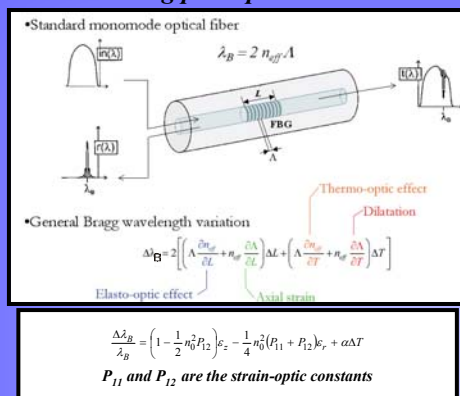


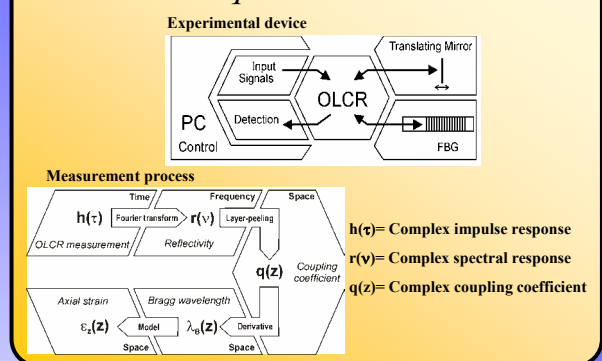
Transverse Evolution of Residual Stresses in Notched Epoxy Cylinders using the OLCR Technique and Embedded FBG Sensors

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FBG working principles

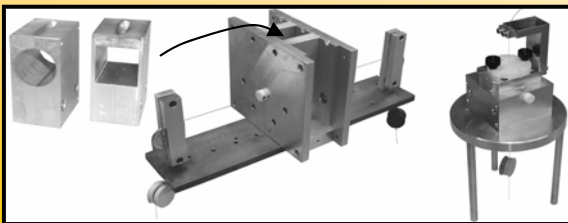


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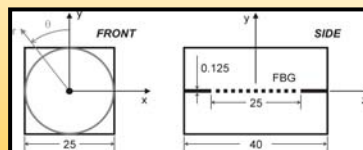


Materials and experimental methods

Specimen mould

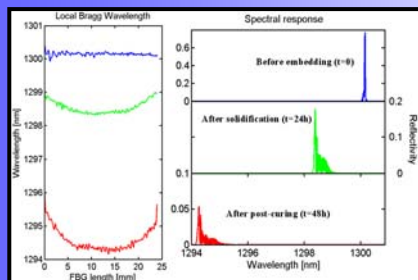


Geometrical specifications



An optical fibre is embedded in an large epoxy block /cylinder and contains a **FBG sensor**, which is a powerful tool to detect the non-uniform residual strain build-up during the matrix shrinkage. The grating response is analyzed by the **OLCR technique**, which allows one to retrieve the corresponding strain field along the fibre core without any assumption

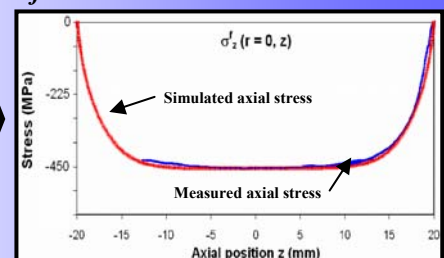
OLCR measurements



Analysis

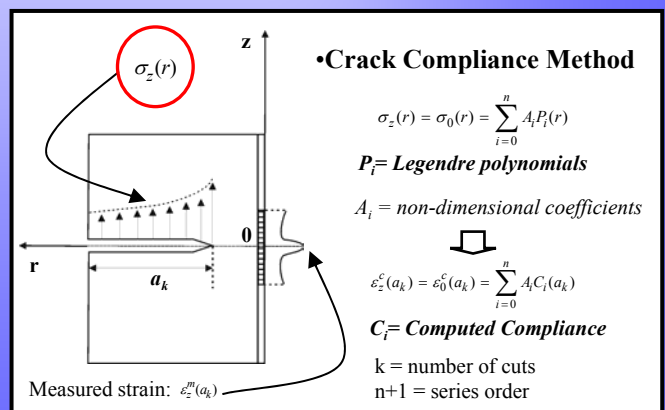
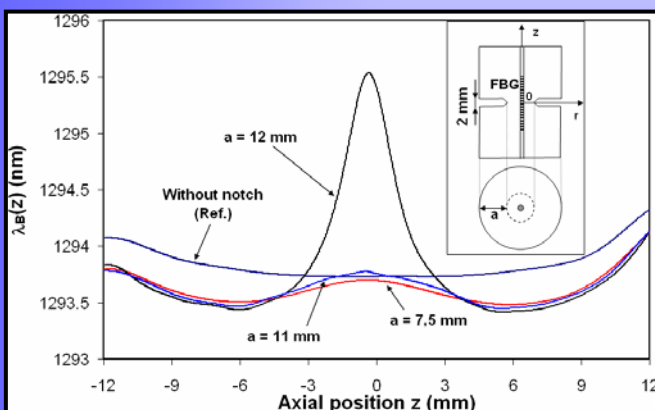
- RESIDUAL STRAIN MODELING**
- Axisymmetric deformation mode
 - Equivalent thermo-elastic approach (CTE $\Rightarrow$ Shrinkage function $s_m(r, z)$)
- FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS**
- Solid parabolic axisymmetric elements
 - Matrix /fibre domain: 200x100/200x30 elements
 - Strong fibre-matrix interface

Residual stress evolution along the fibre core



Transverse evolution of residual stresses

To investigate the radial dependence of the residual stress, the Crack Compliance Method is adapted to the cylindrical geometry by measuring strains with the FBG, as a function of a circumferential crack length



Preliminary results

- Determination of the zone of influence of the reinforcing fibre

- The effect of the presence of the mechanically induced crack on the specimen