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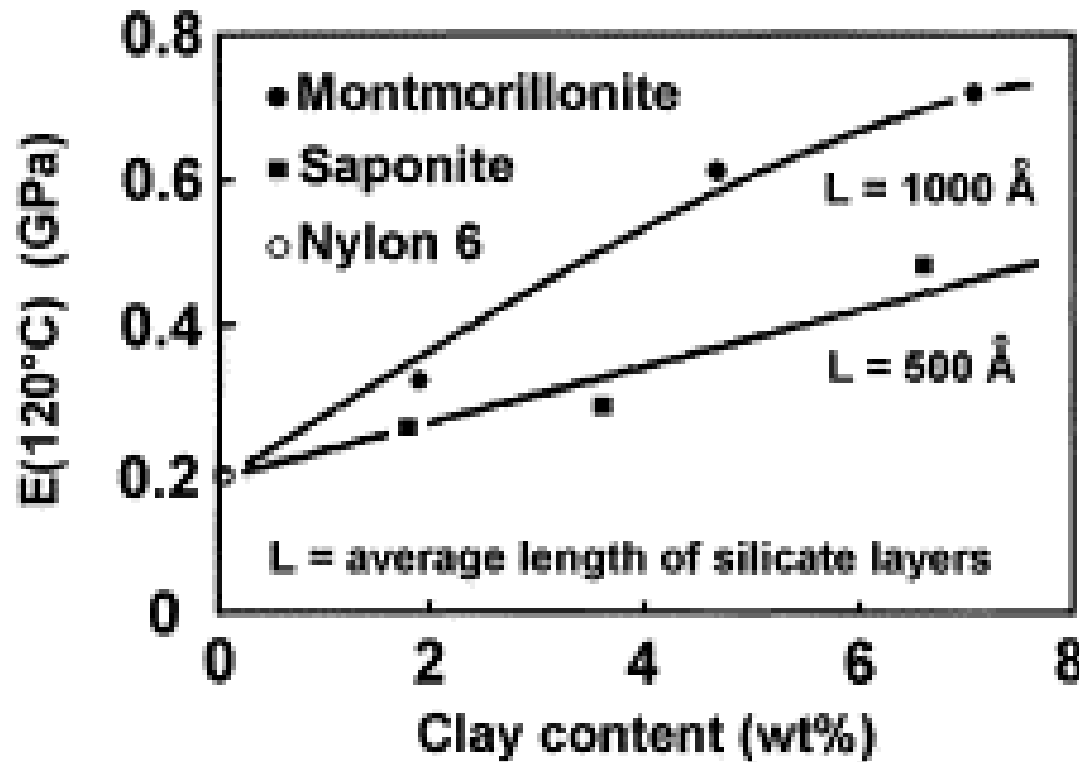
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Polymer nanocomposites (PNCs)

First report on improvement of polymer properties by incorporation of nanofillers
A. Okada, M. Kawasumi, T. Kurauchi, O. Kamigaito, Polym.Prepr. (Am. Chem. Soc. Div. Polym. Chem.) 28 (1987) 447
(from the Toyota research group)



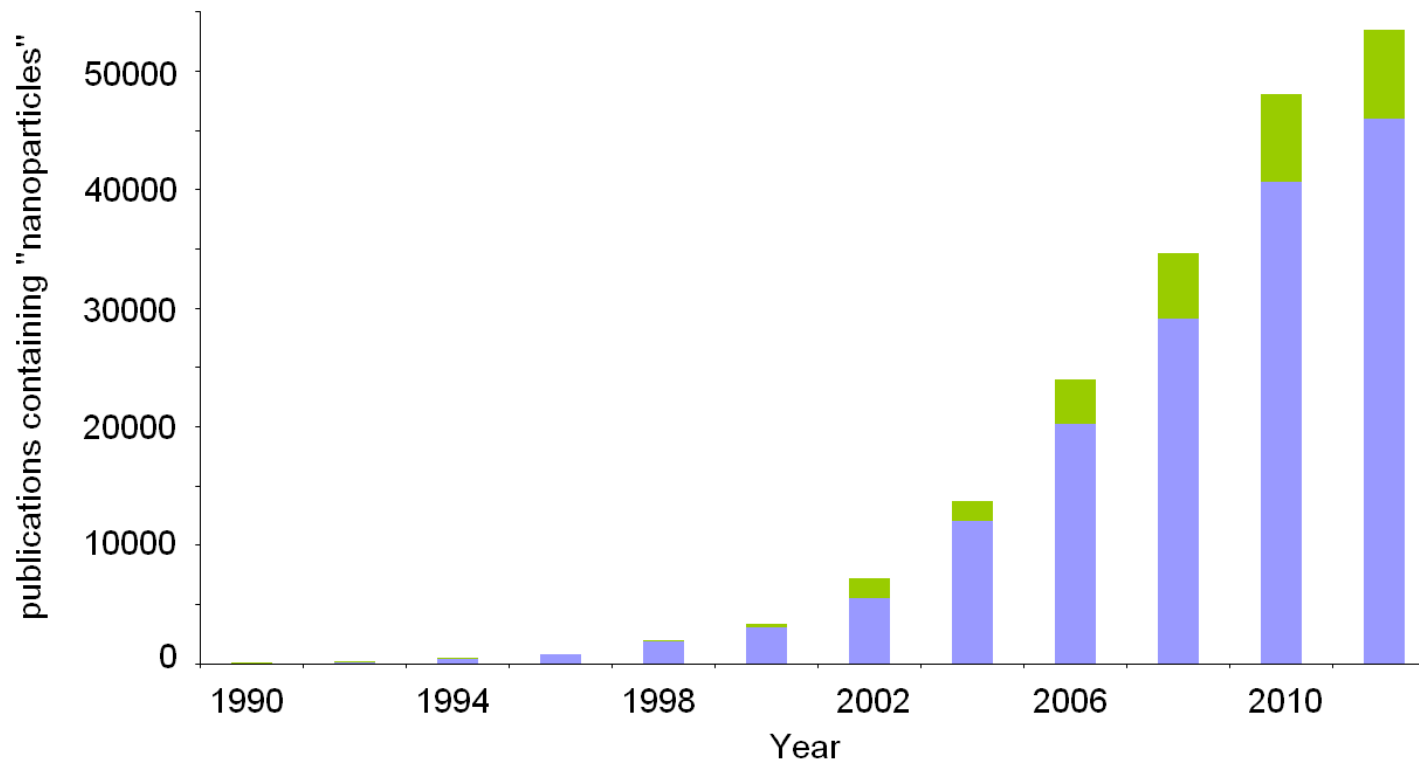
Dependence of tensile modulus E at 120°C on clay content for organo-modified montmorillonite and saponite-based nanocomposites

Y. Kojima et al., J. Mater. Res. 6 (1993) 1185-9



Growing interest in PNCs

Publications (blue) and patents (green) containing the word “nanoparticles” per year




Composite materials (composites)

Materials made of two or more constituent materials with significantly different properties


Characteristics different from the individual components

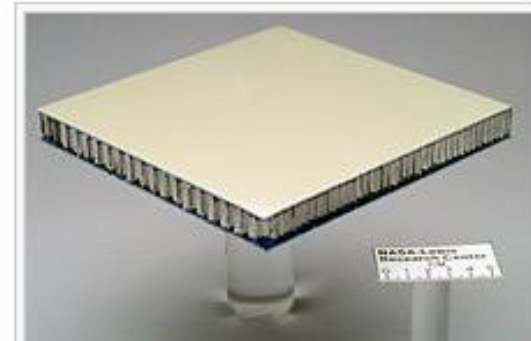
The individual components remain separate and distinct within the composite




Concrete is a mixture of cement and aggregate, giving a robust, strong material that is very widely used. 



Plywood is used widely in construction 



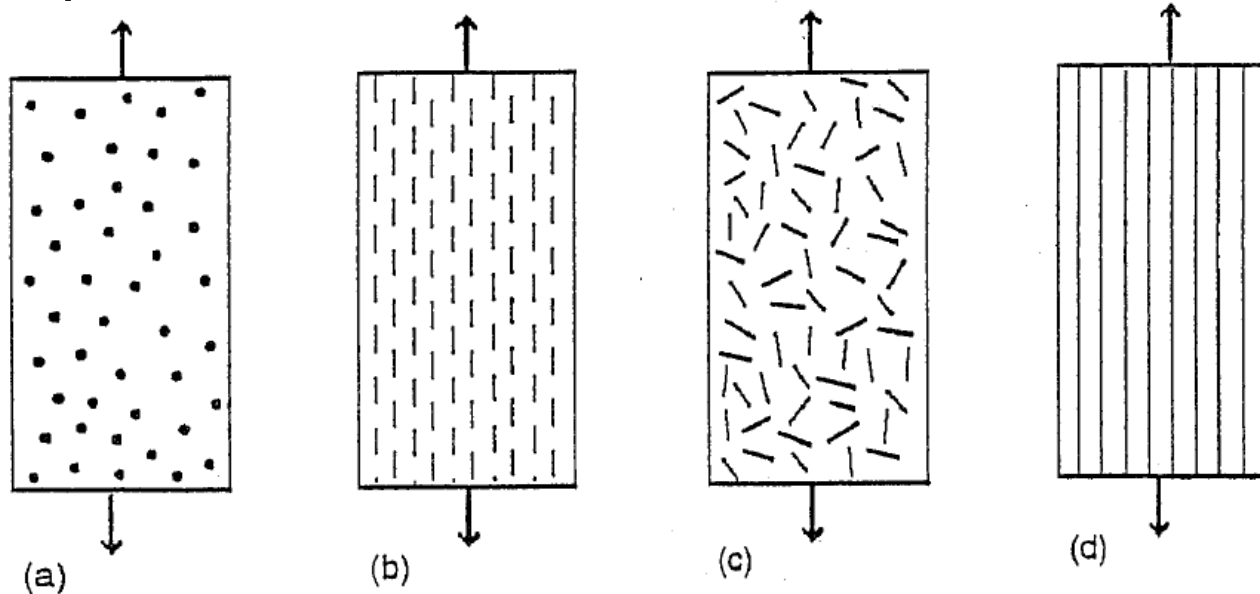
Composite sandwich structure panel used for testing at NASA 

Classification of composite materials

matrix and filler

matrix: metal, ceramic, polymer

filler: particulates and fibres



Examples of composites: (a) particulate, random; (b) discontinuous fibres, unidirectional; (c) discontinuous fibres, random; (d) continuous fibres, unidirectional



History of composites

Bone (hydroxyapatite reinforced with collagen),
wood etc in the nature

Straw and mud combined to form bricks for
building construction

Plywood (gluing wood by the Ancient
Mesopotamians, 3400 BC)

Cartonnage layers (linen or papyrus soaked in
plaster, death masks, Egypt, ~2100 BC)

Concrete, lime mortars (Vitruvius 25 BC)

Bakelite the first fiber reinforced plastic 1907

Carbon and Boron fibers from the 1960s, Glass,
Aramid and Kevlar Fibers (FRPs, CFRPs, GRPs
etc)

L. Holloway (Ed.), Handbook of Polymer Composites for Engineers, Woodhead
Publ., Cambridge (1994)

F. L. Matthews and R. D. Rawlings, Composite Materials: Engineering and
Science, Chapman, London (1994)



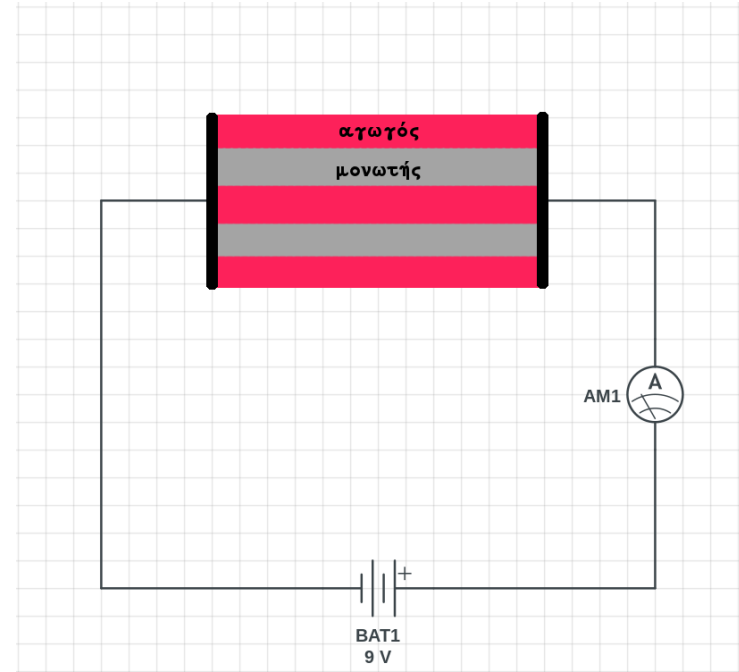
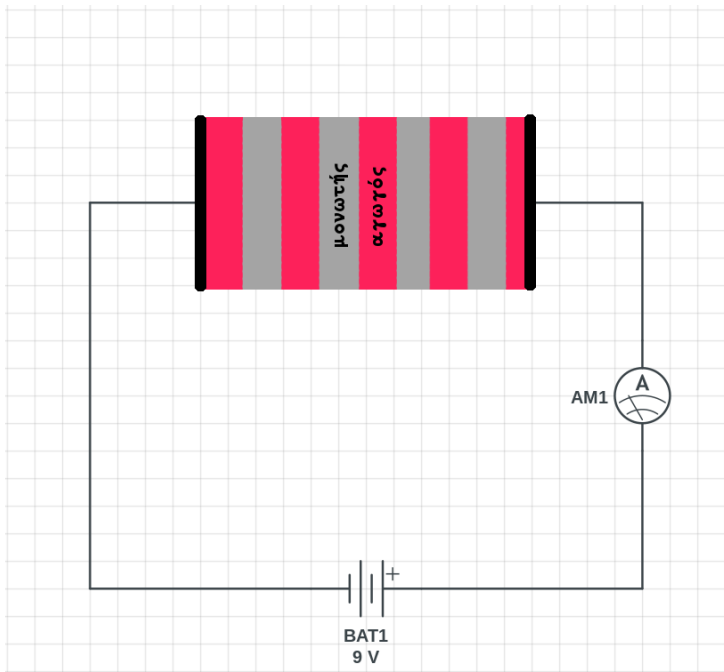
Properties of composite materials

How to calculate the properties of a composite in terms of the properties of the constituting phases?

1. Additive properties $\rho_{\text{tot}} = \rho_1 V_1 + \rho_2 V_2$

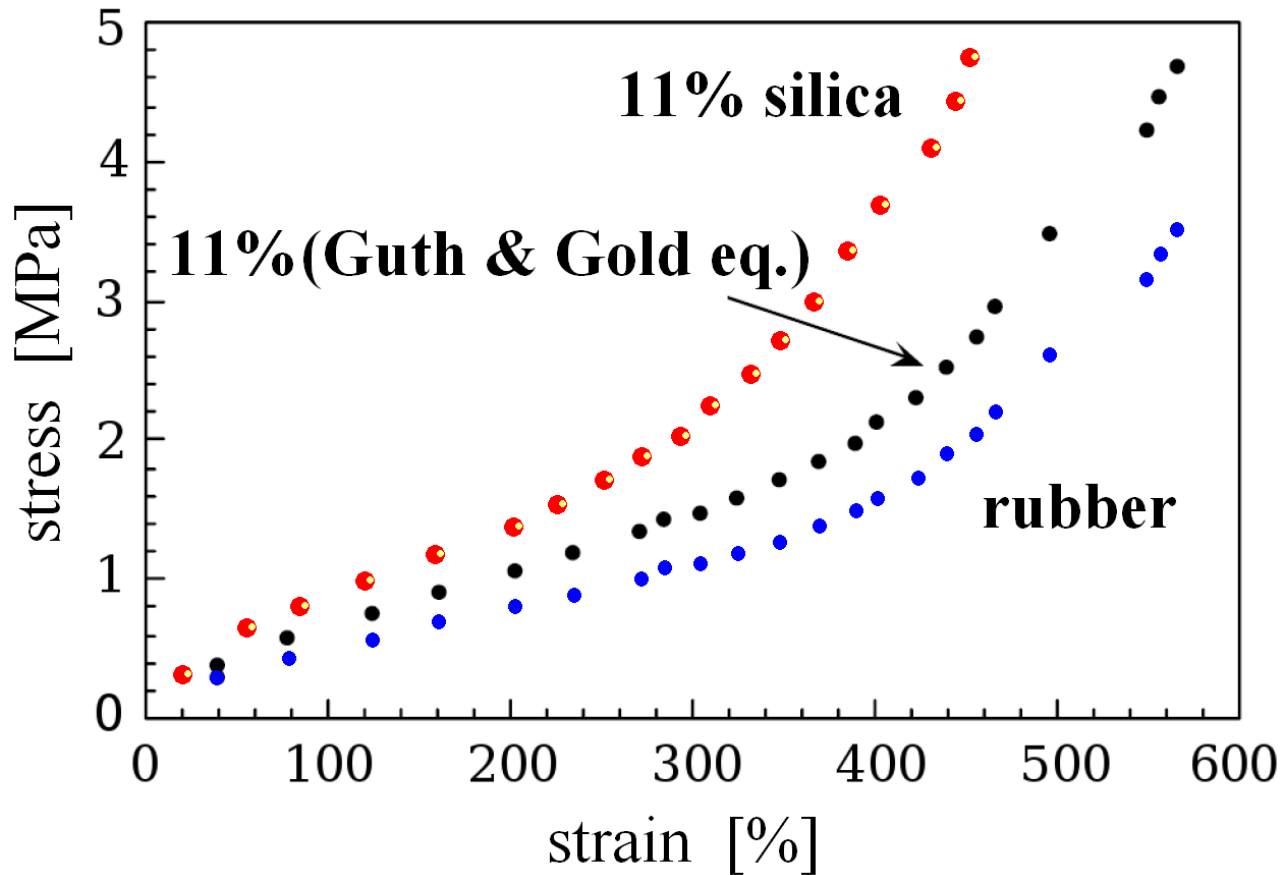
1. Properties calculated by using effective medium theories (EMT)

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{tot}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, p_2, d, \text{μορφολογία})$$



Properties Improvement in PNCs

Natural Rubber / Silica, Mechanical properties



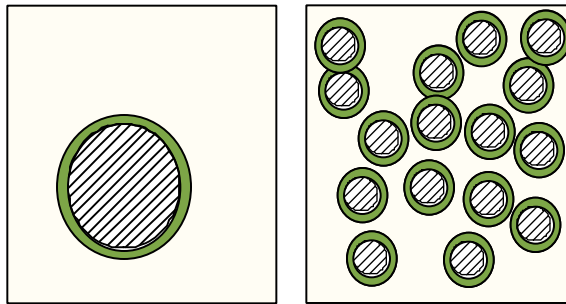
Guth & Gold equation:

$$G = G_0(1 + 2.5\phi + 14.1\phi^2)$$

Effects of interfaces (1)

Polymeric chains close (a few nm) to a solid surface: changes in

- structure (density, chain configuration)
- phase transitions
- molecular mobility



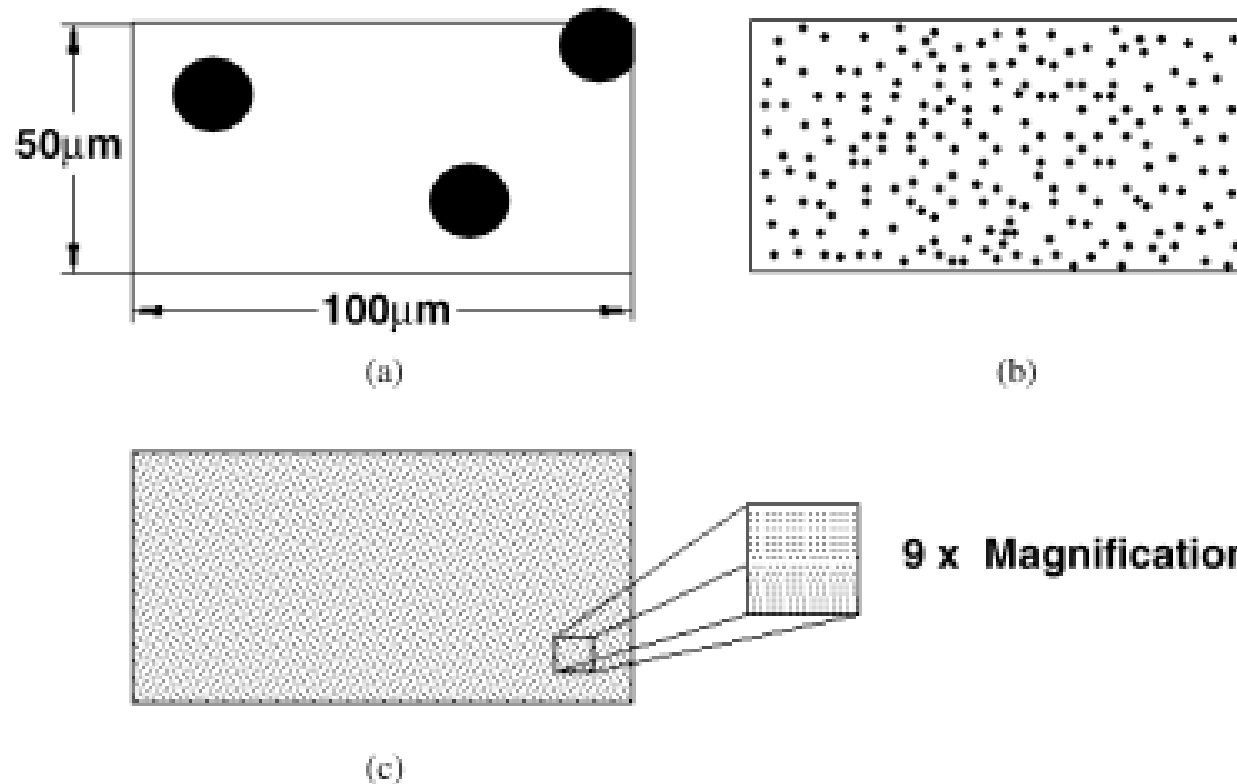
The properties of the interface affect or dominate over the bulk properties

- new properties or combination of properties interesting for applications
- (fundamental physics) effects close to interfaces become bulk properties

G. C. Papanicolau et al., Coll. Polym. Sci., The concept of the boundary interface in composite mechanics, Coll. Polym. Sci. 256 (1978) 625-30

G. C. Papanicolau et al., Compos. Interf. 14 (2007) 131-52

Effects of interfaces (2)



Schematic drawings of microstructural appearance of typical-particulate vs. fine-particulate vs. nano-particulate composites based on electronic microscopic observations: (a) 3 vol% of particles with $10\mu\text{m}$ diameter (2.86 particles within a volume of 50 000 cubic μm); (b) 3 vol% of particles with $1\mu\text{m}$ diameter (2860 particles within a volume of 50 000 cubic μm); and (c) 3 vol% of particles with $0.1\mu\text{m}$ (100nm) diameter (2.86 million particles within a volume of 50 000 cubic μm)

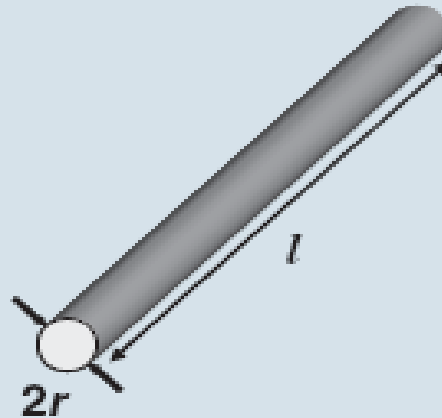
Effects of interfaces (3)

Particulate materials



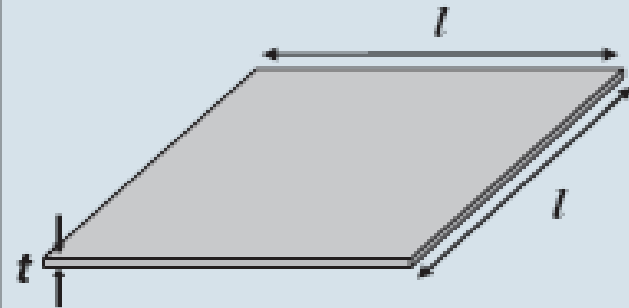
$$\frac{3}{r}$$

Fibrous materials



$$\frac{2}{r} + \frac{2}{l}$$

Layered materials

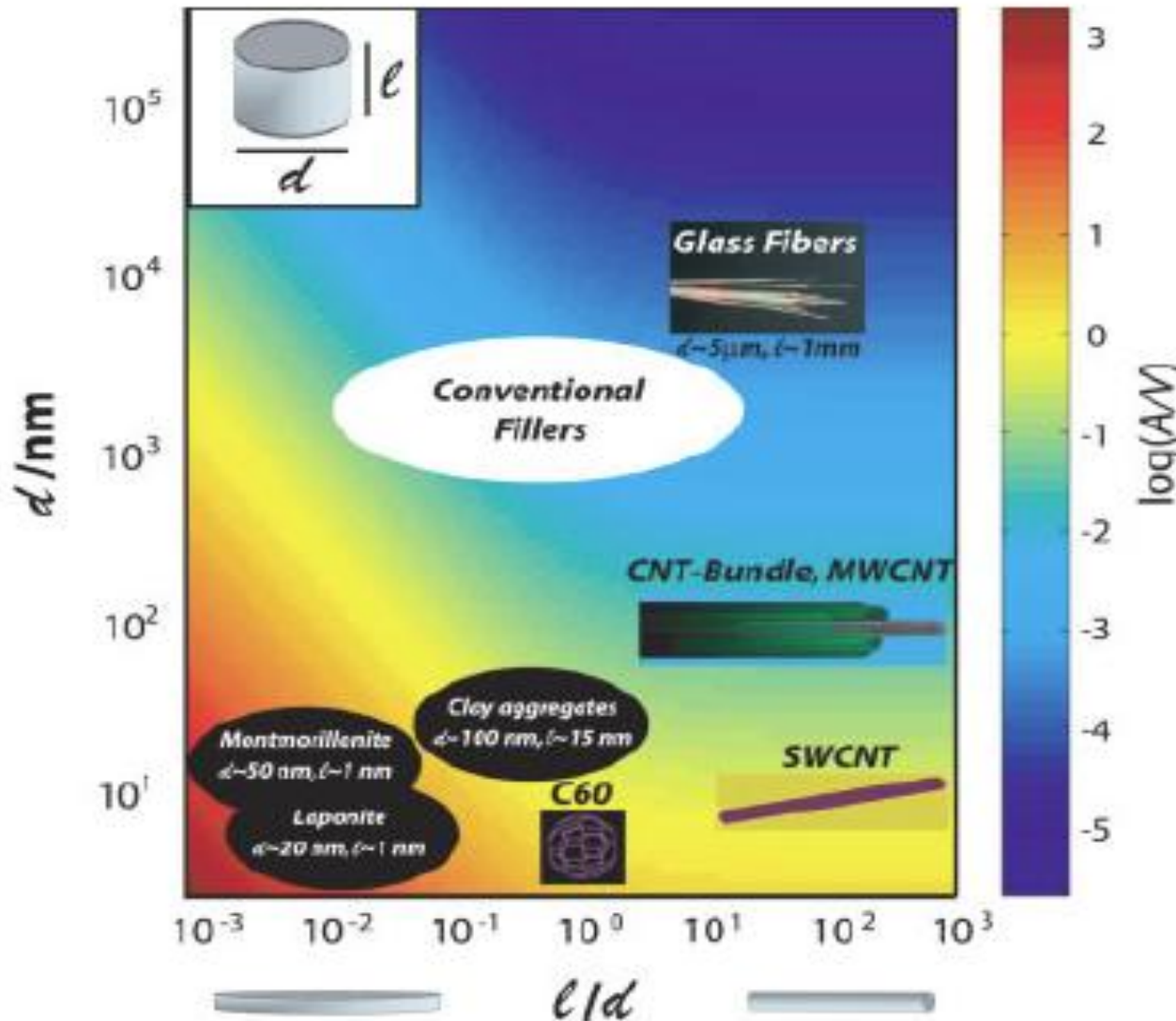


$$\frac{2}{t} + \frac{4}{l}$$

Common particle reinforcements/geometries and their respective surface area-to-volume ratios

E. Thostenson et al., J. Compos. Sci. Techn. 65 (2005) 491-516

Effects of interfaces (4)



Calculated interfacial area per volume of particles (in $1/\text{nm}$), assuming a right – circular cylindrical particle shape, for different particle diameters and aspect ratios

M. R. Bockstaller et al.,
Adv. Mater. 17 (2005)
1331-49



Synthesis-processing (1)

Two approaches for device fabrication where nanoparticle properties can be exploited

1. “top-down” approach

photolithography, electron-beam lithography
(microelectronics)

2. “bottom-up” approach

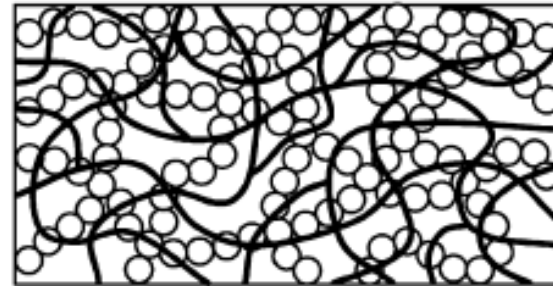
self-assembly processes, control of structural arrangement
of nanoparticles and of morphology

Synthesis-processing (2)

For a given composition, properties are determined to a large extent by the final morphology



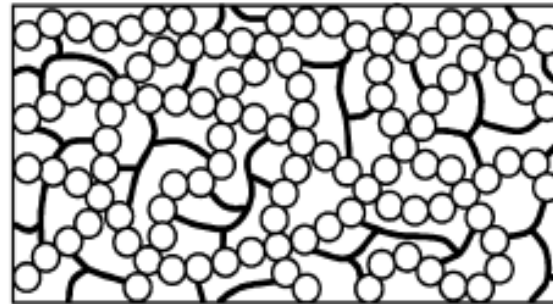
a)



b)



c)



d)

Different kinds of inorganic-organic composite materials

a) Embedding of the inorganic moiety into the organic polymer

b) Interpenetrating networks (IPNs)

c) Incorporation of inorganic groups by bonding to the polymer backbone

d) Dual inorganic-organic hybrid polymer

G. Kickelbick, Prog. Polym. Sci. 28 (2003) 83-114



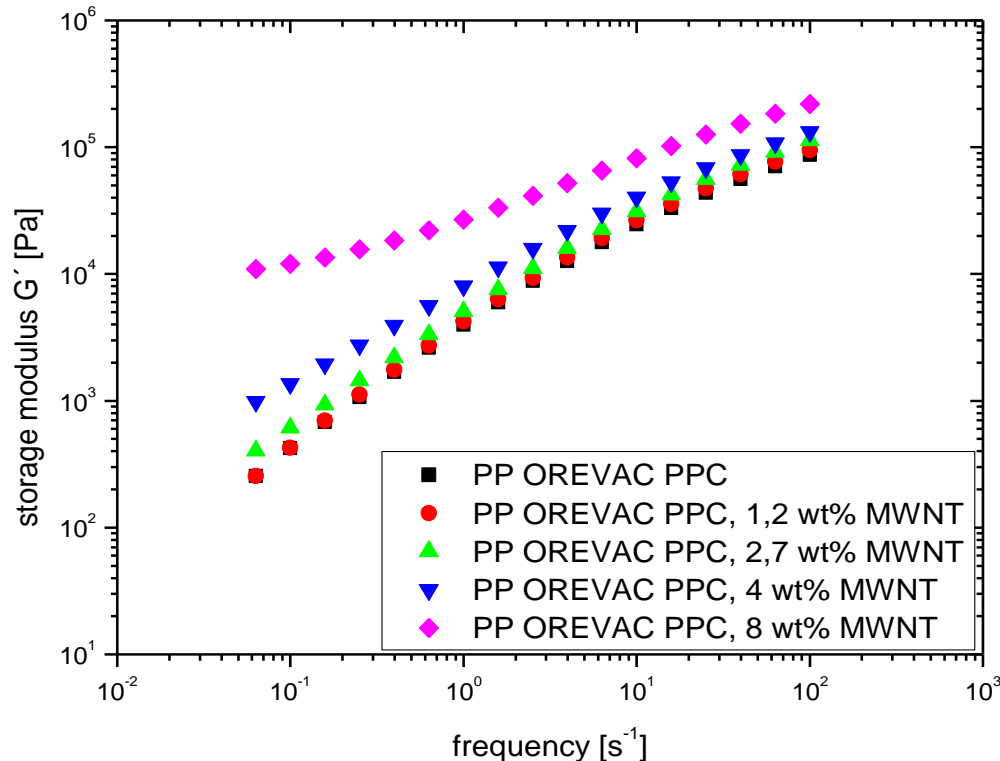
Synthesis-processing (3)

1. Mixing with preformed particles
2. Sol-gel techniques
3. Using nanobuilding blocks

Synthesis-processing (4)

Mixing with preformed particles

Rheological measurements – MA PP/MWCNT series



Storage modulus (Fig.) and viscosity increase with CNT addition. At 190°C first clear rheological indication of percolation is seen starting at 8 wt% MWNT. At 4 wt% already a small increase in η^* and G' at low frequencies can be observed. This concentration is much higher than detected in electrical measurements (already percolated at 2.7 wt%)

Synthesis-processing (5)

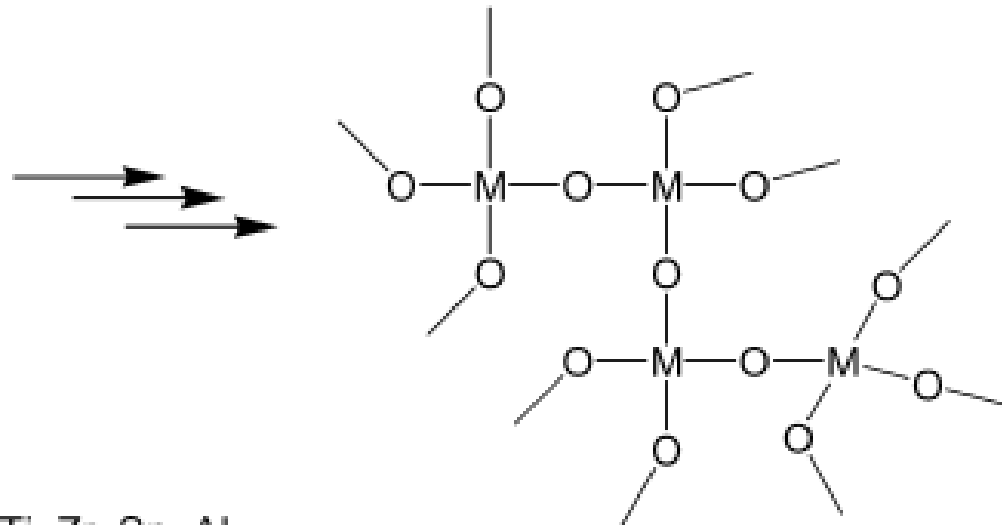


Sol-gel techniques

Hydrolysis:



Condensation:



M = Si, Ti, Zr, Sn, Al, ...

R = Me, Et, ⁱPr, ⁿPr, ⁿBu, ^sBu, ...

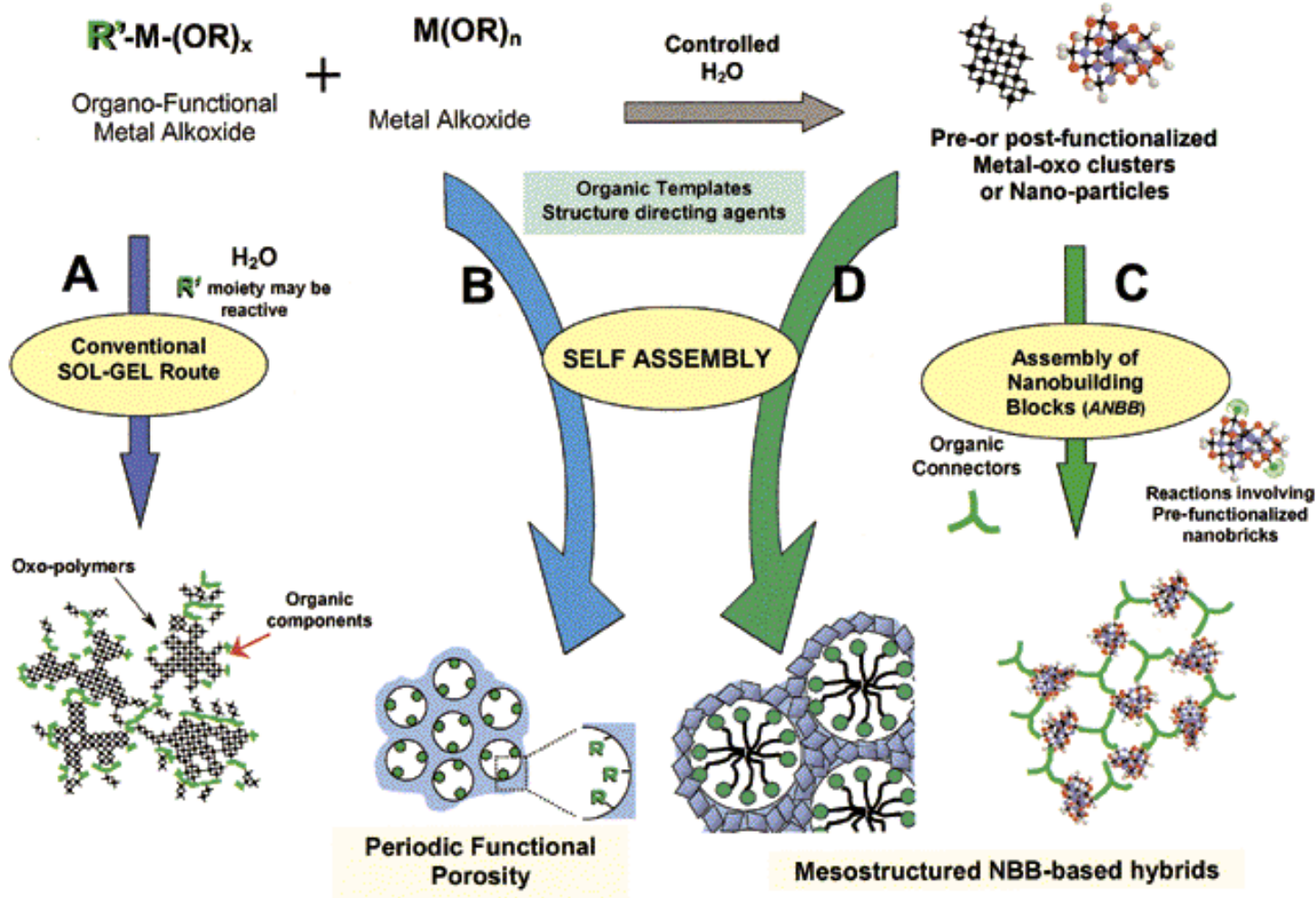
Formation of metal oxide frameworks by sol-gel techniques

G. Kikelbick, Prog. Polym. Sci. 28 (2003) 83-114

Synthesis-processing (6)



Using nanobuilding blocks

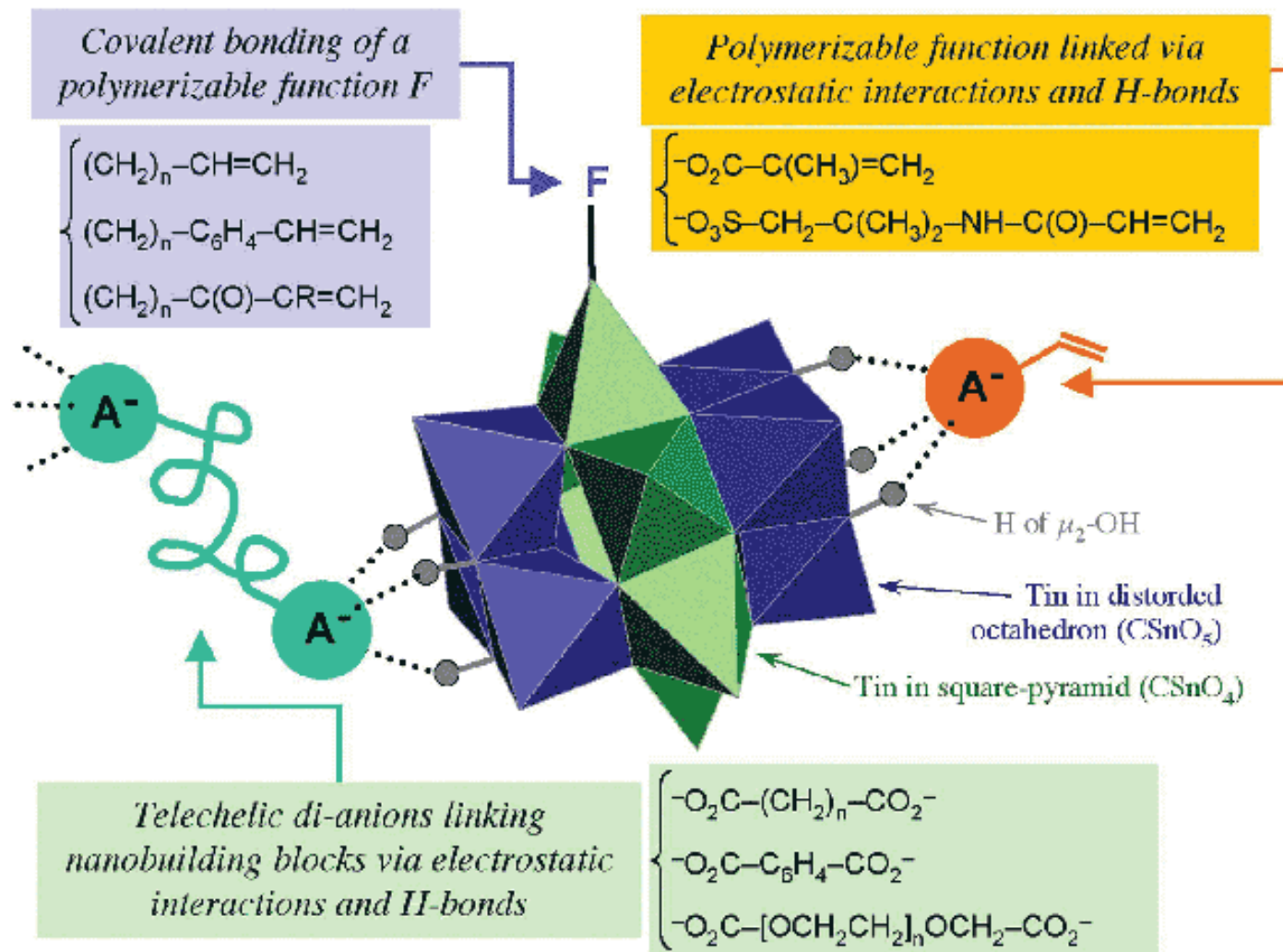


Different paths for obtaining hybrid materials. Conventional sol-gel route (path A), use of templates capable of self-assembly (paths B, D), assembly of nanobuilding blocks (paths C, D)

C. Sanchez et al., Chem. Mater. 13 (2001) 3061-83

Synthesis-processing (7)

Using nanobuilding blocks



Schematic representation of the various possible strategies that can be used to assemble functionalized tin-12 clusters

C. Sanchez et al., Chem. Mater. 13 (2001) 3061-83

Synthesis-processing (8)

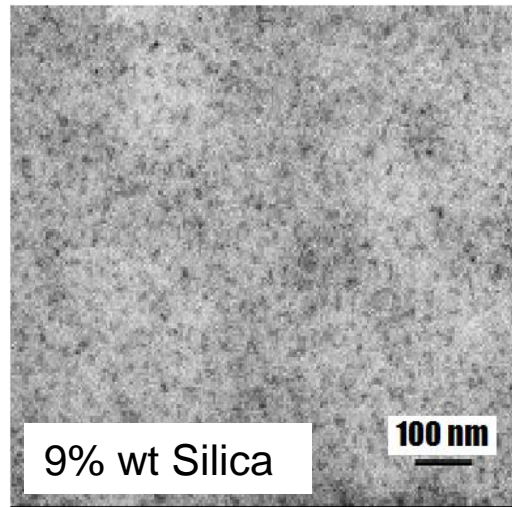
Morphological characterization

PDMS/silica & PDMS/titania

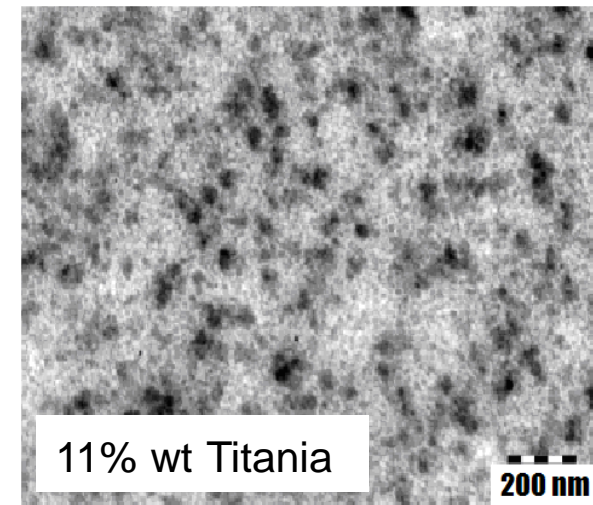
Preparation by *Sol-Gel techniques* – optimization of preparation conditions

Precursors:

- *TEOS* $\text{Si}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_4$, for silica
- *Titanium(IV) n-butoxide* $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_4$,
for titania



diameter ~ 10nm



diameter ~ 20 - 40nm

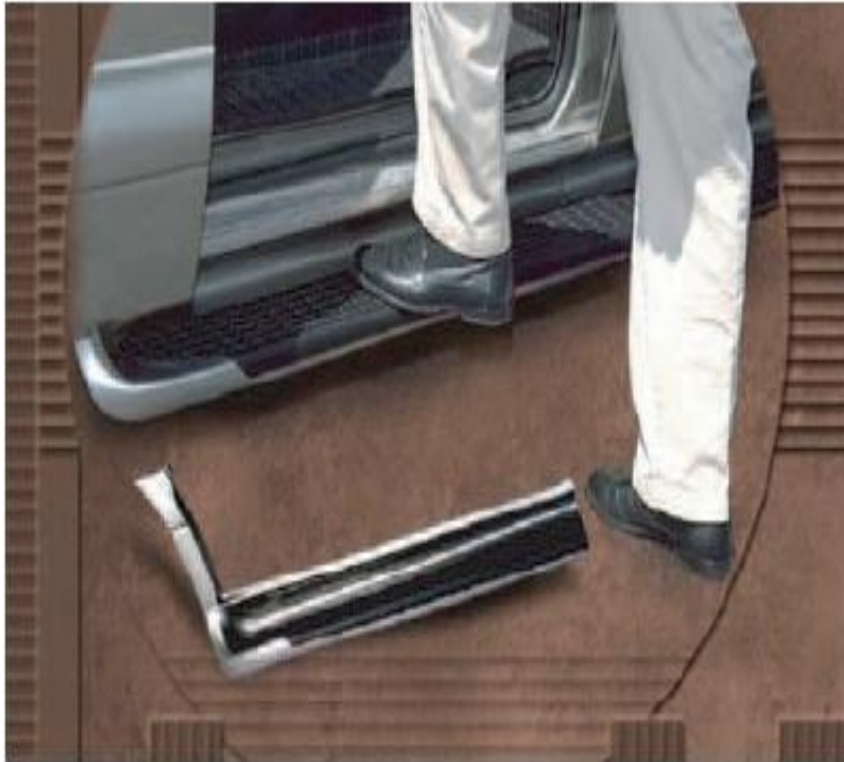
- rather diffuse interfaces in the case of silica, better defined in the case of titania
- for higher silica content probably interpenetrated polymer-silica structure, titania particles are almost connected in a branched network structure even at low filler content

Applications (1)



Timing belt covered with injection molded nylon-6/clay nanocomposites
M. Kawasumi, J. Polym. Sci. Part A Polym. Chem. 42 (2004) 819-24

Applications (2)



(a)



(b)

Thermoplastic polyolefine nanocomposites, applications for automotive part
F. Hussain et al., J. Compos. Mater. 40 (2006) 1511-75

Applications (3)

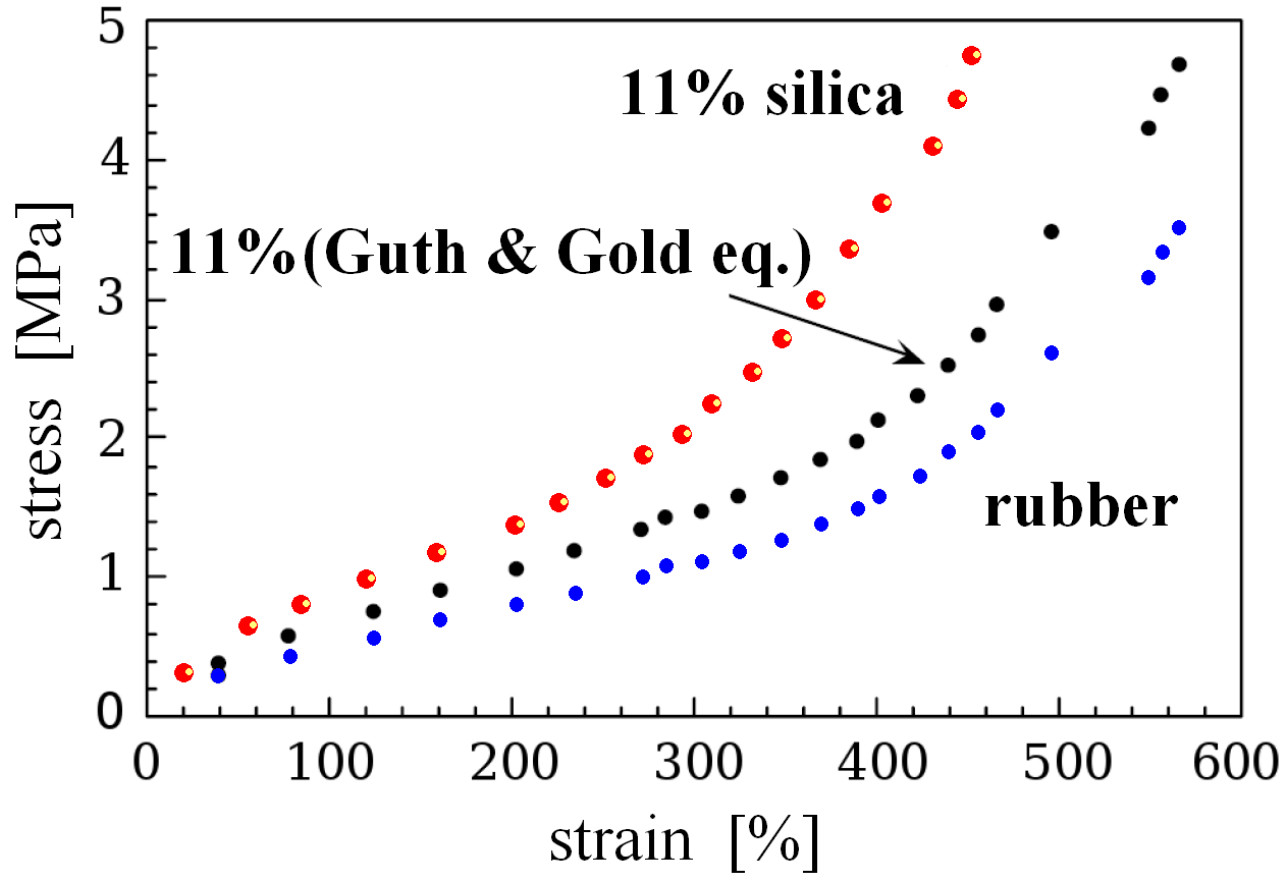


Fig. 13. Selected commercial products made from clay-based polymer nanocomposites.

Applications (4)



Properties Improvement: Mechanical properties



Guth & Gold equation:

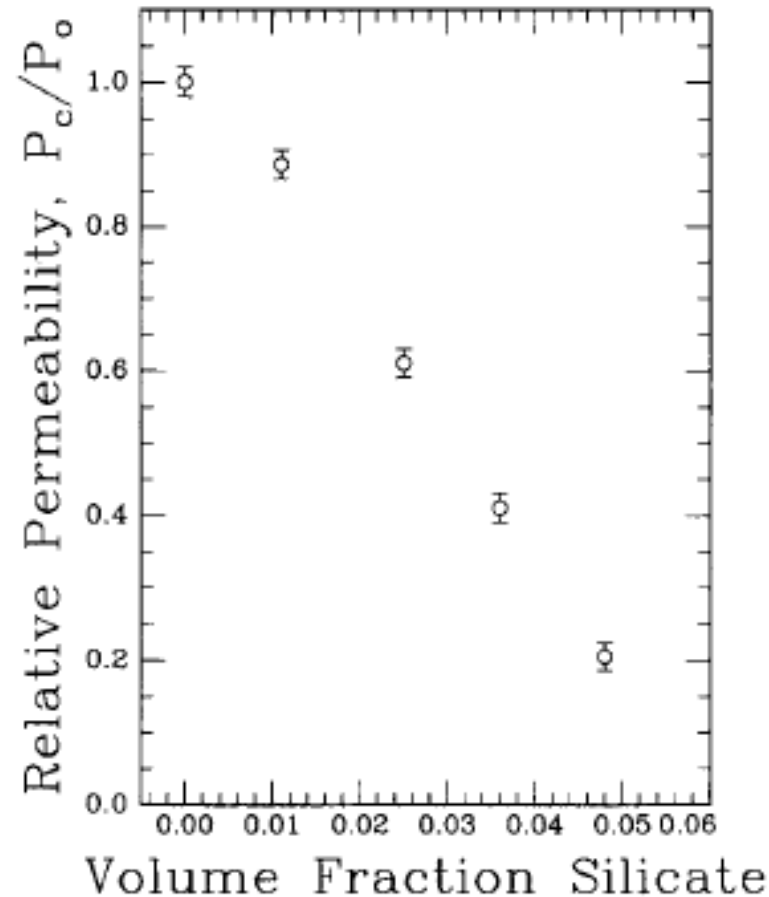
$$G = G_0(1 + 2.5\phi + 14.1\phi^2)$$

$$G = G_0 \cdot X \cdot Y$$

Applications (5)



Properties Improvement: Barrier properties



Water permeability in poly(ϵ -caprolactone)/clay nanocomposites

P. B. Messersmith, E. P. Giannelis, J. Polym. Sci. Part A Polym. Chem. 33 (1995) 1047-57

Applications (6)

Properties Improvement: Barrier properties

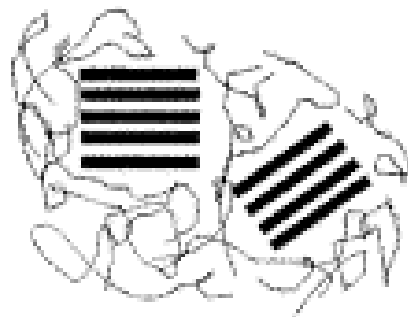
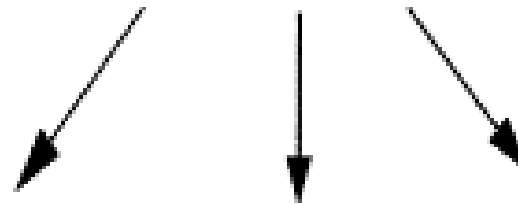
polymer/clay
morphology



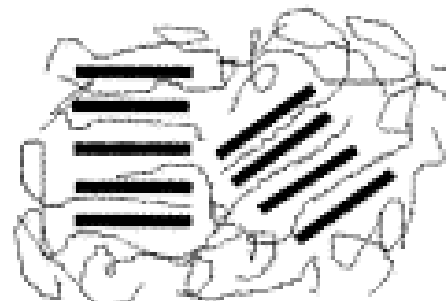
Layered silicate



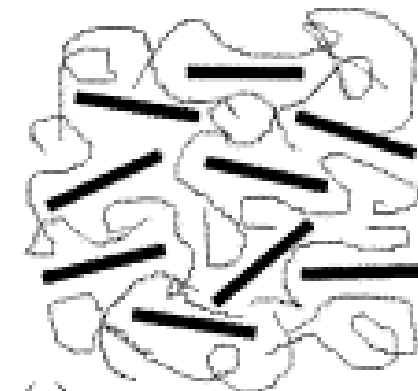
Polymer



(a)
Phase separated
(microcomposite)



(b)
Intercalated
(nanocomposite)



(c)
Exfoliated
(nanocomposite)

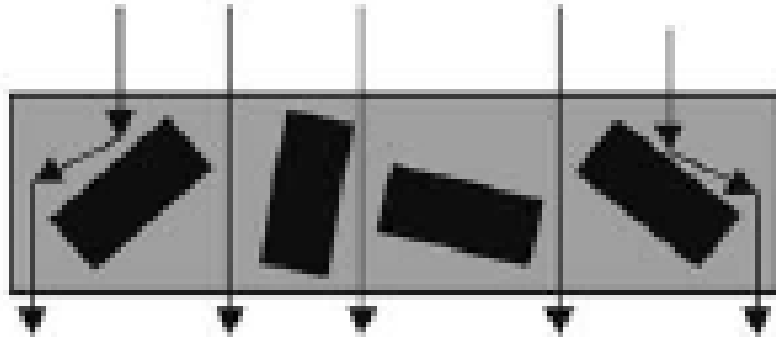
Applications (7)



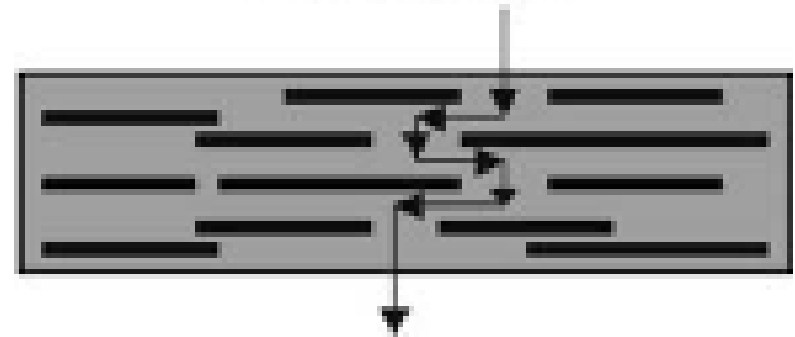
Properties Improvement: Barrier properties

Permeability = Solubility X Diffusion Coefficient

Conventional composites



"Tortuous path" in layered silicate nanocomposites



Formation of tortuous path in PLS nanocomposites

S. Sinha Ray, M. Okamoto, Prog. Polym. Sci. 28 (2003) 1539-1641

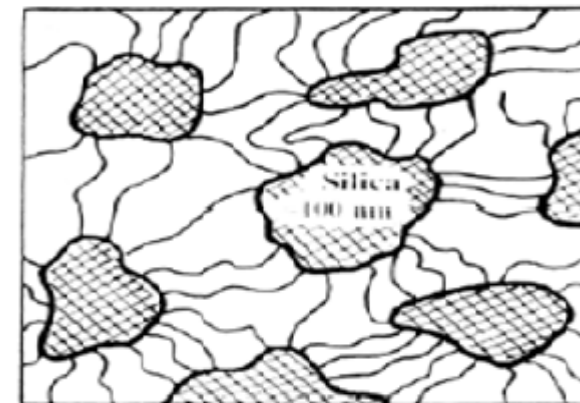
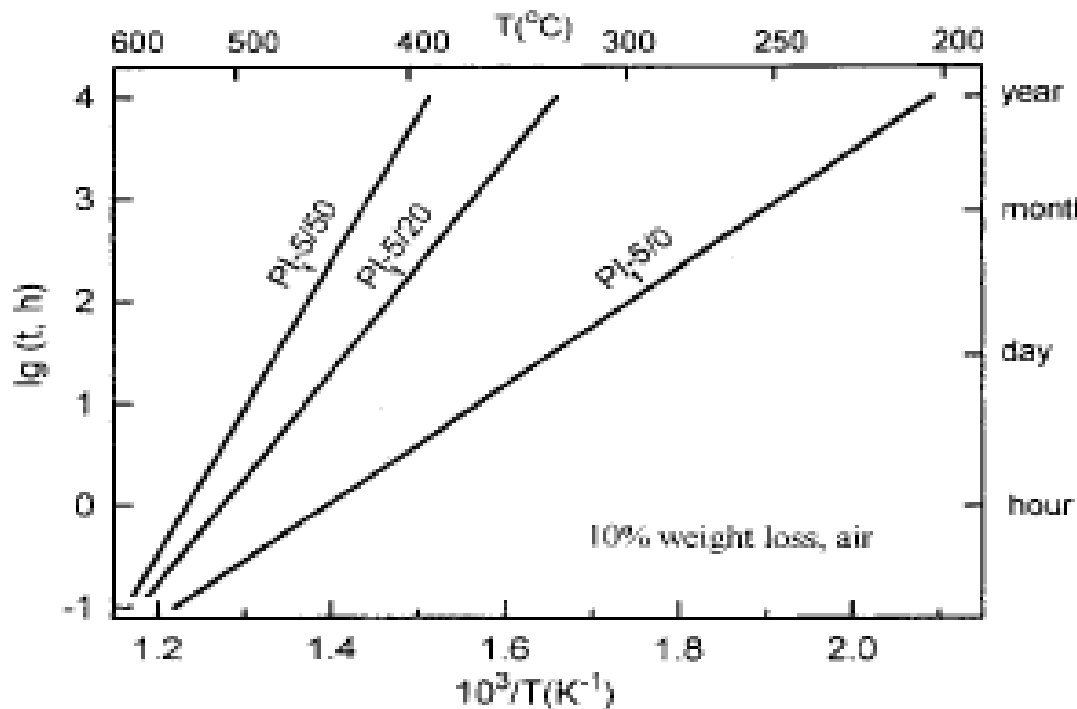
Food packaging

- Nanoclays (to reduce gas permeability)
- Silver nanoparticles (antimicrobial properties)

Applications (8)



Properties Improvement: Thermal stability



Morphology, schematically (on the basis of SEM images)

Predicted thermal longevity in polyimide/silica nanocomposites
calculated from thermogravimetric data

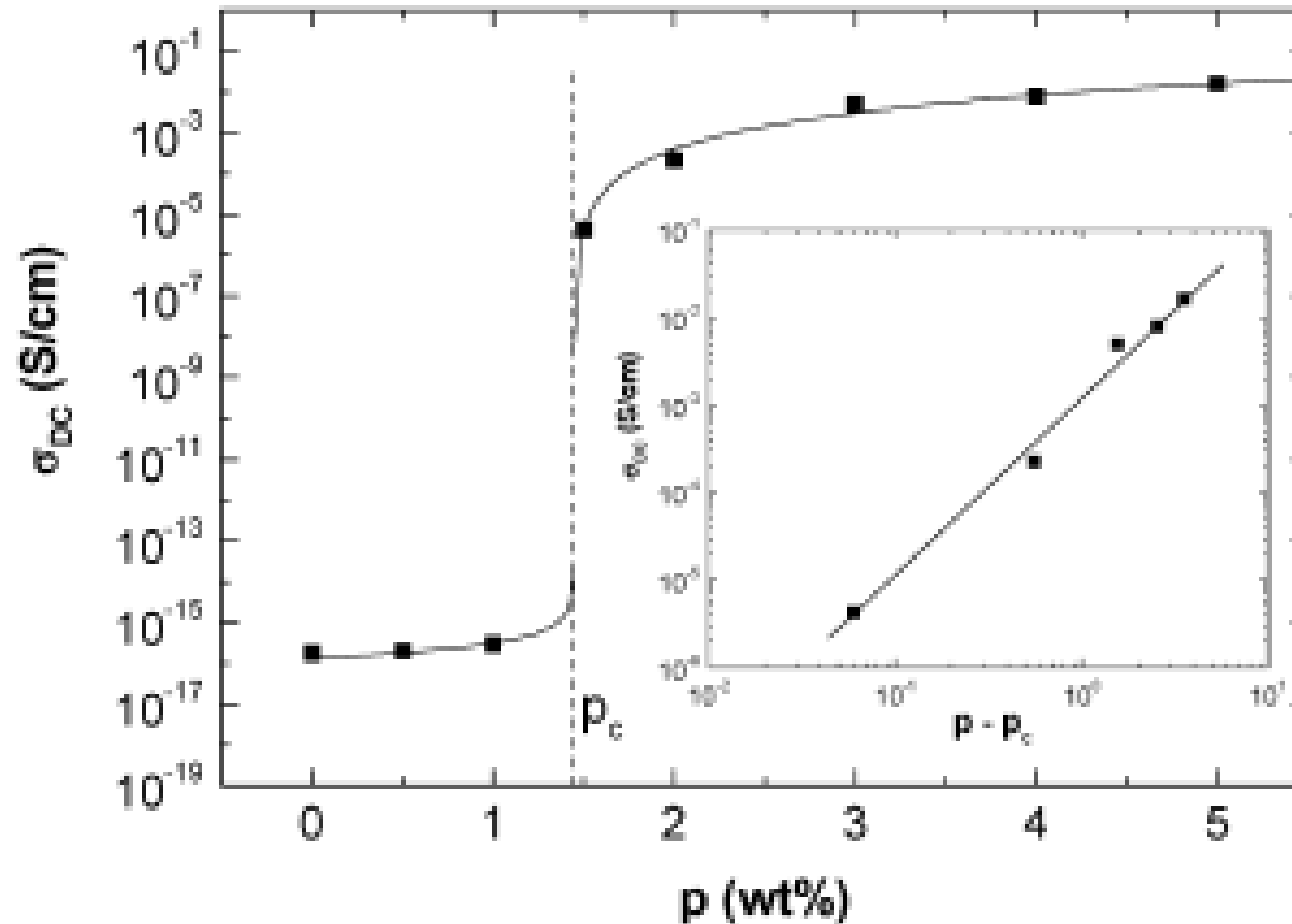
V. A. Bershtein et al., J. Polym. Sci. Part B Polym. Phys. 40, 1056-69 (2002)

Applications (9)



Properties Improvement: Electrical properties

Here we make use of the good properties of the filler

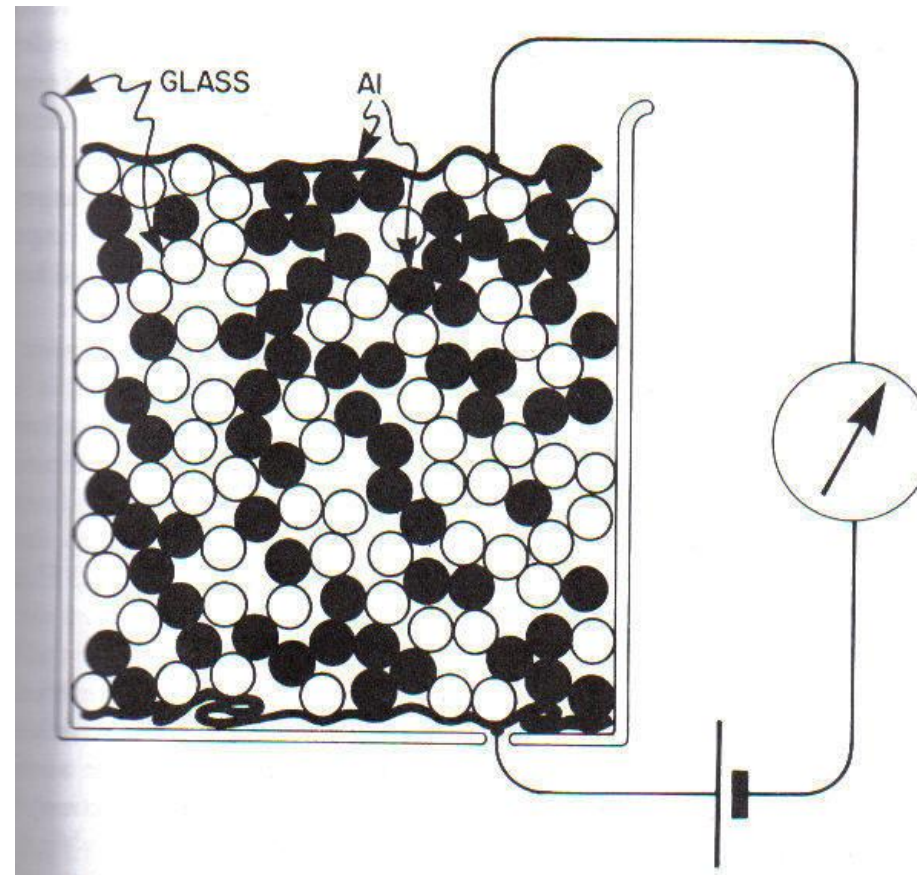


MWCNTs in PC
Evaluation of dc
conductivity in terms
of percolation
 $\sigma_{dc}(p) \sim (p - p_c)^t$

Applications (10)

Properties Improvement: Electrical properties

Percolation
in 3D



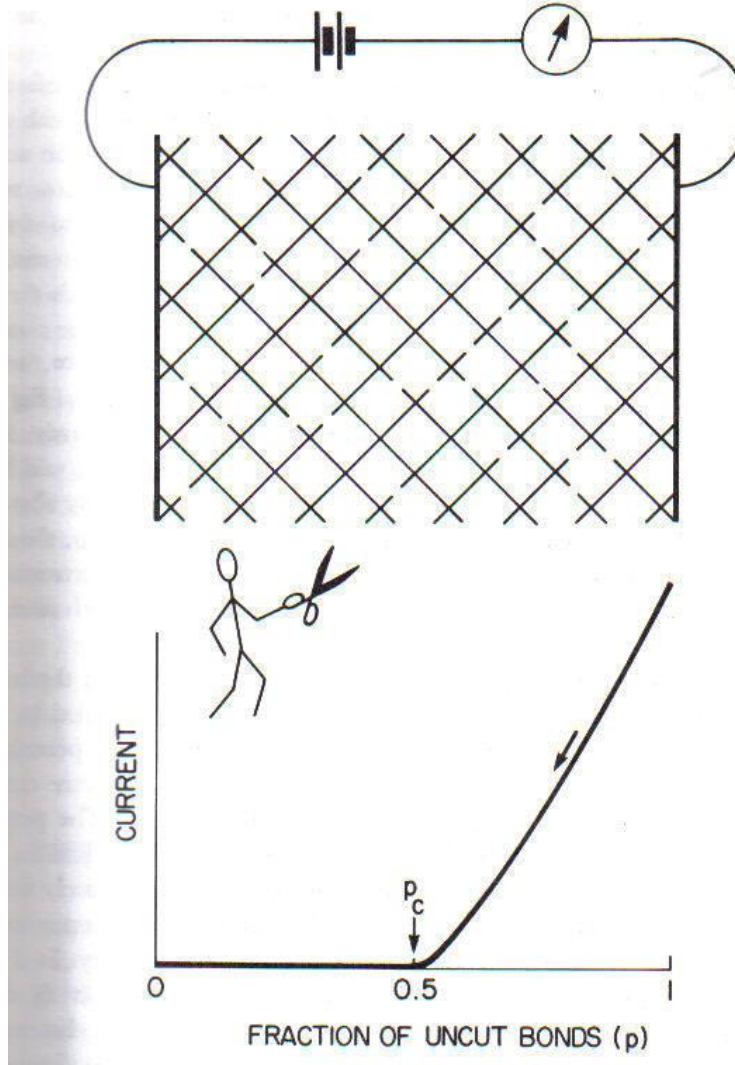
R. Zallen, The Physics of Amorphous Solids, Wiley, New York, 1983

Applications (10)



Properties Improvement: Electrical properties

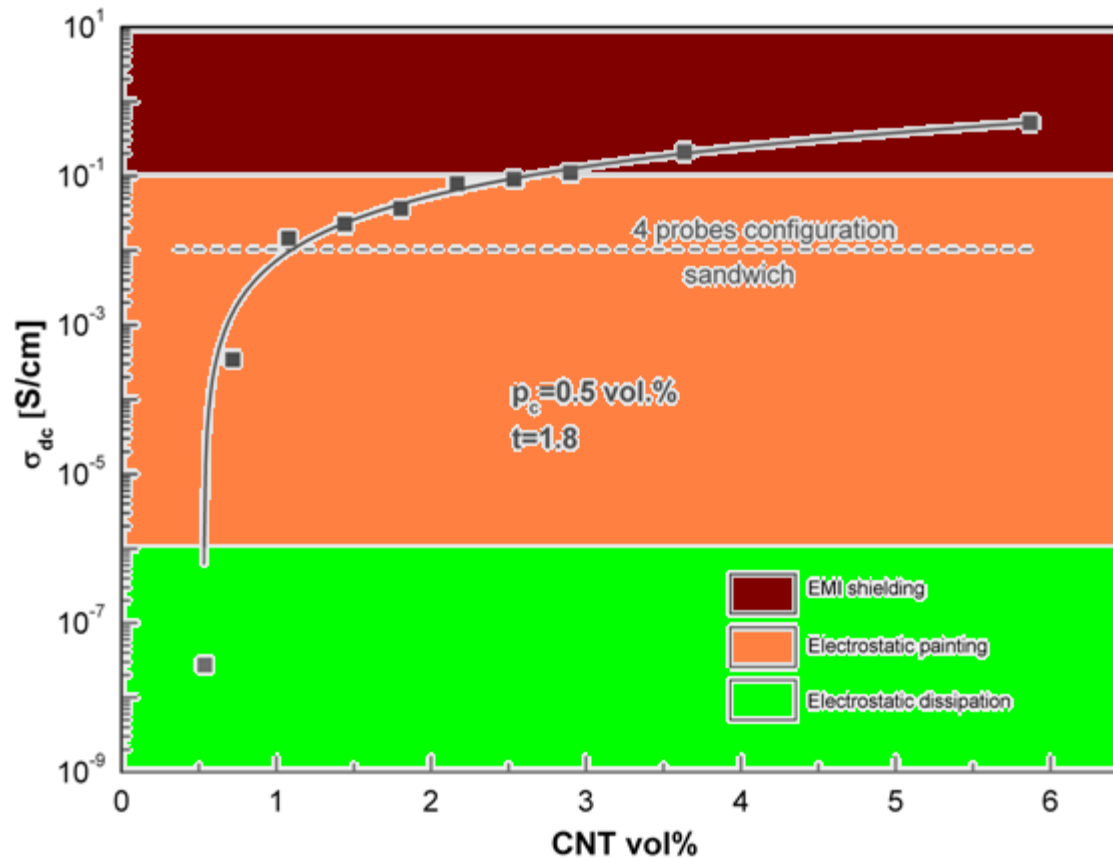
Percolation
in 2D



Applications (11)



Properties Improvement: Electrical properties PMMA/MWCNT nanocomposites

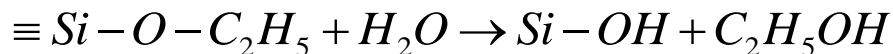


Applications (12) PHEA/silica hydrogels

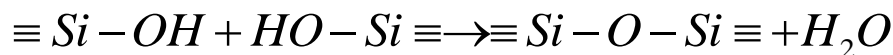
Scaffolds for tissue engineering

1. Polymerisation of PHEA

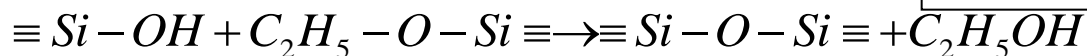
2. Hydrolysis of TEOS



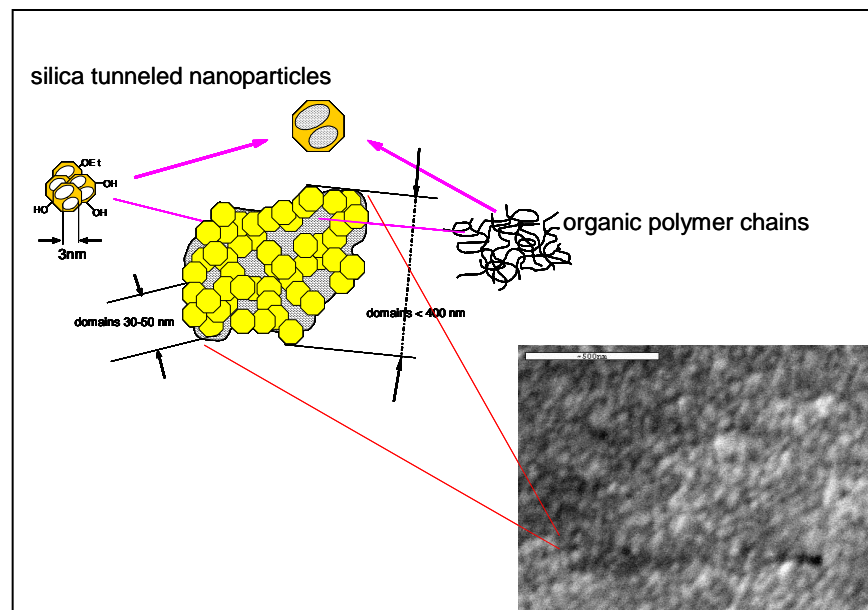
3. Condensation



and/or



f= 0% to 30% in silica



✓ SEM: excellent dispersion

✓ TGA: Nanoparticles form a continuous network

=> An organic and an inorganic network combined

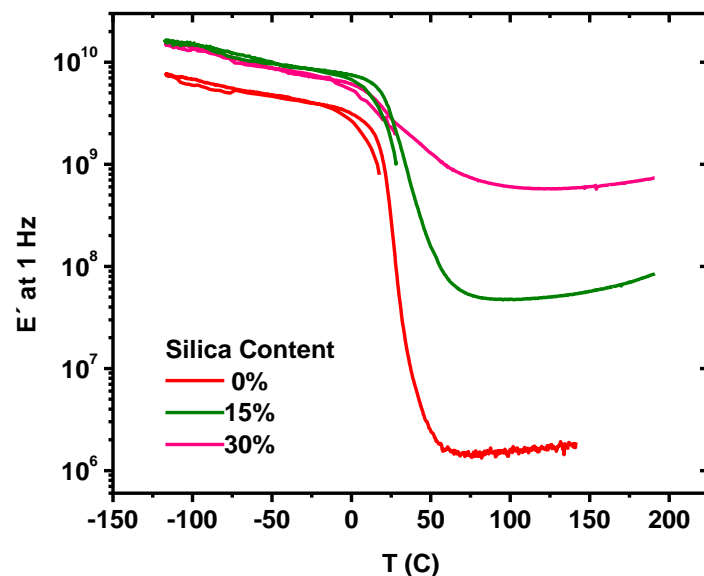
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J. G. Rodriguez Hernandez et al., Eur. Polym. J. 43 (2007) 2775-83



Applications (13) PHEA/silica hydrogels

Dynamic Mechanical Analysis



At 1 Hz: glass-rubbery transition at 10-20 C

- mechanical enhancement by 3 o.o.m. compared to pure PHEA!

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