column), plastic angle ϕ_p is much larger than elastic angle ϕ_e . This reflects the small yield stress τ_y and consequently leads to small ϕ_e and small stress σ_{12} . As is also seen from the plots of shear angle γ in Fig. 14 (4. column), γ is not only non-zero at the center of the samples, but also at the off-center. Note that γ is observable from experiments and our computations are consistent with the optical measurement presented in Cao et al. (2008) (cf. Fig. 37 therein – note that the shear angle was defined there by $\arccos(\theta_{12})$ in degrees). Our simulation results

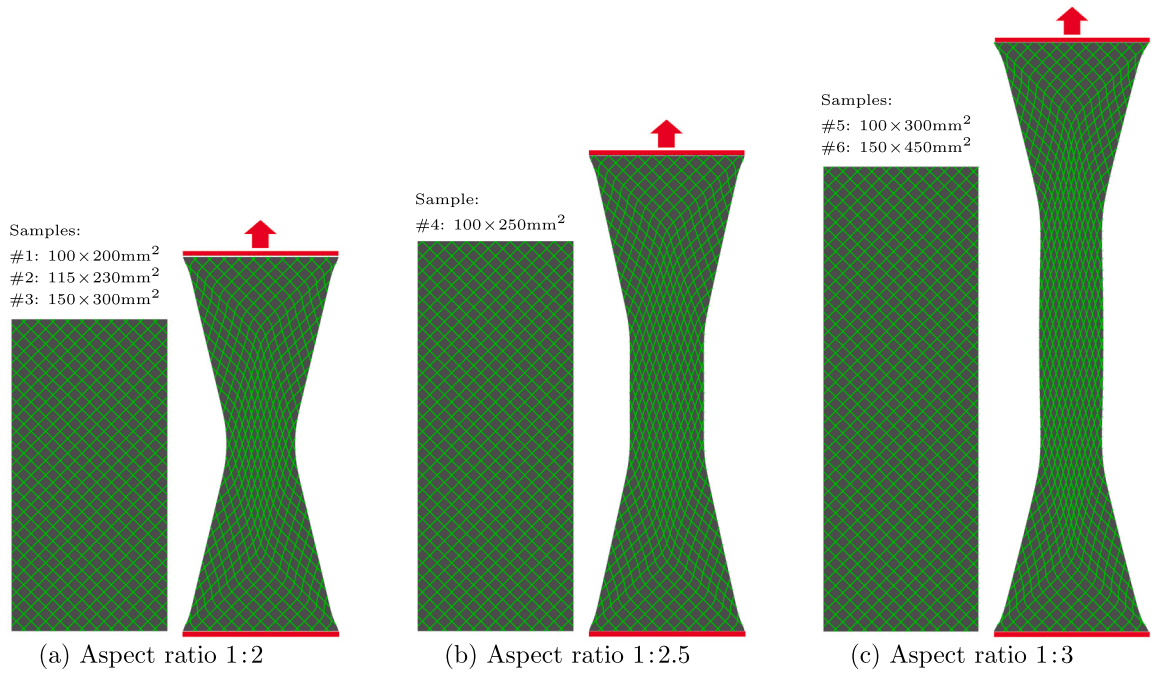


Fig. 12. Bias extension test for three sample classes of plain weave fabrics: Initial and deformed configurations resulting from our computations. The deformed shapes with the same aspect ratio are almost identical regardless of size. The green lines illustrate the considered two fiber families, while the red bars at top and bottom represent a clamped boundary with prescribed displacements.

in Fig. 14 (1 & 2. column) further show that nonzero ϕ_e (and hence nonzero σ_{12}) mostly concentrate at the center and the shear bands of the samples. This is reasonable since the total shear angle γ is also large there – see Fig. 14 (4. column) – which corresponds to the increased hardening phase (phase III) (which already starts at around $\gamma = 35\text{--}45^\circ$, as seen from Fig. 11a.). Meanwhile γ is relatively small ($\gamma = 25^\circ$) away from the center, which still allows fibers to freely rotate against each other there.

Further, Fig. 15 compares our simulation results to the experimental results for the vertical reaction force (pulling force) versus the vertical displacement. As seen, our model generally agrees well with the experiments, especially for samples #2, #4 and #6. Since these experimental results have not been used for calibration they validate our proposed model. The results from sample #5 show that the experimental results can vary strongly for different data sources. Our results lie in-between this variation.

Finally, we check if the experimental data from different sources is consistent for different sample sizes. Therefore we plot the normalized reaction forces in Fig. 16. As seen, our simulation curves are almost identical for the same aspect ratio. The experimental data curves are generally consistent at low displacements, but scattered at large displacements. Our prediction lie approximately at the mean values of the experimental curves as Fig. 16 show.

7. Three-dimensional example

The last example demonstrates that the proposed angle plasticity model – which is a 2D model within the tangent plane – also works in the presence of large 3D deformations. Therefore, the following twisting example is considered: A cylindrical textile band with initial radius $R_b = 45 L_0$ and width $67.5 L_0$, see Fig. 17, is placed in contact with two rigid cylindrical tubes with radius $r_c = 9 L_0$ and distance $L_c = 72.009 L_0$. This placement leaves a small initial penetration necessary for stabilizing contact within the penalty formulation. The textile band is discretized by 7×34 quadratic NURBS finite elements. The material parameters from Table 2 are used for the textile band. For the subsequent simulation, the finite element nodes on the twisting axis are fixed in the horizontal directions in order to prevent rigid body motion of the textile band.

Before twisting, the textile band is first stretched by moving the cylindrical tubes apart by $\bar{u}_z^{\max} = 4.0 r_c$ within 40 load steps. The stretched configuration has minor angle plasticity and is shown in Fig. 19 (first column). The textile band is then twisted by applying a rotation to both the upper and the lower tubes in opposite directions from starting angle $\phi \equiv 0^\circ$ up to $\phi \equiv \phi_{\max}/2$ with $\phi_{\max} = 240^\circ$. Finally, the textile band is untwisted back to starting angle $\phi \equiv 0^\circ$. The twisting and untwisting uses 2 load steps per degree. The contact force resulting from the above loading sequence is shown in Fig. 18a.

For an efficient contact simulation, we employ an adaptive penalty parameter for contact between the textile band and the cylindrical tubes as shown in Fig. 18b. Further, in order to restrict the source of dissipation to angle plasticity, sticking is assumed during textile self-contact (by using a very large friction coefficient). Thus no energy is dissipated due to textile self-contact, while at

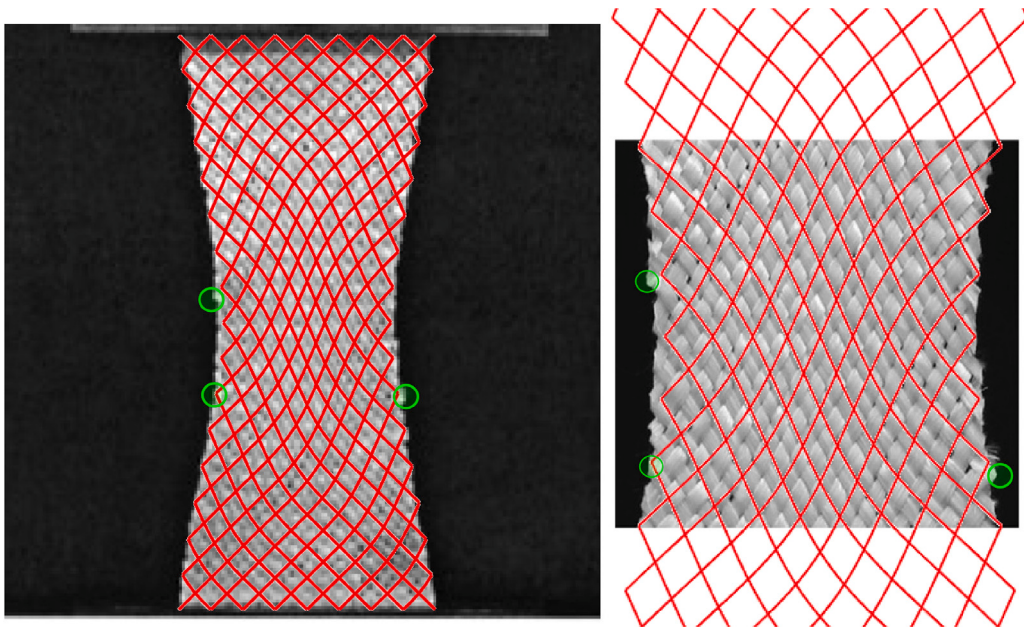


Fig. 13. Bias extension test for sample #2 at displacement $\bar{u} = 30$ mm: Overlaying our computational result (red curves) on the experiment result for the full view (left) and an enlarged view (right), where the green circles are corresponding points. The experimental results here are taken from [Zhu et al. \(2007\)](#), with permission from Elsevier.

the same time this helps to stabilize the textile band at large deformations (due to an increase of the effective stiffness for in-plane shear and out-of-plane bending at the contact zone).

In order to stabilize the textile band for fiber compression, we employ here the stabilization technique proposed by [Duong et al. \(2022\)](#) with $\epsilon_{\text{stab}}^e = 10 \mu_0$, and $\epsilon_{\text{stab}}^v = 100 \mu_0$. Further, to deal with the instability due to shell buckling, we use mass-proportional (Rayleigh) damping with proportionality coefficient $\nu = 10^{-8} \mu_0 \Delta t$, where Δt denotes the (pseudo) time increment, taken as unity in the example.

[Fig. 19\(a–c\)](#) plot the shear stress, elastic angle ϕ_e , and plastic angle ϕ_p , respectively. As the figures show residual deformations and stresses remain after unloading. The results demonstrate that the proposed plasticity model can be also used for large 3D deformations.

8. Conclusion

We have presented a nonlinear shear elastoplasticity model for dry woven fabrics within the theoretical framework of [Duong et al. \(2023\)](#) that is based on general anisotropic Kirchhoff–Love shells with embedded fibers. Therefore the change of the fiber angle – the angle between two fiber families – is split into elastic and plastic parts. It is shown that these angle changes can be induced by strain tensors of the displacement gradient. With this, a yield function with isotropic hardening is proposed based on the observed experimental data of [Cao et al. \(2008\)](#). The yield function uses seven parameters to capture the three phases occurring in the rotational inter-ply friction between fiber families: initial sticking, rotational sliding friction with low plastic resistance, and increased hardening due to yarn-yarn locking. The elastoplasticity formulation is solved by a predictor–corrector algorithm, which is then implemented within the isogeometric Kirchhoff–Love shell formulation of [Duong et al. \(2022\)](#). In order to verify the finite element implementation, the analytical solution of the picture frame test is presented for the proposed elastoplasticity model. The analytical solution captures multiple loading and unloading cycles by accounting for the expanding yield surface.

The proposed plasticity model is calibrated from the picture frame test and validated by the bias extension test for six different samples sizes. It is observed that the proposed model consistently predicts the experiment data, especially during the sticking and rotational sliding phase. In the increased hardening phase, where the experiment data becomes more scattered across different sources, our model prediction curves lie between the mean values of the experimental data.

Although the presented work focuses on simulations of woven fabrics, it is highly relevant for the efficient and accurate study of textiles in general, since the formulation employs several recent advances in both theoretical and computational modeling: The underlying shell theory facilitates isogeometric discretization that offers smooth and accurate, yet efficient surface descriptions in comparison to classical finite element methods. The smoothness enables rotation-free formulations with only three degrees of freedom per control point, yet is capable of capturing the sophisticated kinematics of in-plane and out-of-plane bending. With this, our computational shell model can be used to study the complex deformations appearing in challenging examples such as wrinkling, self-contact and mold draping of textiles.

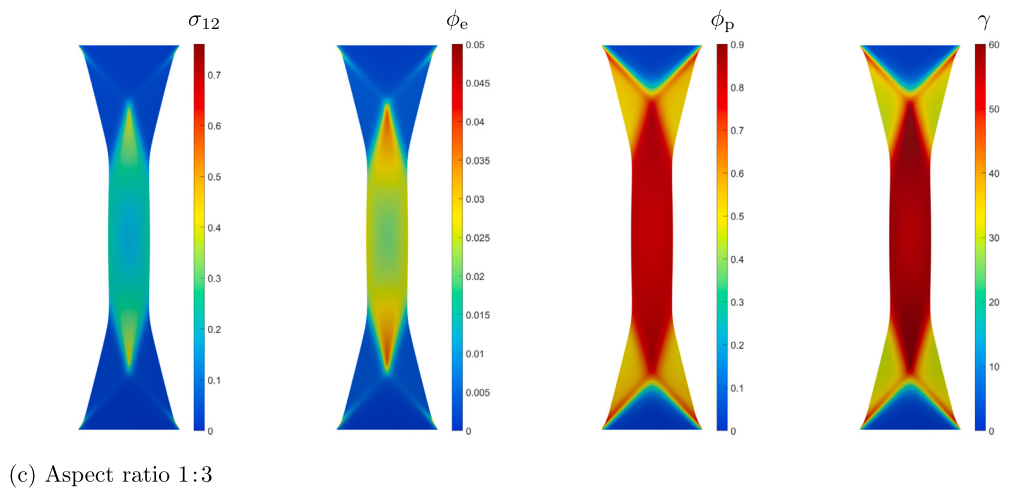
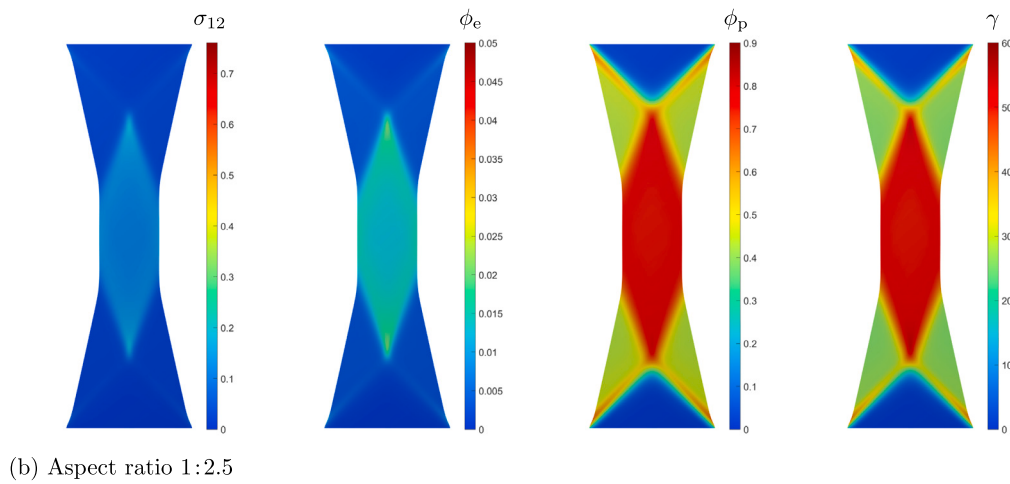
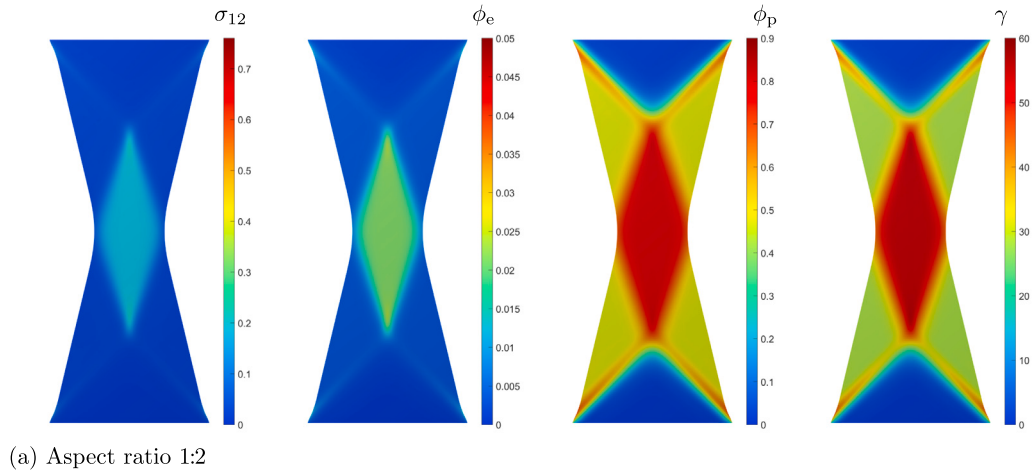
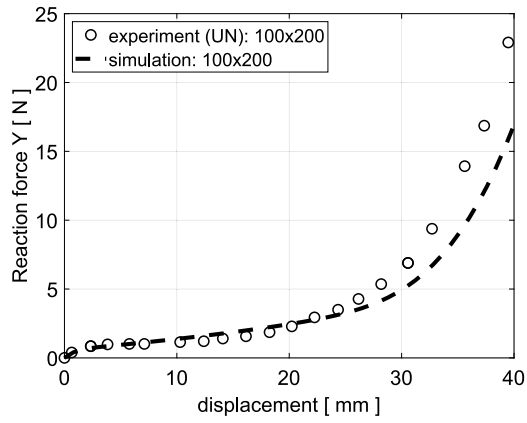
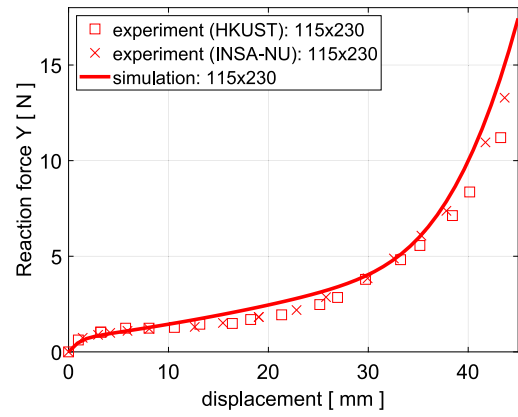


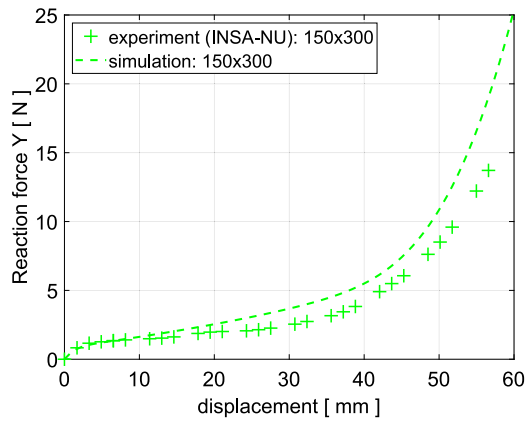
Fig. 14. Bias extension test of plain weave fabrics: From left to right: True shear stress $\sigma_{12} := \tau/J$ [N/mm] according to Eq. (68), elastic angle strain ϕ_e , plastic angle strain ϕ_p , and total shear angle defined by $\gamma := 90^\circ - \arccos(\theta)$ [deg] for the three sample classes with initial aspect ratio (a) 1:2, (b) 1:2.5, and (c) 1:3.



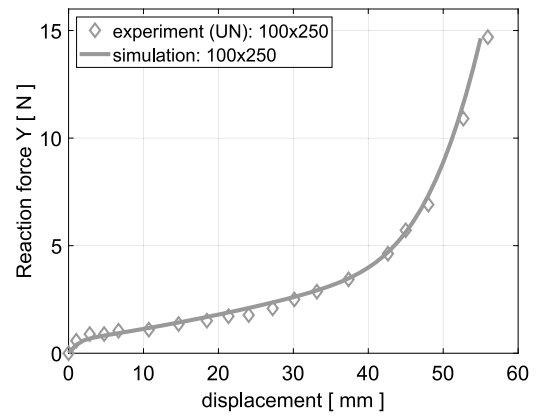
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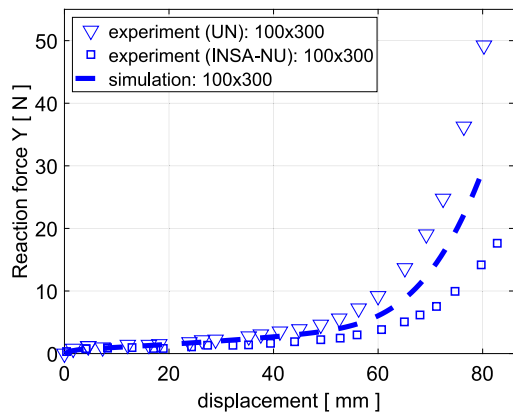
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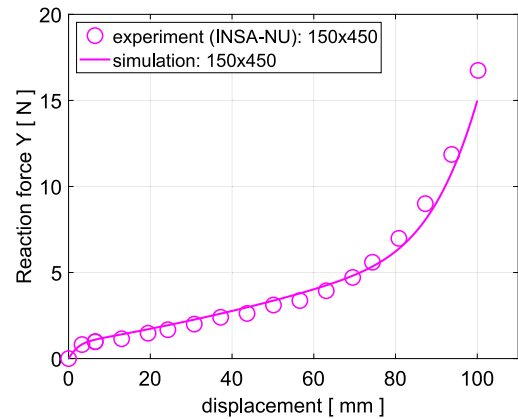
(c) sample #3



(d) sample #4

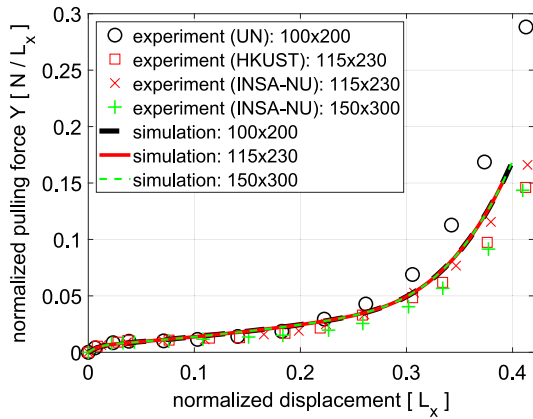


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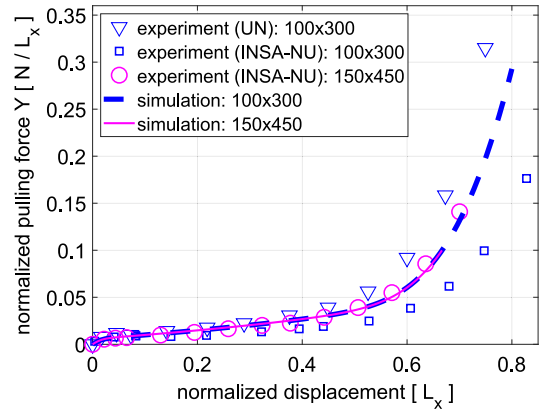


(f) sample #6

Fig. 15. Bias extension test of plain weave fabrics: Comparison of results from computation and experiment for reaction force versus displacement for all the six samples. Since these experimental results have not been used for calibration they validate our proposed model.



(a) Aspect ratio 1:2



(b) Aspect ratio 1:3

Fig. 16. Bias extension test of plain weave fabrics: Comparison of results from computation and experiment for normalized reaction force versus displacement for the samples with equal aspect ratios. The reaction force and the displacement are normalized by the corresponding sample widths.

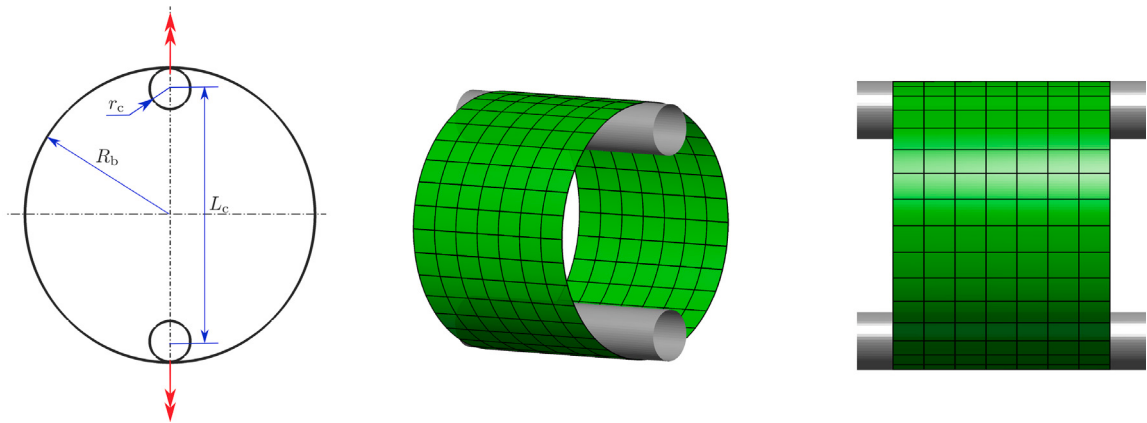
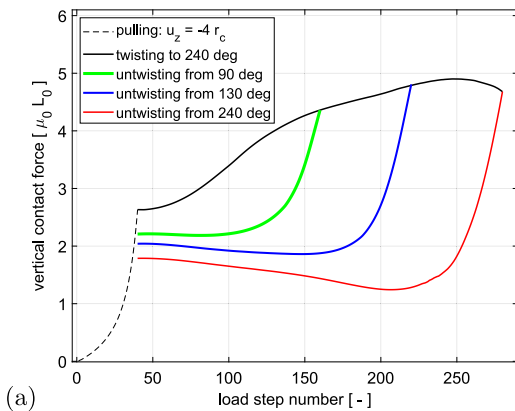
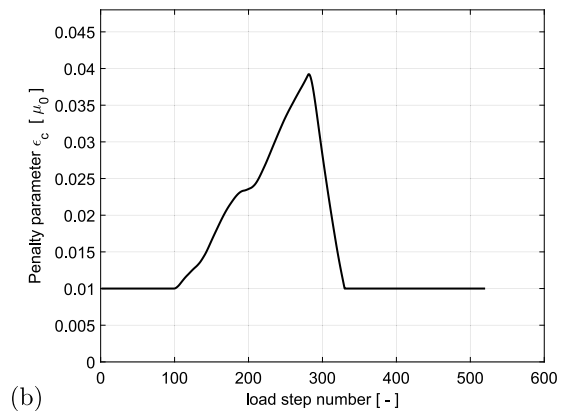


Fig. 17. Stretching of a textile band: Initial configuration at different views (from left to right): Side view, 3D view, and front view, respectively.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 18. Twisting of a textile band: (a) vertical reaction (i.e. contact) force and (b) penalty parameter versus load step number. The load step number in (a) is reversed during unloading.

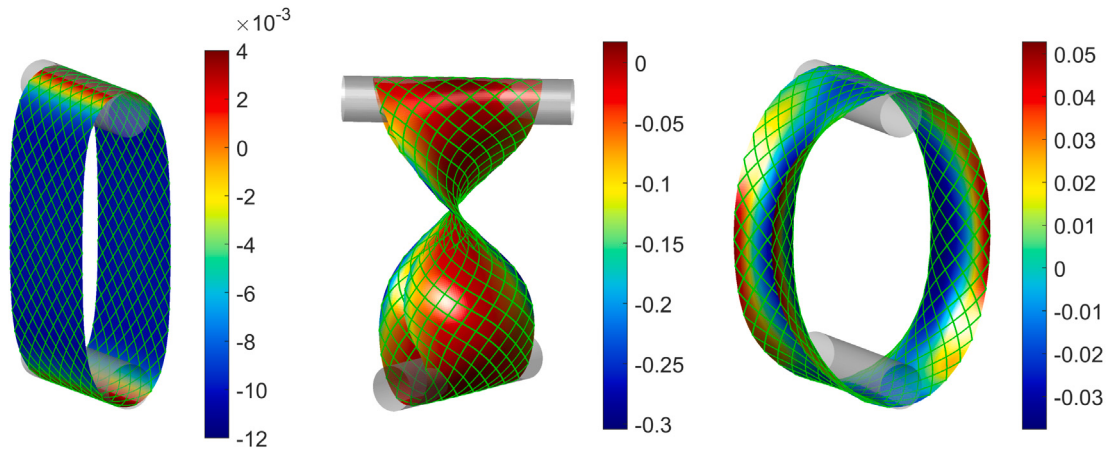
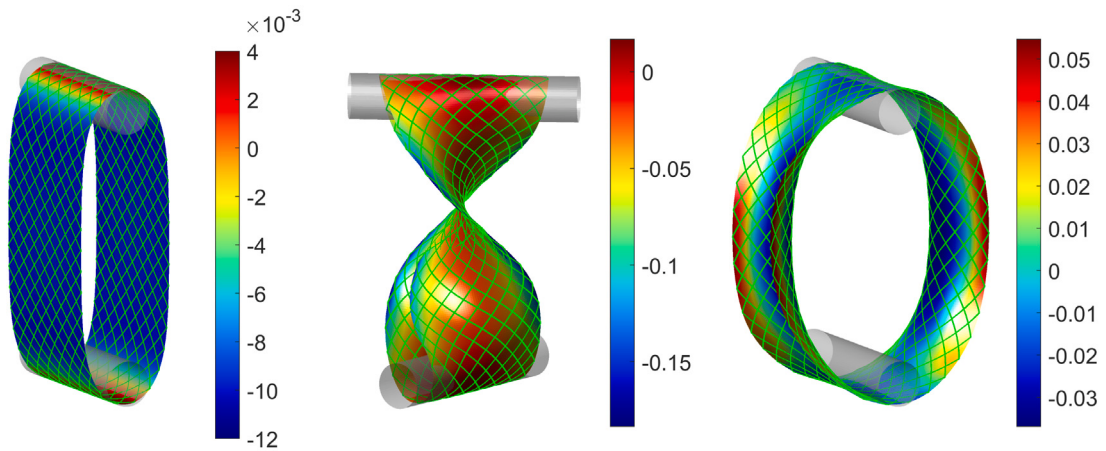
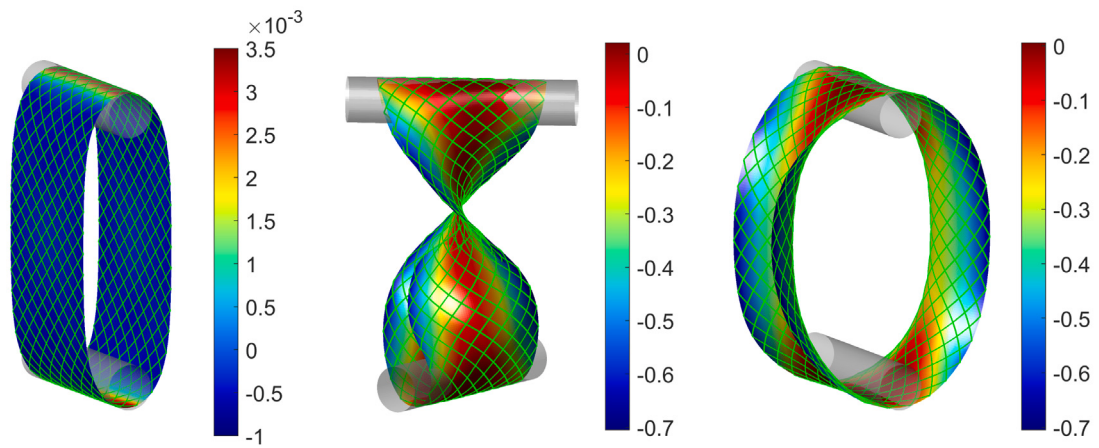
(a) shear stress σ_{12} [μ_0](b) elastic angle change ϕ_e [rad](c) plastic angle change ϕ_p [rad]

Fig. 19. Twisting of a textile band: (a) shear stress, (b) elastic angle change and (c) plastic angle change before twisting, at twisting angle 240° and after untwisting (left to right). The green lines illustrate the two considered fiber families.

Furthermore, this work has demonstrated the ability of the *surface invariant-based* approach to capture finite shear elastoplasticity in anisotropic Kirchhoff–Love shells. It serves as a basis for developing similar plasticity models for bending, twisting, and stretching of anisotropic shells, gradient continua, and textiles.

It is noted that our calibration and validation is based on the experimental data that is available in the literature, which only captures loading but not unloading. Further calibration and validation therefore calls for the experimental investigation of unloading from various load levels for the same material in consideration. Another important extension of this work is exploring kinematic hardening in shear elastoplasticity of woven fabrics, as this may be required for the accurate description of cyclic loading. Apart from the shear response, a validated elastoplasticity model for bending (including out-of-plane bending, in-plane bending, and torsion) is still required and should be investigated in future work. These aspects also call for further experimental investigations: Ideally a wide range of various loading, unloading and cycling tests should be conducted for a given textile material in order to fully calibrate and validate all modes of deformation.

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Appendix A. Angle measures as invariants induced by strain tensors

This section shows that the angle strain measures (36)–(38) can be induced by strain tensors. To this end, similarly to Eq. (40), we extract the part of deformation gradient (20) that excludes the change in fiber lengths at current configuration S . I.e.

$$\bar{F} := \sum_{I=1}^2 F(L_I \otimes L^I) \lambda_I^{-1} = \mathcal{F}_I \otimes L^I. \quad (118)$$

The corresponding right Cauchy–Green surface tensors following from Eqs. (118) and (40) are

$$\bar{C} := \bar{F}^T \bar{F} = \bar{a}_{\alpha\beta} A^\alpha \otimes A^\beta = \theta_{IJ} L^I \otimes L^J, \quad (119)$$

$$C_p := F_p^T F_p = \hat{a}_{\alpha\beta} A^\alpha \otimes A^\beta = \hat{\theta}_{IJ} L^I \otimes L^J, \quad (120)$$

where θ_{IJ} and $\hat{\theta}_{IJ}$ are defined by Eqs. (32) and (33), respectively, and where $\bar{a}_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\hat{a}_{\alpha\beta}$ are the components of tensors $\bar{C}$ and C_p , respectively, with respect to base $A^\alpha \otimes A^\beta$ in the reference configuration. From Eqs. (119) and (120), they can be expressed in terms of the fiber angles as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_{\alpha\beta} &= A_\alpha \bar{C} A_\beta = L_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ} \theta_{IJ}, \\ \hat{a}_{\alpha\beta} &= A_\alpha C_p A_\beta = L_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ} \hat{\theta}_{IJ}, \end{aligned} \quad (121)$$

where $L_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ} := (L^I \otimes L^J) : (A_\alpha \otimes A_\beta)$ denote the curvilinear components of structural fiber tensors $L^I \otimes L^J$ in the reference configuration. Note that fiber family index I in a fiber pair and curvilinear coordinate index α can be raised or lowered by their corresponding metrics, e.g. $L_{IJ}^{\alpha\beta} = \Theta_{IK} \Theta_{LJ}^{KL} L_{\gamma\delta}^{KL} A^{\alpha\gamma} A^{\delta\beta}$.

Also following from Eqs. (119) and (120), we find that angle measures (36)–(38) can be expressed as

$$\phi = L_1 (\bar{C} - I) L_2 = L_{12}^{\alpha\beta} (\bar{a}_{\alpha\beta} - A_{\alpha\beta}), \quad (122)$$

$$\phi_e = L_1 (\bar{C} - C_p) L_2 = L_{12}^{\alpha\beta} (\bar{a}_{\alpha\beta} - \hat{a}_{\alpha\beta}), \quad (123)$$

$$\phi_p = L_1 (C_p - I) L_2 = L_{12}^{\alpha\beta} (\hat{a}_{\alpha\beta} - A_{\alpha\beta}), \quad (124)$$

i.e. they are invariants of strain tensors $\bar{C} - I$, $\bar{C} - C_p$ and $C_p - I$, respectively.

Remark A.1. It can be verified that deformations characterized by (40) and (118), preserve the length of fiber I in configurations $\hat{S}$ and S , respectively. Indeed

$$(\mathbf{F}_p \mathbf{L}_I) \cdot (\mathbf{F}_p \mathbf{L}_I) = \mathbf{L}_I \mathbf{C}_p \mathbf{L}_I = \hat{\theta}_{II} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\ell}}_I \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\ell}}_I = 1, \quad (125)$$

$$(\bar{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{L}_I) \cdot (\bar{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{L}_I) = \mathbf{L}_I \bar{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{L}_I = \theta_{II} = \boldsymbol{\ell}_I \cdot \boldsymbol{\ell}_I = 1, \quad (126)$$

where Eqs. (33) and (34) have been used, and no summation is applied on index I .

Remark A.2. As the consequence of this length preservation in configuration $\hat{S}$, the surface area changes during plastic deformation (i.e. $J_p \neq 1$).

Remark A.3. A material model based on invariants (122)–(124) induces only the effective membrane stress ((57).1) that contributes to the first term of Eq. (53). Indeed, in view of Eqs. (120), (119), (118), (42) and (29), we can conclude that tensors $\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ and $\mathbf{C}_p$ are only associated with the first displacement gradient, which does not affect curvature tensors (24) and (25). Invariants of this types usually facilitate the decomposition of stretching and bending, which is beneficial in the construction of shell material models.

Appendix B. Finite element formulation

This section recalls the finite element force vectors for Kirchhoff–Love shells with embedded fibers from Duong et al. (2022). It should be noted that the form of these equations is unchanged for plastic deformations. Only the constitutive model changes as discussed in Sections 2.6 and 3.

B.1. FE discretization

As seen from weak form (53), the last two terms in the internal virtual work contain the virtual curvatures, which require at least C^1 -continuity across the surface. Here, we use an isogeometric discretization to fulfill this requirement. Since this discretization can provide a smooth and accurate description of the geometry, the curvature measures can be computed directly from the geometry. As a result, only three displacement dofs per control point are needed to properly describe the shell.

The undeformed element domain Ω_0^e and the deformed element domain Ω^e are interpolated as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{N}_e \mathbf{X}_e, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{N}_e \mathbf{x}_e, \quad (127)$$

where $\mathbf{X}_e$ and $\mathbf{x}_e$ are the initial and current positions of control points, respectively. The array

$$\mathbf{N}_e(\xi^\alpha) := [N_1 \mathbf{1}, N_2 \mathbf{1}, \dots, N_{n_e} \mathbf{1}] \quad (128)$$

contains the isogeometric shape functions (Borden et al., 2011) for each control point, and n_e is the number of control points defining the element. In Eq. (128), $\mathbf{1} := \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{N} \otimes \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{a}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{a}^\alpha + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n}$ denotes the 3D identity tensor.

From Eq. (127) follows the interpolation of other kinematical quantities, such as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{N}_e \delta \mathbf{x}_e, & \mathbf{a}_{\alpha,\beta} &= \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha\beta} \mathbf{x}_e, \\ \mathbf{a}_\alpha &= \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha} \mathbf{x}_e, & \mathbf{a}_{\alpha;\beta} &= \mathbf{N}_{e;\alpha\beta} \mathbf{x}_e, \\ \delta \mathbf{a}_\alpha &= \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha} \delta \mathbf{x}_e, & \delta \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{,\alpha} &= \mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha} \delta \mathbf{x}_e. \end{aligned} \quad (129)$$

Here, we have defined the elemental arrays

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha} &:= [N_{1,\alpha} \mathbf{1}, N_{2,\alpha} \mathbf{1}, \dots, N_{n_e,\alpha} \mathbf{1}], \\ \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha\beta} &:= [N_{1,\alpha\beta} \mathbf{1}, N_{2,\alpha\beta} \mathbf{1}, \dots, N_{n_e,\alpha\beta} \mathbf{1}], \\ \mathbf{N}_{e;\alpha\beta} &:= \mathbf{N}_{\alpha\beta} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{,\gamma}, \\ \mathbf{C}_{e,\alpha} &:= [\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\gamma (\mathbf{I} - 2 \boldsymbol{\ell} \otimes \boldsymbol{\ell}) - C_\alpha^\gamma \boldsymbol{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{c} - \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma \boldsymbol{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{n}] \mathbf{N}_{,\gamma} - \ell^\gamma (\boldsymbol{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{c}) \mathbf{N}_{,\gamma\alpha}, \end{aligned} \quad (130)$$

where the scalars $\mathcal{L}_\alpha^\gamma$, C_α^γ and $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma$ are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\alpha^\gamma &:= -\ell^\gamma (\lambda^{-1} c_\beta L_{,\alpha}^\beta + \ell^\beta \Gamma_{\beta\alpha}^\gamma), \\ C_\alpha^\gamma &:= \lambda^{-1} L_{,\alpha}^\gamma - \ell^\gamma (\lambda^{-1} \ell_\beta L_{,\alpha}^\beta + \ell^\beta \Gamma_{\beta\alpha}^\gamma), \\ \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma &:= c^\gamma \ell^\beta b_{\beta\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (131)$$

Inserting (129) into (43) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \delta a_{\alpha\beta} &= \delta \mathbf{x}_e^T (\mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}^T \mathbf{N}_{e,\beta} + \mathbf{N}_{e,\beta}^T \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}) \mathbf{x}_e, \\ \delta b_{\alpha\beta} &= \delta \mathbf{x}_e^T \mathbf{N}_{e;\alpha\beta}^T \mathbf{n}, \\ \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} \delta \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} &= \delta \mathbf{x}_e^T \mathbf{C}_{e;\alpha\beta}^T \mathbf{a}_\gamma \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta}, \end{aligned} \quad (132)$$

where⁵

$$\mathbf{C}_{e;\alpha\beta}^\gamma := -c_{;\beta}^\gamma \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha} - \delta_\alpha^\gamma \mathbf{C}_{e,\beta} . \quad (133)$$

B.2. FE force vectors

The internal FE force vectors are obtained by inserting Eqs. (129) and (132) into Eq. (53). This gives

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{int}}^e = \delta \mathbf{x}_e^T (\mathbf{f}_{\text{intr}}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}M}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}\bar{M}}^e) , \quad (134)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_{\text{intr}}^e &:= \int_{\Omega_0^e} \tau^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}^T \mathbf{a}_\beta \, dA , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}M}^e &:= \int_{\Omega_0^e} \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha\beta}^T \mathbf{n} \, dA , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}\bar{M}}^e &:= \int_{\Omega_0^e} \bar{M}_0^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{C}_{e;\alpha\beta}^{\gamma T} \mathbf{a}_\gamma \, dA \end{aligned} \quad (135)$$

denote the internal FE force vectors associated with membrane stretching, out-of-plane bending, and in-plane bending, respectively. Similarly, discretization of the external virtual work in Eq. (54) gives

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{ext}}^e = \delta \mathbf{x}_e^T (\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}0}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}p}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}t}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}m_\tau}^e + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}\bar{m}}^e) + \delta \mathbf{x}_A \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}m_v}^A , \quad (136)$$

with the external FE forces

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}0}^e &:= \int_{\Omega_0^e} \mathbf{N}_e^T \mathbf{f}_0 \, dA , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}p}^e &:= \int_{\Omega^e} \mathbf{N}_e^T p \mathbf{n} \, da , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}t}^e &:= \int_{\partial_t \Omega^e} \mathbf{N}_e^T \mathbf{t} \, ds , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}m_\tau}^e &:= - \int_{\partial_{m_\tau} \Omega^e} \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}^T v^\alpha m_\tau \mathbf{n} \, ds , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}\bar{m}}^e &:= \int_{\partial_{\bar{m}} \Omega^e} \mathbf{N}_{e,\alpha}^T \ell^\alpha \bar{m} \mathbf{c} \, ds , \\ \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}m_v}^A &:= m_v \mathbf{n}_A . \end{aligned} \quad (137)$$

Here, the external body force $\mathbf{f}$ is assumed to consist of a dead load $\mathbf{f}_0$ and an external surface pressure p , as $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_0/J + p \mathbf{n}$.

Remark B.1. The consistent tangent matrices resulting from the linearization of the virtual work can be found in the literature. For example, the tangents of the forces in (135) and (137) can be found in Duong et al. (2022) – see c.f. Eq. (60–64) and cf. Eq. (87) therein, respectively. Pressure loads, such as hydrostatic pressure, are discussed in Sauer et al. (2014), while Duong et al. (2024) discuss external corner forces.

Data availability

Data will be made available on request.

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