

Evaluation Of Interference Genotypes – Energy Release Rate By Using Wedge Splitting Test

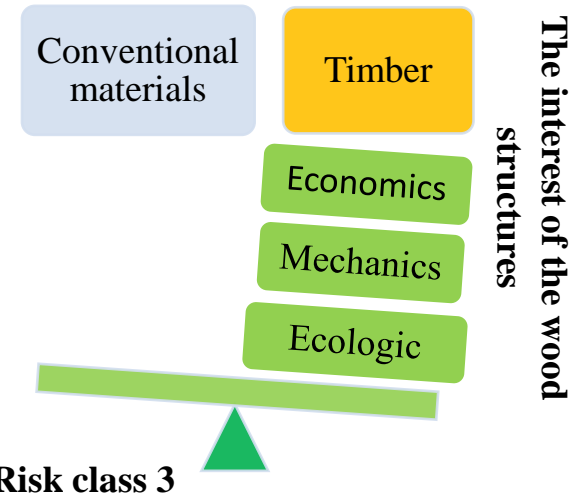
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- Low consumption of energy
- Ability to store Carbone dioxide

Environmental challenges



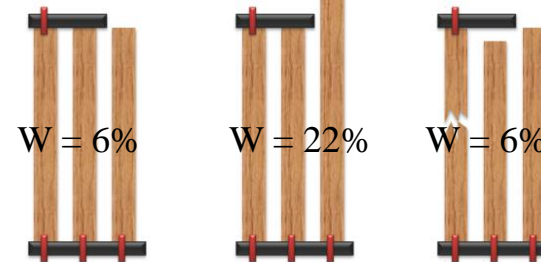
Climatic conditions of the Environment

Humidity and temperature variable
 +
 mechanical loading



Service conditions	Sensitive zone	Biological risk
Timber frequently subjected to moisture content > 20% without stagnation of water	All the wettable zone naturally not durable	-fungus -cleopteres -Termites

Compressing



Shrinkage and swelling



The Douglas has remarkable resistance to fungal agents and dimensional stability.

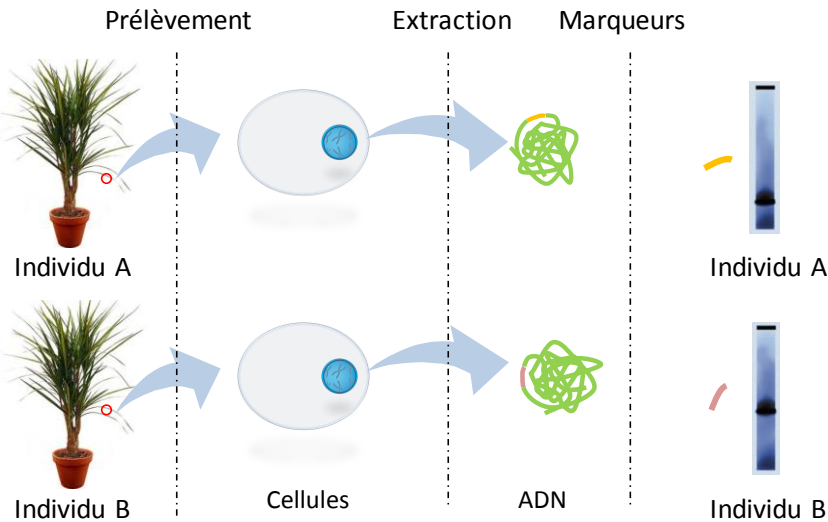
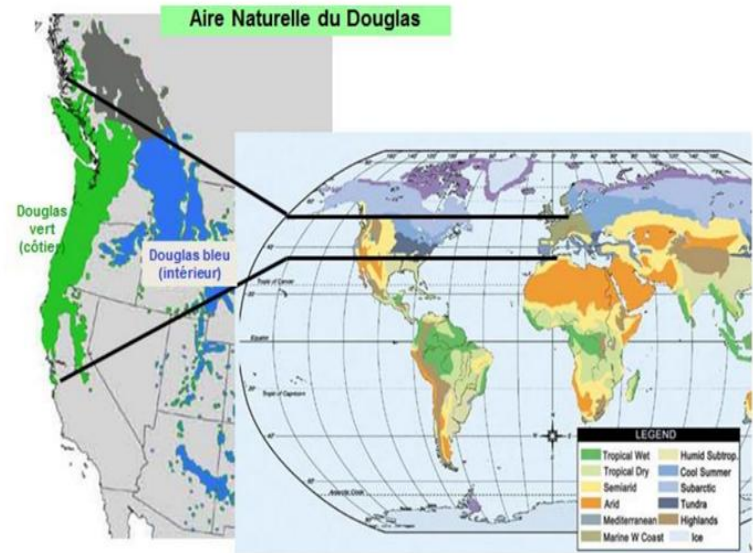
It is native from the West Coast of the North American continent.

It introduced in France at the beginning of the 19th century and Today it is the main emerging forest resource of the national territory.

The silviculturists have soon realized that there are some provenances more interesting than others in terms of adaptability.

Forest selection programs begin with an assessment of seeds from the natural range and tested in different sites. The provenance / progeny tests have contributed to the selection of some Clones considered to be interesting in terms of adaptability.

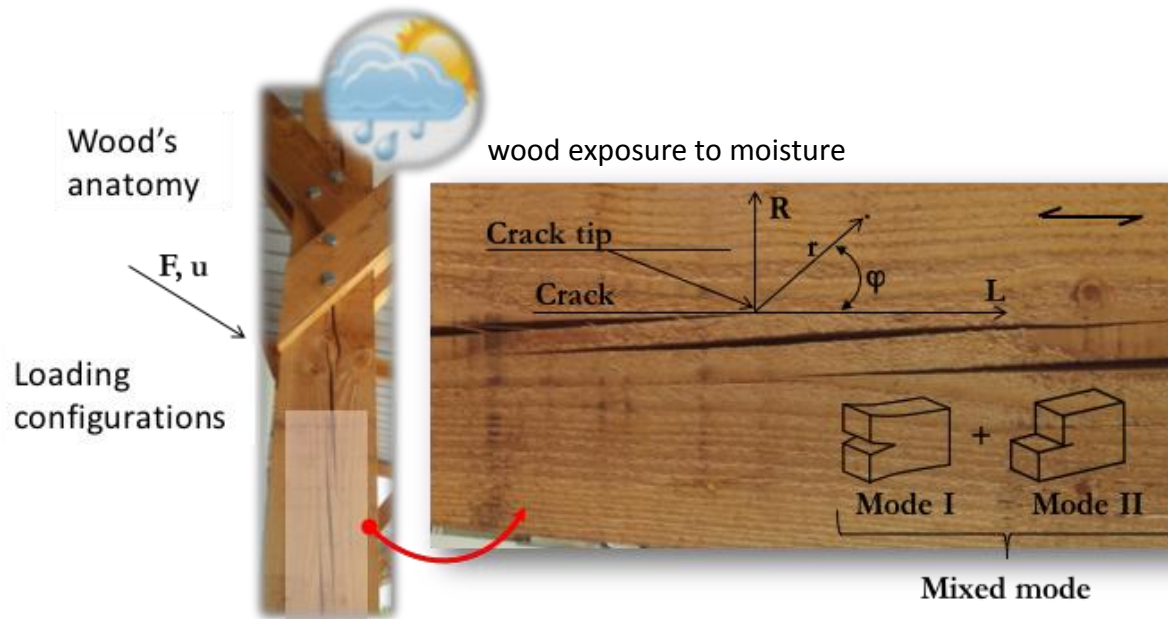
This material allowed the planting of different French seed orchards in many sites in France.



Douglas which is the subject of this study, comes from one of these plantations located in Gimel the cascades in Corrèze (France), It results from a propagation by cuttings of some of these clones.

- Depending on the surrounding conditions, wood tends to absorb or desorb moisture.
- The interaction between the moisture and the cell walls results in dimensional variations.
- Due to its nature, wood possesses a micro cracks network.
- The networks of cracks can develop and lead to the partial or total structure collapse.

The fracture parameters inform the mechanical state of the material



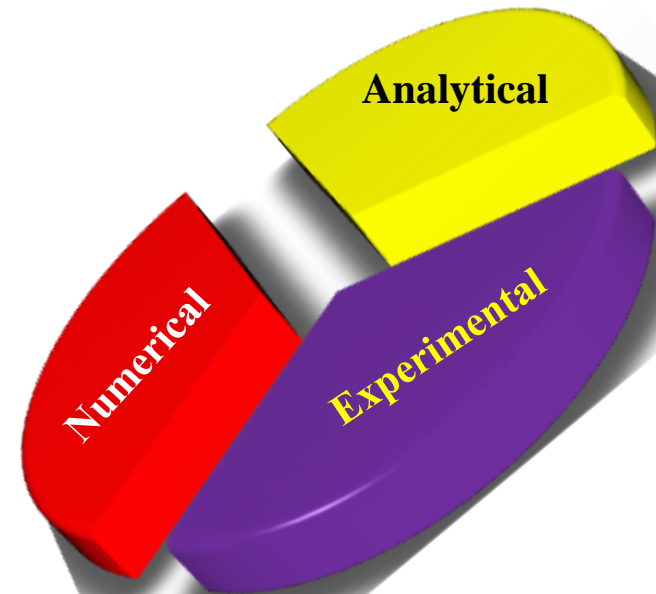
the fracture process can be dissociated into three pure modes :

- mode I : is an opening mode.
- mode II : is associated to a shear loading.
- Mode III : is a tearing.

I Introduction in fracture mechanics

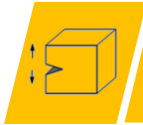
O Optical methods

P Preliminary results



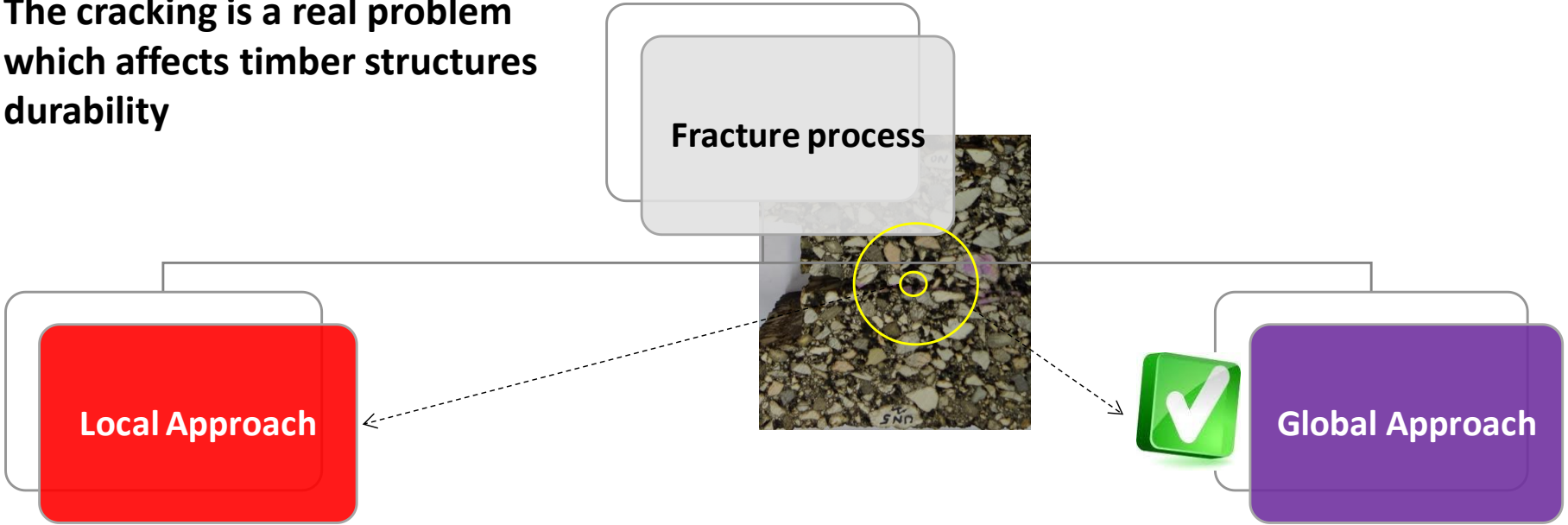
C&P Conclusions and Perspectives

Fracture mechanics



Opening mode

The cracking is a real problem which affects timber structures durability



- ❖ Local behavior.
- ❖ Local mechanical fields (near to the crack tip).
- ❖ Crack tip singularity.
- ❖ Observation of the process zone

- ❖ Energetic approaches.
- ❖ Integral invariants J, G and M.
- ❖ Mechanical fields far to crack tip.

It's important to evaluate the failure risk and the mechanical state in order to verify if the crack is stationary or if the failure risk is imminent.

Fracture mechanics



Global Approach



Energy release rate

Integration domain

The global approach is based on energetic methods
The evaluation of the energy release rate can be realized using invariant INTEGRALS :

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left(W \cdot n_1 - T_i \cdot \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_1} \right) \cdot ds$$

Constitutive law.
To calculate the complementary mechanical fields.

Measurement of the displacement field

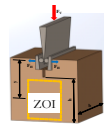
$$G\theta = \int_S \left(-W \cdot \theta_{k,k} + \sigma_{ij} \cdot u_{i,k} \cdot \theta_{k,j} \right) \cdot dS$$

The knowledge of the material constitutive law is necessary

curvilinear integration

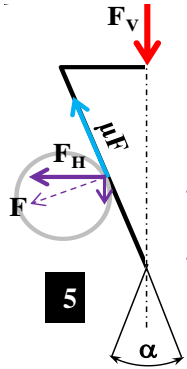
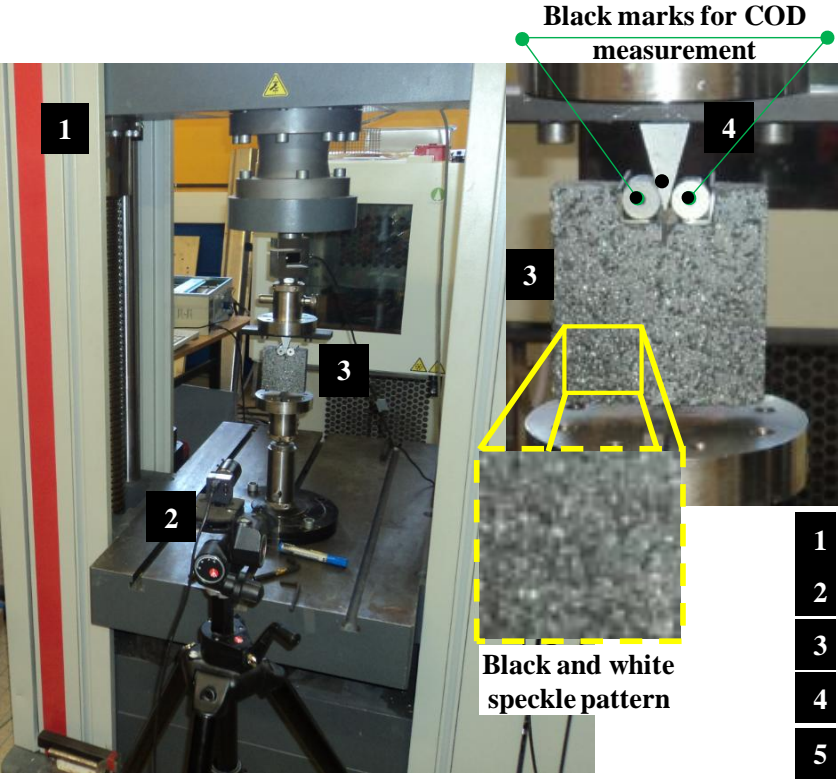
surface integration

Material and methods



Wedge Splitting Test

The fracture parameters in opening mode were identified from a wedge splitting test (opening mode).



- Loading under controled displacement.
- The samples moisture content is estimated at 9%.

$$F_S \equiv F_H = F_v / 2 \cdot \tan \alpha$$

- 1 Electromechanical press
- 2 CCD camera
- 3 Wedge Splitting sample
- 4 Loading system
- 5 Loading configuration

The loading configuration

DIC & MTm

Measurement of displacement field

Digital image correlation

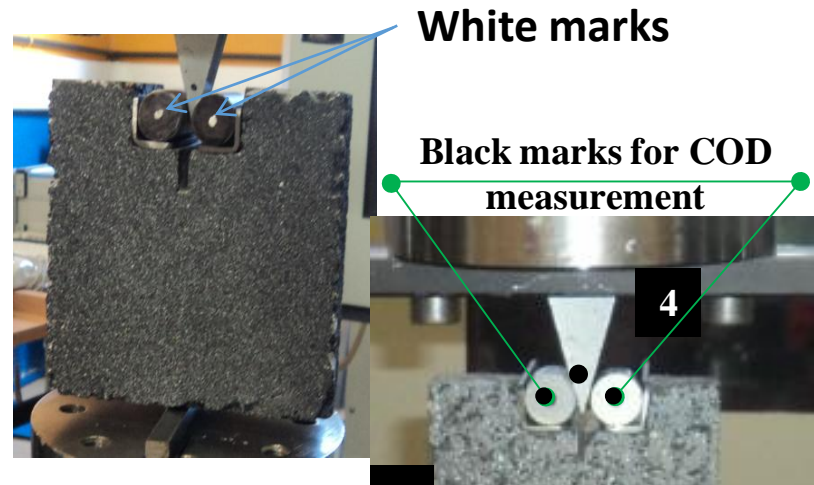
Mark Tracking method

- The displacement is calculated by comparing the initial image ($F=0$) with the image corresponding to the loading state.

Sample with black and white speckle pattern

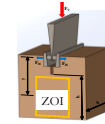


To measure the displacement fields



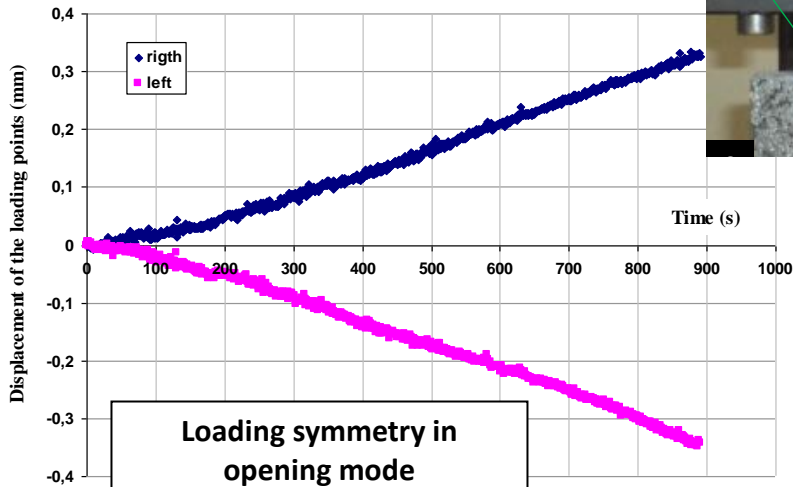
To observe the loading boundaries conditions

F vs. COD

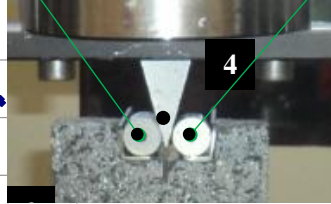


Wedge Splitting Test

Loading points displacement



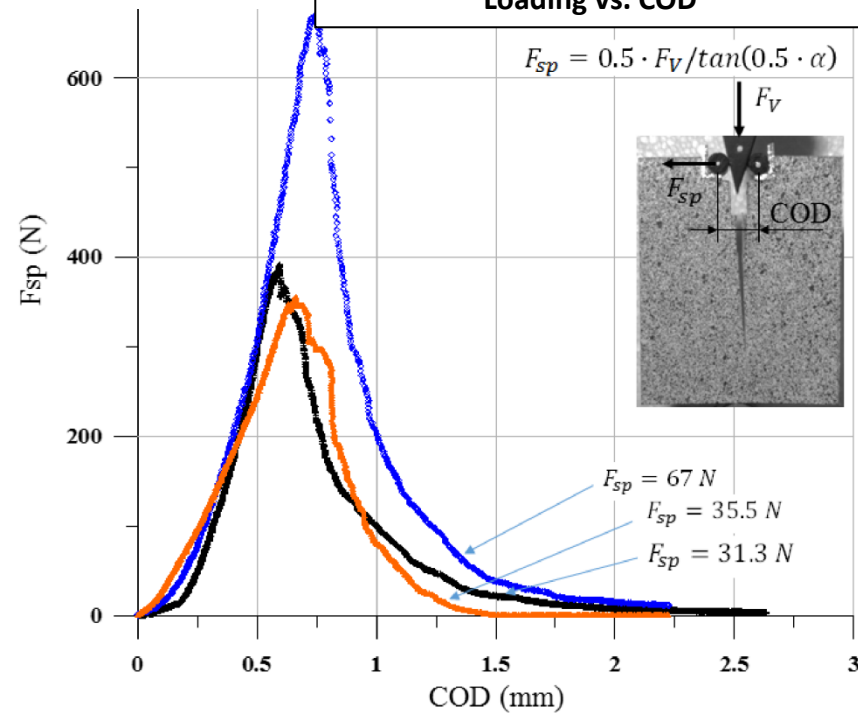
Black marks for COD measurement



$$Work\ of\ fracture = \int_0^{COD} F_{sp} \cdot d(COD)$$

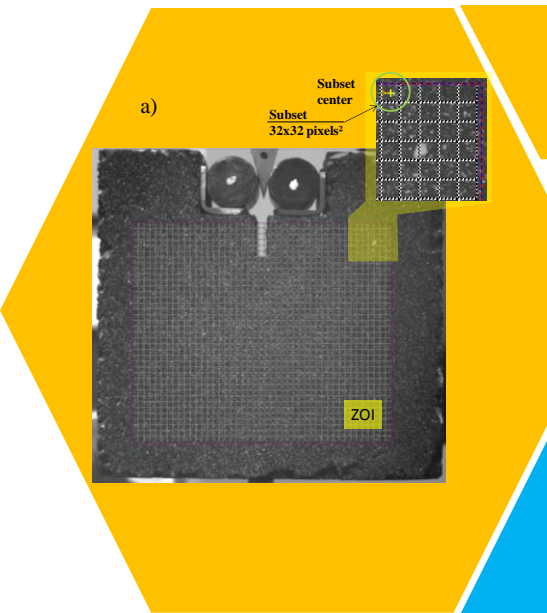
$$G_F = \frac{Work\ of\ fracture}{A_f}$$

Loading vs. COD



Samples	Work of fracture (N.mm)	Fracture energy (J/m ²)
Génotype A	94.42	163.85
Génotype B	273.80	326.12
Génotype C	174.50	269.62

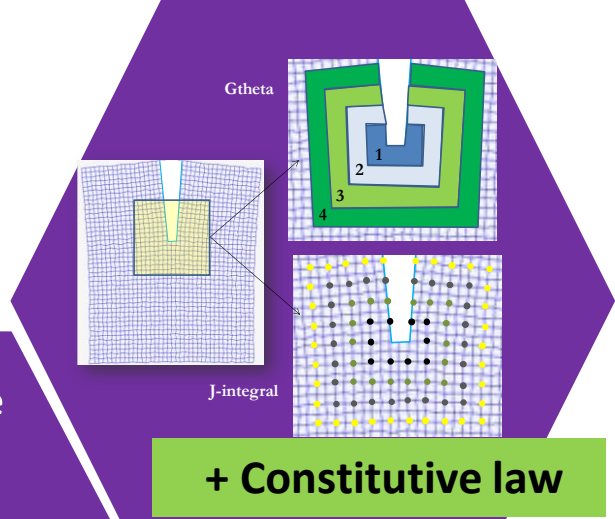
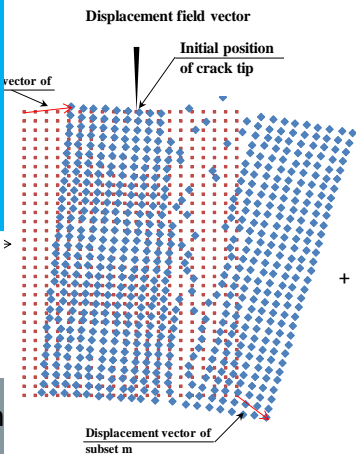
Optical measurements



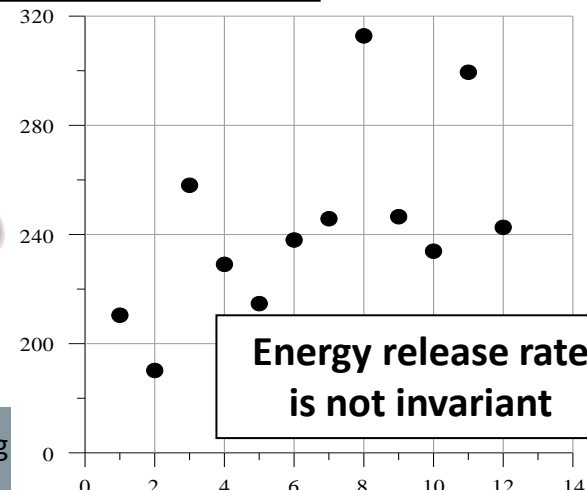
Experimental approach

Experimental noised Rigid Body Motions

Displacement field cartographies



Numerical approach



Optimization of displacement fields

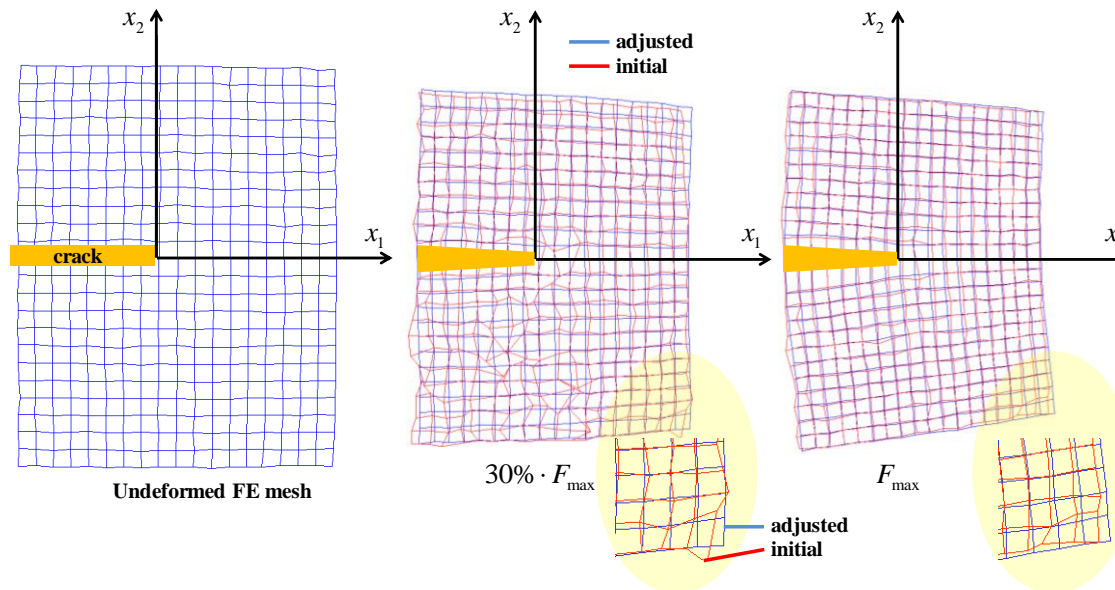
Experimental displacement field

$$u_1 = \sum_{\chi=1}^N \left(A_1^\chi \cdot r^{(\chi/2)} \cdot f_\chi(\kappa, \varphi) + A_2^\chi \cdot r^{(\chi/2)} \cdot g_\chi(\kappa, \varphi) \right)$$

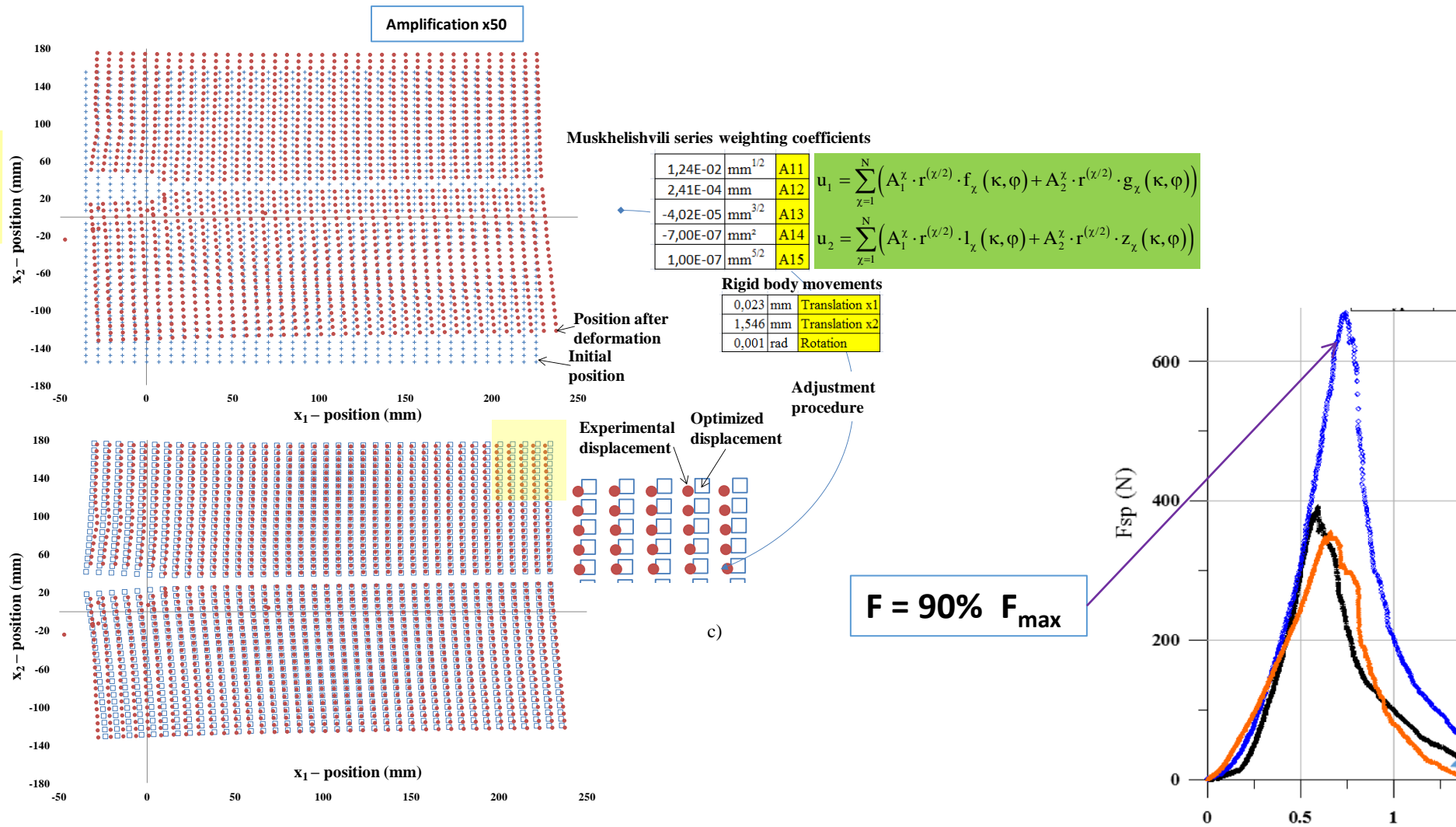
$$u_2 = \sum_{\chi=1}^N \left(A_1^\chi \cdot r^{(\chi/2)} \cdot l_\chi(\kappa, \varphi) + A_2^\chi \cdot r^{(\chi/2)} \cdot z_\chi(\kappa, \varphi) \right)$$

Equivalent displacement field

Optimization of displacement field \equiv By an adjustment procedure



Optimization of displacement fields



New formalism

Equivalent displacement field from adjustment procedure

Reduced elastic compliance C_α

$G = \frac{\left(K_I^{(\sigma)}\right)^2}{E}$
Energy release rate

$K_\alpha^{(\varepsilon)} = C_\alpha \cdot K_\alpha^{(\sigma)}$
Crack relative displacement factors
Dubois et al.

Stress intensity factor K_I^σ

$$K_I^{(\sigma)} = \frac{F_{sp}}{B \cdot \sqrt{W}} \cdot \frac{2 + \frac{a}{W}}{\left(1 - \frac{a}{W}\right)^{1.5}} \cdot f_1\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)$$

$$K_1^{(\varepsilon)} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot A_1^1 \cdot (\kappa + 1)$$

$$K_2^{(\varepsilon)} = -2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot A_2^1 \cdot (\kappa + 1)$$

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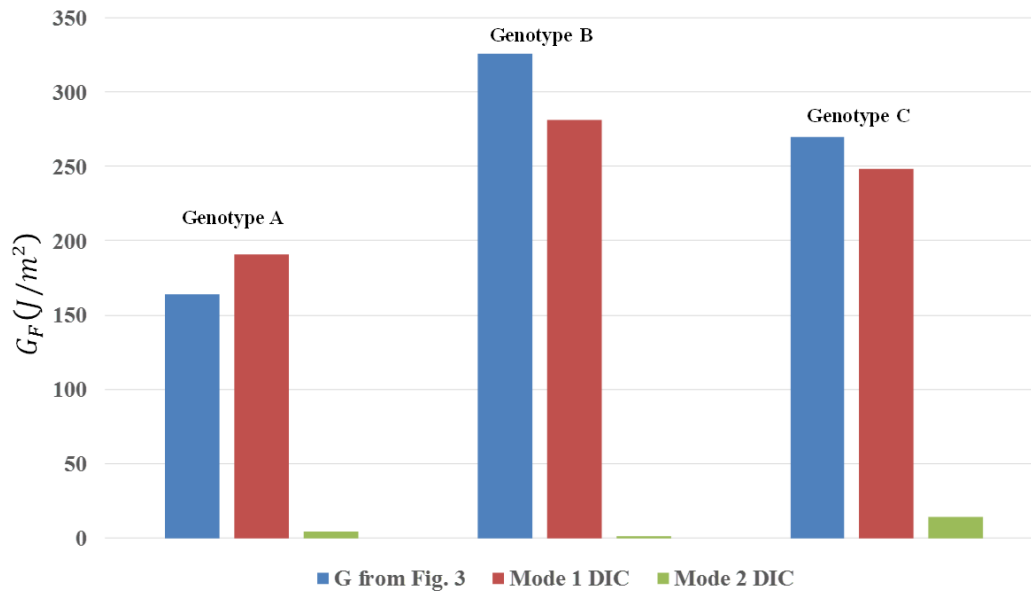
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New approach

$$G_\alpha = \frac{K_\alpha^{(\sigma)} \cdot K_\alpha^{(\varepsilon)}}{8}$$

Fracture parameters corresponding to critical splitting force

Génotype	F_{sp} (N)	K^e_1 (mm ^{0.5})	K^e_2 (mm ^{0.5})	K^s_1 (Mpa.mm ^{0.5})	K^s_2 (Mpa.mm ^{0.5})	G_F (J/m ²)
A	326	0.068	0.0022	22.30	0.72	190.60
B	505	0.094	0.0005	23.80	0.14	281.40
C	282	0.118	0.0070	16.70	0.98	247.94



the fracture energy

- ❖ The objective of this study was to analyse the fracture process by using a coupling between experimental and analytical approaches
- ❖ From a Wedge Splitting Test the fracture parameters were estimated by using the optical measurements
- ❖ Using an adjustment procedure an “equivalent” displacement field was calculated from the experimental measurements. This procedure allowing the separation of the mixed mode by identifying the part of each mode.
- ❖ The association between the Crack Relative Displacement Factor and the Stress Intensity Factor, allowed us to evaluate the fracture energy without the knowledge of material properties. .

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