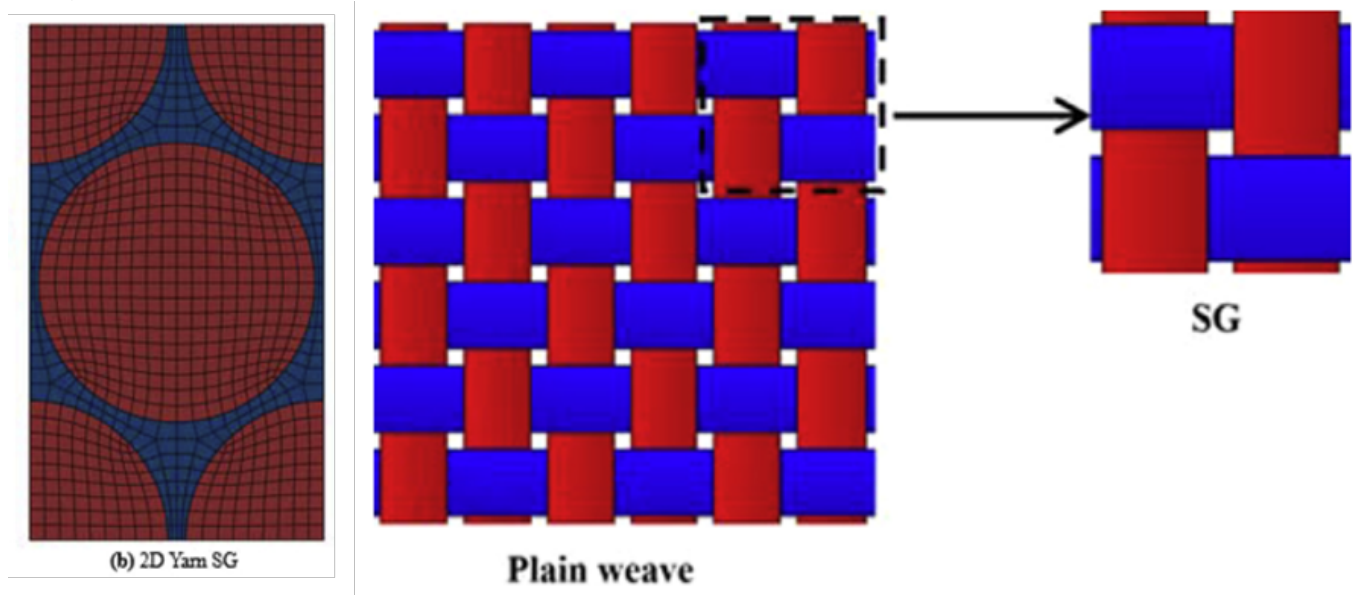


Predict elastic properties of plain woven composites

Problem Description

The MSG solid model is used to predict the effective properties of a plain weave composite using a two-step approach. This problem is the first example in the paper “Liu, X., Rouf, K., Peng, B. and Yu, W., 2017. Two-step homogenization of textile composites using mechanics of structure genome. Composite Structures, 171, pp.252-262.”

The first step predicts the effective yarn properties based on the fiber and matrix properties at the microscale. The second step takes the effective yarn properties and matrix properties to predict the effective properties of weave composites. The microscale and mesoscale models are given as



The fiber and matrix properties are given as

Table 1

Mechanical properties of the constituents for epoxy 3601/carbon T-300 plain woven composite.

Elastic constants	Matrix	Fiber
E_1 (GPa)	4.51	208.8
$E_2 = E_3$ (GPa)	4.51	43
$G_{12} = G_{13}$ (GPa)	1.7	7.42
G_{23} (GPa)	1.7	7.42
$\nu_{12} = \nu_{13}$	0.38	0.2
ν_{23}	0.38	0.499

The youtube video of this problem can be obtained

https://youtu.be/bsPJ_8lxZn8

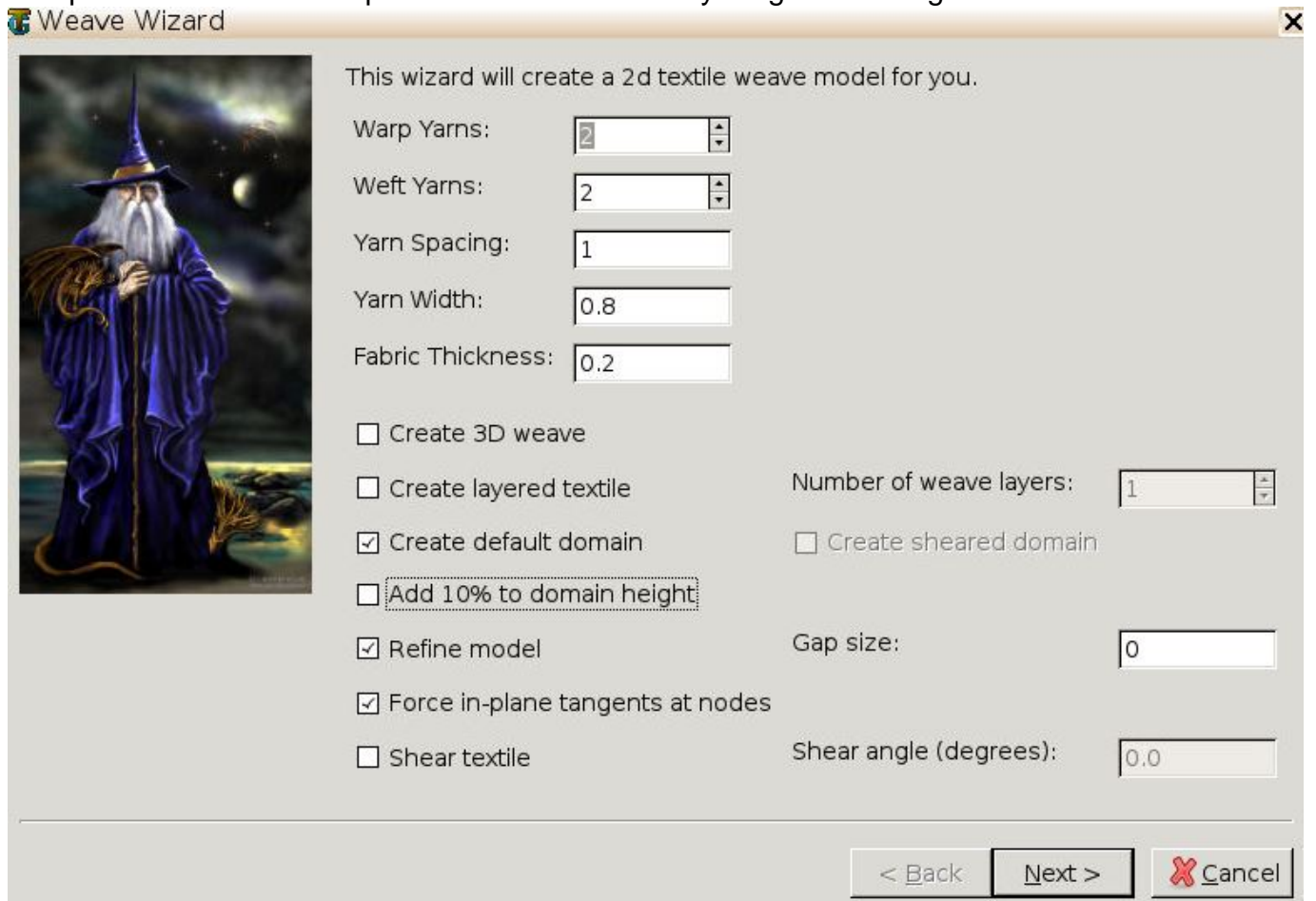
Software Used

The example will be solved using the [TexGen4SC 2.0](#).

Solution Procedure

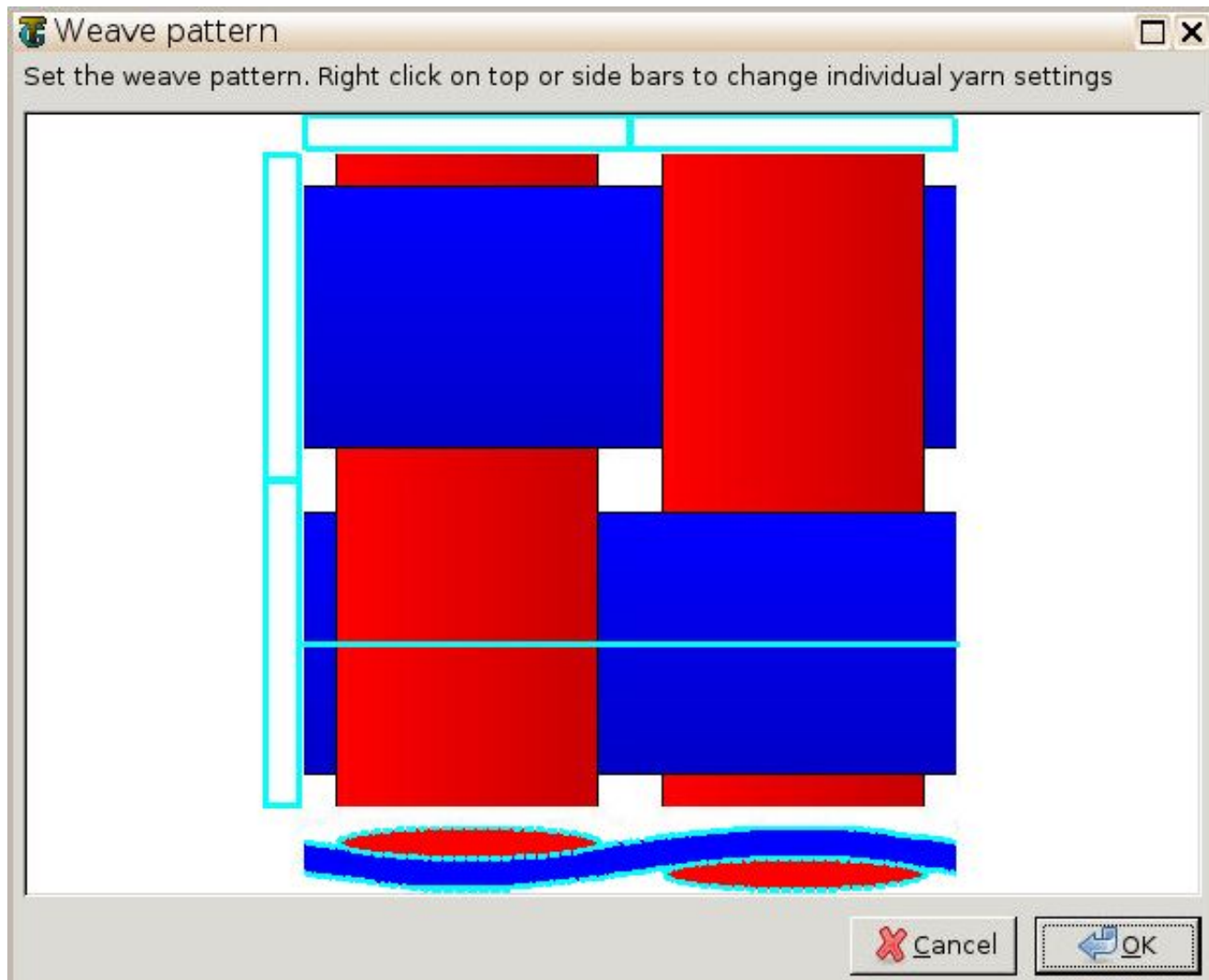
Below describe the detailed step by step procedure you followed to solve the problem.

* step1 Create mesoscale plain weave SG with the yarn geometries given as



* step 2 Create plain weave pattern as

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* step 3 Go to Homogenization->Microscale to select the hexagonal micromechanical model and define the elastic properties of fiber and matrix and fiber volume fraction 0.8 as

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SwiftComp Wizard

This wizard will run microscale analysis for you.

Microscale model:

Square pack Hexagonal pack

Type of analysis:

Elastic Thermoelastic Viscoelastic Thermoviscoelastic

Matrix properties:

Em: nu:

Alpha:

Fiber properties:

E1: E2:

G12: G23:

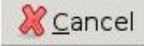
nu12: nu23:

Alpha1: Alpha2:

Volumne fraction:

vf:

Import viscoelastic or thermoviscoelastic properties

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Note the CTEs will not be used for the elastic analysis. Click finish and the microscale homogenization will be performed and the results will be automatically pop up

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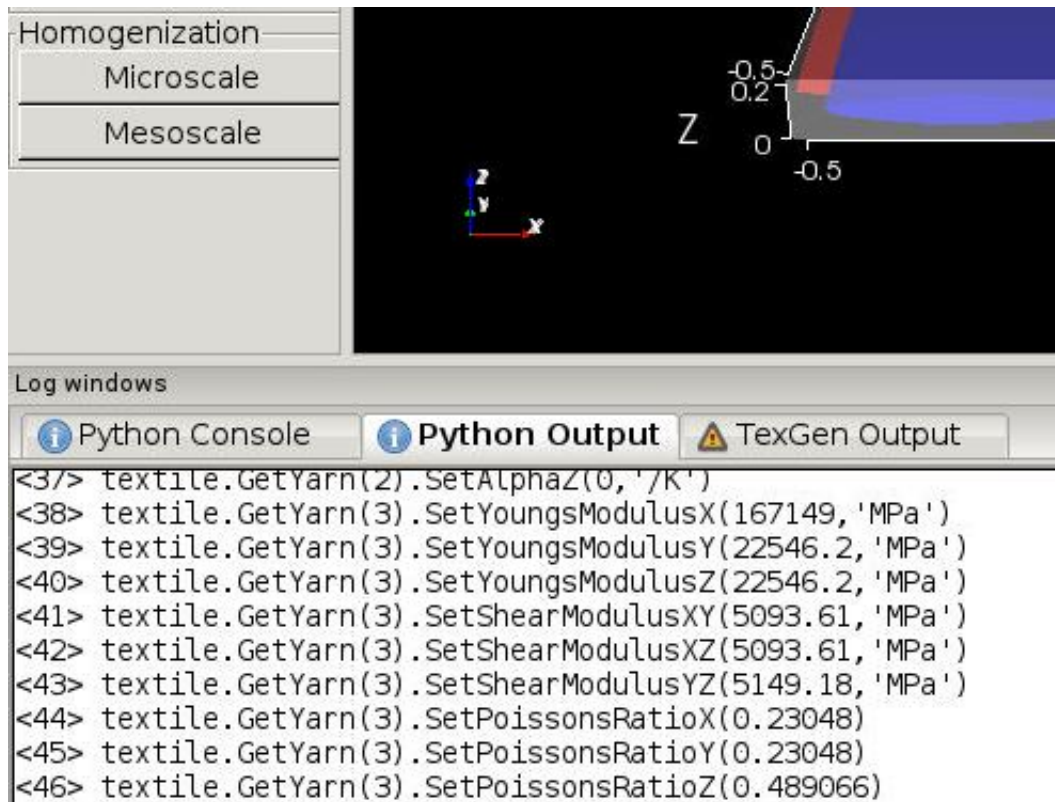
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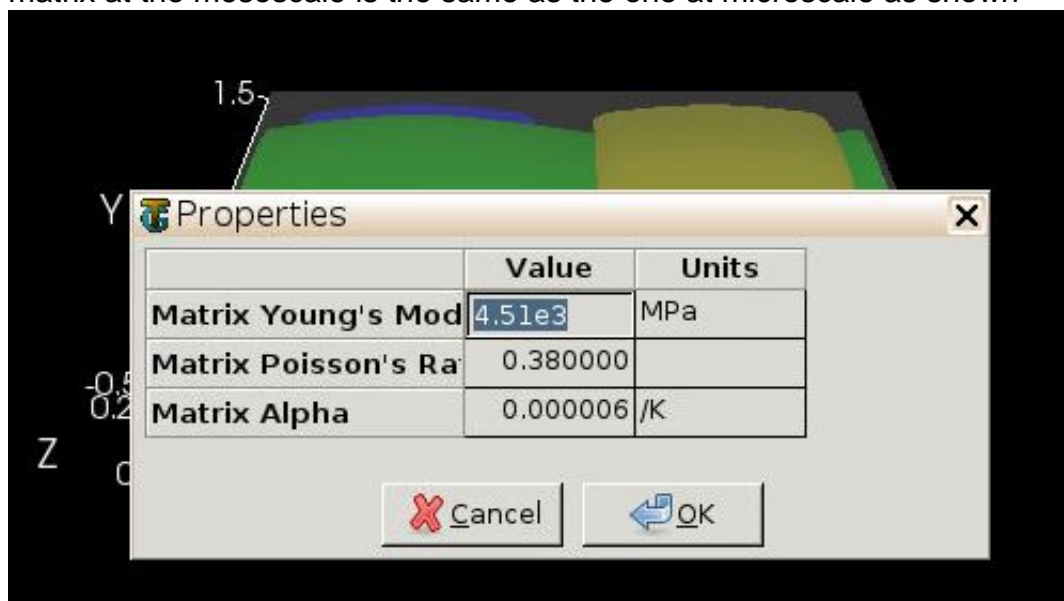
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* step 4 The effective yarn properties will be automatically assigned to the mesoscale model as shown

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However, users need to define the matrix properties for the mesoscale model. Usually, the matrix at the mesoscale is the same as the one at microscale as shown



* step 5 Go to File->Export->[SwiftComp](#) File, define the voxel mesh and run elastic analysis using the MSG solid model

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SwiftComp Wizard



This wizard will create SwiftComp input file for you.

Assign voxel seed in each direction:

X Voxel Count:

Y Voxel Count:

Z Voxel Count:

Type of analysis: Elastic Thermoelastic Viscoelastic
 Thermoviscoelastic

Type of models Solid Model Plate/Shell Model Beam Model

Type of plate theory Kirchhoff-Love plate Reissner-Mindlin plate

Type of beam theory Euler-Bernoulli beam Timoshenko beam

Aperiodic boundary conditions y1 y2 y3

Import viscoelastic or thermoviscoelastic properties

< Back Finish X Cancel

Save the sc file and click to the Homogenization->Mesoscale. The effective properties of the plain weave composite will be automatically pop up

The Effective Stiffness Matrix

5.5192881E+004	1.1193455E+004	8.3917576E+003	2.4008072E-003	-2.0754118E-003	-3.4013701E-002
1.1193455E+004	5.5192864E+004	8.3917478E+003	-1.5216116E-003	-2.6163163E-003	3.1500869E-002
8.3917576E+003	8.3917478E+003	1.7043937E+004	3.5353661E-004	1.9397778E-005	2.5749239E-004
2.4008072E-003	-1.5216116E-003	3.5353661E-004	3.1451098E+003	-1.1508179E-002	-3.7381513E-004
-2.0754118E-003	-2.6163163E-003	1.9397778E-005	-1.1508179E-002	3.1451110E+003	3.7448191E-004
-3.4013701E-002	3.1500869E-002	2.5749239E-004	-3.7381513E-004	3.7448191E-004	3.4132294E+003

The Effective Compliance Matrix

1.9966261E-005	-2.7613106E-006	-8.4710358E-006	-1.5624814E-011	1.0930555E-011	2.2509221E-010
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The Engineering Constants (Approximated as Orthotropic)

E1 =	5.0084489E+004
E2 =	5.0084482E+004
E3 =	1.4922370E+004
G12 =	3.4132294E+003
G13 =	3.1451110E+003
G23 =	3.1451098E+003
nu12=	1.3829883E-001
nu13=	4.2426750E-001
nu23=	4.2426686E-001

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