

# Non-destructive, local and quantitative assessment of residual mechanical properties in composites structures

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## Motivation

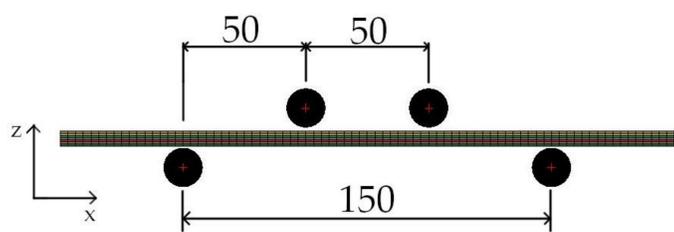
- Reduction of CO2 emissions and fuel consumption in transport vehicles by reducing weight of structures
- Use of composite materials as replacement of standard metals
- Characterization of damage level and of damage evolution in composite materials for their widespread diffusion

## Research activity

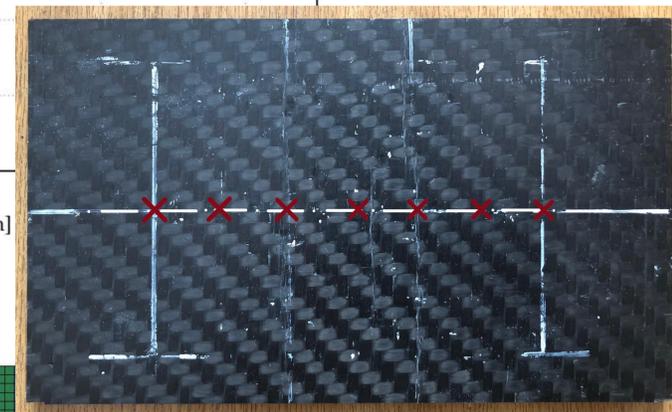
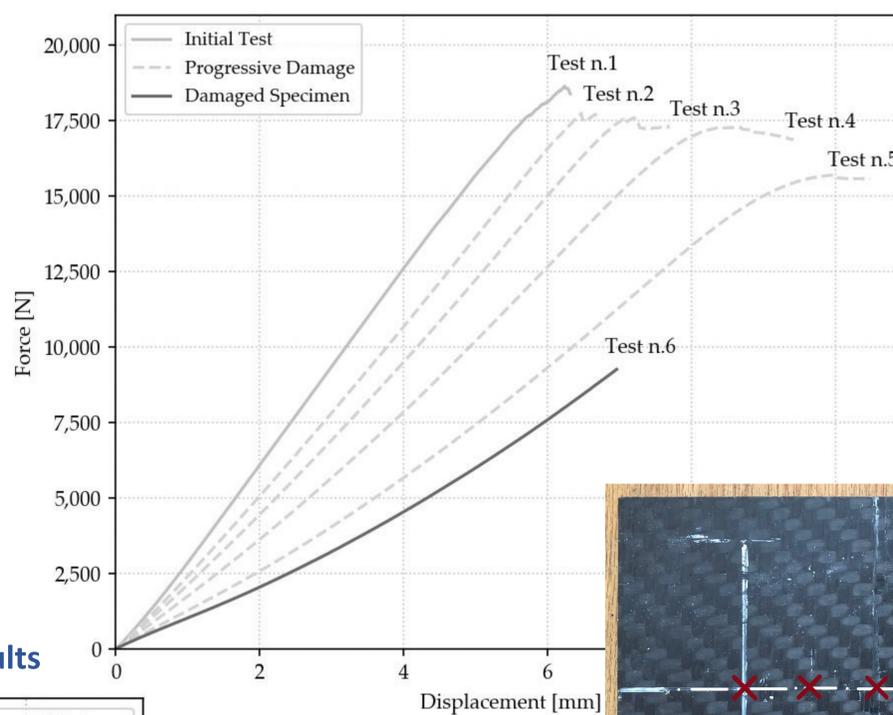
### Damage Index Methodology ( $DI_d$ )

Local assessment of residual elastic properties

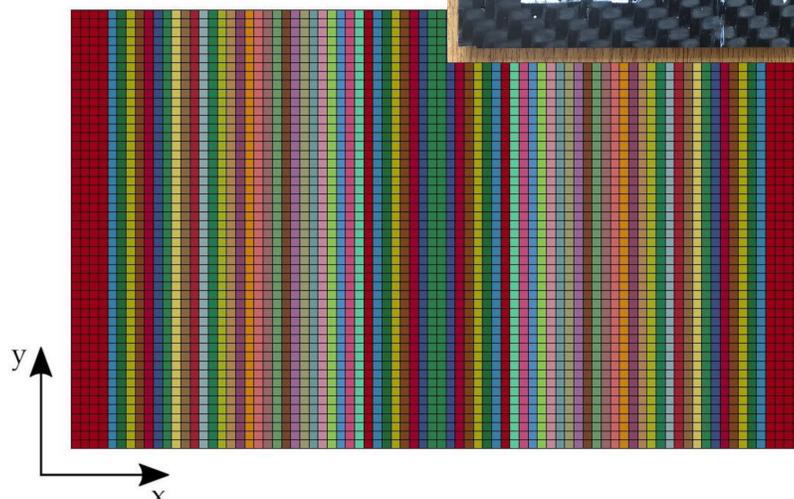
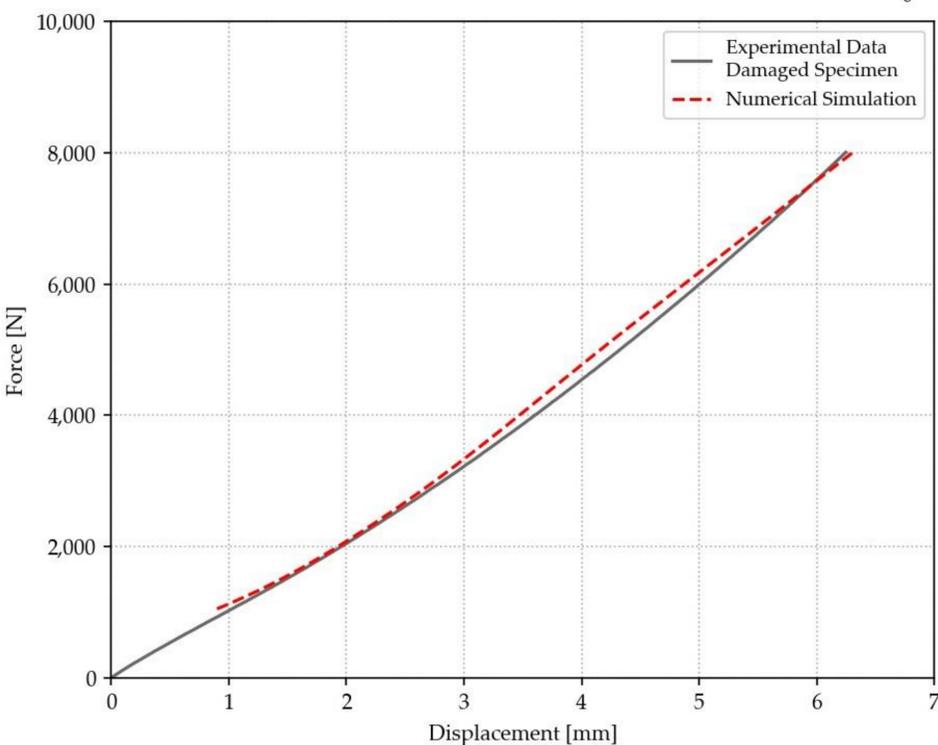
#### 1) Tuning of a finite element model of a 8-layers laminate



#### 2) Damaging of composite plate and mapping local residual properties with $DI_d$



#### 3) Comparison of experimental and numerical results

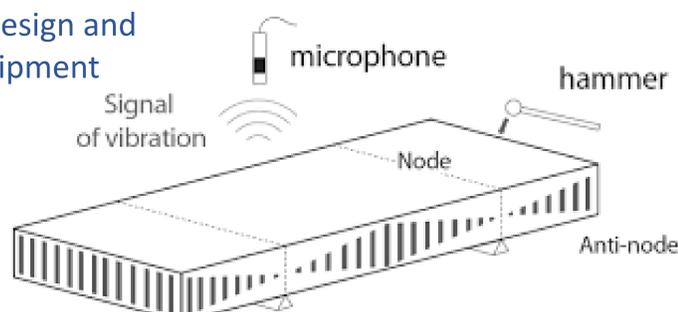


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## Impulse Excitation Technique (IET)

From specimen to component: design and development of a laboratory equipment (patent pending)

$$f_{RIS} \sim (E_1, E_2, G_{12}, \nu_{12})$$



## Research Plan

1. Experimental validation of the designed laboratory equipment
2. Characterization of various damaging modalities in composites