# Application of the **Open Hole Tensile Test** to the **Identification** of the **in-plane Characteristics** of **Orthotropic Plates**

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# **Presentation summary**

- Introduction
- Identification procedure
- First results
- Interaction between anisotropy and geometrical modelling errors
- Conclusion



#### Introduction: global overview

**Specimen geometry** 

for an evaluation

using only one test?

Hole on plate tensile test



Strain field strongly localized near the hole boundary: High spatial resolution and strains known near the hole boundary



# **I-Introduction**



#### **Introduction: identification strategy**





**I-Introduction** 

# **Experimental technique: digital phase-shifting grating interferometry**









# **Experimental technique: mechanical set-up and specimen**

•Specimen: NC2<sup>®</sup> reinforcement from Hexcel Composite + Epoxy resin processed in a RTM mold Stacking sequence [{0/90}<sub>3</sub>]<sub>s</sub>



 Mechanical set-up: Table-top tensile device Applied stress 10 MPa



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# **Identification procedure: Unknown parameters**

• Geometrical parameters:



# Position of the hole center $(\underline{x_c}, \underline{y_c})$

• Material parameters:





#### **First results: displacements and strains maps**



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**III-** First results

# **First identification results**

#### Identified values

	E <sub>xx</sub>	E <sub>yy</sub>	G <sub>xy</sub>	ν <sub>xy</sub>
Reference values	60 GPa	56 GPa	4.3 GPa	0.05
ldentified values	57.1 GPa	58.1 GPa	4.48 GPa	0.062
Difference	4.1 %	4.0 %	5.2 %	26.5 %



# Differences between experimental and numerical strain maps





**III-** First results

#### Study of geometrical modelling error





# Study of anisotropy vs geometrical modelling errors

#### 1<sup>st</sup>- Simulation of various material cases using a micro/macro approach

- glass or carbon fibres
- 2 epoxy resins
- fibre volume fraction from 30 % to 60 %
- [0]<sub>4</sub>, [90]<sub>4</sub> or [0, 90]<sub>S</sub> stacking sequence

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>- Calculation of the 3 required strain fields

- with the normalized test geometry
- using a FEM approach

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>- Identification of the 9 parameters

• with the Lekhnitskii-based algorithm

#### 4th- Results expressed as a 'ratio' vs. 'anisotropy'



24 different cases Anisotropy ratio from 0.20 to 0.74

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# Study of anisotropy vs geometrical modelling errors



Geometrical modelling errors grow with anisotropy Use regression curves to correct identified material parameters

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#### An attempt to correct geometrical modelling errors

	E <sub>xx</sub>	E <sub>yy</sub>	G <sub>xy</sub>	ν <sub>xy</sub>
Reference values	60 GPa	56 GPa	4.3 GPa	0.05
Identified values	57.9 GPa	63.5 GPa	4.43 GPa	0.059
Mean error for all studied cases	-	7.5 %	-	92.6 %

Correction approach too simple and regression curves unable to follow data scattering induce low confidence in corrected values. In particular, highest errors (up to 98%) for low Poisson's ratio.

It is necessary to include the FEM within the identification procedure



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# Final results using experimental maps and a FEM



	E <sub>xx</sub>	E <sub>yy</sub>	$G_{xy}$	$ u_{xy}$
Reference value	59.5 GPa	55.8 GPa	4.26 GPa	0.049
Identified value	57.6 GPa	55.3 GPa	4.48 GPa	0.046
Difference (%)	4.1%	4.0%	5.2%	6.1%

(reference values from 3 classical tensile tests)



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#### **Conclusions**

Finally, identified mechanical parameters in agreement with classical tests (<6 %) Necessity of using a FEM within the identification procedure

These identification studies show that extrapolating the normalized open hole tensile test to other geometries is questionable because of the anisotropy / geometry interaction.

#### **Perspectives**

**Experimental techniques** 

Use of a simpler OFFM Technique (Speckle shearography) Further results with other reference materials





# Numerical simulation: Lekhnistskii's analytical approach



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