





OPIN Workshop Advanced Materials and Manufacturing (Composite focus) 12/11/19, Nantes





WEAMEC

& Innovation n Pays de la Loire

Assistant Professor/GeM, CNRS 6183, Nantes University, Centrale Nantes

Latest news from the academic research







- GeM/E3M team competencies and objectives
- GeM/E3M team testing facilities
- Examples of relevant R&D projects
- Collaborations wishes





GeM/E3M team competencies and objectives



Global thematic : durability of materials

Characterization and modeling of hygro-thermomechanical behavior of composites in harsh environment

→ Robust predictive tools for structural design and/or risk-based maintenance optimization



Research team skills :

- Multi-physics and multi-scales modeling
- Experimental characterization
- Hygro-mechanical couplings
- Variability and uncertainties

Studied materials :

- □ Thermoset and thermoplastic composites
- □ Sandwich structured composites
- Natural fiber composites
- Multi-materials with bonded joint

Application areas :

- MRE structures
- Automotive industry
- aeronautics



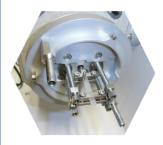


GeM/E3M team testing facilities



- Climatic chambers : hygro-thermal controlled environment for kinetics of diffusion
- Dynamical Mechanical Analysis (DMA) : characterization of visco-elastic properties
- **Dynamic Vapor Sorption (DVS)** : measurements of water sorption isotherms
- Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) : microstructure studies (crack, porosity etc.)
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) : measurements of glass transition temperature
- Cone calorimeter : characterization of fire behavior under mechanical loadings
- □ HPC computers : intensive computation
- □ X-ray diffraction : measurement of crystallinity of natural fibers
- Development of specific experimental devices (optical fibers measurements, fatigue/creep tests, etc.)















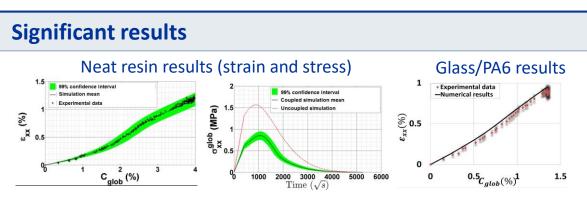




Examples of R&D projects



STIICPA project (ADEME funding 2013-2016) \rightarrow Characterization and modeling of hygro-elastic coupling (glass/PA6 composites) **Experimental observations Key points** 1,5 •ו Neat resin **Development of adapted** 📀 UD [45°] fensile modulus (GPa) Exx + UD [90°] Water content (nonlinear local models ε_{xx}(%) Exp data1 Identification with inverse Exp data2 Exp data3 -64 % problem using Exp data4 · ** · · · · ** · · · * Exp data5 parametric/stochastic approach $C_{glob}^{2}(\%)$ Global water content C glob (%) **Probabilistic modeling** Nonlinear evolution of elastic modulus and swelling coefficient



 \rightarrow Good behavior of the proposed nonlinear model for both neat PA6 and composite cases

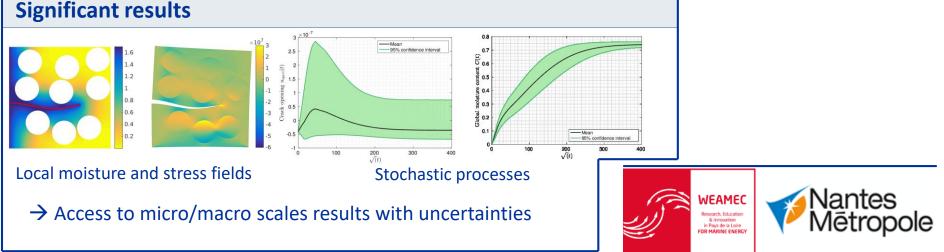




Examples of R&D projects



FIRMAIN project (WeAMEC funding 2016-2019) \rightarrow Modeling of aging impact on local damage of composite materials **Experimental observations Key points** Damage → Water uptake Water uptake →Damage Water uptake (%) X-FEM methodology for crack Before ageing Undamaged Crack density Saturation Damaged (ϵ =0.5 % modeling 0.4 S-FEM methodology for 0.2 variability [Tain 2019] [Tual 2015] 0 1000 2000 2500 3000 200 400 600 800 1000 Impact of edge crack on 1500 0 $\sqrt{t} (\sqrt{s})$ Stress (MPa) moisture diffusion \rightarrow Faster diffusion with damage and damage increase with aging

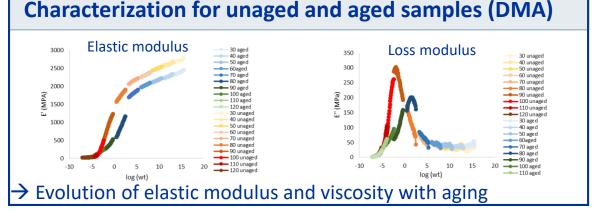






CEAUCOMP project (WeAMEC/ONR funding 2018-2021)

 \rightarrow Characterization and modeling of hygro-visco-elastic behavior of composite materials



Key points

- Characterization of moisture diffusion impact on visco-elastic properties
- Development of adapted hygrovisco-elastic model
- FEM modeling of creep tests under aging with experimental comparisons

Preliminary works and results Specific device development First simulations based on Maxwell model 0,6 0,5 0,4 Strain (%) Experimental aged Experimental unaged 0.2 Numerical aged Numerical unaged 0,1 0 n 1000 2000 3000 Time (s) \rightarrow Allow simulating the effect L = 20 mm \rightarrow Avoid grip problems in wet case of aging

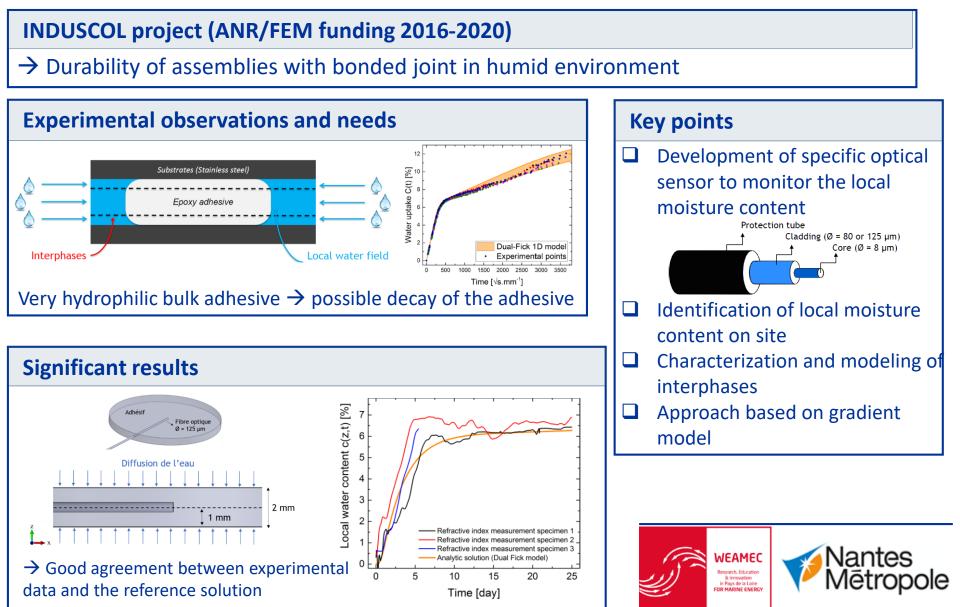


4000



Examples of R&D projects

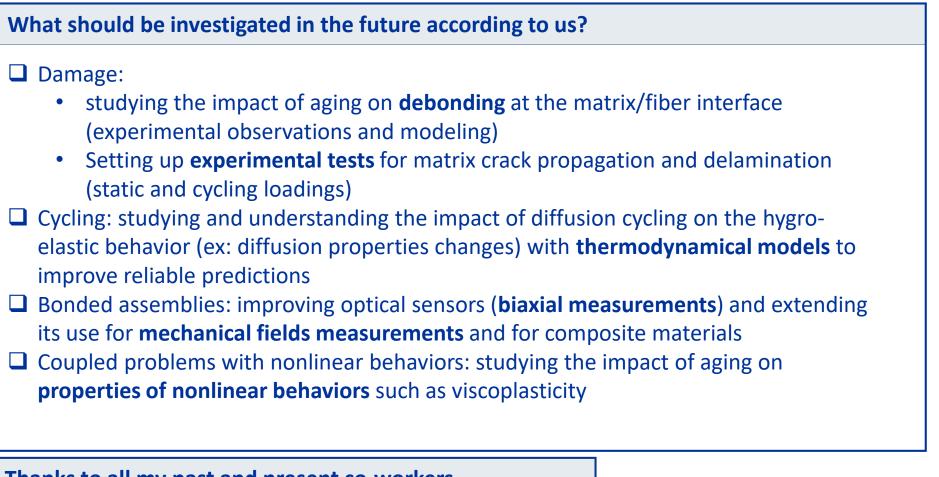






Collaboration wishes





Thanks to all my past and present co-workers

H. Obeid/S. Fréour/F. Jacquemin/A. Uguen/S. Tain/Q. Dézulier/P. Davies/M. Girard/R. Grangeat and many more











Interreg WITH INFORMATION North-West Europe OPIN

European Regional Development Fund

Thank you!