Transverse Impact of Fibers and Yarns

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Key Accomplishments

Developed validated constitutive model for KM2 single fibers in transverse compression. Applied to UHMWPE up to 25% true





- Developed multiaxial loading failure criterion for single fibers
 with degradation experiments
- Developed fiber-scale 3D FE models of yarn impact



• MD modeling of multiaxial loading





Kevlar chain buckling

Axial tensile response with and without compression kinking

Future Directions in 2017

- Extend to larger strains for UHMWPE constitutive models
- Apply failure theory to UHMWPE multiaxial loading
- Fibril-scale modeling of multiaxial loading experiments
- High strain rate behavior of single fibers in transverse compression

Impact

- Improved understanding of energy absorbing mechanisms during impact
- Will lead to improved protection materials while decreasing the cost and time for development of new lightweight energy absorbing materials



