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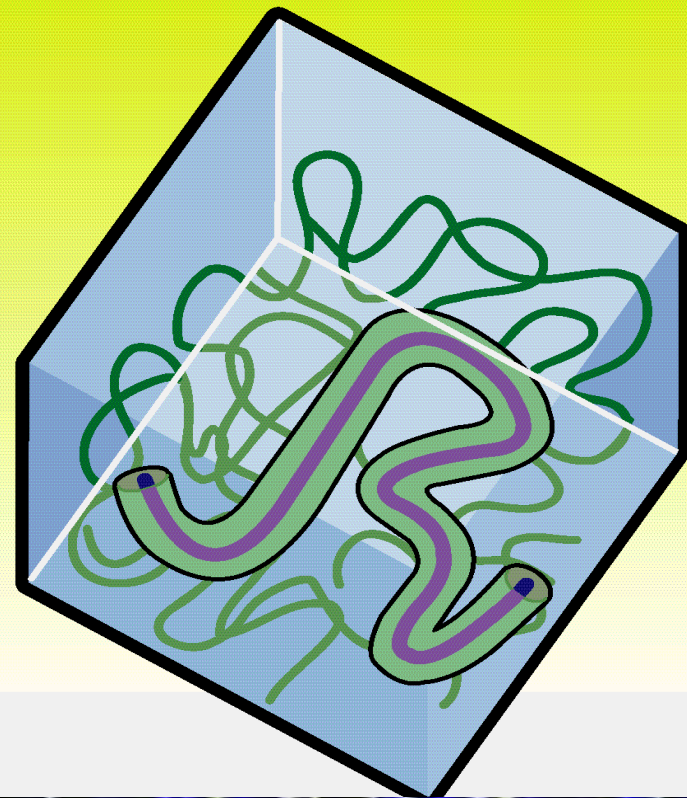
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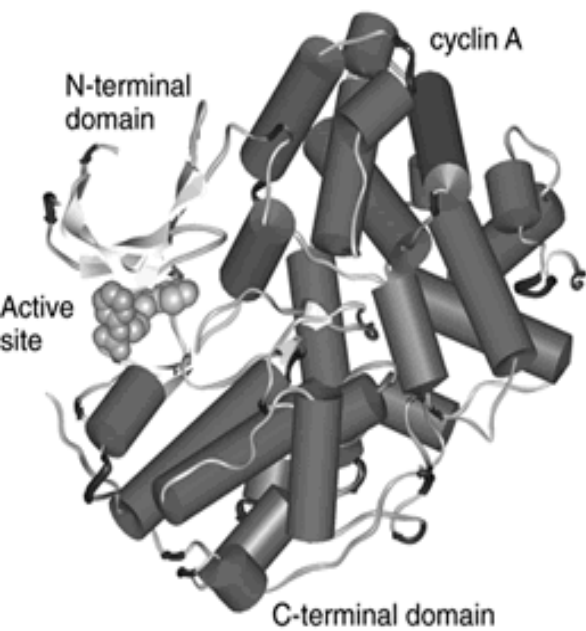
- *Polymer – Based Nanocomposites for Structural Applications*
- *Polymer – Based Nanocomposites for Thermal Applications*
- *Polymer-Based Nanocomposites for Electrical Applications*
- *Polymer-Based Nanocomposites for Magnetic Applications*
- *Polymer-Based Nanocomposites for Special Applications
(thermoelectric, optical, photonic, ferroelectric, piezoelectric,
and pyroelectric)*
- *Ferroic Polymer-Based Nanocomposites*

Polymer

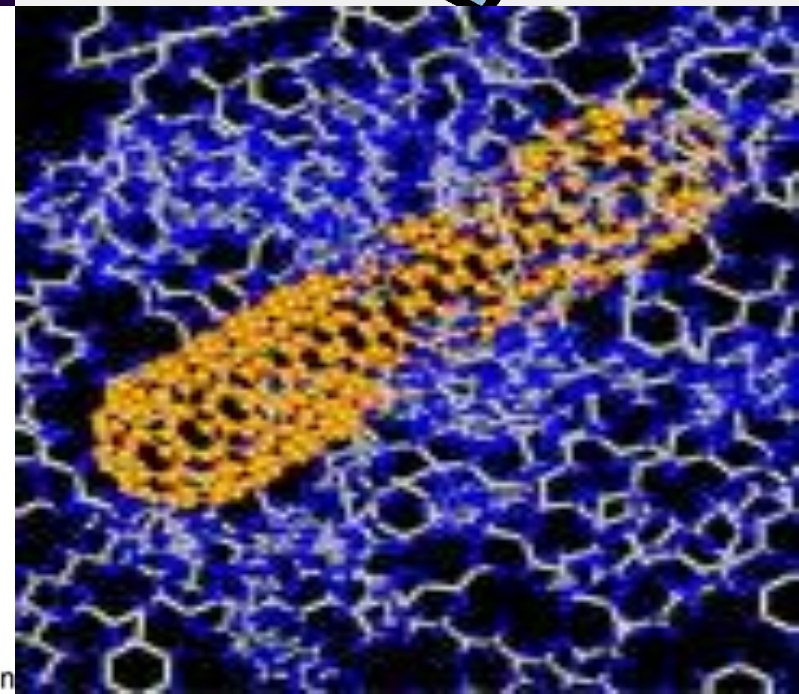
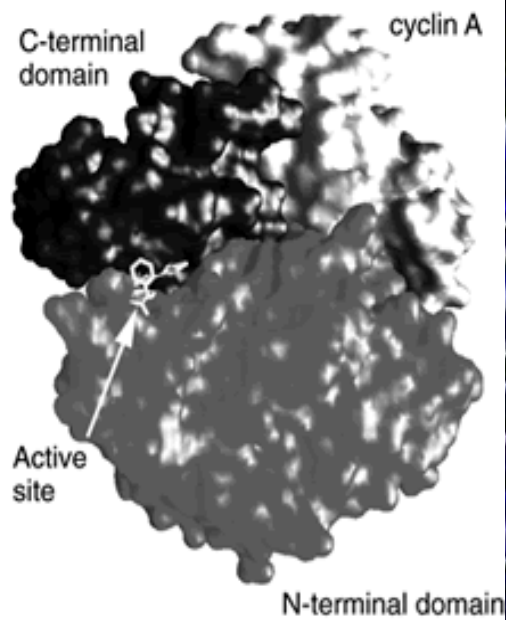
Polymer (from Greek πολύ-ς /po'li-s/ much, many and μέρος /'meros/ part) is a large molecule (macromolecule) composed of repeating structural units typically connected by covalent chemical bonds.



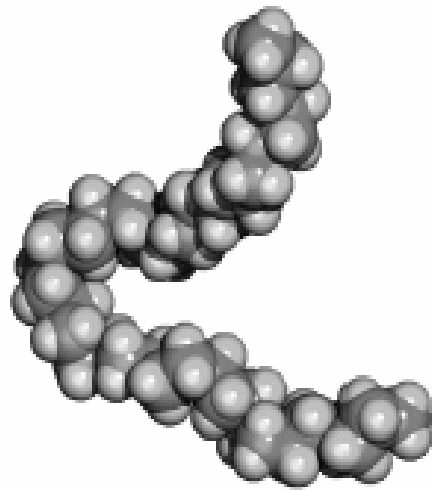
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B

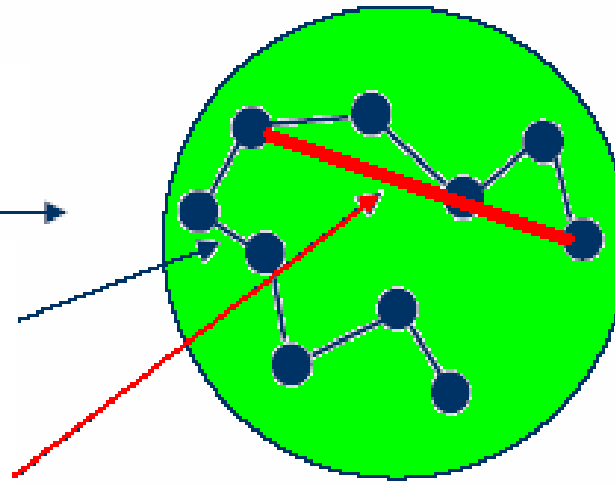


Most Important Scales in Polymers

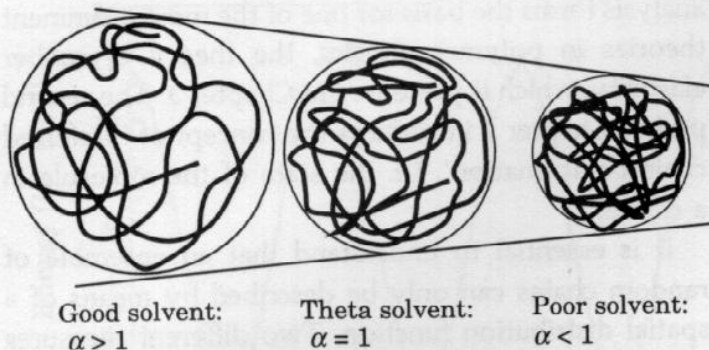


Bond length
0.1 nm

Persistence
length 1 nm



Coil
diameter
10-100 nm



Angstrom = $1\text{\AA} = 1/10,000,000,000$ meter = 10^{-10} m

Nanometer = 10 nm = $1/1,000,000,000$ meter = 10^{-9} m

Micrometer = $1\mu\text{m} = 1/1,000,000$ meter = 10^{-6} m

Millimeter = 1mm = $1/1,000$ meter = 10^{-3} m

This figure shows the most important scales in polymers. The typical bond length of polymers is of the order of 0.1 nm. The persistence length defined as the average length of the macromolecular chain that behaves like a rigid unit (rod) is about 1 nm and The coil diameter of the polymer is frequently ranging between 10 and 100 nm.

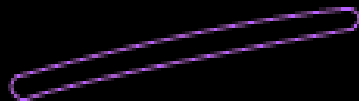
Most Important Scales in Polymers

LINEAR

(I) 1930's



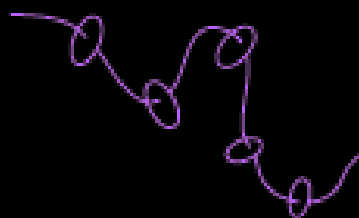
Flexible Coil



Rigid Rod



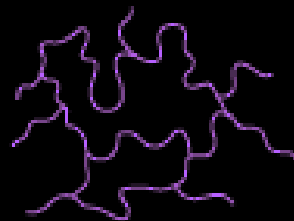
Cyclic (Closed Linear)



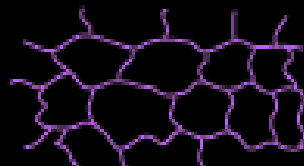
Polystyrene

CROSS-LINKED

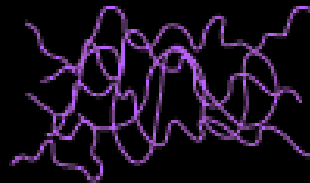
(II) 1940's



Lightly Cross-Linked



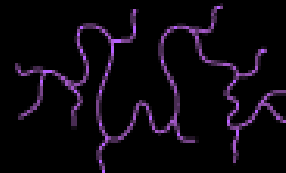
Densely Cross-Linked



Interpenetrating
Networks

BRANCHED

(III) 1960's



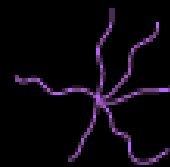
Random Short Branches



Random Long Branches



Regular Comb-Branched



Regular Star-Branched

DENDRITIC

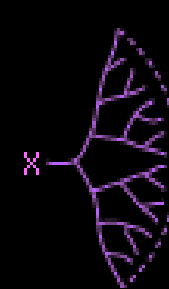
(IV) 1980's



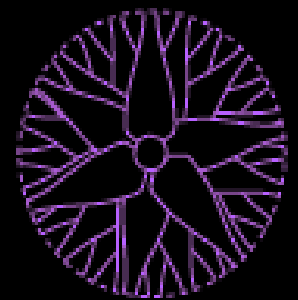
Random Hyperbranched



Controlled Hyperbranched
(Comb-burstTM)



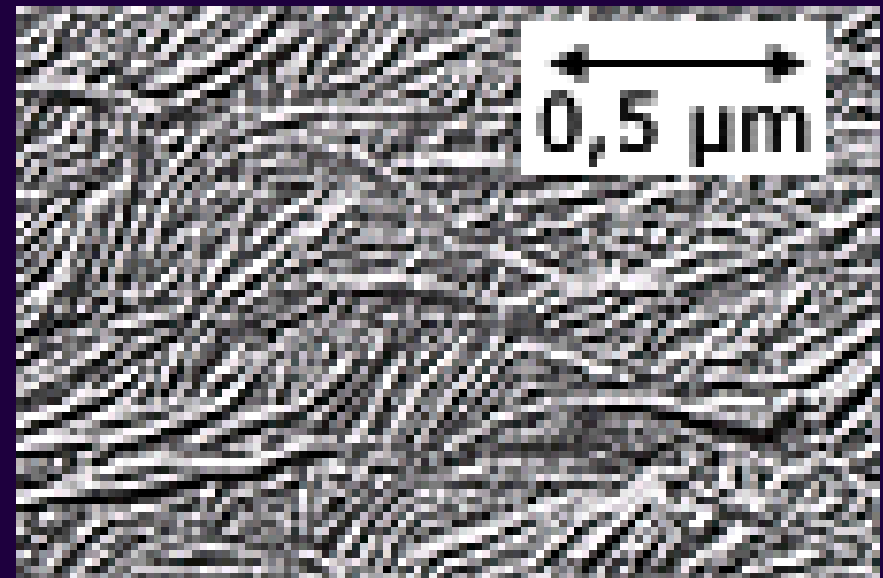
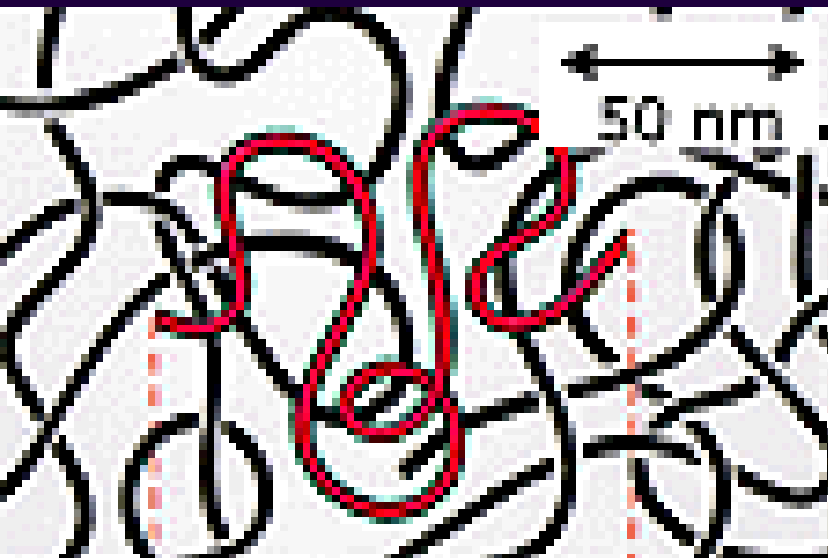
Regular Dendrons
(Starburst[®])



Dendrimers

What is a Polymer ?

- Each polymer molecule consists of linked basic units called monomers.
- The number of monomers in a chain can be very large, from thousands to several millions.
- The chains may be entangled like spaghetti (as above) or be ordered in crystalline formations.



- A Frisbee is a mixture of crystalline (ordered) and amorphous (disordered) polymer structures. This makes the material both strong and flexible

What is a Polymer ?

• Long polymeric chains: Size can be described by simple proportion ratios called scaling laws:

When the number of monomers N is doubled, the size is increased by the scaling factor 2^{ν} .

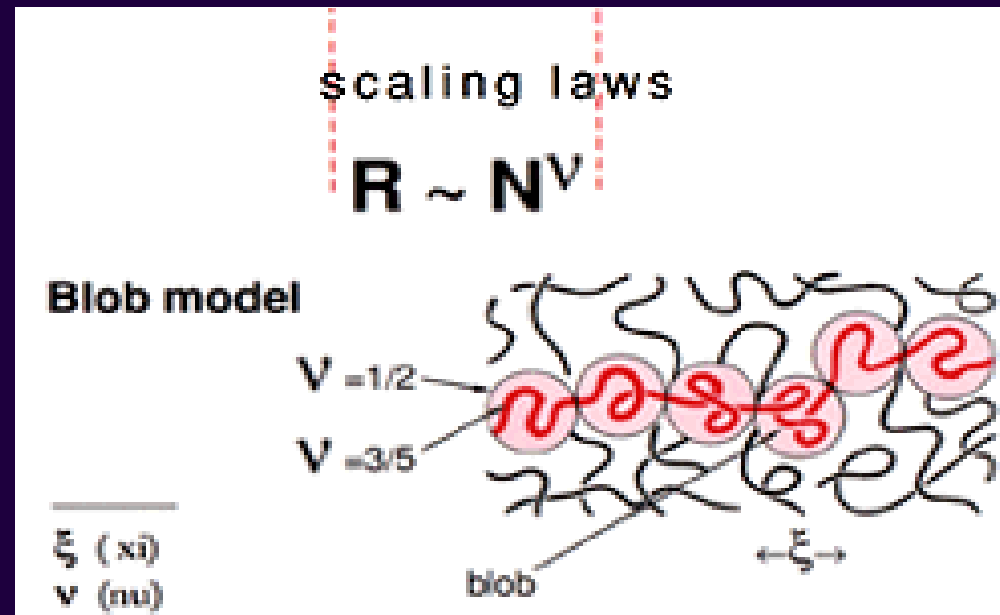
The exponent ν is universal in the sense that it is the same for all polymer chains although it depends on the polymer concentration.

The blob model is used to describe polymer solutions, crosslinked polymers (gels), polymer welds, interfaces, polymers at surfaces etc.

$\nu=1/2$ for ideal random coil

$\nu=3/5$ for self avoiding
random coil

$\nu=1/3$ for globules (chain collapse)
like DNA



What is a Polymer ?

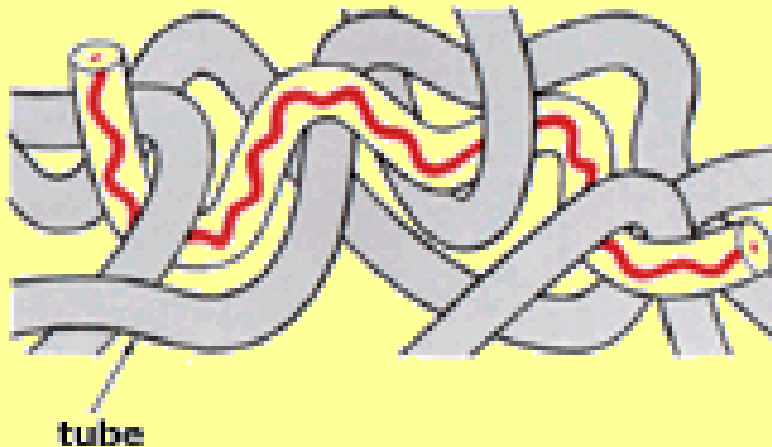
The snake-like (reptile-like) motion of an entangled polymer chain is explained by imaging that it is confined to a "tube" formed by adjacent chains.

The **reptation time t** , the time needed for the chain to completely move out of the tube, can be obtained from simple scaling arguments.

The reptation model leads to a smaller exponent ($\nu = 3$) than the measured one ($\nu = 3.3$) but it can nevertheless explain a number of phenomena and is very powerful in its simplicity.

Reptation model

$$\tau \sim N^3$$



Phase Transitions in Polymers

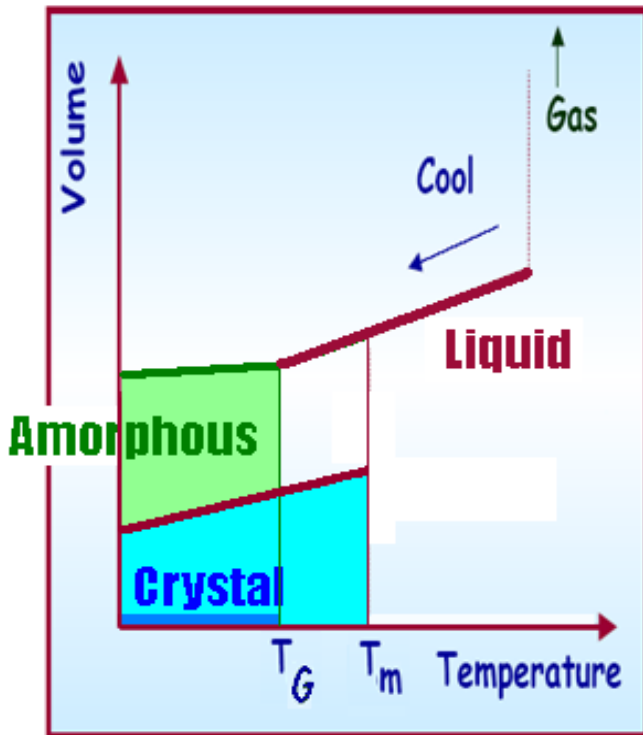
Small Molecules

Gas

"1st-Order" Transitions

Liquid

Solid
(Crystalline)



Temperature

Gas

Condensation

Evaporation

Liquid

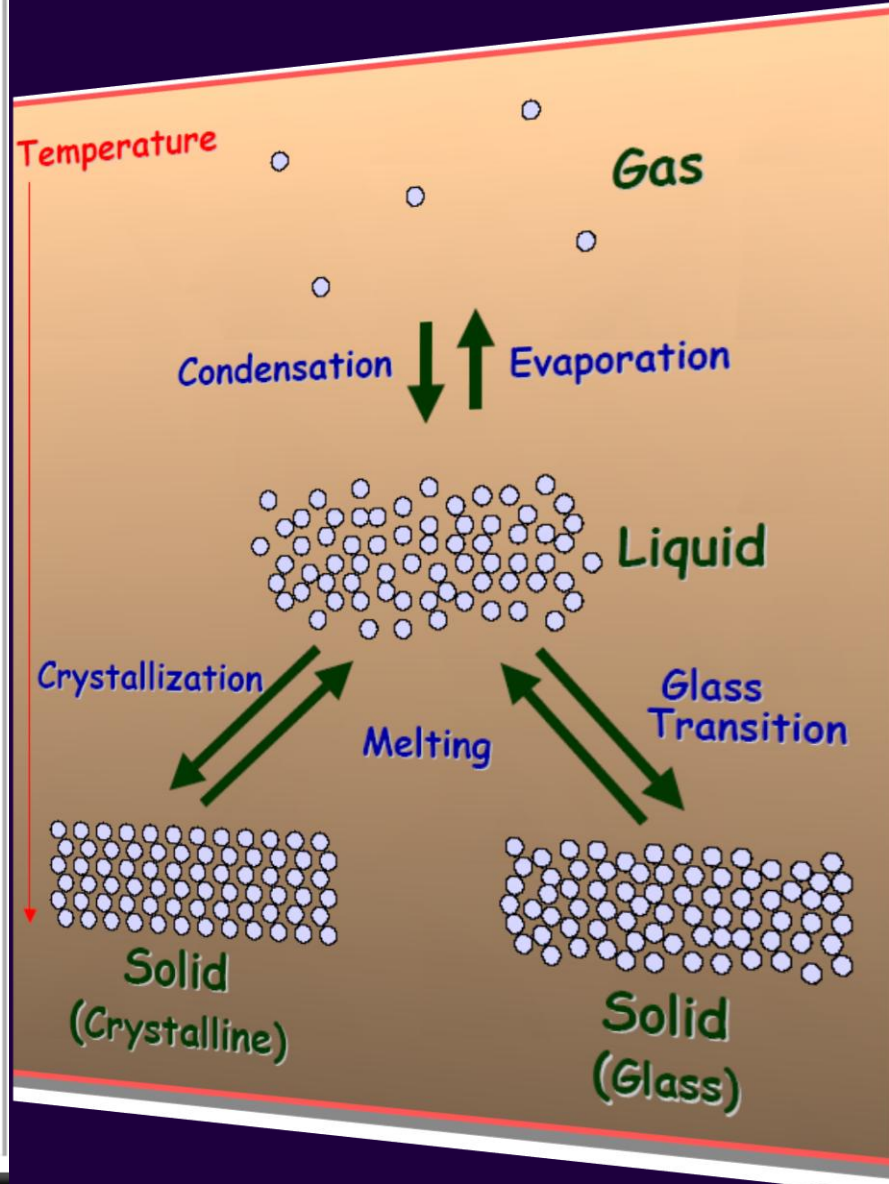
Crystallization

Melting

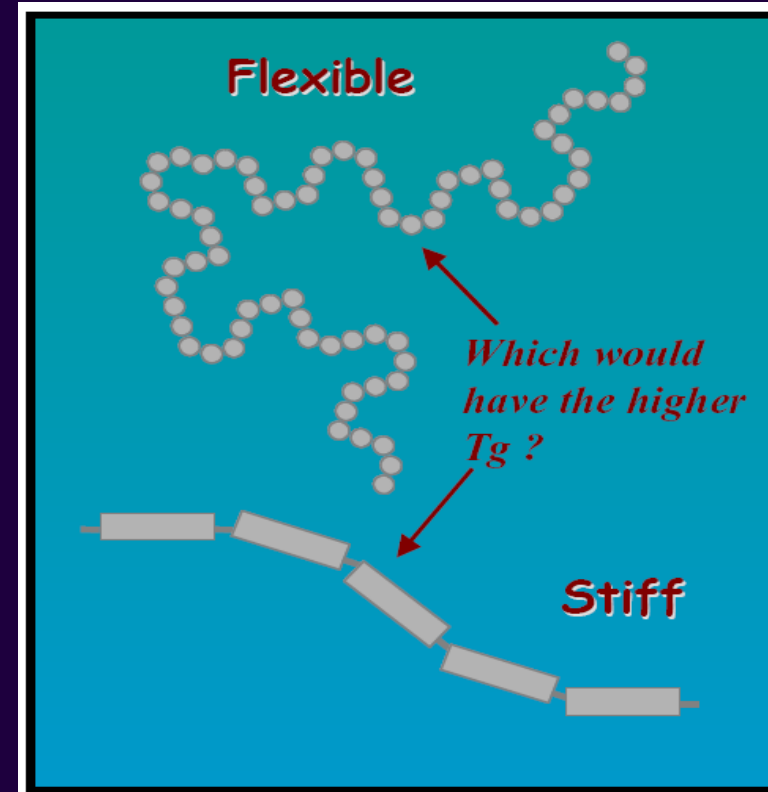
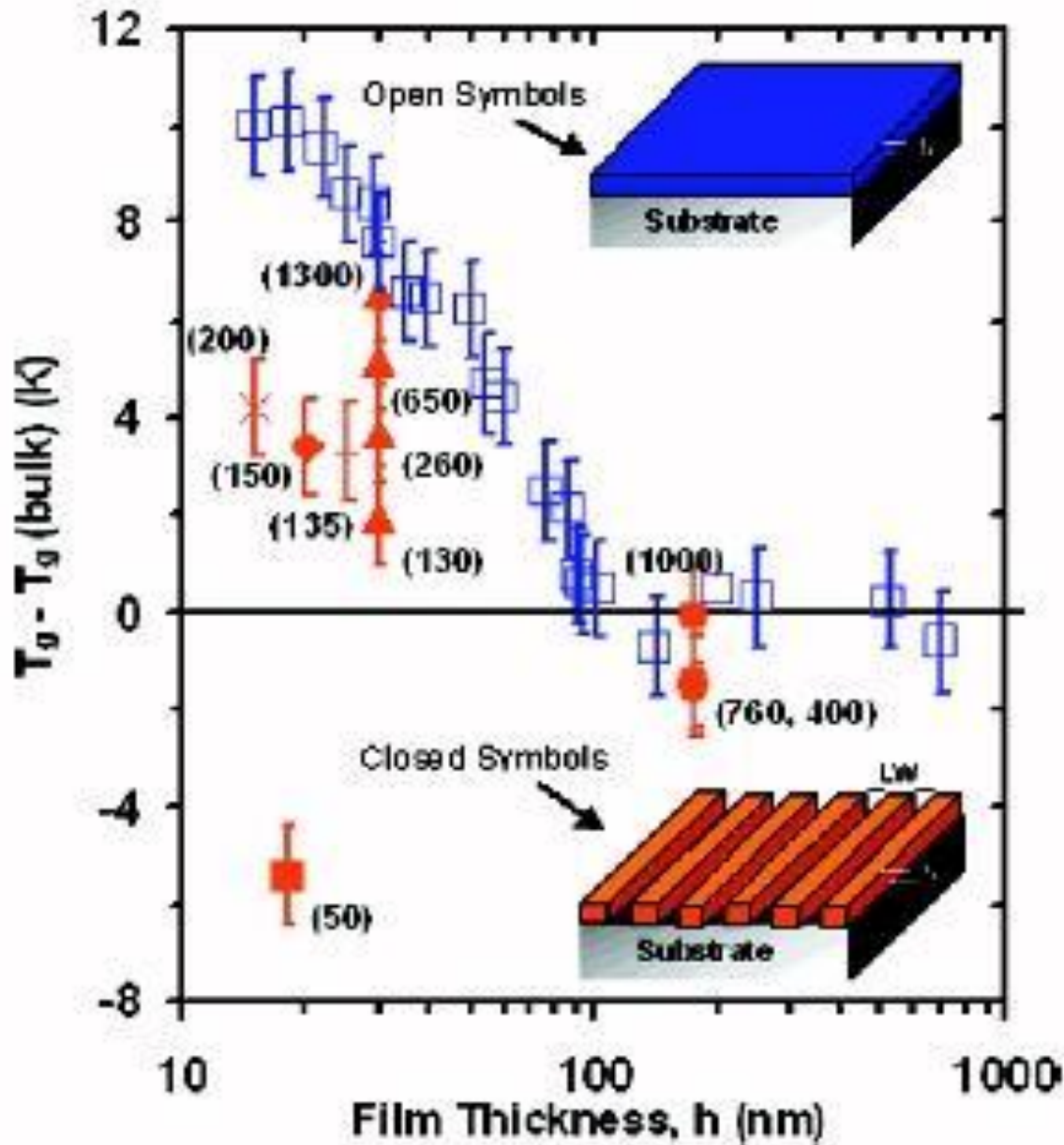
Glass
Transition

Solid
(Crystalline)

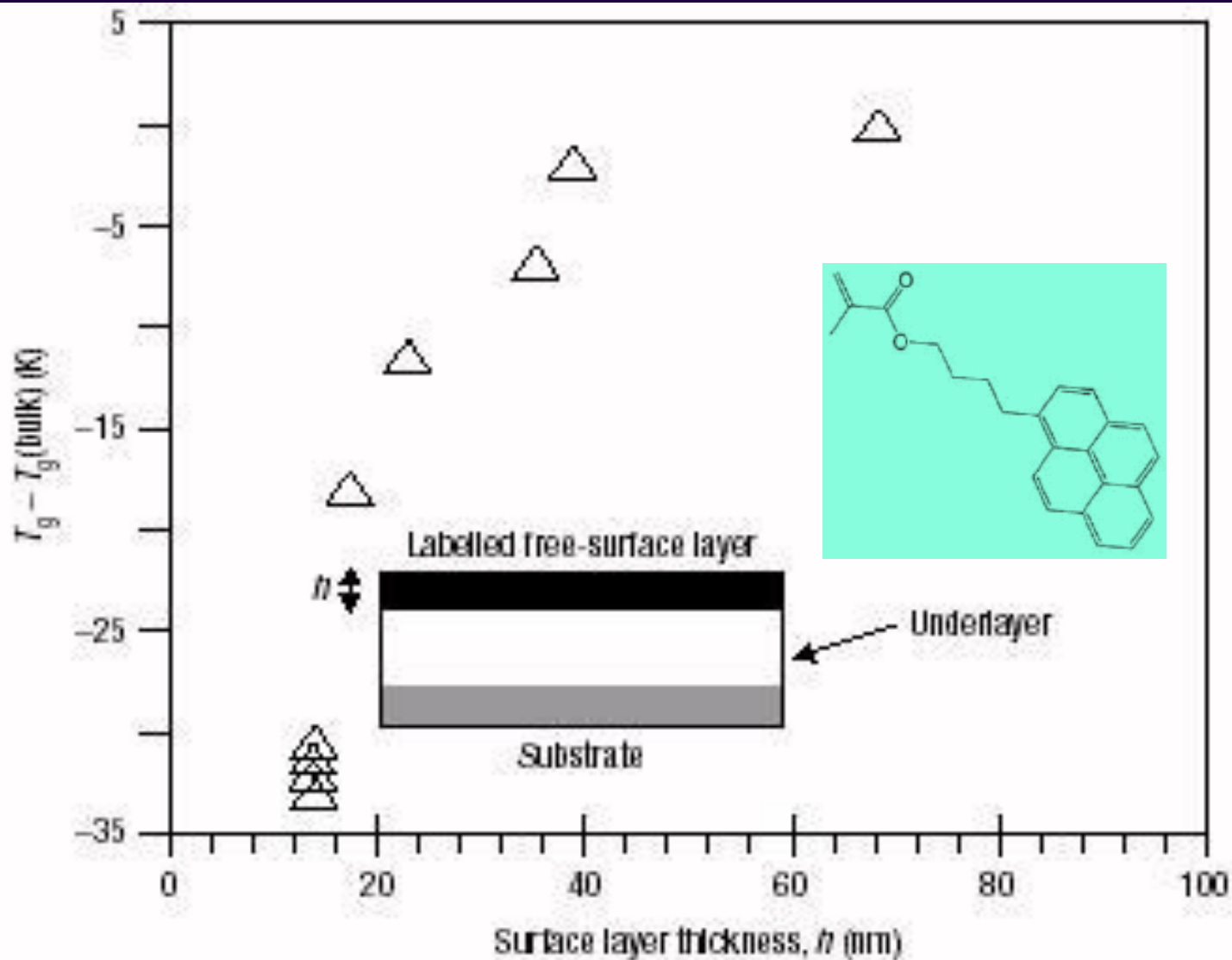
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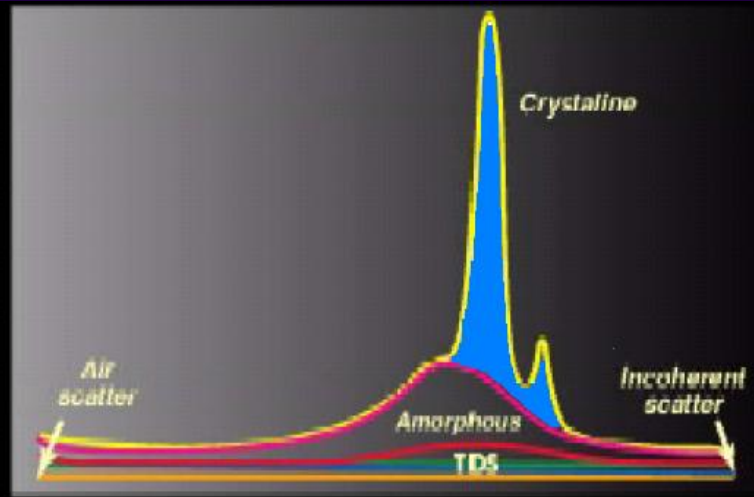
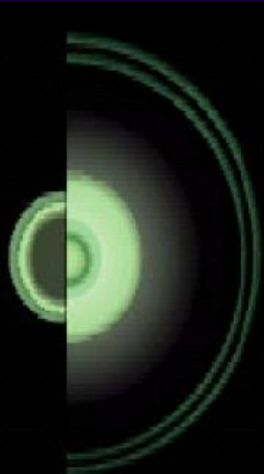


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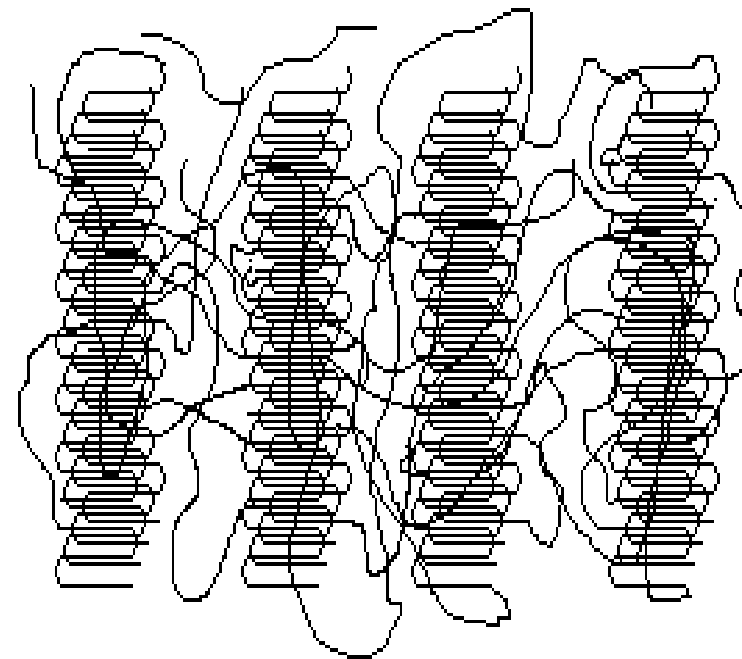


Semi-Crystalline Polymers

Semi-crystalline polymers have both crystalline and amorphous regions. Semicrystallinity is a desirable property for most plastics because they combine the strength of crystalline polymers with the flexibility of amorphous. Semi-crystalline polymers can be tough with an ability to bend without breaking.

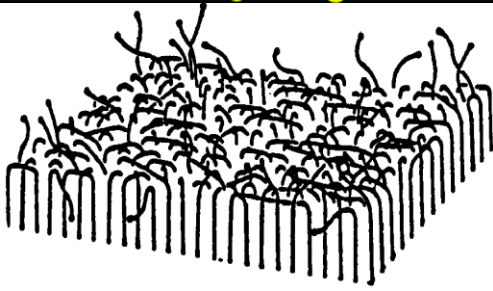
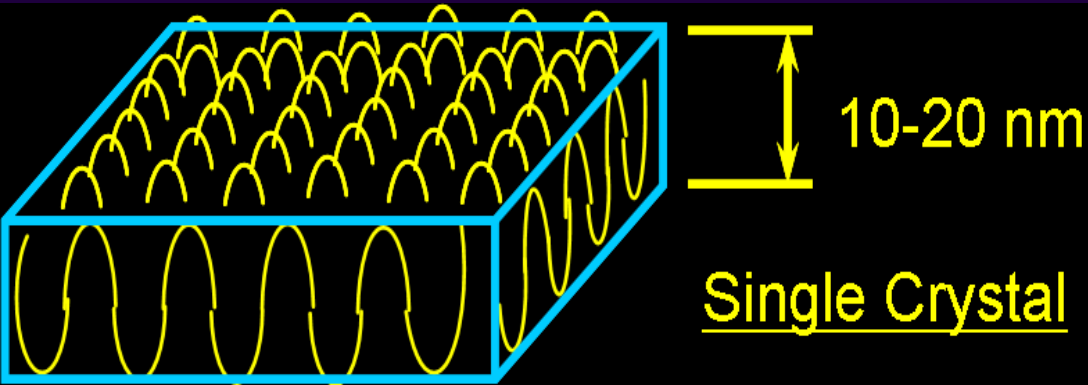


DIFFRACTOGRAM of POLYETHYLENE



Semi-Crystalline Polymers

Folded Chain Model of PE



Switchboard Model

Spherulites

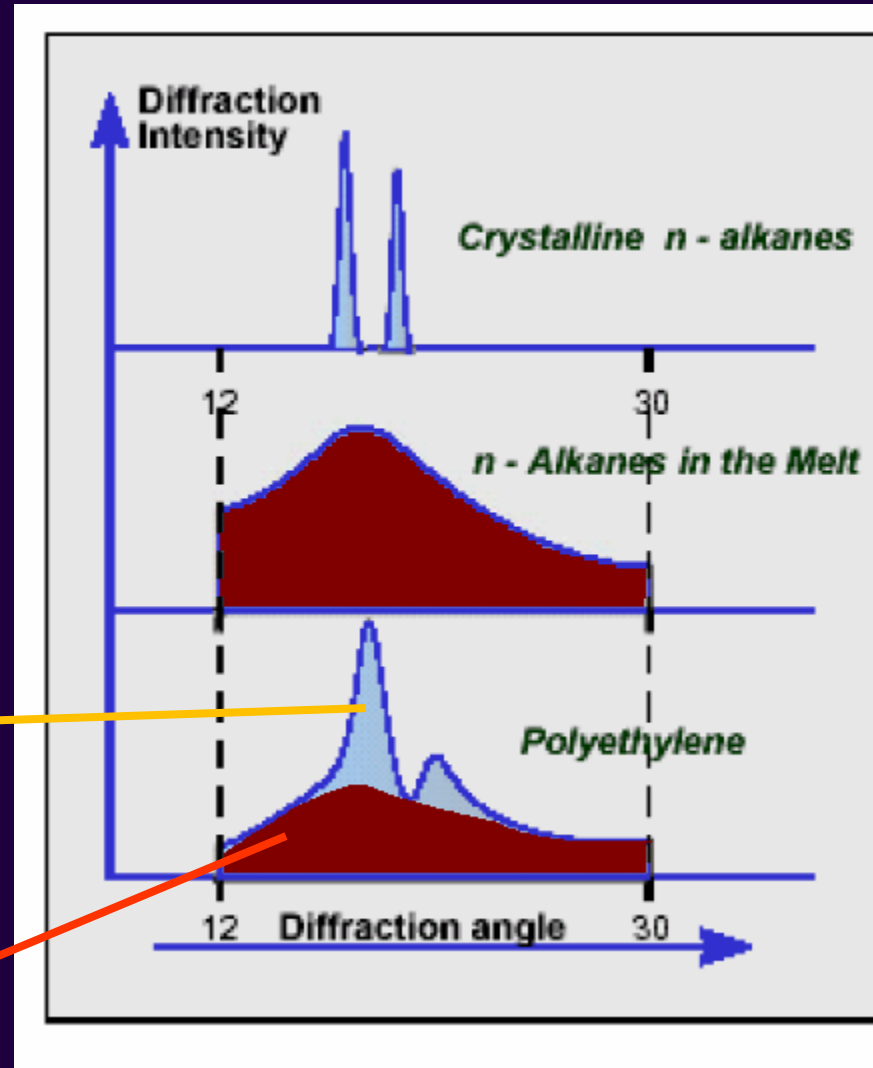


Crystalline

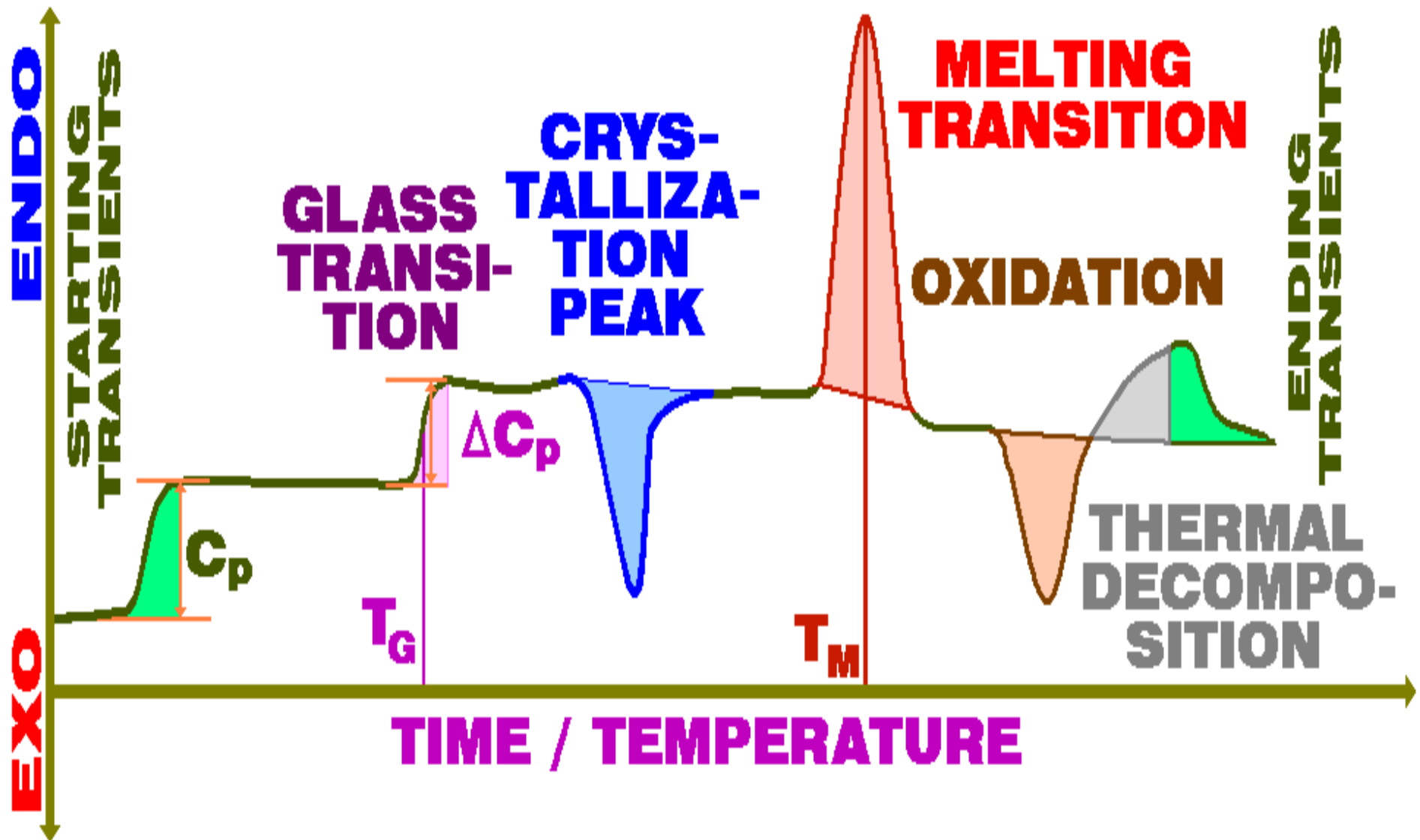
Domains

Amorphous

Domains



Phase Transitions in Polymers



Polymer- Based Nanocomposite Materials

Structural Nanomaterials

- * Strong/Flexible/Light Films and Fabrics*

Conducting Nanomaterials

- * Strong/Flexible/Light/Transparent Conducting Nanomaterials*
 - * Antistatic Coatings (Charging Effects)*
 - * Electromagnetic/Radiation Shielding (Interference/Damage)*

Magnetic Nanomaterials

- * Detectors*
- * Drug delivery*

Polymer- Based Nanocomposite Materials

Add nanometer - sized nanoparticles to a polymeric matrix:

- 1-dimensional nanofillers (platelets such as nanoclays)*
- 2-dimensional nanofillers (nanowires such as carbon nanotubes)*
- 3-dimensional nanoparticles (spherical or cubic nanoparticles such as perovskites, magnetite, barium ferrite)*

Polymer- Based Nanocomposite Materials

How to disperse the nanoparticles within the polymeric matrix?

- **Thermo-mechanical methods (extrusion)**
- **Melt processing**
- **Sonication in solution followed by solvent evaporation.**
- **Stirring/mixing components in solution followed by solvent evaporation.**
- **In situ polymerization**

Polymer-Carbon Nanostructure Composites

Carbon Nanotubes, Carbon Nanofibers, and Graphene have the tendency to agglomerate.

Difficult dispersion of carbon nanostructures in polymers

Solutions:

- Surface modification via chemical or physical functionalization***
- Sonication***

The Polymer Composite Cube

Most frequently used systems:

- *Polymer - carbon nanotubes/nanofibers*
- *Polymer - nanoclay*

The Polymer Composite Cube

ASSUMPTIONS

- * A cube of polymer of side L_P and density ρ_P
- * A cube of filler of side L_F and density ρ_F
- * A concentration C_F of the filler within the polymeric matrix.

$$m_P = \rho_P L_P^3$$

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$$C_F (\%) = \frac{m_F}{m_F + m_P} \times 100$$

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$$\rho_P C_F L_P^3 = \rho_F L_F^3 (100 - C_F)$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

ASSUMPTIONS

* Accordingly:

* Simplified model:

- Density of polymer and filler almost equal
- Very low concentration regime: C_F
- A single cubic particle

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The Polymer Composite Cube

ASSUMPTIONS

- * *Very low filler concentration*
 - *$C_F = 0.1\%$*
 - *POLYMER SIDE 1 m*
 - *A single cube of filler with a side of 0.1 m*

$$L_F \approx L_P \left[\frac{C_F}{(100 - C_F)} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$L_F \approx L_P \left[\frac{0.1}{99.9} \right]^{1/3} \approx \frac{L_P}{10}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

ASSUMPTIONS

- * Filler consists of N identical cubes of side x_F
- * Total mass of filler is m_F

$$m_F = N\rho_F x_F^3$$

$$C_F = \frac{N\rho_F x_F^3}{N\rho_F x_F^3 + \rho_P L_P^3} \times 100$$

$$C_F \rho_P L_P^3 = N\rho_F x_F^3 (100 - C_F)$$

$$x_F = L_P \left[\frac{C_F \rho_P}{N\rho_F (100 - C_F)} \right]^{1/3}$$

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$$x_F = L_P \left[\frac{.1}{99.9N} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$x_F = \frac{L_P}{10} \left[\frac{1}{N} \right]^{1/3}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

ASSUMPTIONS

- POLYMER SIDE 1 m*
- Filler side 1mm $\rightarrow N=10^6$*
- Filler side 1micron $\rightarrow N=10^{15}$*
- Filler side 1 nm $\rightarrow N=10^{24}$*

$$x_F = \frac{L_P}{10} \left[\frac{1}{N} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$N = \frac{L_P^3}{1000 x_F^3}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

Interface thickness ξ

$$m_I = \rho_P [(x_F + \xi)^3 - x_F^3] = 3\rho_P x_F \xi (x_F + \xi)$$

– Interface mass m_I

$$m_I = 3\rho_P x_F^2 \xi$$

– Assumption $x \gg \xi$

– Mass fraction of the polymer in the interface

$$f_I = \frac{m_I}{m_P} = \frac{m_I m_F (m_P + m_F)}{m_P m_F (m_P + m_F)} = \frac{m_I C_F (m_P + m_F)}{100 m_P m_F}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

Mass of the filler very small

$$f_I = \frac{m_I C_F (m_P + m_F)}{100 m_P m_F} \approx \frac{m_I C_F}{100 m_F}$$

$$m_I = 3 \rho_P x_F^2 \xi$$

Mass fraction of the polymer in the interface

$$f_I \approx \frac{m_I C_F}{100 m_F} = \frac{3 \rho_P x_F^2 \xi C_F}{100 \rho_F x_F^3}$$

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The Polymer Composite Cube

Maxim value of f is 1.

At $f=1$ is obtained

*Density of filler and
polymer almost equal*

$$f_I = \frac{3\rho_P \xi C_F}{100\rho_F x_F} = 1$$

$$C_F = \frac{100}{3} \frac{\rho_F}{\rho_P} \frac{x_F}{\xi}$$

$$C_F = \frac{100}{3} \frac{x_F}{\xi}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

For $x_F=1nm$ and $C_F=0.33$ %

For $x_F=3nm$ and $C_F=1.00$ %

For $x_F=30nm$ and $C_F=10$ %

For $x_F=300$ nm and $C_F=100$ %

$$C_F = \frac{100}{3} \frac{x_F}{\xi}$$

The Polymer Composite Cube

** Attractive Interactions*

- Specific volume decreases*
- Overall density increases*
- Packing density increases*
- Glass transition temperature shifted upwards*
- Degree of crystallization increased*

** Repulsive Interactions*

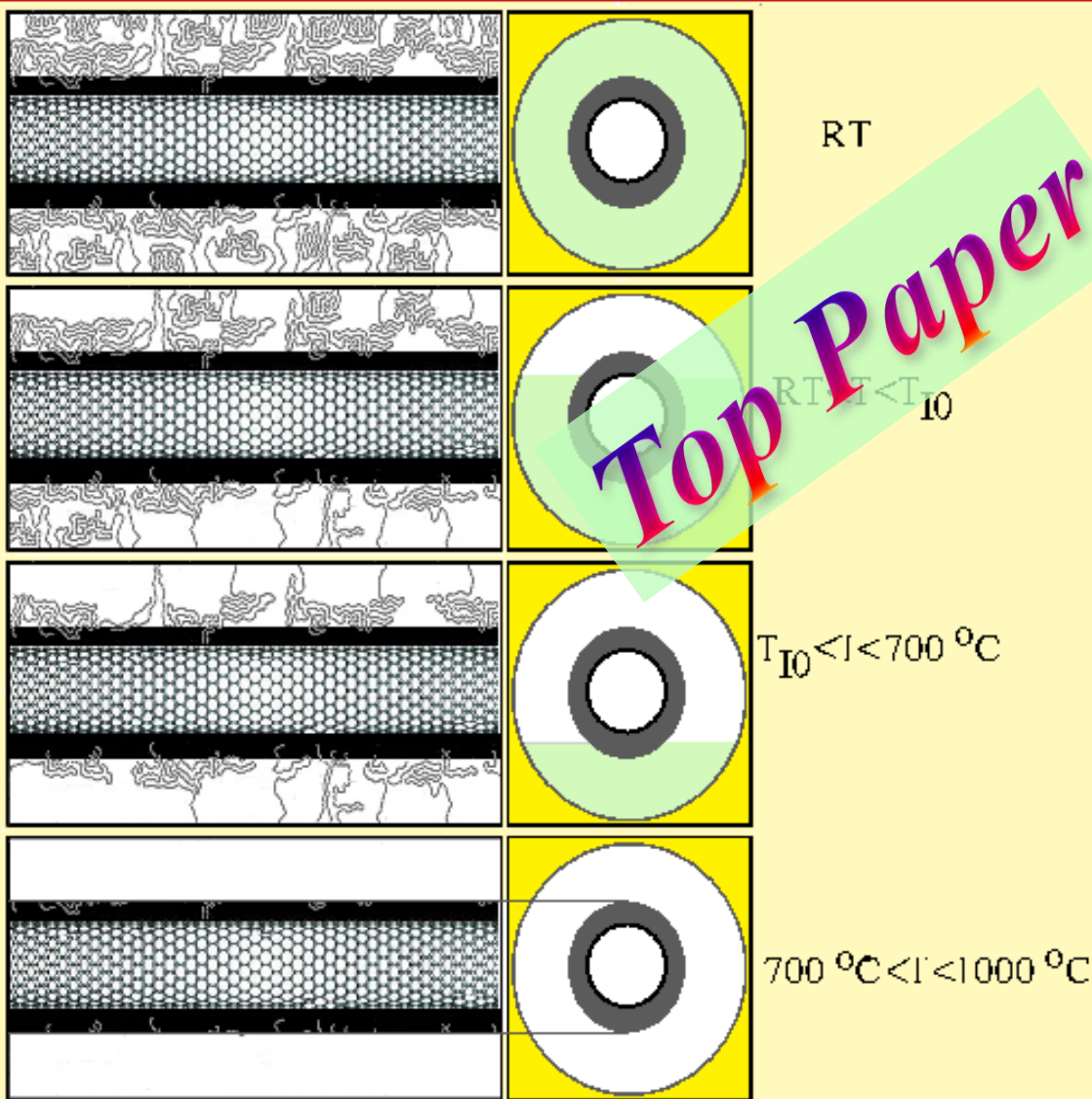
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- Overall density decreases*
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- Degree of crystallization decreased*

Polymer – Based Nanocomposites for Structural Applications

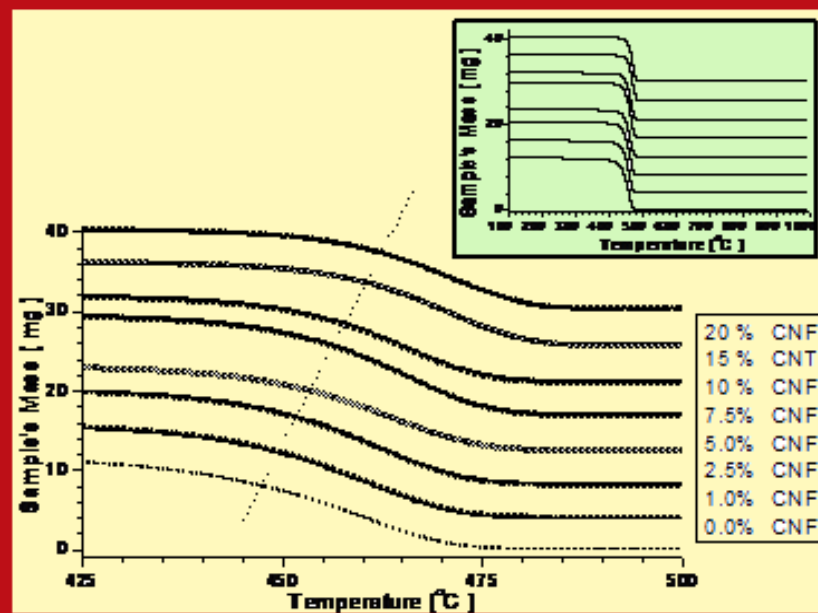
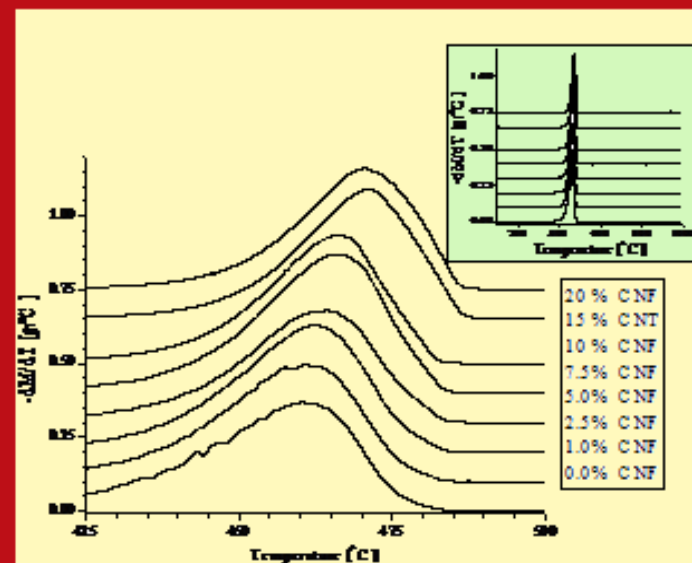
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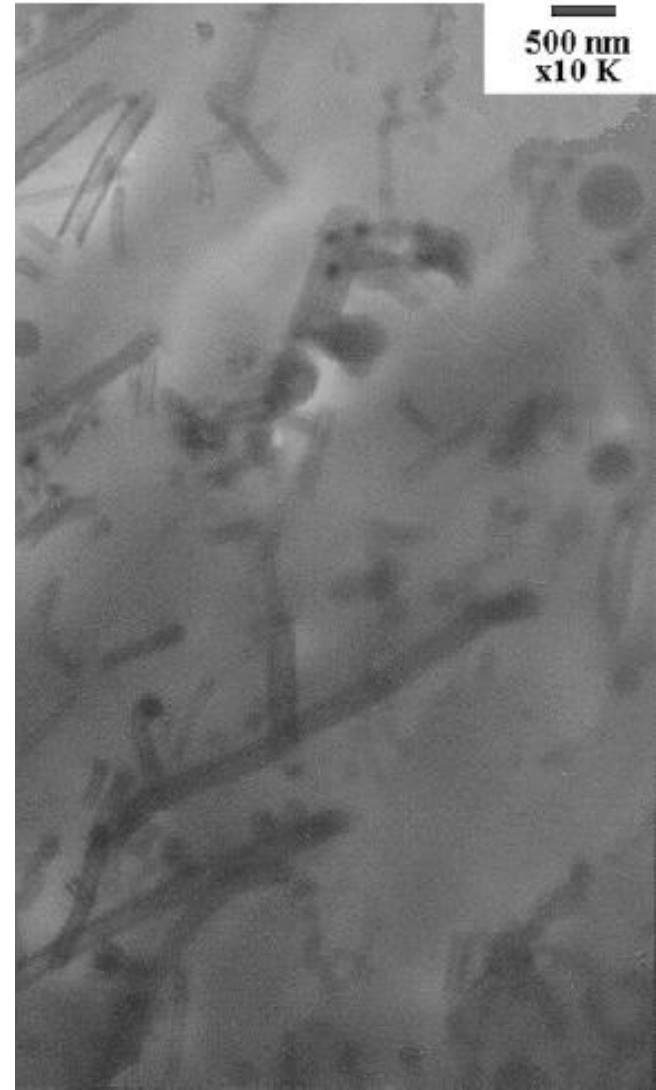
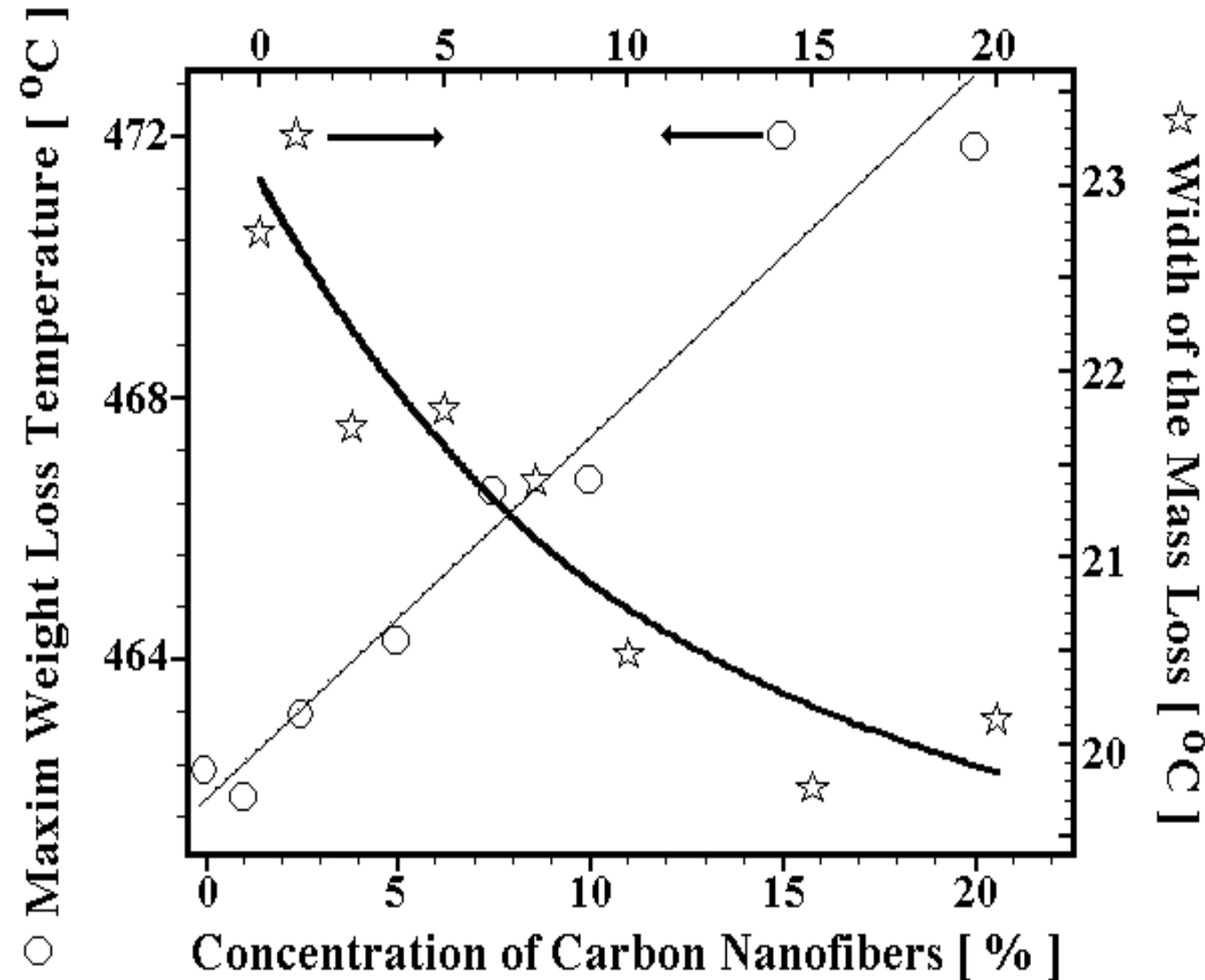
Polymer – Based Nanocomposites for Thermal Applications



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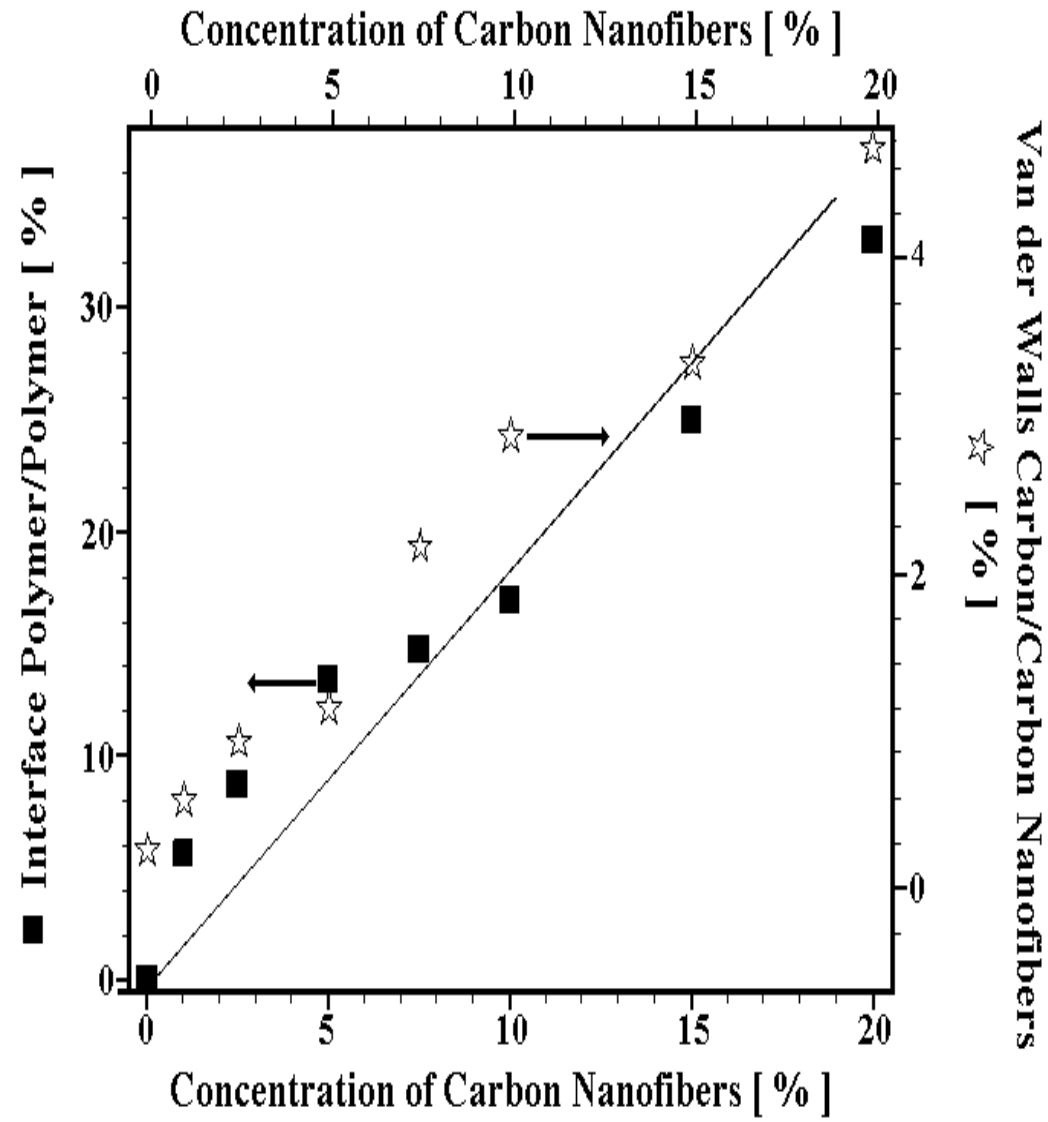
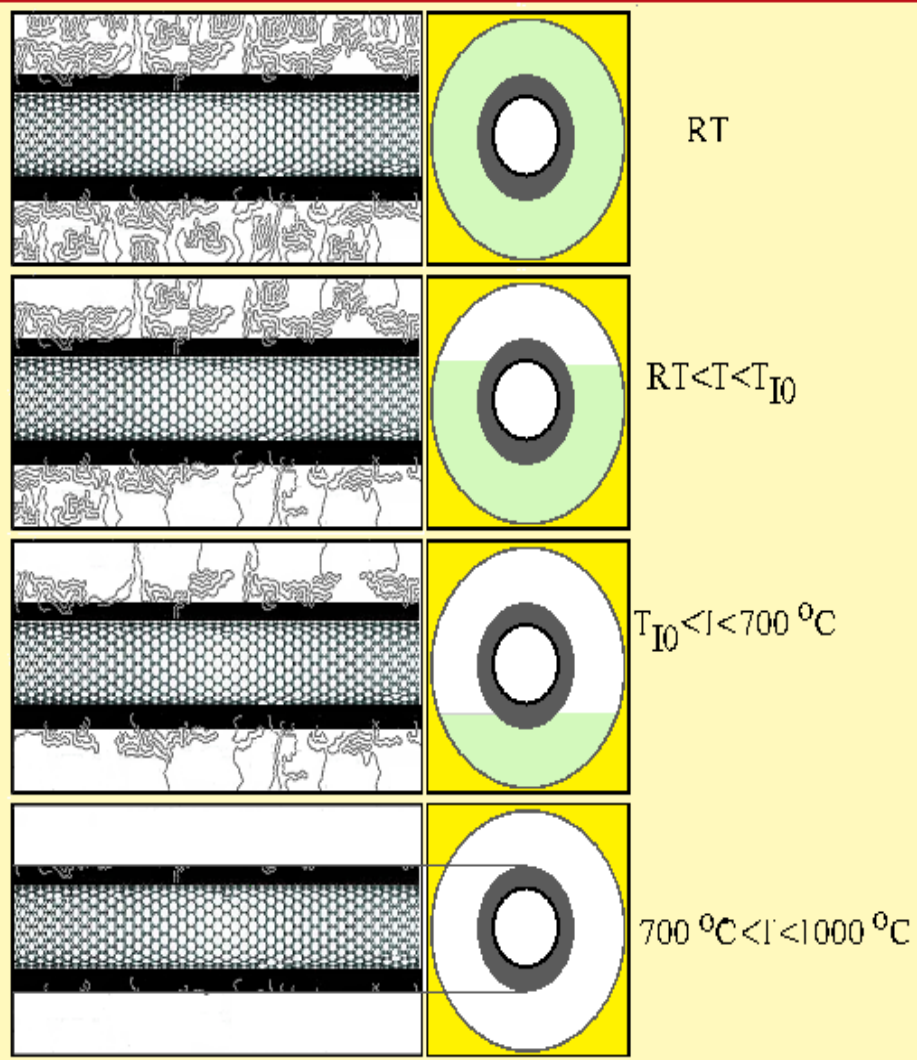


Thermal Degradation in Nitrogen: PP-CNF



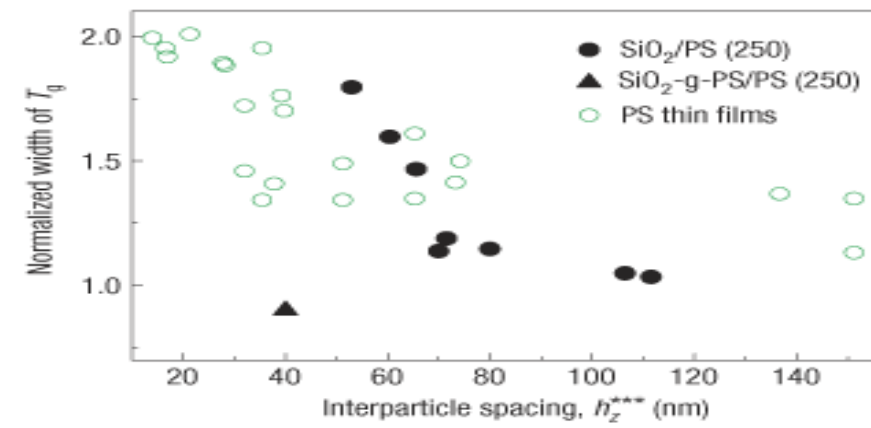
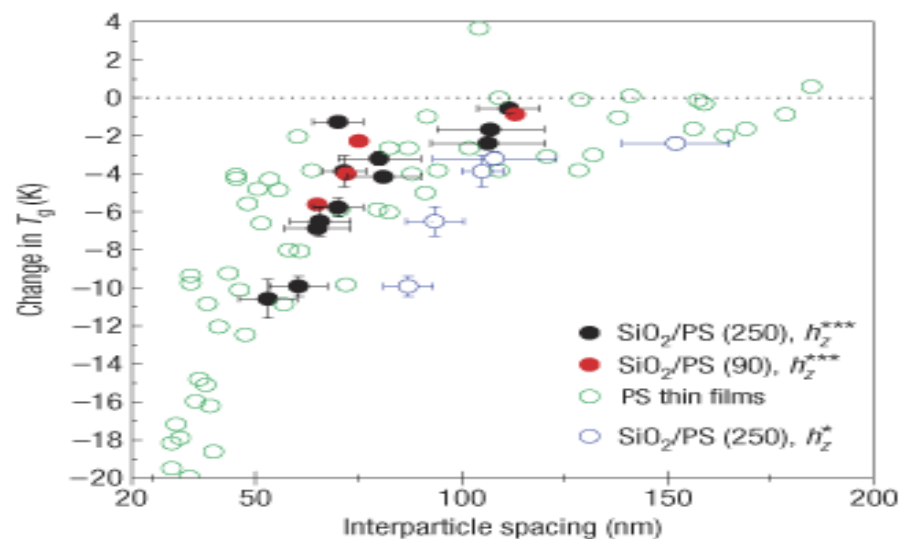
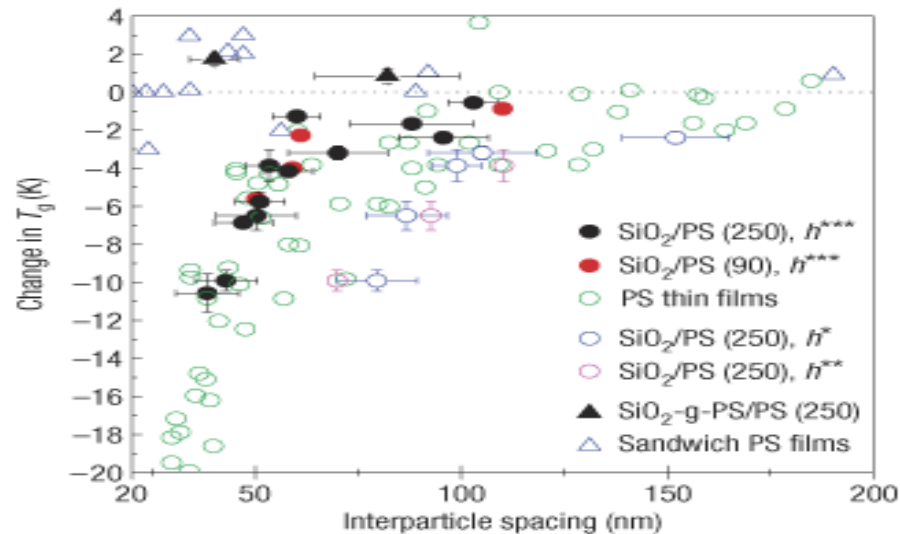
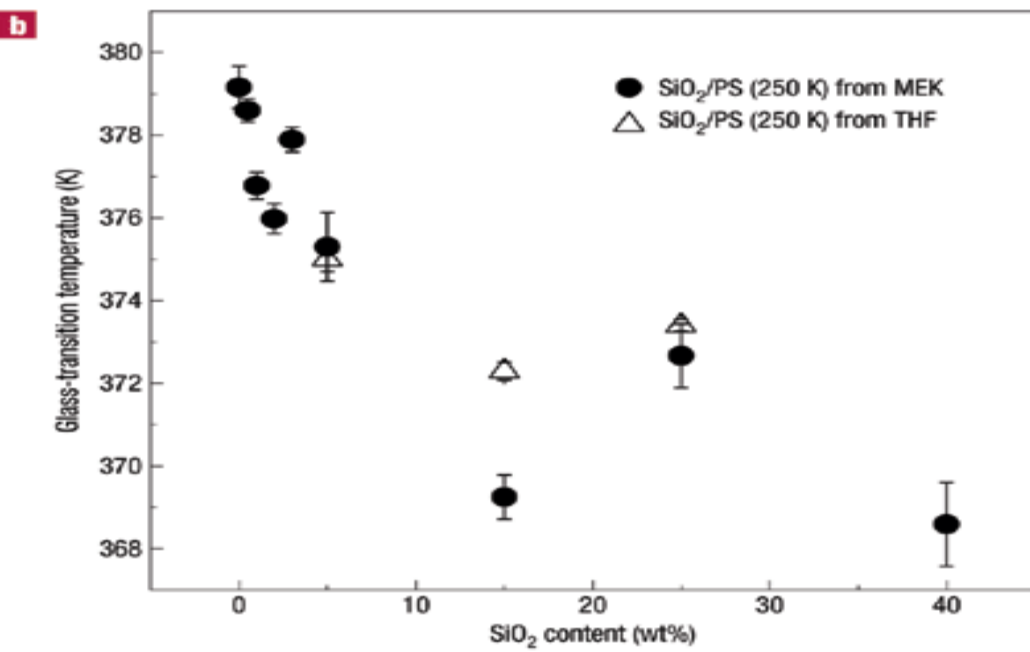
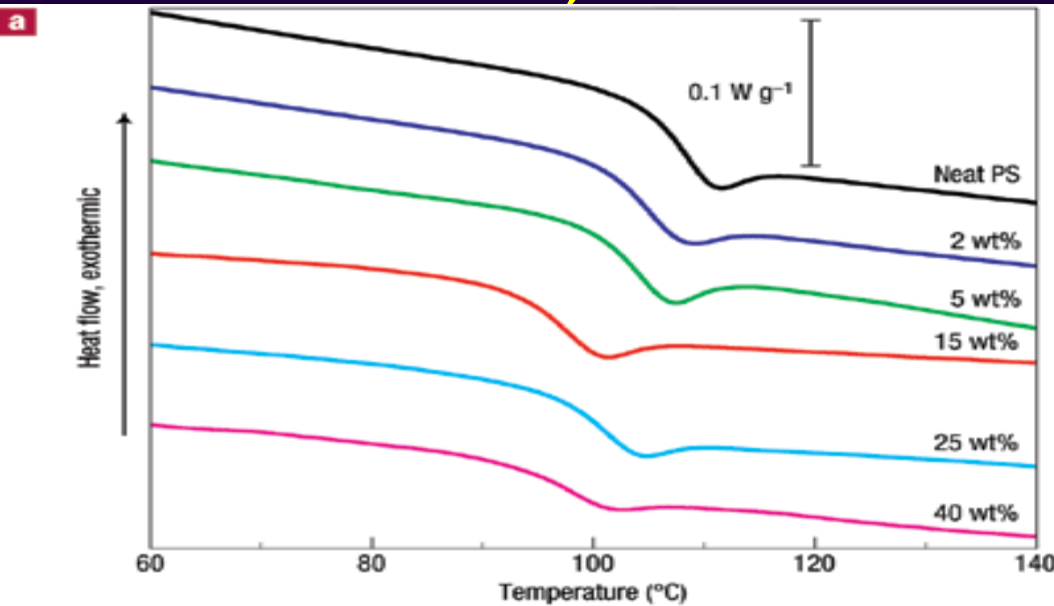
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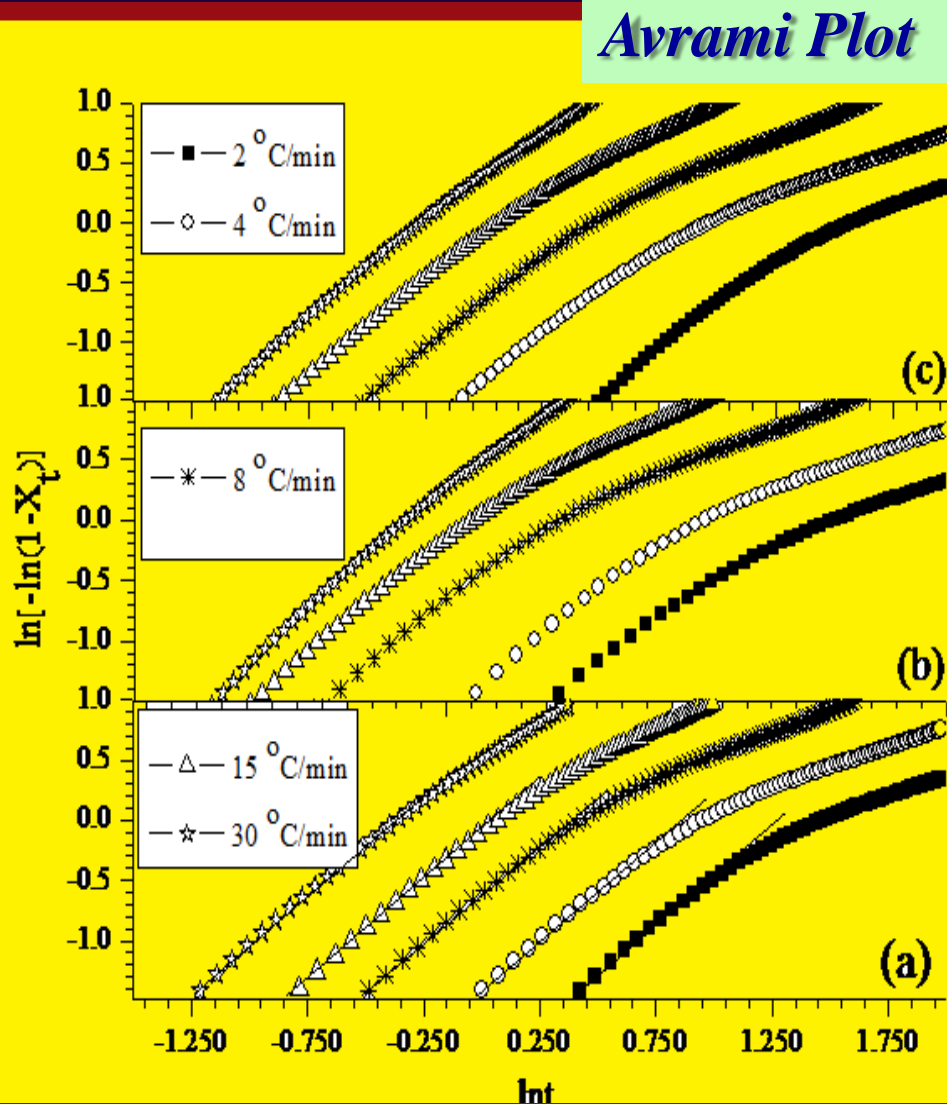
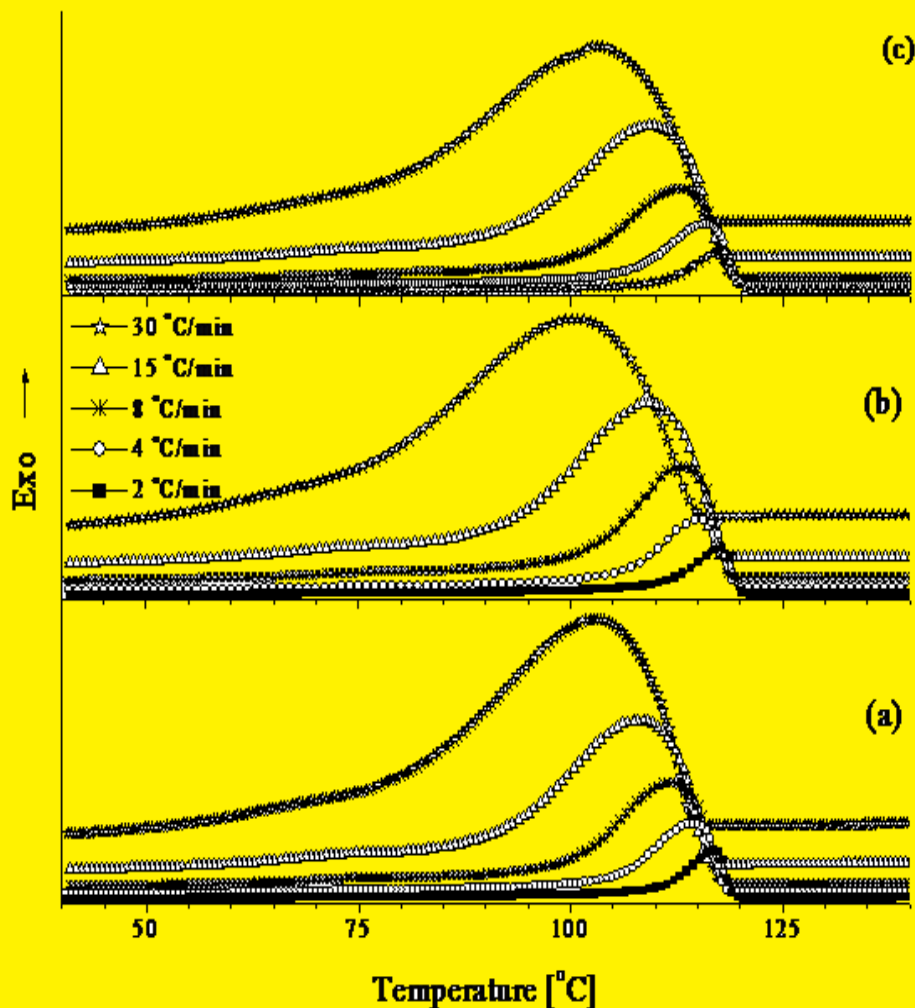


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Crystallization Kinetics: PE-MWNTs



A. R. Adhikari, K. Lozano, M. Chipara, *Nonisothermal crystallization kinetics of polyethylene-/carbon nanofiber composites*
Submitted to *e-polymer*

Carbon Nanotubes: Mechanical Strength

Tensile Strength



**CARBON
NANOTUBES**

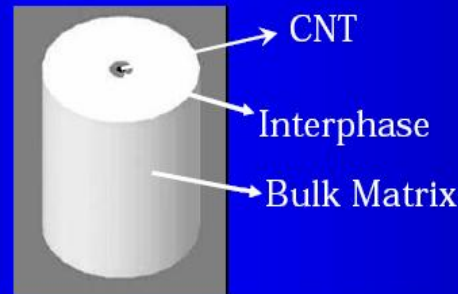
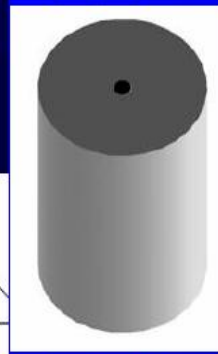
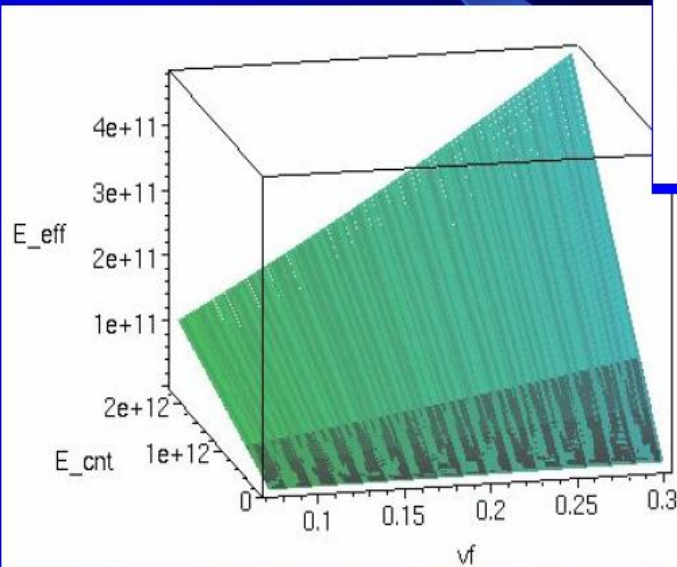
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**POLYIMIDE
(KEVLAR)**

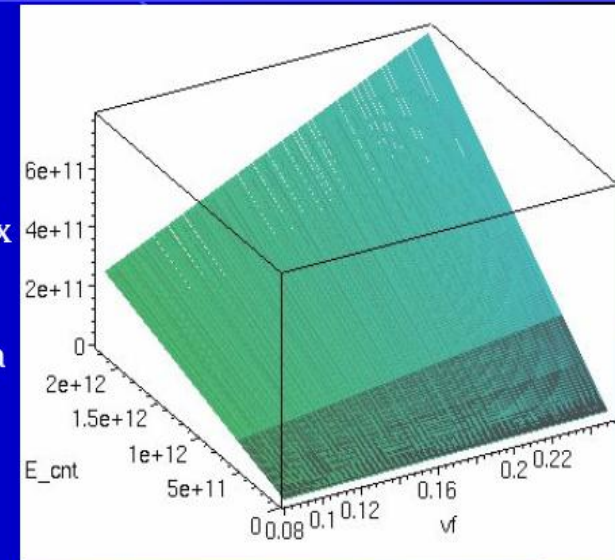
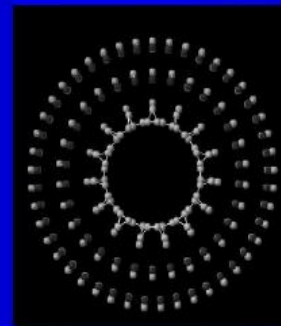
**STAINLESS
STEEL**

Modeling the Mechanical Properties

Effective property of **two phase** model of nanocomposite

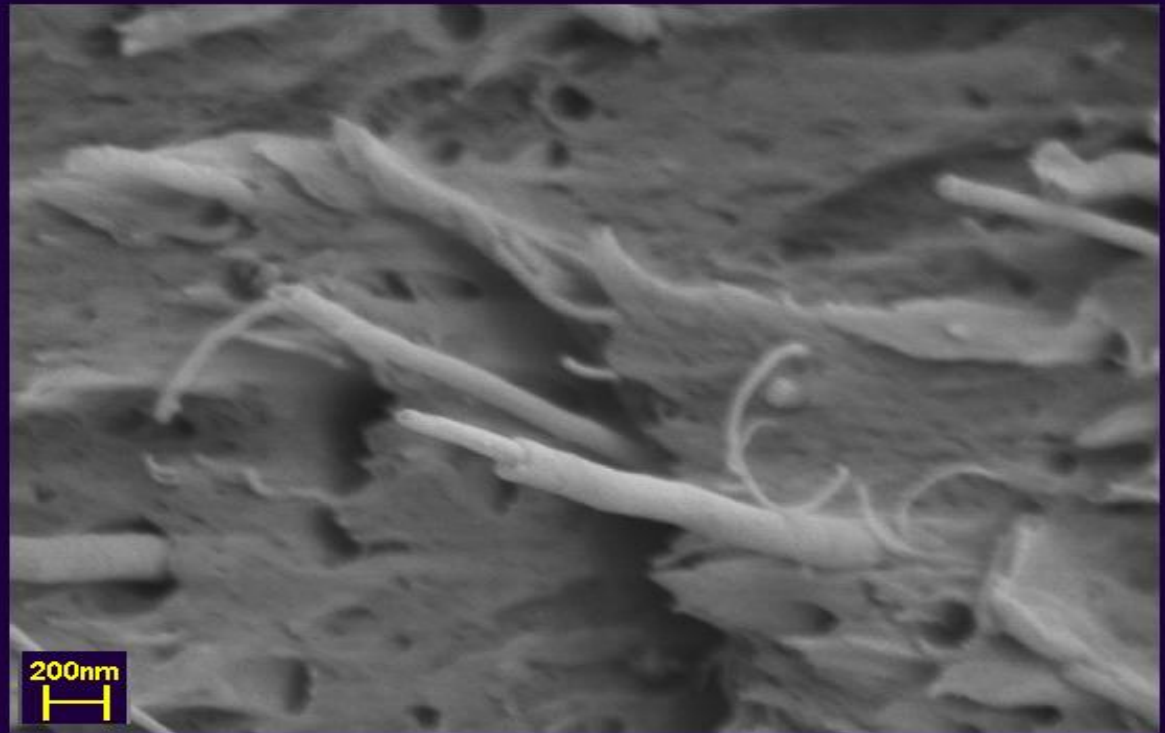
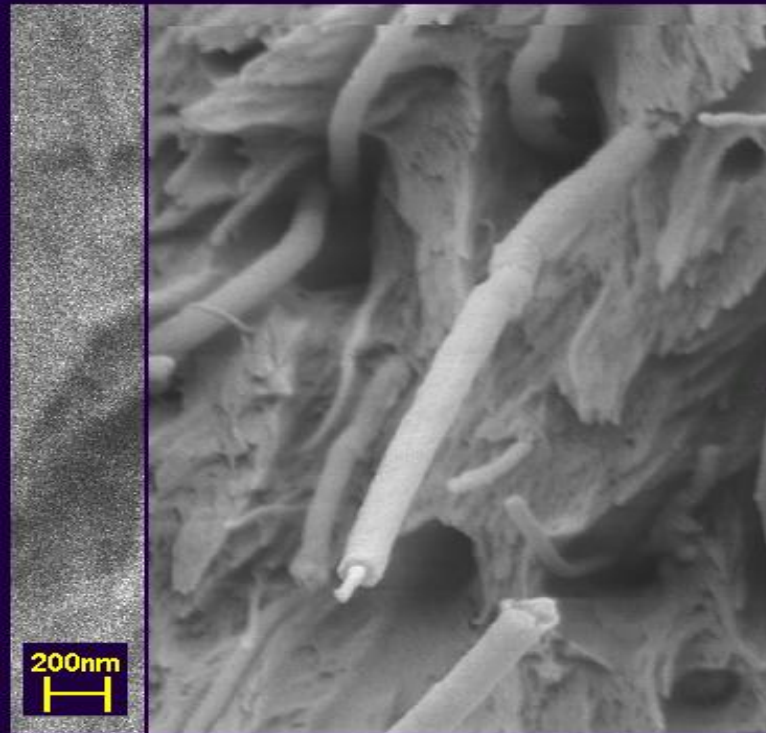


Modulus of Matrix = $8G_a$



Effective property of **three phase** model of nanocomposite

Modeling the Mechanical Properties

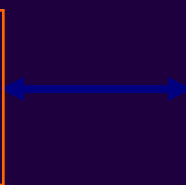


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$$F = U - TS$$

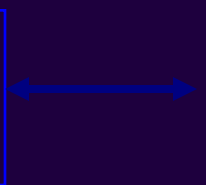
$$f = \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial l} \right]_{V,T} = \left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial l} \right]_{V,T} - T \left[\frac{\partial S}{\partial l} \right]_{V,T}$$

Carbon
Nanotubes



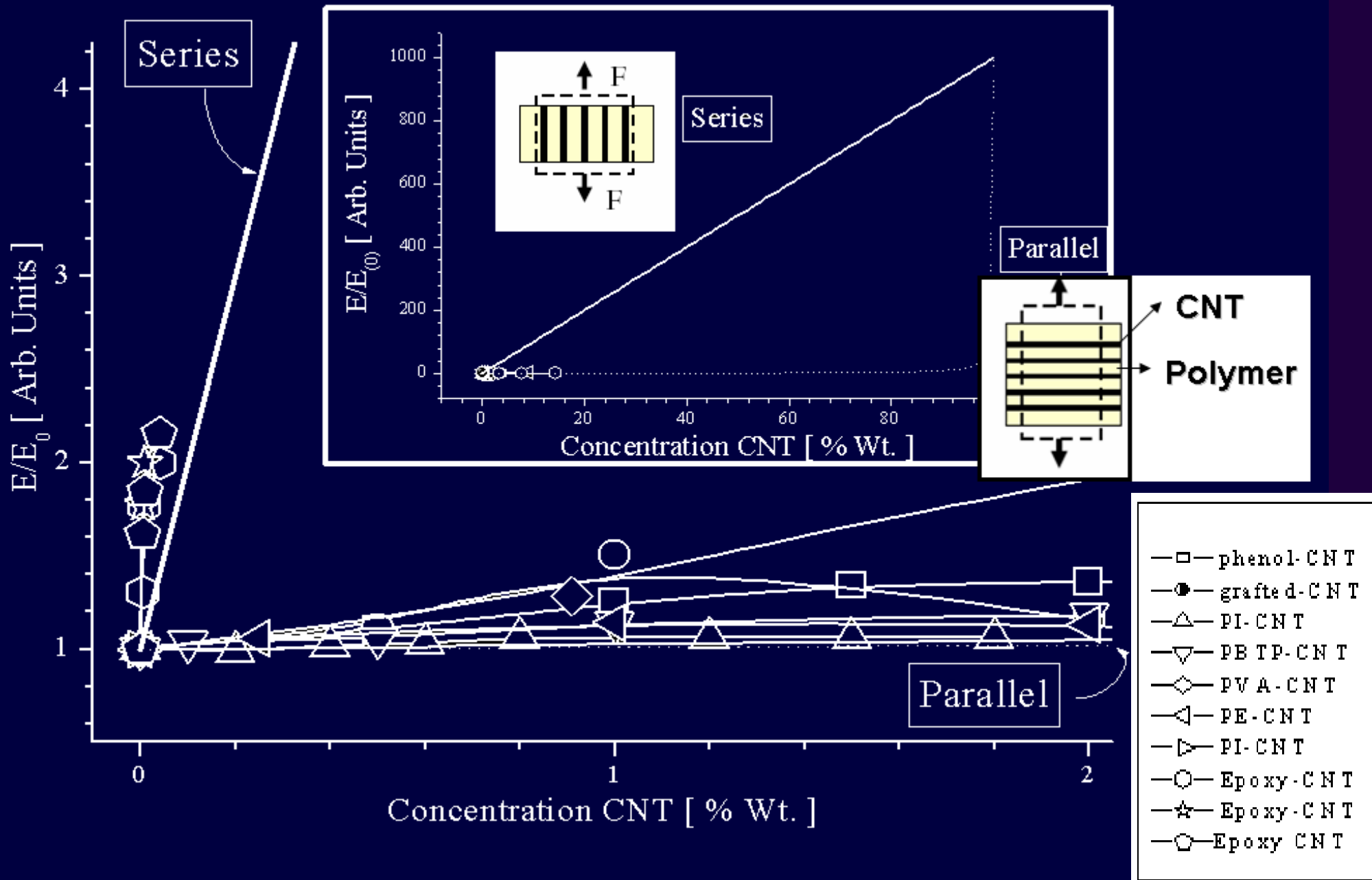
Internal Energy
Change

Entropy
Change

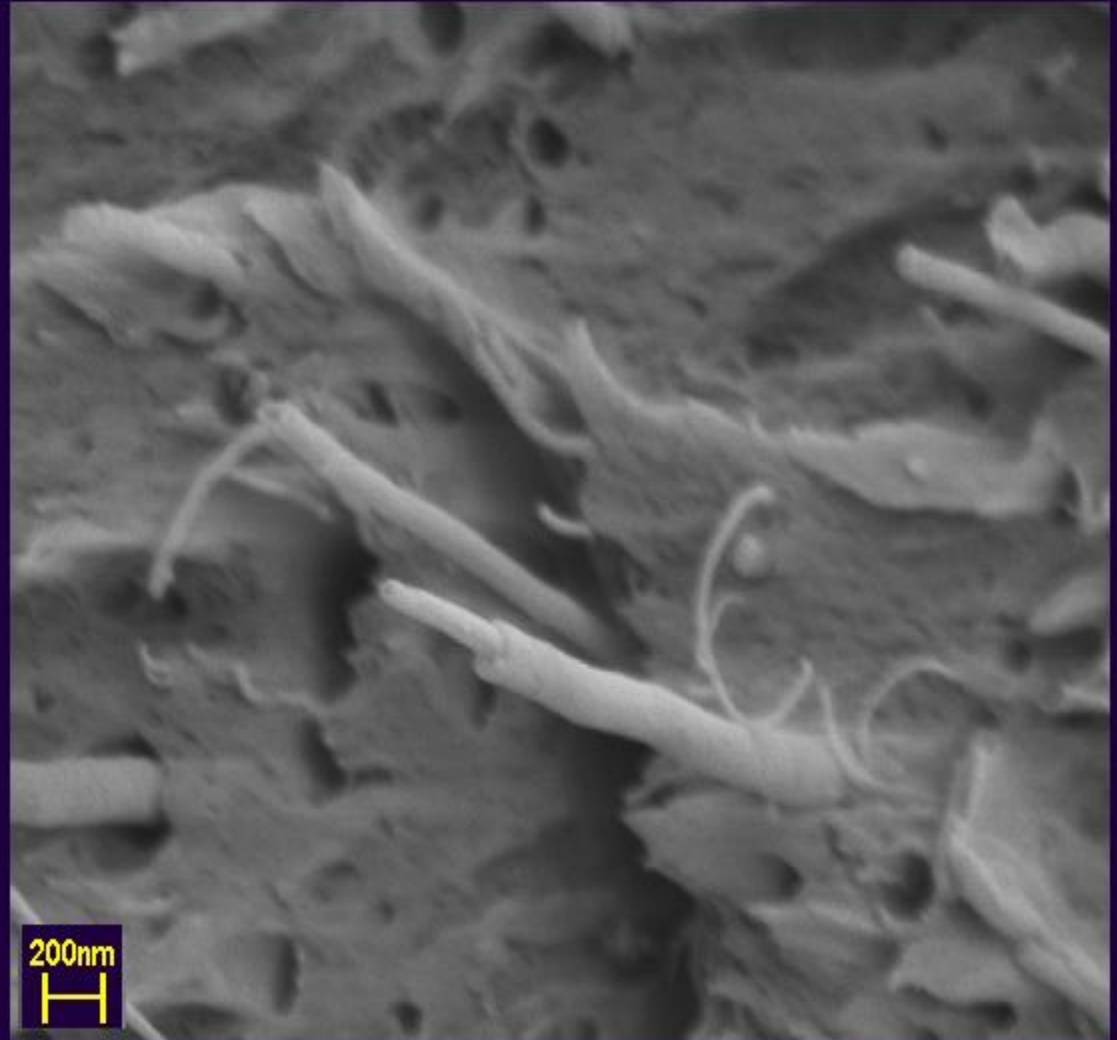
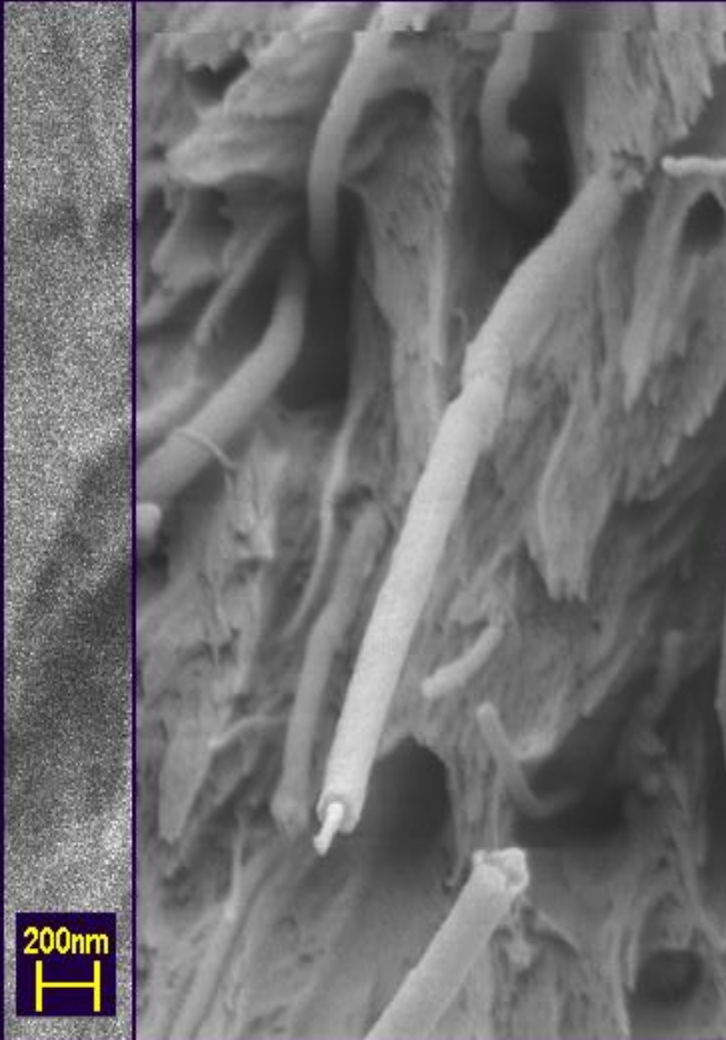


Polymer
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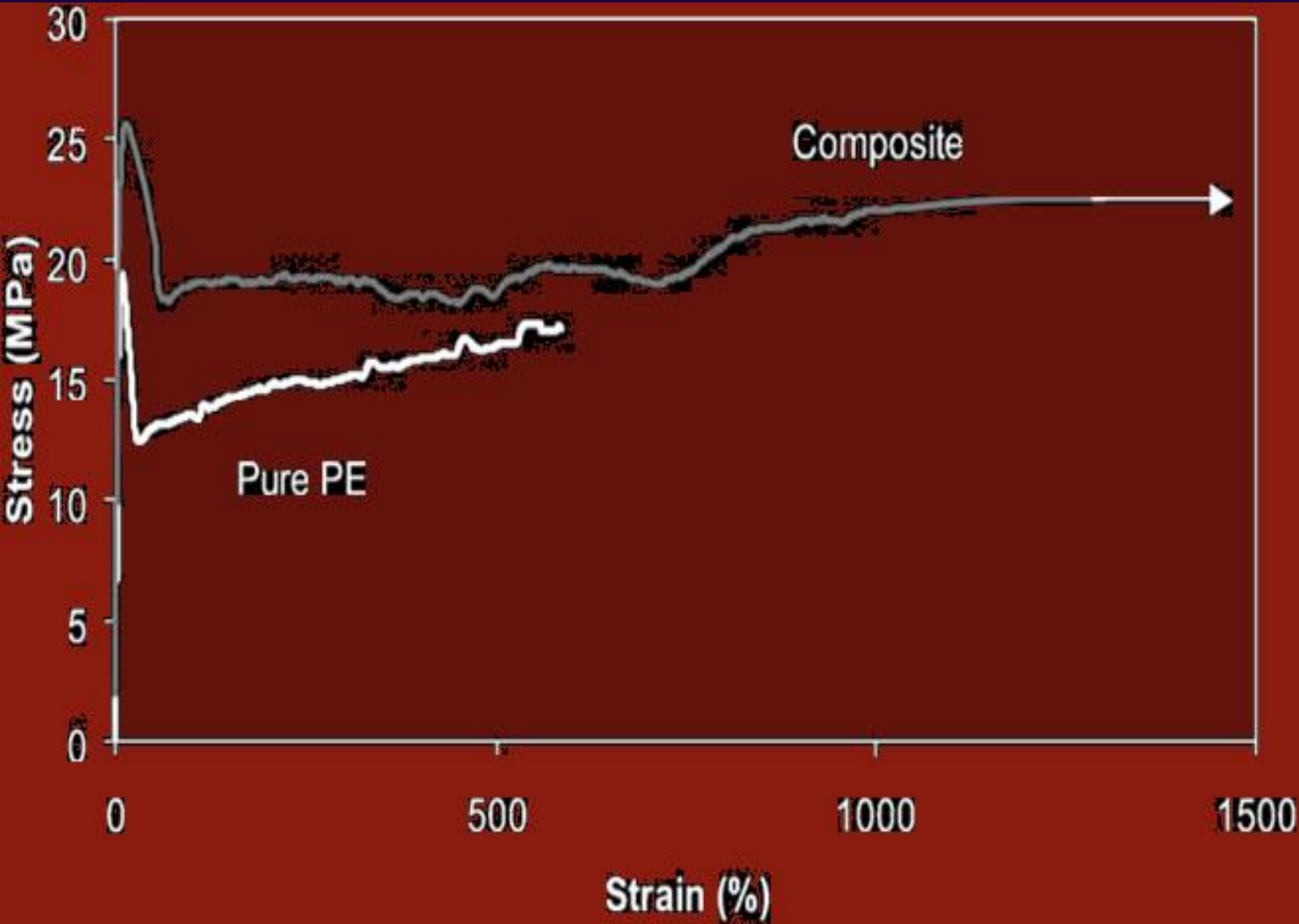
Polymer-Carbon Nanotubes Composites



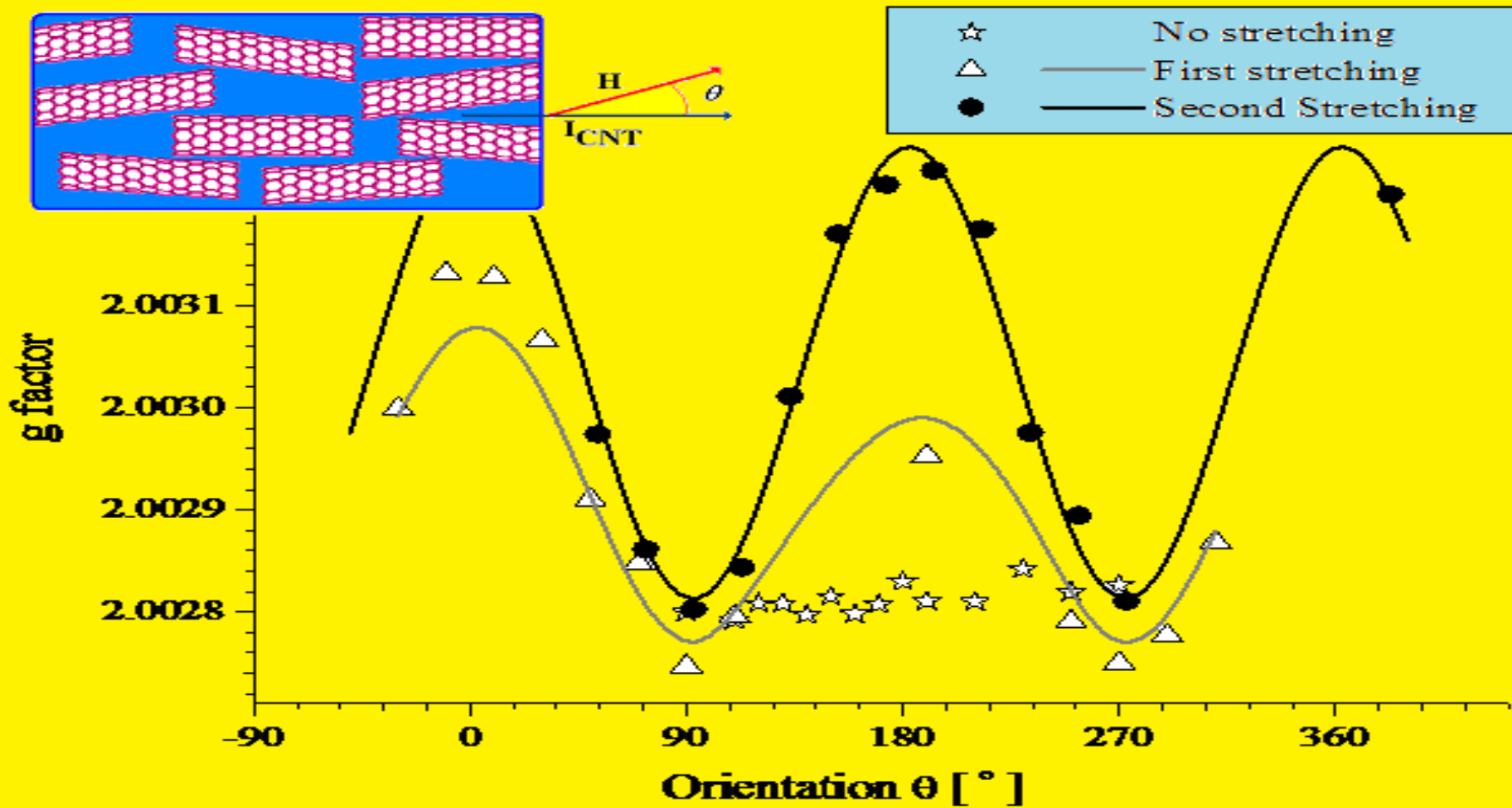
Nanotube/Polymer Interface



Mechanical Properties :HDPE- VGCFNF

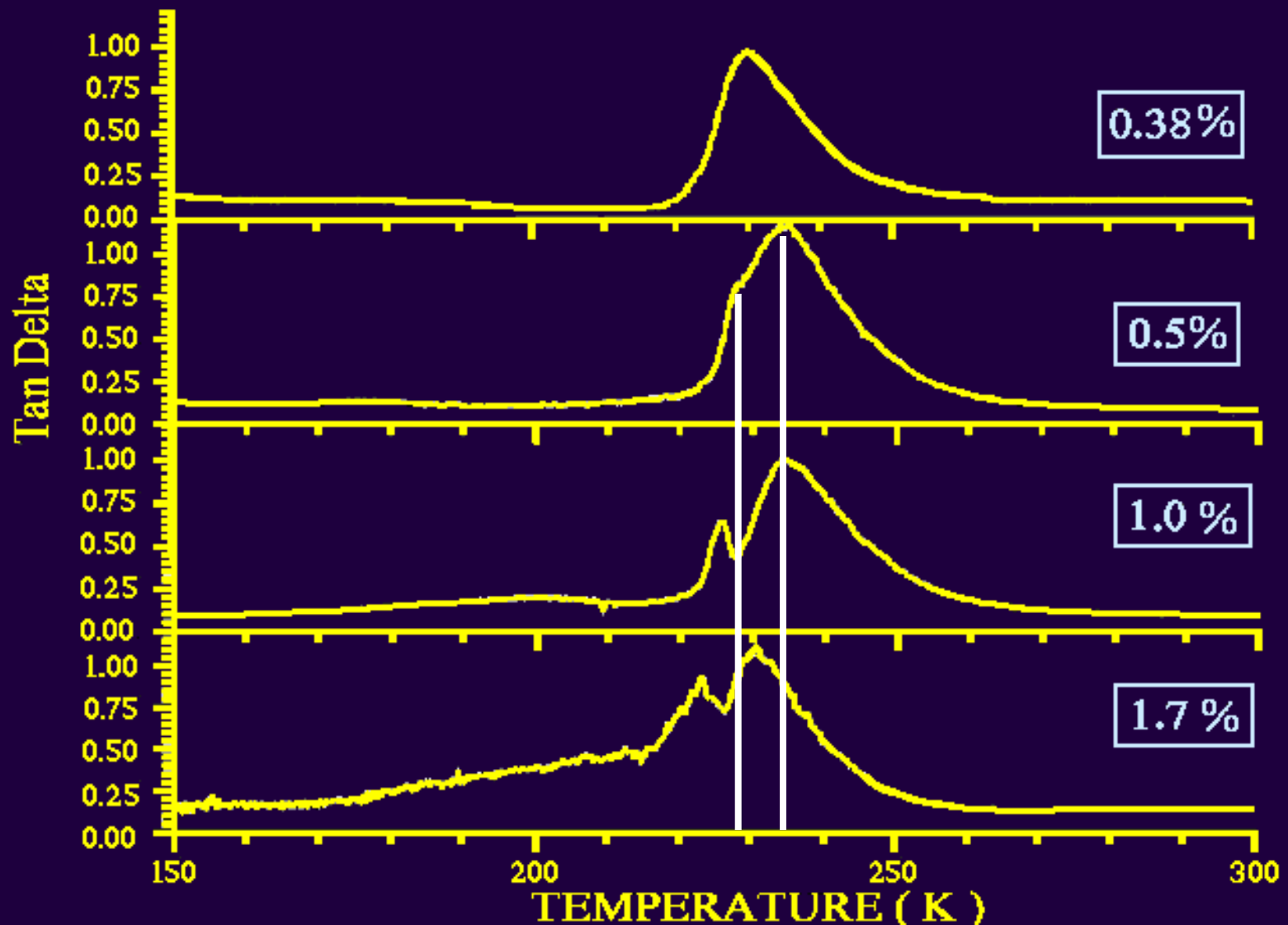


VGCNF Orientation in HDPE- VGCNF



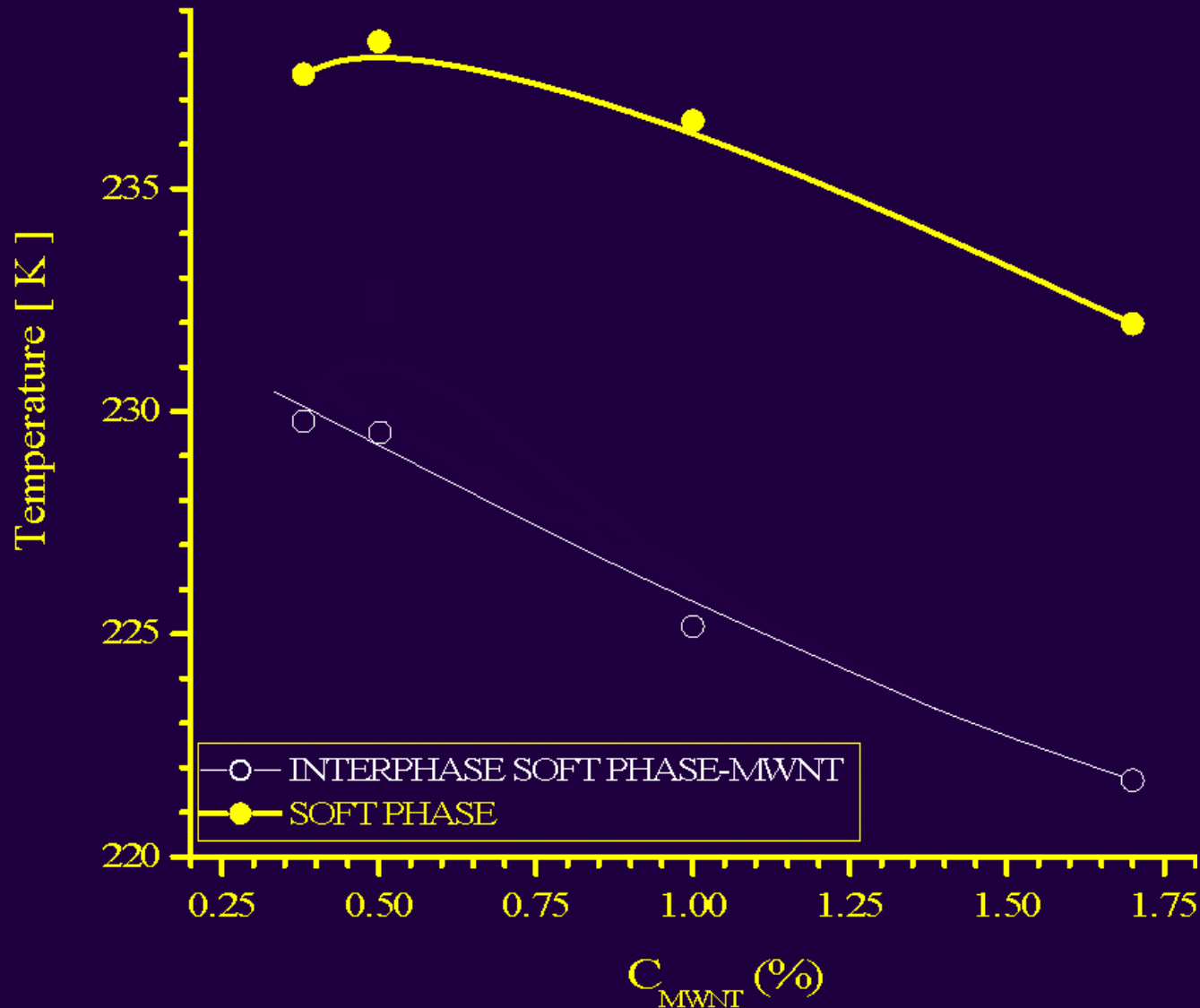
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SIS – MWNT: Effect of MWNT on T_G^{PI}



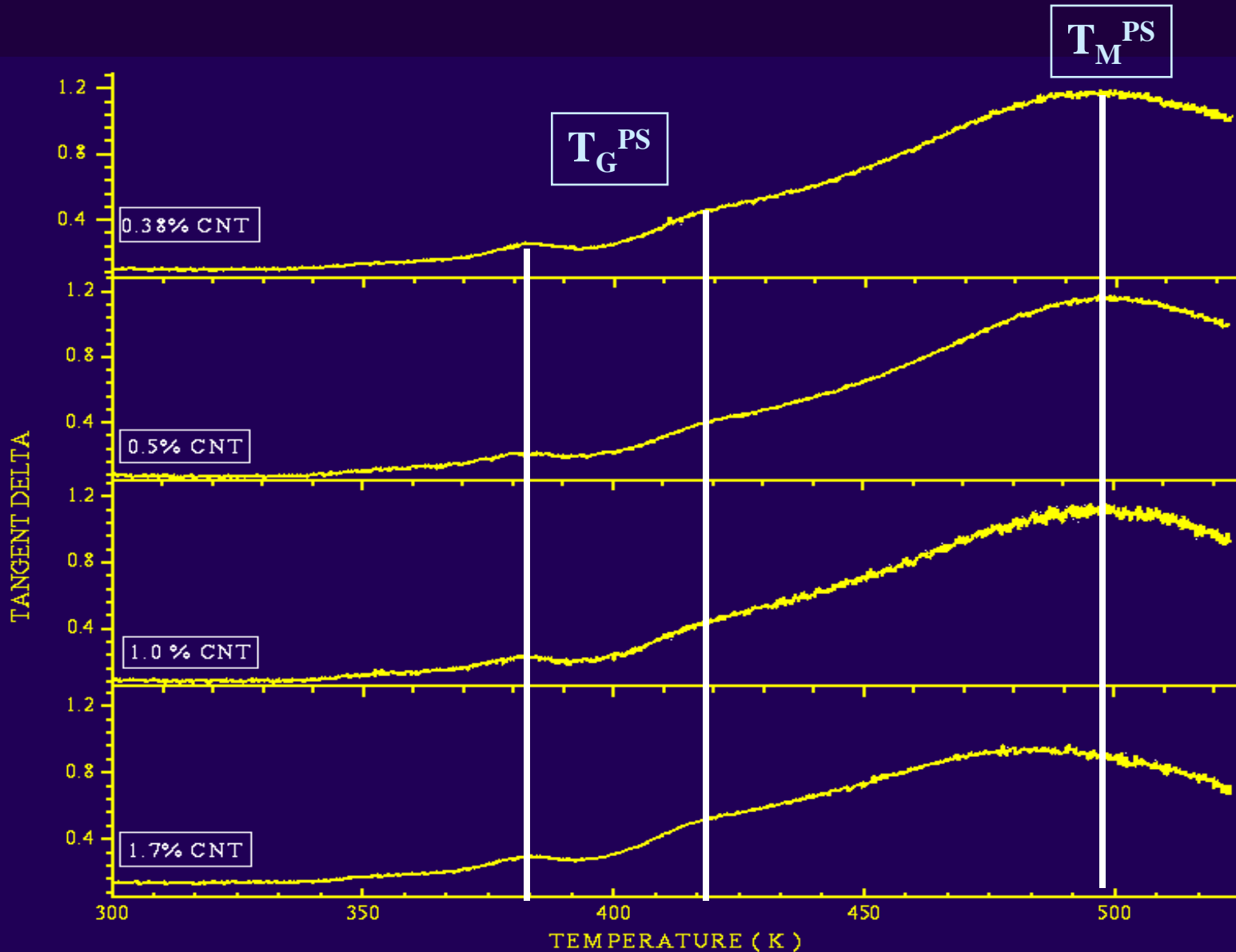
❖ *Doping splits and shifts the T_G of the soft phase (isoprene)*

SIS – MWNT: SIS/MWNT Interactions



❖ *Doping affects the T_G of the soft phase (isoprene)*

SIS – MWNT: Effect of MWNT on T_G^{PS}



❖ *Doping affects the T_G of the hard phase (styrene)*

Mechanical Properties :HDPE- VGCFNF

- *Montmorillonite is hydrophilic*

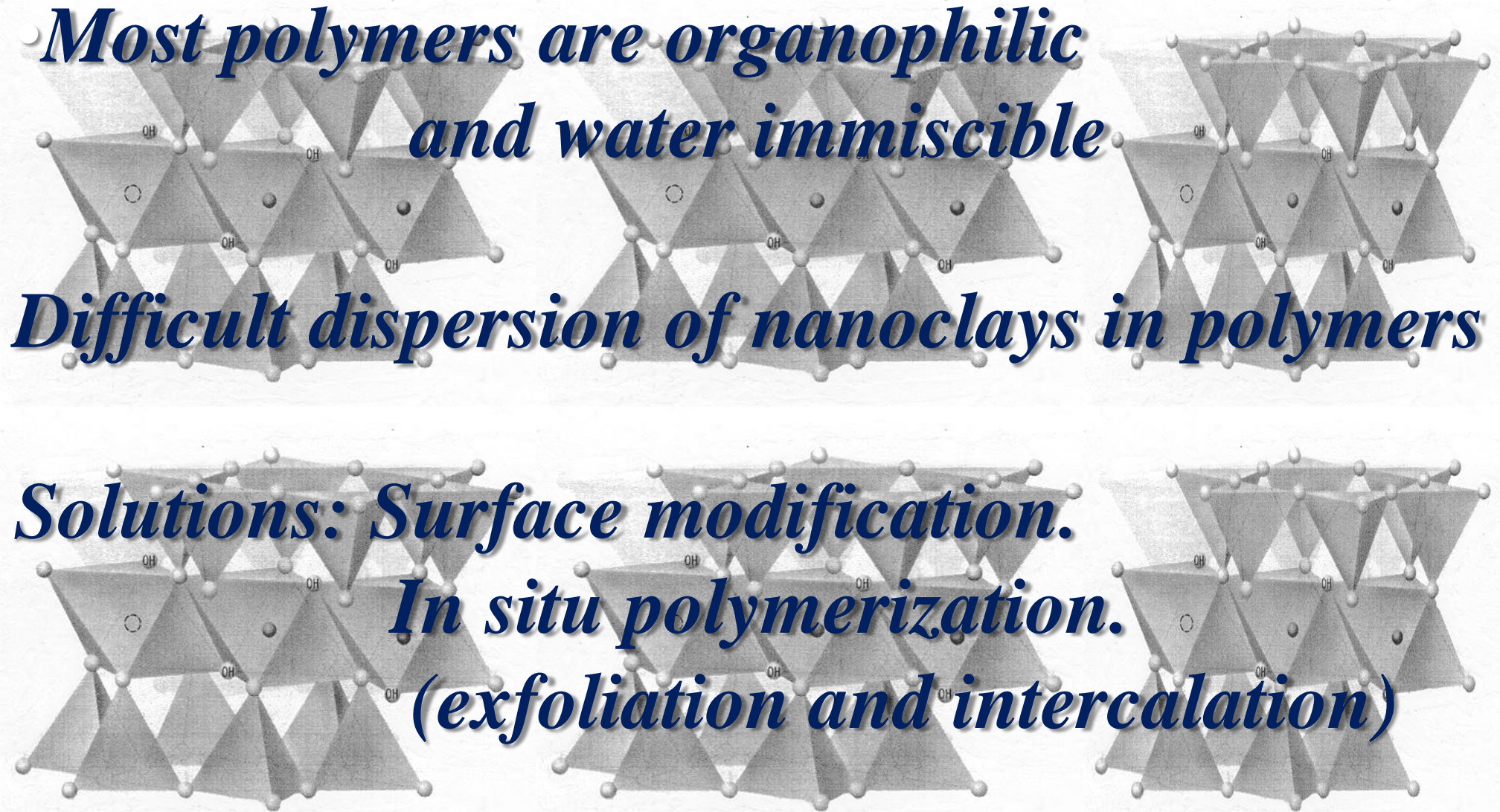
- *Most polymers are organophilic and water immiscible*

Difficult dispersion of nanoclays in polymers

Solutions: Surface modification.

In situ polymerization.

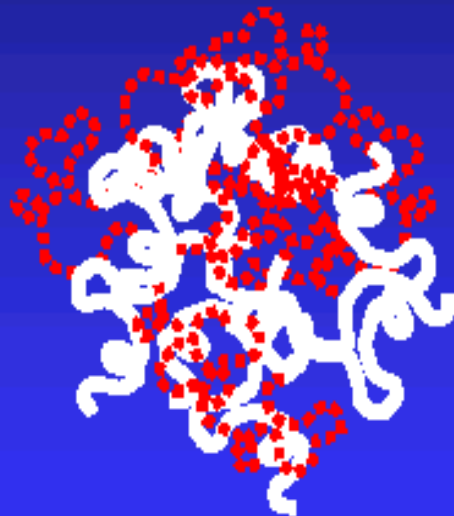
(exfoliation and intercalation)



Microphase Separation



Macroscopic phase separation is prevented by the covalent bond between the blocks.



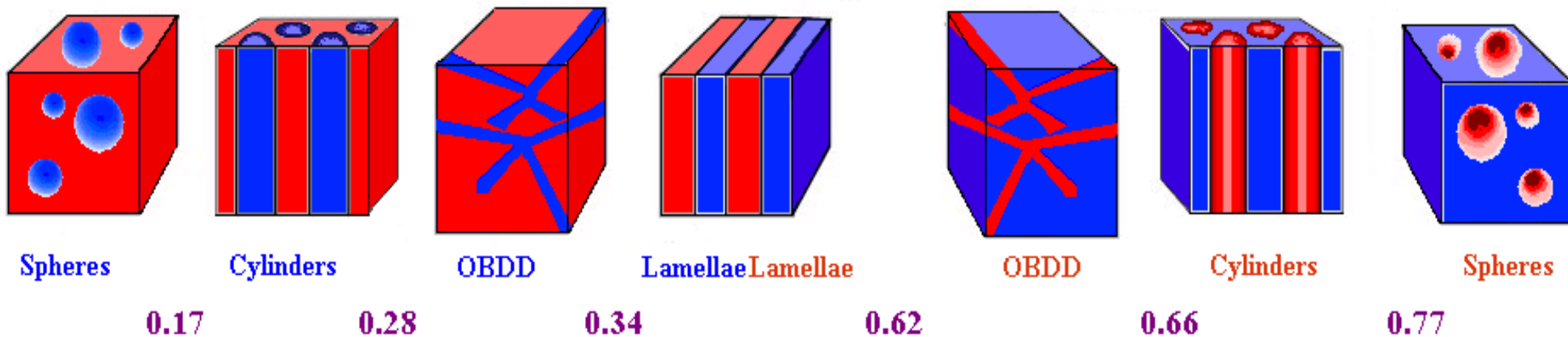
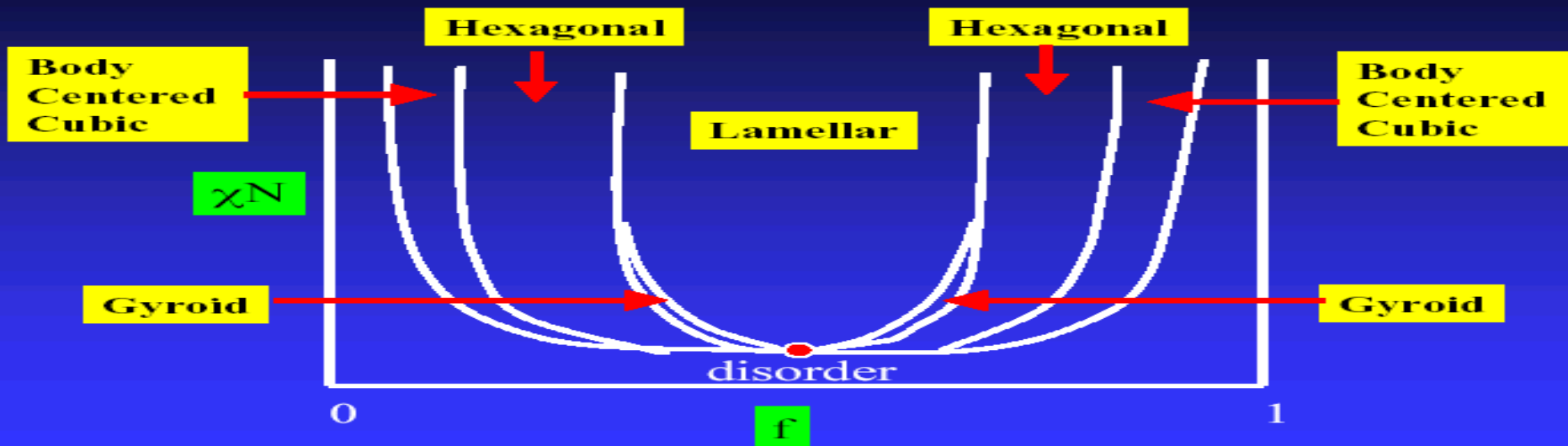
**Order-Disorder
Transition**



Creation of an interphase
boundary region

Microphase separation takes place on the nanometer scale.

Phase Diagram



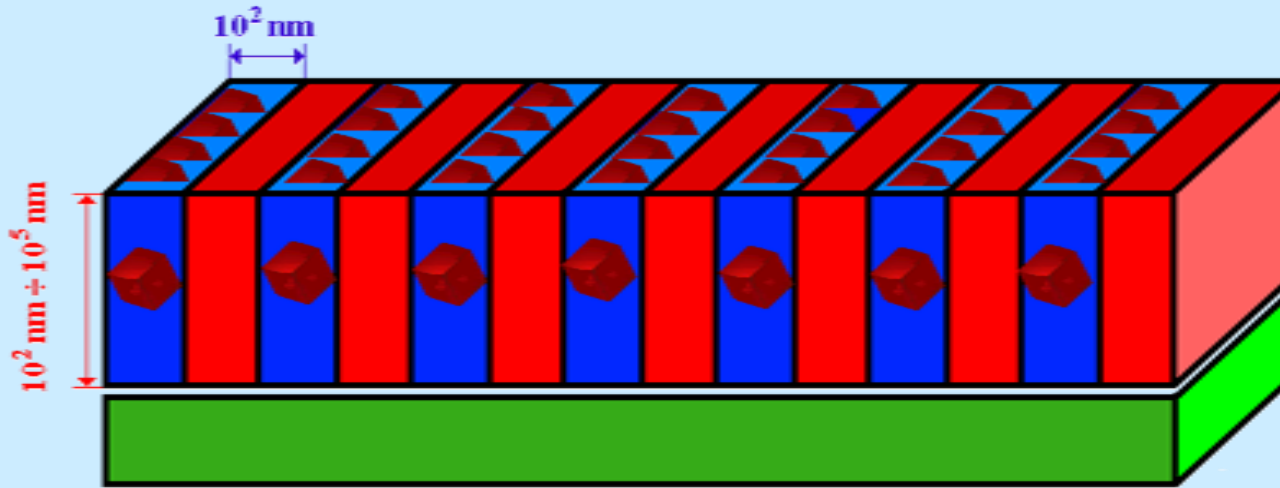
Diblock copolymer (polystyrene – polyisoprene)

f_s

Schematic of the future technology for ultra high magnetic data media, based on self-assembly capabilities

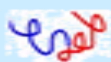
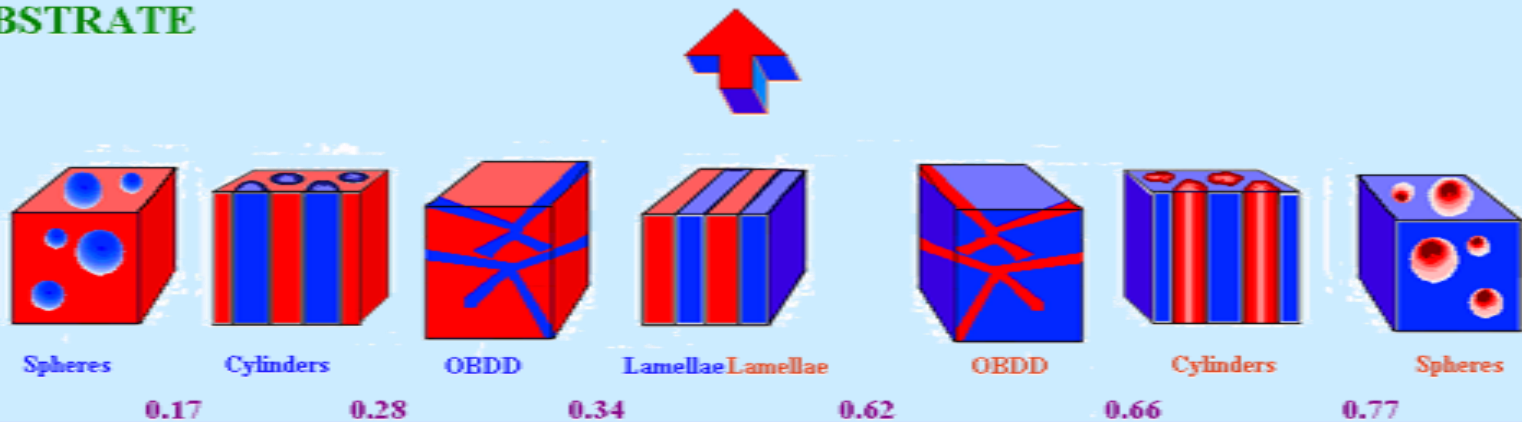
CONTROLLED DISPERSION OF MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES INTO A SELF ORGANIZED BLOCK COPOLYMER

MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES



SELF-ORGANIZED BLOCK COPOLYMER FILM

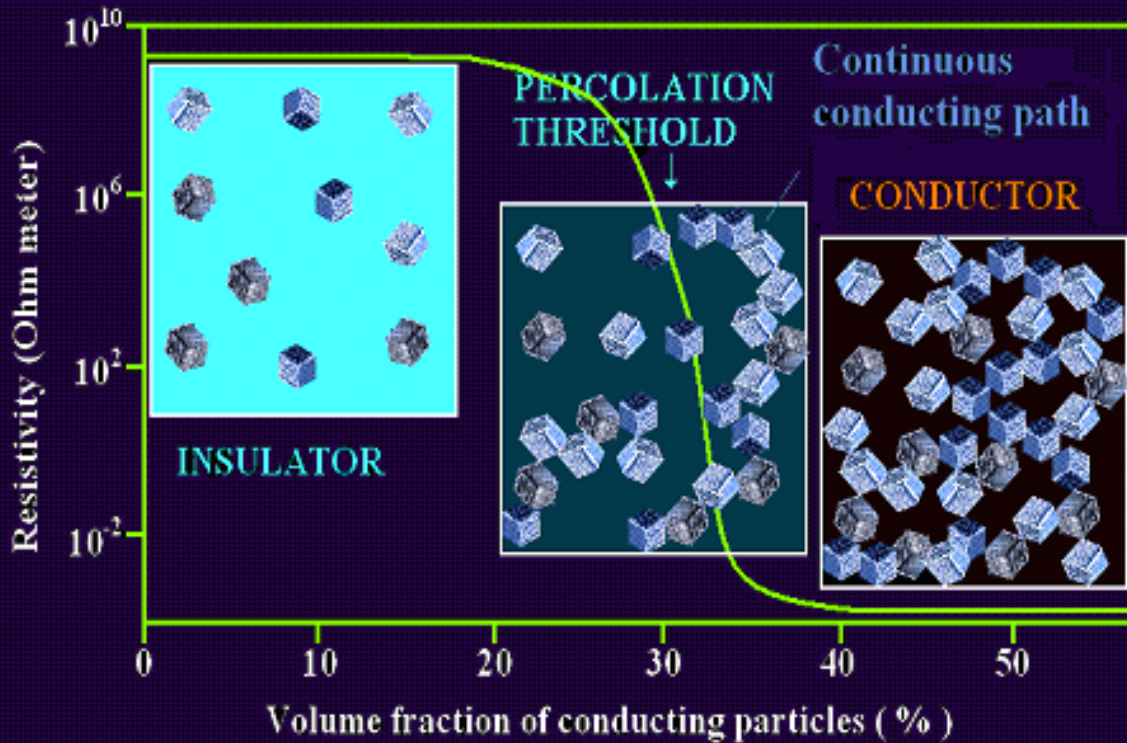
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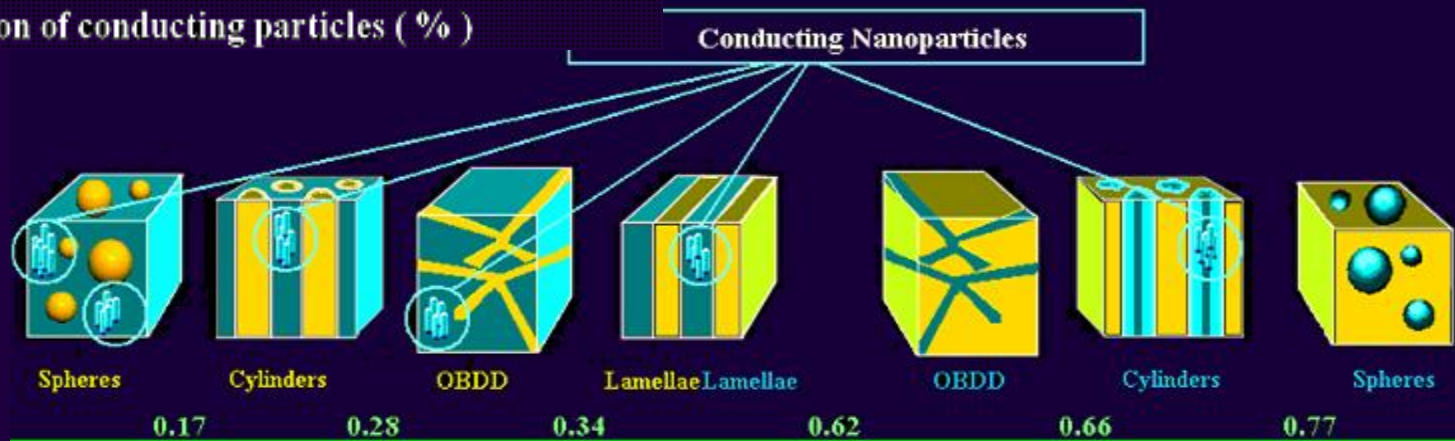
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Polymer-Based Nanocomposites for Electrical Applications



Percolation in Composite Materials



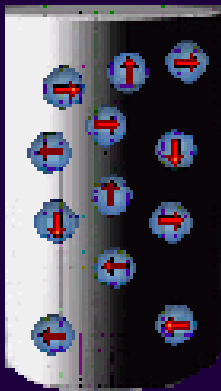
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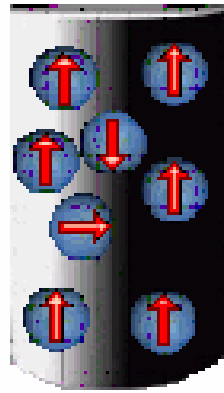
Magnetic Properties of Nanoparticles

Coercivity

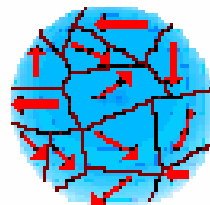
Superparamagnetic



Single Domain

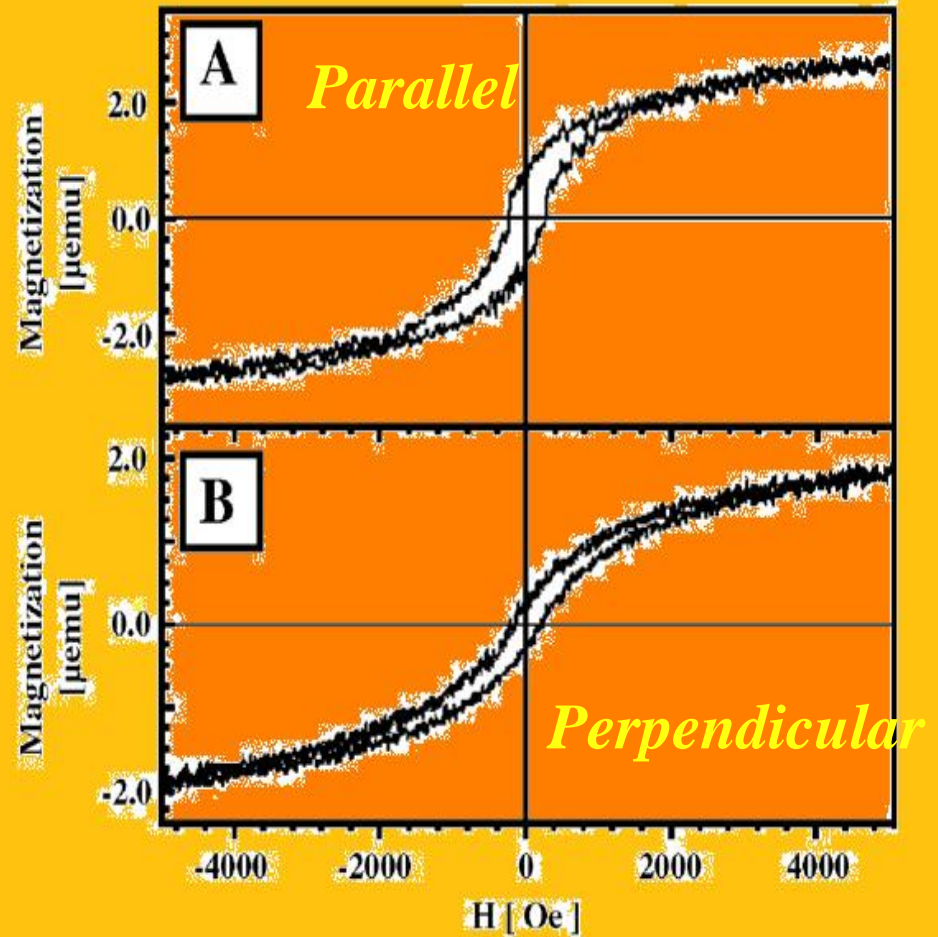
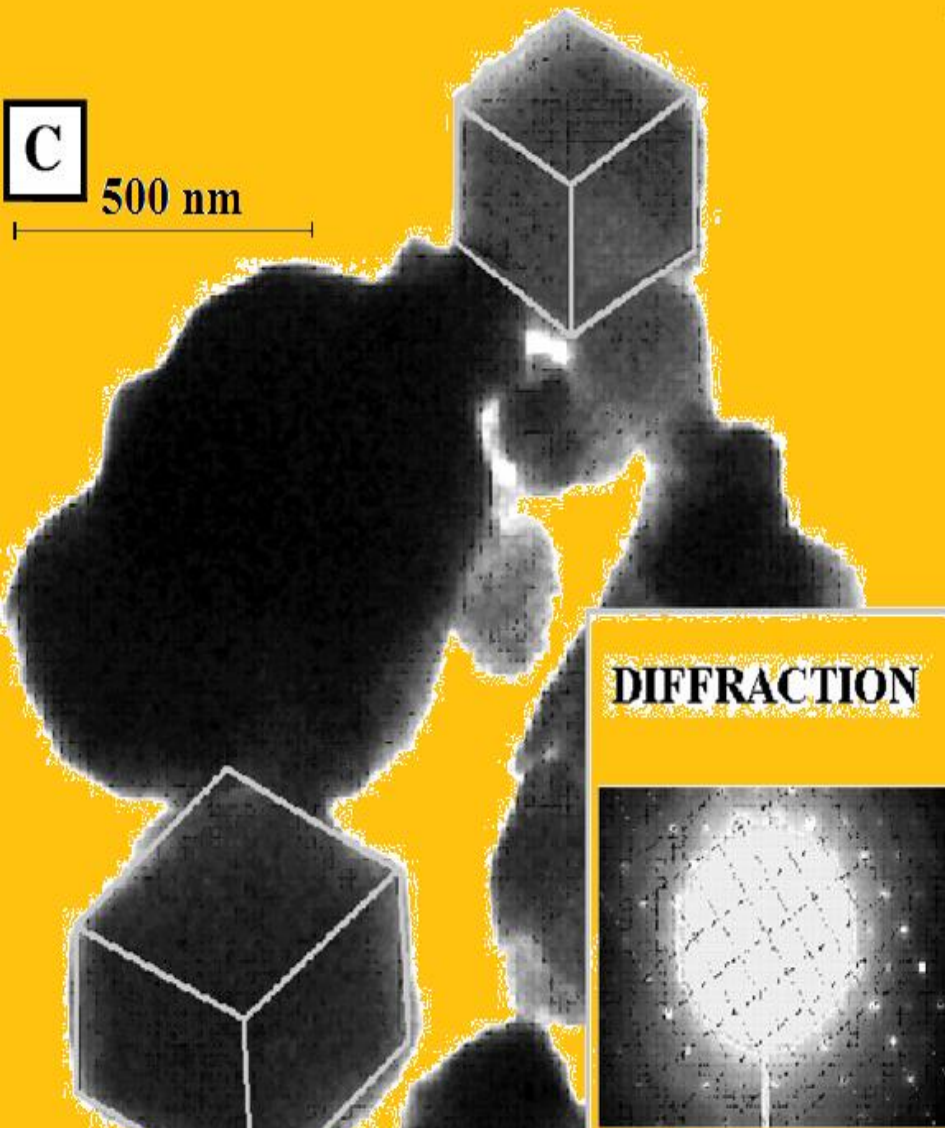


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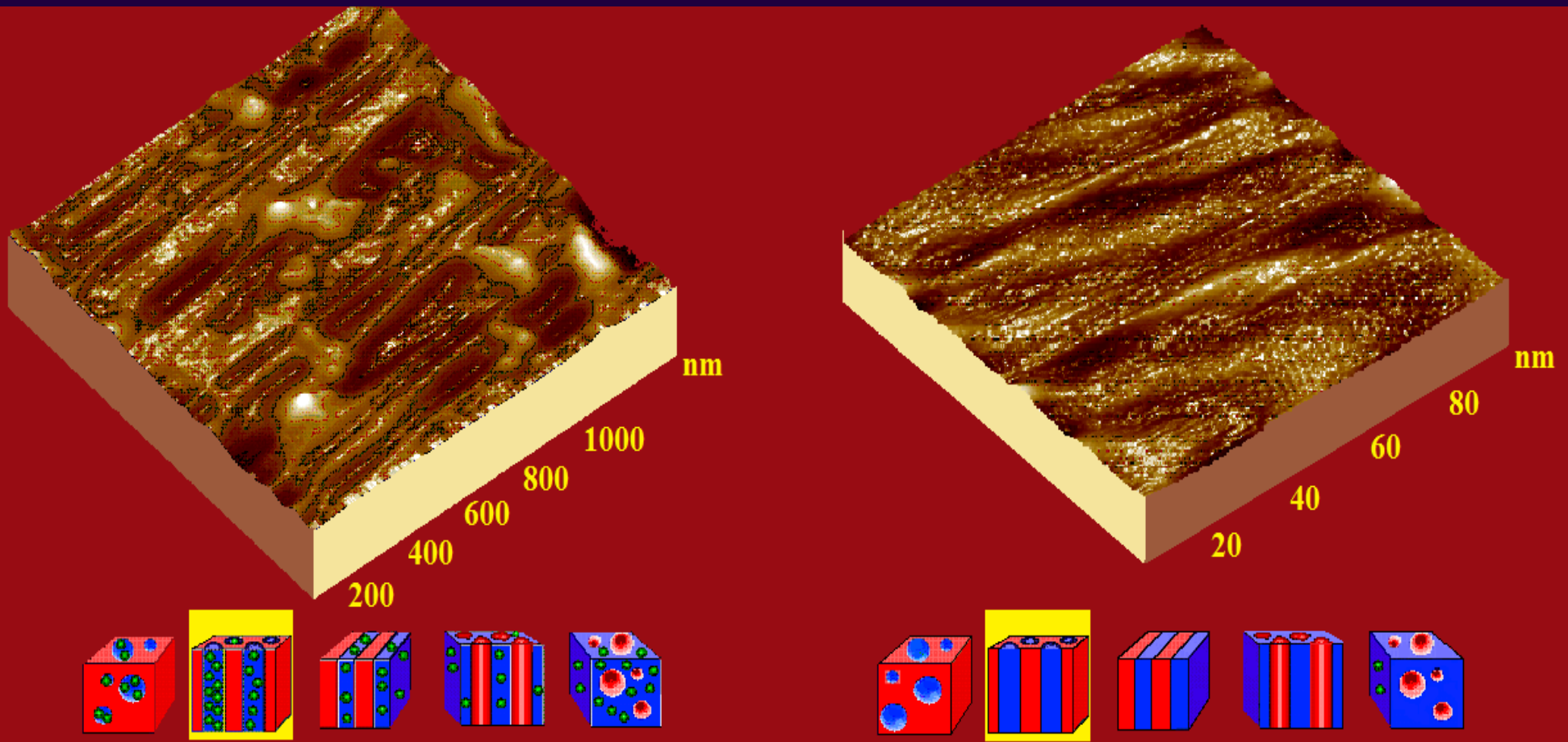
Particle diameter

PPY-Fe Nanocomposites



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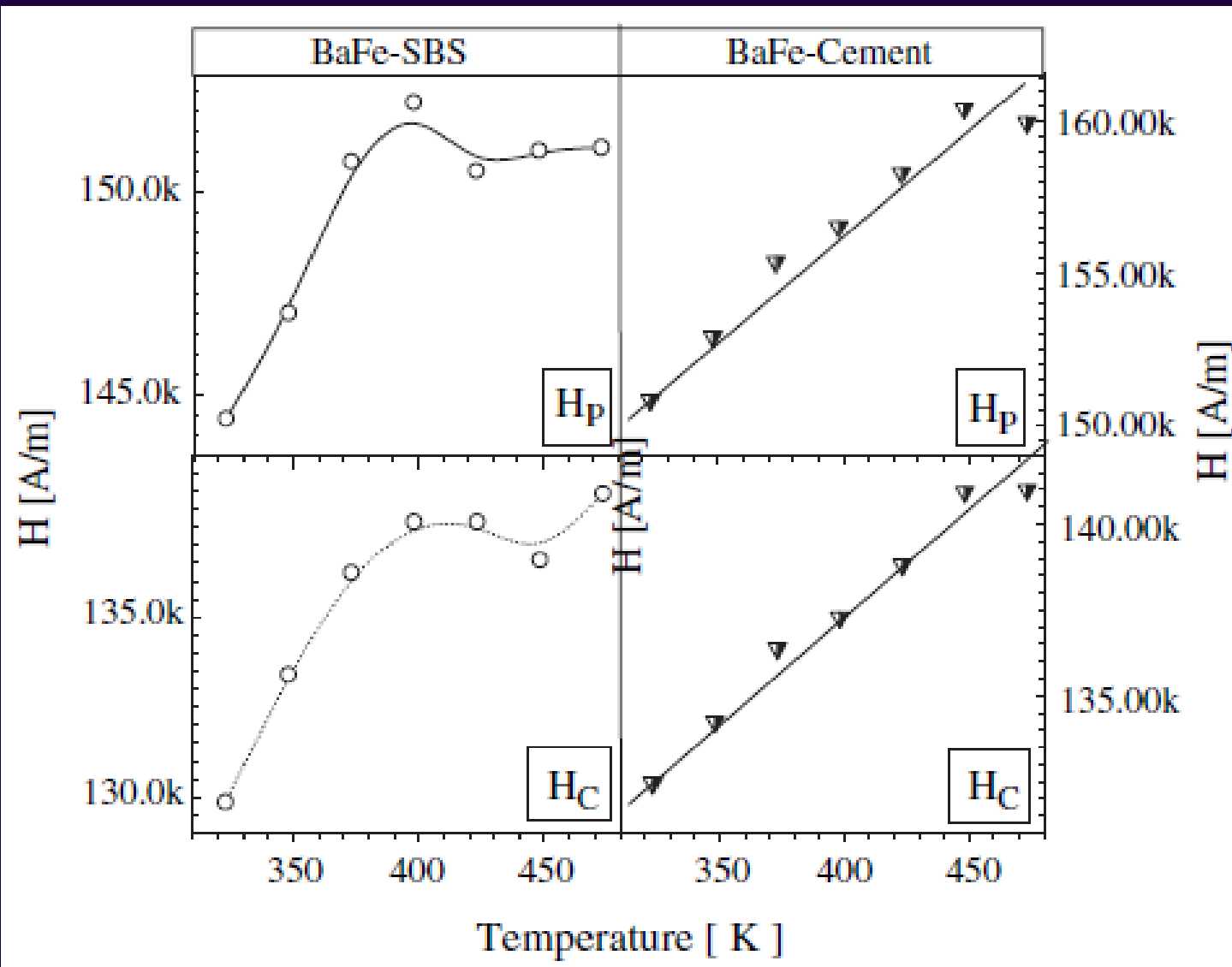
BaFe-SBS: Self-Healing Features



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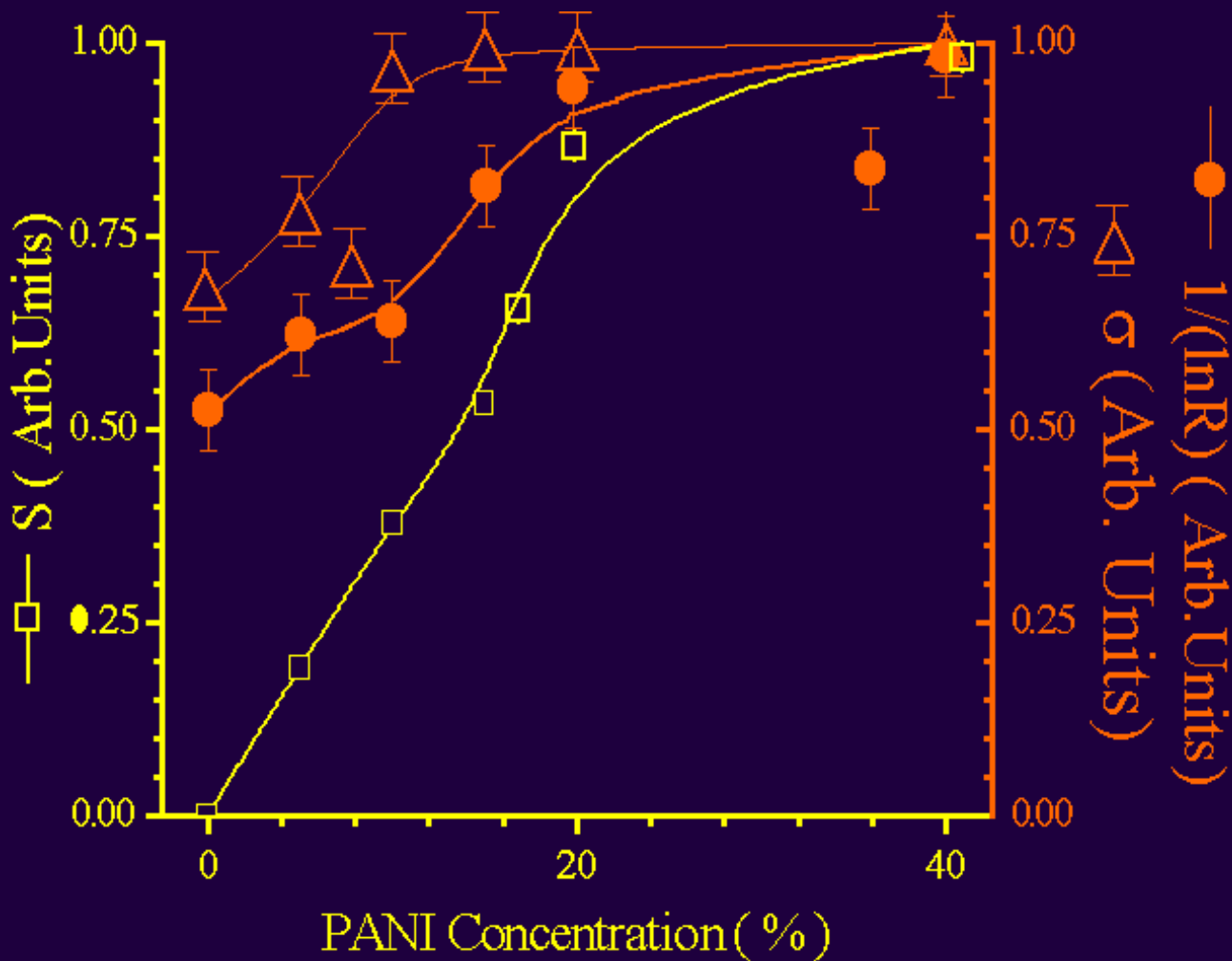
Barium Ferrite SBS



The temperature dependence of the coercive field and of the resonance linewidth are different in a cement and in a block copolymer.

PANI-PE Composite for NIR Behavior

* *Correlation of S, Electrical Conductivity, and Tensile Strength*



Polymer- Based Nanocomposite Materials

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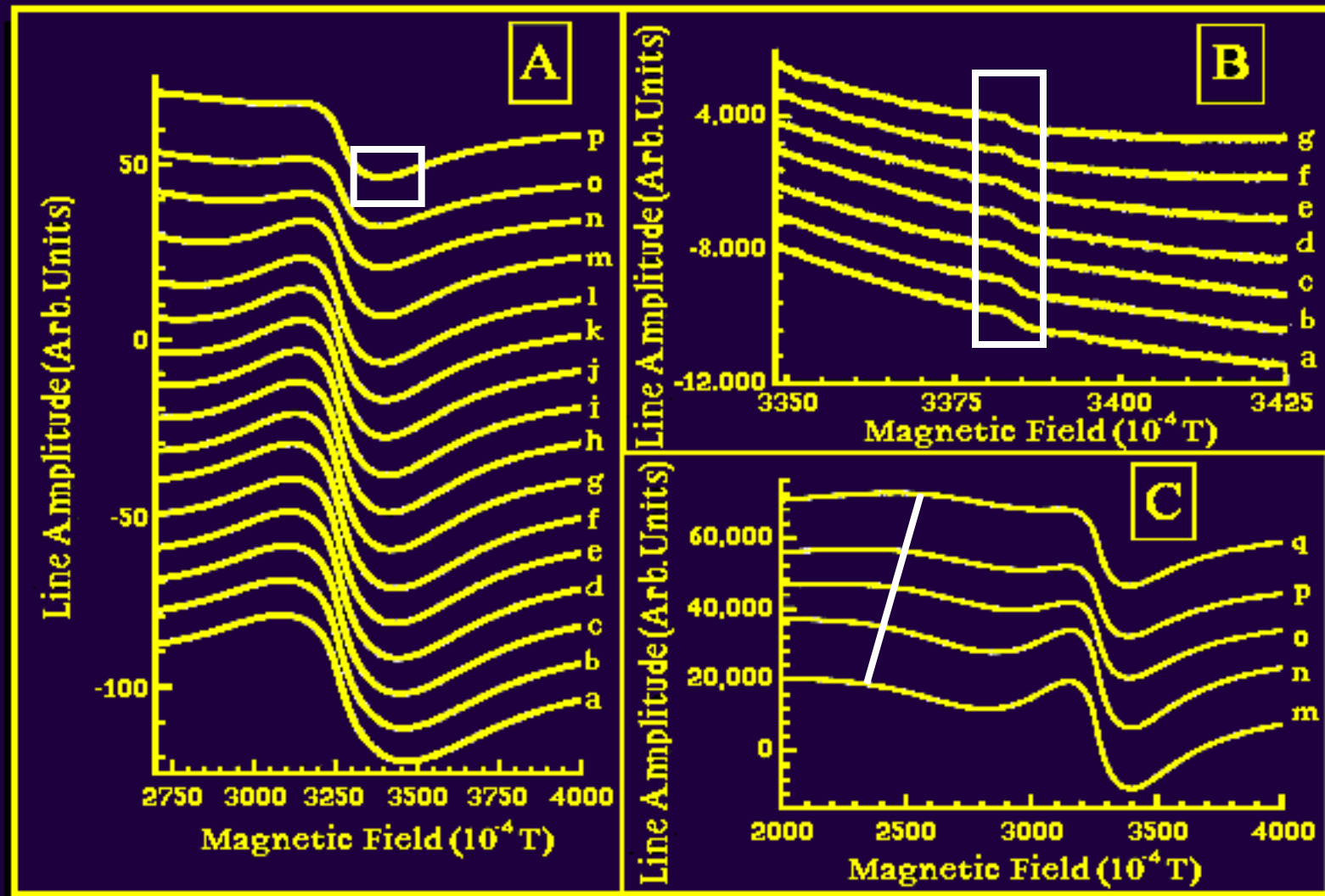
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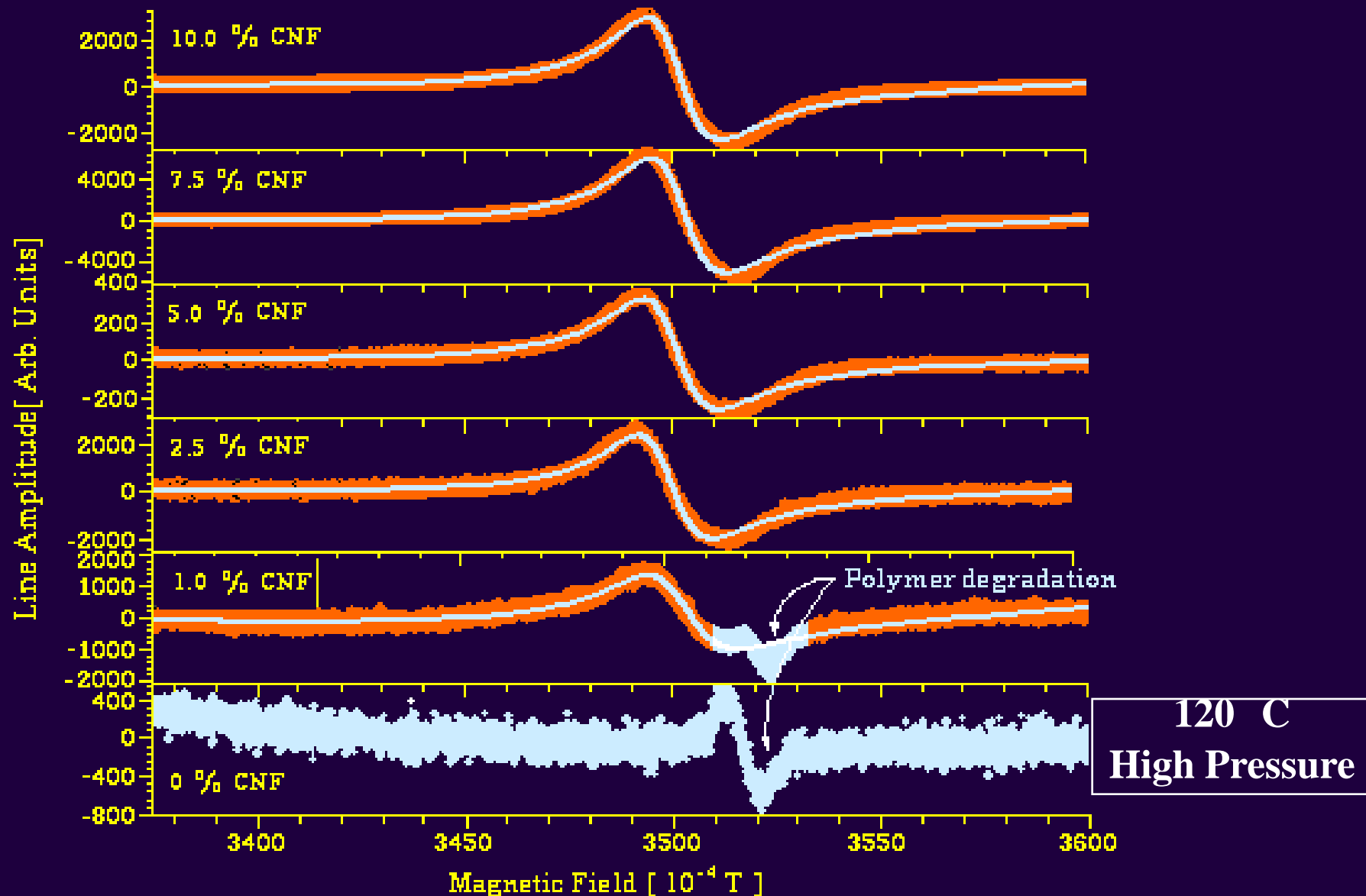
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UHMWPE-SWNT: ESR Spectra



❖ *ESR signals from catalyst and carbon nanotubes*

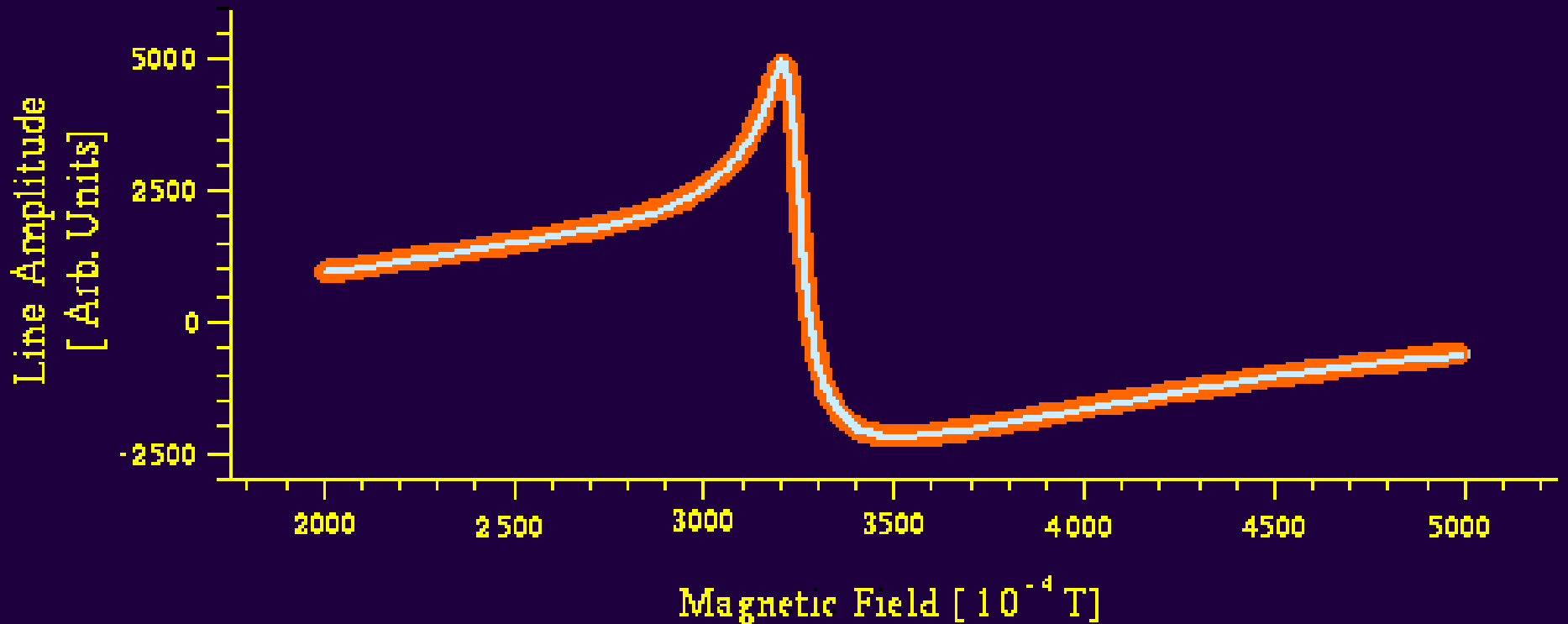
PC-CNF: ESR Spectra



❖ *Thermo-oxidative degradation of polymer during sample*

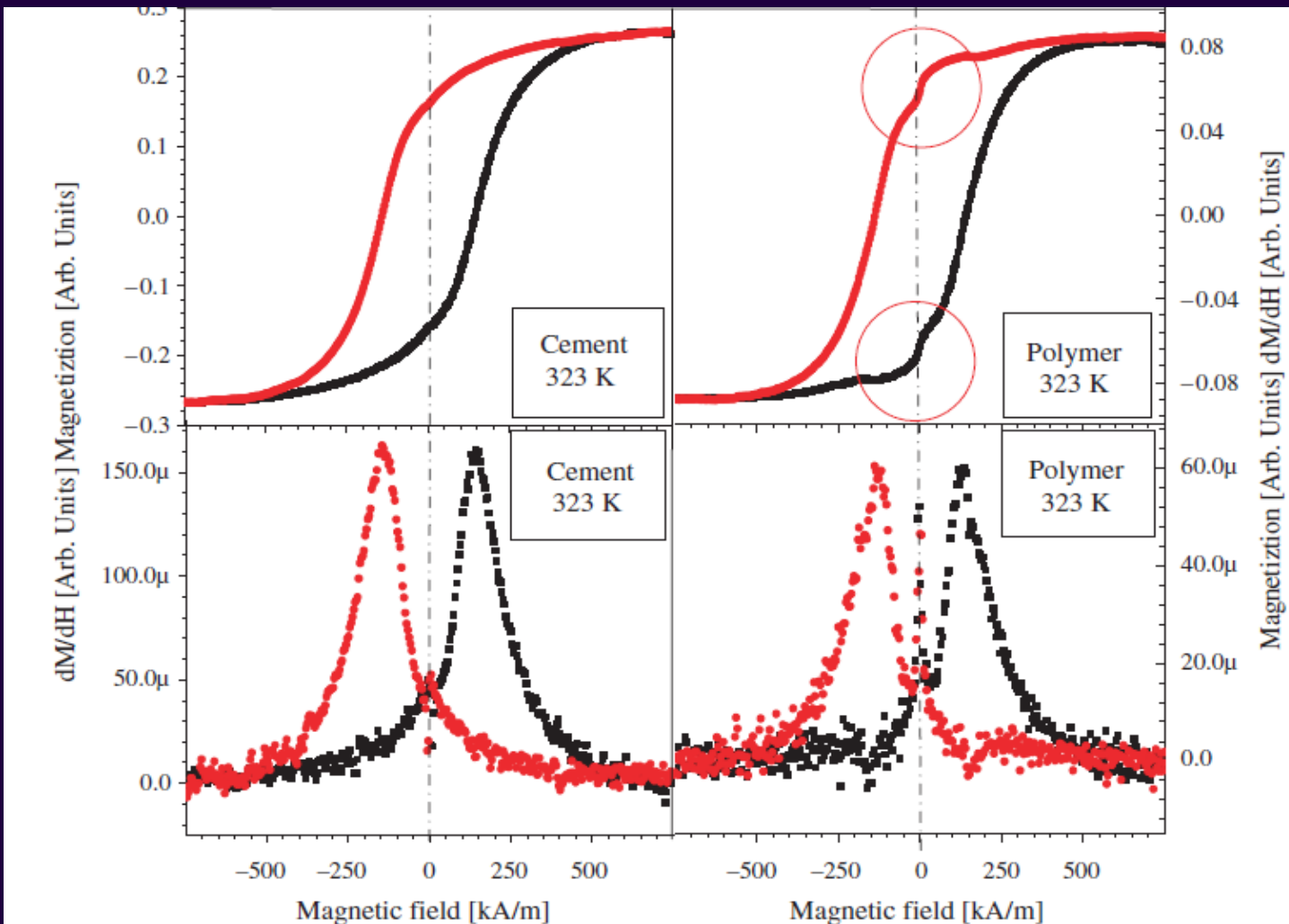
CNF: ESR Spectrum

** ESR Signal (orange) and simulated spectrum (light blue) of CNF*



❖ Reconvolution with single Dysonian and Lorentzian components

Barium ferrite – SBS Magnetic and Superparamagnetic Features

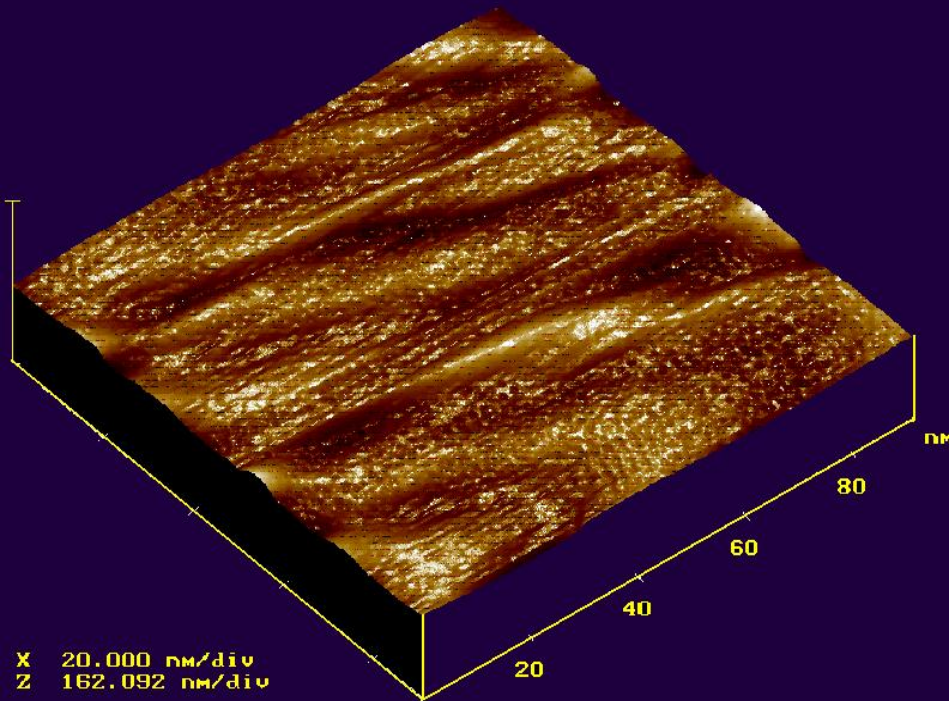


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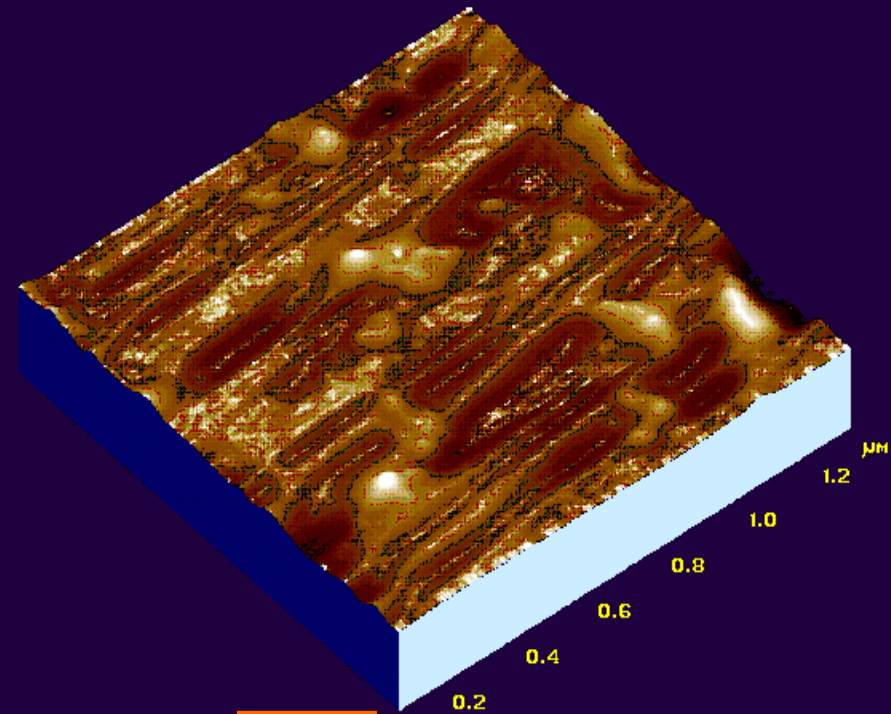
Barium ferrite – SIS Morphology

✦ *AFM Images of Polymer and Nanocomposite*

SIS Block Copolymer



Ba-Ferrite (10%) – SIS Composite

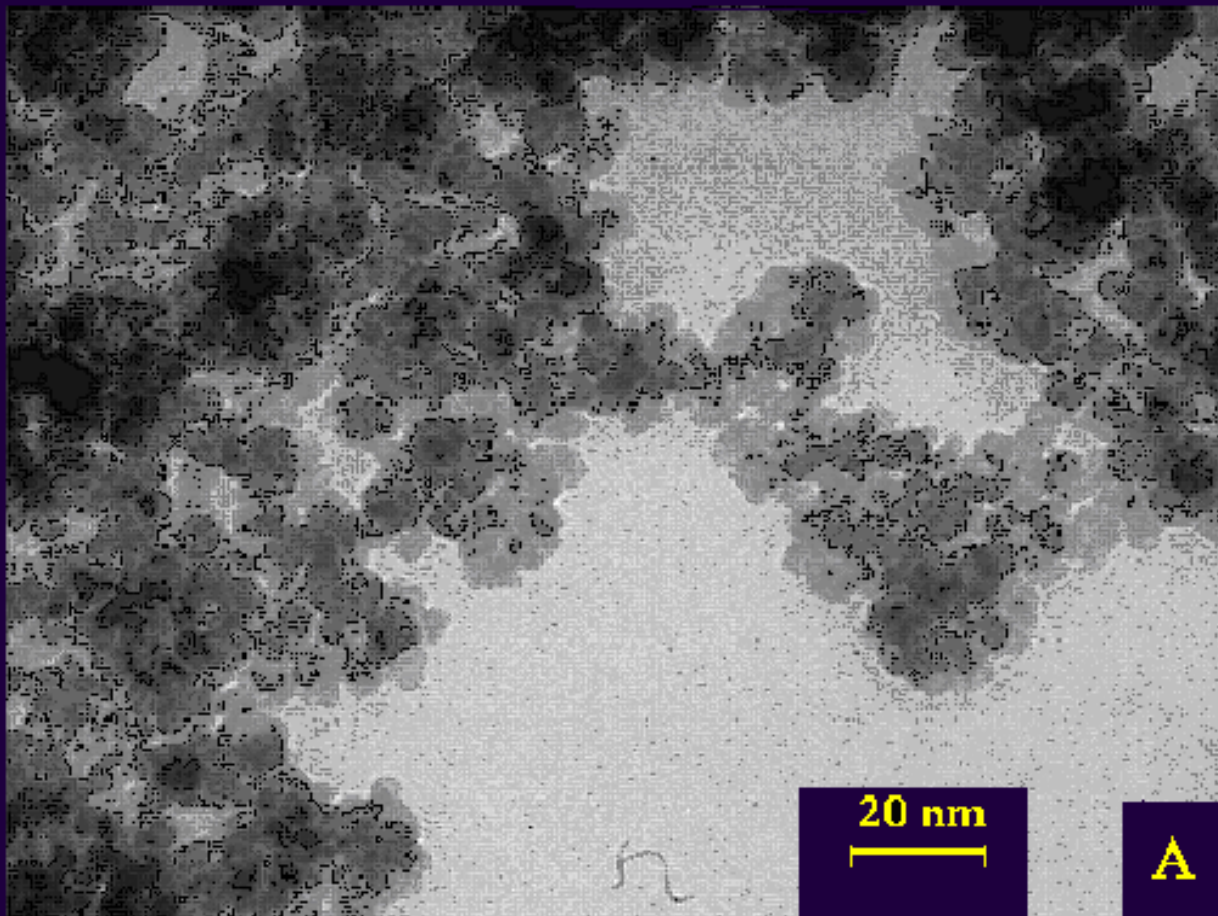


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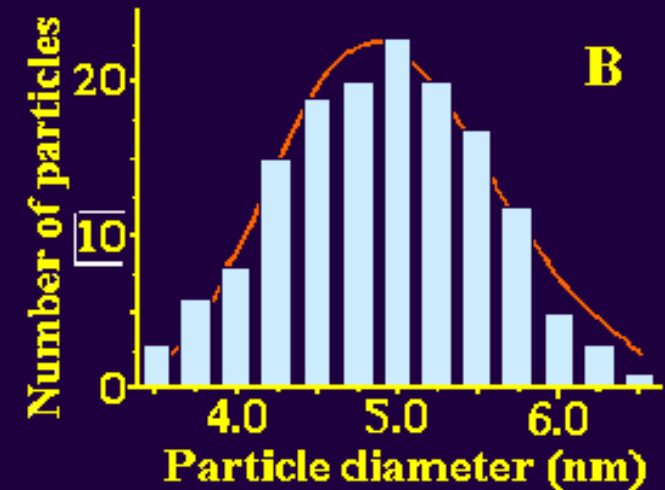
❖ *Potential magnetic storage assembly*

SIS - Titanium Doped Gamma Iron Oxides

TEM of titanium doped iron nanoparticles



Particle Size



Small Angle
Electron Diffraction

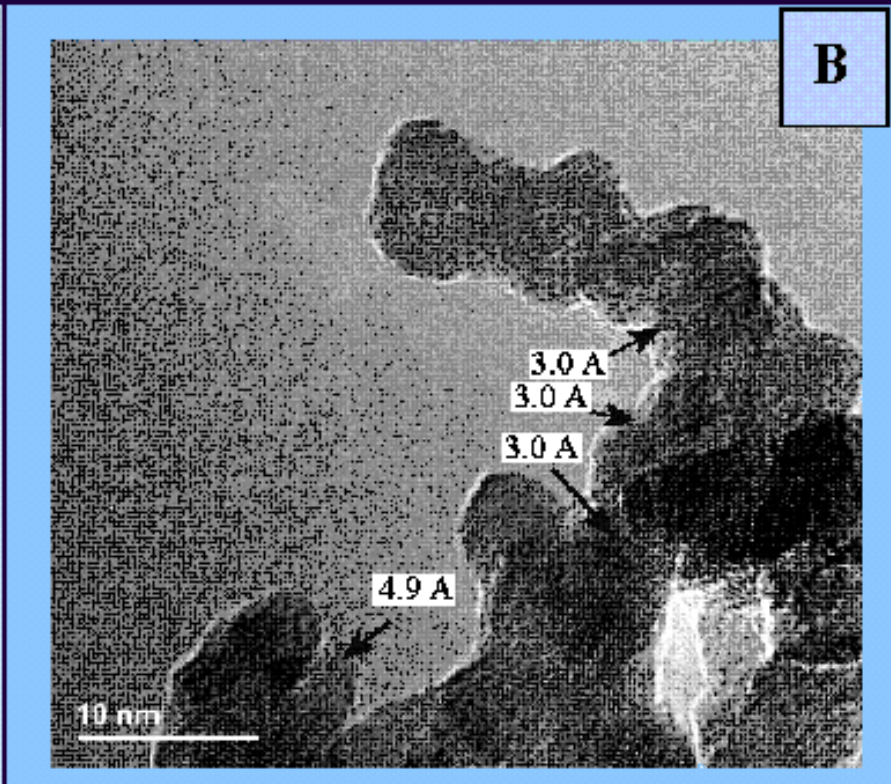
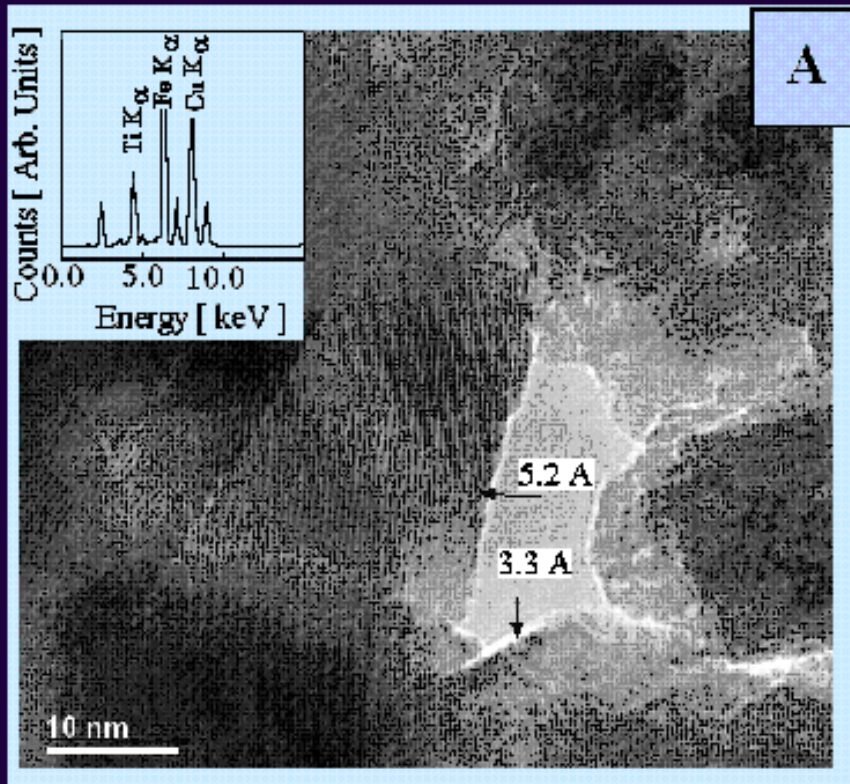
SIS - Ti doped Iron Oxides: HR-TEM

$\gamma\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (5.2 Å)

Ti- $\gamma\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (4.9 Å)

X-Ray $[\beta\text{FeO}(\text{OH})]$ (3.3 Å)

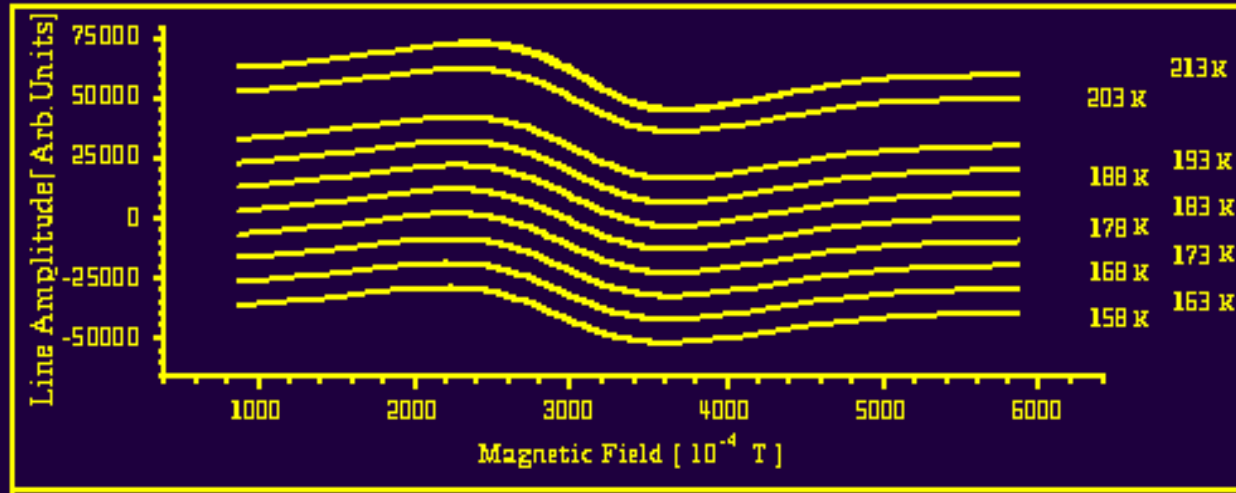
Ti $[\beta\text{FeO}(\text{OH})]$ (3.3 Å)



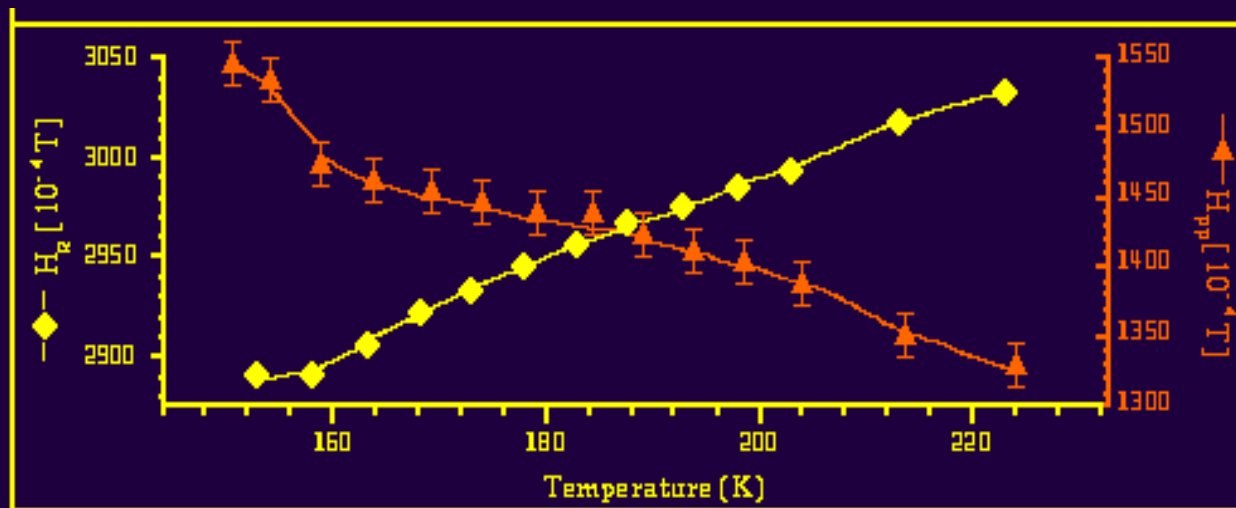
❖ *HR-TEM confirms doping and crystalline iron oxide formation*

FMR of SIS – Ti Doped Iron Oxides

* FMR Spectra at Various Temperatures

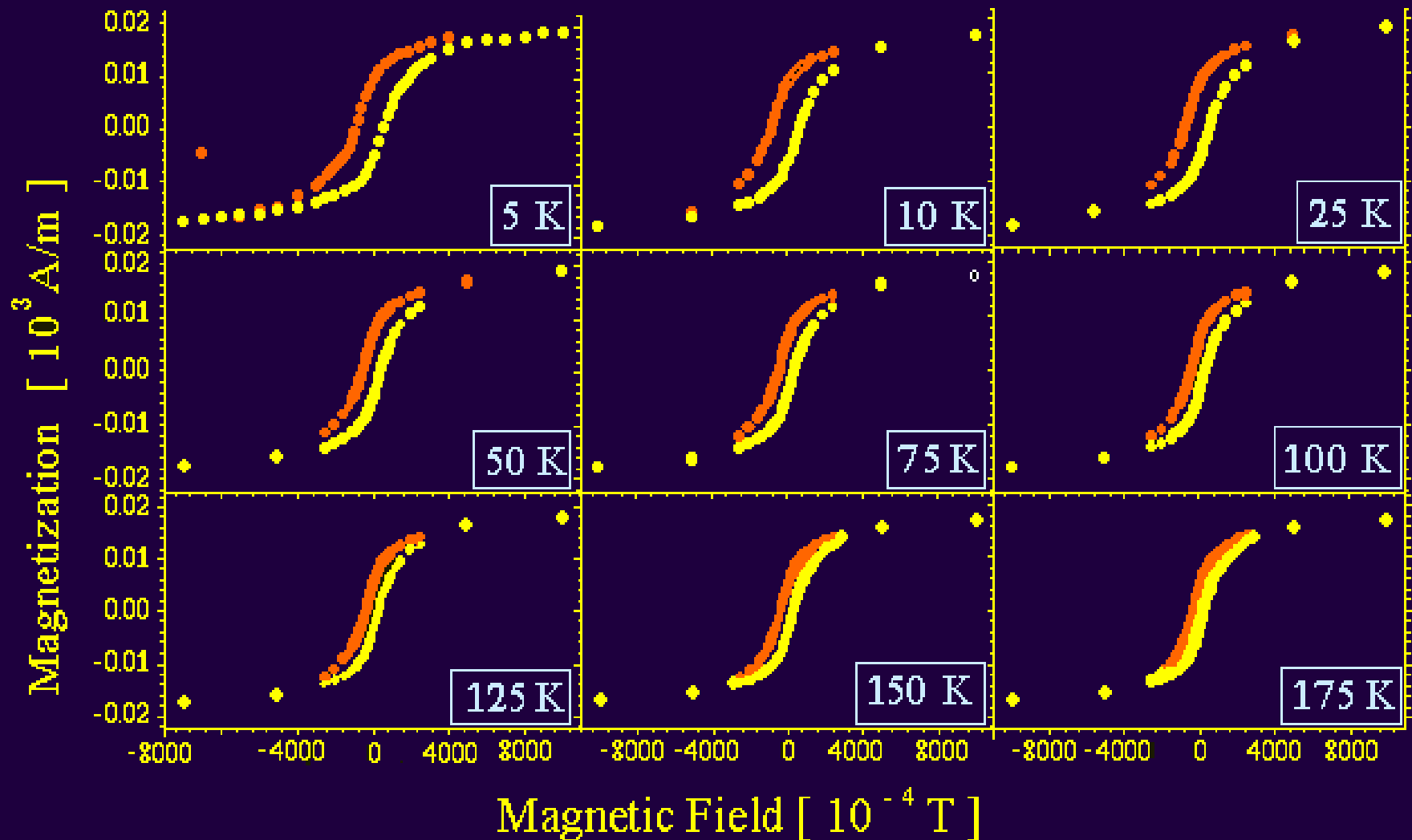


* Dependence of H_R and H_{PP} on Temperature (Thermal Activation)



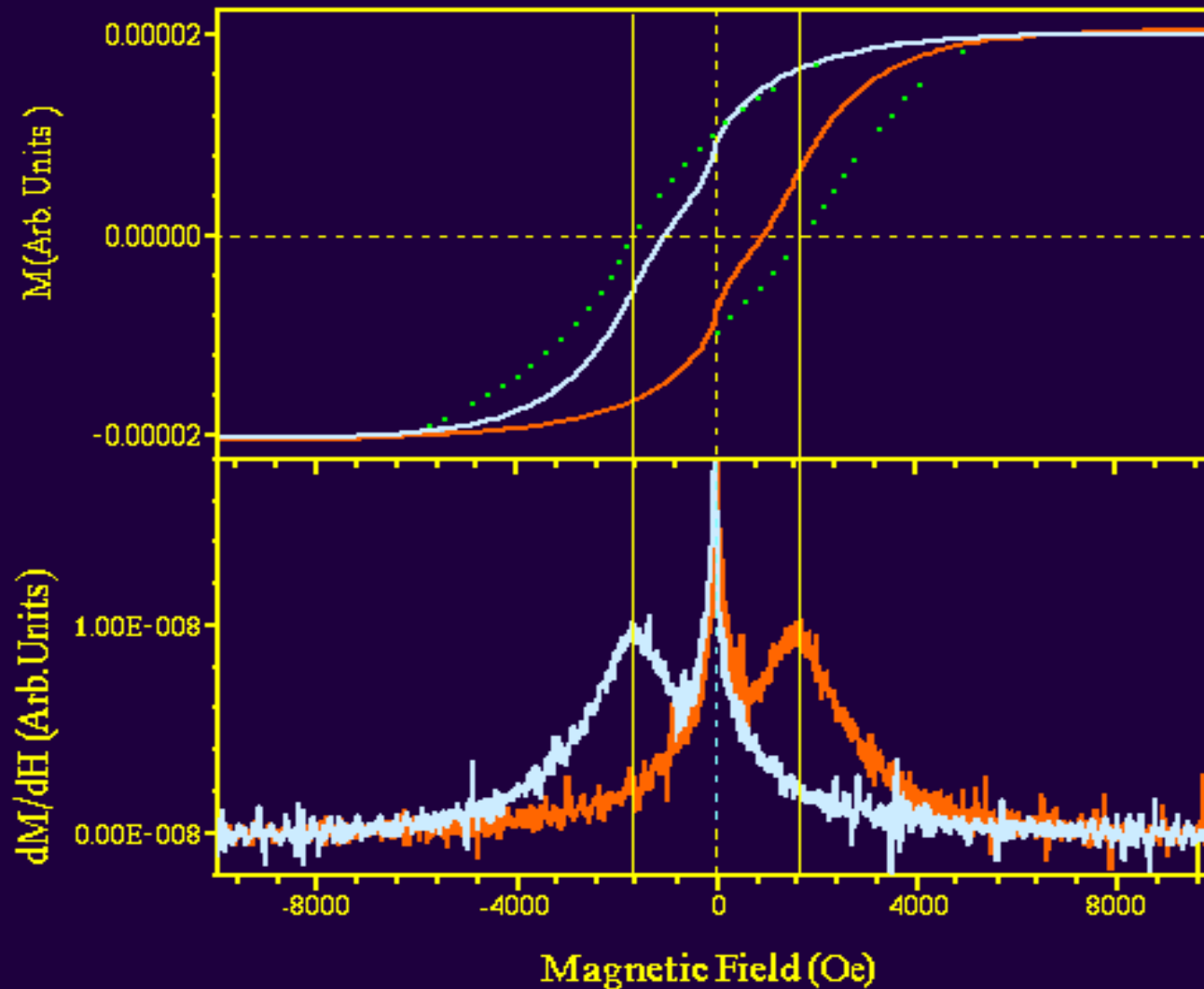
Magnetism of SIS – Ti Doped Iron Oxides

* *Hysteresis Loops at Various Temperatures (Ferromagnetic)*



Magnetism of SIS – Ti Doped Iron Oxides

✧ *5 K Hysteresis Loop and dM/dH*

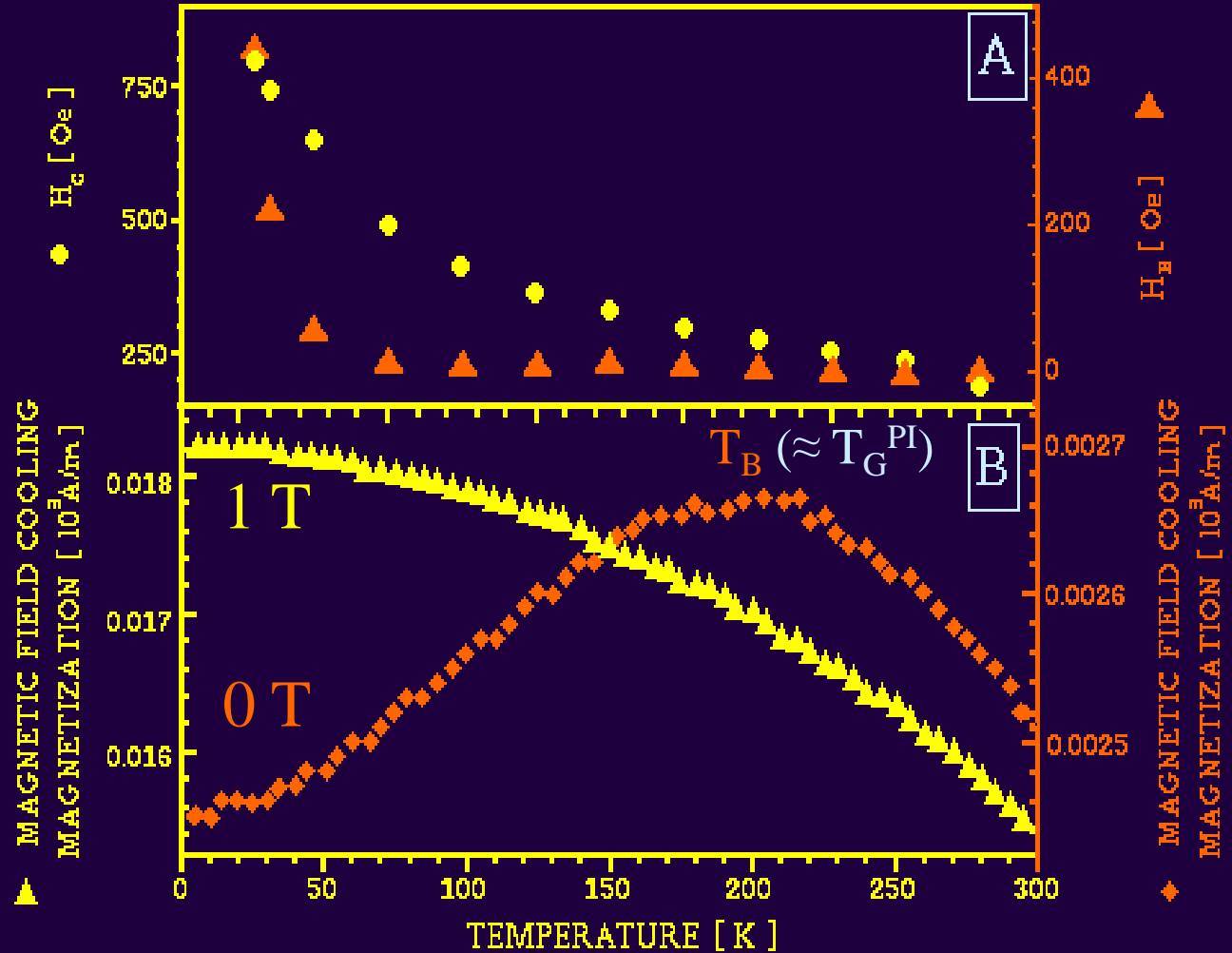


Temperature Dependence of Magnetization

SIS-Ti Doped [FeO]

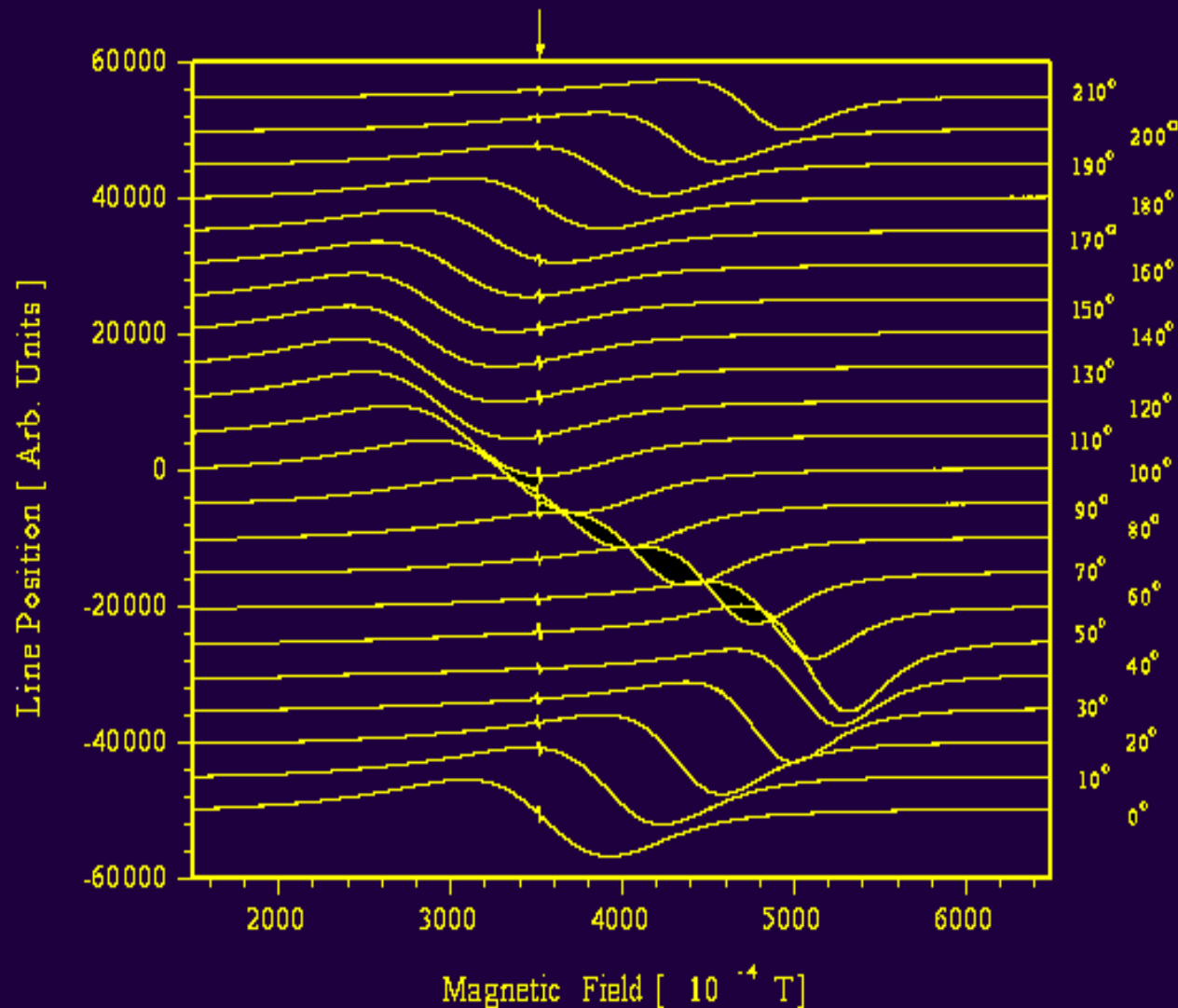
✧ Temp dependence of coercive (left) and exchange bias fields (right)

✧ Temp dependence for cooling in 1 T (left) and zero field (right)



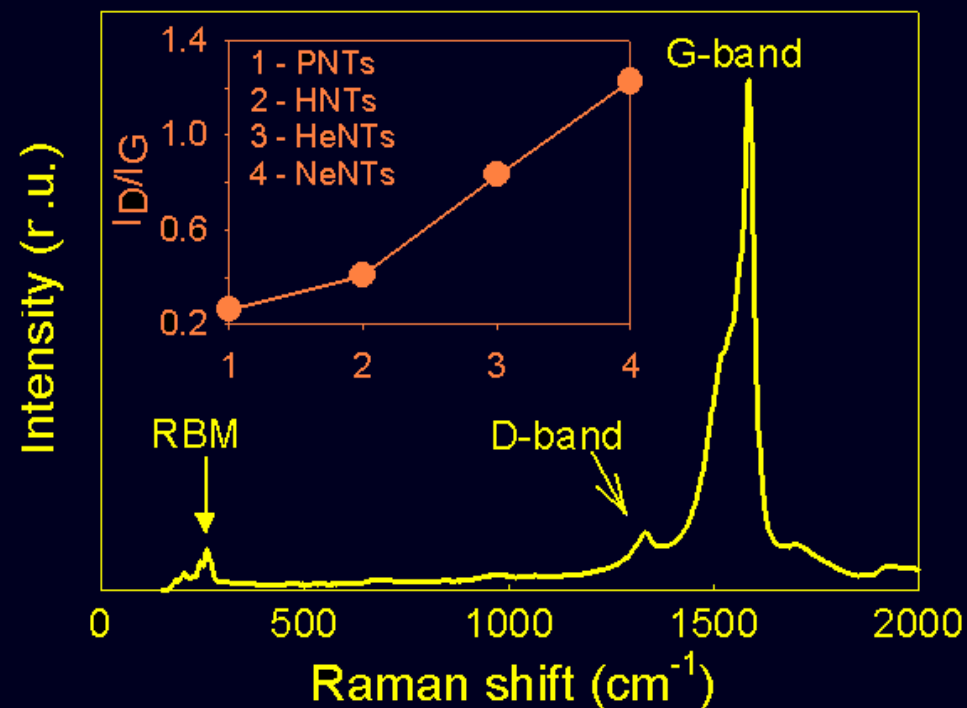
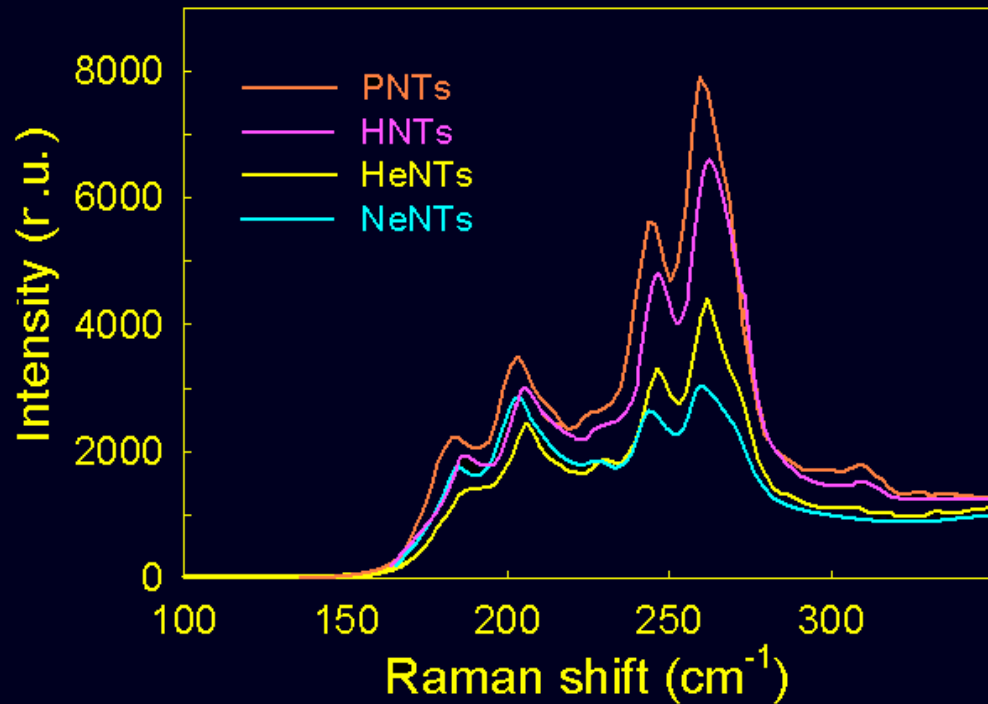
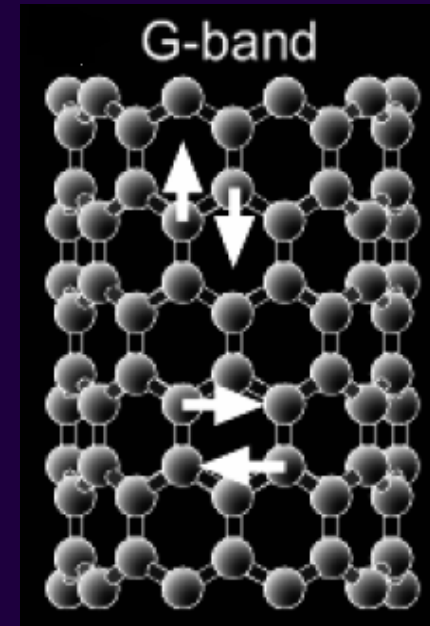
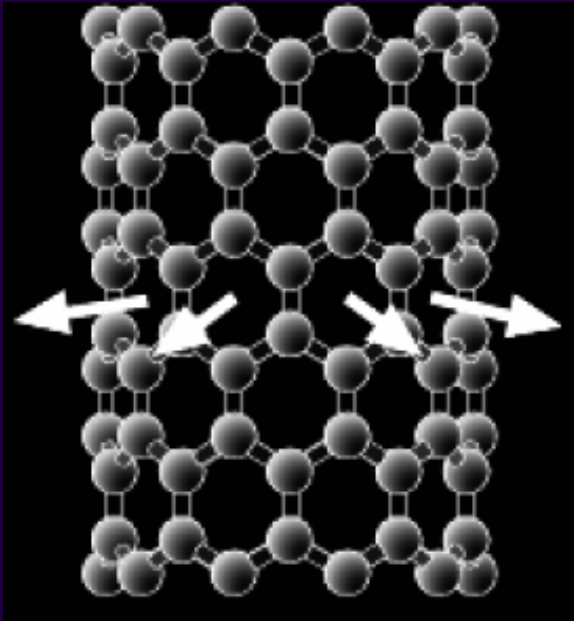
❖ Magnetization behavior controlled by T_G^{PI}

Oriented Nanoclusters: FMR FePt on PI

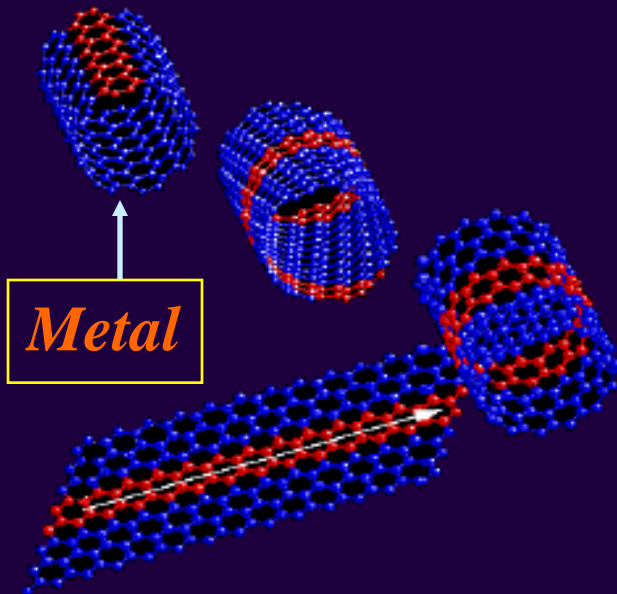
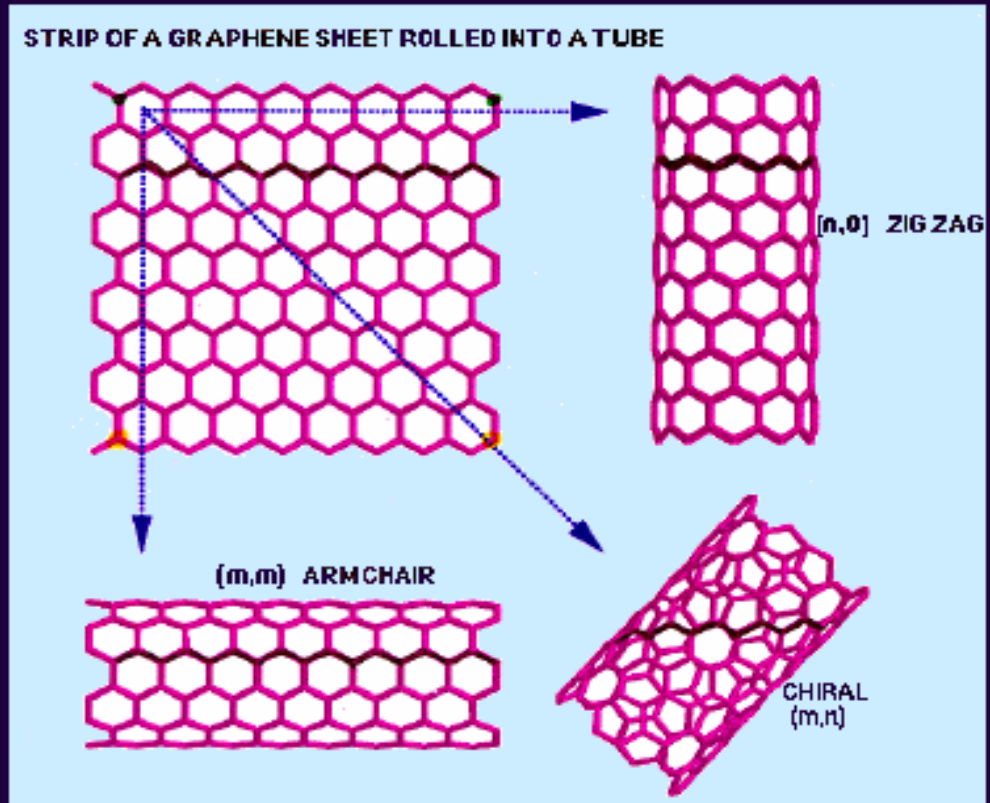
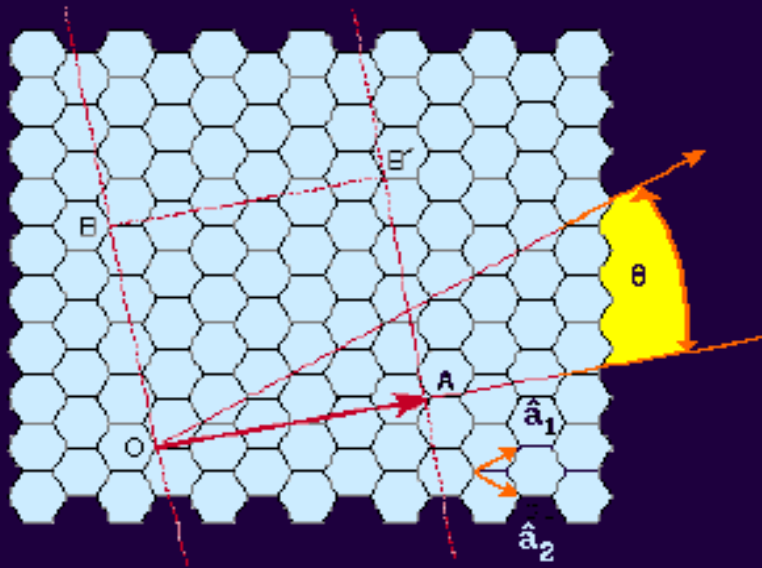


❖ *Angular dependence of FMR reflects shape anisotropy*

Composite P3HT- Irradiated SWNT: Raman Data



Carbon Nanotubes



Chiral vector is defined on the hexagonal lattice as

$$\vec{Ch} = n\hat{a}_1 + m\hat{a}_2,$$

where \hat{a}_1 and \hat{a}_2 are unit vectors, n and m are integers.

Carbon Nanotubes

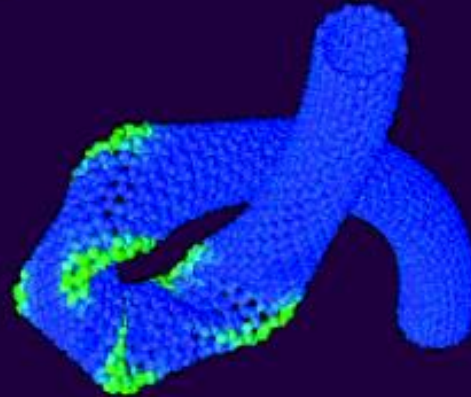
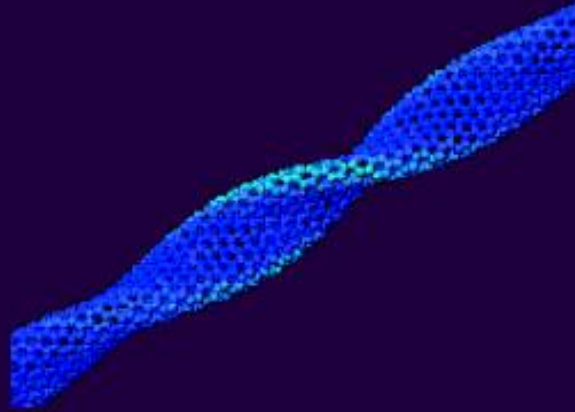
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|----------------------|--|
| Modulus | ~1000 GPa (SWCNT) ~1200 GPa (MWCNT) |
| Tensile Strength | ~ 100 GPa |
| Thermal Conductivity | 2000 W/m/K |
| Density | 1300 –1400 kg/cm ³ |
| Length | up to microns |

| Material | Young modulus [MPa] | Density [kgm ⁻³] | Specific stiffness [MPam ³ kg ⁻¹] |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Single wall nanotube | 1,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 0.67 |
| 4340 Steel Q+T | 207,000 | 7,800,000 | 0.026 |
| 7075 Aluminium | 6,900 | 2,800,000 | 0.0025 |
| C fiber (from PAN) | 2,500 | 230,000 | 0.0109 |
| Spectra 1000 (UHMWPE) | 172,000 | 970,000 | 0.177 |
| Kevlar 149 | 186,000 | 1,440,000 | 0.13 |

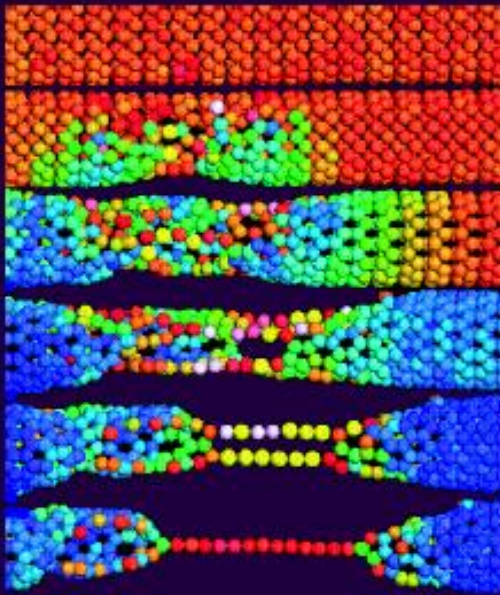
Carbon Nanotubes: Mechanical Deformations



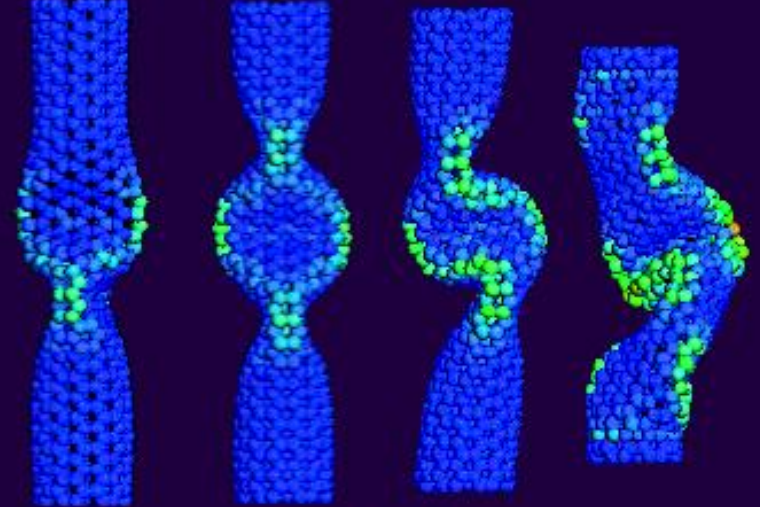
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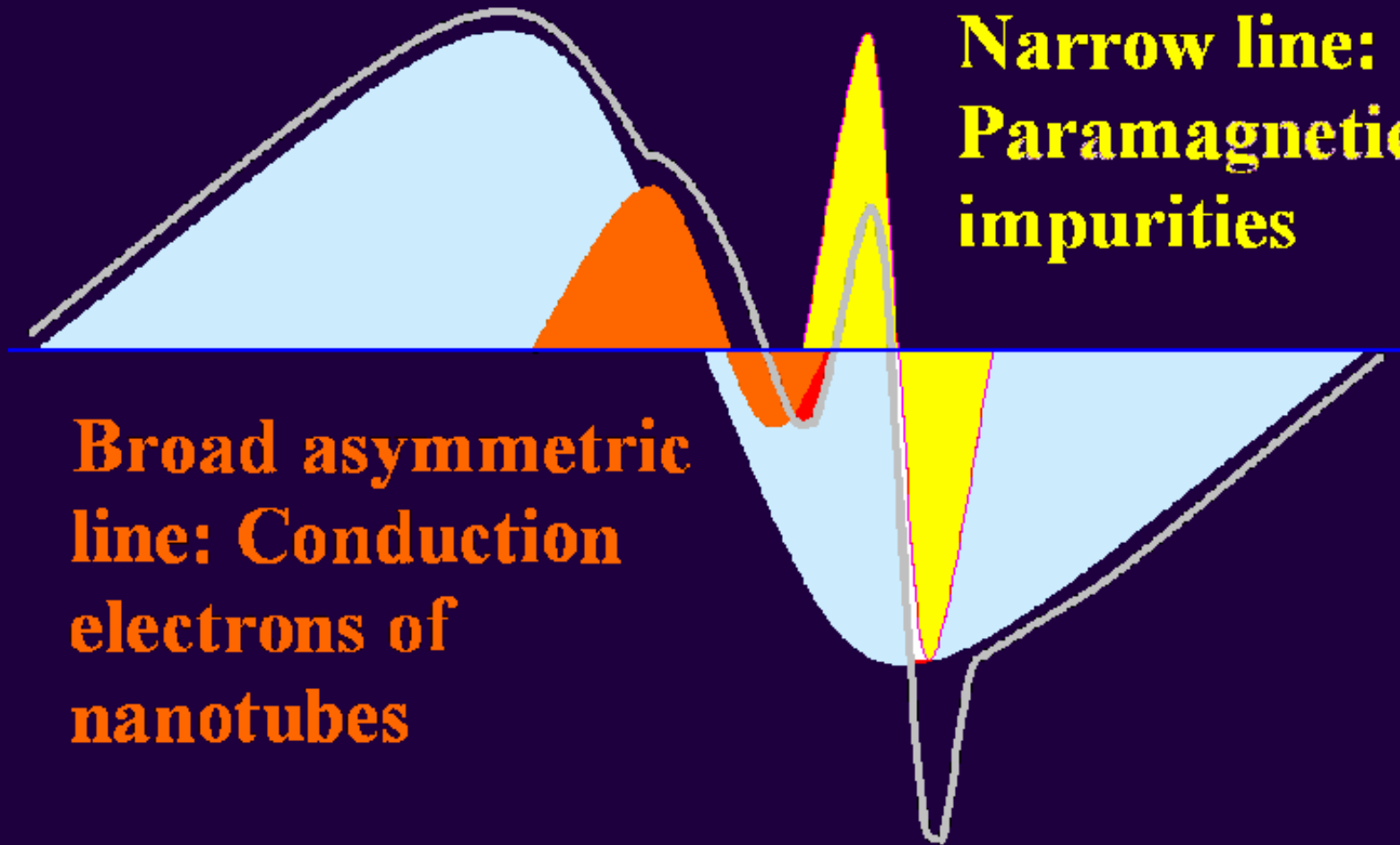
Buckling

ESR Profile of Non-Annealed CNT

Wide line: Ferromagnetic impurities

Narrow line: Paramagnetic impurities

Broad asymmetric line: Conduction electrons of nanotubes



ESR on Carbon Nanotubes: Line Position

** Spin-Orbit Coupling (Dependent Upon Fermi Level)*

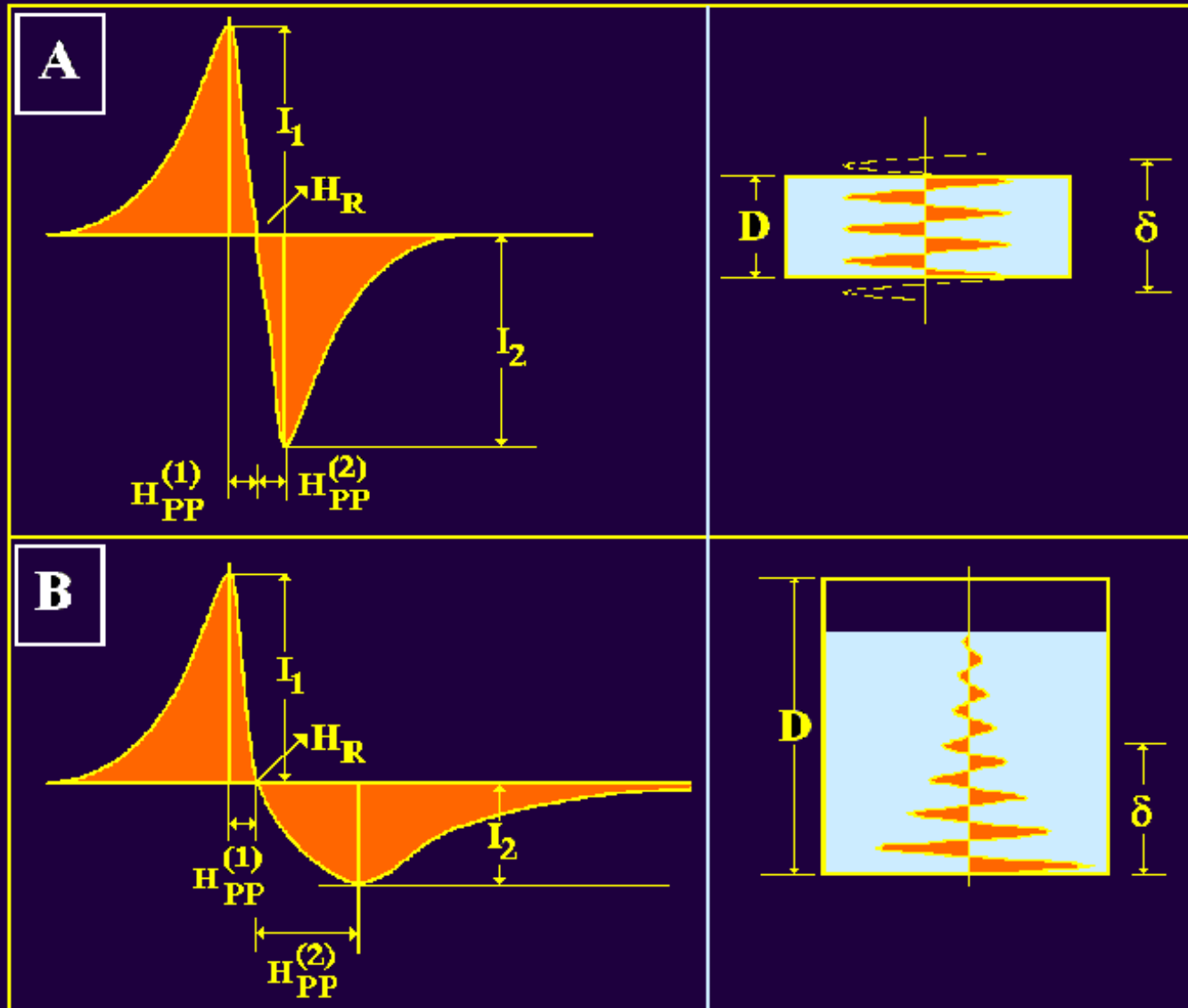
$$g = g_{th} + \frac{\lambda}{\Delta E}$$

** Orientation of CNT with H_o (Anisotropy of g -Value)*

$$g_{av} = \sqrt{(g_{\parallel} \cos \theta)^2 + (g_{\perp} \sin \theta)^2} \approx g_{\parallel} + (g_{\perp} - g_{\parallel}) \sin^2 \theta$$

ESR of Conducting Samples

✧ *Distortion of ESR spectra due to skin effect*



Nanotube Spin Temperature Dependence

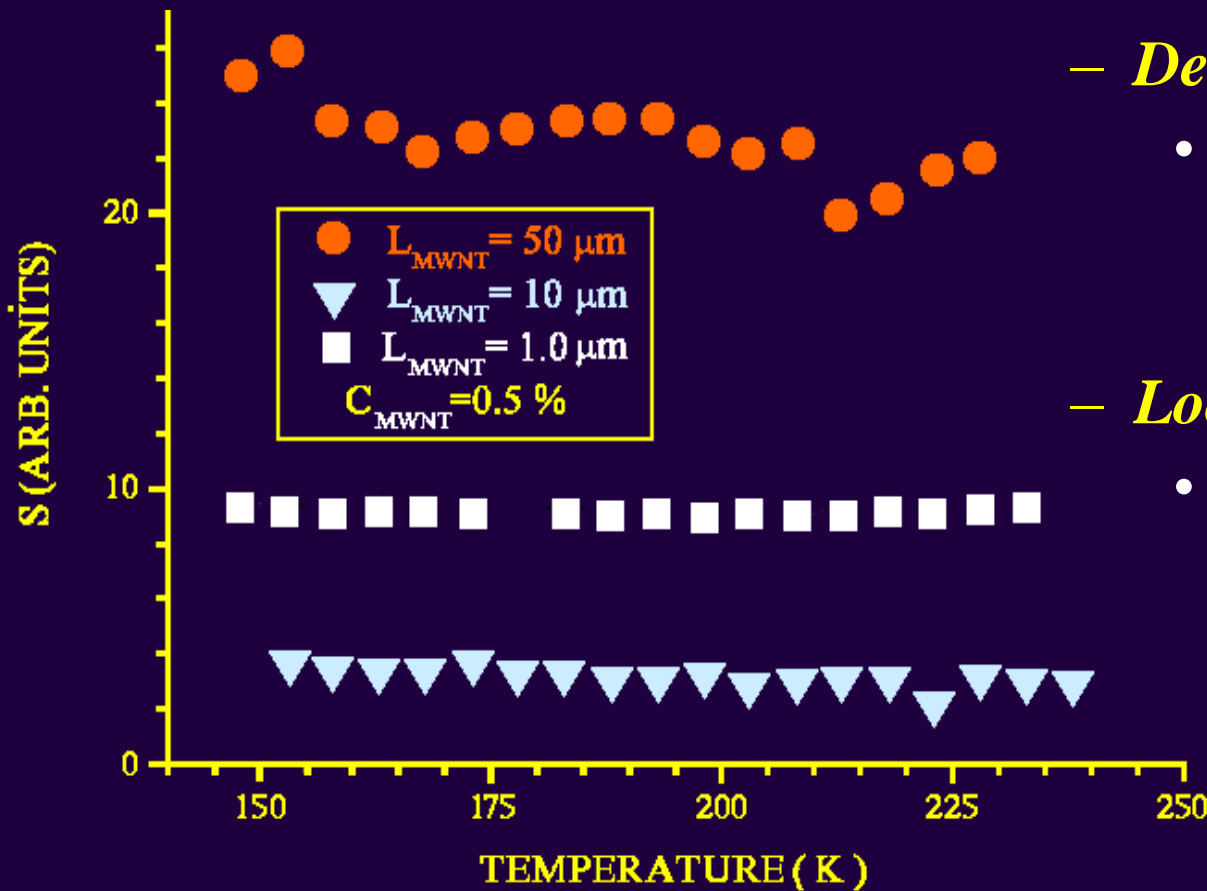
- * Double integral (S) of EPR Line is related to the spin susceptibility*
- * S for the resonance line should be temperature independent (Pauli)*
- * Curie dependence associated with paramagnetic impurities*

$$S \propto \chi = \chi_{Pauli} + \chi_{Curie}(T) \equiv \beta^2 N(E_F) + g\beta^2 \frac{J(J+1)}{3K_B T}$$

where $N(E_F)$ is the density of states at the Fermi level, J is the total angular momentum and K_B is the Boltzmann constant

Epoxy-MWNT: Temp Dependence of S

* Temperature Dependence of S



– *Delocalized electrons*

- *Temperature independent S*

– *Localized impurities*

- *Curie Weiss behavior*

❖ *Temperature dependence of S controlled by conducting electrons*

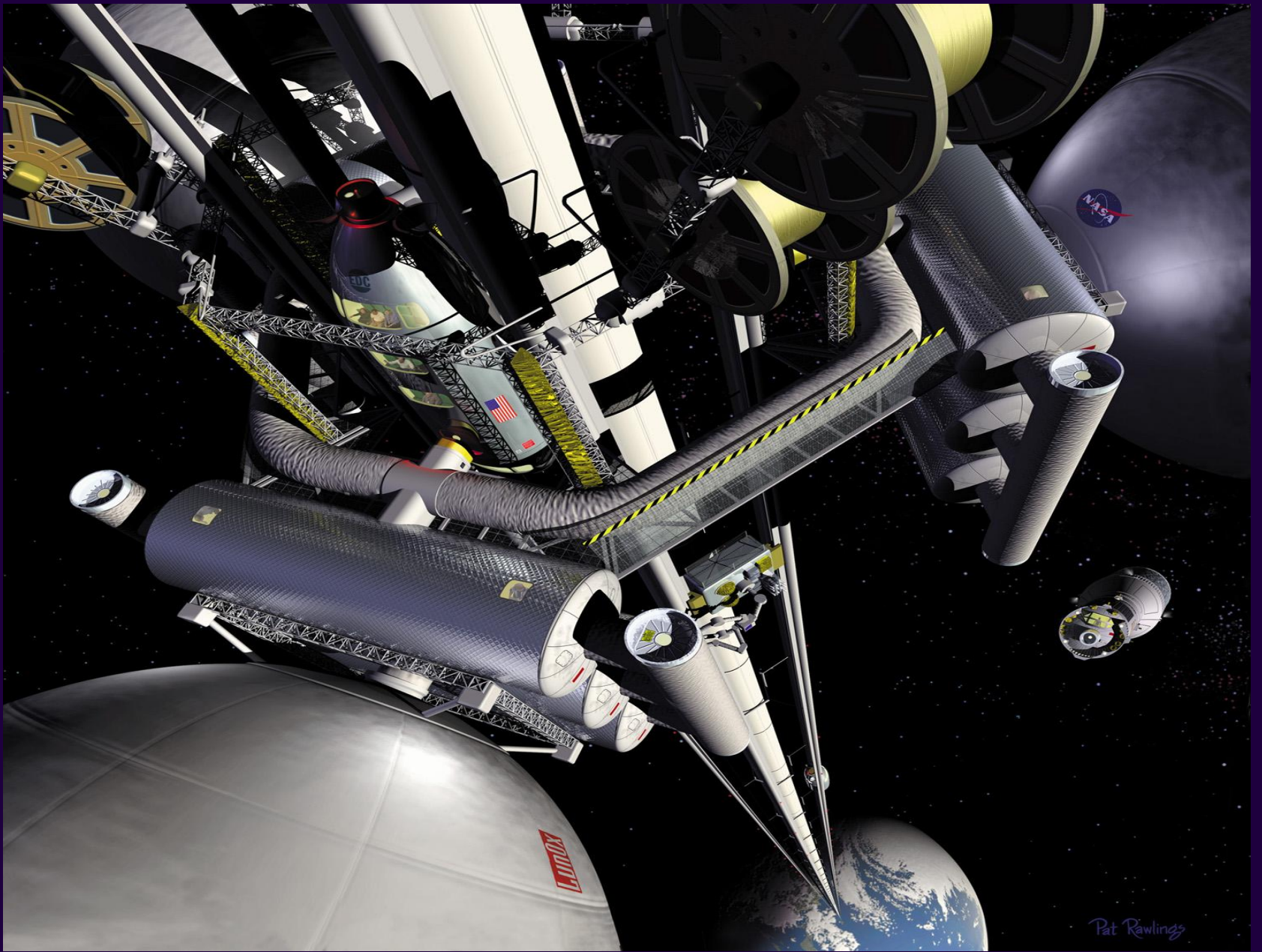
ESR on CNT: Temp Dependence of H_{pp}

* *The Temperature Dependence of the Linewidth, H_{pp}*

$$H_{pp}(T) = H_{pp}^0 + f(T) = \begin{matrix} C_1 T^m & C < C_p & \text{“Localized Electrons”} \\ C_2 \sigma(T) & C \geq C_p & \text{“Delocalized Electrons”} \end{matrix}$$

where H_{pp}^0 , C_1 , and C_2 are constants; σ is the electrical conductivity and C_p is the percolation threshold for electrical conductivity

Exponent Values of m ($m=0$, $m=-1/2$, and $m=3$) have been reported



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