# Ashby diagrams



# **Resistance and stiffness in TRACTION and FLEXION mode**

## \*To Minimize the Mass\*

$$m = A \cdot L \cdot \rho$$
$$A = \frac{m}{L \cdot \rho}$$

Where m = mass A = section area L = length $\rho = density$ 

Understand the goal → Stiffness must be lower down limited (TO MASSIMIZE) Resistance must superiorly be limited (TO HOLD UNDER A LIMIT)

# \*To Minimize the Cost\*

If the material price is Cm \$/kg, the cost of the material to make a component of mass m is just  $mC_m$ . The objective function for the material cost C of the piece then becomes  $C = m C_m$ 

### **Case : Beam under traction conditions**

**Stiffness Optimization** 

$$\frac{F}{\delta} \ge S_{\min} = S$$
$$\frac{E \cdot A}{L} \ge S \longrightarrow \frac{E \cdot m}{L^2 \cdot \rho} \ge S \longrightarrow m \ge S \cdot L^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{E}$$

$$M = \frac{E}{\rho}$$

**Resistance Optimization** 

$$\frac{\frac{F}{A} \leq \sigma_{f}}{\frac{F}{m/(L \cdot \rho)} \leq \sigma_{f} \rightarrow m \geq F \cdot L \cdot \frac{\rho}{\sigma_{f}}}$$

$$M = \frac{O_f}{\rho}$$

# **Case : Beam under flexion conditions**

**Stiffness Optimization** 

$$\frac{F}{\delta} \ge S_{\min} = S$$

$$C_1 \cdot \frac{E \cdot J}{L^3} \ge S \text{ , with } J = \frac{b \cdot w^3}{12} \text{ [Moment of inertia, b width , w thickness]}$$

• For square beam b=w, A=b<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  J =  $\frac{A^2}{12}$ 

[ this hypothesis is correct also if b and w are different but in proportion, as  $\ b=\!C\!\cdot\!w]$ 

$$C_{1} \cdot \frac{E \cdot A^{2}}{12 \cdot L^{3}} \ge S \longrightarrow \frac{m^{2}}{L^{2} \cdot \rho^{2}} \ge \frac{12 \cdot L^{3}}{C_{1} \cdot E} \cdot S \longrightarrow m^{2} \ge \frac{12 \cdot L^{3}}{C_{1}} \cdot S \cdot \frac{L^{2} \cdot \rho^{2}}{E}$$
$$m \ge \left(\frac{12 \cdot S}{C_{1} \cdot L}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot L^{3} \cdot \frac{\rho}{E^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

• For beam with width fixed and thickness variable (= panel), w=A/b

$$\rightarrow J = \frac{b \cdot \left(\frac{A}{b}\right)^3}{12} = \frac{A^3}{12 \cdot b^2}$$

$$C_1 \cdot \frac{E \cdot A^3}{12 \cdot b^2 \cdot L^3} \ge S \rightarrow \frac{m^3}{L^3 \cdot \rho^3} \ge \frac{12 \cdot L^3 \cdot b^2}{C_1 \cdot E} \cdot S \rightarrow m^3 \ge \frac{12 \cdot L^3 \cdot b^2}{C_1} \cdot S \cdot \frac{L^3 \cdot \rho^3}{E}$$

$$m \ge \left(\frac{12 \cdot S \cdot b^2}{C_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot L^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{E^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

# **Case : Beam under flexion conditions**

#### **Resistance Optimization**

 $\sigma_{\max} = \frac{M_f \cdot y_{\max}}{J} = \frac{M_f \cdot \left(\frac{W}{2}\right)}{J} = \frac{M_f}{J'} \le \sigma_f \quad [y_{\max}] = Maximum \text{ distance from neutral axis }]$ with  $J = \frac{b \cdot W^3}{12}$  [Moment of inertia, b width , w thickness ]
and with  $J' = \frac{b \cdot W^2}{6}$  [b width , w thickness ]

• For square beam b=w, A=b<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  J'= $\frac{A^{\frac{3}{2}}}{6}$ 

[ this hypothesis is correct also if b and w are different but in proportion, as b=C  $\cdot$ w ]

$$\frac{M_{f}}{J'} = 6\frac{M_{f}}{A^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 6\frac{M_{f}}{A^{\frac{3}{2}}} \le \sigma_{f}$$

$$\rightarrow 6\frac{M_{f}}{A^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 6\frac{M_{f} \cdot L^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \rho^{\frac{3}{2}}}{m^{\frac{3}{2}}} \le \sigma_{f}$$

$$m^{\frac{3}{2}} \ge 6 \cdot \frac{M_{f} \cdot L^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \rho^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sigma_{f}}$$

$$m \ge (6 \cdot M_{f})^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot L \cdot \frac{\rho}{\sigma_{f}}^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

• For beam with width fixed and thickness variable (= panel), w=A/b

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{J'} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{w}^2}{6} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{b}}\right)^2}{6} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^2}{6 \cdot \mathbf{b}} \text{ [b width , w thickness ]}$$
$$\frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}}}{\mathbf{J'}} = 6 \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}}}{\mathbf{A}^2} \le \sigma_{\mathrm{f}}$$
$$\rightarrow 6 \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}}}{\mathbf{A}^2} = 6 \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}} \cdot \mathbf{L}^2 \cdot \rho^2}{\mathbf{m}^2} \le \sigma_{\mathrm{f}}$$
$$\mathbf{m}^2 \ge 6 \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}} \cdot \mathbf{L}^2 \cdot \rho^2}{\sigma_{\mathrm{f}}}$$
$$\mathbf{m} \ge \left(6 \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{f}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot \frac{\rho}{\sigma_{\mathrm{f}}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



Important don't confuse one index (one condition) with another index, as instance:

## **Exercises:**

- $ESO \rightarrow$  simple Resistance Selection
- ES1 $\rightarrow$  Resistance and Stiffness Selection for Sheets
- $ES1' \rightarrow Resistance and Stiffness Selection for Cheap Sheets$
- $ES2 \rightarrow$  Selection for Oars light and stiff
- $ES2' \rightarrow$  Selection for Oars light, stiff and CHEAP
- ES3 $\rightarrow$  Minimize Thermal Distortion for precision devices
- ES3  $\rightarrow$  Minimize Thermal Distortion for precision devices +price consideration
- ES4 $\rightarrow$  Selection for long span transmission line
- $ES4' \rightarrow$  Selection for conductive and light cable
- ES 5 $\rightarrow$  Materials for springs

# **PRACTICAL WORKSHOP related exercises**

Materials Selection – Academic Year 2016-2017

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Pick 3 exercises below, with at least 1 amongst the exercise 4 and 5. Solve the problems as performed during the workshop. An analytical resolution is required. If some hypotheses are necessary, you should detail them. The choice of the free variable has to be strictly justified. Some extra limits related to manufacturing, durability or mechanical aspects could have to be implemented.

The formulas datasheet present at the end of the printed course can be used.

The report must be printed and brought to the assistant Maurizi Enrici.

## Limit date: 18th November 2016

### **Exercise 1**

Select the cheapest materials for the Parthenon columns with a rectangular cross-section.

## **Exercise 2**

Select the cheapest material for a can.

### Exercise 3

Select the lightest and cheapest material for a car hood.

### **Exercise 4**

Select the lightest material for a lightweight table with slender cylindrical legs.

### **Exercise 5**

Select the lightest material for a tube which is submitted to bending and torsion.