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Gaidukov's Teaching activities :

- Polymer chemistry and technology
- Polymer physics and physical chemistry
- Materials science
- Advanced polymer materials
- General chemistry



RTU FMAC
Institute of Polymer Materials
specializes
in polymer chemistry and
technology, also composite
materials processing

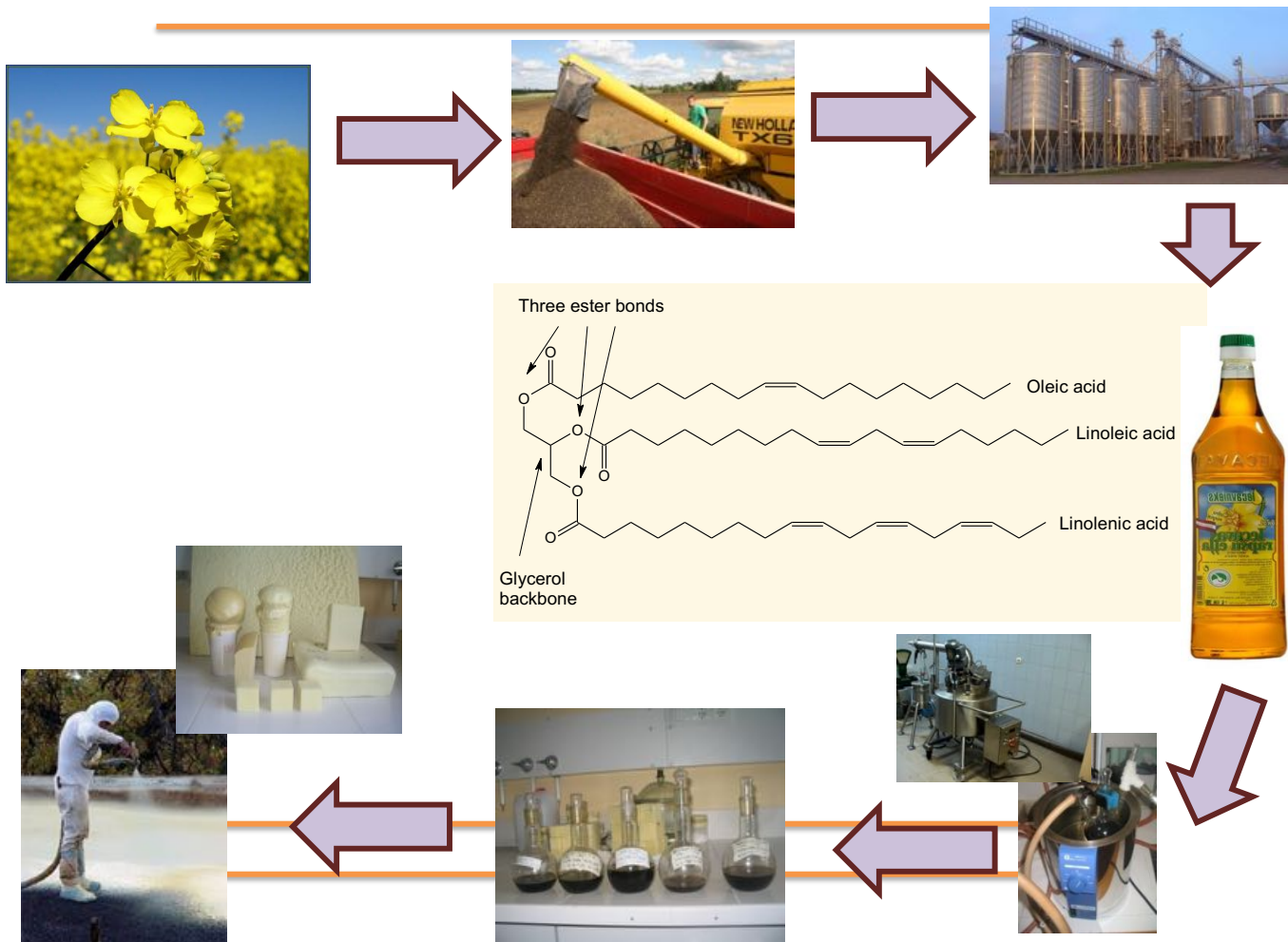
Main research fields

- Biobased polymers and biocomposites
 - Polyurethanes Foams Obtained from Biobased and Renewable Components
 - Biopolyurethane –nanoparticles composite for functional coating applications
 - Polylactide (Polybutylene succinate) / LignoCellulose Biocomposites
- Carbon (CNT, graphene) based materials and polymer composites for functional applications (sorbents, electrodes, energy storage, EMI, ESD)
 - Graphene aerogels as sorbents and flexible electrodes
 - Solid and gel like polymer electrolyte for secondary batteries and supercapacitors
 - Carbon and hybrid nanoparticles incorporated polymer composites

1. Polyurethanes Foams Obtained from Biobased and Renewable Components



European Regional
Development Fund
project ERDF



POST CONSUMED PET



**collecting and
transportation**



Sorting



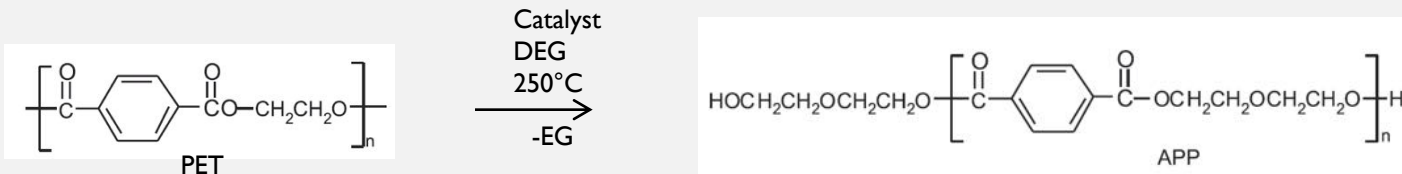
Grinding



**Washing &
Drying**



**READY TO
USE FOR APP**



PET waste “back” - no transportation, no water consumption, No impurities



Rapeseed oil



+ triethanolamine
transesterification

Recycled PET waste



+ diethylene glycol
glycolysis

Tall oil



+ triethanolamine
transesterification

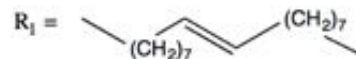
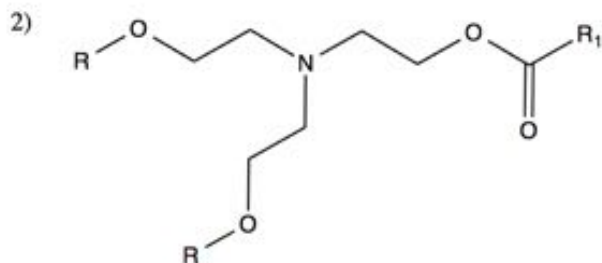
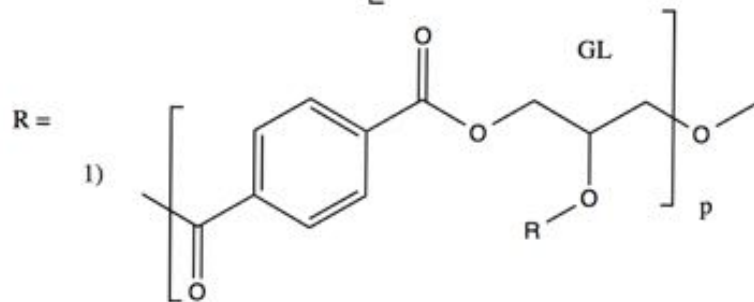
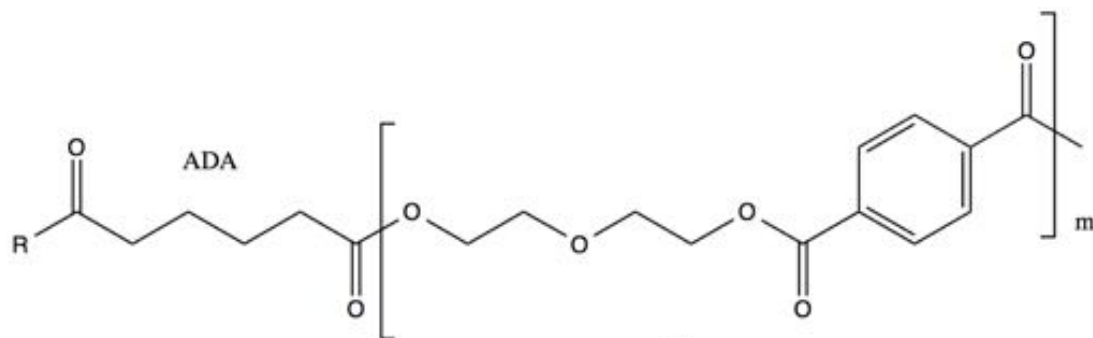
Bio/recycled polyols

Rigid PUR foams



- Density 45 – 50 kg/m³
- Closed cell content 92 – 97 vol.%

Possible structure of polyols



Gaidukovs. et al. Industrial Crops and Products (2017)

Polyol compositions

Sample	Recycled component		Functional additives				Biobased component		Renewable and recycled content in obtained polyols	
	PET, mol	DEG, mol	GL		ADA		RO, mol	TEA, mol	Renewable content, %	Recyclate content, %
			wt. %	mol	wt. %	mol				
GL/ADA 0/1	1	2	0	0.00	1	0.03	-			46.9
GL/ADA 1/1	1	2	1	0.04	1	0.03	-			46.5
GL/ADA 1/3	1	2	1	0.04	3	0.08	-			45.6
GL/ADA 1/6	1	2	1	0.13	6	0.08	-			44.7
GL/ADA 3/3	1	2	3	0.04	3	0.17	-			44.3
GL/ADA 3/6	1	2	3	0.13	6	0.17	-			43.5
GL/ADA 6/6	1	2	6	0.26	6	0.17	-			42.3
GL/ADA-RO 0/1	1	2	1	0.00	6	0.03	0.31	0.90	33.5	23.5
GL/ADA-RO 1/1	1	2	1	0.04	1	0.03	0.31	0.91	33.5	23.2
GL/ADA-RO 1/3	1	2	3	0.04	1	0.08	0.32	0.93	33.5	22.8
GL/ADA-RO 1/6	1	2	6	0.13	3	0.08	0.33	0.95	33.5	22.4
GL/ADA-RO 3/3	1	2	3	0.04	6	0.17	0.33	0.96	33.5	22.2
GL/ADA-RO 3/6	1	2	6	0.13	3	0.17	0.34	0.97	33.5	21.8
GL/ADA-RO 6/6	1	2	6	0.26	6	0.17	0.35	1.00	33.5	21.2

Polyol properties

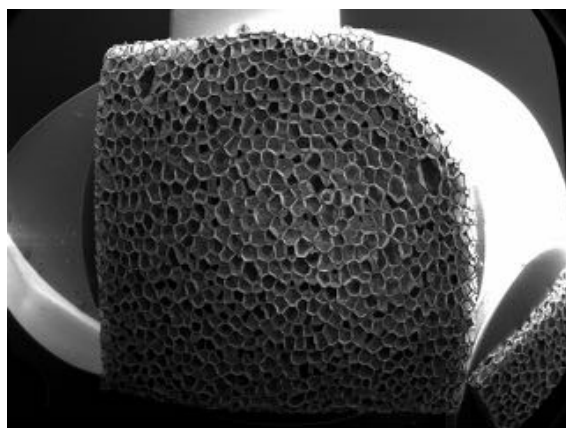
Polyol	OH value, mg KOH/g	Acid value, mg KOH/g	Water content, %	Viscosity at 20°C, mPa·s
GL/ADA 0/1	472	3.04	0.17 ± 0.03	3130 ± 40
GL/ADA 1/1	466	2.88	0.18 ± 0.01	2490 ± 33
GL/ADA 1/3	466	2.63	0.22 ± 0.03	2060 ± 10
GL/ADA 1/6	492	2.66	0.18 ± 0.02	1650 ± 37
GL/ADA 3/3	531	1.79	0.11 ± 0.02	1255 ± 69
GL/ADA 3/6	503	3.20	0.11 ± 0.01	1165 ± 26
GL/ADA 6/6	515	1.32	0.09 ± 0.04	1172 ± 13
GL/ADA-RO 0/1	405	4.02	0.11 ± 0.01	700 ± 87
GL/ADA-RO 1/1	408	4.20	0.14 ± 0.02	725 ± 53
GL/ADA-RO 1/3	417	2.90	0.09 ± 0.03	820 ± 40
GL/ADA-RO 1/6	399	2.83	0.13 ± 0.01	725 ± 12
GL/ADA-RO 3/3	449	2.49	0.10 ± 0.02	710 ± 21
GL/ADA-RO 3/6	440	2.70	0.16 ± 0.01	725 ± 15
GL/ADA-RO 6/6	430	3.17	0.11 ± 0.01	850 ± 22

Rigid PUR foam composition

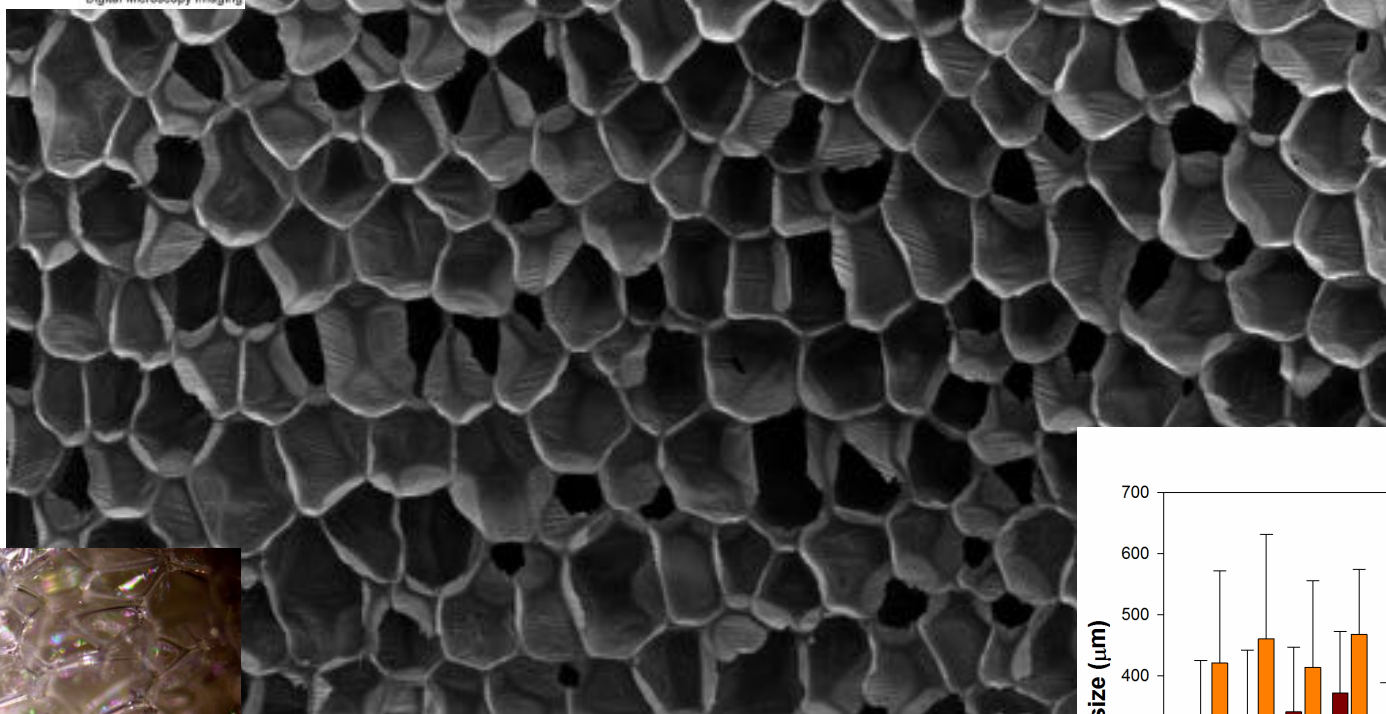
	Amount, pbw	
Component		
Bio/recycled polyol	70	
Lupranol 3422	30	
TCPP	16	
NIAX Silicone L6915	1.5	
PC CAT NP-10	1.6	
Solkane 365/227	16	
Water	2.2	
PMDI	Isocyanate index 130	



45%

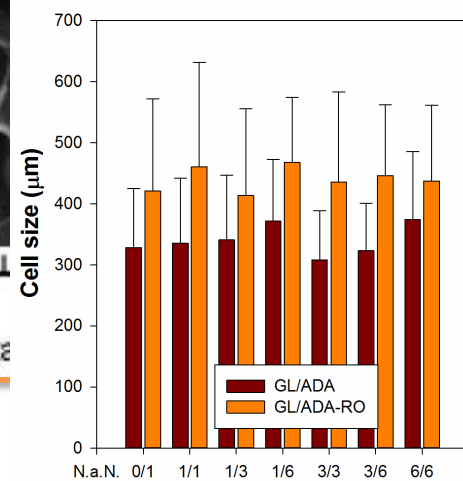


SEM

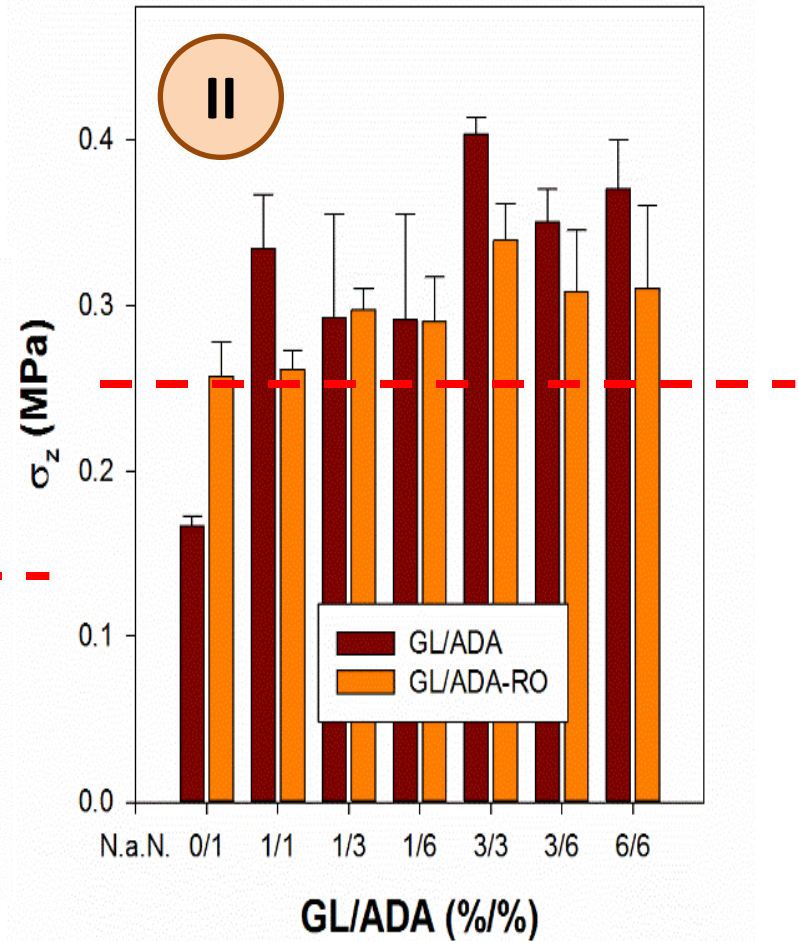
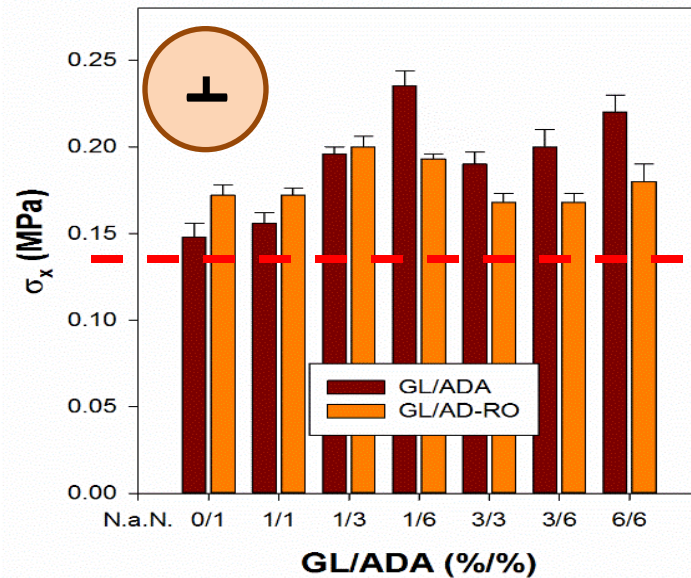


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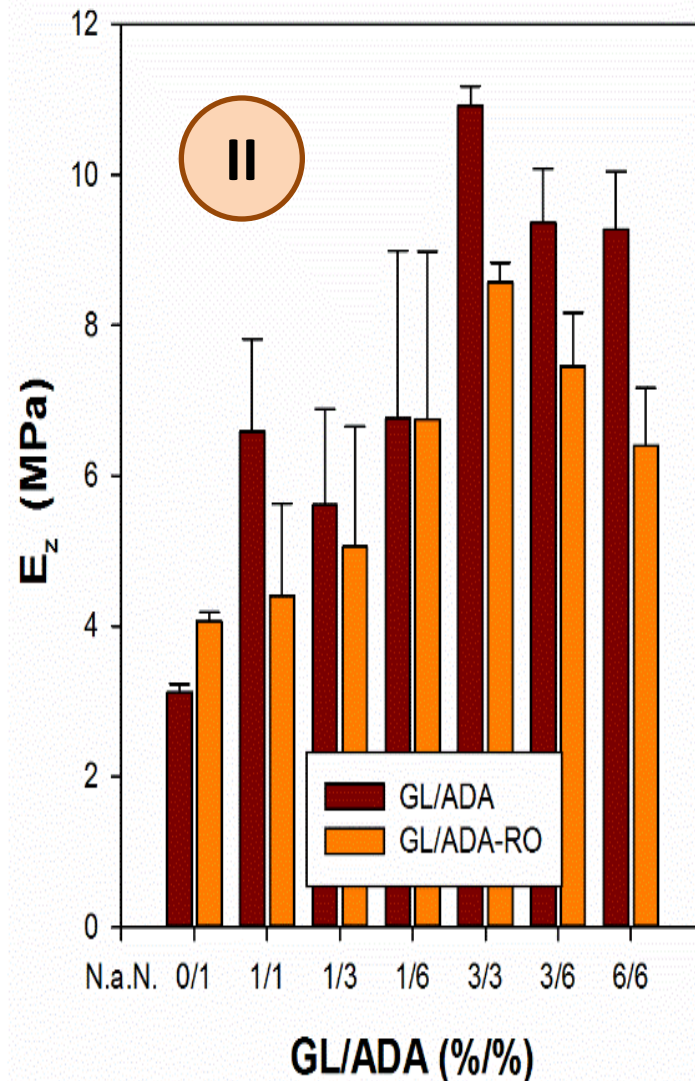
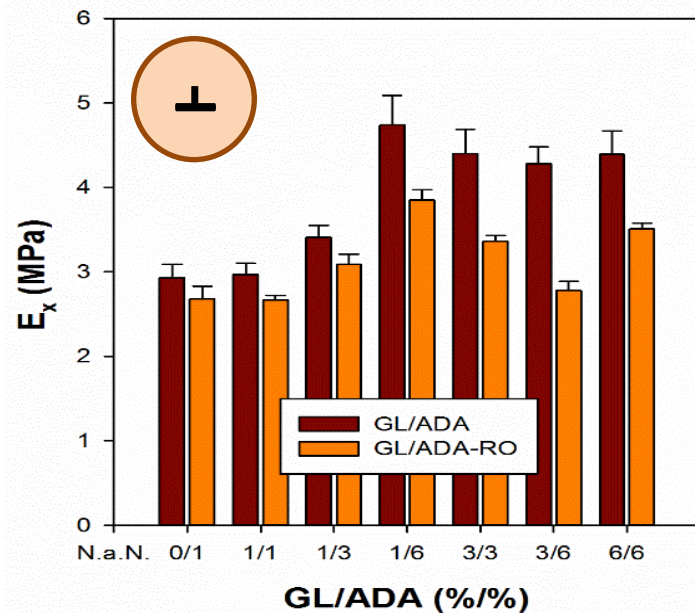
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Compression strength and elasticity

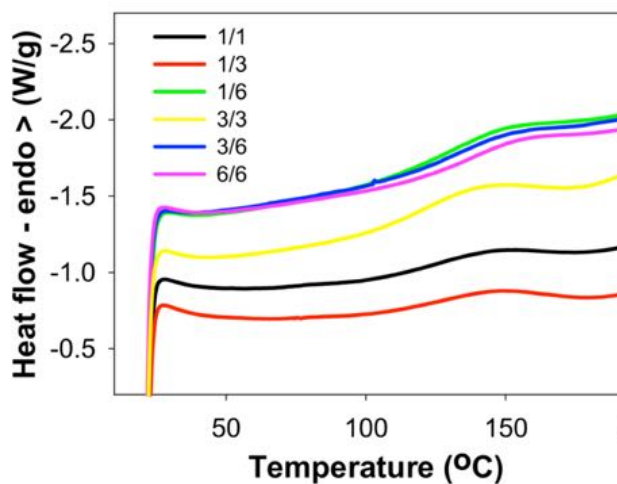


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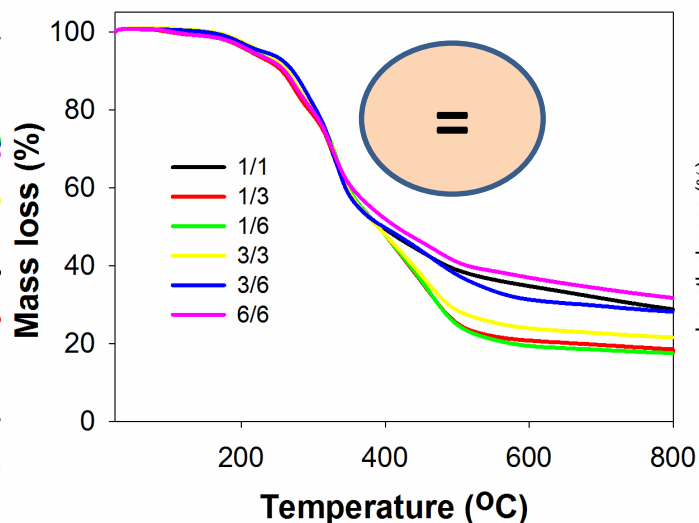
Thermal properties

DSC



TGA

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TMA

S.Gaidukovs, Journal of renewable materials (2018).

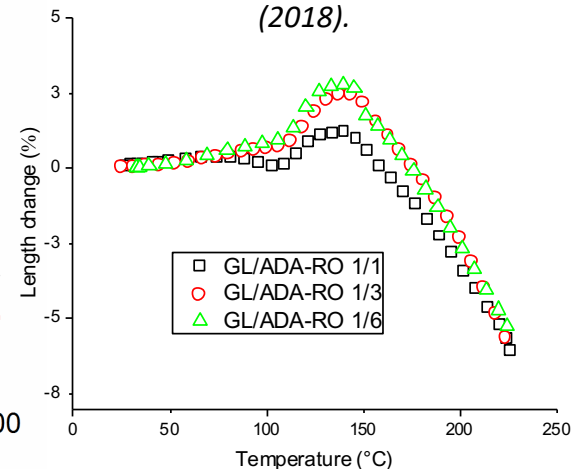
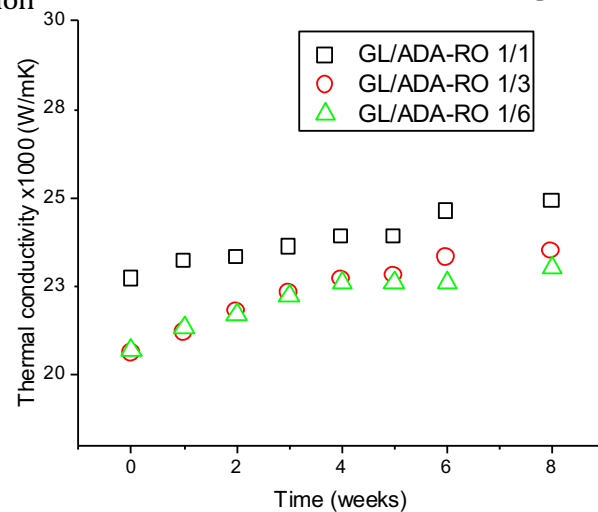


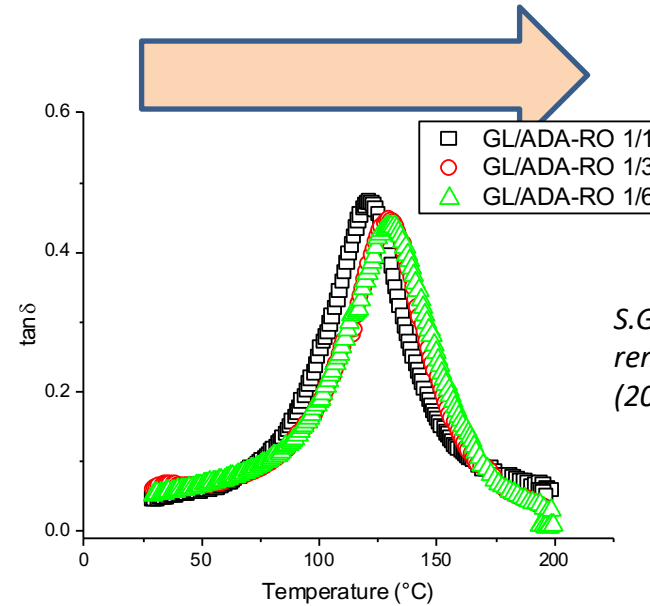
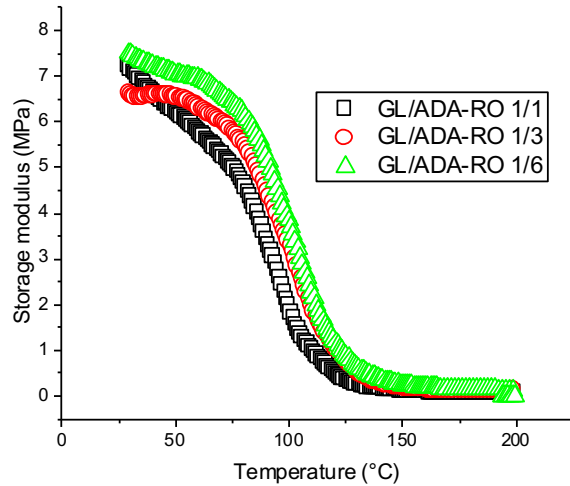
Table 3 Characteristic phase transition temperatures and coefficients of thermal expansion of PU foams.

Sample	T _g (°C)		T _{soft} (°C)		T _{deg} (°C)	CTE · 10 ⁻⁵ (1/ °C)	
	DMA	DSC	TMA	TGA		30 °C	120 °C
GL/ADA-RO 1/1	121	117	140	330		5.12	55
GL/ADA-RO 1/3	129	119	140	332		5.65	108
GL/ADA-RO 1/6	129	119	140	331		7.08	119

Conductivity



Dynamic mechanical properties



S.Gaidukovs, Journal of renewable materials (2018).

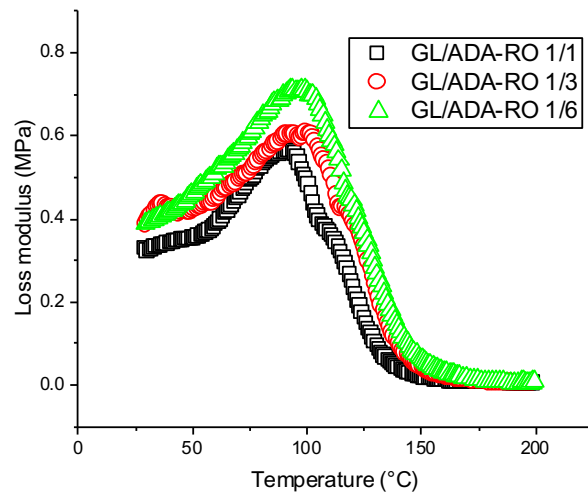
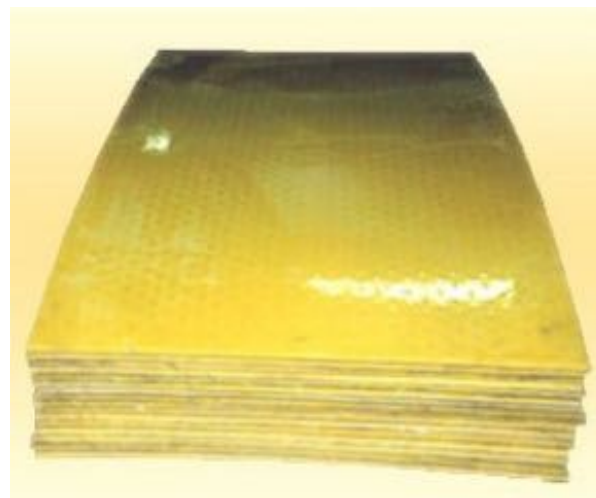


Table 2 Storage modulus, loss modulus and loss factor of PU foams.

Sample	E' (MPa)			E'' (MPa)			tan δ
	50 °C	100 °C	150 °C	50 °C	100 °C	150 °C	
GL/ADA-RO 1/1	6.86	2.88	0.16	0.40	0.60	0.03	0.47
GL/ADA-RO 1/3	6.95	4.11	0.25	0.45	0.63	0.07	0.44
GL/ADA-RO 1/6	5.28	3.32	0.23	0.35	0.54	0.08	0.43

2. Biopolyurethane –nanoparticles composite for functional coating applications



- European Regional Development Fund project ERDF
- RTU Research Fund

EP2824509
Platnieks, ECNF-2018
Gaidukovs, International
J Polymer Science

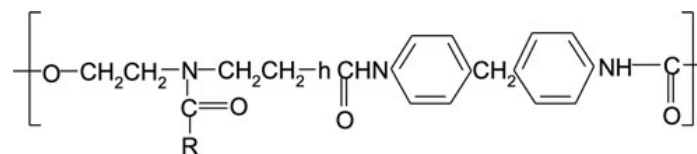
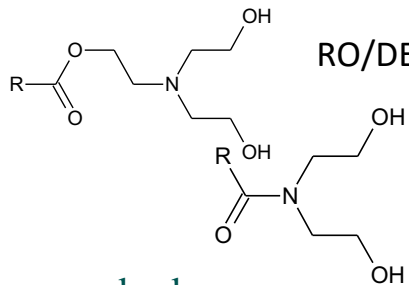


Figure 2. Structure of the PU.

Biopolyurethane – hybrid nanoparticles composite preparation

RO/TEA ester 50%

RO/DEA amide 50%



isocyanate

toluene

OMMT

CNT

ZnO

SiO₂

ZnO-CNT
hybrid composite

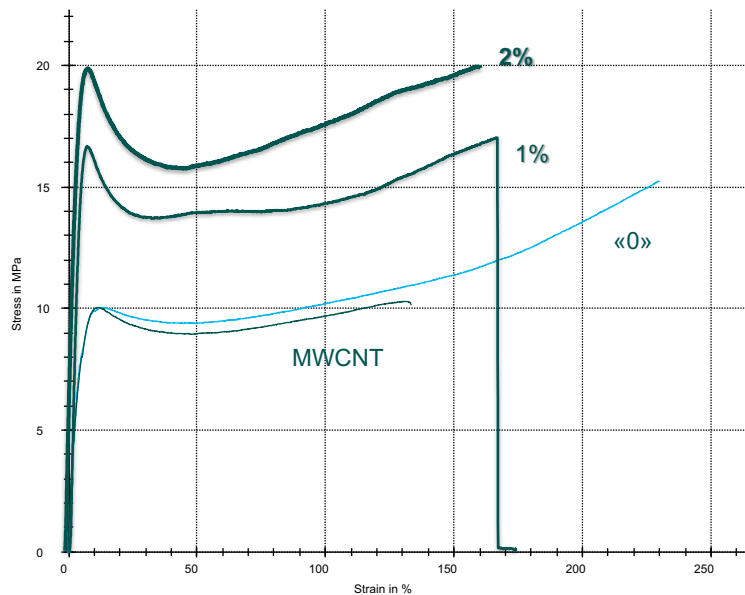
OMMT-CNT
hybrid composite

SiO₂-CNT
hybrid composite

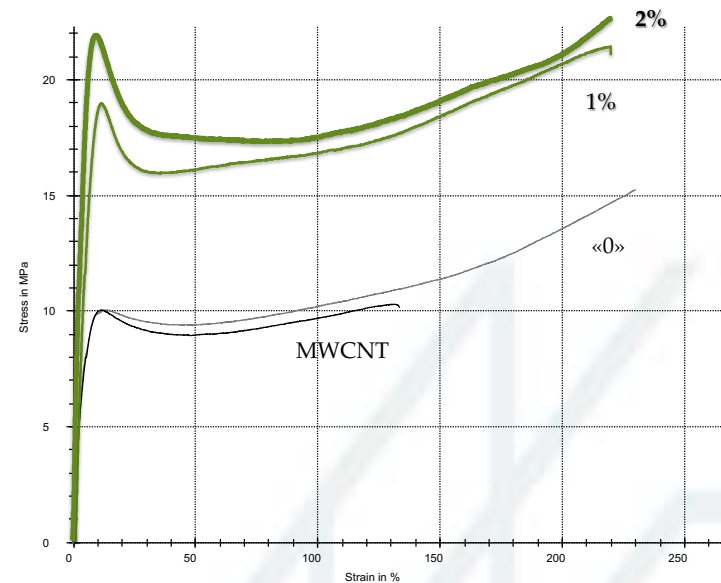
Dispersion of the
filler in polyol by
ultrasonic treatment

Tensile curves

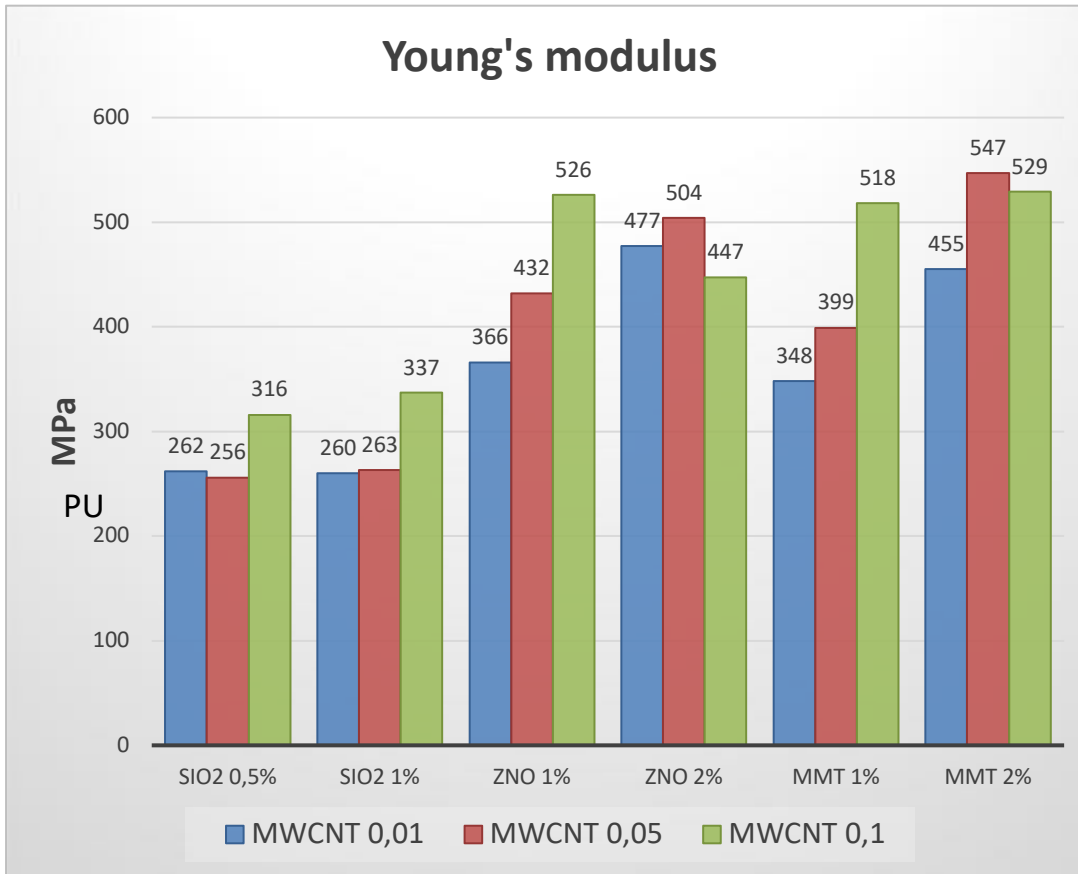
PU ZnO/CNT 0,05%



PU MMT/CNT 0,05%

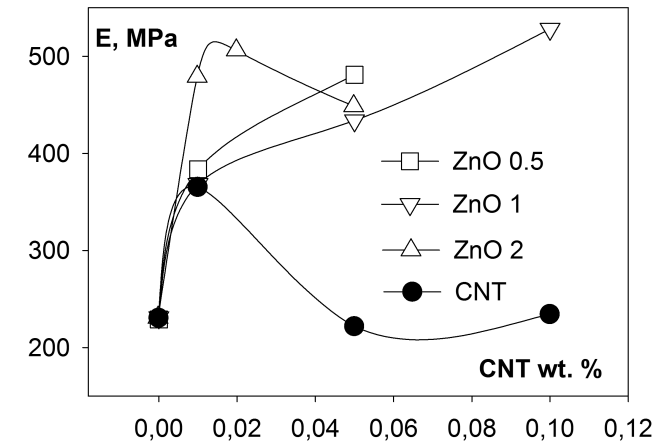


Young's modulus



PU/ZnO/CNT hybrids

CNT ZnO-05/CNT ZnO-1/CNT ZnO-2/CNT



Dynamic mechanical properties

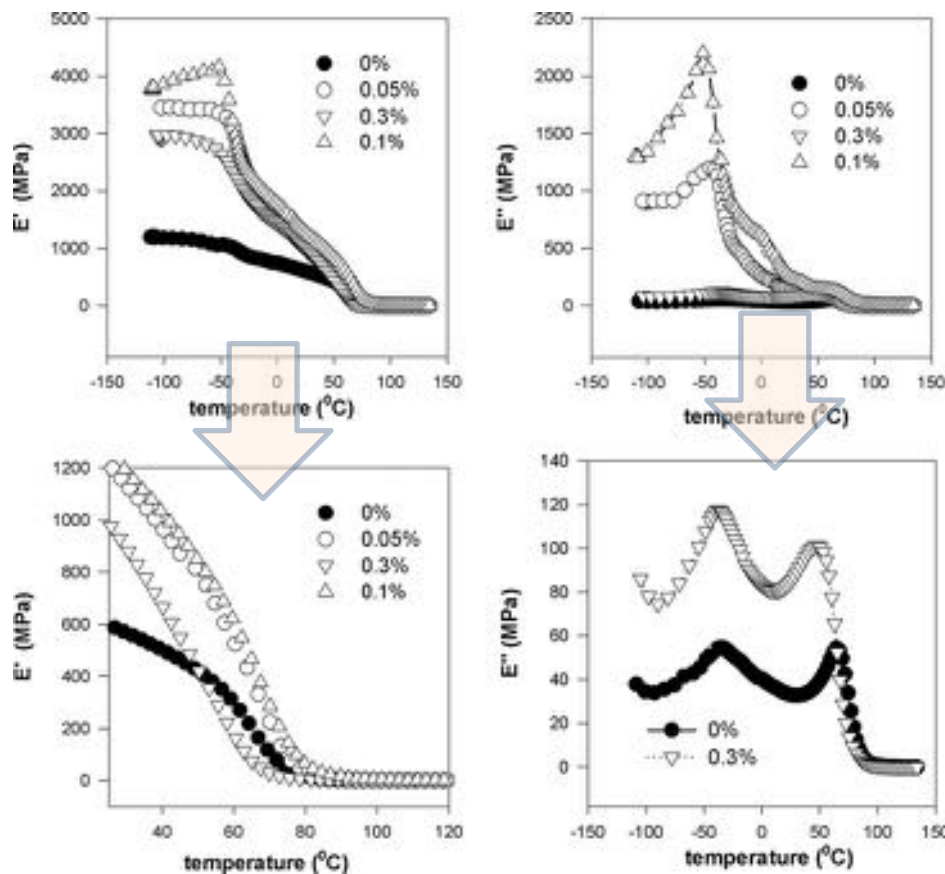


Figure 3. Storage modulus and loss modulus curves of CNT/GO nanocomposites.

Gaidukovs, *Integrated Ferroelectrics* (2016).

Table 1. Young modulus E at -100 , $+25$ and $+100$ °C of CNT/GO composites.

CNT/GO, %	Temperature, °C		
	-100	25	100
0	1182.3	601.0	1.1
0.05	3447.1	1241.0	2.5
0.10	3859.2	1126.0	4.6
0.30	2973.3	1203.0	1.0

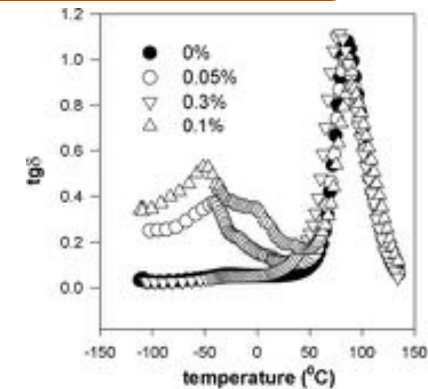


Figure 4. Loss factor curves of CNT/GO nanocomposites.

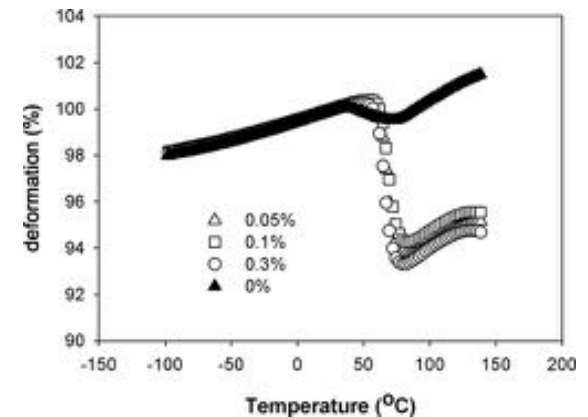


Figure 5. Linear thermal expansion of CNT/GO composites.

SEM

"0"

MWCNT-0,01%

ZnO-0,5%

CNT-0,01 + ZnO-0,5

D1 = 33.67 nm

D2 = 87.75 nm

D6 = 28.98 nm

D4 = 162.50 nm

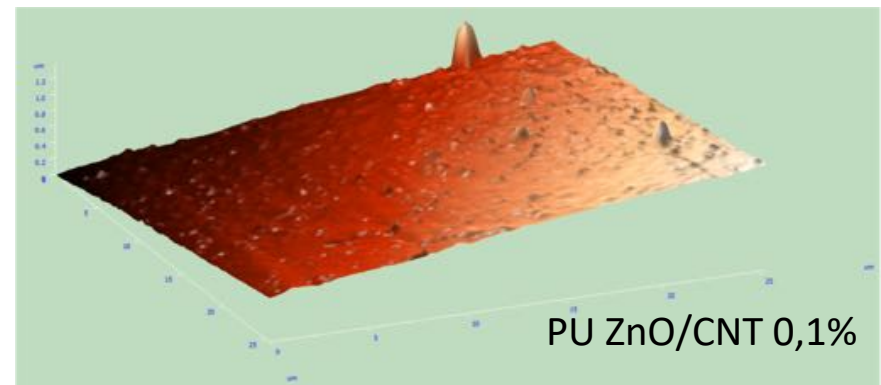
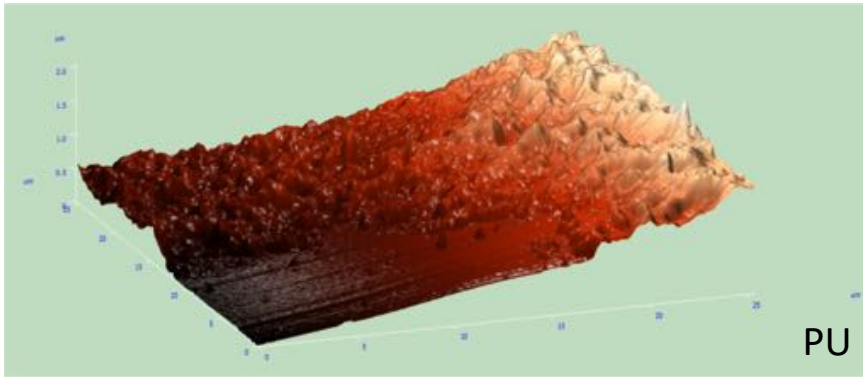
D1 = 172.64 nm

D2 = 26.21 nm

D3 = 28.27 nm

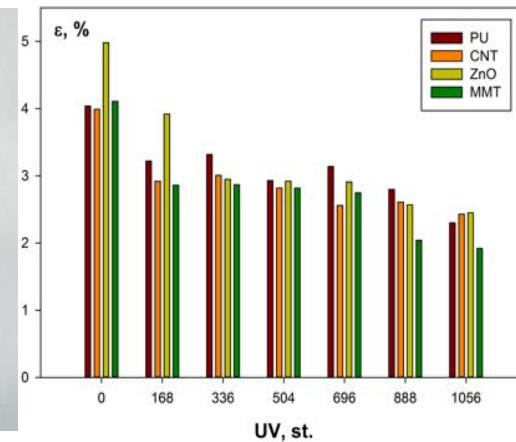
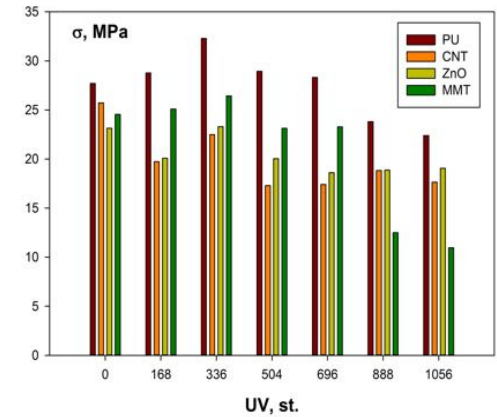
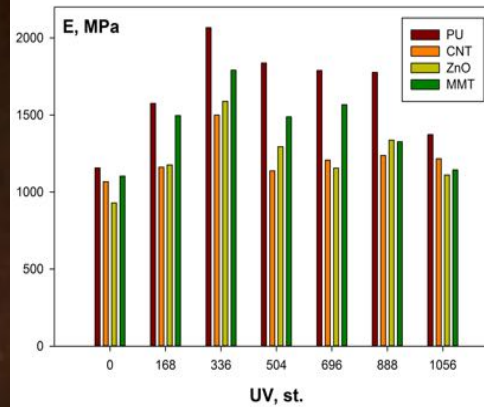
D5 = 22.00 nm

Bacterial growth (AFM)



	Optical Density at 600nm					
	<i>Ps. putida</i> RG4		<i>Ps. putida</i> OD		<i>Sph.paucinobilis</i>	
	I	II	I	II	I	II
PU	0	0.028	0	0.056	0.014	0.056
PU /CNT 0,1%	0	0.028	0	0.028	0.014	0.126
PU ZnO/CNT 0,1%	0	0.014	0	0.014	0.014	0.084

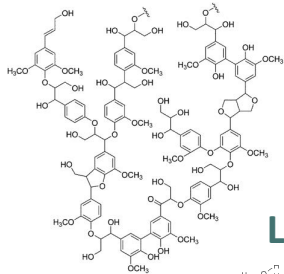
UV light, water and temperature effect



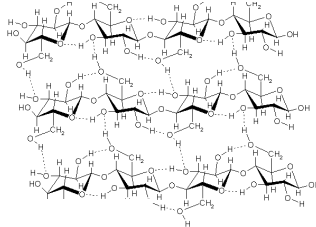
3. Polylactide / LignoCellulose Biocomposites

BioComposites Preparation

nanoCellulose

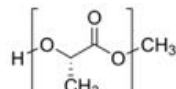


Lignin

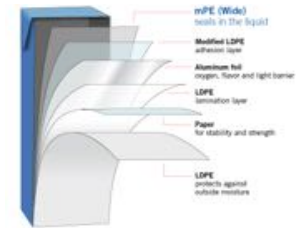


Functionalization:
silanes, stearic acid

Poly(lactide)
Poly(butylene succinate)



Tetrapak®



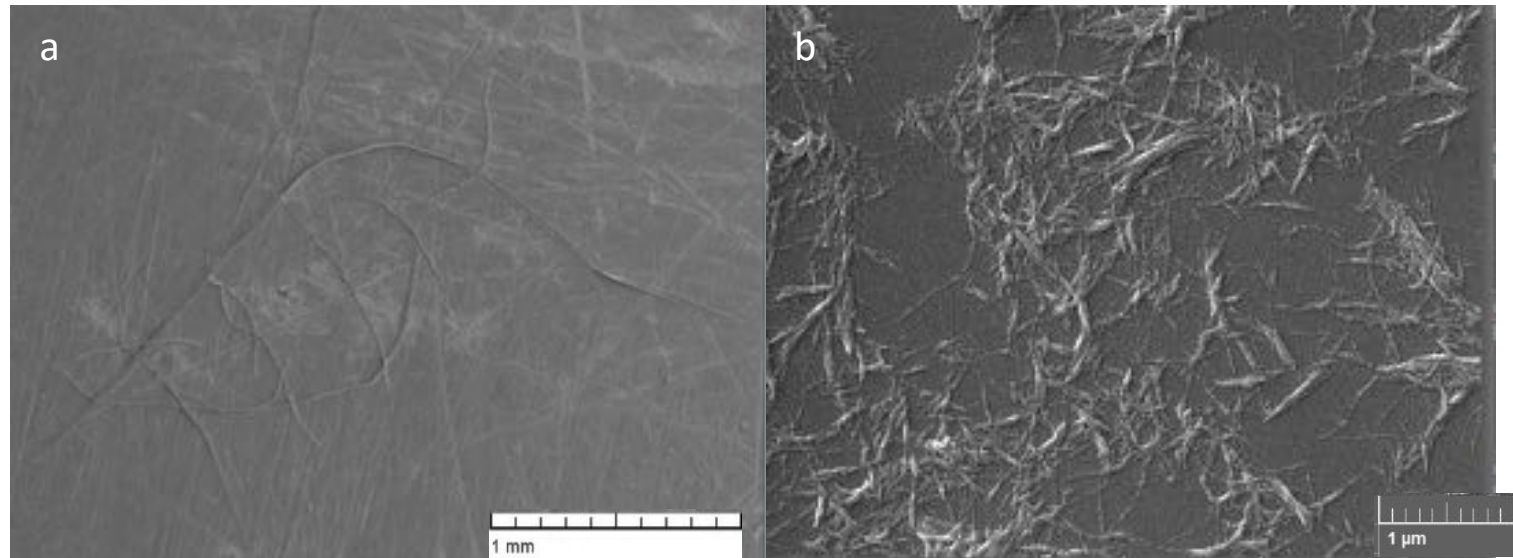
30, 40, 50 weight %



Nanocellulose

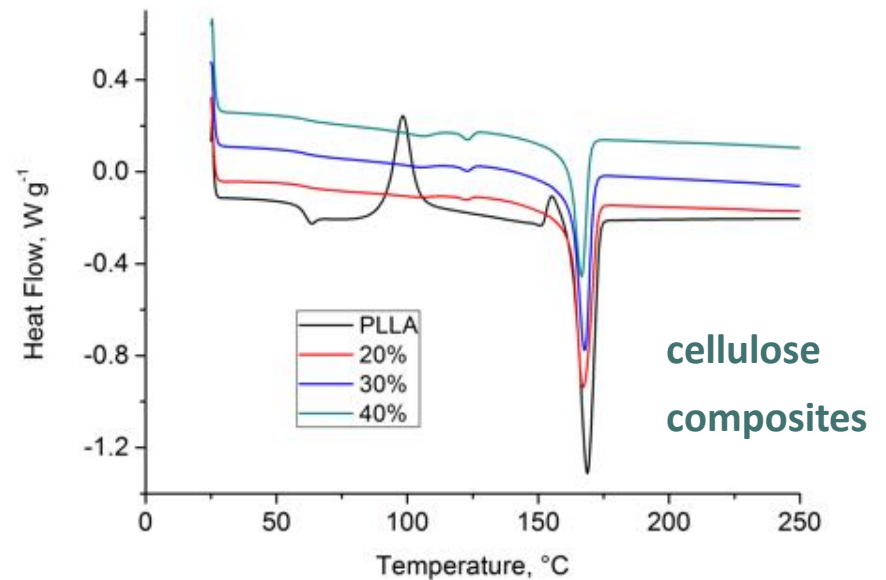
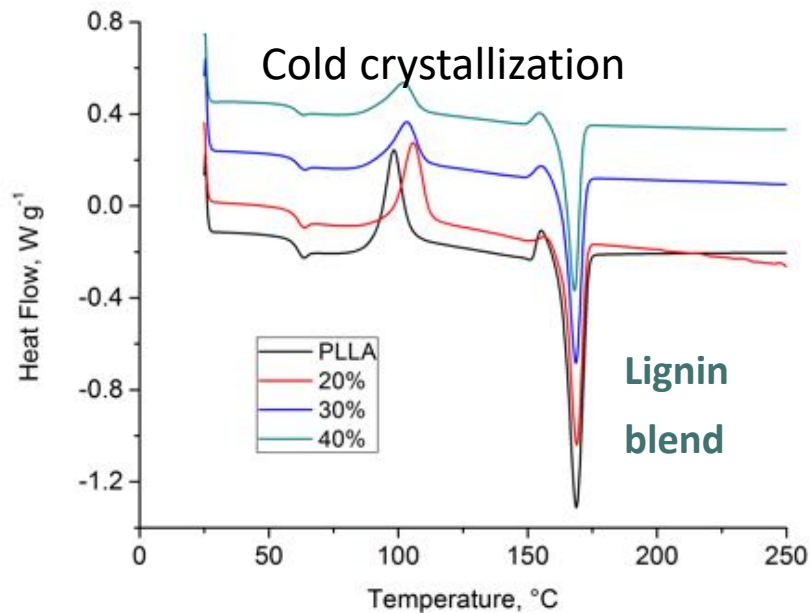
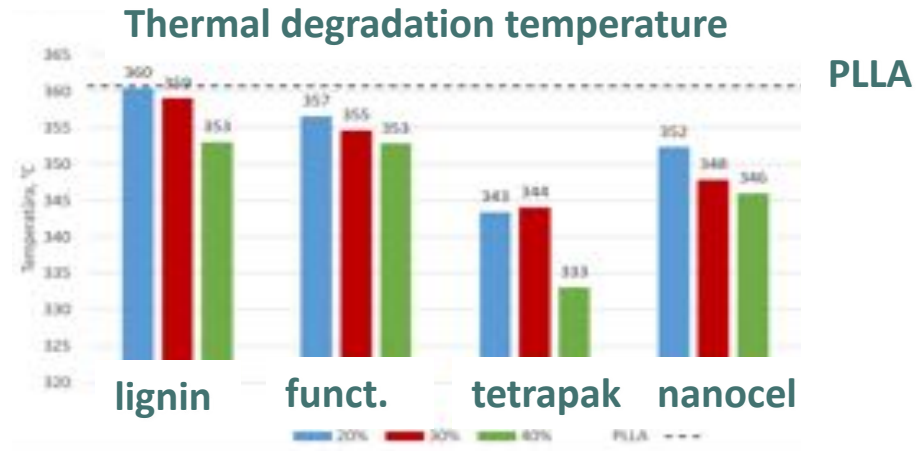


- Kraft cellulose oxidation with APS



Thermal properties

- DSC
- TGA

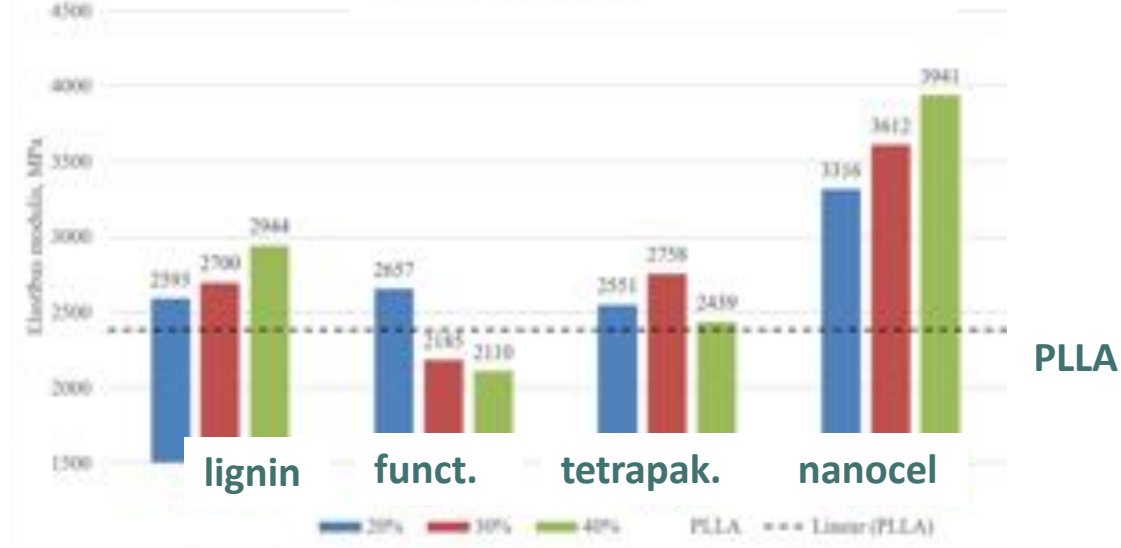


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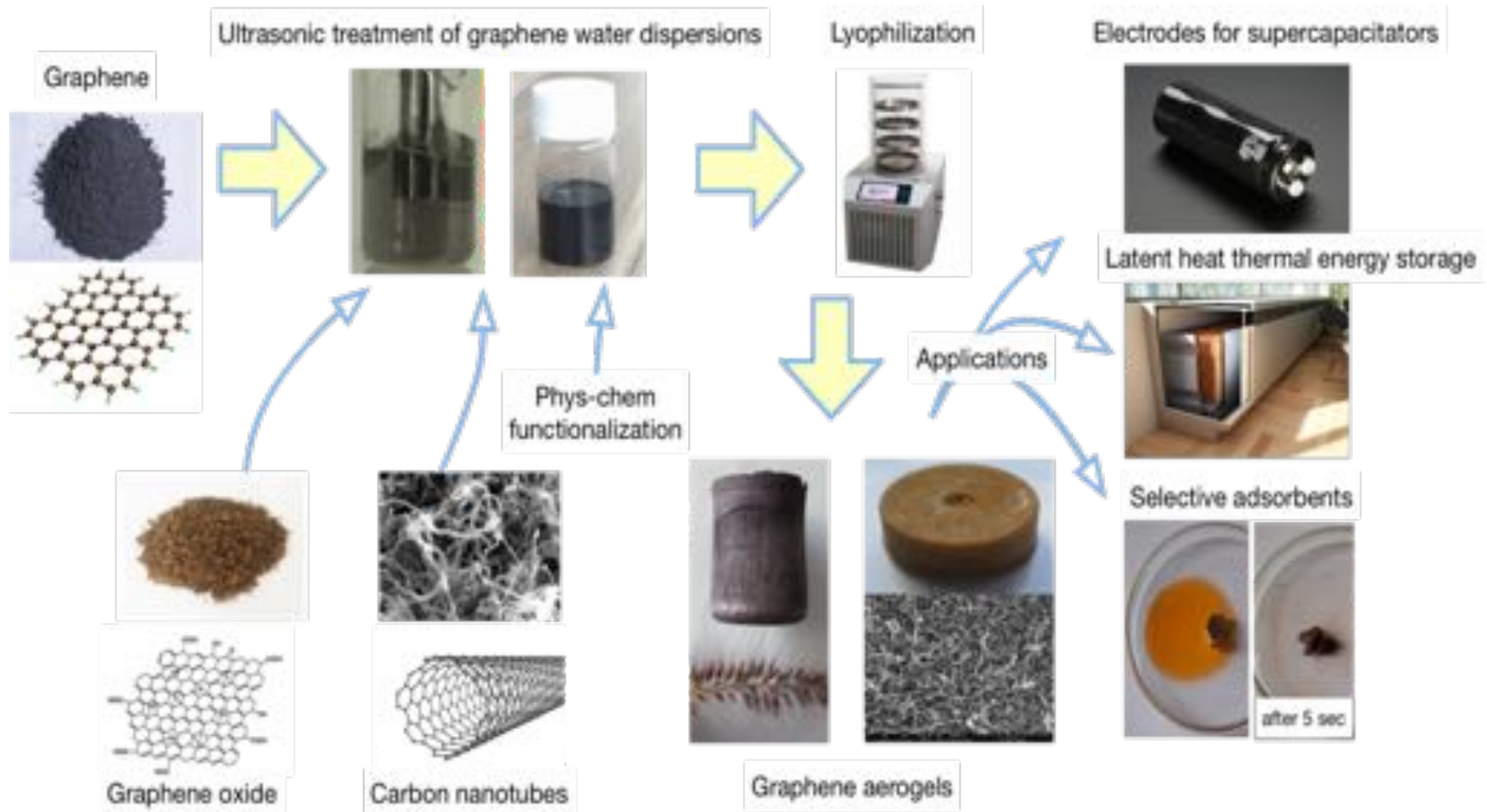
Vickers hardness



Elastic modulus



4. Preparation and functionalization of Graphene Based Aerogels



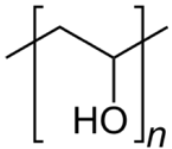
AEROGEL SYNTHESIS



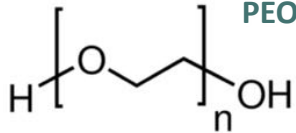
Graphite



modification



Polyvinyl alcohol
PVA



Polyoxyethylene
PEO

Oxidation - modified
Hummer's method

Electrolytic
delamination method

Graphene oxide

Graphene

FTIR
RAMAN
WAXD

+ salts MgSO_4
pH=4, 7, 9

+ PEO
ultrasonication

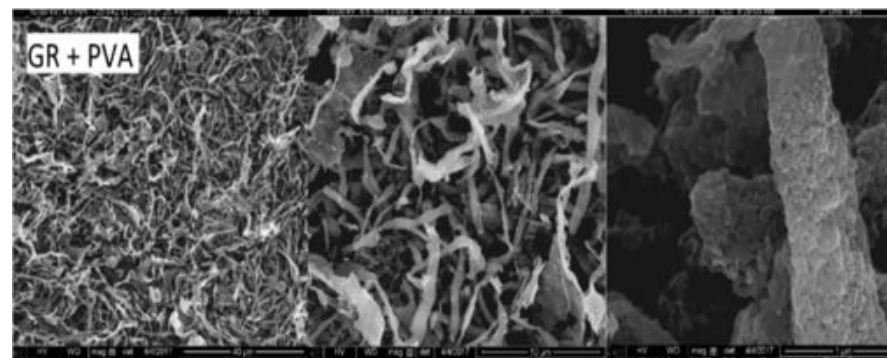
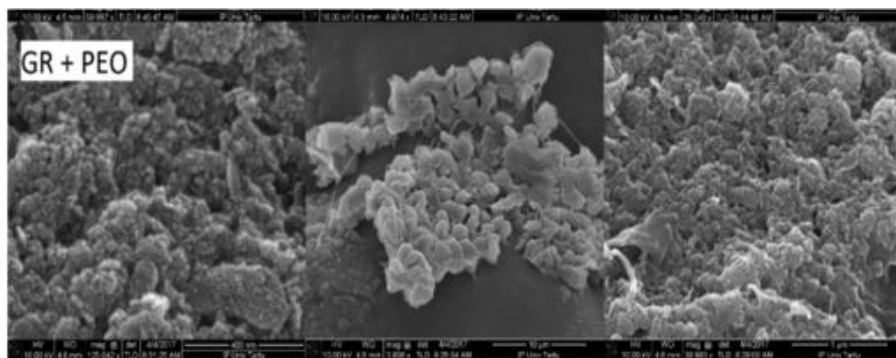
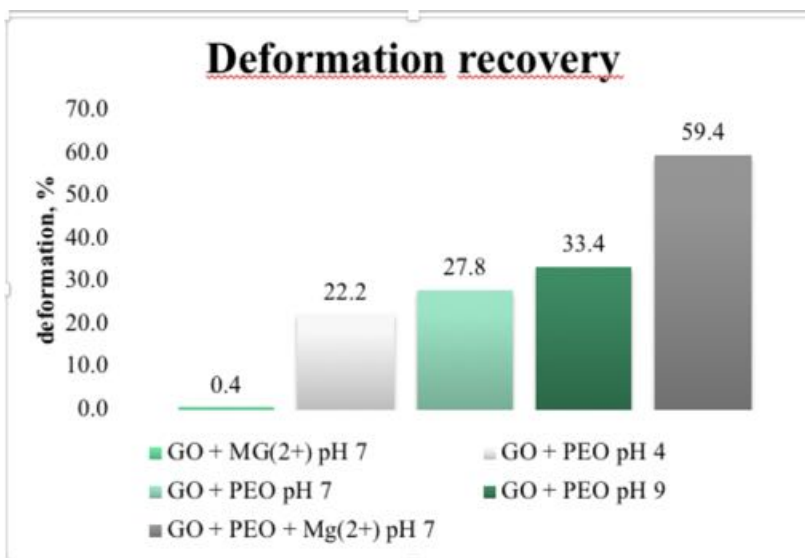
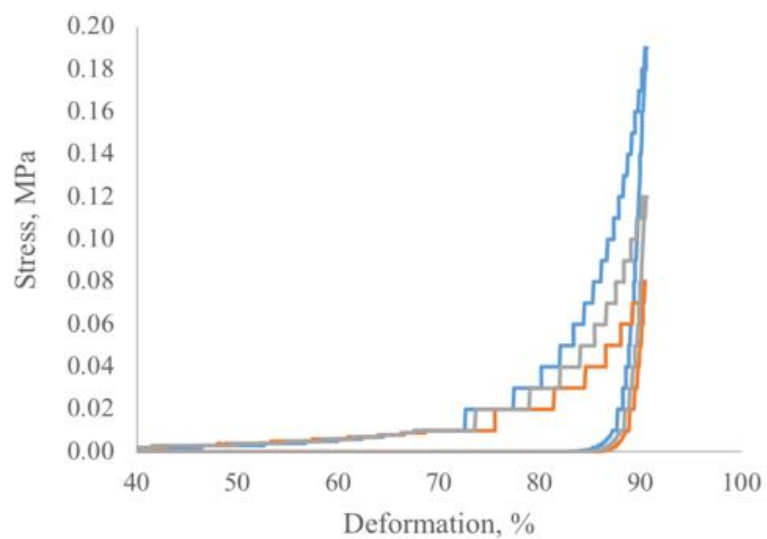
+PVA
ultrasonication

Lyophilization

GO + PEO
aerogels

GO/GR + PEO
aerogel

GO/GR + PVA
aerogels



Selective WETTING

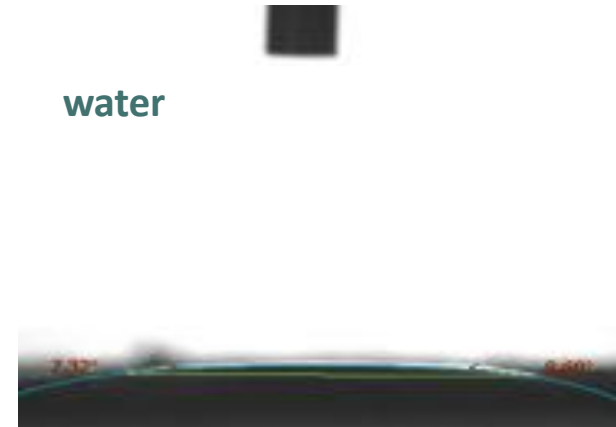
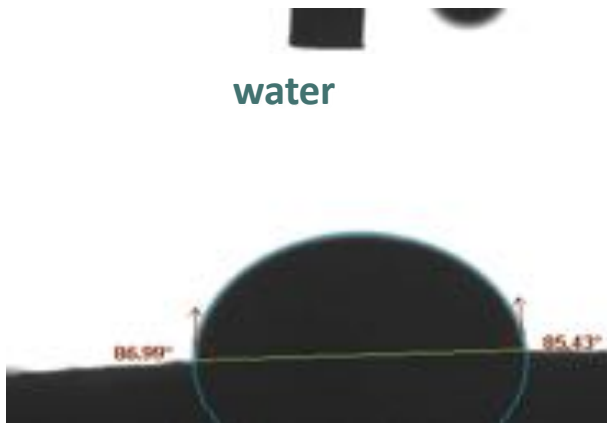
Superoleophilicity

Superhydrophilicity

water

oil

water



t = 1 sek

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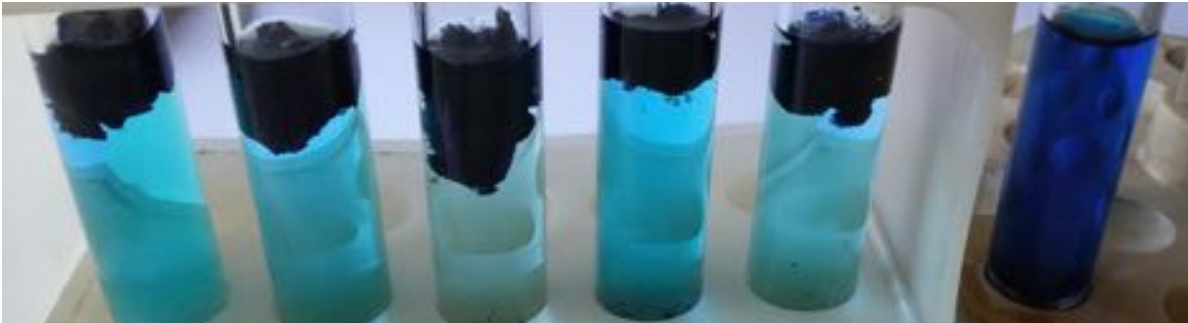
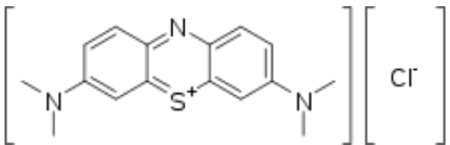
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GO +PVA

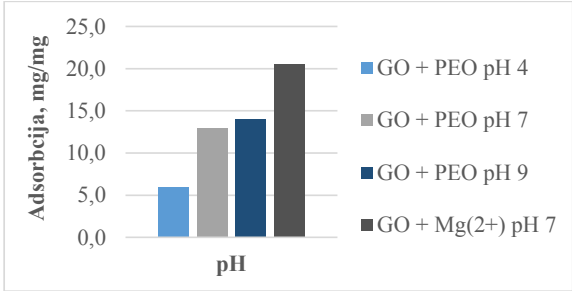
GO +PVA

GO +PEO

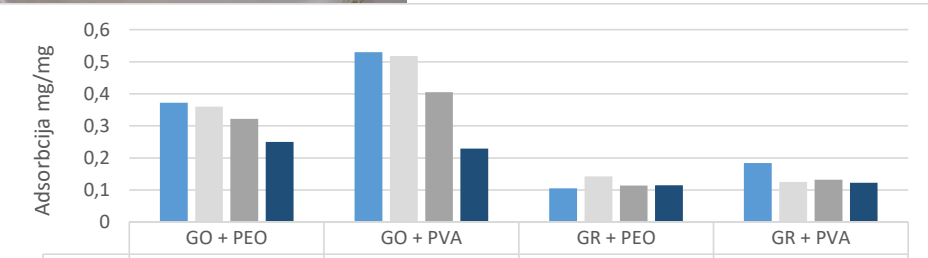
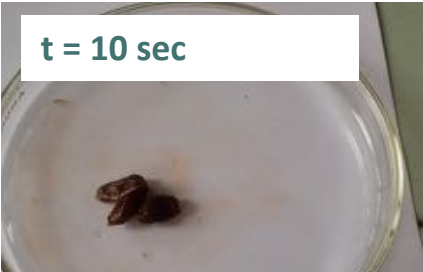
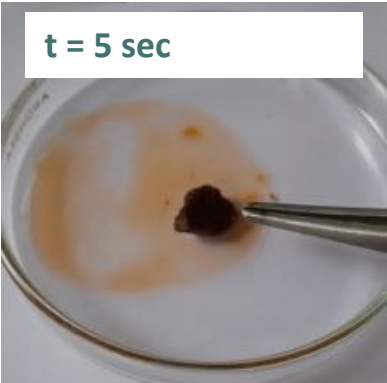
METHYLENE BLUE ADSORPTION pH influence



GO + PEO (pH 4) GO + PEO (pH 7) GO + PEO (pH 9) GO + PEO + Mg²⁺ (pH 7) GO + Mg²⁺ (pH 7) reference



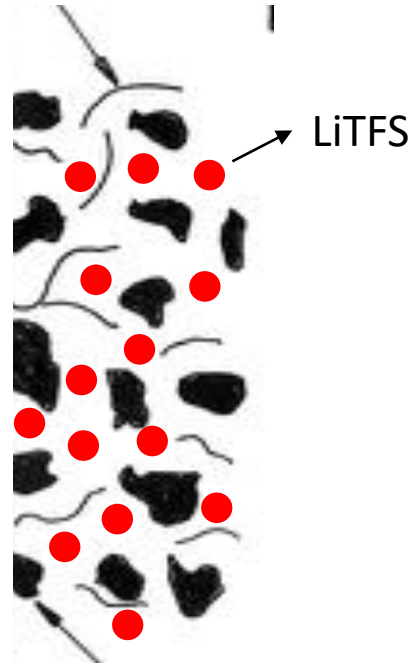
PETROL ADSORPTION



5. Polymer Electrolytes for Energy Storage

Flexibility of polymer
Without separator
High charge density
No dendritic crystallization

Carbon nanoparticles

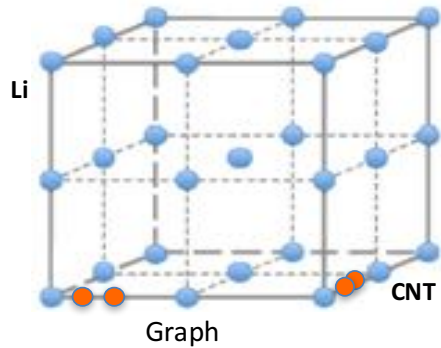


Carbon nanoparticles

5. Polymer Electrolytes for Energy Storage

1. Solid

2. Gel



Full factorial

Variables		Levels		
		-1	0	1
X1	Li	5	15	25
X2	Graphene	0	0,25	0,5
X3	CNT	0	0,25	0,5

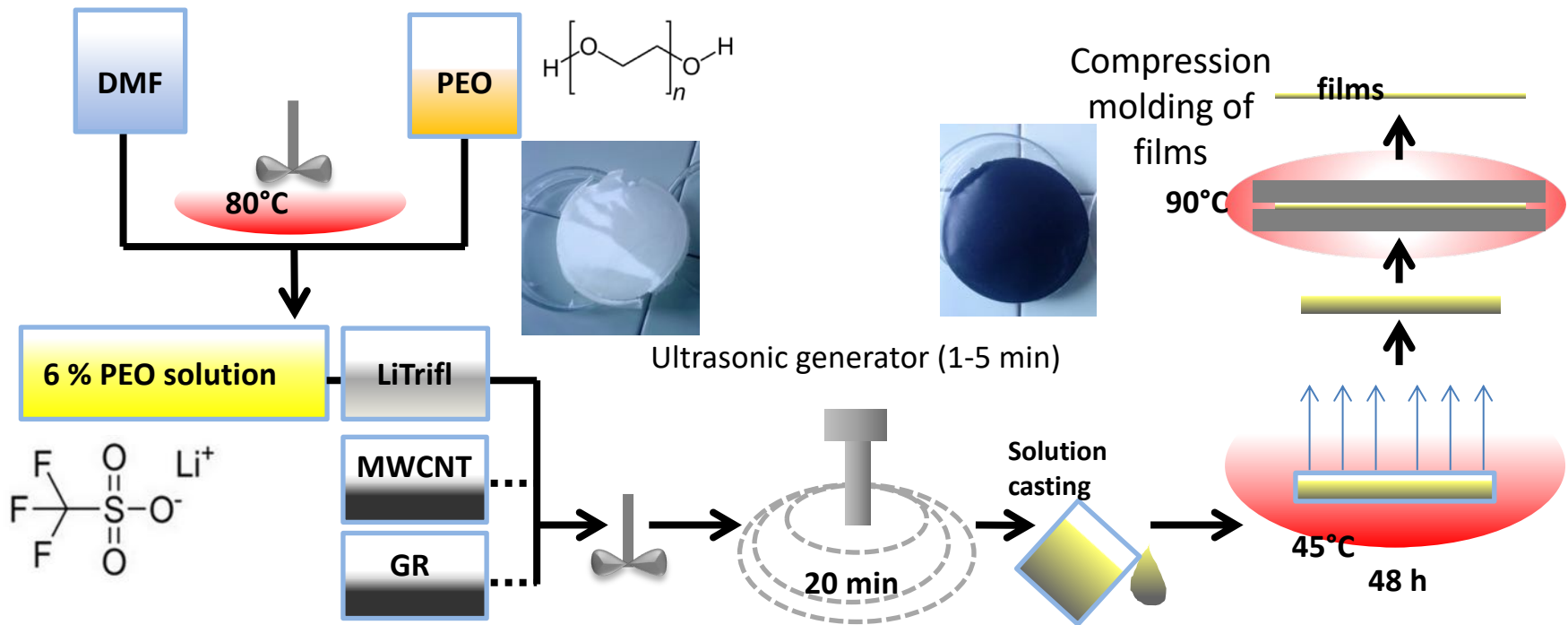
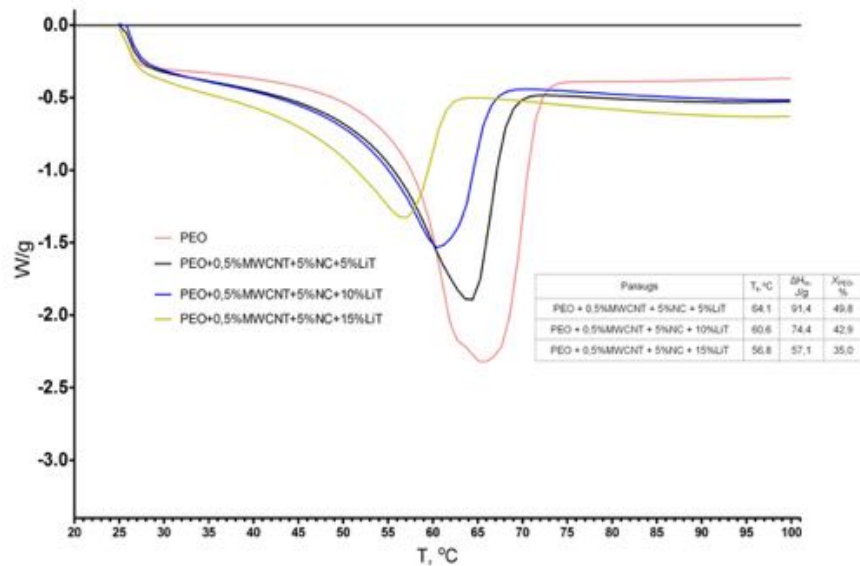


Fig. 1. The schematic representation of the overall strategy for producing PEO solid composite electrolytes

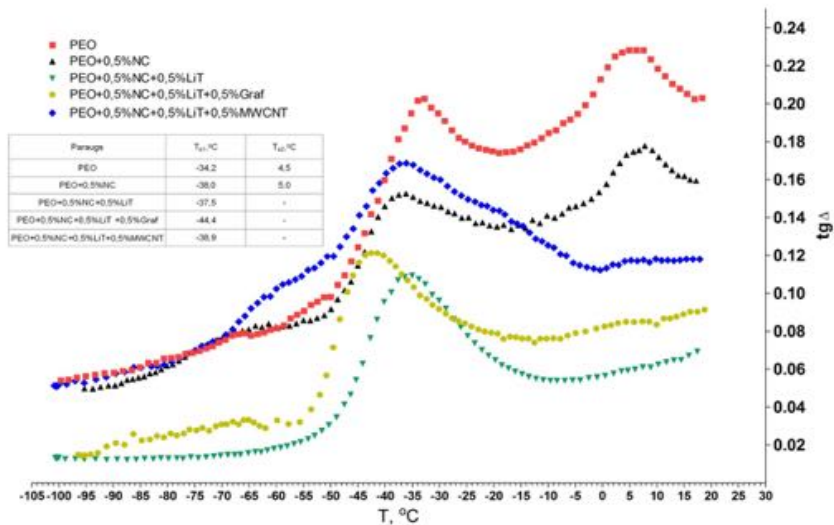
DSK līknes paraugiem mainīgu litija triflāta W_m attiecību, to kušanas temperatūras T_k , kušanas siltumi ΔH_m un kristāliskuma pakāpes X_{PEO} .



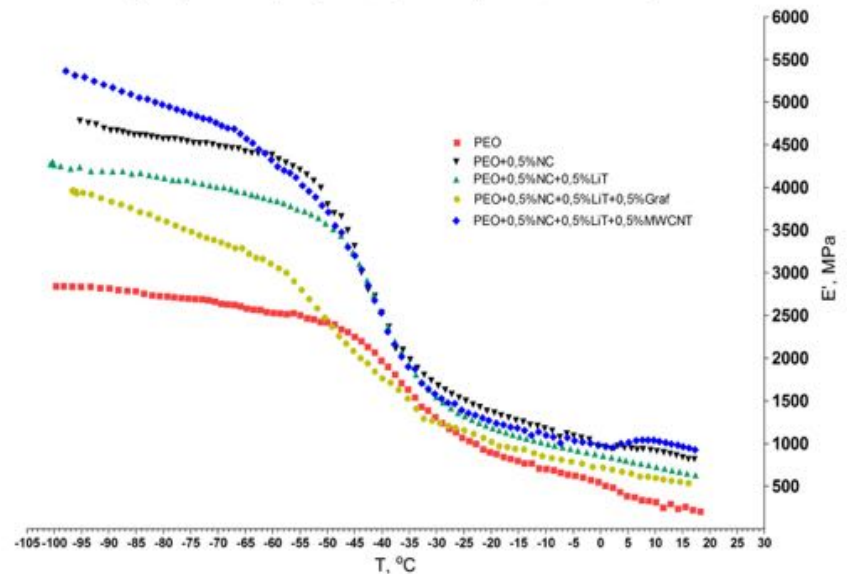
- CNT, graphene acts as reinforcement
- LITFS acts as plasticizer

Neibolts, BPS 2016

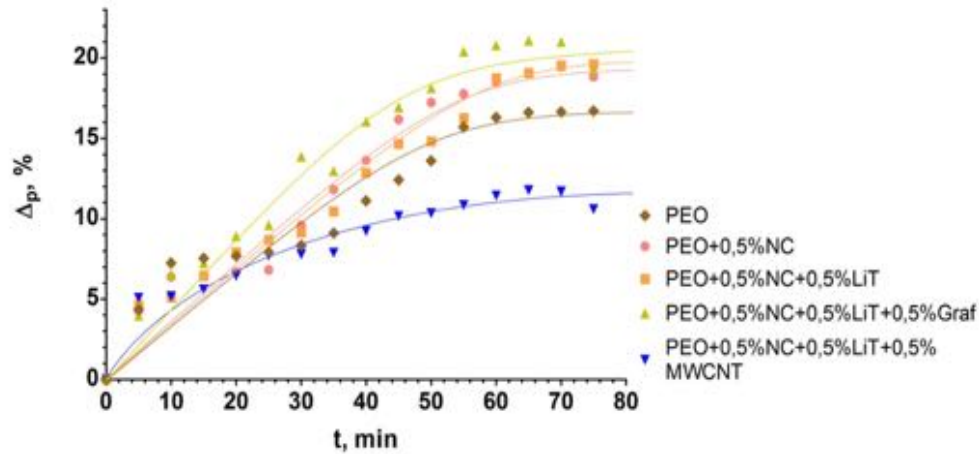
Enerģijas zudumu un krājuma moduļa attiecība $\text{tg} \delta$ paraugiem ar 0,5% pildvielu W_m attiecību, atkarībā no temperatūras un paraugu stiklošanās temperatūras T_{s1} un T_{s2}



Enerģijas krājuma modulis paraugiem ar 0,5% pildvielu W_m attiecību, atkarībā no temperatūras



SWELLING IN ETHYLENE CARBONATE/ PROPYLENE CARBONATE and LITFS

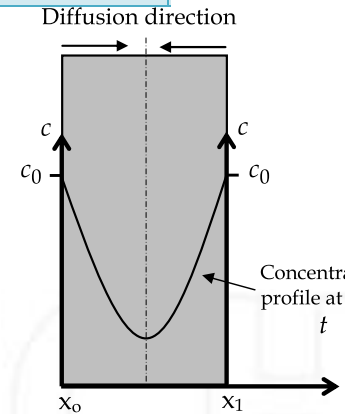
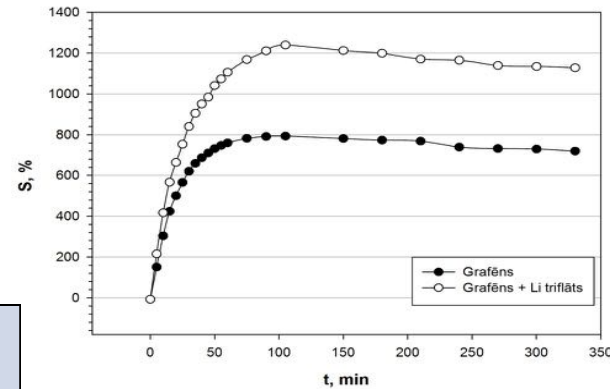


	$D_1, \text{m}^2/\text{min}$	$D_2, \text{m}^2/\text{min}$	$D_{\text{vid}}, \text{m}^2/\text{min}$
3%	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.99 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.70 \cdot 10^{-9}$
GR	$8.37 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$3.40 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$5.88 \cdot 10^{-9}$
MMT	$8.71 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$3.55 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.13 \cdot 10^{-9}$
ZnO	$8.66 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$3.11 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$5.89 \cdot 10^{-9}$
CNT	$9.18 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.97 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$5.92 \cdot 10^{-9}$
SiO ₂	$9.35 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$3.53 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.44 \cdot 10^{-9}$

Flory – Renner eq.

$$M_c = \left(\frac{2}{M_n} - \frac{(v/V_1)[\ln(1 - v_{2,s}) + v_{2,s} + \chi v_{2,s}^2]}{\left(v_{2,s}^{1/3} - \left(\frac{v_{2,s}}{2}\right)\right)} \right)^{-1}$$

		G, %	$M_c, \text{g/mol}$	$\rho_c, \text{mol/cm}^3$	n	$\zeta, \text{\AA}$
1.sw	3	67	25439	4,76E-05	1155	30
	10	65	21747	5,56E-05	987	27
	30	69	18440	6,56E-05	837	25
2.sw	3	64	22090	5,48E-05	1003	28
	10	69	17542	6,90E-05	796	25
	30	64	17499	6,91E-05	795	25
3.sw	3	61	20792	5,82E-05	944	27
	10	63	18592	6,51E-05	844	25



$$\frac{M_t}{M_\infty} = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2} \exp \left[\frac{-D(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}{4l^2} \right]$$

1) $t < 30$

$$\frac{M_t}{M_\infty} = \frac{2}{l} \left(\frac{D}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} t^{1/2}$$

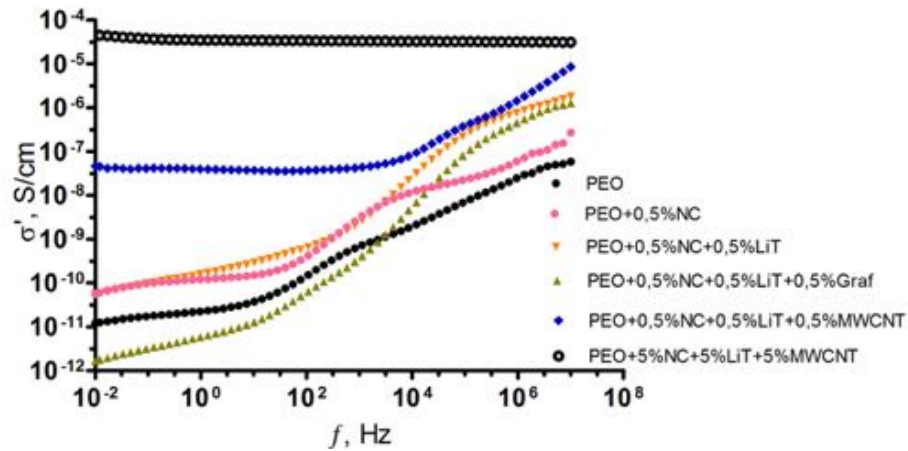
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$$\frac{M_t}{M_\infty} = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \exp \left[\frac{-D\pi^2 t}{4l^2} \right]$$

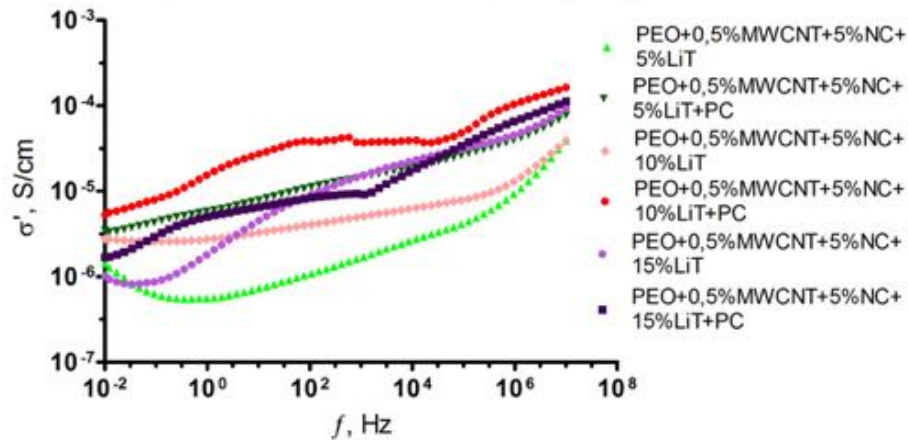
Swelling effect

DIELECTRIC SPECTROSCOPY

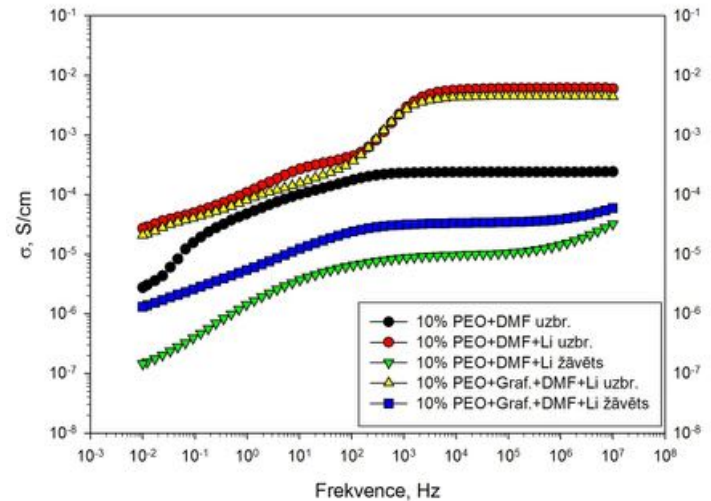
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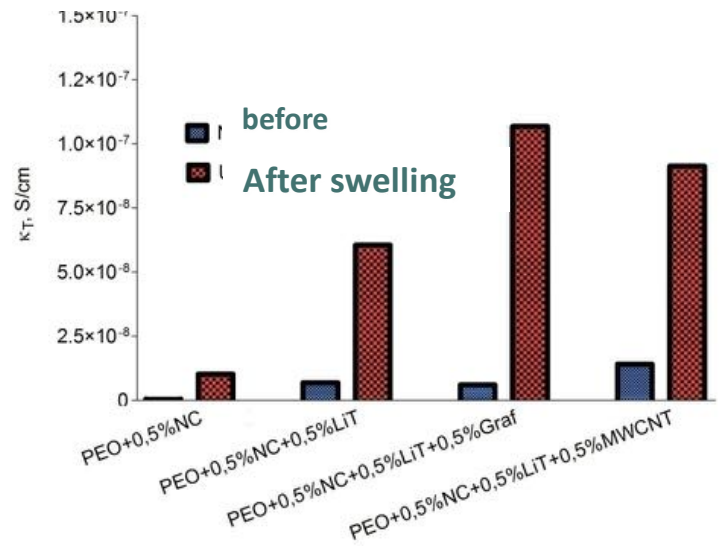
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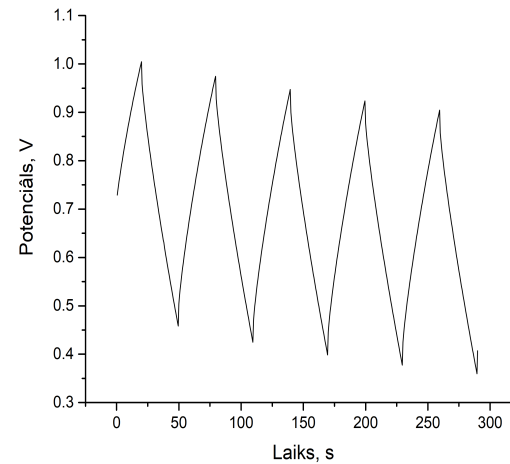
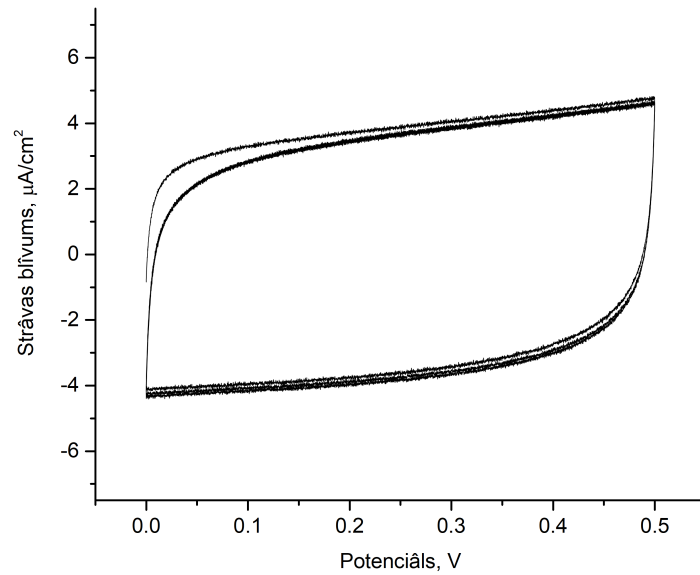
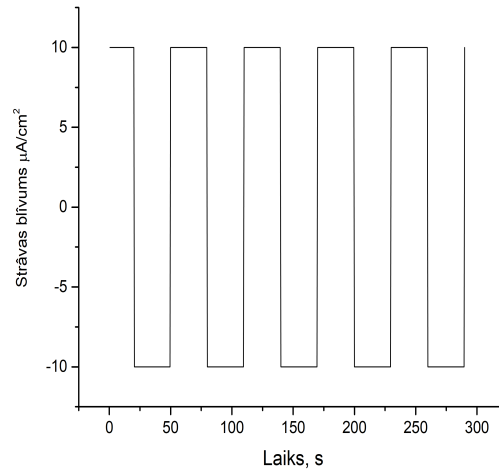
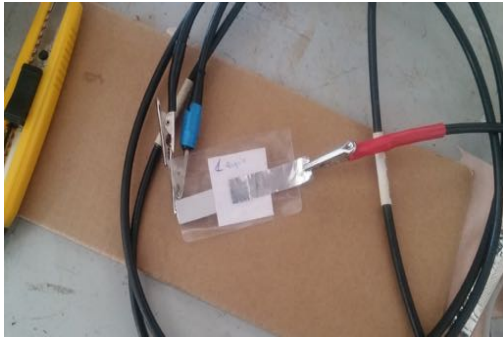
DIELECTRIC SPECTROSCOPY



VOLUME ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY



PEO gel electrolyte testing



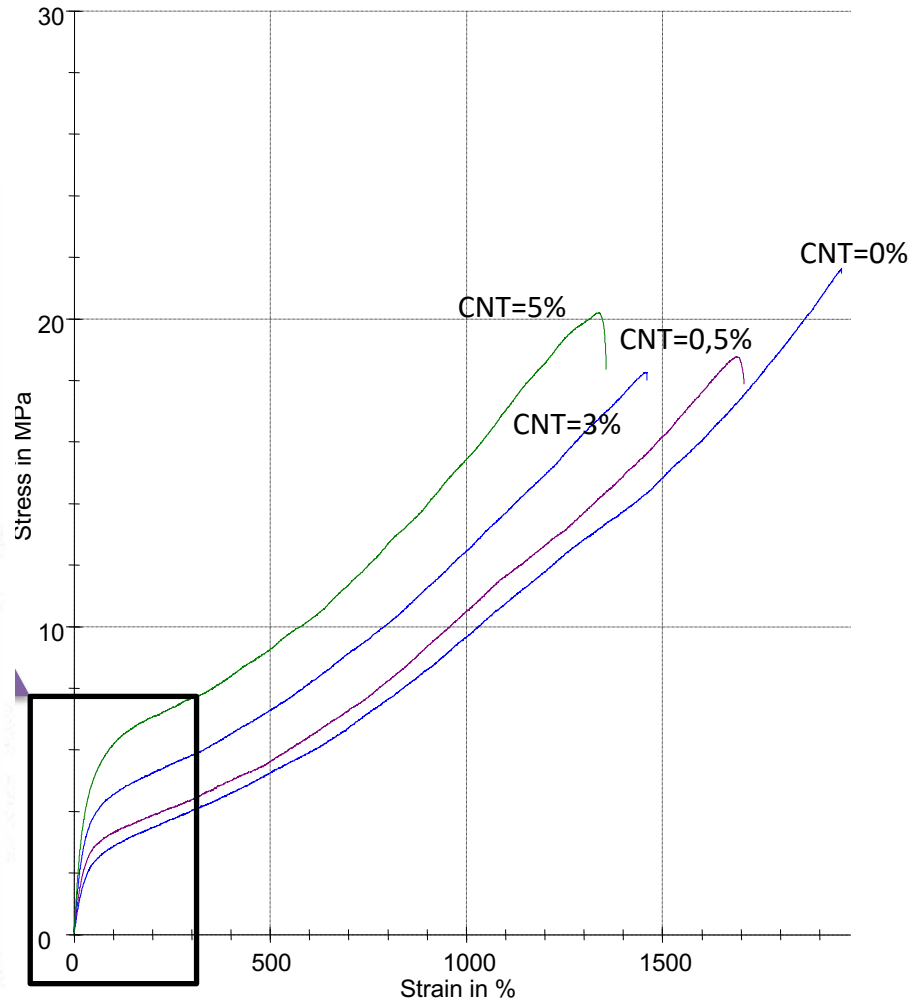
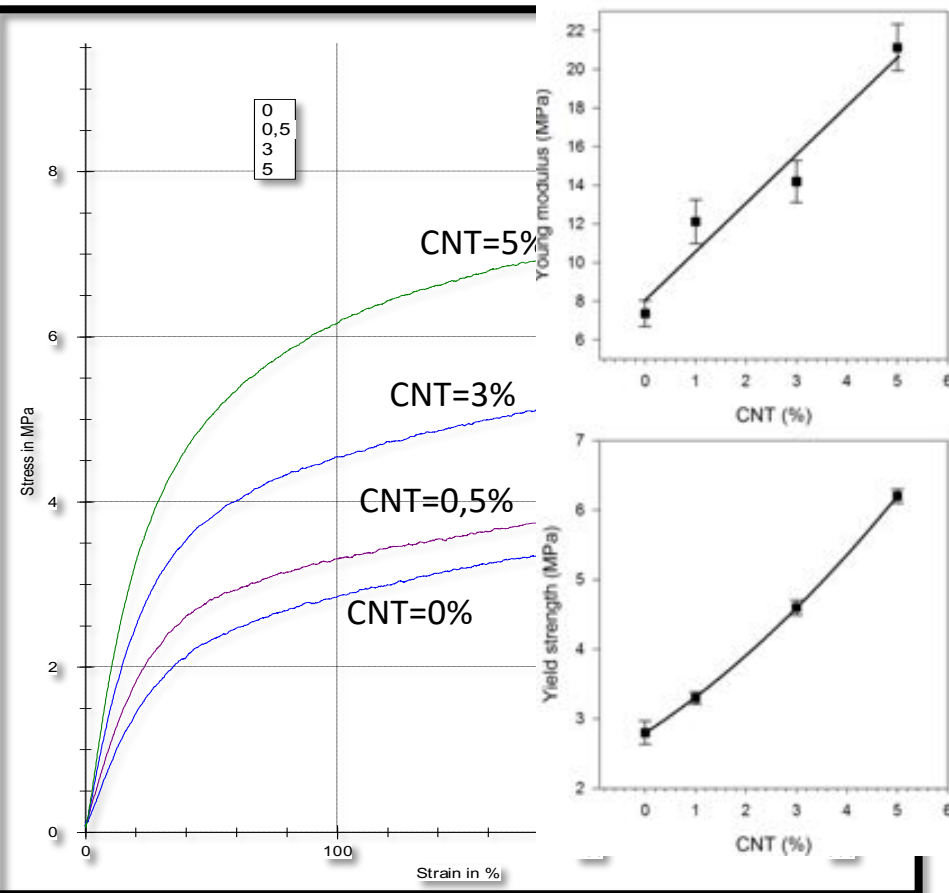
6. CNT/graphene/iron oxide nanoparticles incorporation into thermoplastic polymer composites for ESD, EMI shielding and radar applications.

	Conductor	EMI/RFI	Static Dissipators	Antistatic	Insulator
Conductivity -ASTM D257- (S/Cm)	10^7	$10^1 - 10^6$	$10^{-6} - 10^{-10}$	$10^{-10} - 10^{-12}$	$10^{-15} - 10^{-17}$



EVA/CNT; Tensile curves

Gaidukovs, J. Thermoplastic Composite Materials (2018)



Thermal conductivity

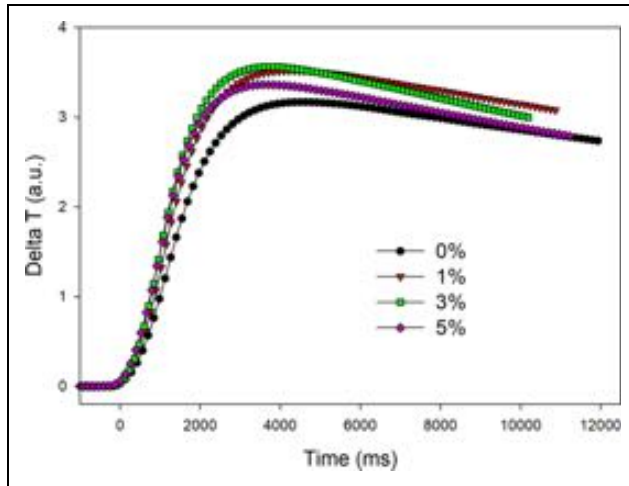


Figure 4. Thermal test curves for EVA/CNT composites. EVA: ethylene vinyl acetate; CNT: carbon nanotubes.

$$\lambda = \lambda_o \cdot e^{-E_a/(kT)}$$

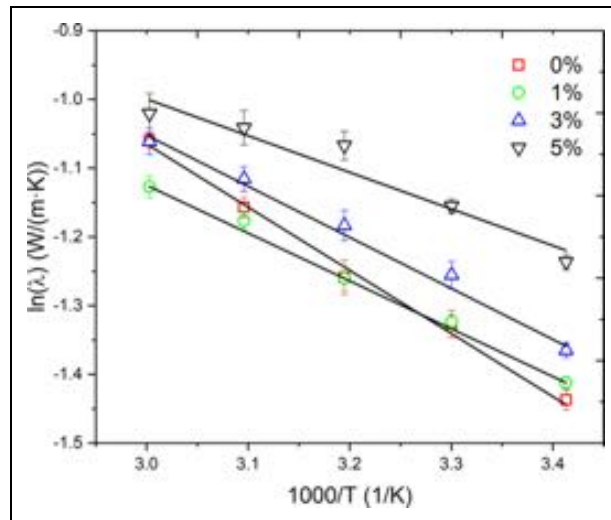


Figure 5. Arrhenius plot: dependence of thermal conductivity on temperature.

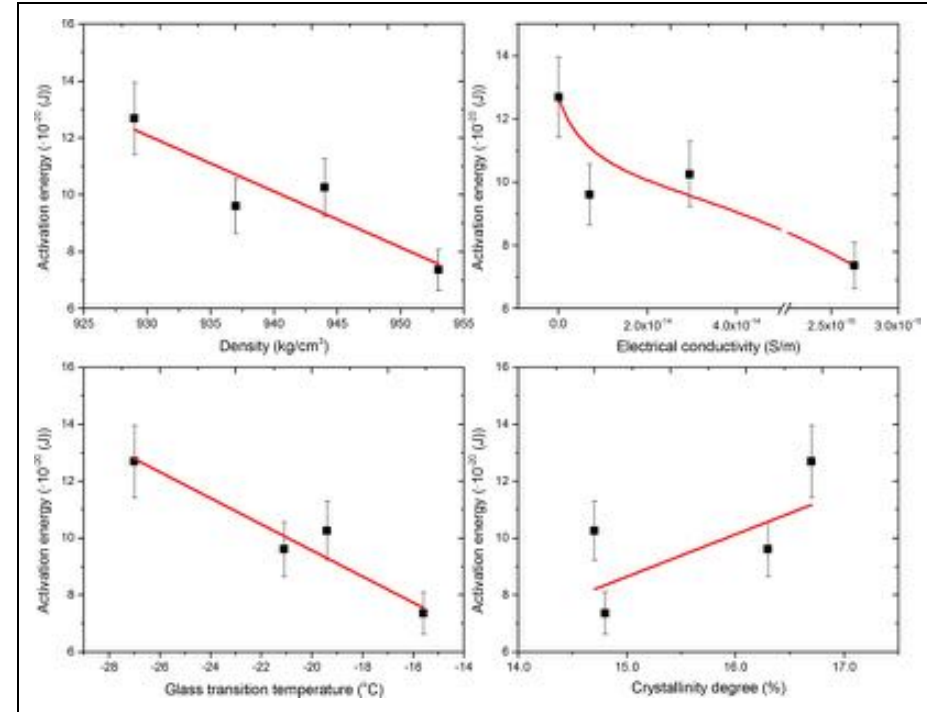


Figure 6. Activation energy dependences from EVA/CNT composites' density, glass transition temperature, electrical conductivity, and crystallinity degree. EVA: ethylene vinyl acetate; CNT: carbon nanotubes.

Table 3. E_a and λ_o of EVA/CNT composites.

CNT, % (vol)	λ_o , W/(m·K)	$E_a \cdot 10^{-21}$ J
0	5.43	12.7
0.4	2.62	9.6
1.4	3.24	10.3
2.3	2.82	7.4

EVA: ethylene vinyl acetate; CNT: carbon nanotubes.

SEM

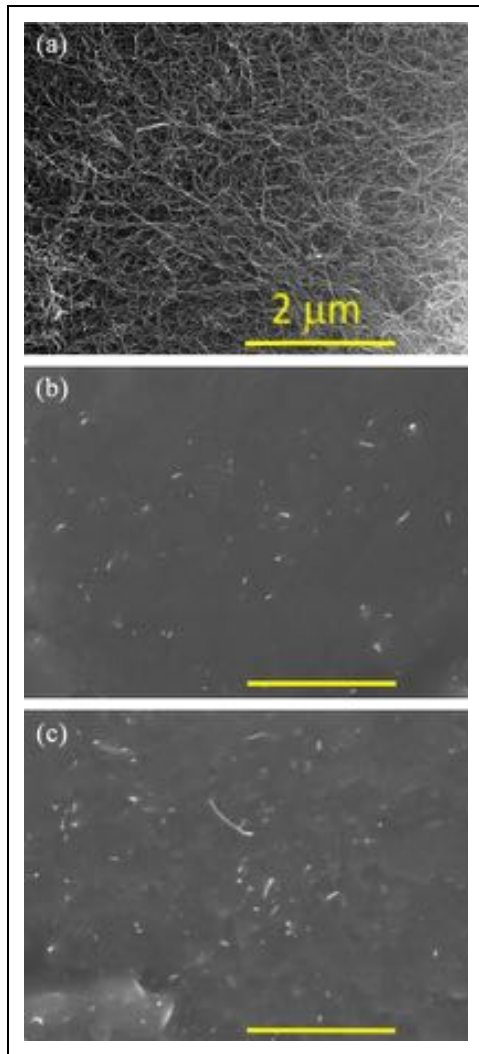


Figure 2. SEM images of the (a) CNT and fractured surfaces of the EVA/CNT composites with (b) 1 wt% and (c) 3 wt%. SEM: scanning electron microscopy; EVA: ethylene vinyl acetate; CNT: carbon nanotubes.

Dielectric spectroscopy

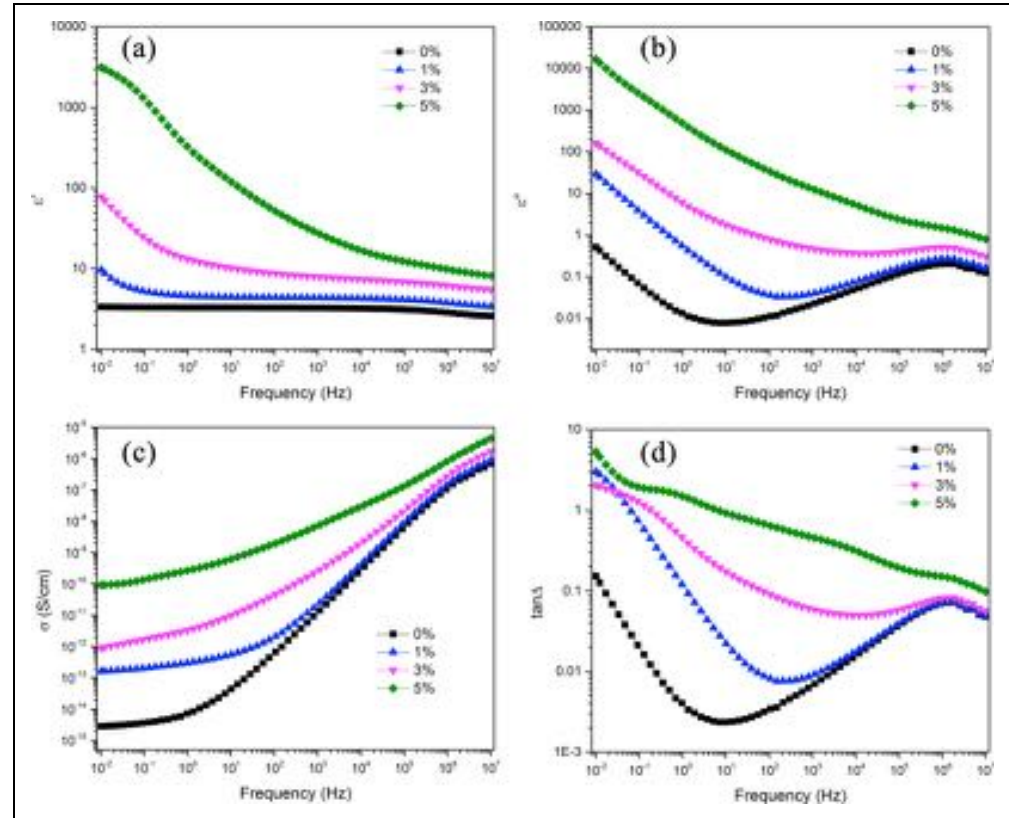
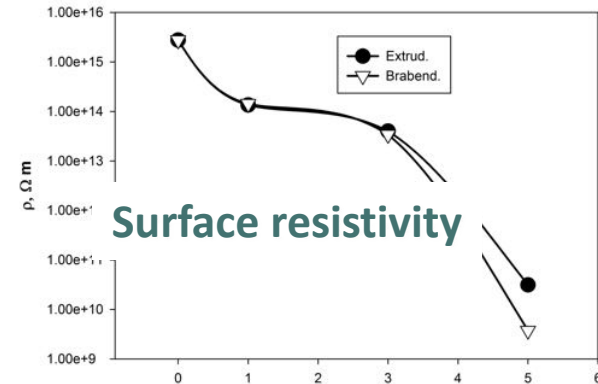


Figure 3. Dielectric properties for EVA/CNT composites: (a) real permittivity ϵ' ; (b) loss permittivity ϵ'' ; (c) conductivity σ ; (d) loss factor $\tan\Delta$. EVA: ethylene vinyl acetate; CNT: carbon nanotubes.

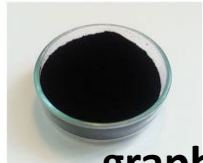


Surface resistivity

Preparation of layered structures



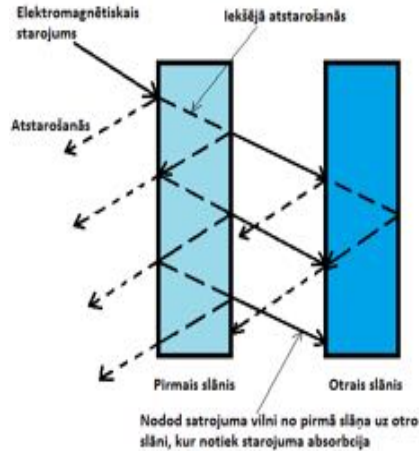
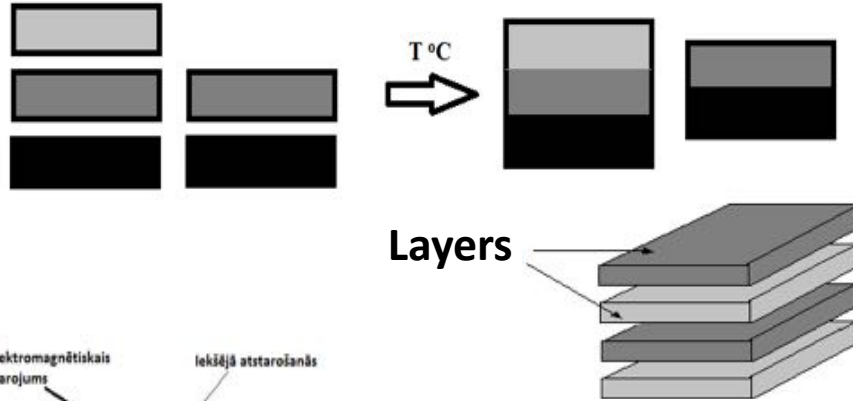
EVA



graphene



Fe_3O_4

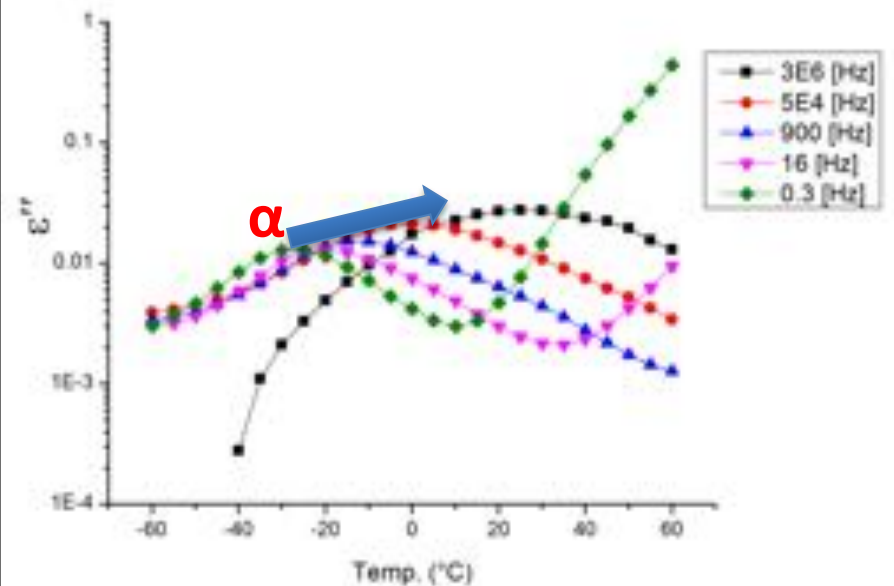
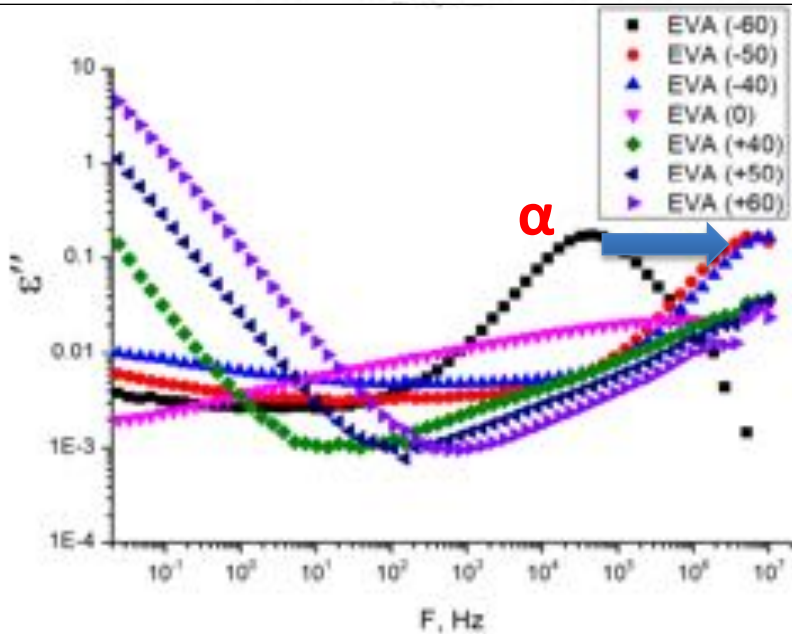
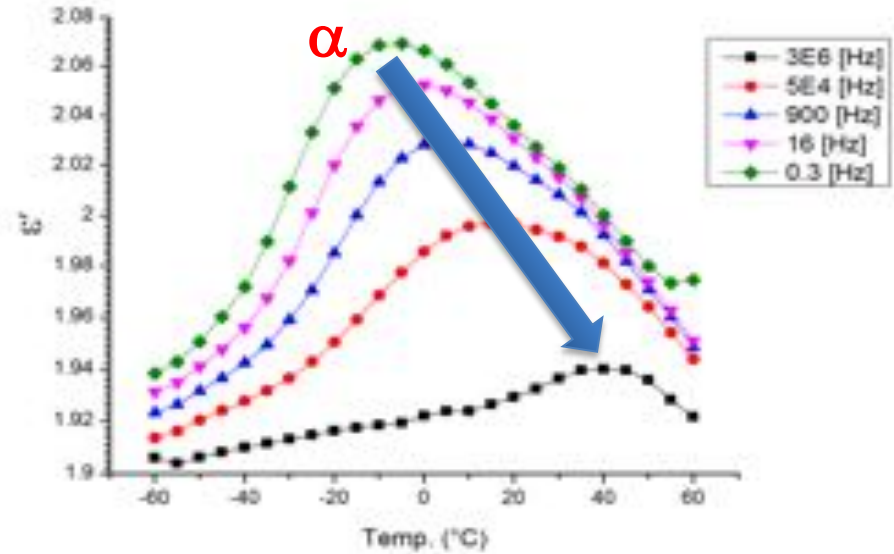
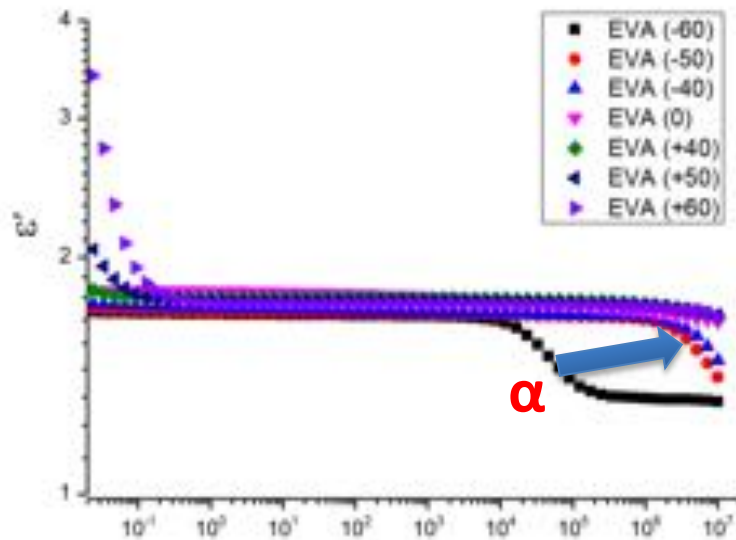


GR [m%]	Fe_3O_4 [m%]
0	0
0.1	0
0.5	0
1	0
0	0.1
0	0.5
0	1
0.5	0.5

$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{EVA}$	EVA/GR	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GR}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$
0.1 %	0.1 %	1 %
0.5 %	0.5 %	1 %
1 %	1 %	1 %
GR/ Fe_3O_4 /GR	GR/(GR/ Fe_3O_4)/ Fe_3O_4	GR/ Fe_3O_4
1 %	1 %	1 %
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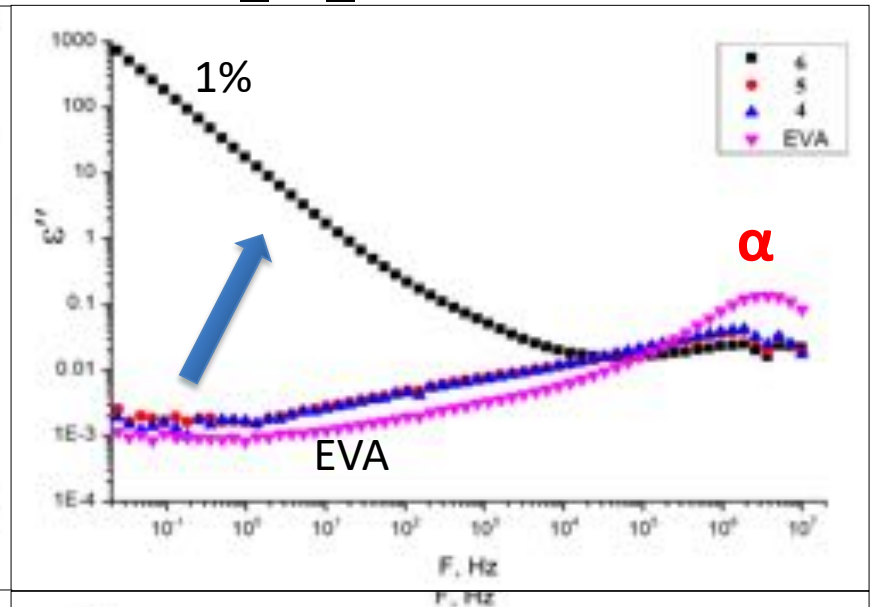
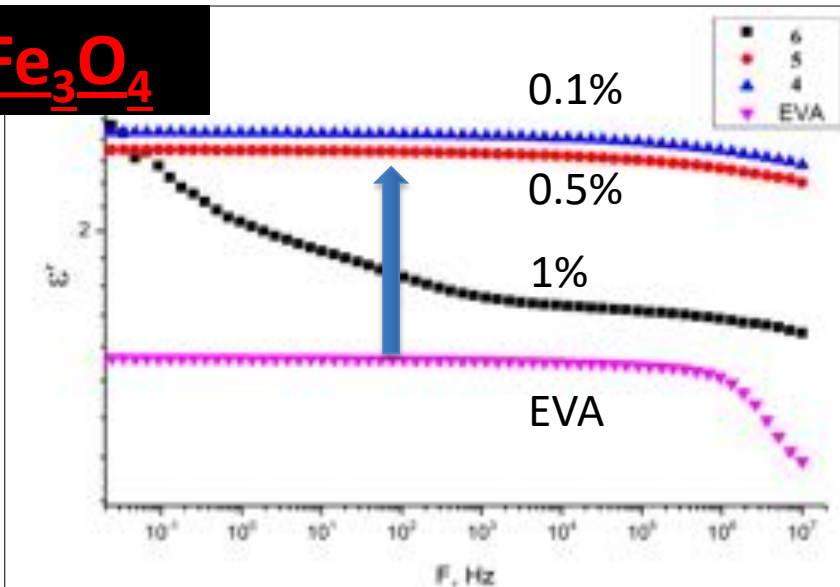


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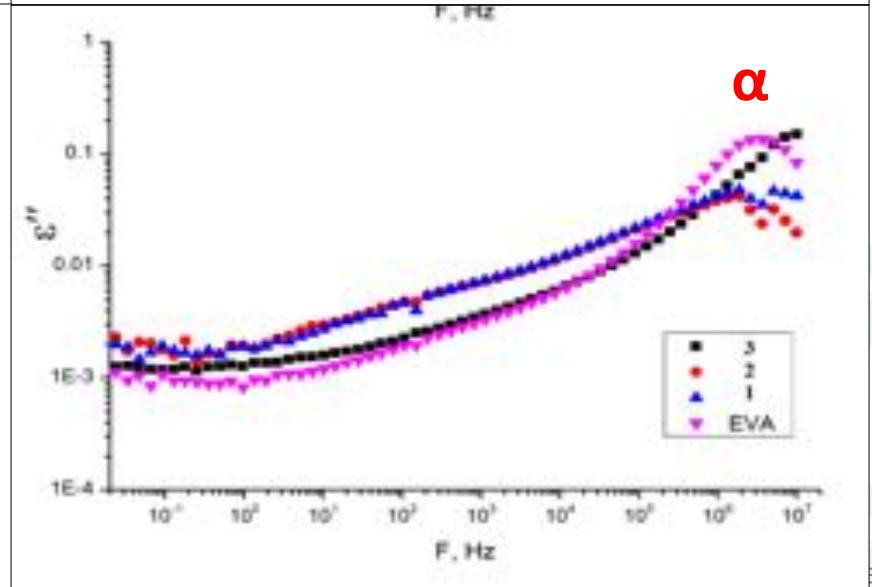
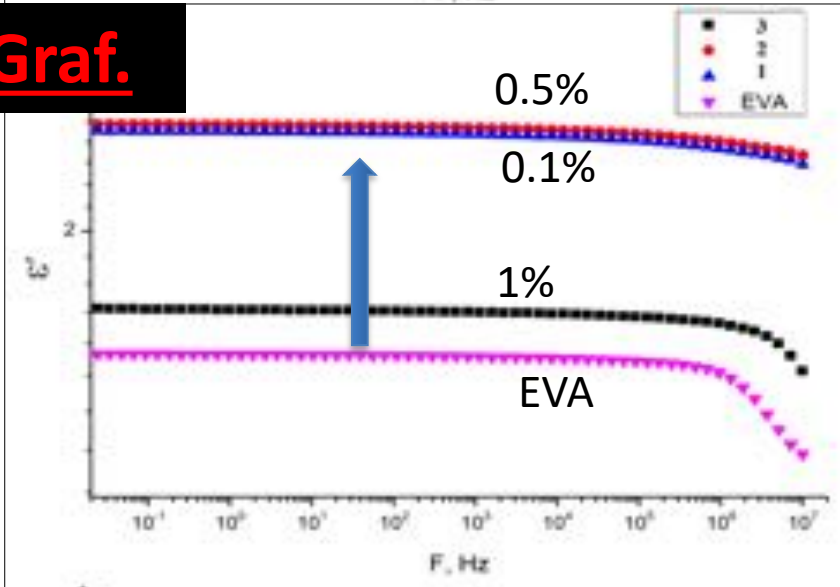


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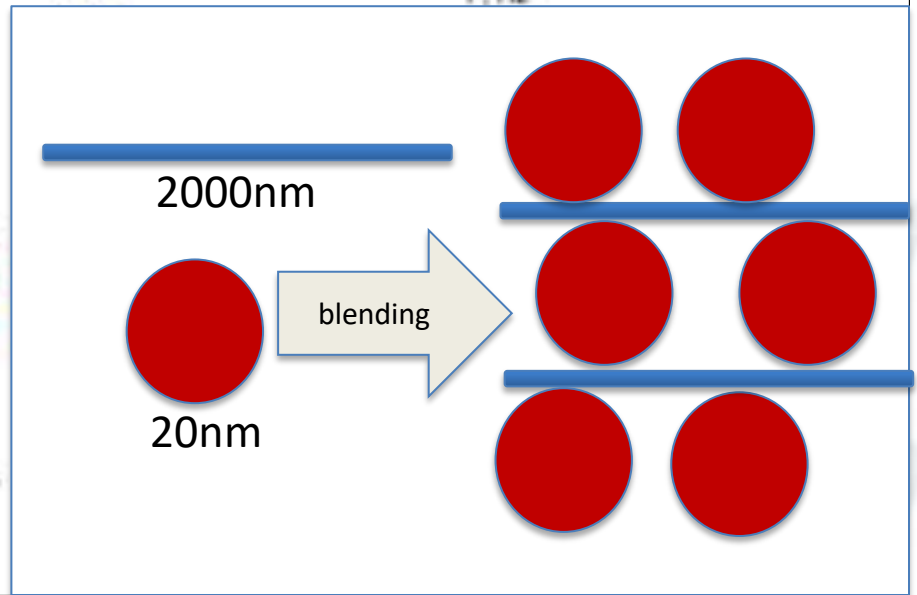
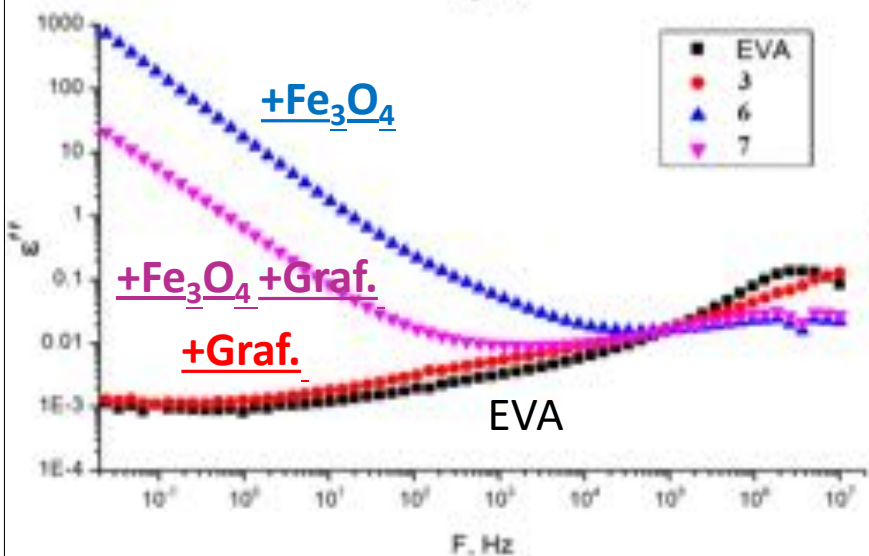
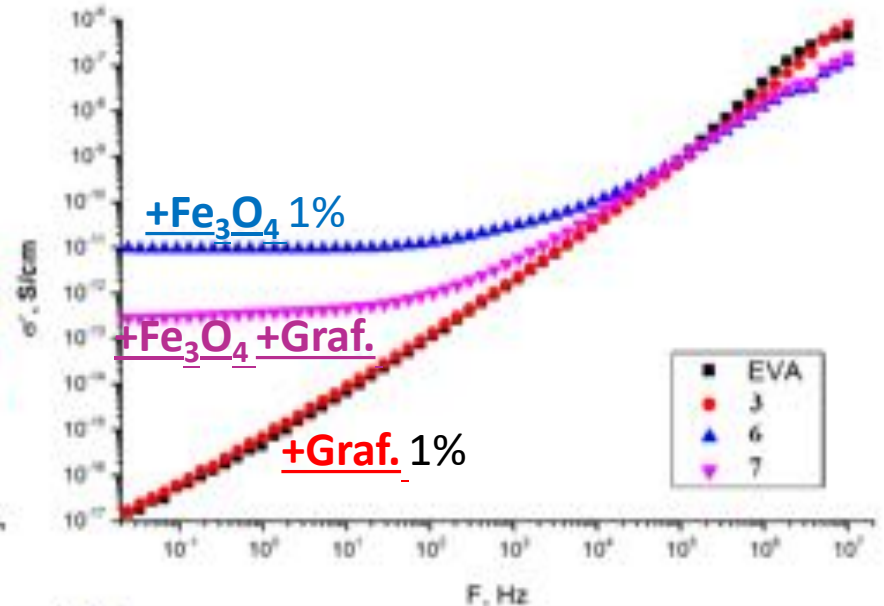
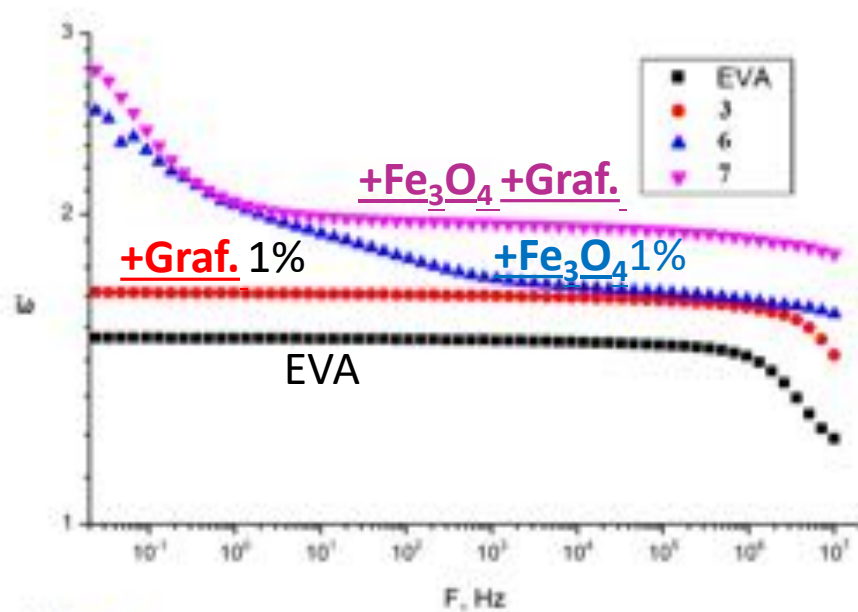
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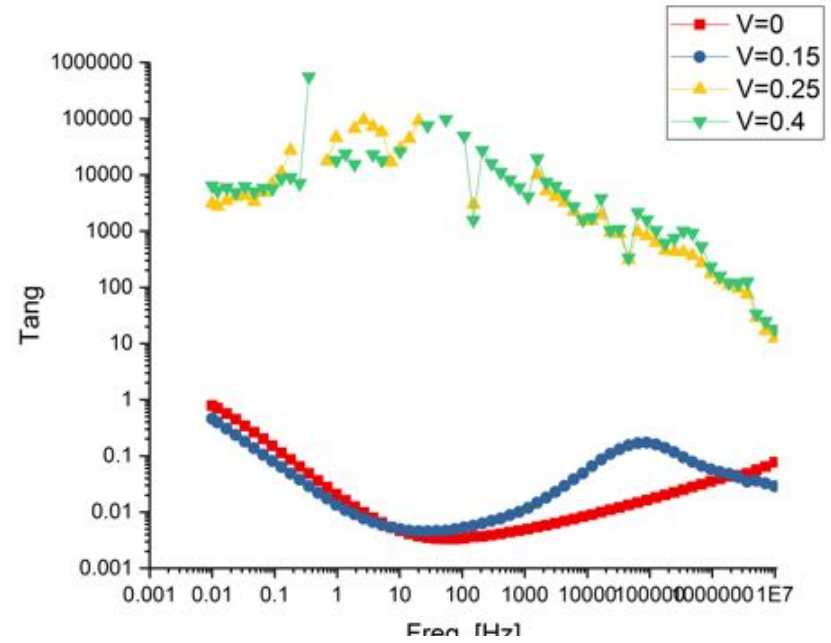
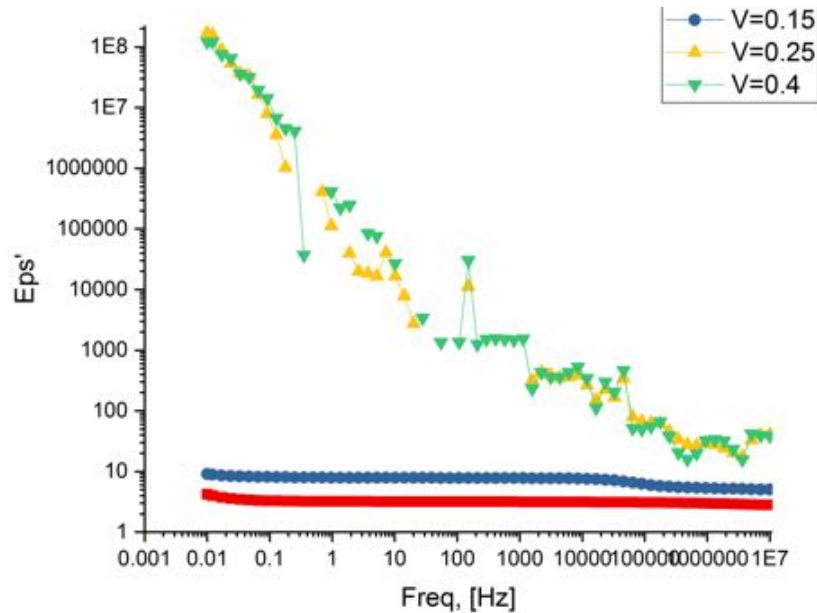
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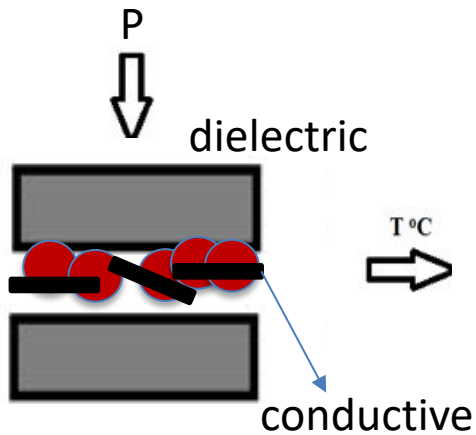
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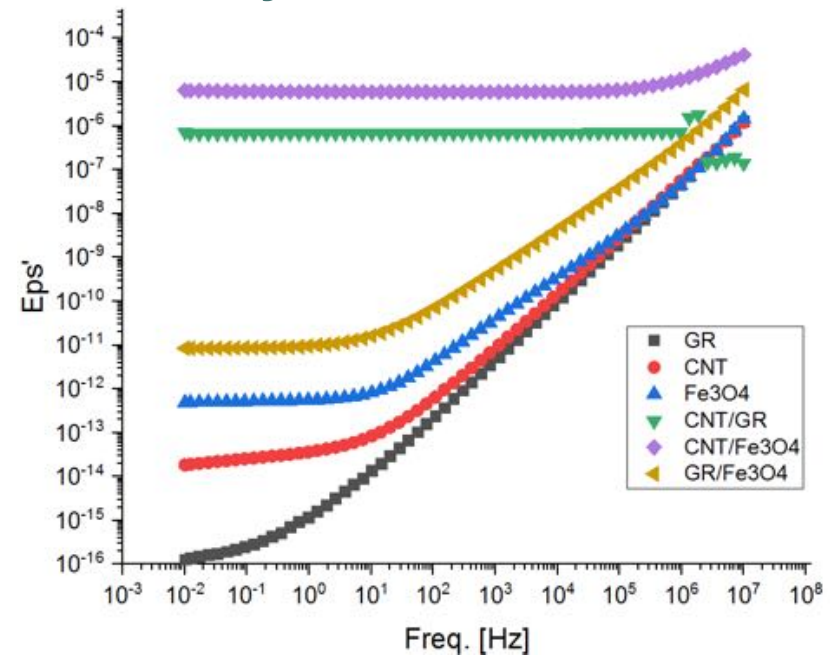
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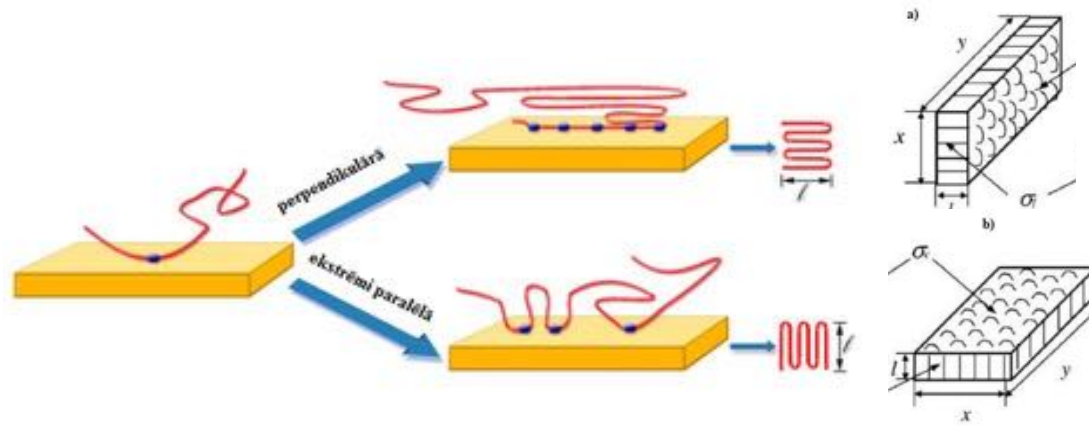
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Percolation of particles



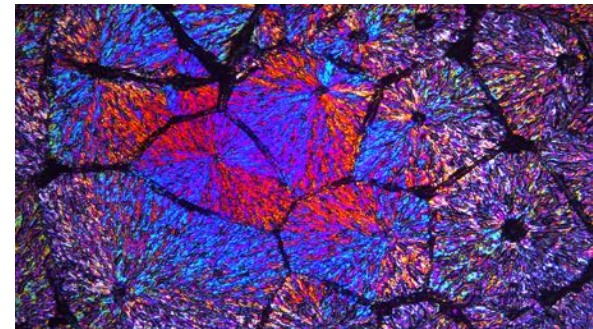
7. Crystallization of polymers PEO in thin films



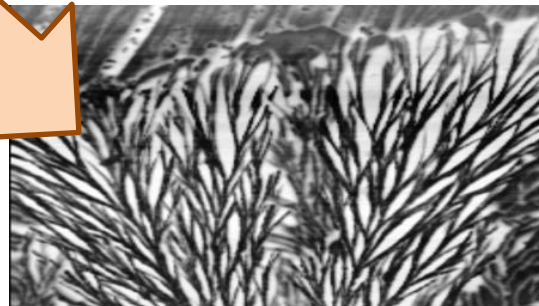
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CNT



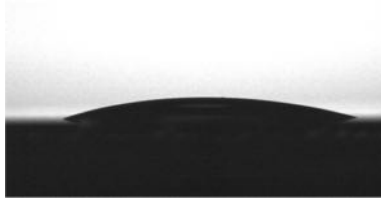
Thin films



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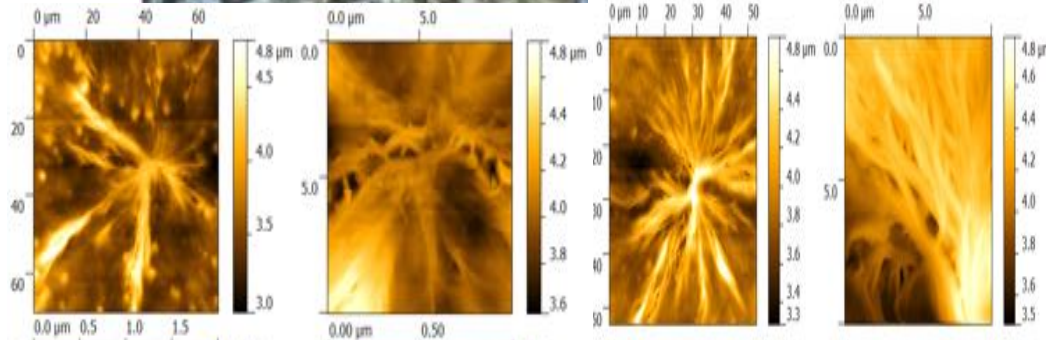
Polymer Films

- I Drop on Silicon



2 % PEO/CNT

1 % PEO/CNT



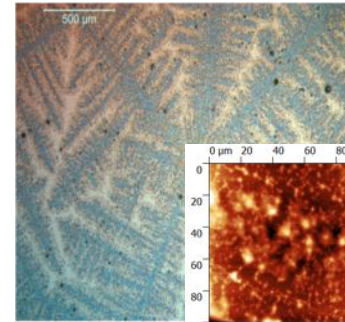
Spherulite = 96 μm
Thickness = 1.4 μm

Spherulite = 248 μm
Thickness = 0.9 μm

- II Ultra thin film



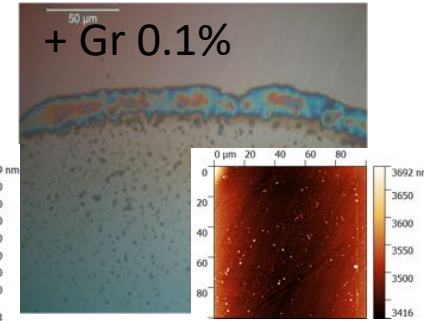
0.4 % PEO



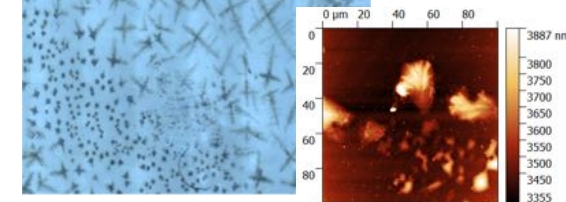
b=67 nm



0.4% PEO + Li 5%
+ Gr 0.1%



0.4% PEO + Li 5%
+ Gr 0.1%
b=71 nm
b=82 nm



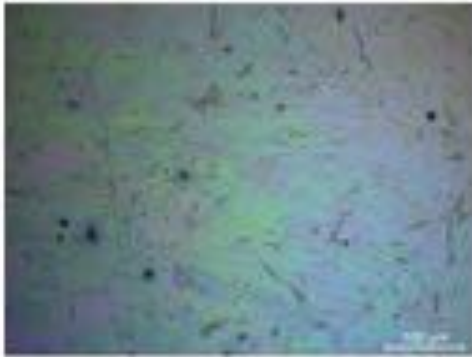
Applied Electric Field

Homo-, hetero- nucleation

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PEO %

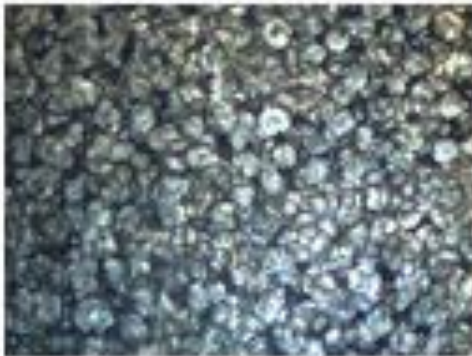
0.5 %



1.0%



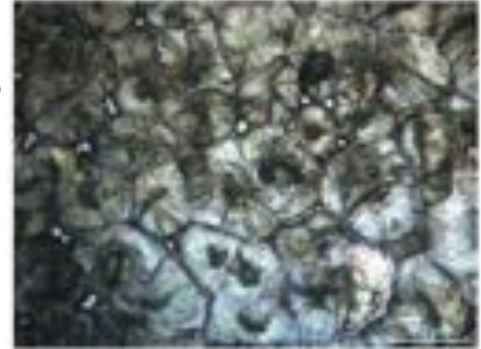
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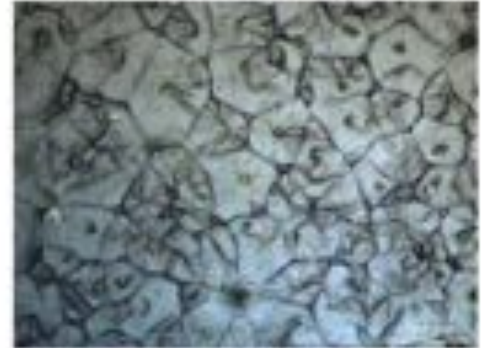
20x

CNT 0.1%

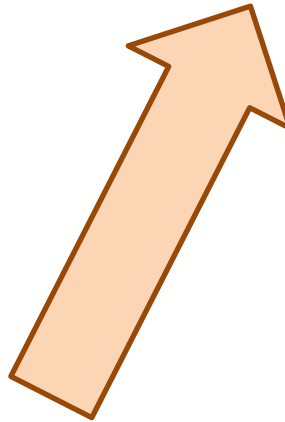
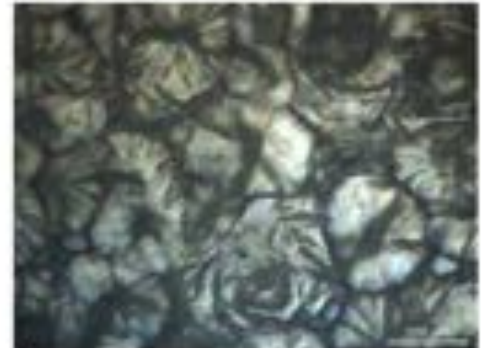
2.0% + CNT



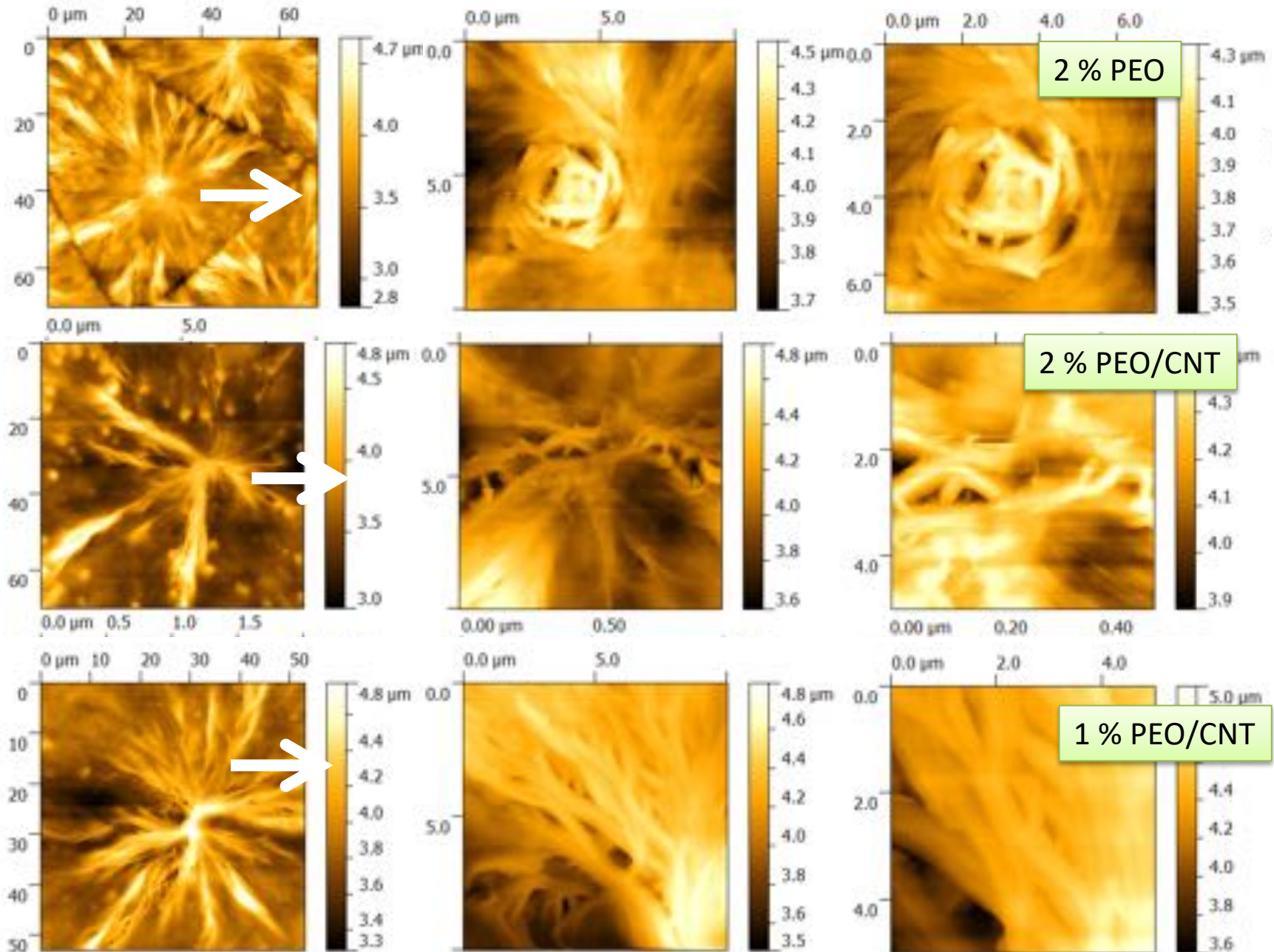
2.0% + MMT



2.0% + SiO₂

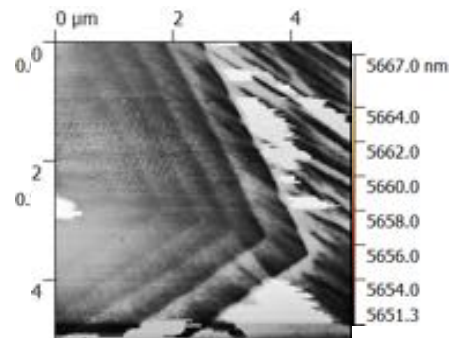
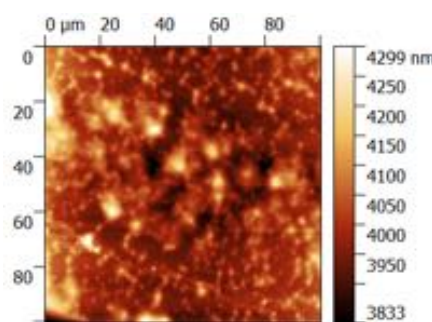
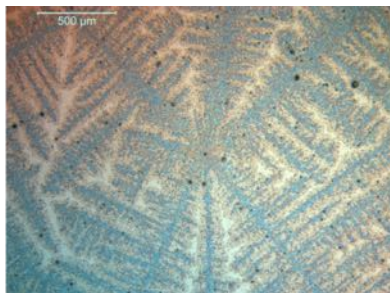


| Drop on Silicon: CNT -nucleation

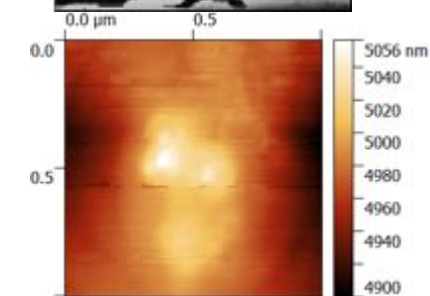
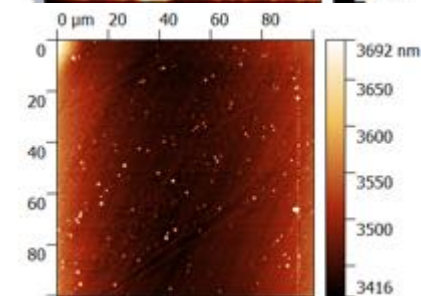
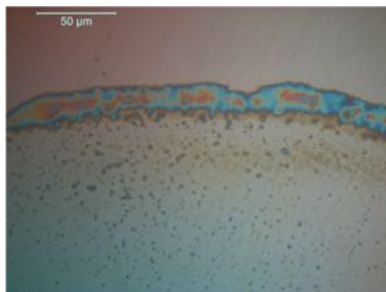


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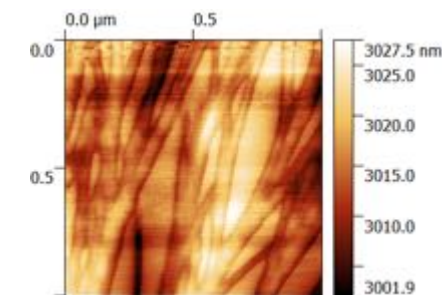
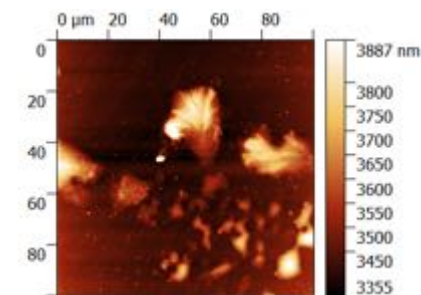
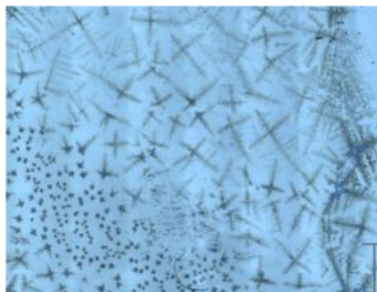
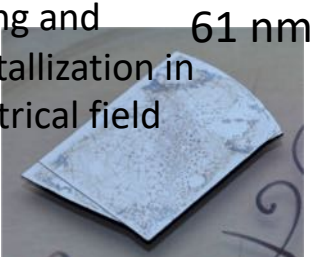
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Poling and
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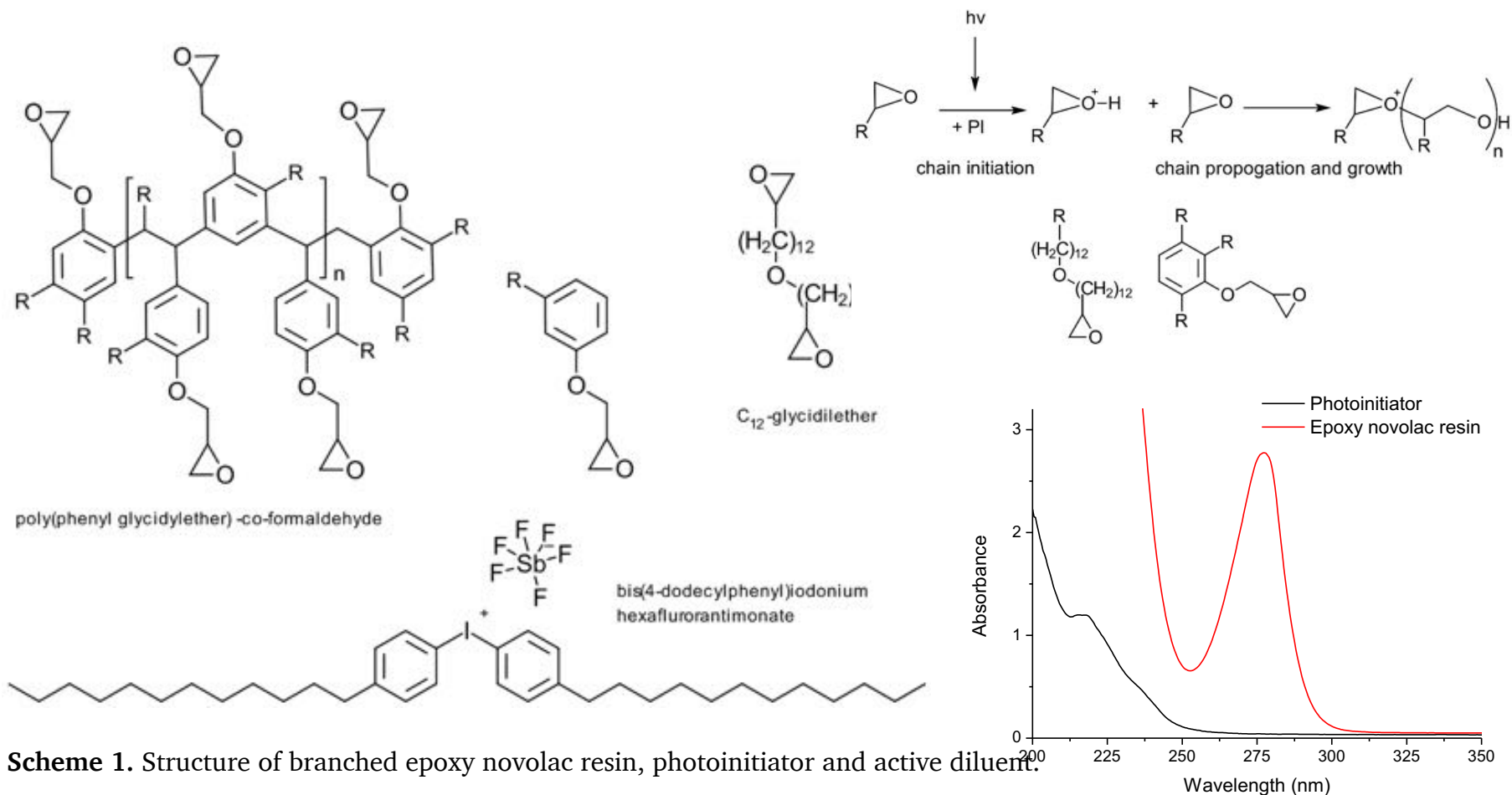
8. UV-light Induced Curing of Epoxy Novolac Resin for Protective Coatings

Post cure MarineMend System with heating/steam coils at a minimum substrate temperature 60°C for 24 hours!!!

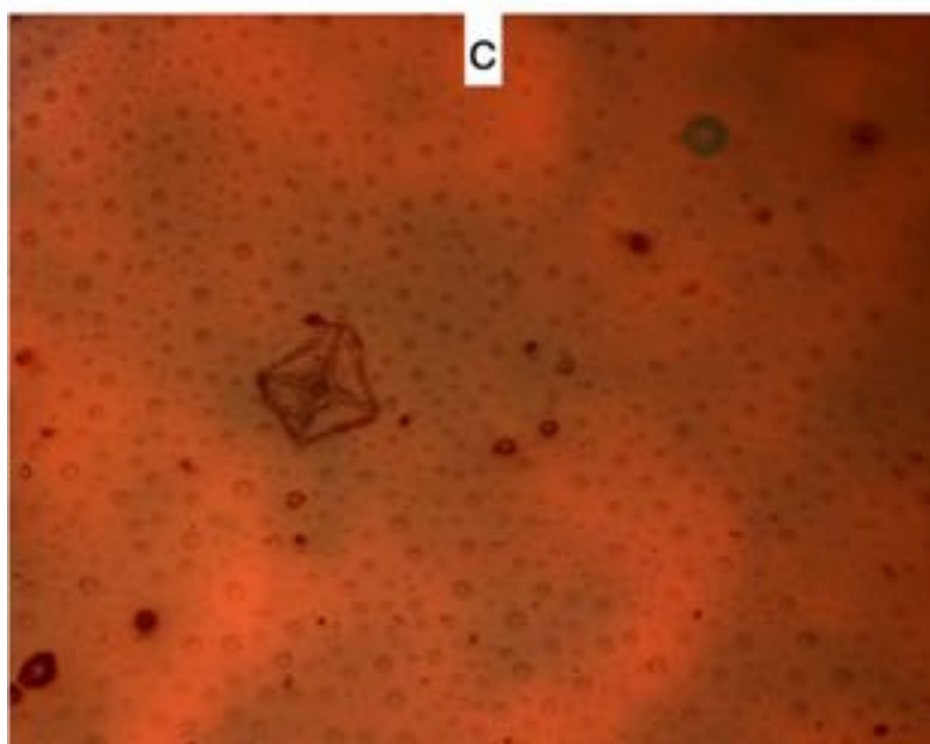
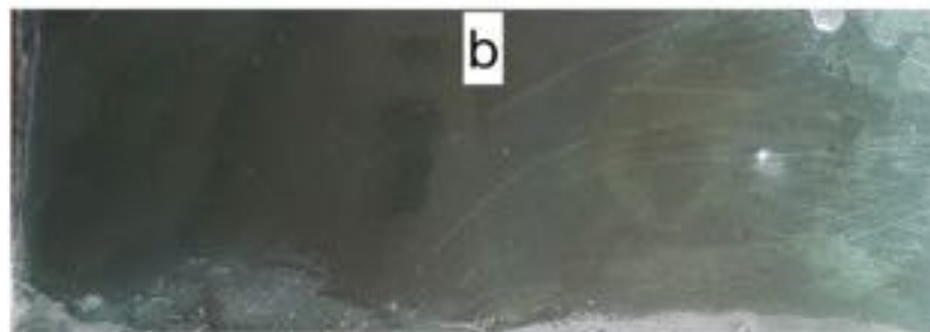
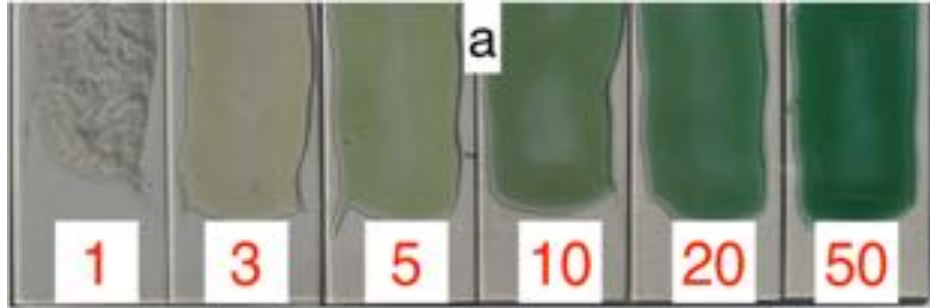


the developed ENR photopolymerization technology can be used to receive protective coatings for applications in power generation and maritime industries where thermal curing processes and two-component resin hardening are unacceptable.

Chemistry



Scheme 1. Structure of branched epoxy novolac resin, photoinitiator and active diluent.



UV Curing

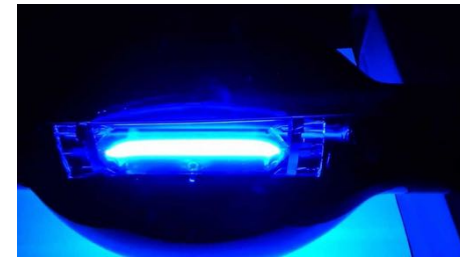


Fig. 3. Images of ENR coatings on glass with 1.5% of PI and irradiation times of 1, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 min. (a); ENR coating with 1.5% of PI and irradiation time 5 min. on steel (b); optical microscopy image with hardness indentation for ENR 1.5% of PI and irradiation time 3 min. (c).

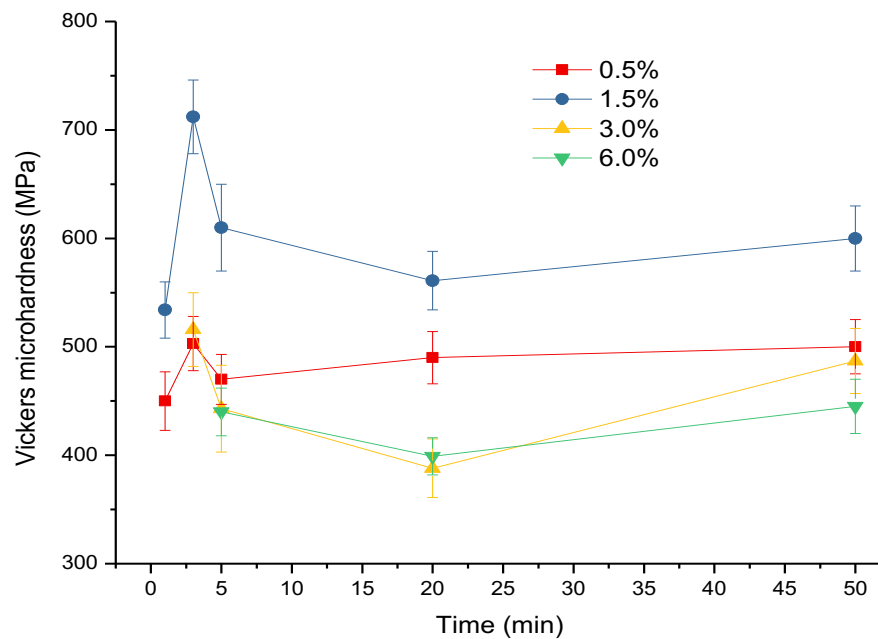


Fig. 4. Time dependence of Vickers microhardness of photocured ENR coatings for different PI concentrations.

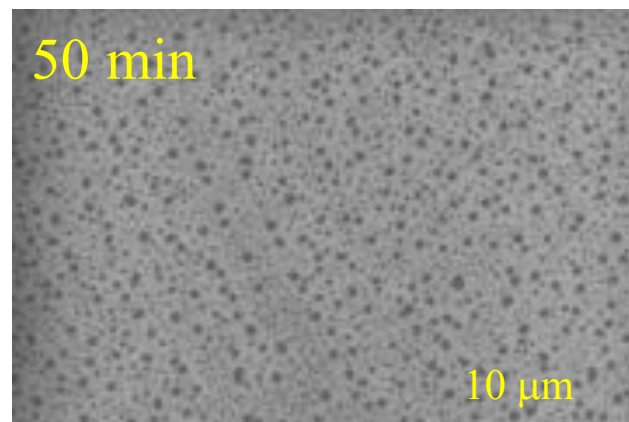


Fig. 5. FE-SEM images of photocured ENR coatings with PI=1.5% at irradiation times of 5 and 50 min.

FTIR

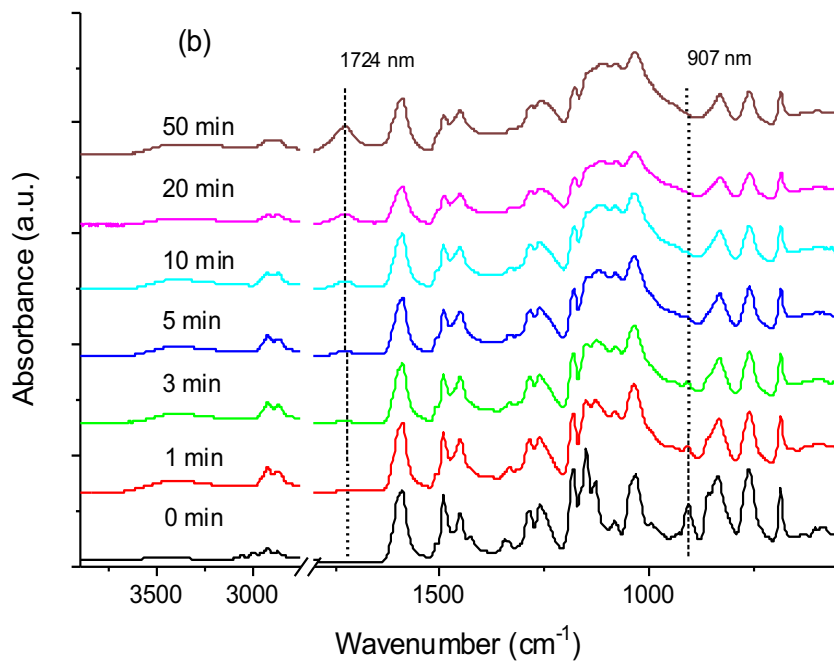
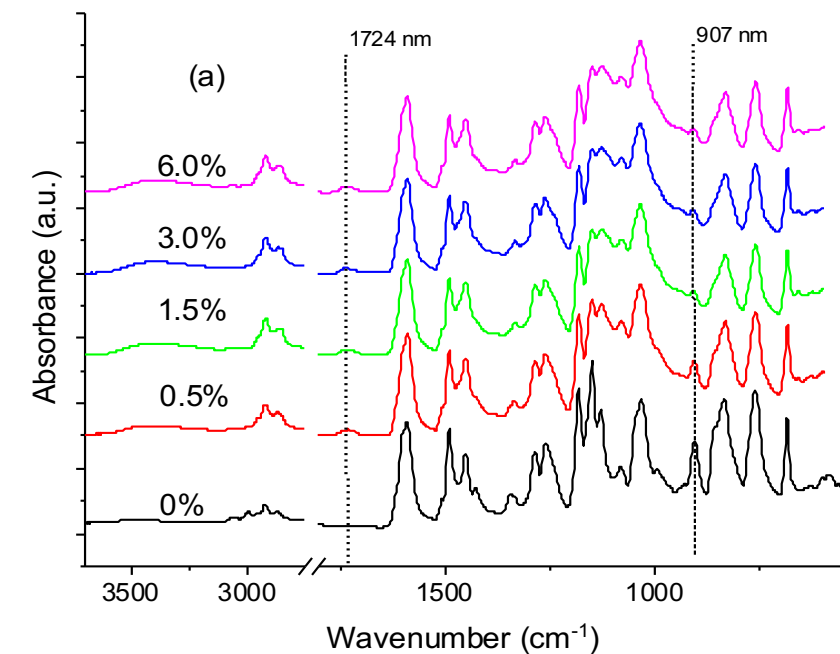
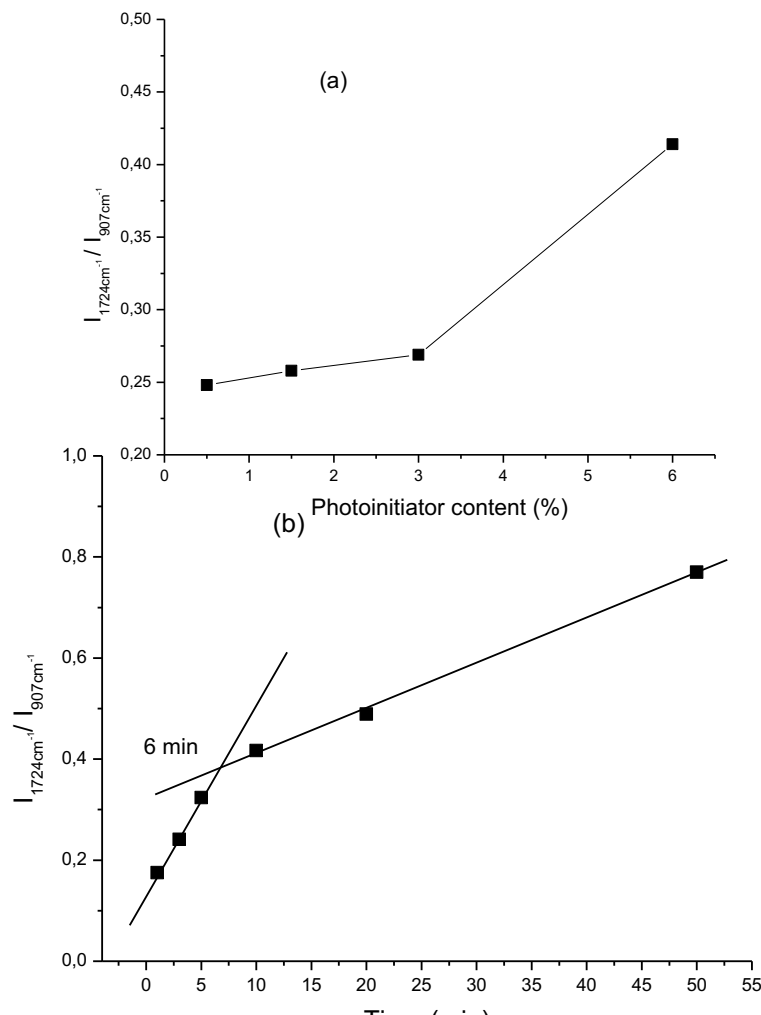


Fig. 6. FTIR absorption spectra of ENR for different PI concentrations and an irradiation time of 5 min. (a); time evolution of FTIR absorption spectra of ENR with PI=1.5% (b).



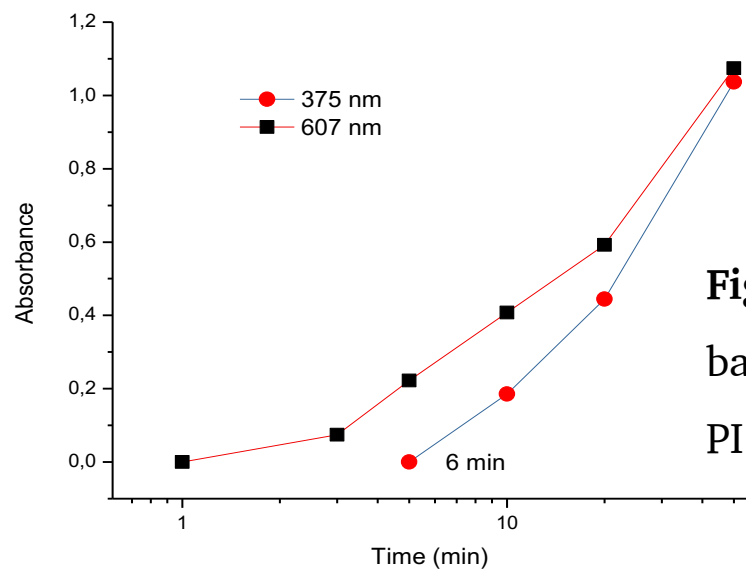
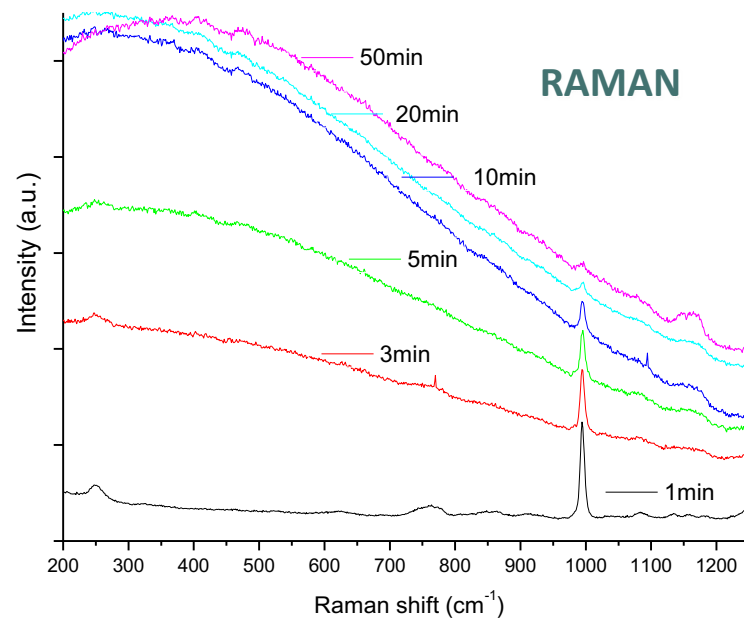
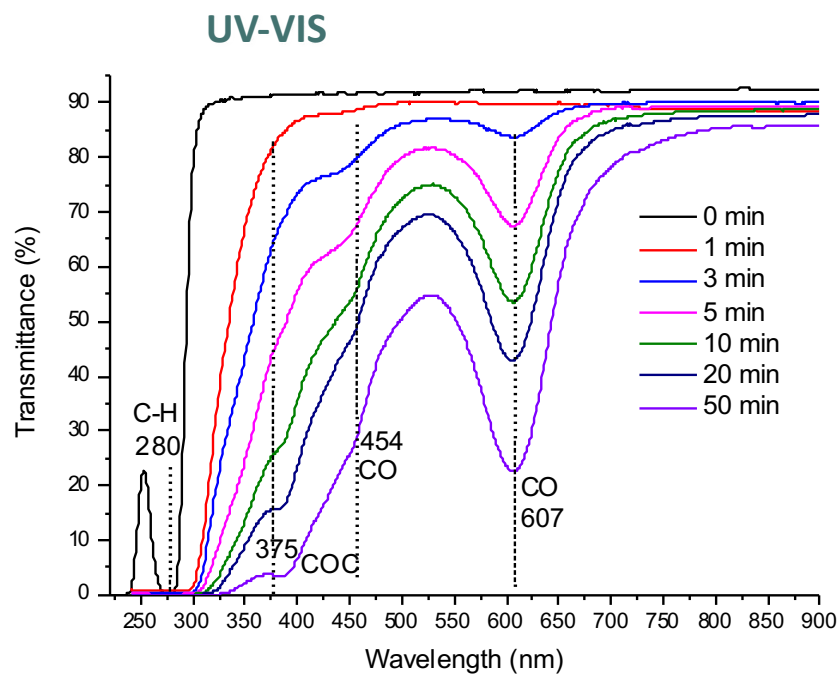


Fig. 10. Time-dependent absorption of bands 375 and 607 nm of ENR with PI=1.5%.

Future topics and welcome for collaborations

- Materials for 3D printing
(3DPrintInn project 2018-2021)
 - Biobased polymers, biocomposites and wood mimic
 - photopolymerization, fusion deposition
- Polybutylene succinate, Polyhydroxy Alcanoate / LignoCellulose Biocomposites
- Carbon and hybrid nanoparticles incorporation into polymer composites
 - +EMI, ESD,
 - +Energy harvesting i.e. nanogenerators,
 - +shape memory, self healing
 - +laser fabrication of polymers

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Laboratory of lasers physics: Jānis

RTU IPM facilities

Melt processing of composites



TWO-ROLL MILLS



BRABENDER MIXER



TWIN SCREW EXTRUDER



GRINDER



CONTROLLABLE COMPRESSION MOULDING PRESSES
WITH HEATING

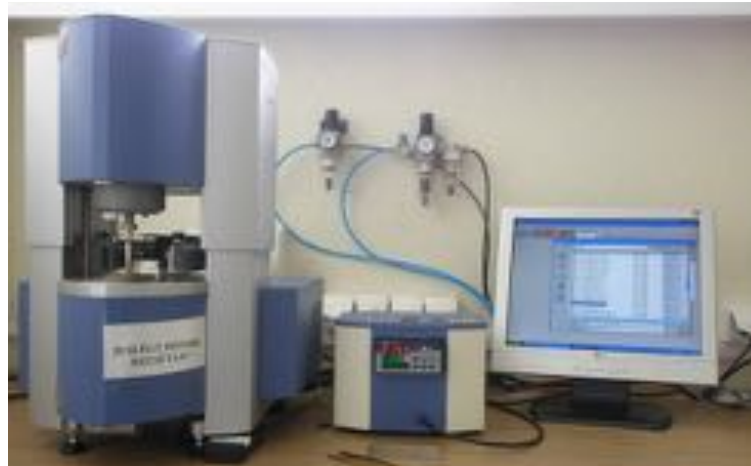


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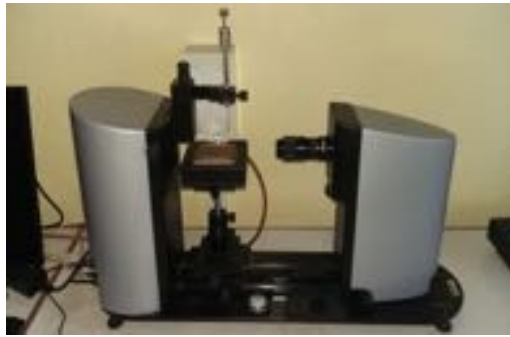


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