

# SolDuGri

For sustainable reinforcement of infrastructures with  
glass fiber grids

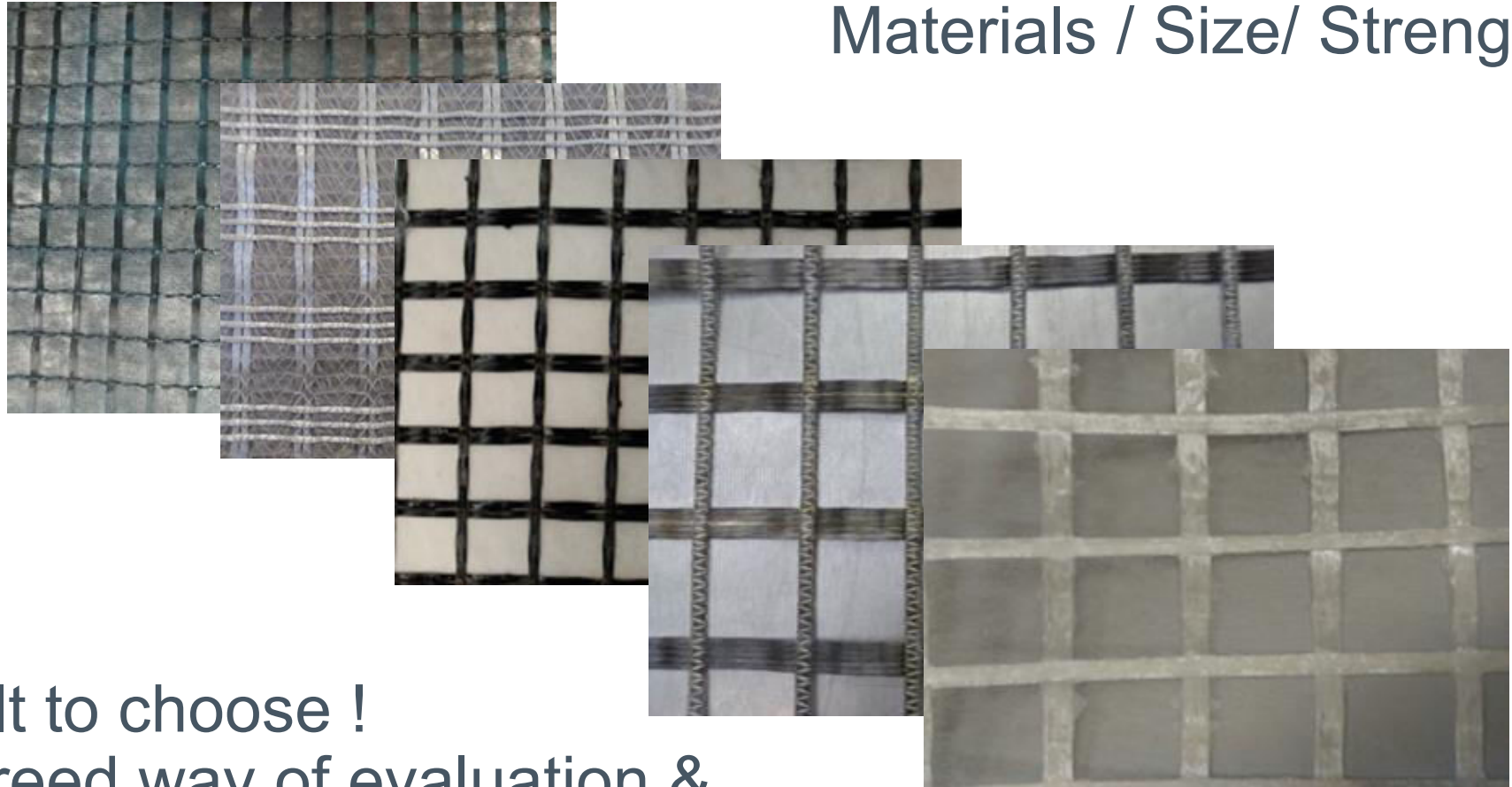
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# Background

Lots of grids  
Materials / Size/ Strength



Difficult to choose !  
No agreed way of evaluation &  
implementation in road design

# Collaborative research

Project Leader **INSA** INSTITUT NATIONAL  
DES SCIENCES  
APPLIQUÉES  
STRASBOURG

- Epsilon Private R & QC laboratory for civil works
- 6 D Solutions Fiber glass grids supplier
- Colas Construction & Maintenance transport infrastructure
- Ifsttar
- INSA ICUBE
- ICS

**Epsilon**  
INGENIERIE

**6D**  
Solutions

**COLAS**  
WE OPEN THE WAY

 **IFSTTAR**

INSTITUT  
**Charles**  
**SADRON**  
CNRS - Uds - STRASBOURG

 **iCUBE**

Starting 01/01/2015 For 60 months  
Budget : 2 M€

**COLAS**

WE OPEN THE WAY

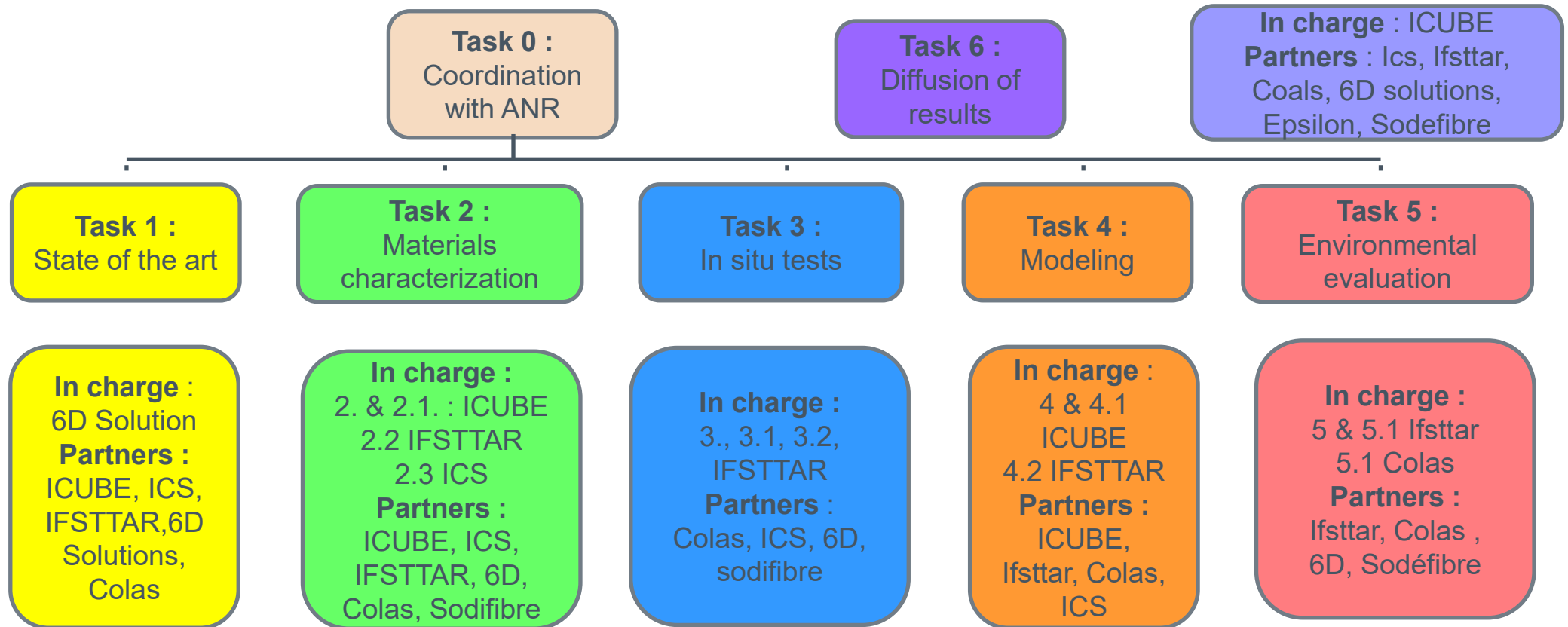
# Objectives

- › Efficient and durable solutions for maintenance and reinforcement
- › More rational assessment method of the grids
- › Understanding and quantification of damage during paving
- › Mechanical behaviour of interfaces
- › Tool for adapted pavement design with grids
- › Data on LCA

# Objectives

- › Main results at the end of the project
  - Test methods for grids assessment
    - Effect of geogrids on bonding
    - Optimisation of glass grids characteristics
    - Pavement design methodology (including glass grid contribution)
    - Impact of glassgrids on recycling

# Work programme



# Status – Damaging of geogrids

- › Evolution of the grids with AC Laying and compaction



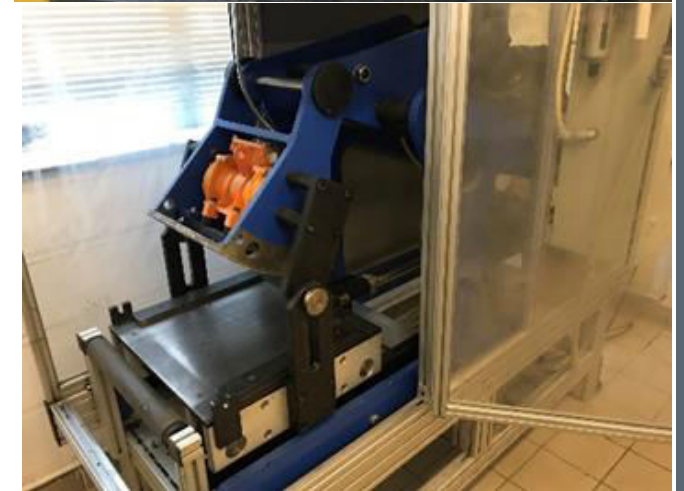
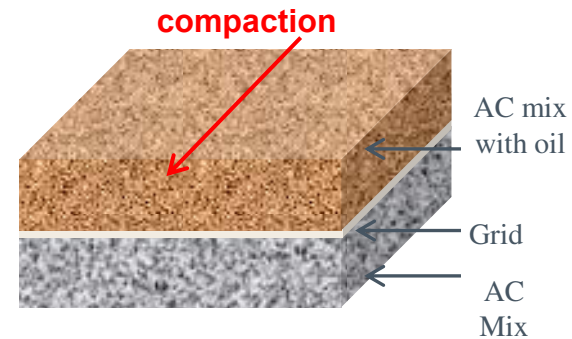
How the grids evolve ?  
Tools to simulate and select grids



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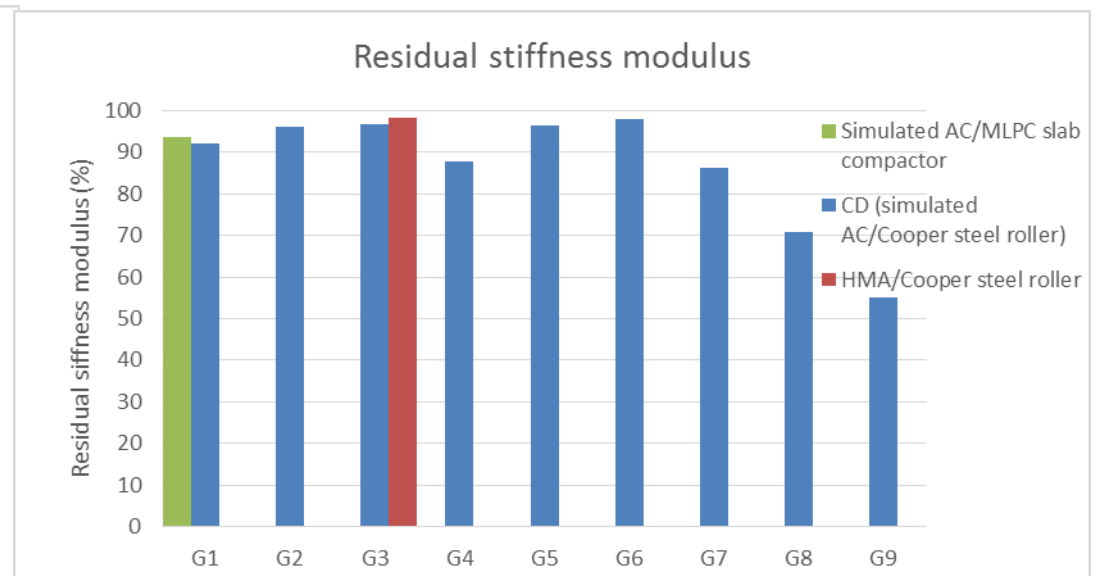
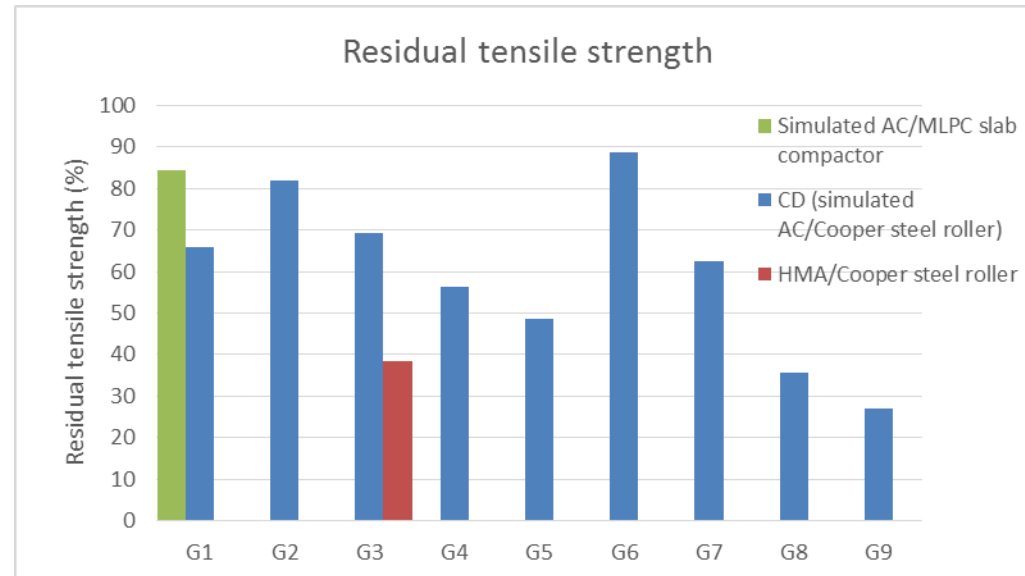
Effect of the traffic  
Grids over AC mix  
large rutting device  
500 cycles



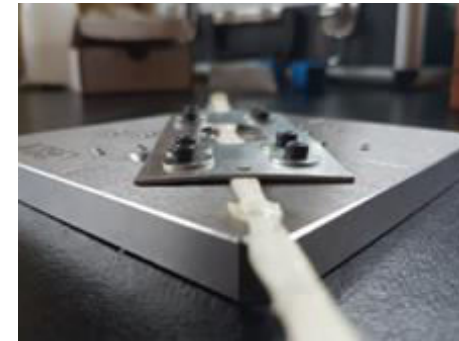
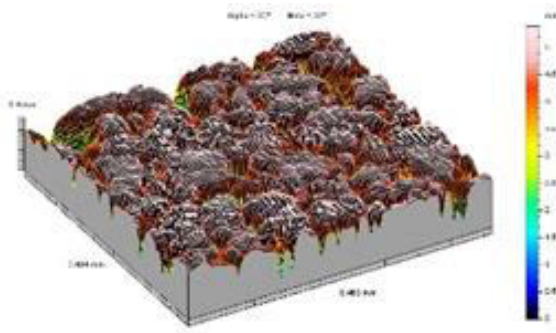
Simulation of compaction  
Compacted @ room temperature  
Grids available for characterization

# Status – Damaging of geogrids

## Measurement of residual mechanical characteristics



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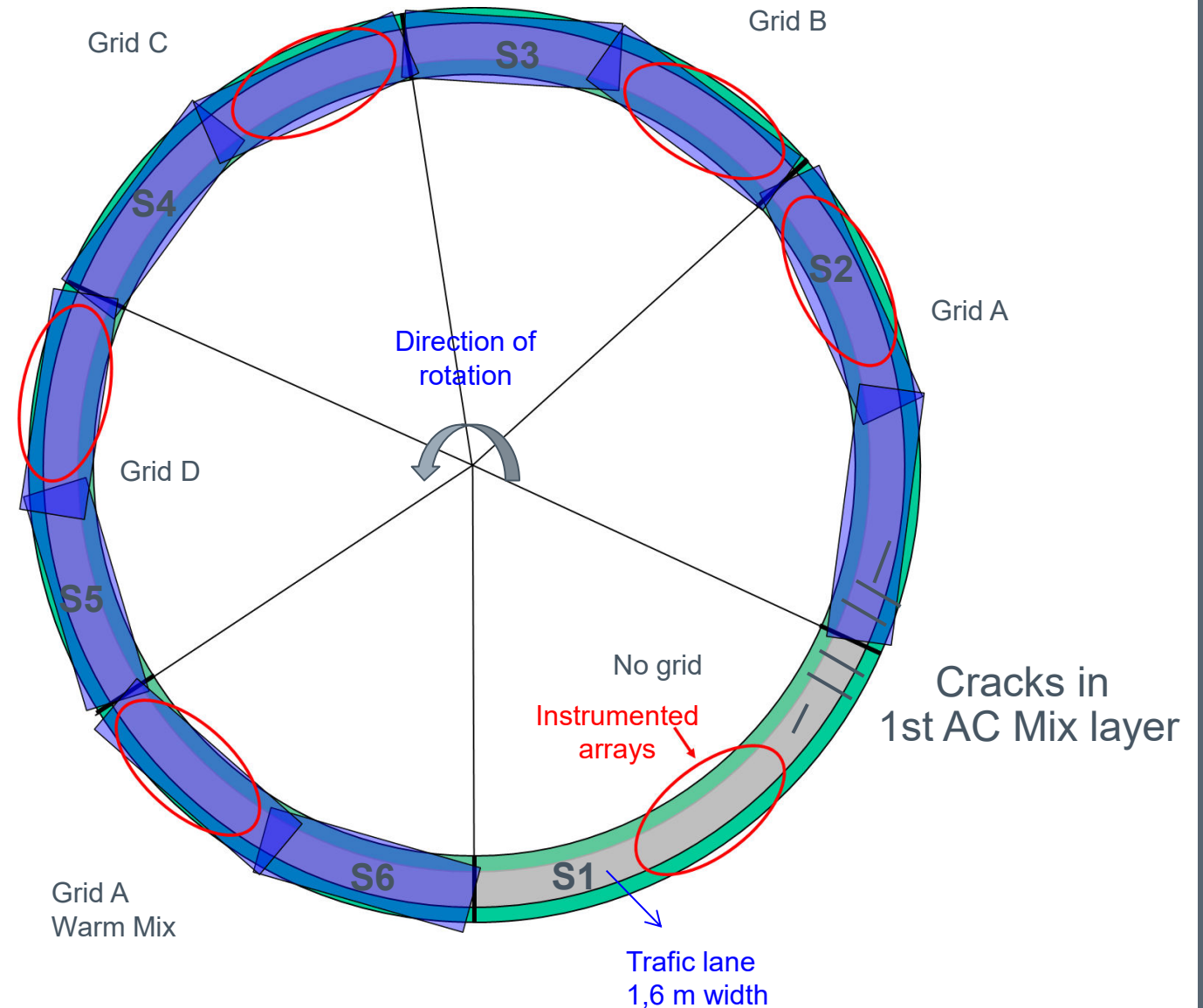


Simulate damaging with indentors  
Quicker selection of glass grids

# Status Full scale experiment Fatigue Carroussel



S1	<b>BBSG référence</b>	11 cm
S2	BBSG + grid A	5+6 cm
S3	BBSG + grid B	5+6 cm
S4	BBSG + grid C	5+6 cm
S5	BBSG + grid D	5+6 cm
S6	BBSG Warm +grid A	5+6 cm





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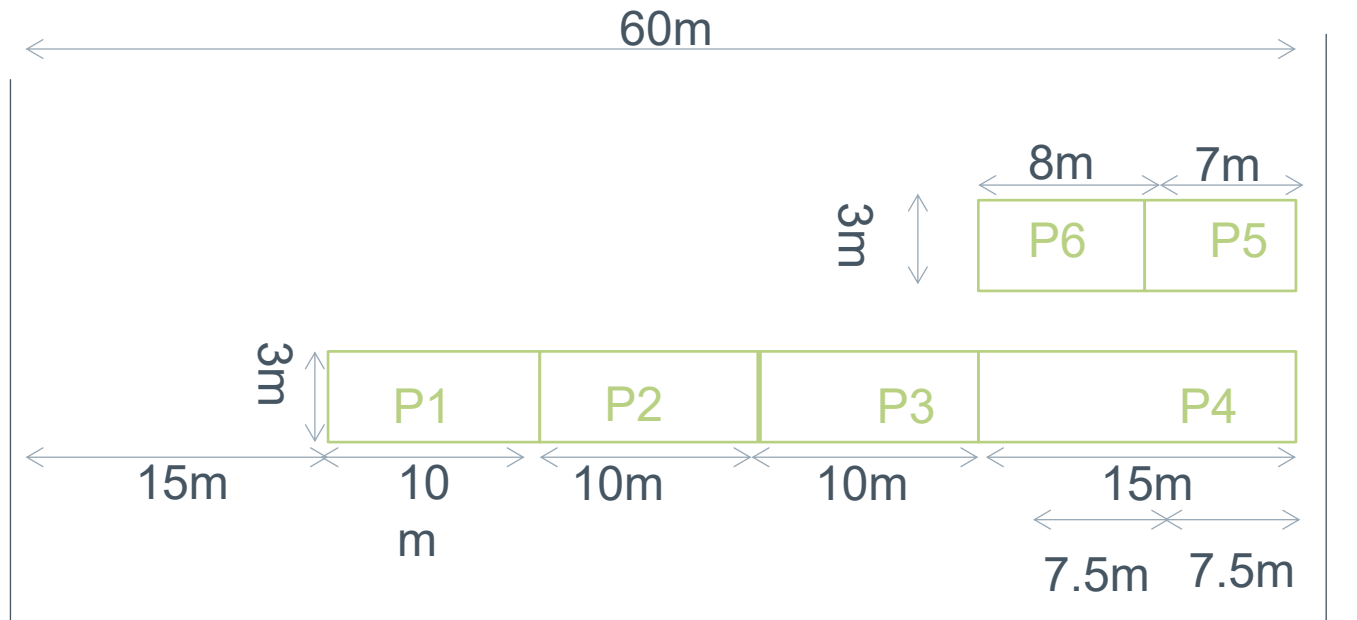
1,5 Millions loadings @ 70 km/h /January – June 2018



*Strains in AC mix , in grids, vertical strain basement, temperature*

Comparison between Modeling and Carrousel results  
Deconstruction environmental measures (dust)

# Status Full scale experiment



- P1, P8 : BBSG hot mix reference
- P2, P6 : BBSG hot mix, grid A
- P3 : BBSG hot mix, grid D
- P5 : BBSG warm mix, grid D
- P7 : BBSG hot mix grid B

Milled surface

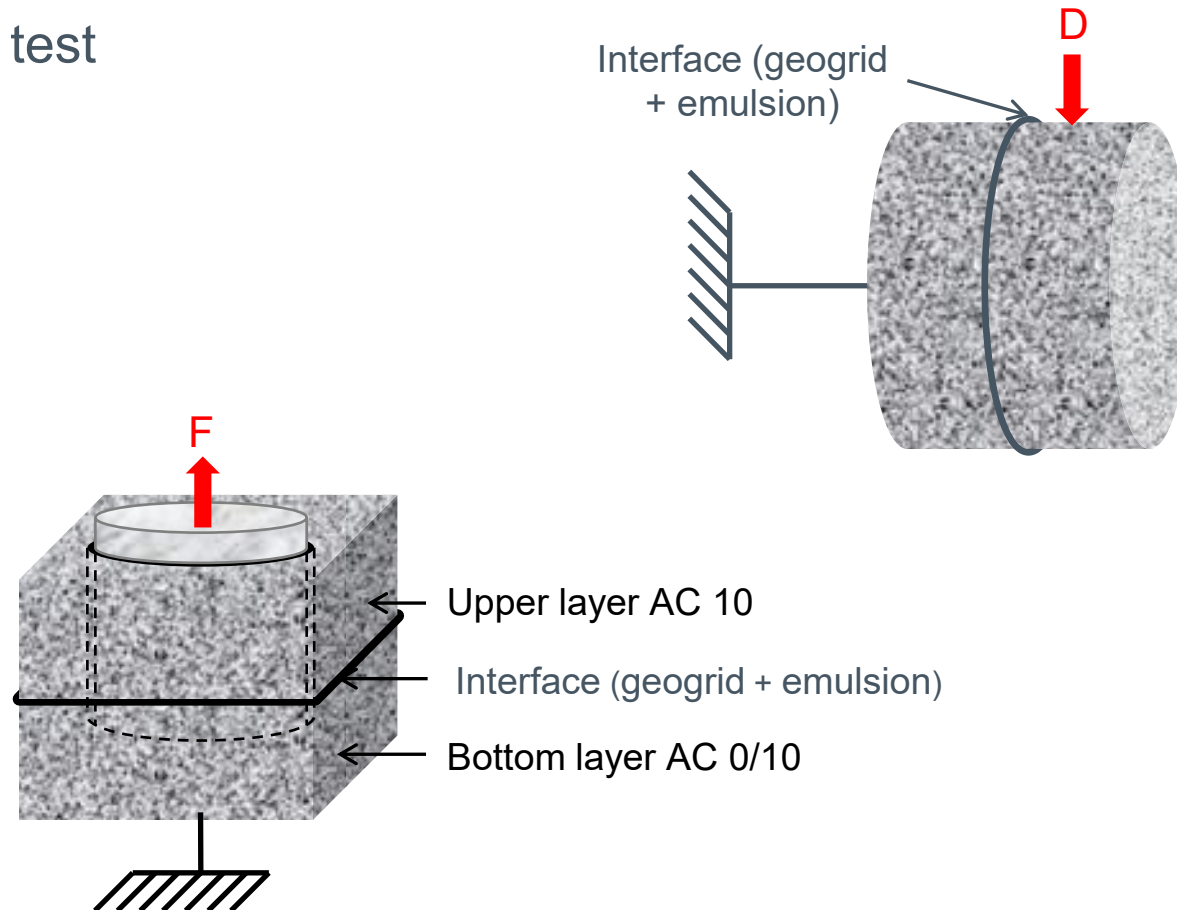




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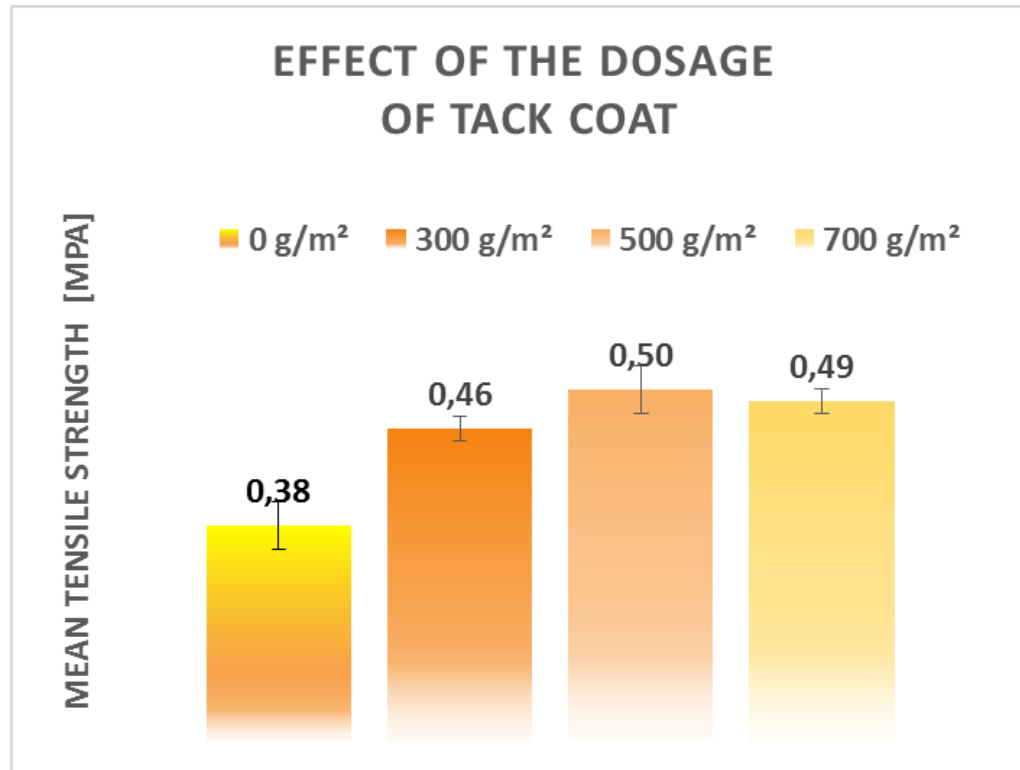
› According to EN 12697-48

- Tension Test
- Shear Bond test

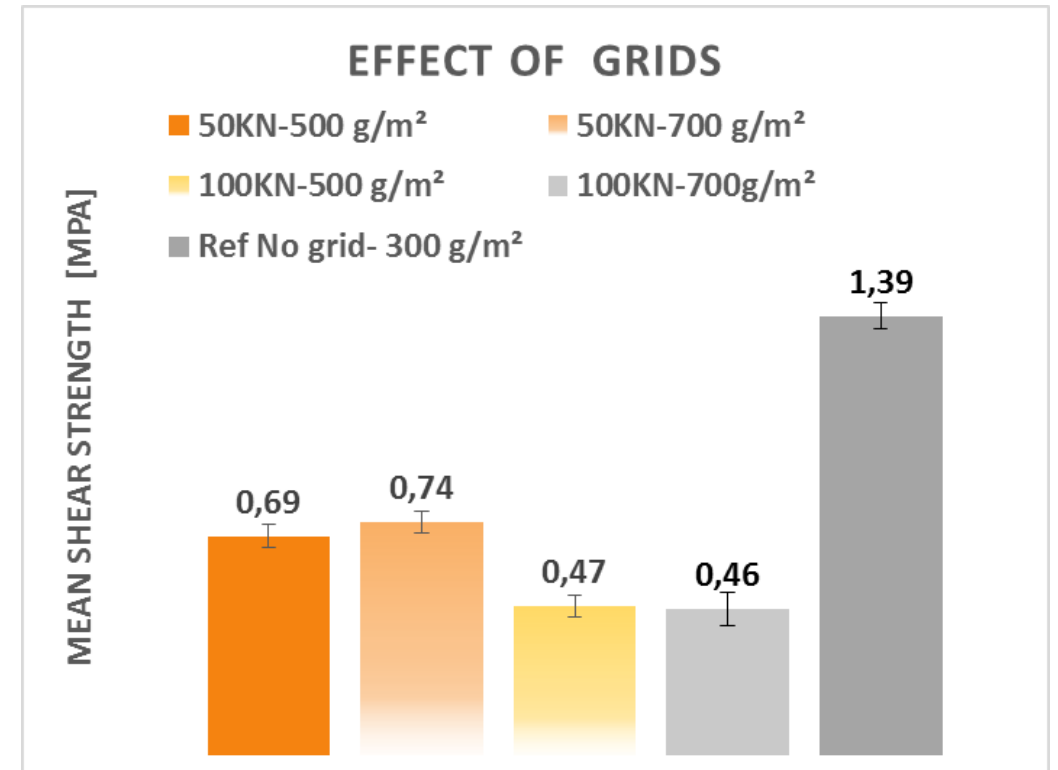


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## Tensile test



## Shear Test





# Status : bonding between layers

Selection of WST Wedge splitting test

Pure mode I

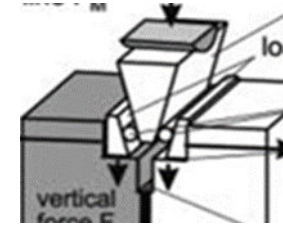
Adaptation

Sample size

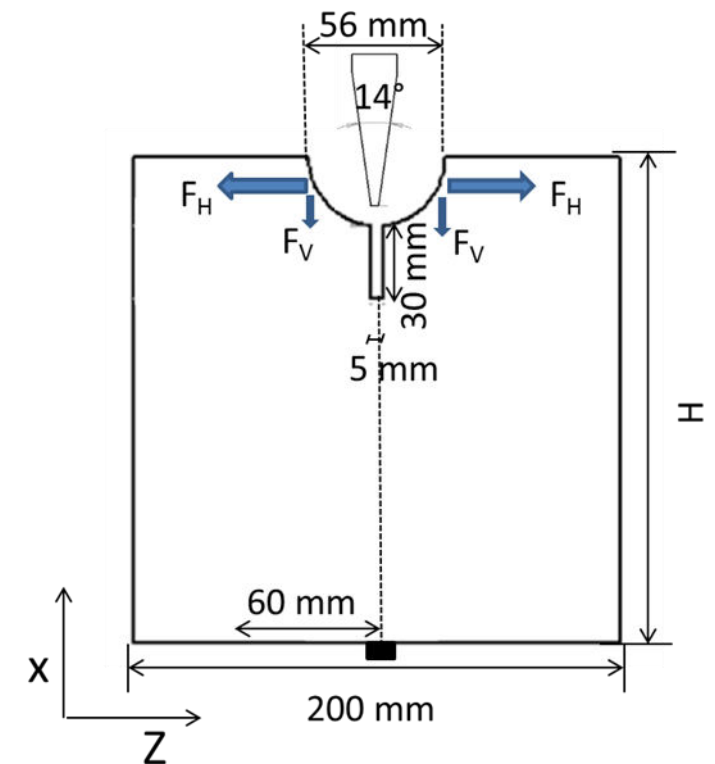
Notch

Work on site samples

Development of test under water

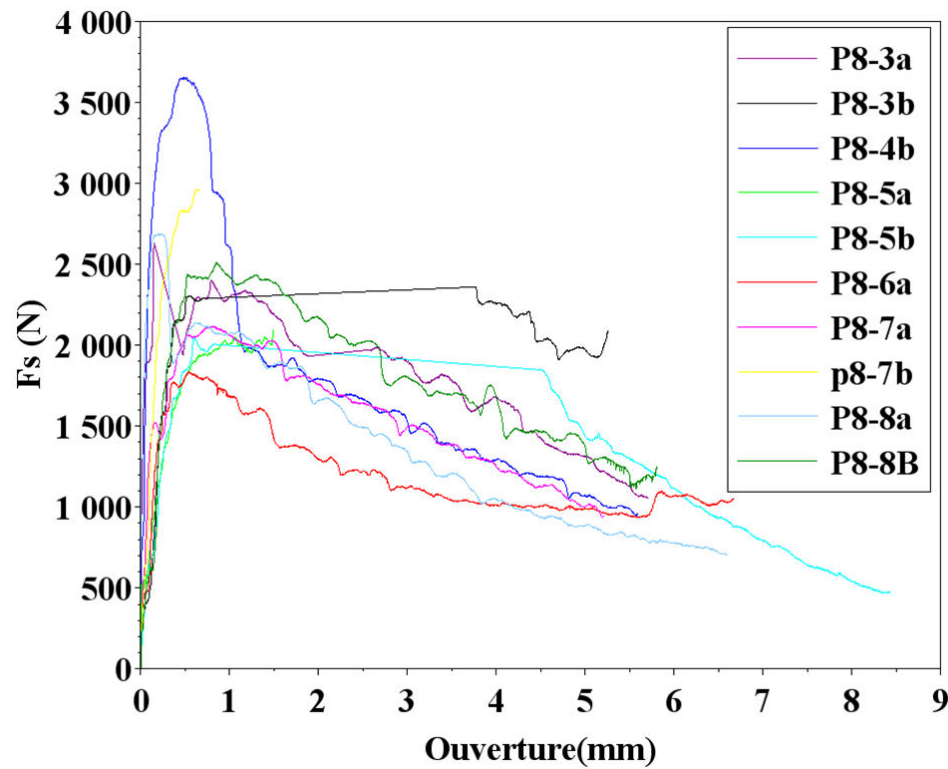


(Tschegg et al., 2012)



# Status : bonding between layers

Test on field samples



Grid : reduction of the bonding

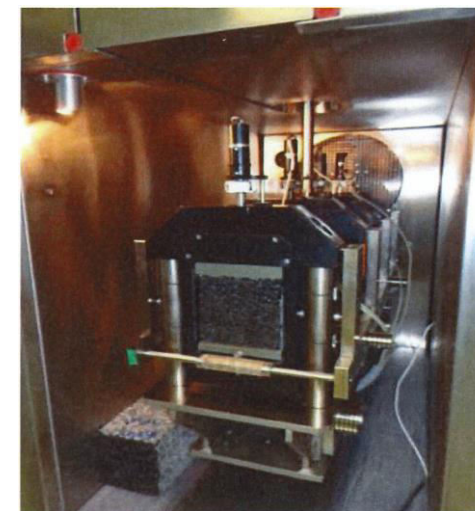
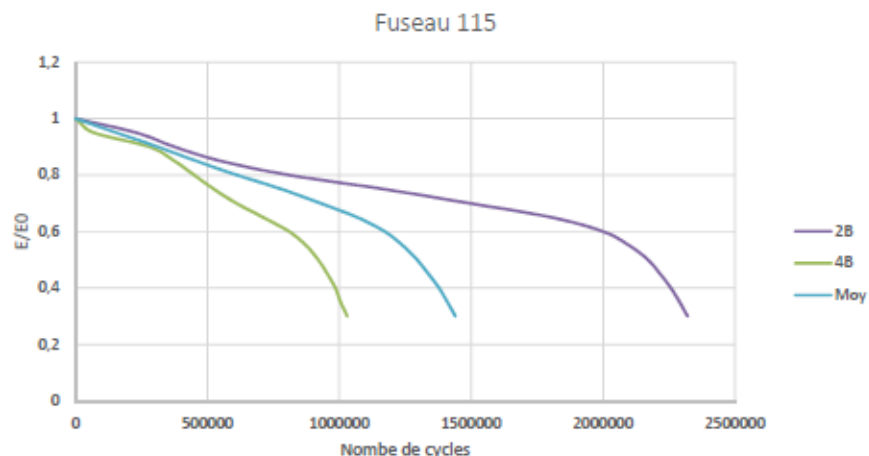
# Status Mechanical characteristics

## › Evaluation of AC mixes

	Warm mix (135 °C)	Hot mix (160°C)
Modulus 15°C 10hz (MPa)	12400 (12600*)	11970 (12900*)
Fatigue 10°C 25Hz (µm/m)	118 (111*)	118 (109*)

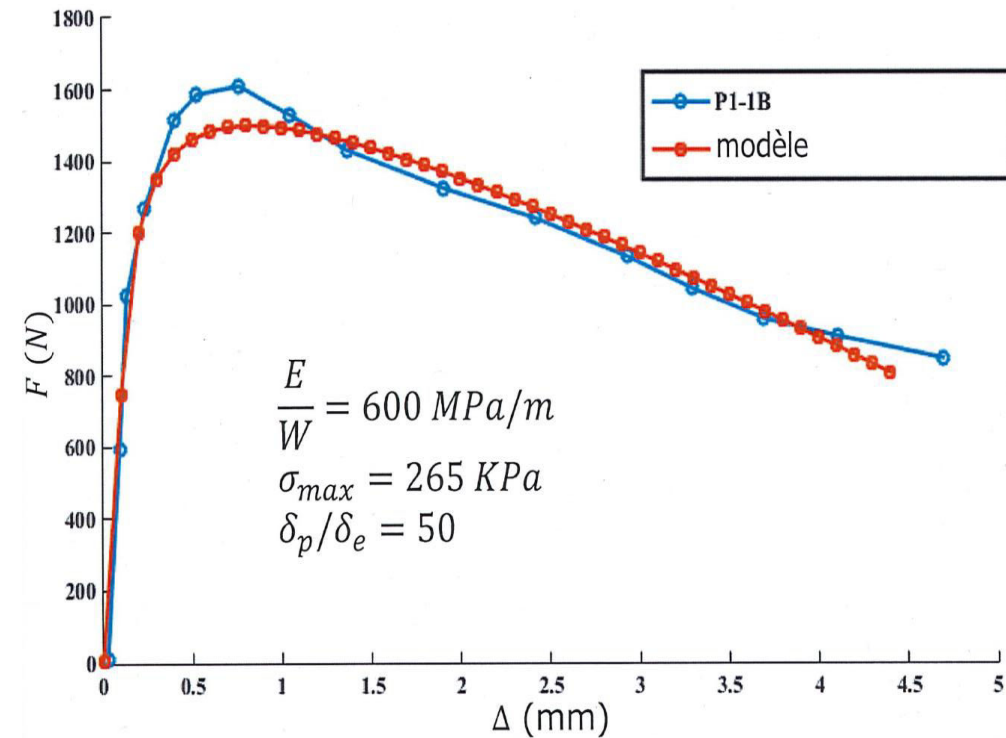
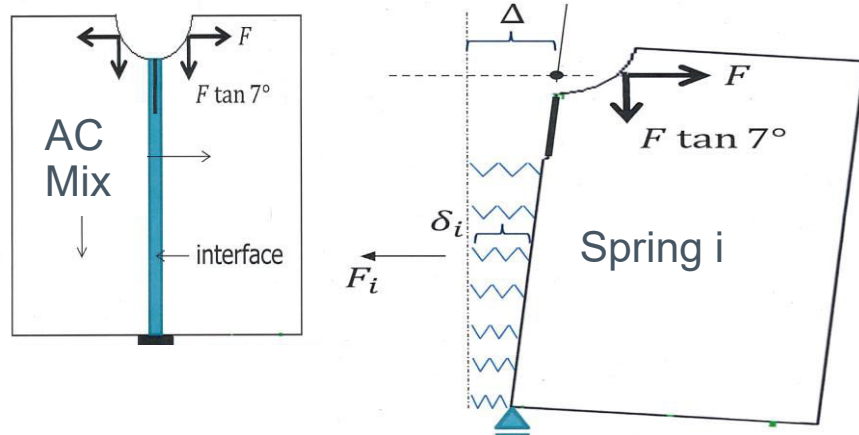


## Test on the composite : AC MIX + grids



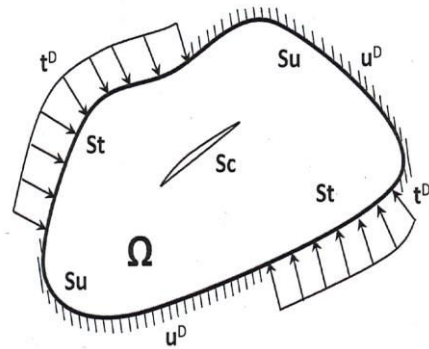
# Status Modeling

## Cracking - WST

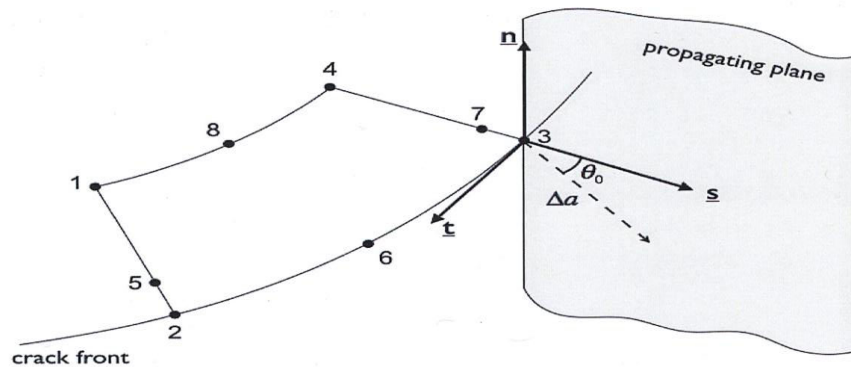


# Status Modeling

## Crack propagation the pavement

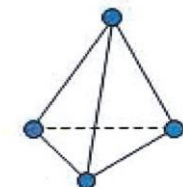
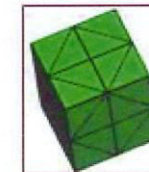
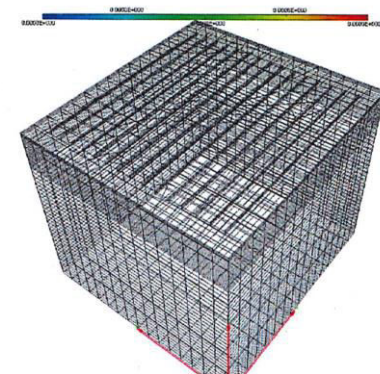
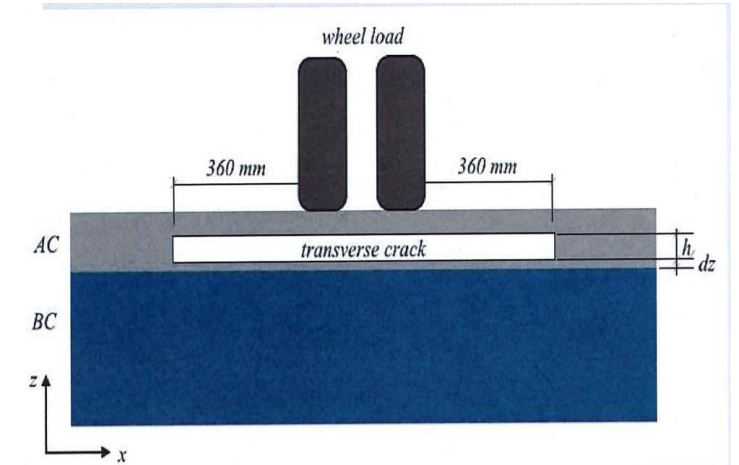


Loading  
Crack propagation law  
Boundaries state  
3D Mesh



$$\tan \frac{\theta_0}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{K_{Ieff}}{K_{II}} \pm K_{II} \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_{Ieff}}{K_{II}} \right)^2 + 8} \right]$$

$$\frac{\Delta a}{\Delta n} = C(\Delta K_{eff})^m$$



3D mailage



# Status – environmental evaluation

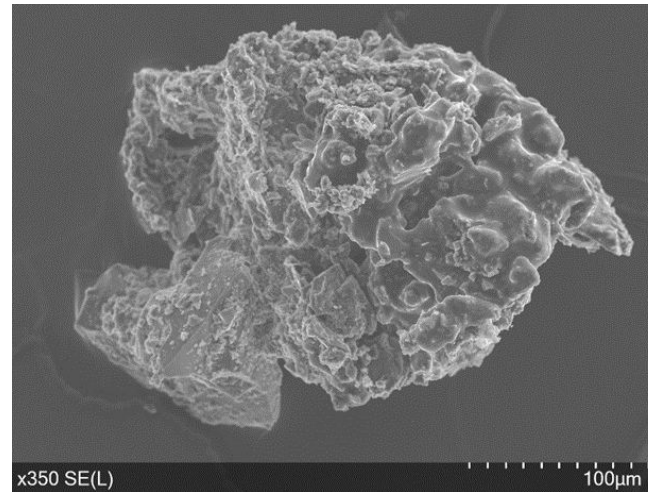
Recycling : Used as RAP

Impact of grids on dust emission with milling

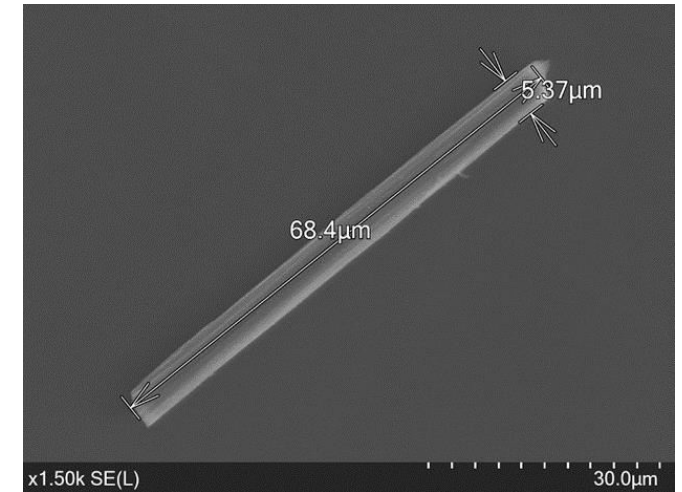
Safety issues with fiberglass particle size ?



In lab milled grids



Dust produced with milling operation



# Status – environmental evaluation

## LCA

Lifespan of the pavement

Impact of glass grids on environmental parameters  
GEE emission, Energy,..

# Conclusion

## › ~ Mid term

- › Development of methodology to characterize grids
- › Good knowledge of damage in the laying step
- › Tools for measuring effect on bonding
- › Full scale trial
  - Measurements to better understand effect of geogrids on mechanical behavior
  - Loading still ongoing in Nantes
- › Modelling
  - New tools to simulate behavior
  - Based on better knowledge of characteristics from components (AC mix & Grids)
- › LCA



# Conclusion

Next step :

Better pavement design method

Better selection of grids

Recommandations for users

Development of this solution for maintenance

# More details in :

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