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## INTRODUCTION

Failure stress distributions can be used to predict fibre reliability in different conditions. IEC TR 62048 shows mathematically how this can be done. To complete a given reliability projection, the tests used to characterize a distribution are controlled for the following:

- population of fibre, for example coating, manufacturing period, diameter;
- gauge length, i.e. length of section that is tested;
- stress or strain rates;
- testing environment;
- preconditioning or aging treatments;
- sample size.

This method measures the strength of optical fibre at a specified constant strain rate. It is a destructive test, and is not a substitute for proof-testing.

This method is used for those typical optical fibres for which the median fracture stress is greater than 3,1 GPa (450 kpsi<sup>1</sup>) in 0,5 m gauge lengths at the highest specified strain rate of 25 %/min. For fibres with lower median fracture stress, the conditions herein have not demonstrated sufficient precision.

Typical testing is conducted on "short lengths", up to 1 m, or on "long lengths", from 10 m to 20 m with sample size ranging from 15 to 30.

The test environment and any preconditioning or aging are critical to the outcome of this test. There is no agreed upon model for extrapolating the results for one environment to another environment. For failure stress at a given stress or strain rate, however, as the relative humidity increases, failure stress decreases. Both increases and decreases in the measured strength distribution parameters have been observed as the result of preconditioning at elevated temperature and humidity for even a day or two.

This test is based on the theory of fracture mechanics of brittle materials and on the power-law description of flaw growth (see IEC TR 62048). Although other theories have been described elsewhere, the fracture mechanics based on power-law theory is the most generally accepted.

A typical population consists of fibre that has not been deliberately damaged or environmentally aged. A typical fibre has a nominal diameter of 125 µm, with a 250 µm or less diameter acrylate coating. Default conditions are given for such typical populations. Non-typical populations might include alternative coatings, environmentally aged fibre, or deliberately damaged or abraded fibre. Guidance for non-typical populations is also provided.

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<sup>1</sup> kpsi = kilopounds per square inch.