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## "Metal Matrix Composite Materials Strengthened with Ceramic Fibres and Particles"

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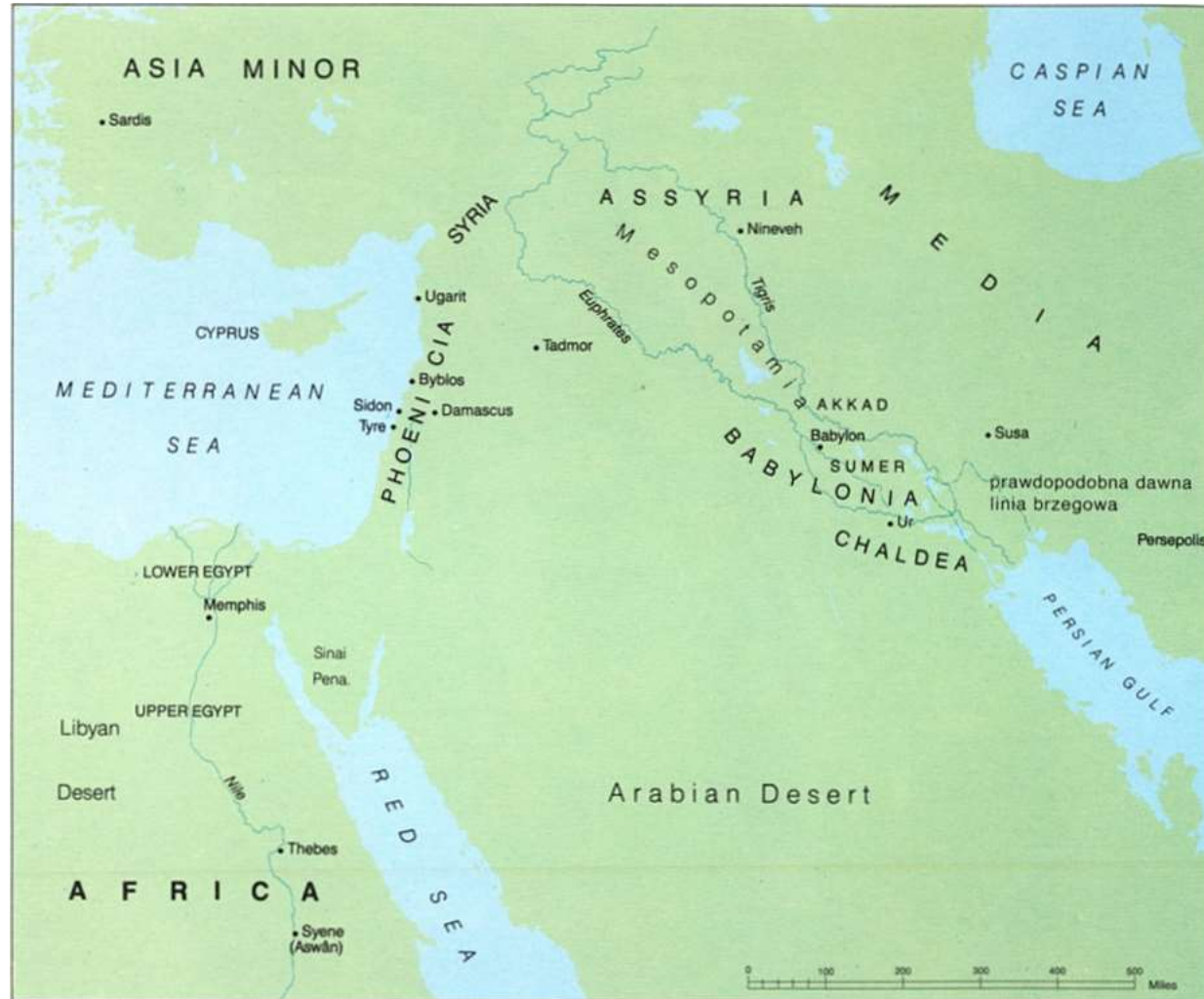
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# Possible places of first composite materials applications





# History of Composite Materials

Probably the oldest man made composite materials



<http://www.woolfmedia.com/wordpress/2010/04/making-bricks-without-straw>

<http://www.google.pl/imgresimgurl=http://www.modr.pl/img/sloma.jpg&imgrefurl>



# Ancient Egypt - Professions





## Forming of bricks from clay and straw





# Houses and large buildings in Africa built from composite materials



Typical village house in the Middle Africa made of composite materials



Palace in the East Africa built by Dogons made from the composite materials



## Research projects

„KomCerMet”, „Kompozyty i Nanokompozyty Ceramiczno-Metalowe dla Przemysłu Lotniczego i Samochodowego”, Program Operacyjny Innowacyjna Gospodarka 2007-2013, POIG 1.3.1, 2008-2013, Główny Koordynator: Prof. Michał Basista Instytut Podstawowych Problemów Techniki, Polska Akademia Nauk w Warszawie.



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„Micro- and Nanocrystalline Functionally Graded Materials for Transport Applications”, („Mikro- i Nanokrystaliczne Gradientowe Materiały Funkcjonalne do Zastosowań w Transporcie”), Akronim projektu: MATRANS Umowa:

CP-FP 228869-2 MATRANS; Projekt realizowany w ramach 7 programu Ramowego Unii Europejskiej, 2010-2013 Główny Koordynator Prof. Michał Basista, Instytut Podstawowych Problemów Techniki, Polska Akademia Nauk w Warszawie.



Jacek W. Kaczmar: *Wytwarzanie, właściwości i zastosowanie elementów z materiałów kompozytowych*, Oficyna Wydawnicza Politechniki Wrocławskiej, Wrocław 2014 (several smaller research projects)



# Specific strengths of chosen materials

Material	Tensile strength [MN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Specific gravity [N/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Specific strength [km]
Titanium alloy TiAl6V4	900	4500	44145	20,38
Magnesium alloy MgAl10ZnMn	430	1800	17658	24,35
Al - alloys	460	2700	26487	17,36
Cast iron	175	7870	77204	2,27
Carbon tool steel	800	7870	77204	10,36
Polypropylene (PP)	30	900	8829	3,39
Polystyrene (PS)	55	1050	10300	5,33
Composite material – matrix epoxy resin – carbon fibres	7000	2000	19620	356,78
Polyoksymethylene (POM)	66	1410	13832	4,77
Polycarbonate (PC)	61	1200	11772	5,18
Polyurethane (PUR)	75	1050	10300	7,28



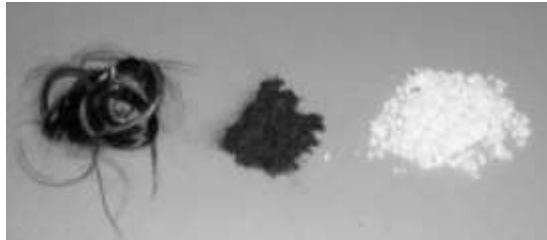
# Activities of the research group in the area of metal matrix composite materials

## **Metal alloy based composite materials**

1. Copper based composite materials strengthened with ceramic particles
2. Copper based composite materials strengthened with ceramic fibres SAFFIL
3. Aluminium alloy (2024, 7075, EN AC-4420) based composite materials strengthened with ceramic fibres SAFFIL
4. Aluminium alloy (2024, 7075, EN AC-4420) based composite materials strengthened with ceramic particles



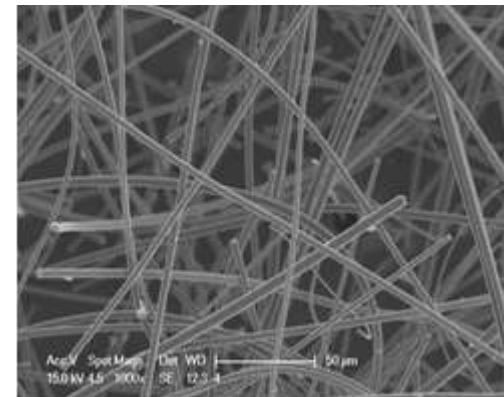
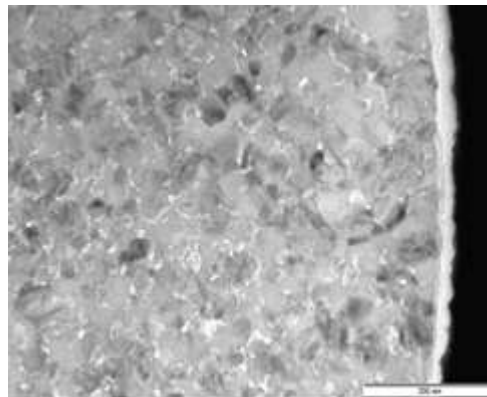
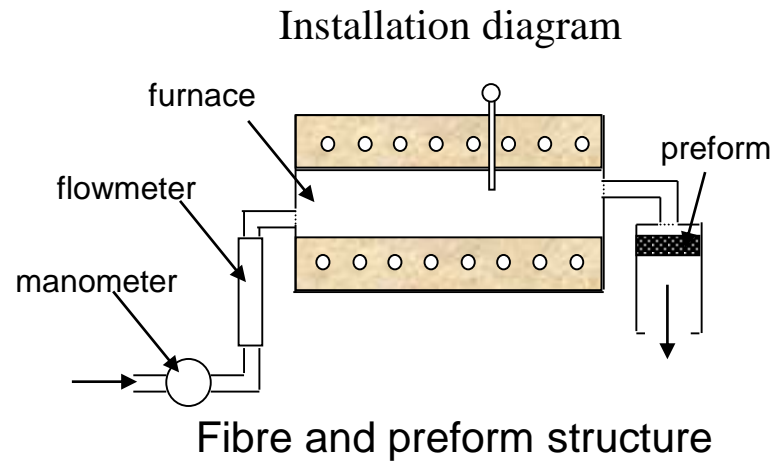
# Production of ceramic fiber preforms



Mixing in water solution of silica binder

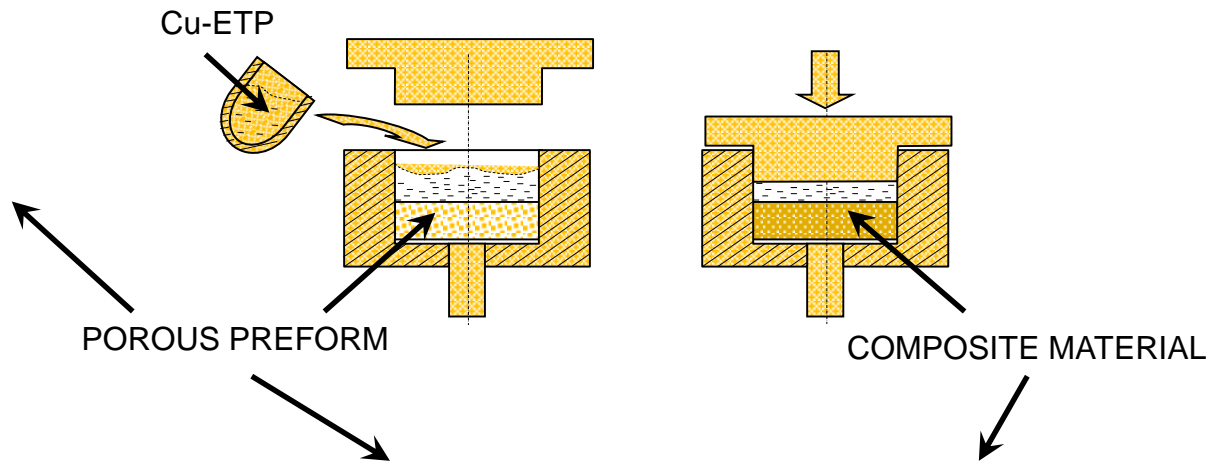
Forming and drying

Firing at 950°C

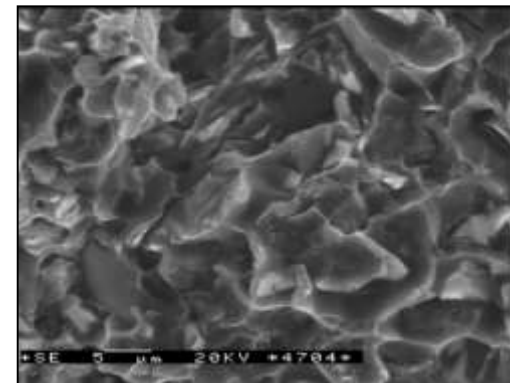
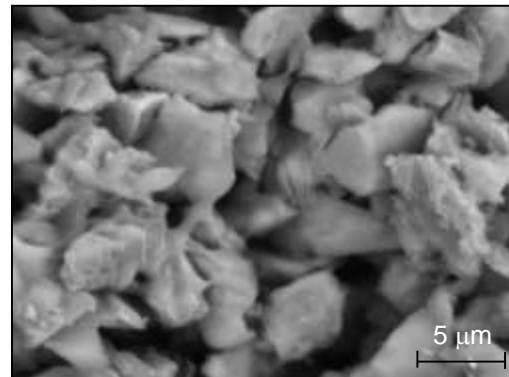




# Production of copper based composite materials reinforced with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles

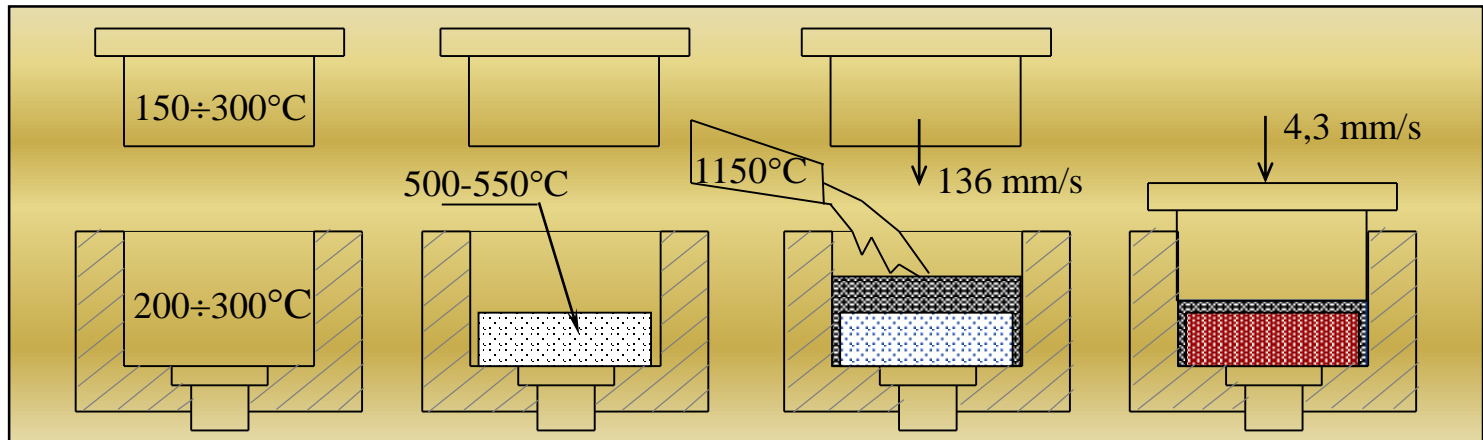


Diameter	3-6 $\mu$ m
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> content	> 99%
Admixtures	Na <sub>2</sub> O, K <sub>2</sub> O, CaO, SiO <sub>2</sub> , Fe <sub>2</sub> O
Density	3,95 +/-0,5 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Bulk density	1,52-1,85 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Hardness	> 9 in Mohs scale





# Squeeze casting parameters of Cu-based composite materials



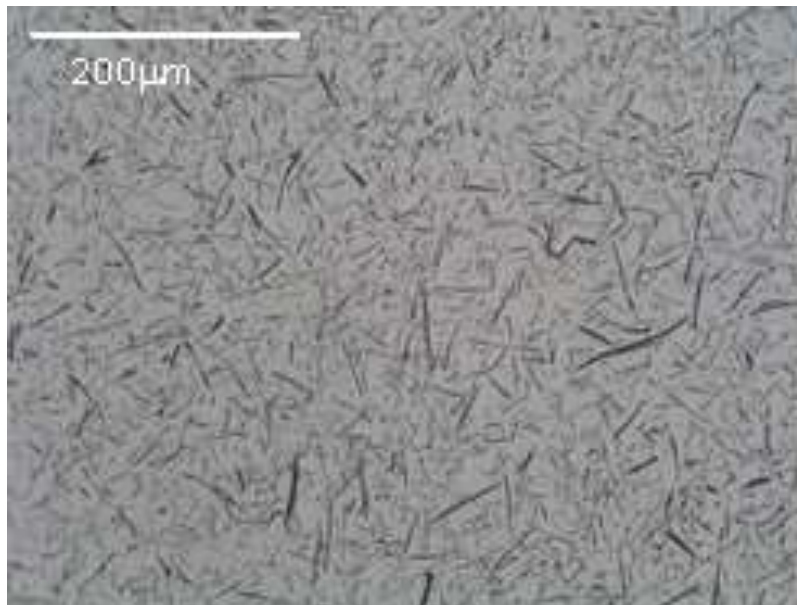
Pleacing of preform



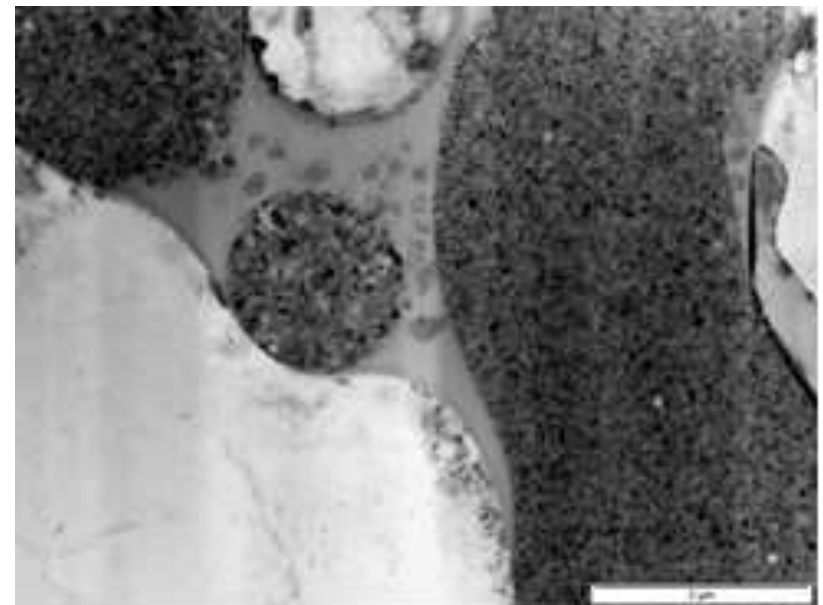
Squeeze casting proces



# Microstructure of composite materials



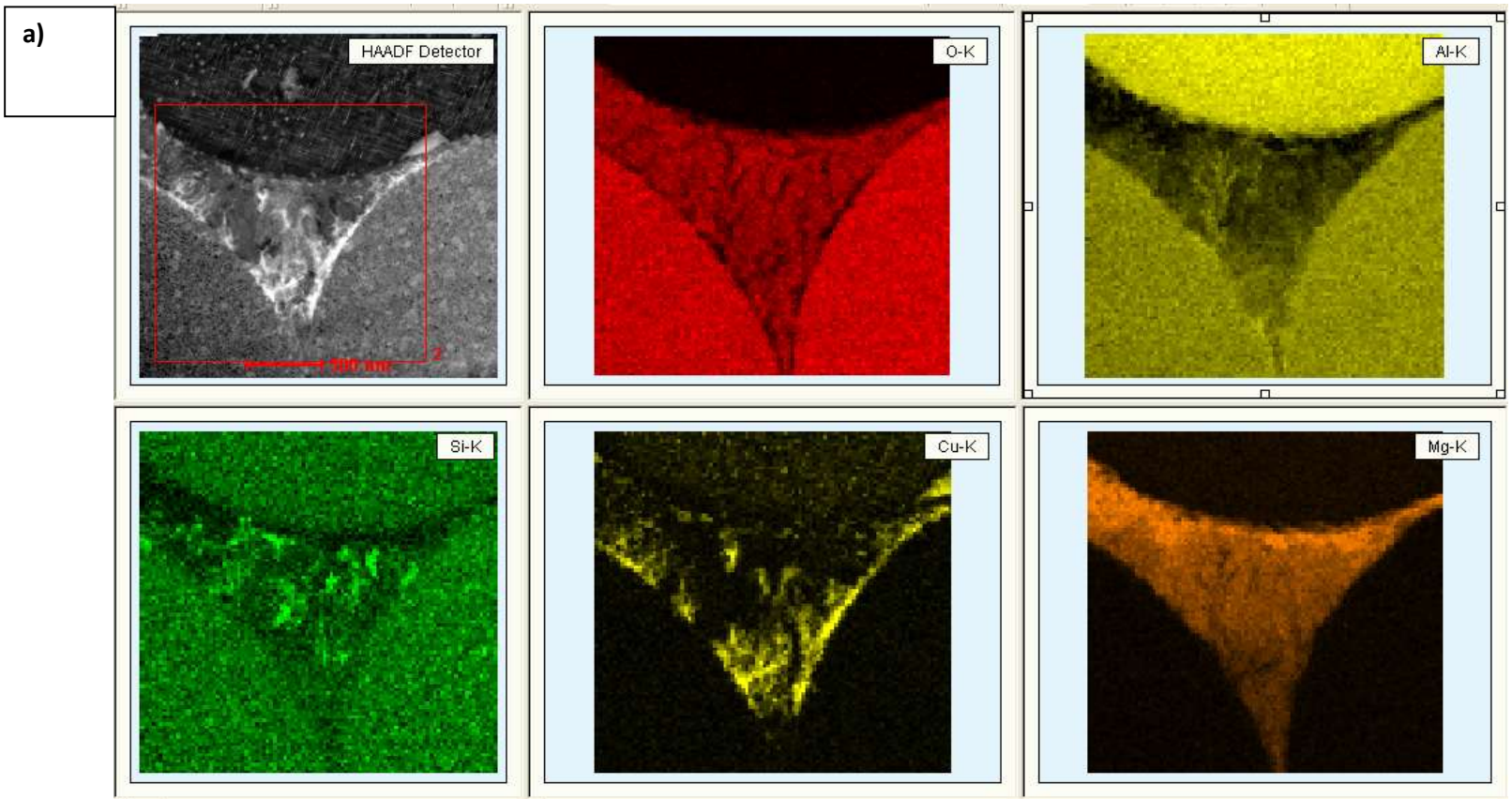
Structure of material Al 7075-10 vol.% Saffil fibers, plane xy,



Composite material Al 7075 with the bridge between fibres with the amorphous and crystalline SiO<sub>2</sub> (Electron Transmission Microscopy-photograph taken by Prof. J. Morgiel IMIM-PAN Cracow)



# Microstructure of composite materials



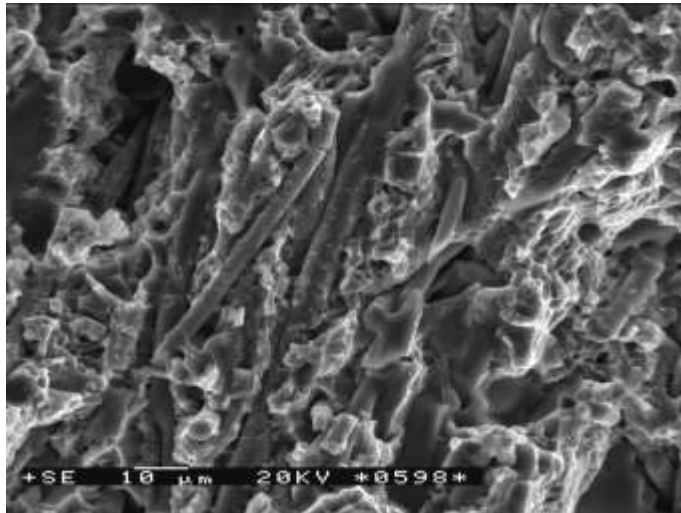
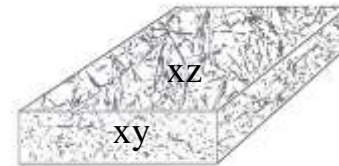
Maps of chosen elements (O, Al, Si, Cu i Mg) after pressure infiltration of ceramic preforms with 2024 Al alloy



# Composite materials

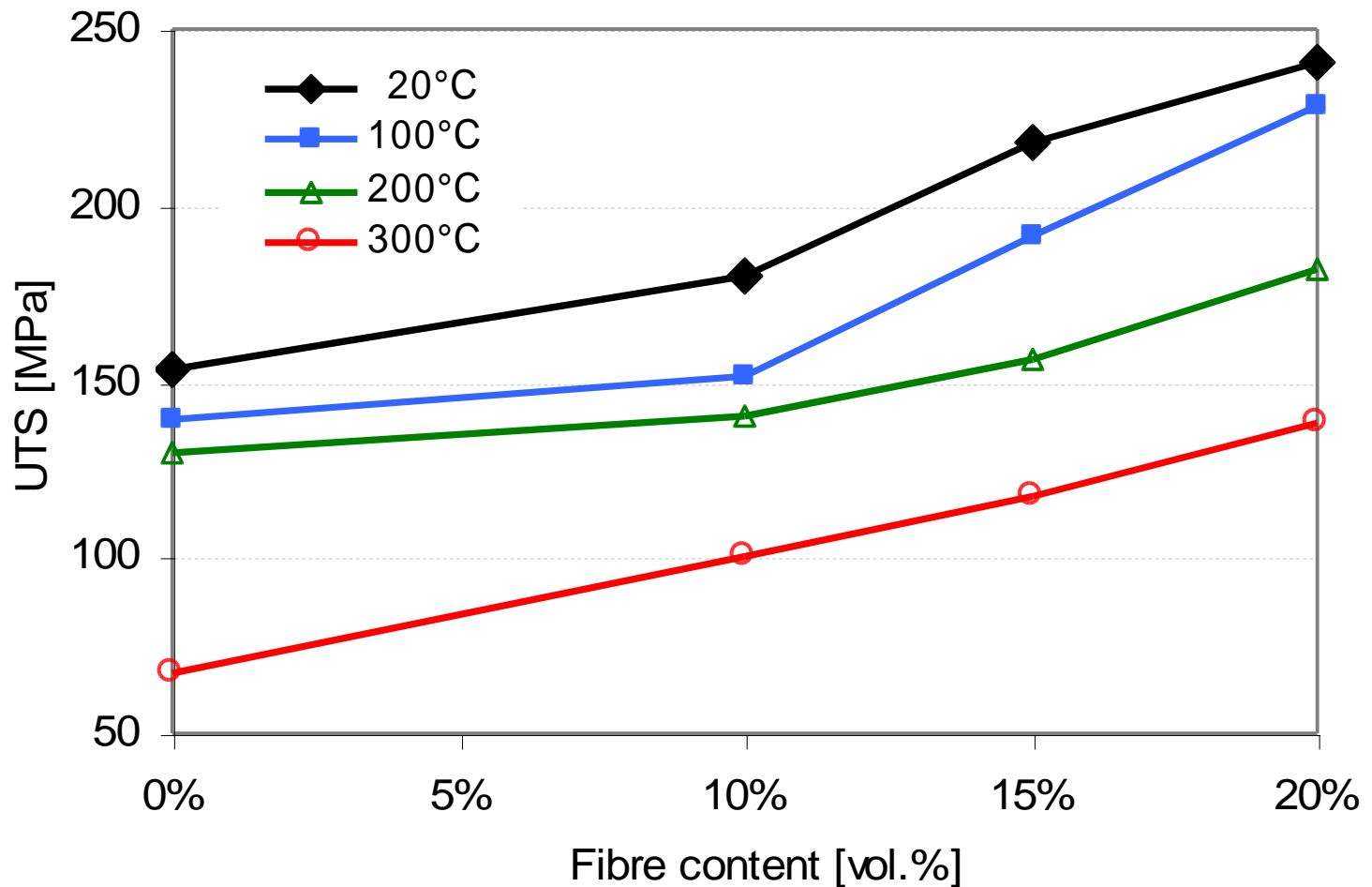
## Aluminium alloy EN AC-44200-fibres SAFFIL (10,5-13,5%Si; 0,4%Fe; 0,35%Mn; 0,1%Zn; 0,15%Ti)

Fracture at xz plane





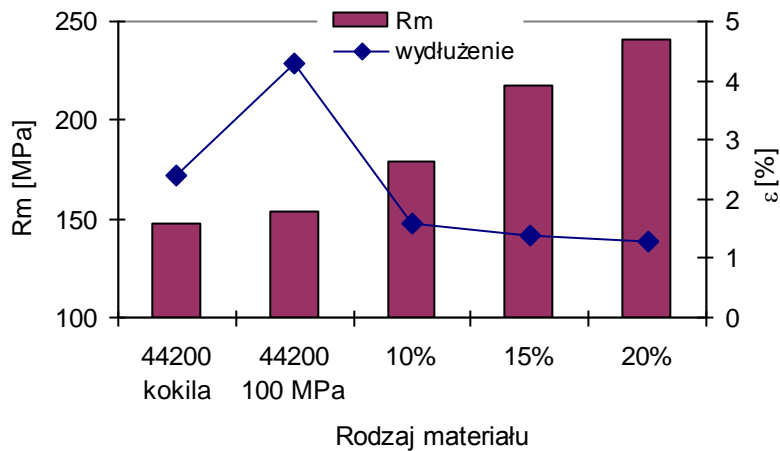
# Ultimate tensile strength of unreinforced aluminium matrix EN AC-44200 (0%) and composite materials in 20-300°C



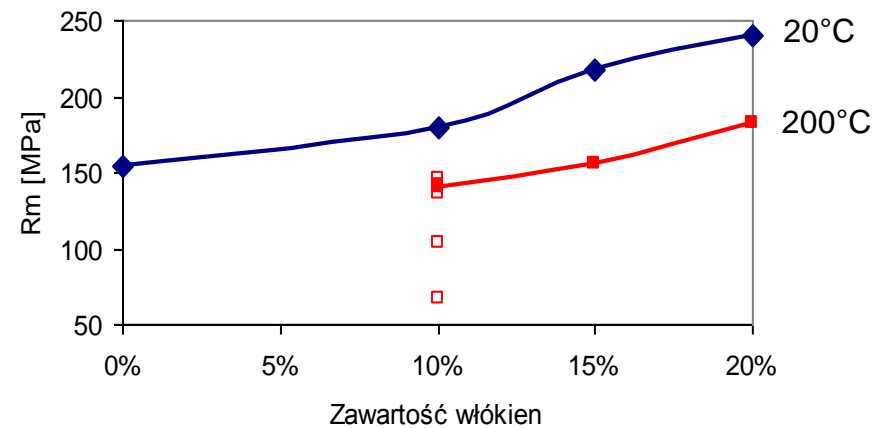


# Tensile strength of unreinforced EN AC-44200 and composite materials

Tensile strength and elongation  $\varepsilon$  of cast EN AC-44200 cast conventionally, under pressure and of composite materials

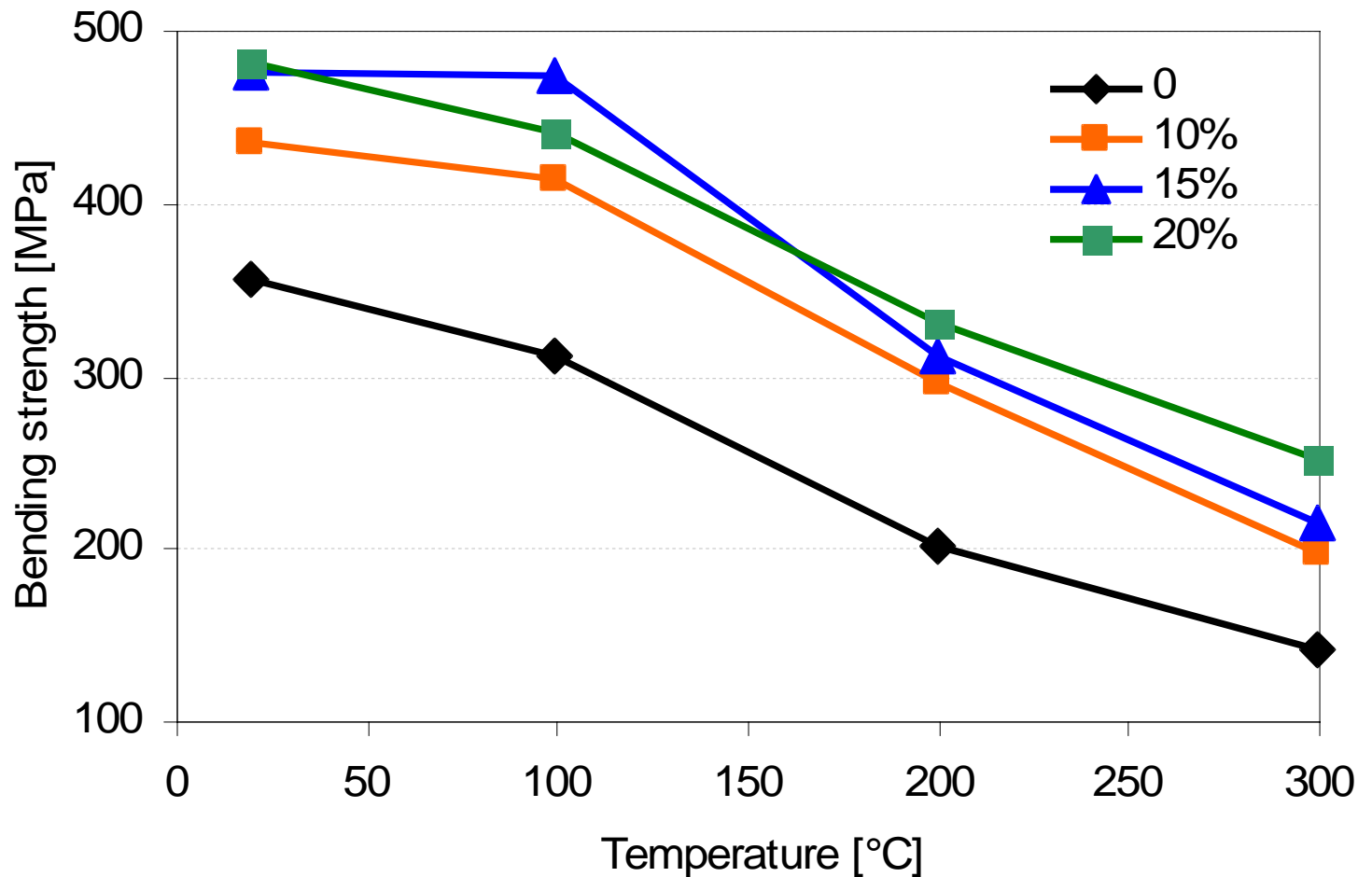


Tensile strength at the temperatures of 20°C and 200°C



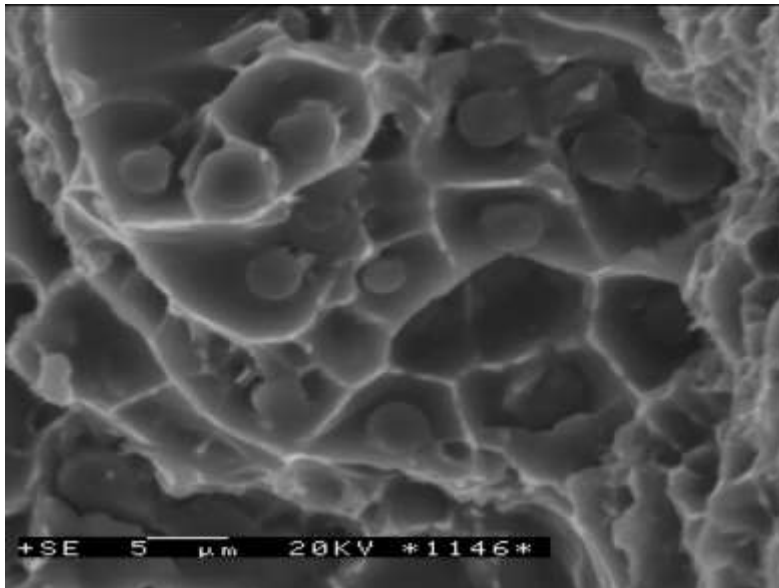


# Bending strength in 20-300°C of unreinforced aluminium alloy EN AC-44200 and composite materials reinforced with 10, 15 i 20% of fibers

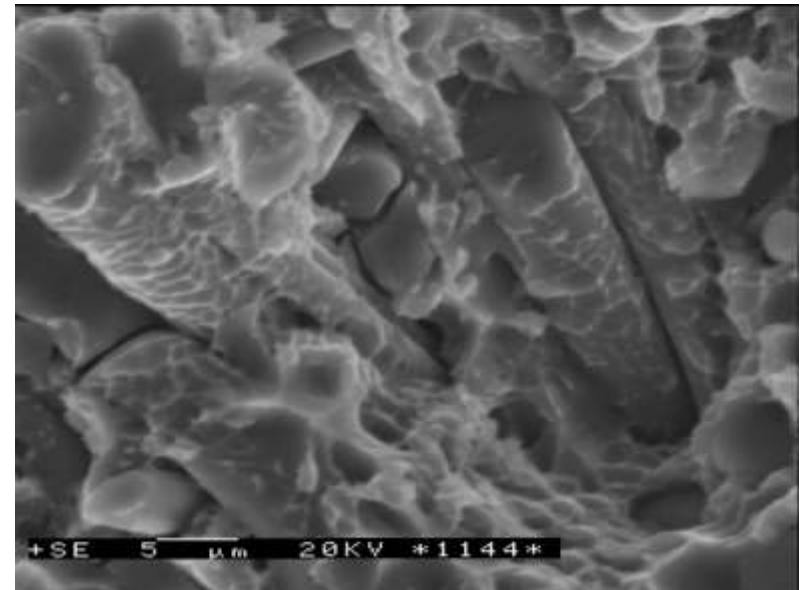


# Scanning investigation of composite fracture after bending test at 100°C

Fibers normal oriented to fracture

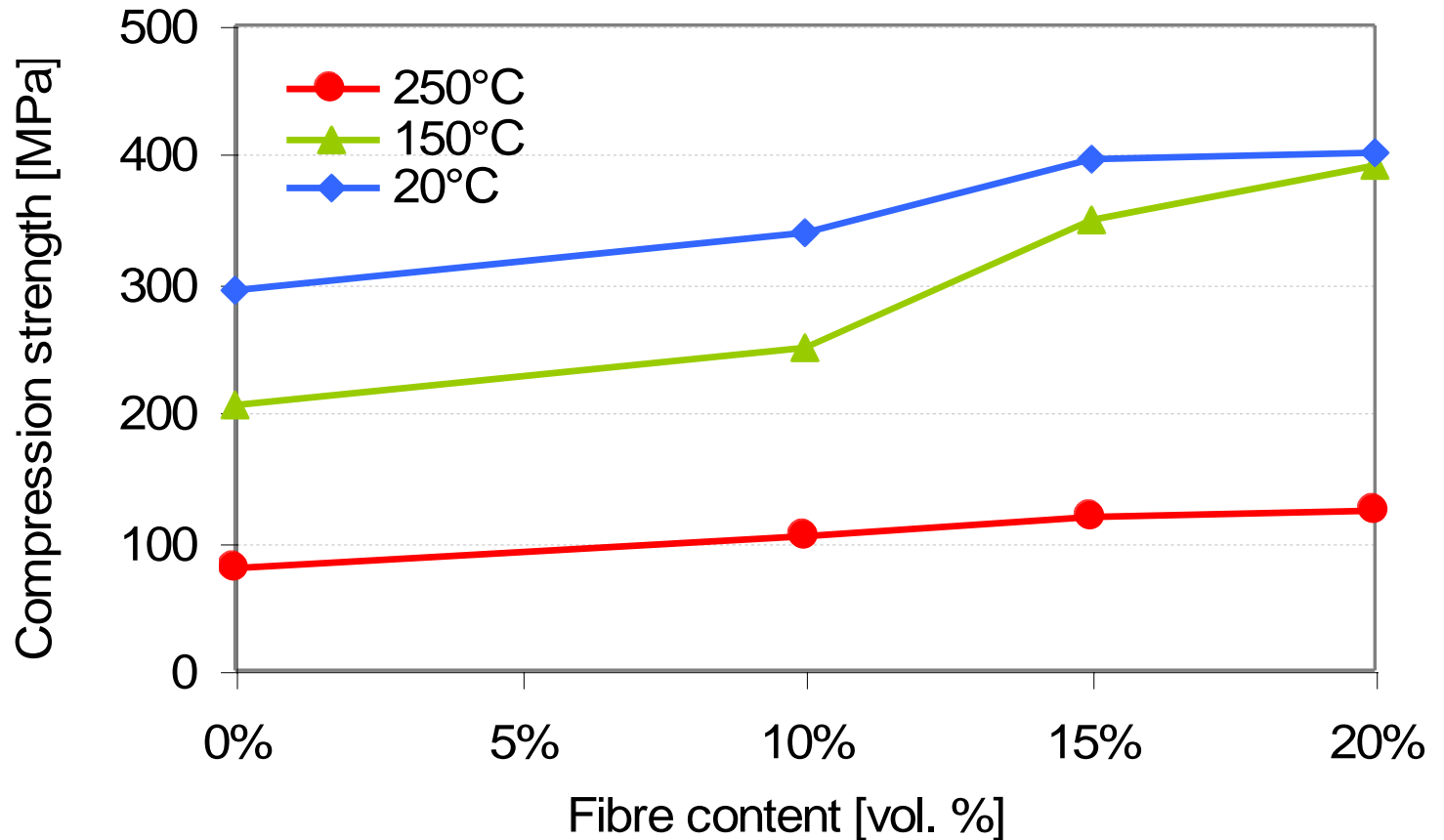


Fibers parallel oriented to the fracture



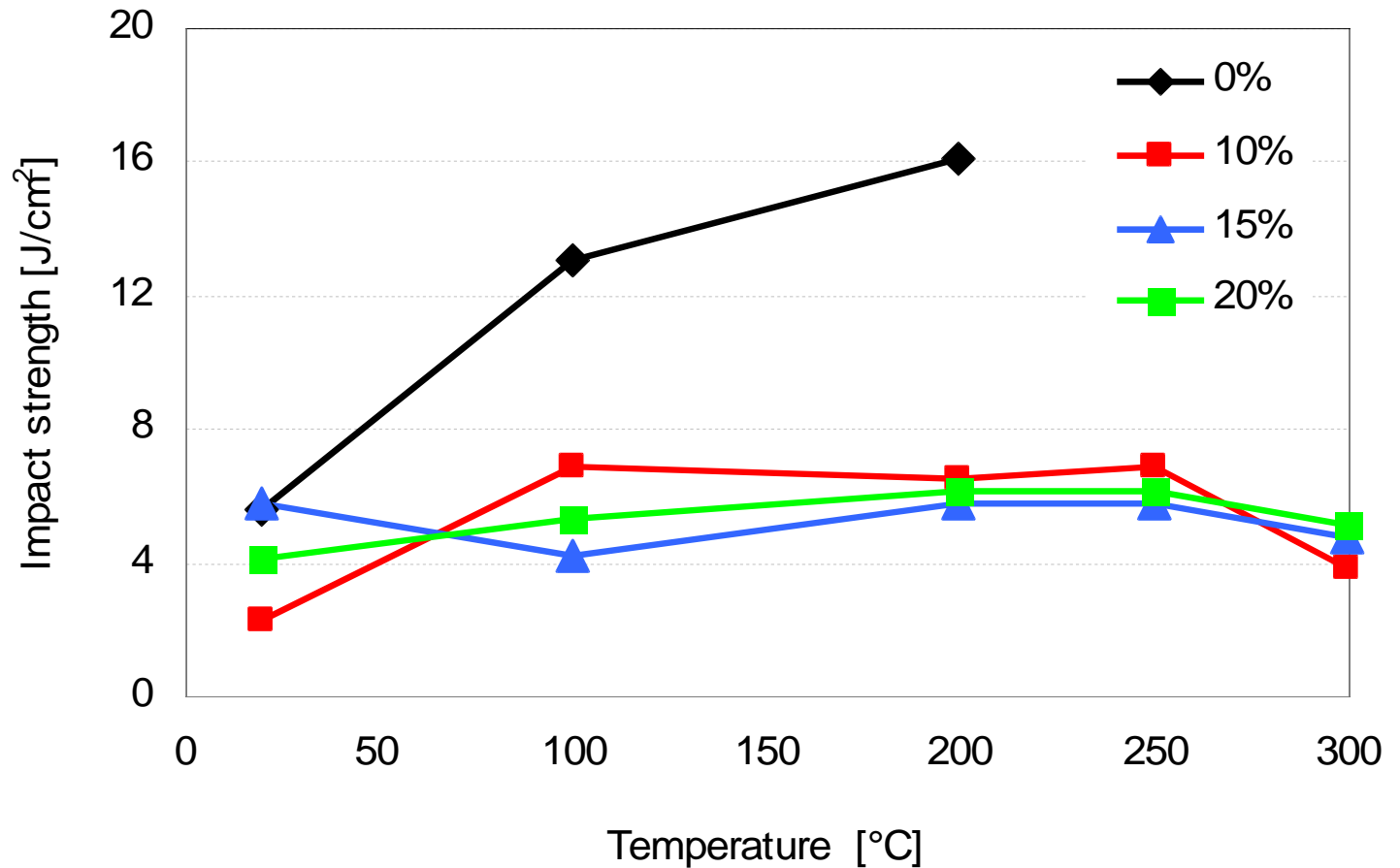


# Compression strength in 20-300°C of unreinforced aluminium alloy 44200 (0%) and composite materials reinforced with 10, 15 and 20% of fibers





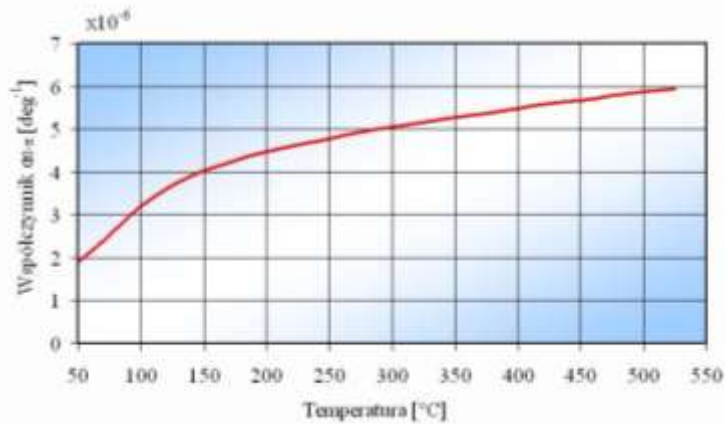
# Impact strength of unreinforced 44200 alloy (0%) and composite materials reinforced with 10, 15 i 20% of fibres at 20-300°C



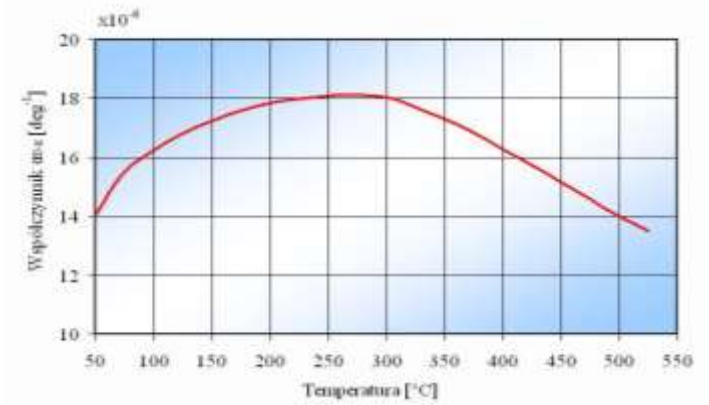


# Dilatometric investigations

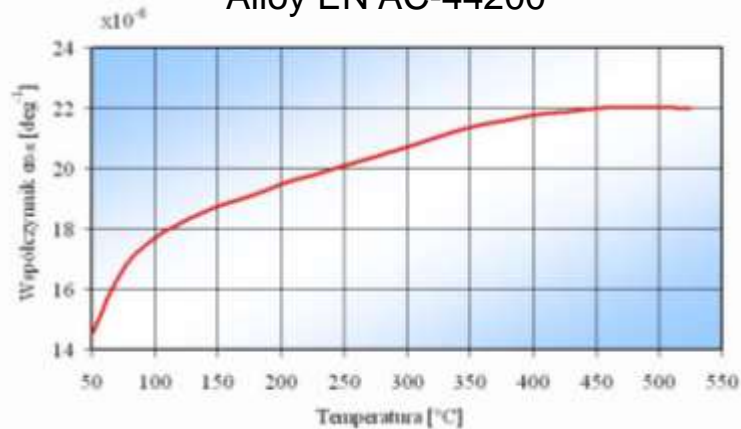
Preform from Saffil fibres



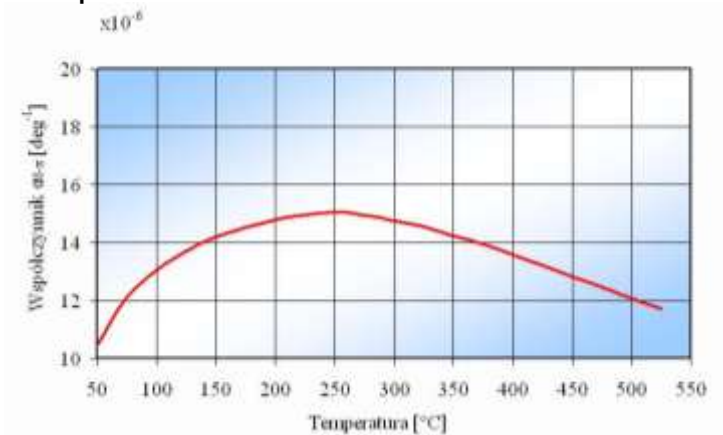
Composite material 44200-10 vol. % SAFFIL



Alloy EN AC-44200

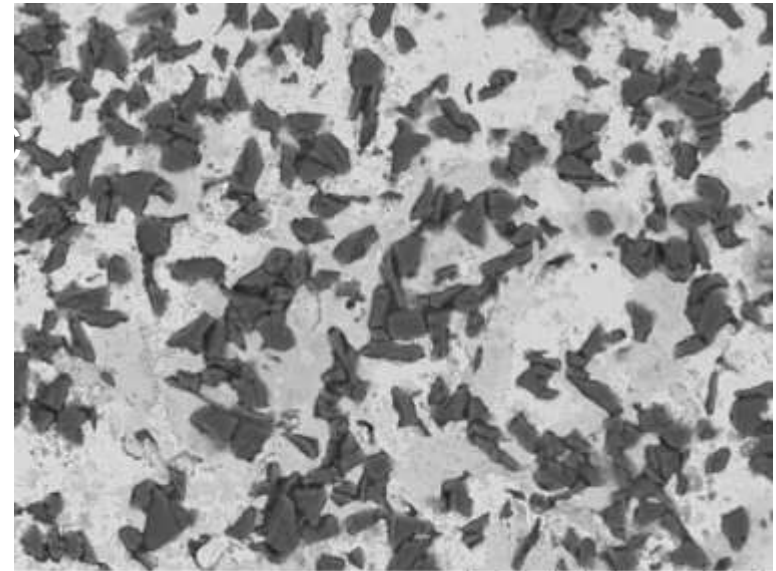
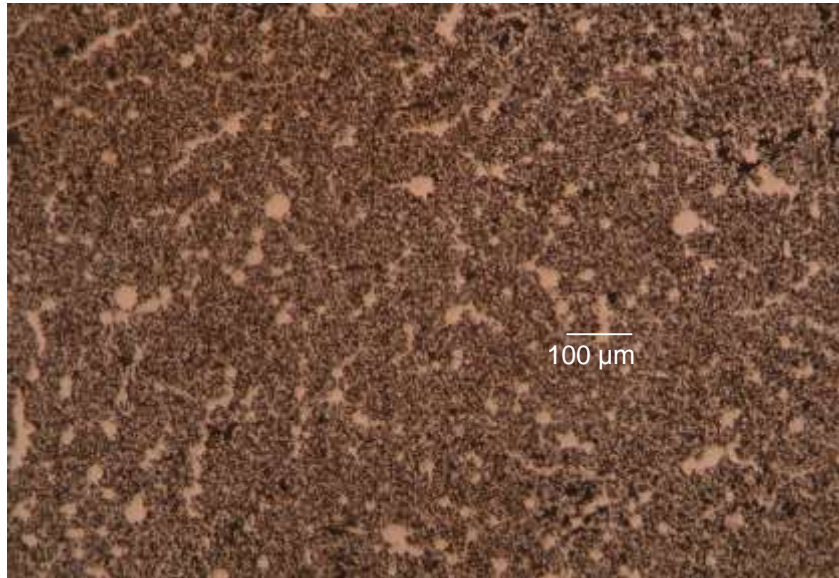


Composite material 44200-20 vol. % SAFFIL



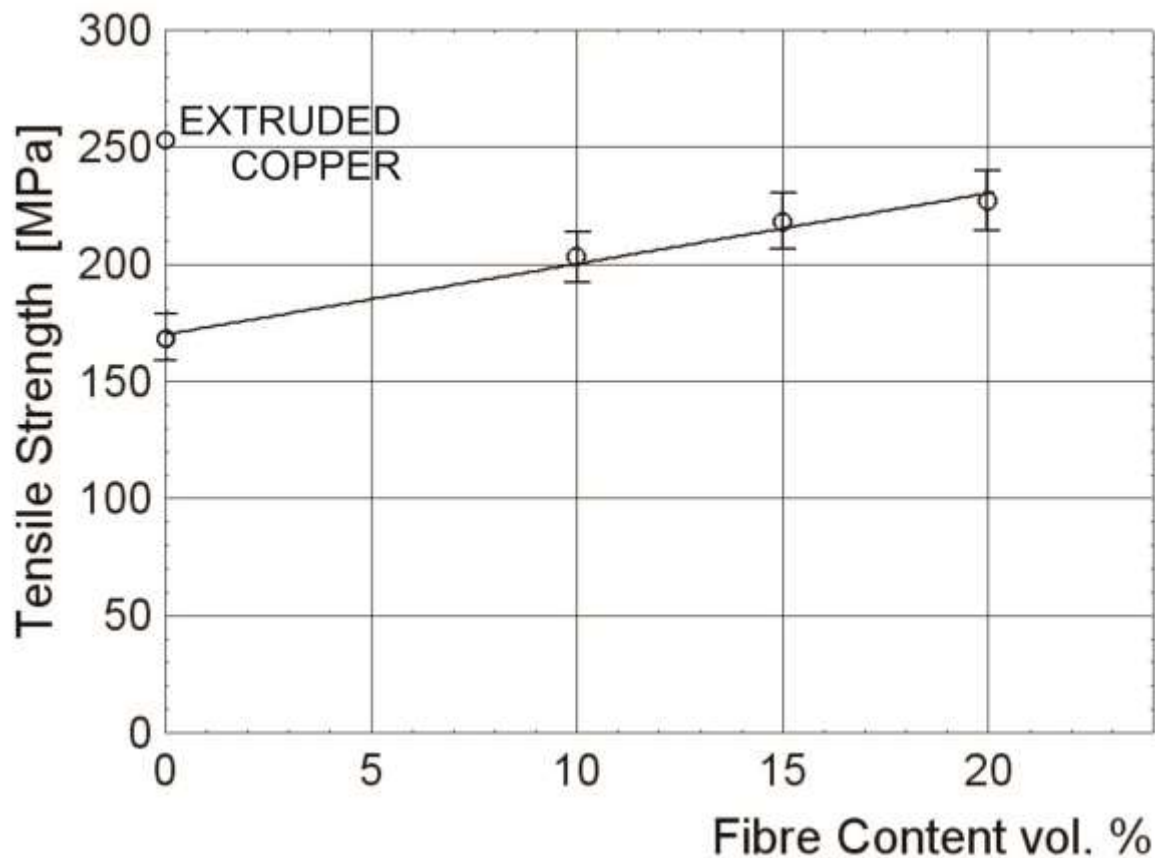


# Microstructure of copper based composite materials with ceramic particles



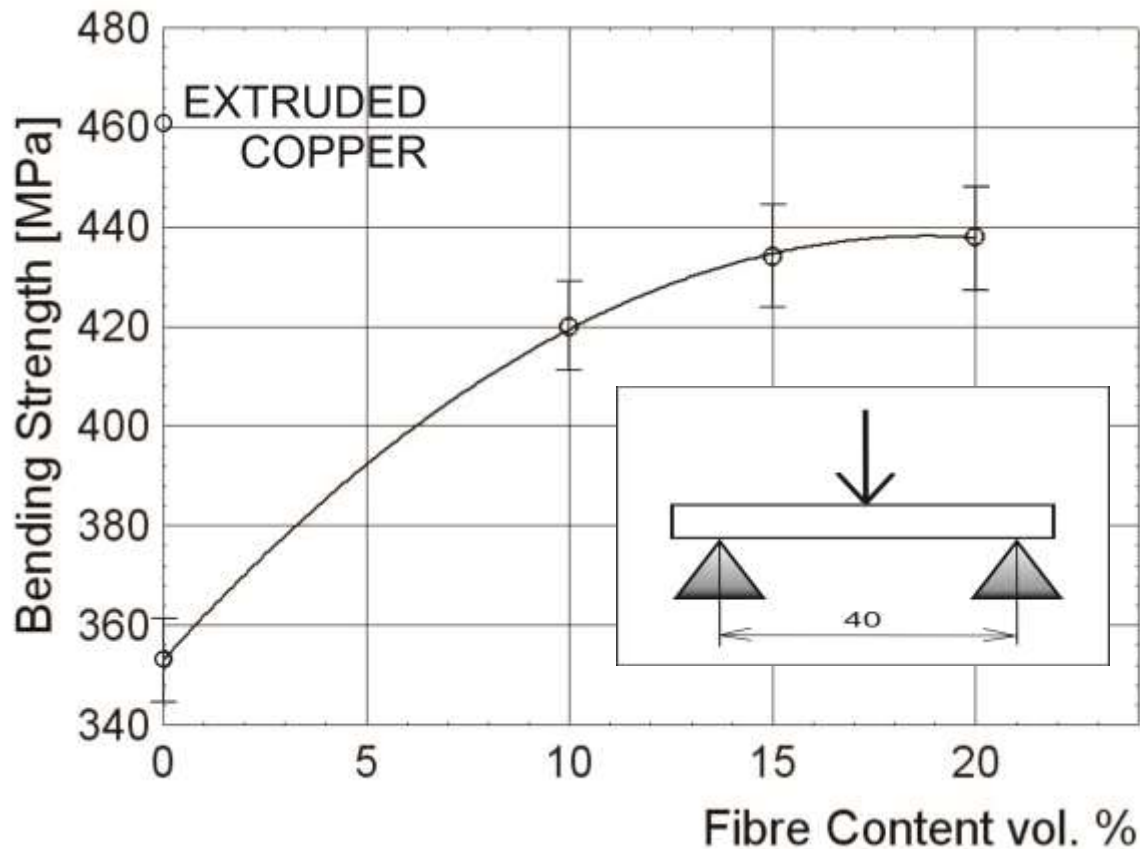
Microstructure of copper based  
composite materials with 30 vol. %  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

## Cu-based composite materials -Tensile strength



Tensile strength  
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Cu-SAFFIL 10,15, 20  
vol.%

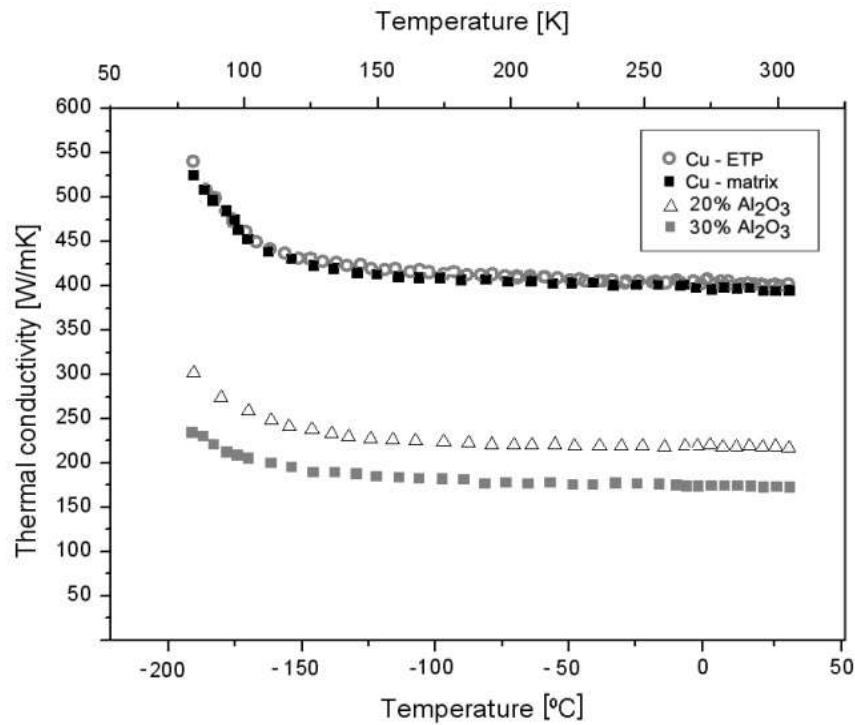
# Bending strength



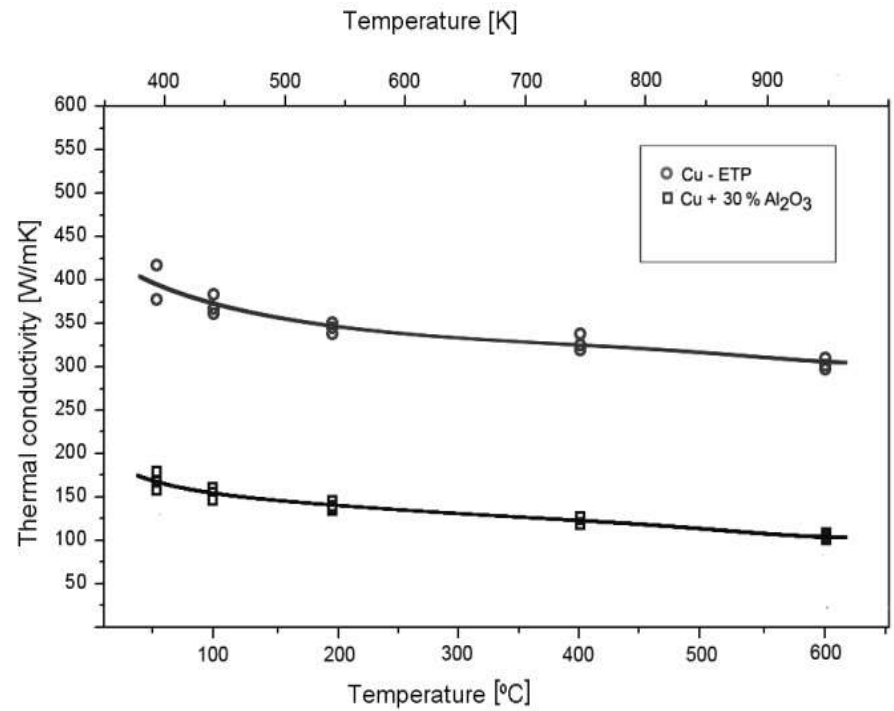
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# Thermal conductivity



The temperature range -200 to 25 °C

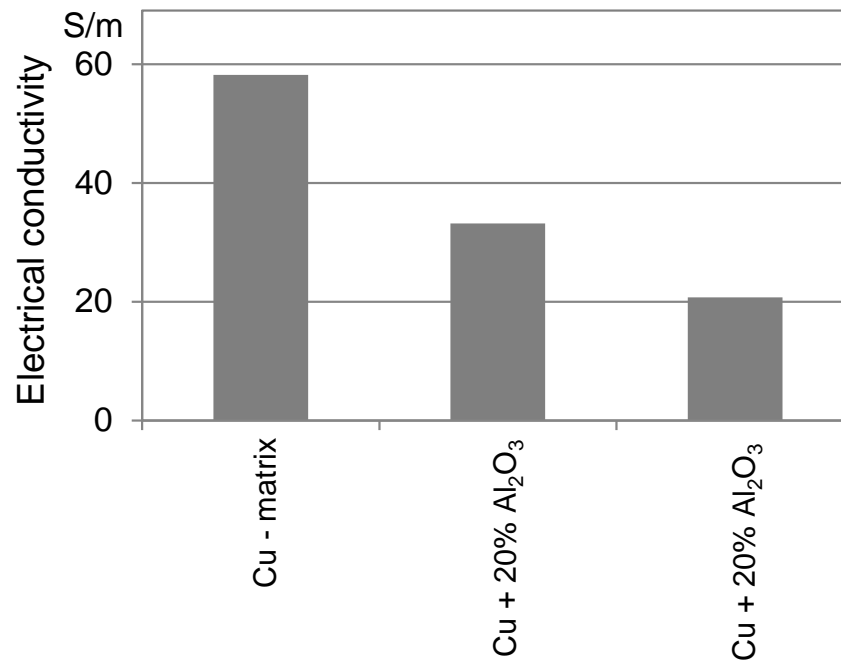


The temperature range 50 to 600 °C,



# Electrical conductivity

Materials	$\sigma$ [S/m]	$\rho$ [ $\Omega \cdot \text{mm}^2/\text{m}$ ]	[% IACS]
Cu - ETP	58,35	0,01714	100,6
Cu - matrix	58,20	0,01718	100,3
Cu + 20% $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	33,20	0,03012	57,2
Cu + 30% $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	20,70	0,04831	35,7

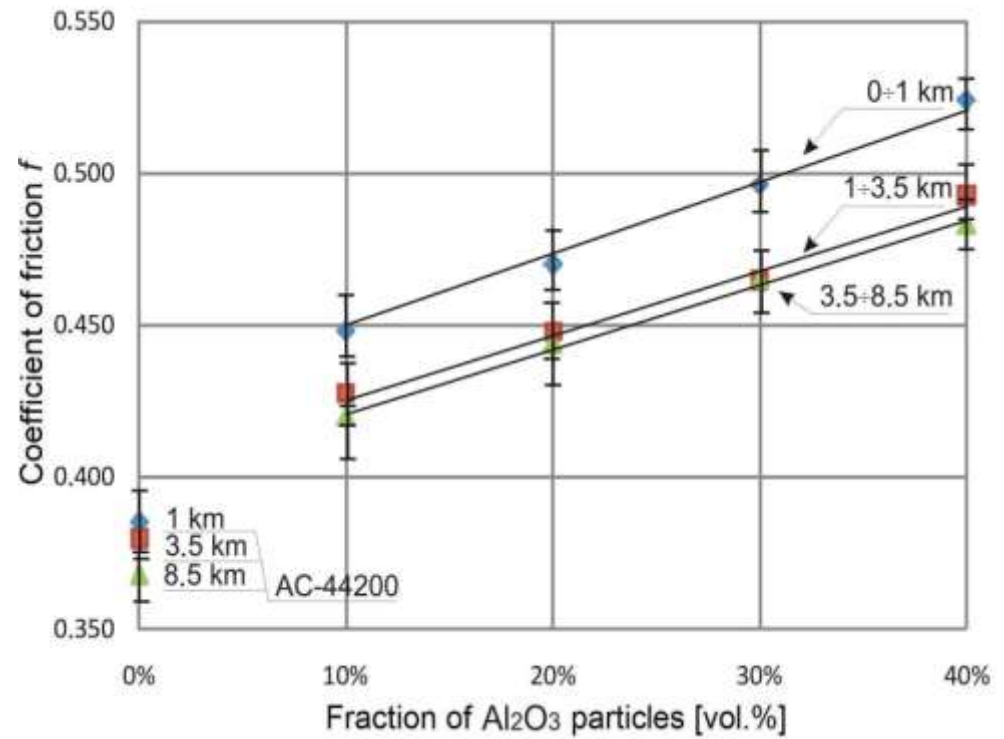




# Wear test



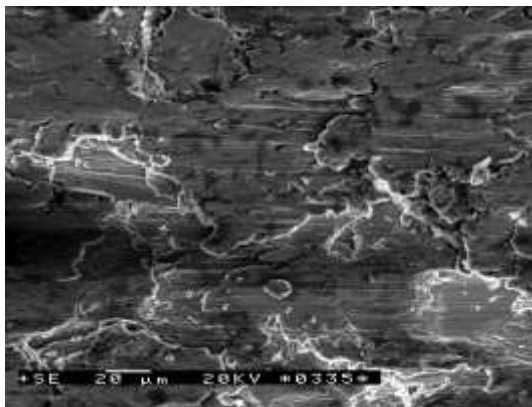
Pin-on-disc tester



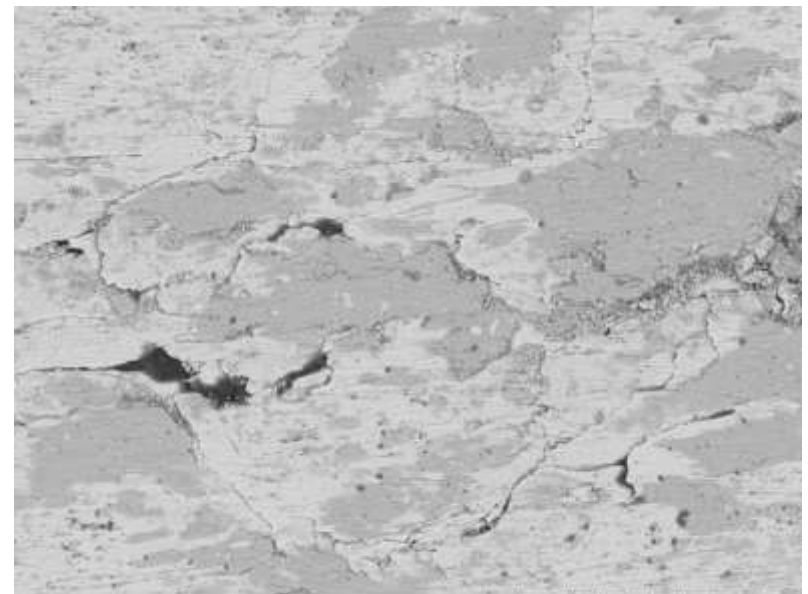


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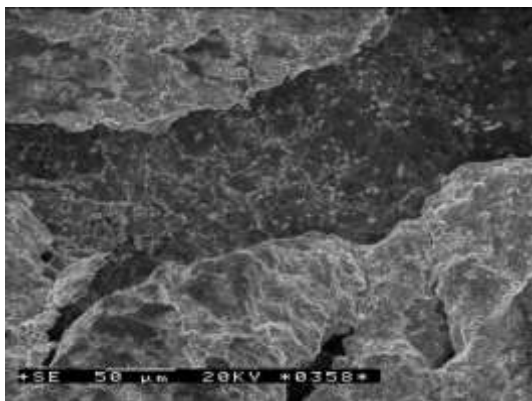
**Cu**



**Cu + 20 vol. % Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**



**Cu + 20 vol. % Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**





# Applications of composite materials



1. Composite brake Drums, Traverse City, Michigan, USA
2. Brake discs, REL, Calumet, Michigan, USA
3. Connecting rods, MX Composites, Linköping, Sweden





# Applications of composite materials in the military vehicles



Technical and military specifications of tank of Type 10 manufactured by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan

Mass: 43.25 tonnes, 48.0 tonnes fully equipped, Length/width/height: 9.485 m/3.24m/2.30m, crew 3  
Armor: non-crystal steel (nor Triple Hardness Steel), modular ceramic composite armor, light weight upper armor

# Hemp as a raw material for industrial applications

## America



**Housing, windows,  
balustrades, terrace**  
**External elements**

## Europe



**Architecture and  
furniture**  
**Internal  
elements**

## Asia



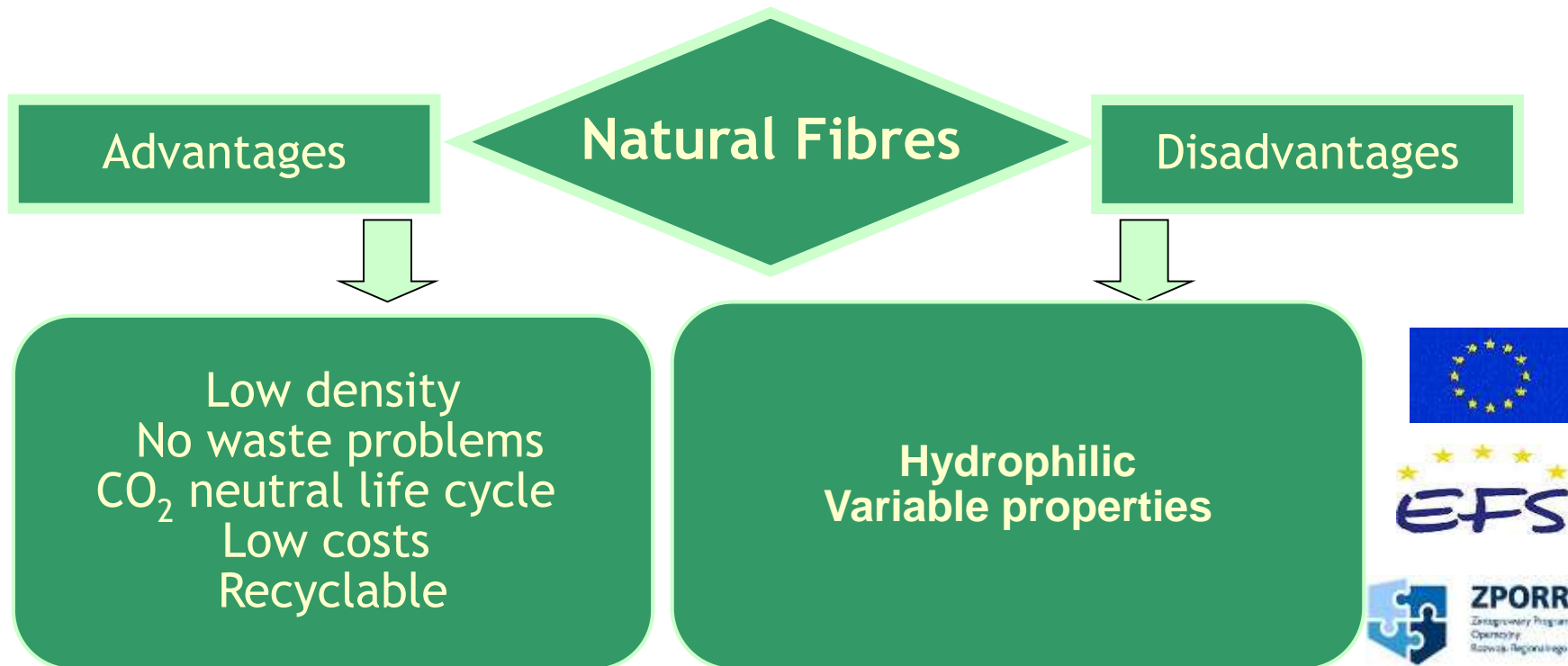
**Architecture and  
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## Problem statement

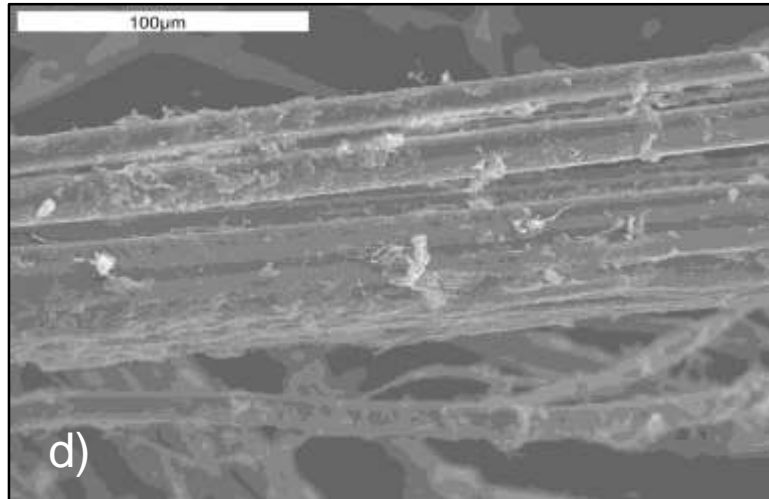
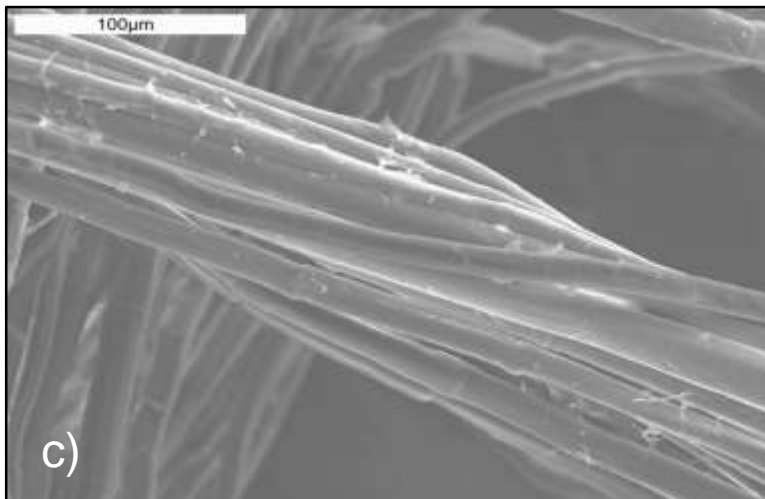
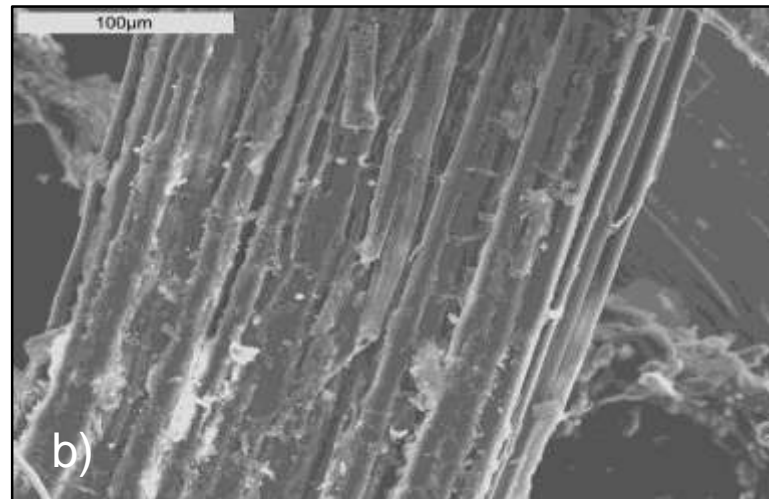
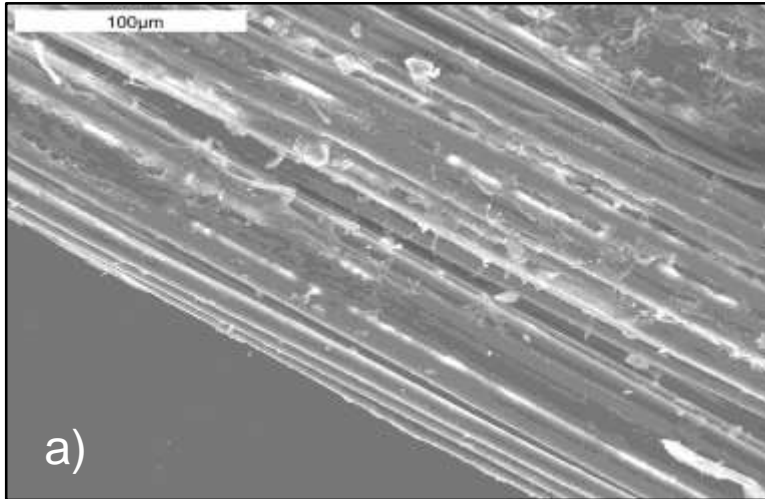
Natural fibres display good mechanical fibre properties, **BUT**:

As reinforcement in polymer composites, these properties are **not transferred** and the intended composite strength is not achieved

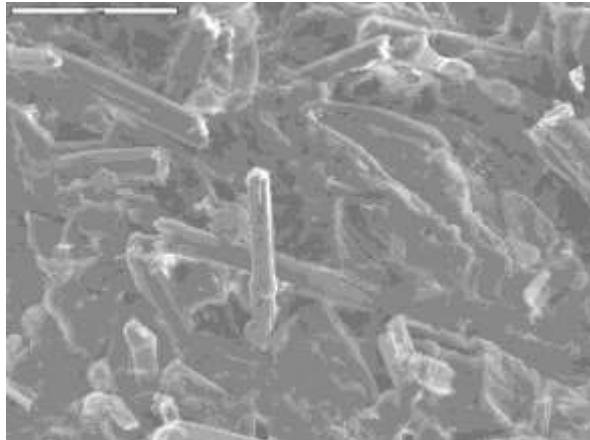


# SEM of hemp fibres

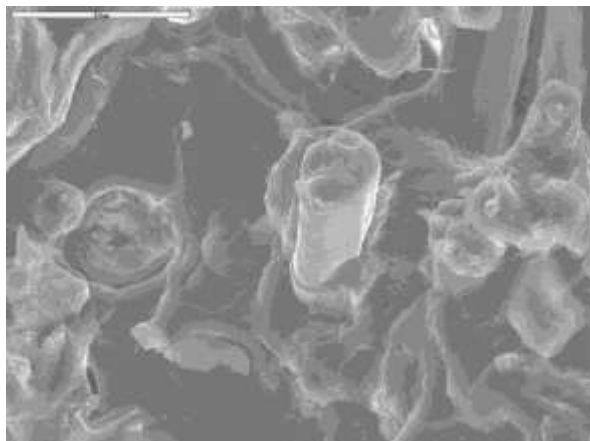
- a) raw, non-modified hemp fibres (x 400),
- b) fibres modified with the maleic anhydride (x370),
- c) fibres mercerised with the 8% NaOH (x400)
- d) fibres acetylated (x500).



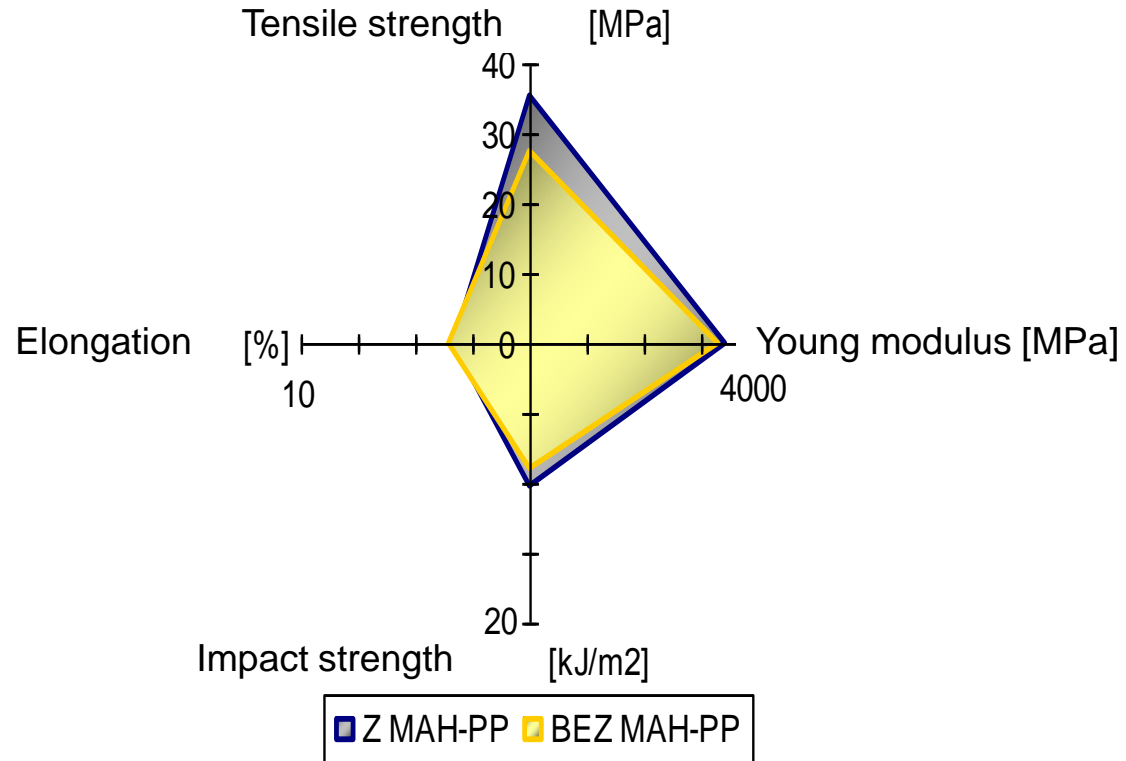
# SEM of polypropylene composites fracture



Without compatibiliser MAHPP



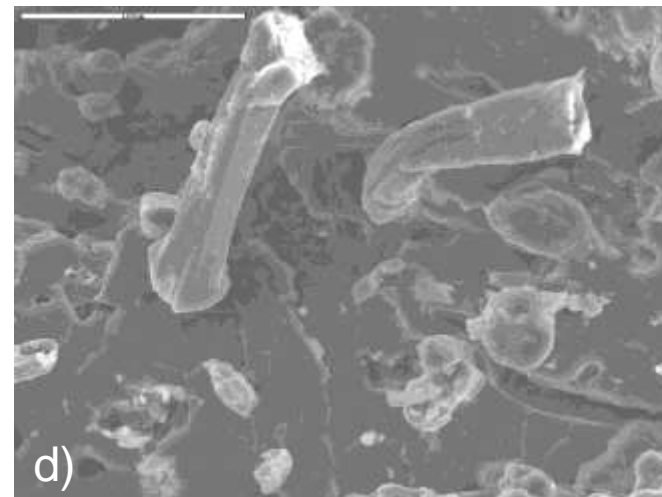
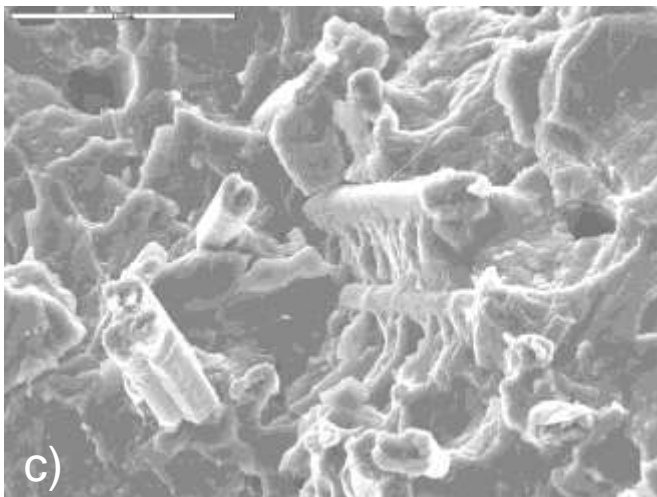
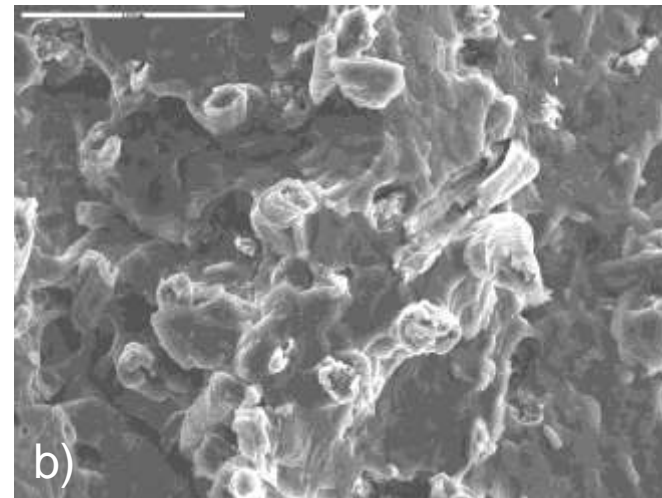
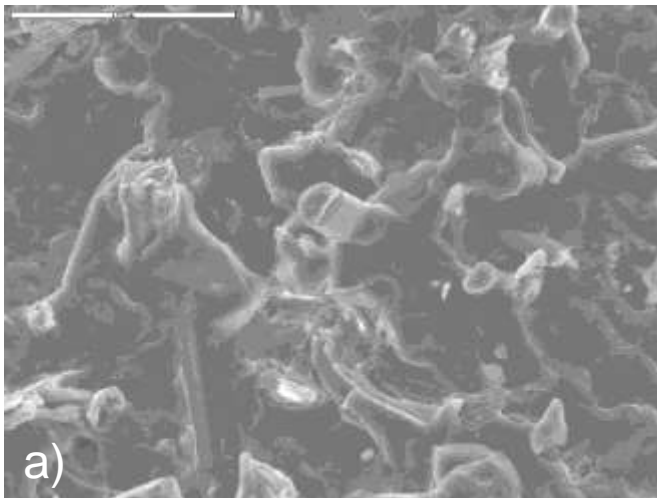
With compatibiliser MAHPP



*Polypropylene composite with 20% non-modified hemp fibres*

SEM of polypropylene composites fracture, enlargement x 450. Composites consist of polypropylene, MAHPP compatibilisator and hemp fibres

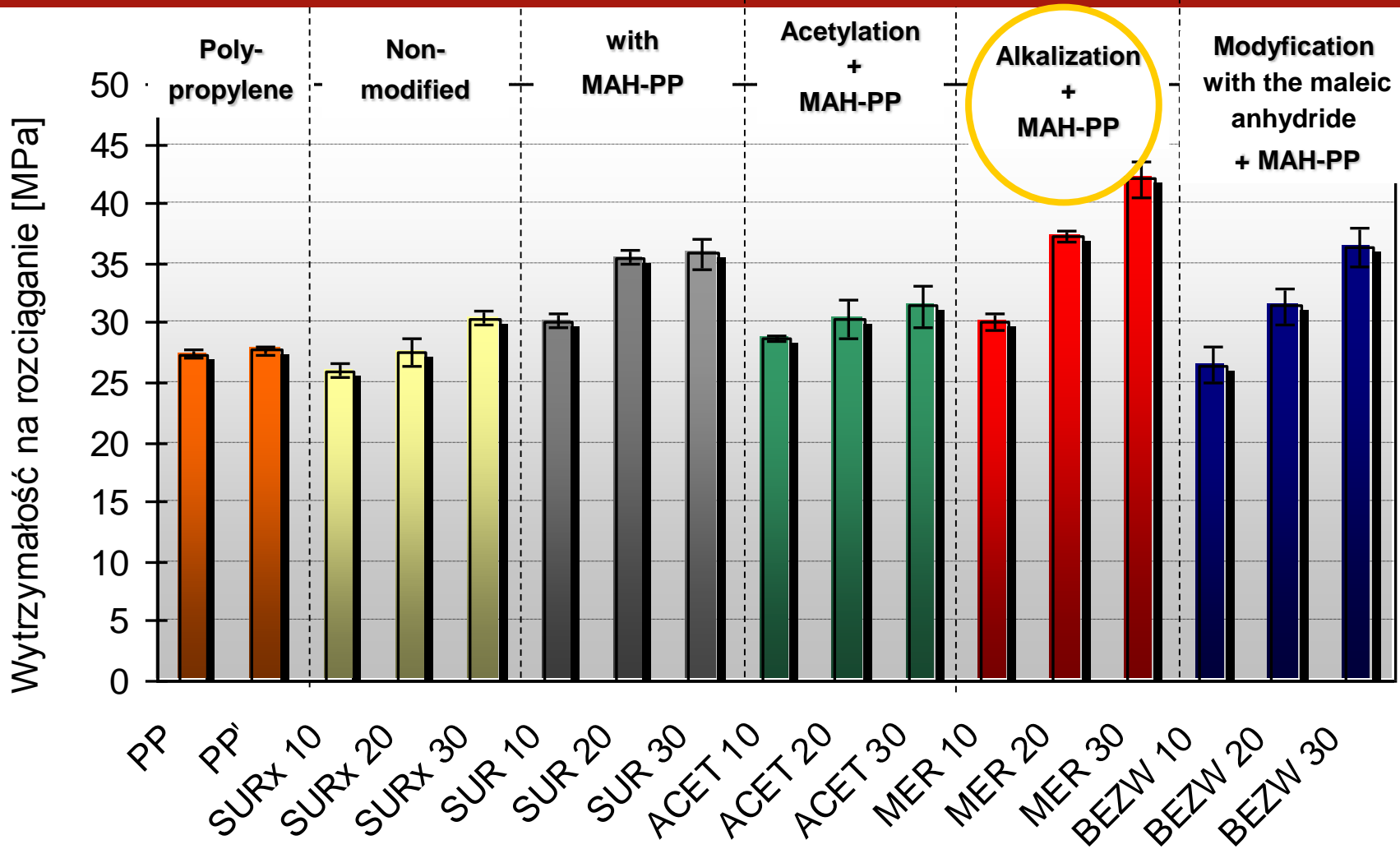
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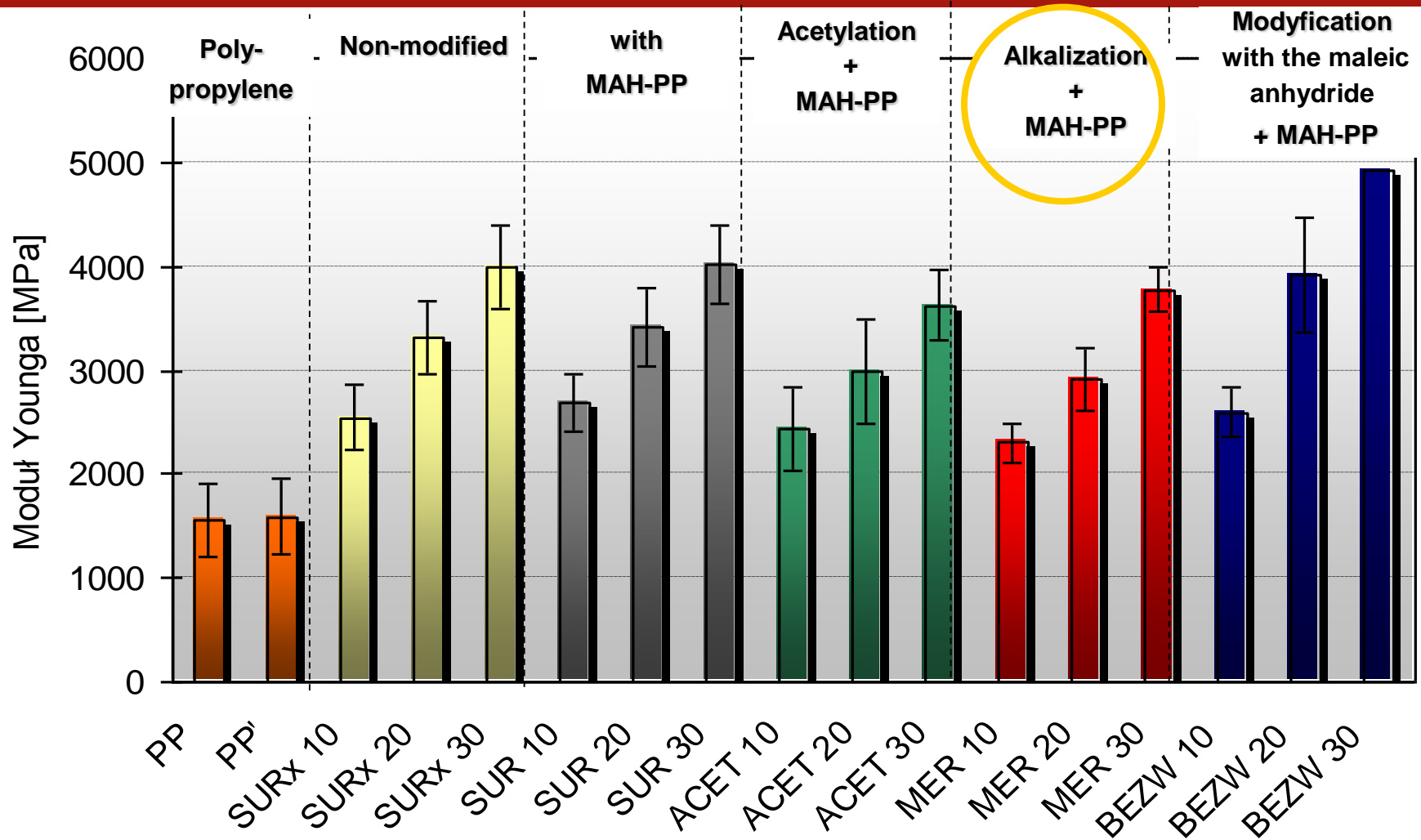
# TENSILE STRENGTH

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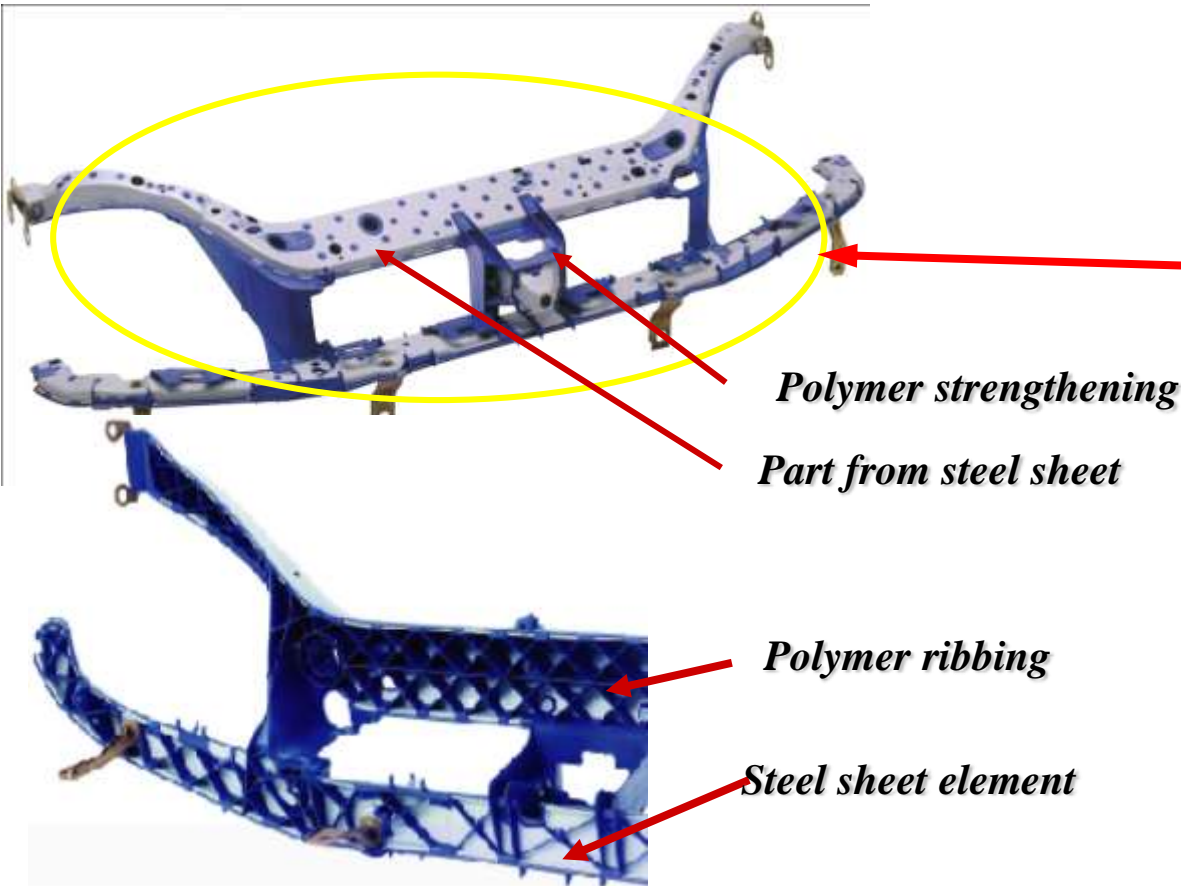


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# Application of hybrid elements of polymer-metal type in the car industry

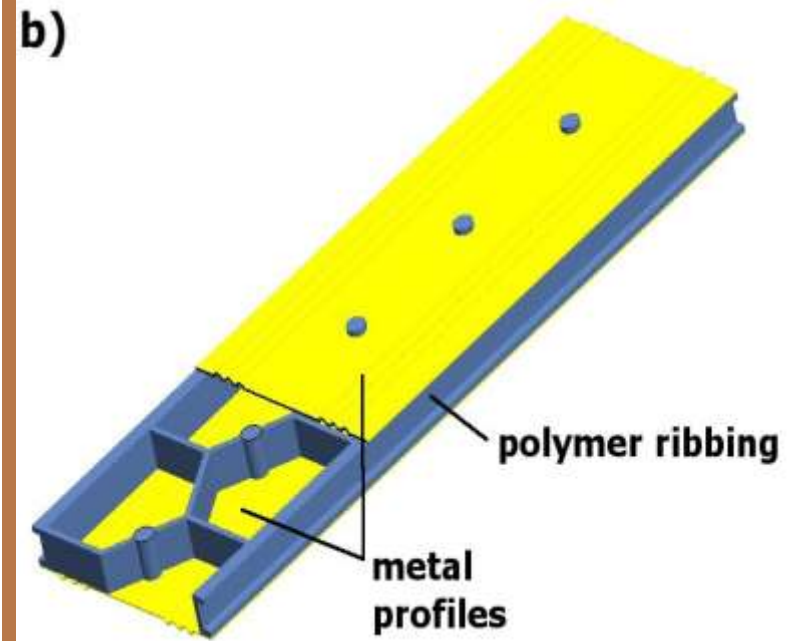
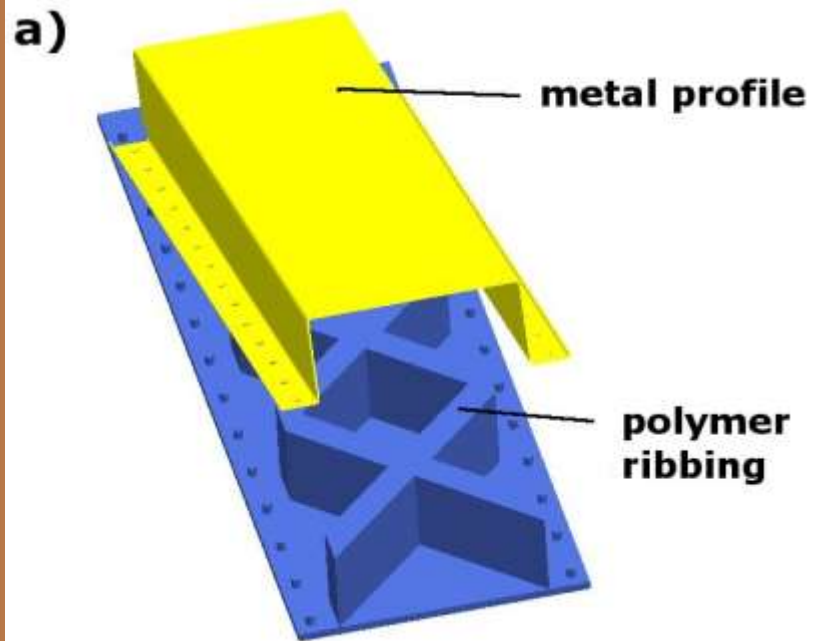


**Hybrid elements find applications as the front part of almost all passenger cars**

*Front of FORD Focus with visible polymer ribbing*



# Metal-polymer hybrid elements

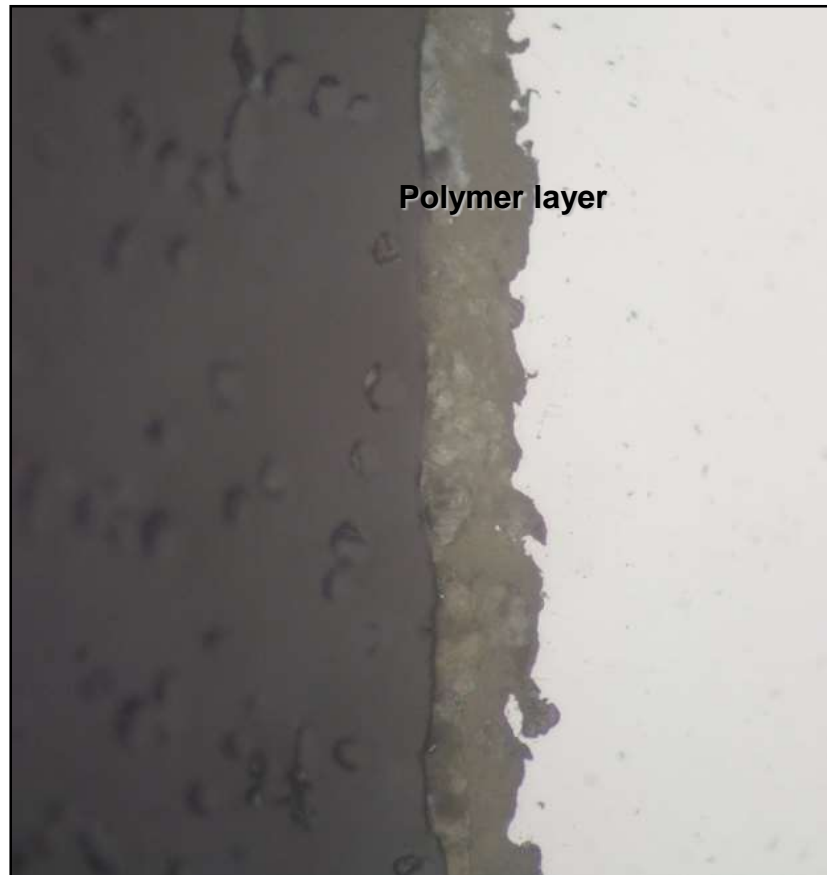




# Bonding between metal and polymer

**Polyamide with 30%  
of glass fibres**

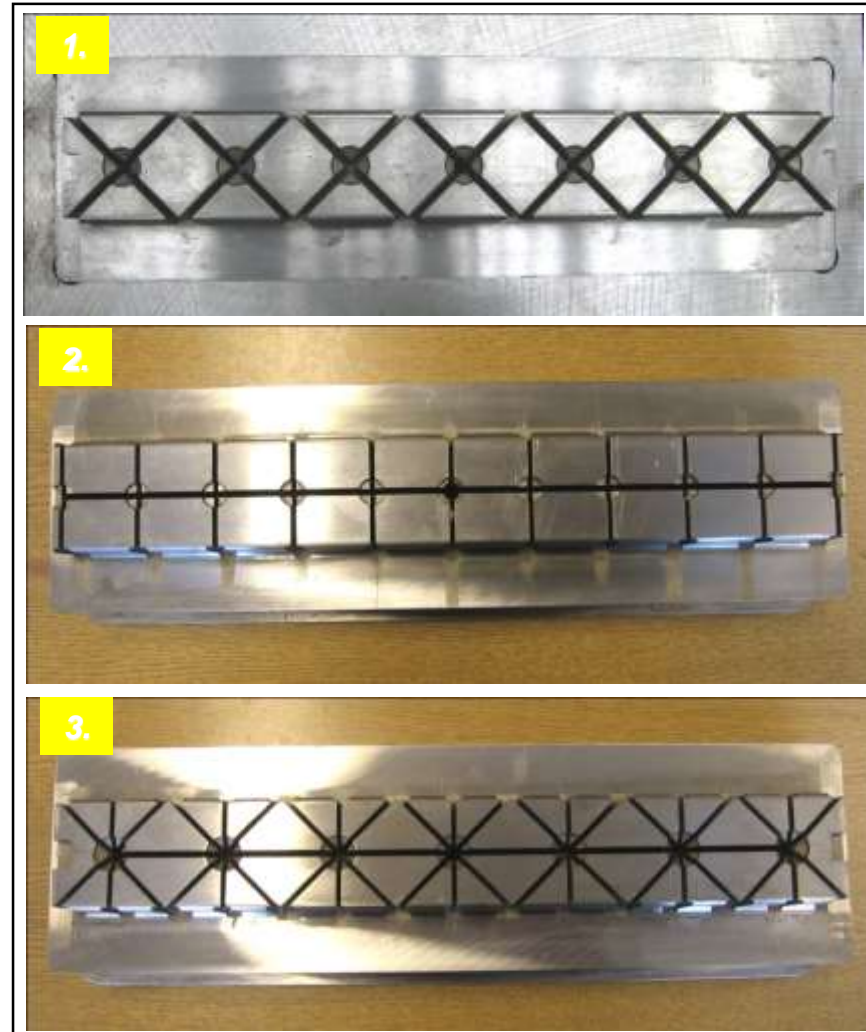
**DC04  
Steel  
sheet**



# Tools for the manufacturing of the basic metal-polymer elements



Injection mold for the investigations of  
bonding between metal and polymer

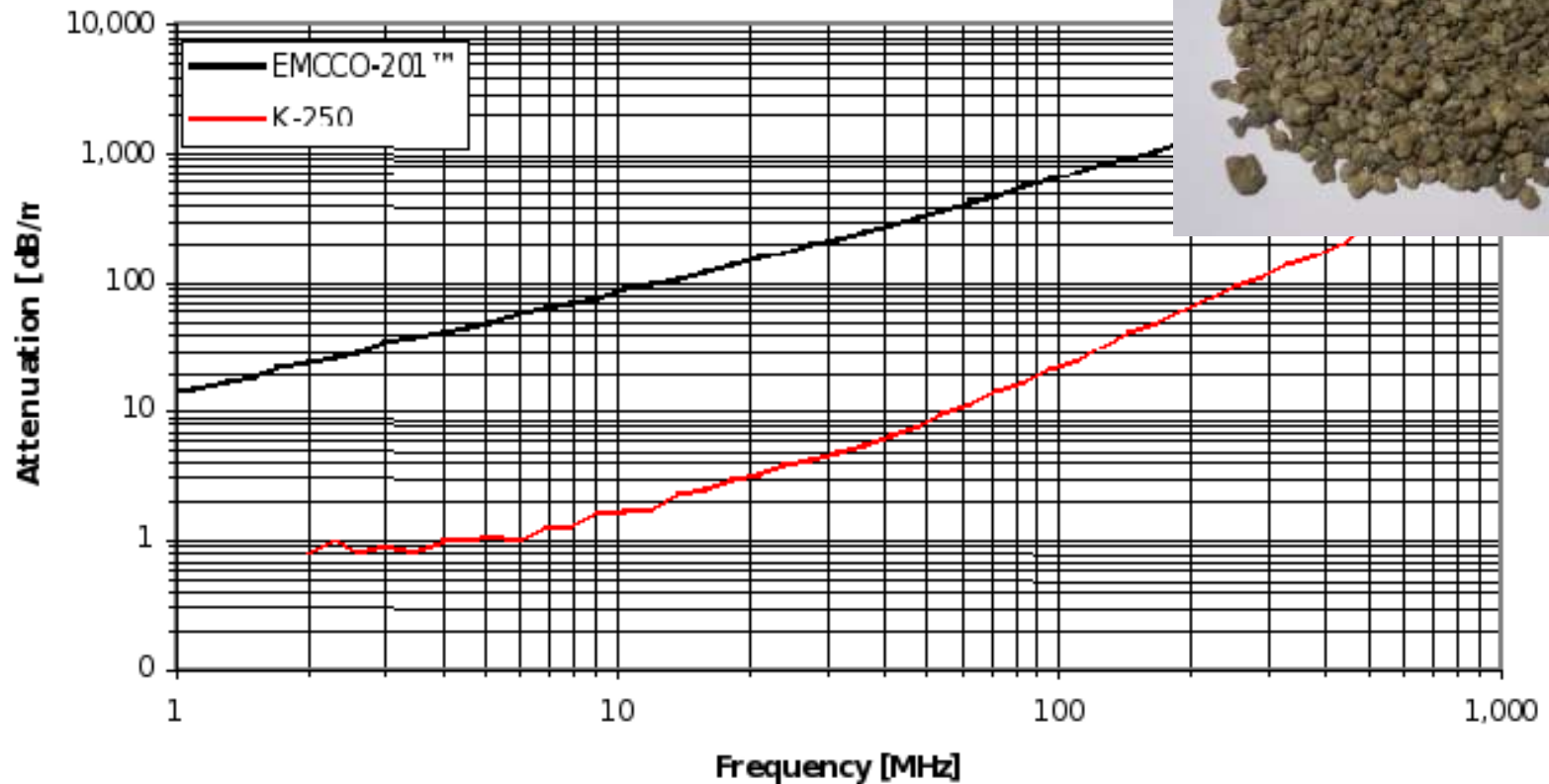




# EMCCO - attenuation in comparison with K-250 material

Materials designed at University of Wrocław, Department of Chemistry

A Comparison Between EMCCO-201™ and K-250





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