

# **Influence of Compression Treatment on Surface Free Energy of Poplar Wood Calculated by Different Methods**

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# Background

## ▶ **Surface properties of wood**

- depth of penetration
- uniform distribution of adhesive
- bonding quality

## ▶ **Surface free energy (SFE)**

- critical surface tension method (**CST**)
- geometric mean method (**GM**)
- harmonic mean method (**HM**)
- acid–base method (**AB**)

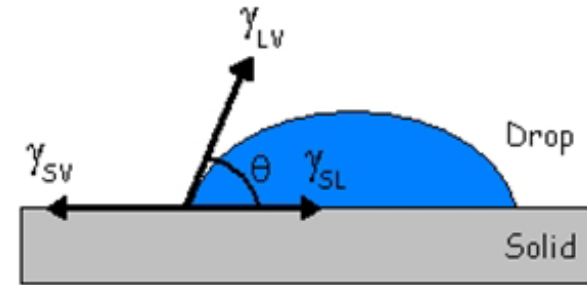
## ▶ **Our objective**

- calculate the SFE of poplar wood
- analyze the differences of compression treatment

# Theories

## Young equation

$$\gamma_L \cos \theta = \gamma_S - \gamma_{SL}$$



$\gamma_L$  - surface tension of test liquid,  $\gamma_S$  - surface free energy of the solid  
 $\theta$  - contact angle,  $\gamma_{SL}$  - solid/liquid interfacial energy

## 1 Critical surface tension method (CST)

$$\gamma_C = \gamma_L + \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{b}$$

## 2 Geometric mean method (GM)

$$\gamma_L (1 + \cos \theta) = 2(\sqrt{\gamma_S^d \gamma_L^d} + \sqrt{\gamma_S^p \gamma_L^p})$$

$\gamma_S^d$  and  $\gamma_S^p$  is the dispersed and polar component of surface free energy of the solid

### 3 Harmonic mean method (HM)

$$\gamma_L(1 + \cos \theta) = \frac{4\gamma_S^d \gamma_L^d}{\gamma_S^d + \gamma_L^d} + \frac{4\gamma_S^p \gamma_L^p}{\gamma_S^p + \gamma_L^p}$$

### 4 Acid–base method (AB)

$$\gamma_L(1 + \cos \theta) = 2\sqrt{\underset{?}{\gamma_S^{LW}} \gamma_L^{LW}} + 2\sqrt{\underset{?}{\gamma_S^+} \underset{?}{\gamma_L^-}} + 2\sqrt{\underset{?}{\gamma_S^-} \gamma_L^+}$$

$\gamma_L^{LW}$  -Lifshitz–van der Waals component of test liquids

$\gamma_L^-$  -electron–donor parameter

$\gamma_L^+$  -electron–acceptor parameter

# Experimental program

## Testing liquids

- ▶ Water
- ▶ n-Hexane
- ▶ Glycerol

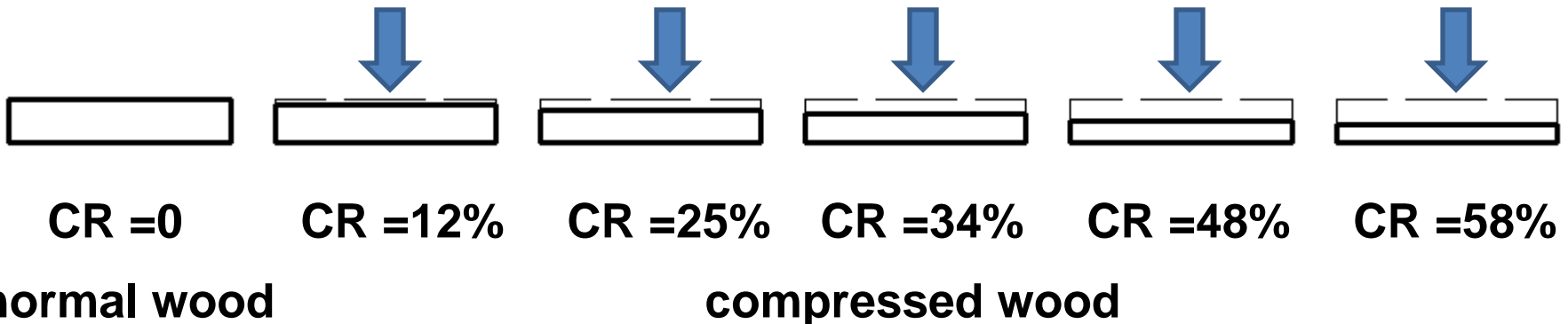
## Contact angle( $\theta$ ) measurements

Wilhelmy plate method



## Preparation of specimens

KSV Sigma 701 Tensiometer

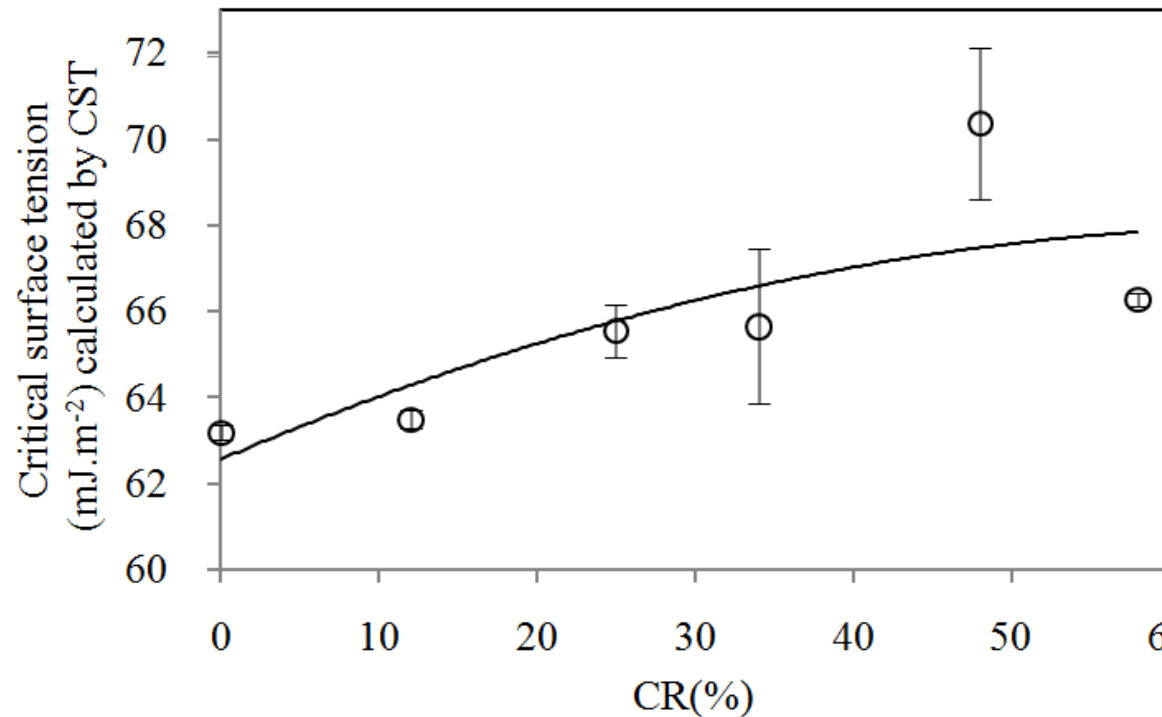


# Results and discussion

## 1. Critical surface tension method (CST)

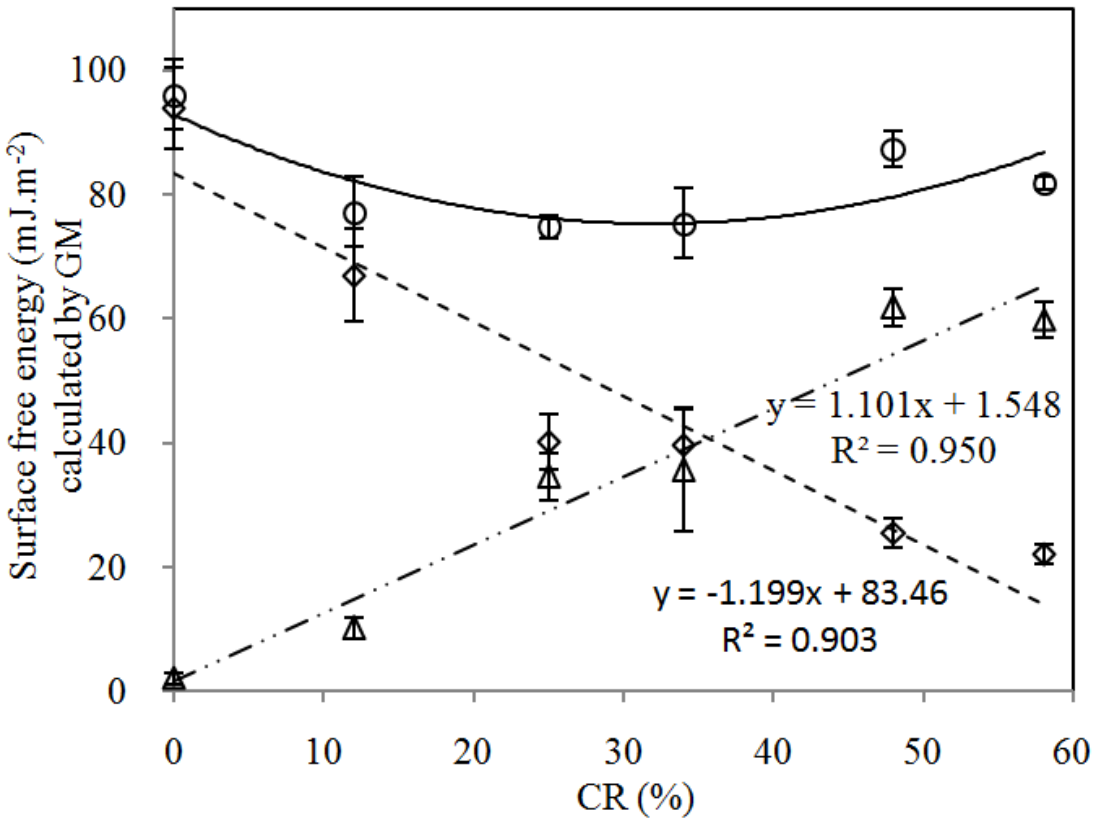
▶  $\gamma_c$  increases slightly by increasing compression ratio (CR)

▶ The maximum value is  $70.4\text{mJ}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$  at CR of 48%



Critical surface tension of compressed poplar wood with different CR

## 2. Geometric mean method (GM)



○ - total SFE ( $\gamma_s$ )

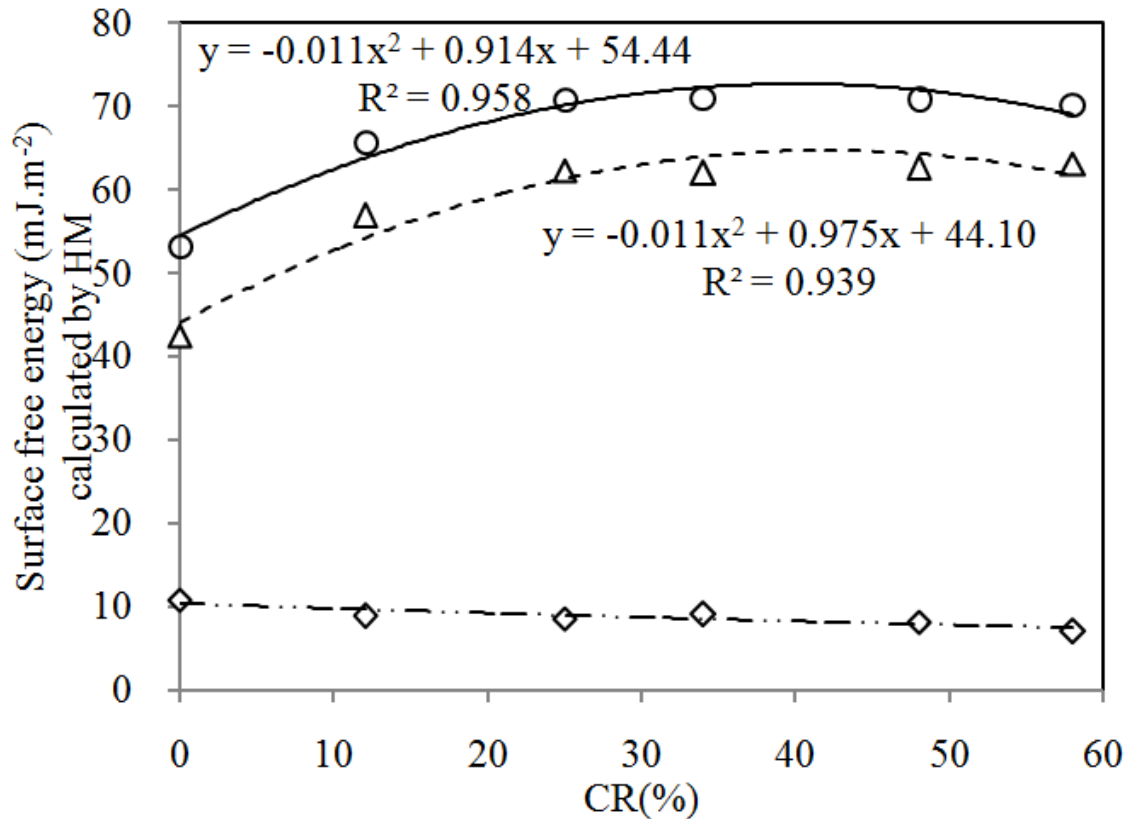
◇ - dispersed component ( $\gamma_s^d$ )

△ - polar component ( $\gamma_s^p$ )

Surface free energy of  
compressed poplar wood with  
different CR ( GM approach)



### 3. Harmonic mean method (HM)



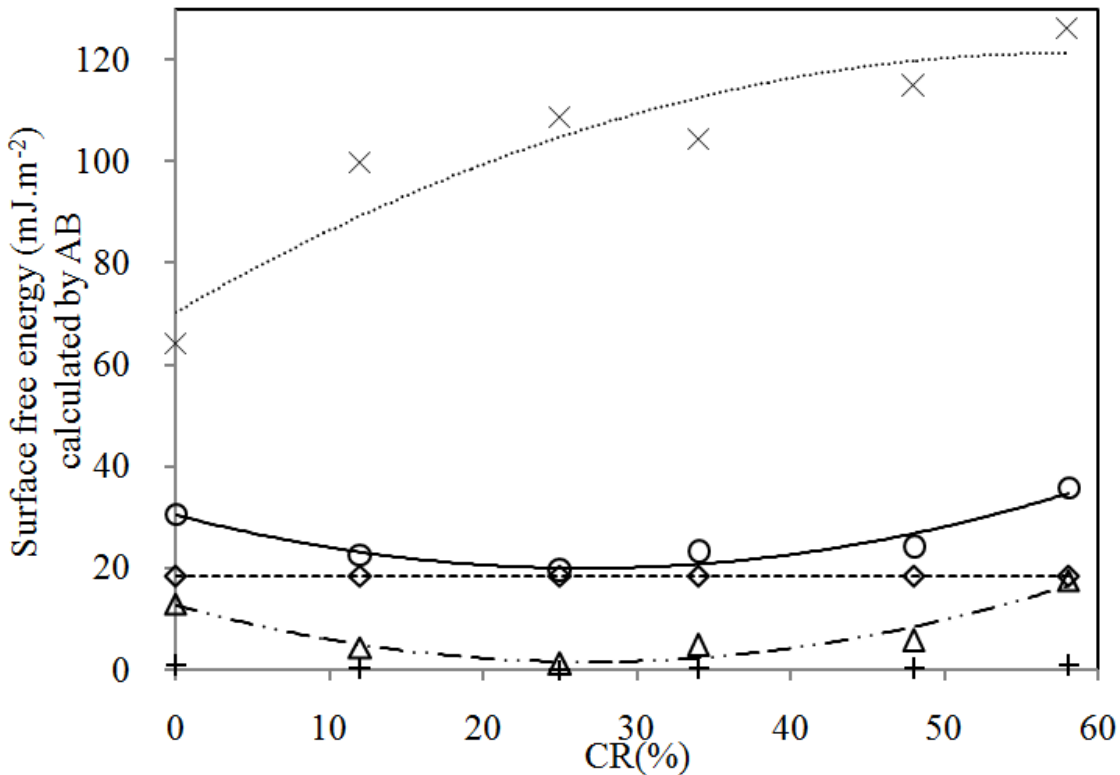
○ - total SFE ( $\gamma_s$ )

◇ - dispersed component ( $\gamma_s^d$ )

△ - polar component ( $\gamma_s^p$ )

SFE of compressed wood with different CR ( HM approach )

## 4. Acid–base method (AB)



$$\gamma_s^{LW} = 18.4 \text{ mJ.m}^{-2}$$

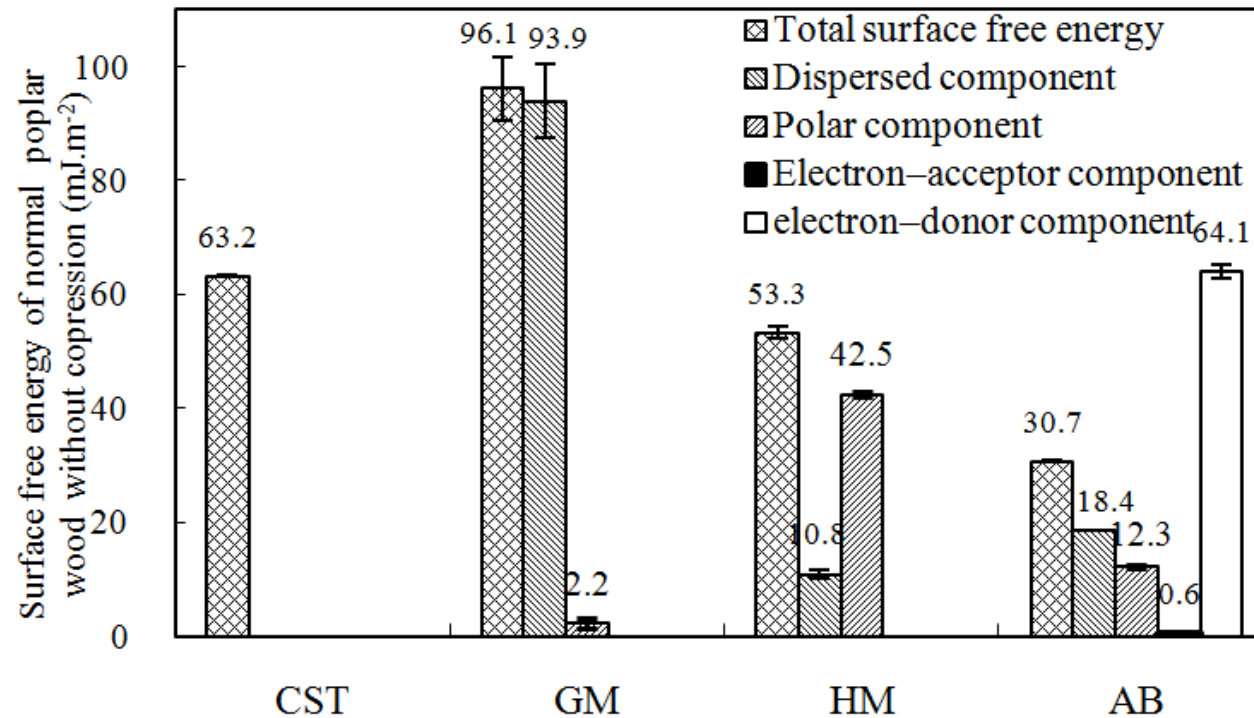
- - total SFE ( $\gamma_s$ )
- ◇ - dispersed component ( $\gamma_s^{LW}$ )
- △ - polar component ( $\gamma_s^{AB}$ )
- + - electron-acceptor ( $\gamma_s^+$ )
- × - electron-donor ( $\gamma_s^-$ )

SFE of compressed wood with different CR ( AB approach )

# Comparison of different methods

The values of SFE( $\gamma_s$ ) of normal poplar wood

**GM > CST > HM  
> AB**



The values of SFE and components obtained with approaches of CST, GM, HM and AB.

# Conclusions

- ◆ The  $\gamma_c$  value of poplar wood increases slightly by increasing of CR.
- ◆ GM approach gives the highest value(96.1 mJ.m<sup>-2</sup>) of SFE compared to other approaches.
- ◆ The  $\gamma_s^{LW}$  keep unchanged at 18.4 mJ.m<sup>-2</sup> with the poplar wood compressed or not

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