



# Caractérisation de l'endommagement du béton polymère par émission acoustique

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## Composite Materials

- Composite materials: matrix + reinforcement
- Advantage : High strength to weight ratio
- Applications
  - Carbon fiber composite : aerospace...
  - Glass fiber composite : automobile...
  - Polymer concrete : civil engineering...







Need to monitor the health of composite materials

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**Dynamic acoustic emission** 

Nonlinear regime of material + monitoring the acoustic activity with AE





- Studied Specimen and characterization
- Mechanical test monitored with Acoustic Emission
- Dynamic Acoustic Emission
- Results and discussion
- Conclusion and outlook

# **Studied Specimen**



## Polymer concrete



#### Constituents :

Epoxy resin, sand : 0.4 mm, gravel : 2 mm

|           | resin | gravel | sand |
|-----------|-------|--------|------|
| Sample I  | 40%   | 30%    | 30%  |
| Sample II | 40%   | 60%    | 0%   |
|           |       |        |      |

• Dimension : 200 X 40 X 40 (mm<sup>3</sup>)



A quasi-static test monitored with AE ==> The damage mechanisms

## Damage mechanisms

# Characterization of samples

## Attenuation of samples

Experimental set-up of attenuation measurement



Exemple of sample I under measurement with 2 protocoles

- 2 sensors of 1MHz
- · One glass to mesure the reference signal
- Protocole :
  - 1. mesure references signals
  - 2. mesure finals signals
  - 3. Compare their FFT, calculate attenuation

#### Why use references signals

==> To avoid the changement of wave forme in source sensor

- Source :
  - Amplitude : 20 Vpp

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• Frequency : 35 - 600 kHz



Exemple of source at 35kHz and its FFT



## Attenuation of samples



• Results



|           | resin | gravel | sand |
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- Attenuation increases in frequency
- The gravel increased attenuation at 35 and 400 kHz

# Mechanical test monitored with AE



The three point bending test monitored with AE



- Quasi-static mechanical test (Sample I)
- Force AE hits (Sample I)



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An AE signal and its temporal features



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Quasi-static mechanical test

#### $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ The temporal and spectral features

|  | Dimension      | Property                |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|
|  | dB             | Amplitude (PA)          |
|  | micro second   | Duration (D)            |
| <ul> <li>Common temporal features</li> </ul> | micro second   | Rise time (RT)          |
|  | micro second/V | RA (RT/PA)              |
|  |                | Counts (CNT)            |
| New frequency-based feature                  | aJ             | Energy (E)              |
|  | kHz            | Frequency centroid (FC) |
| $WF = \sqrt{FP^2 + FC^2}$                    | kHz            | Peak frequency (PF)     |
|  |                |                         |



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# K-means classification of AE hits

## Classification by k-means

Principal Component Analysis reduced the number of

features from 7 to 4

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Then, the classification is made using k-means analysis
- Three classes of AE signals





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AE hits were recorded during the damage process of materiel

• Why should we damage the materiel in order to get AE hits ?



Develop dynamic AE measurements as NDT&E technique to link macroscopic observations to the excited micro-mechanisms

#### **Dynamic acoustic emission** •

- Micro-cracked polymer concrete
- Excitation around the bending mode (240 Hz)
- Four steps in the protocol
- Test monitored with AE



|  |               |                  | Dynamics     | , AE               |    |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|----|
|  | No excitation | Linear vibration | Conditioning | Passive relaxation |    |
|  | 0 V           | 50 mv            | 2 V          | 0 V                |    |
|  | 2 hours       | 9 minutes        | 9 minutes    | 16 hours           |    |
|  | l             | Π                |              | IV                 |    |
|  |               | THEAM            |              |                    |    |
|  | No AE sig     | Inal             | AE sigi      | nals appear        | 12 |

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Beginning of conditioning



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End of the relaxation

**Step IV : Relaxation** 





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## Results and discussion



- AE signal during the test
- Conditioning



Local resonances may be the source of AE signals

Passive relaxation (3 classes of AE signal)





## Three classes of AE signals during passive relaxation



Different kinds of damages have different relaxation rates

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## Results and discussion

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#### They have strong similarity with signal during quasi-static test





- Mechanical test followed by AE :
  - Three classes of AE signal distinguished
  - High amplitude signals during final crack : need a relevant criterion for the separation of events

- A non-destructive testing technique (defect detection)
- No crack ==> No AE signal during dynamic AE
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  A link between damage mechanisms and non-linear behavior
- Conditioning: continuous signals (local resonances of the defect)
- Relaxation: AE signals appear; strong similarity with signals cracking matrix and Debonding of interface



Works to do...





#### The link between quasi-static test and dynamic AE



