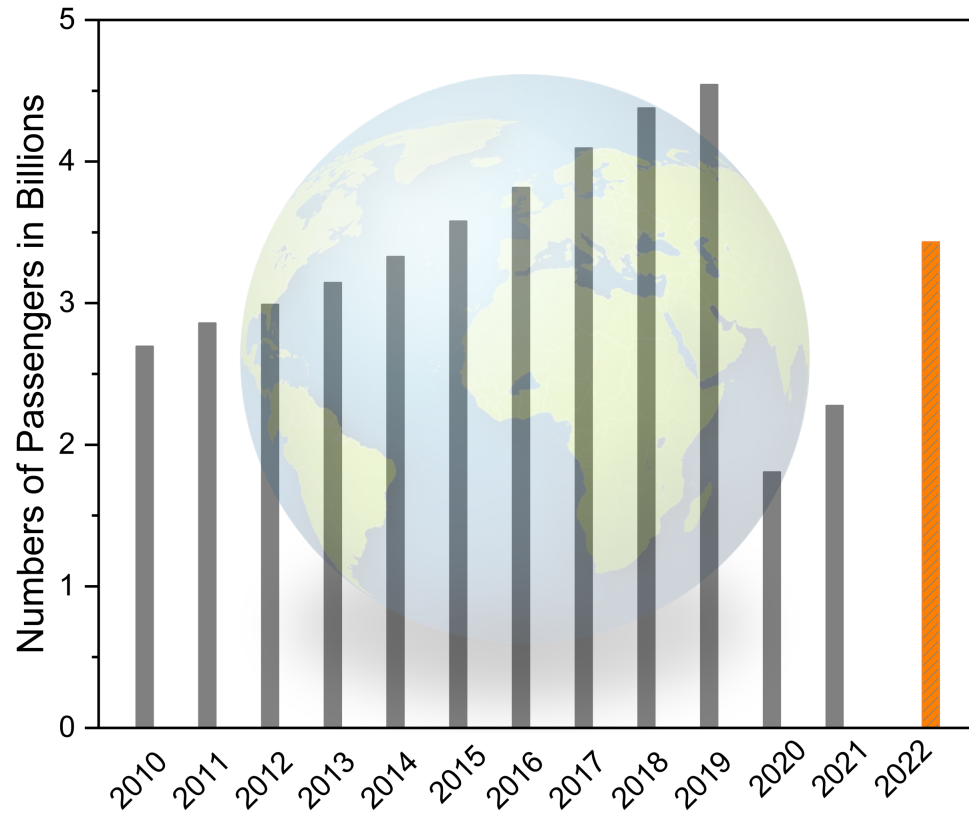


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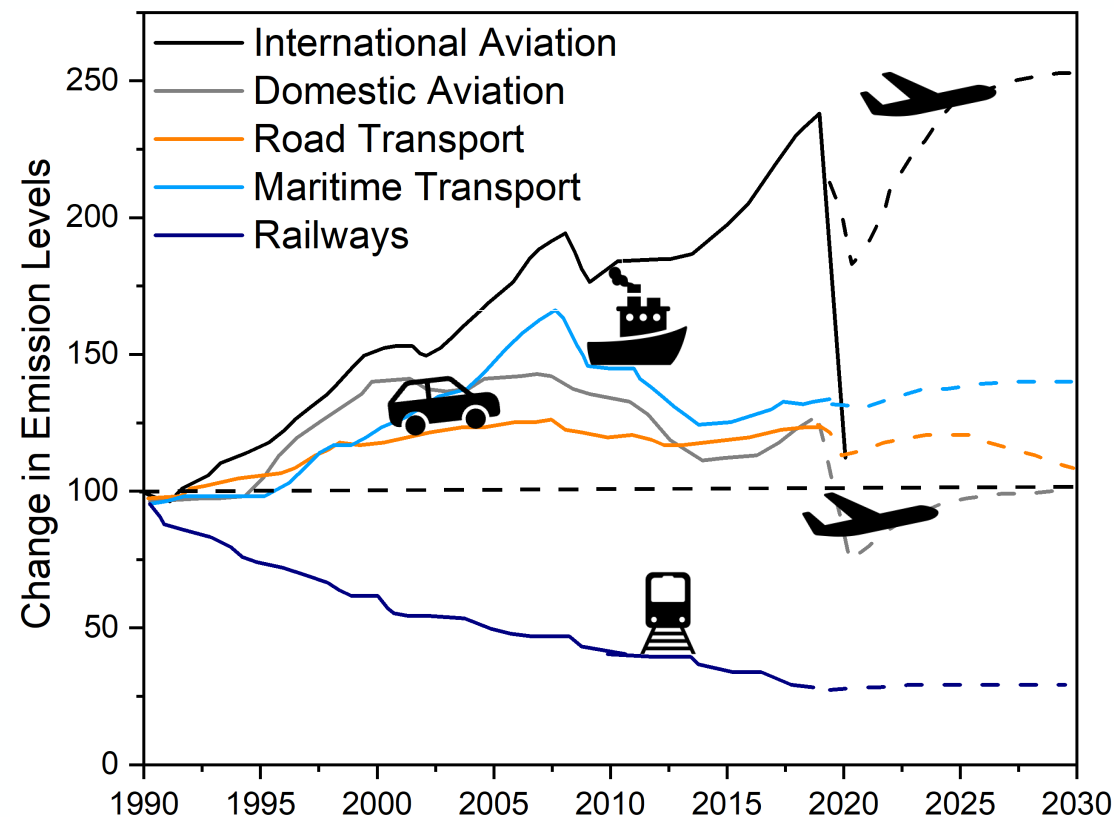
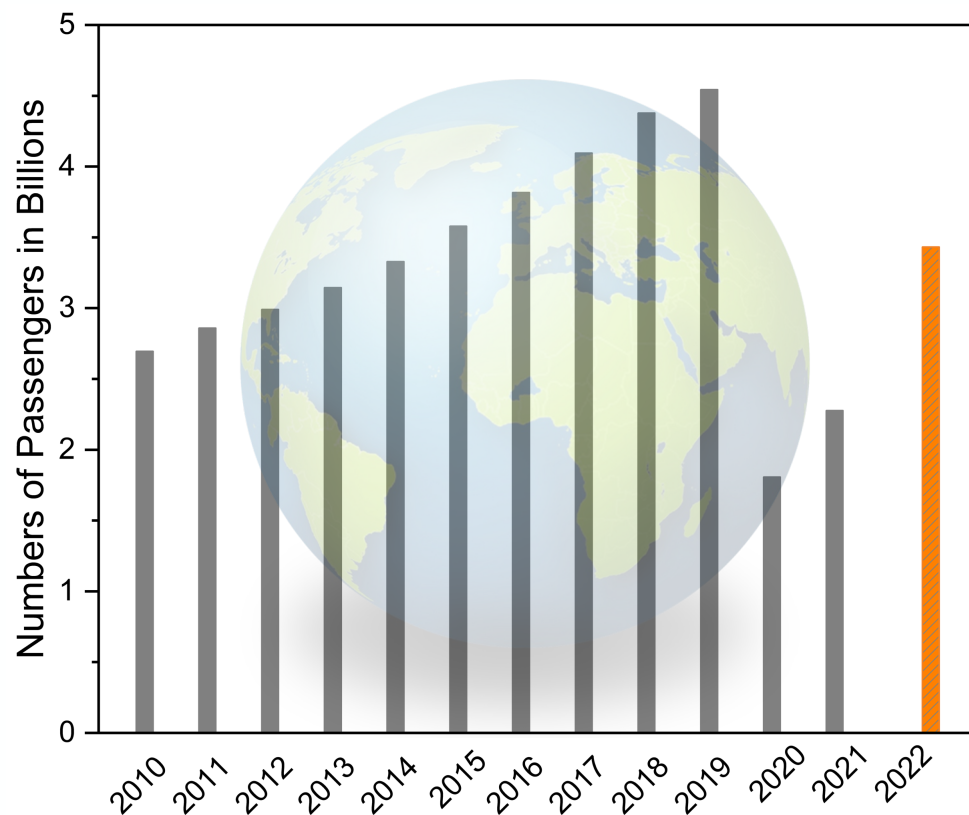
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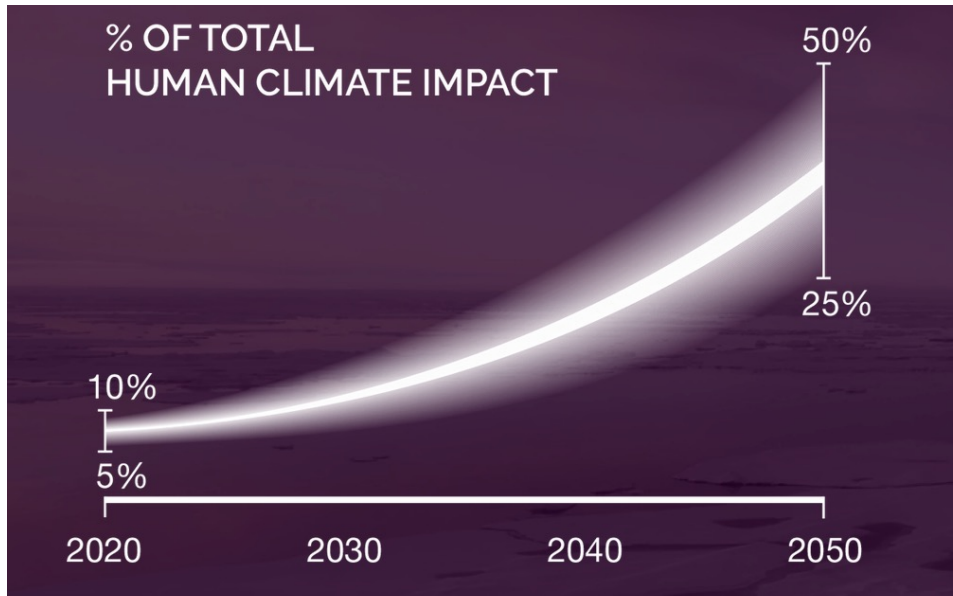
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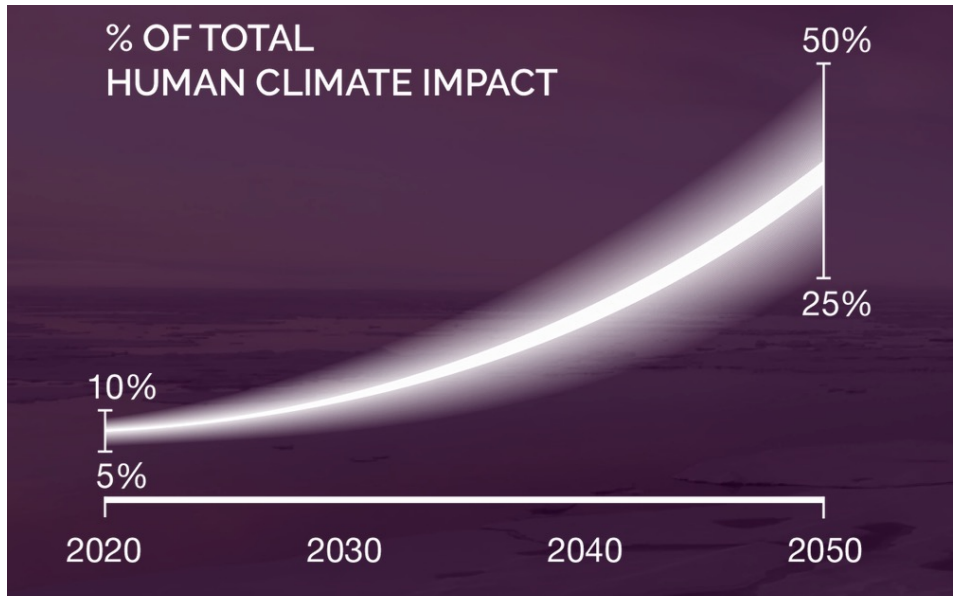
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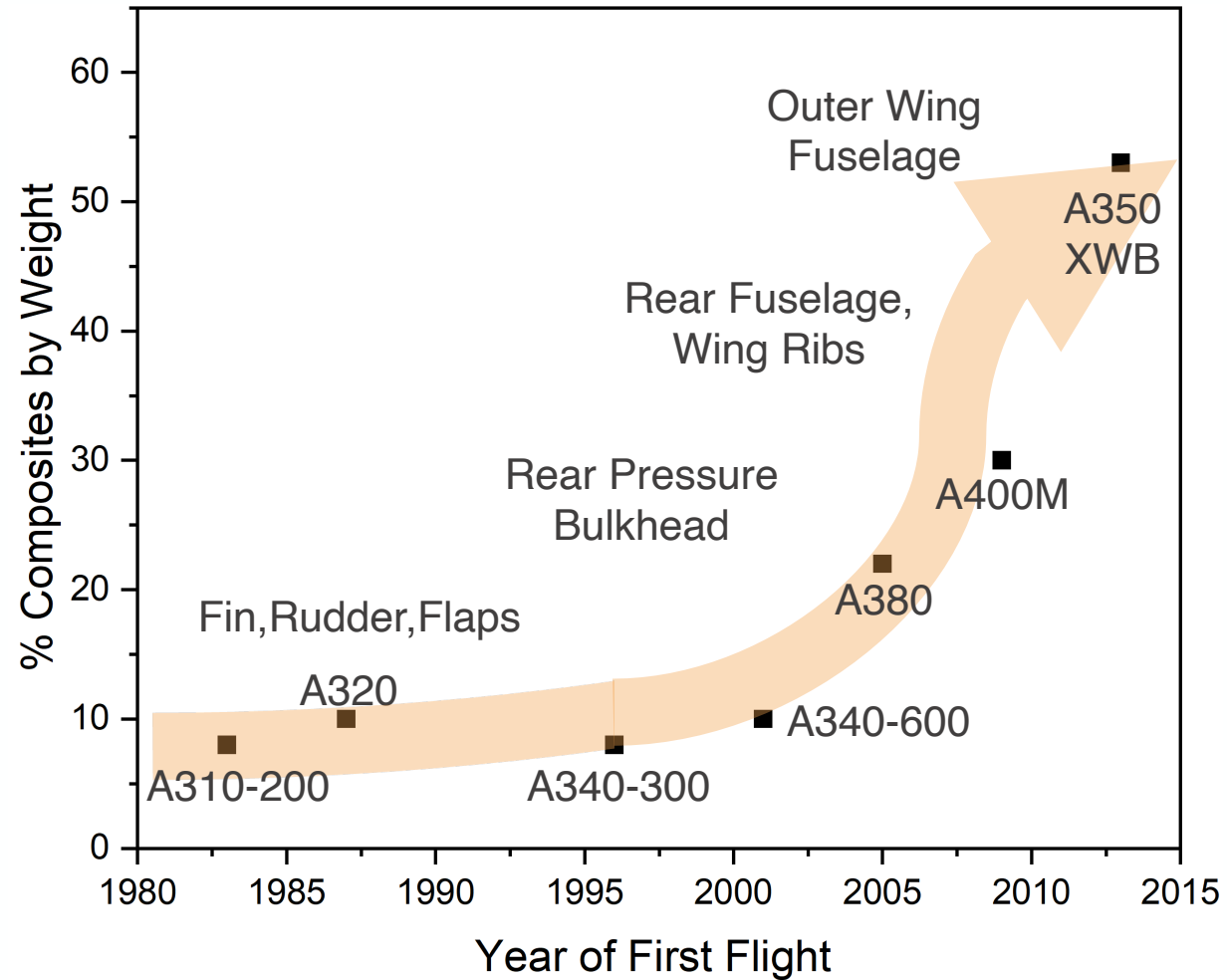


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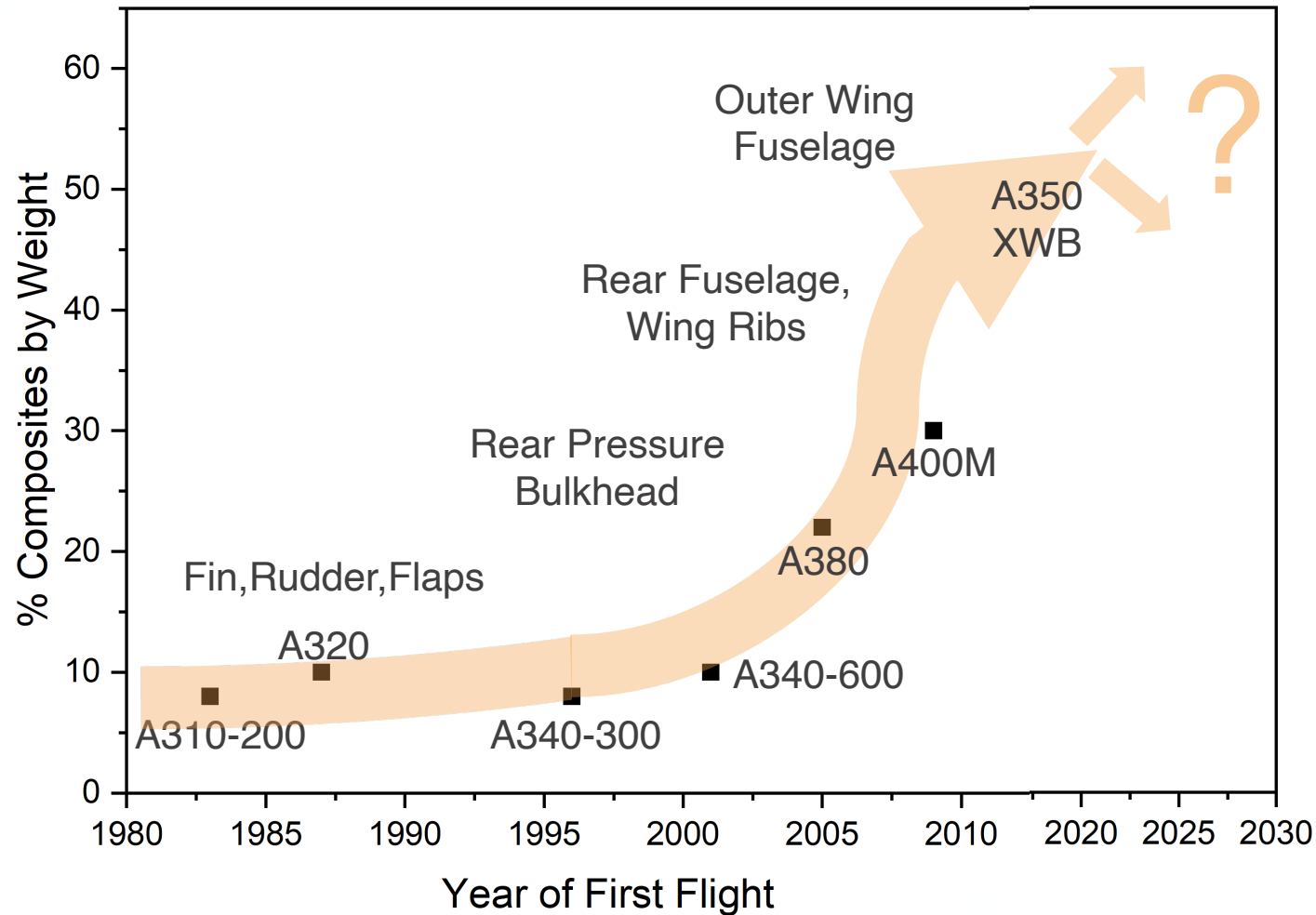
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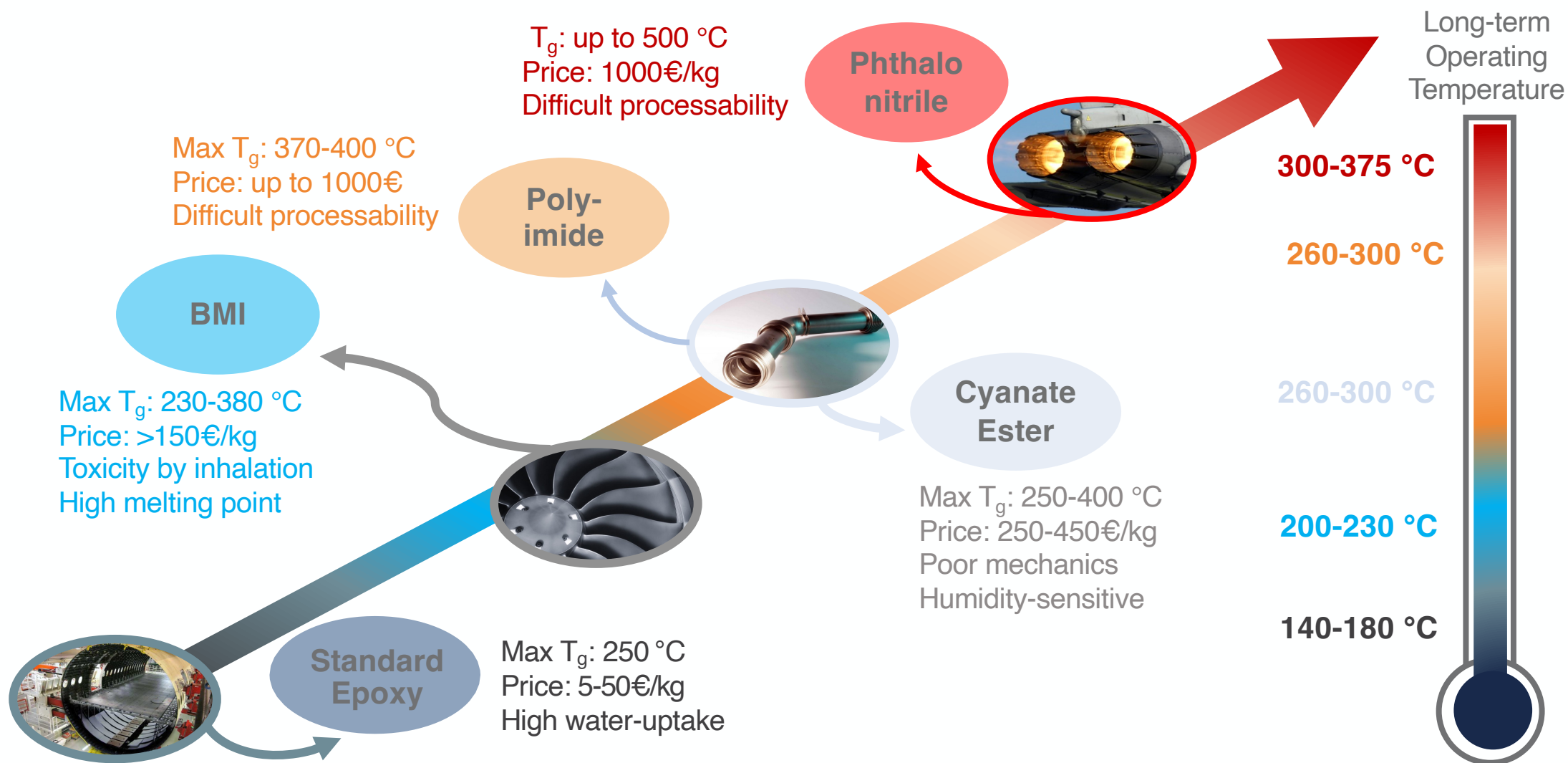
Further increase through replacement of aluminium, titanium alloys by

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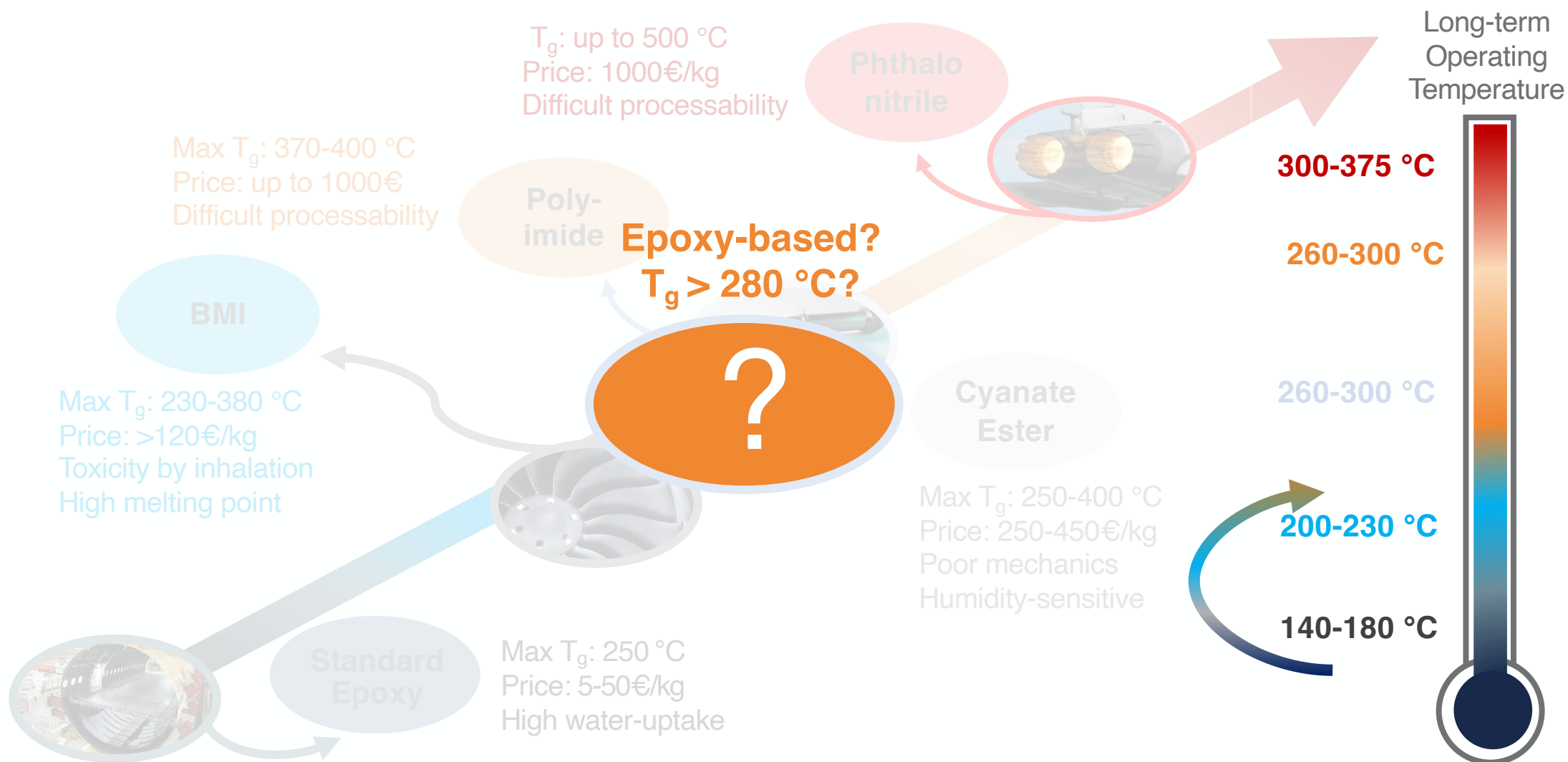
for

- Engine fairings
- Air ducts
- Guide vanes
- etc.

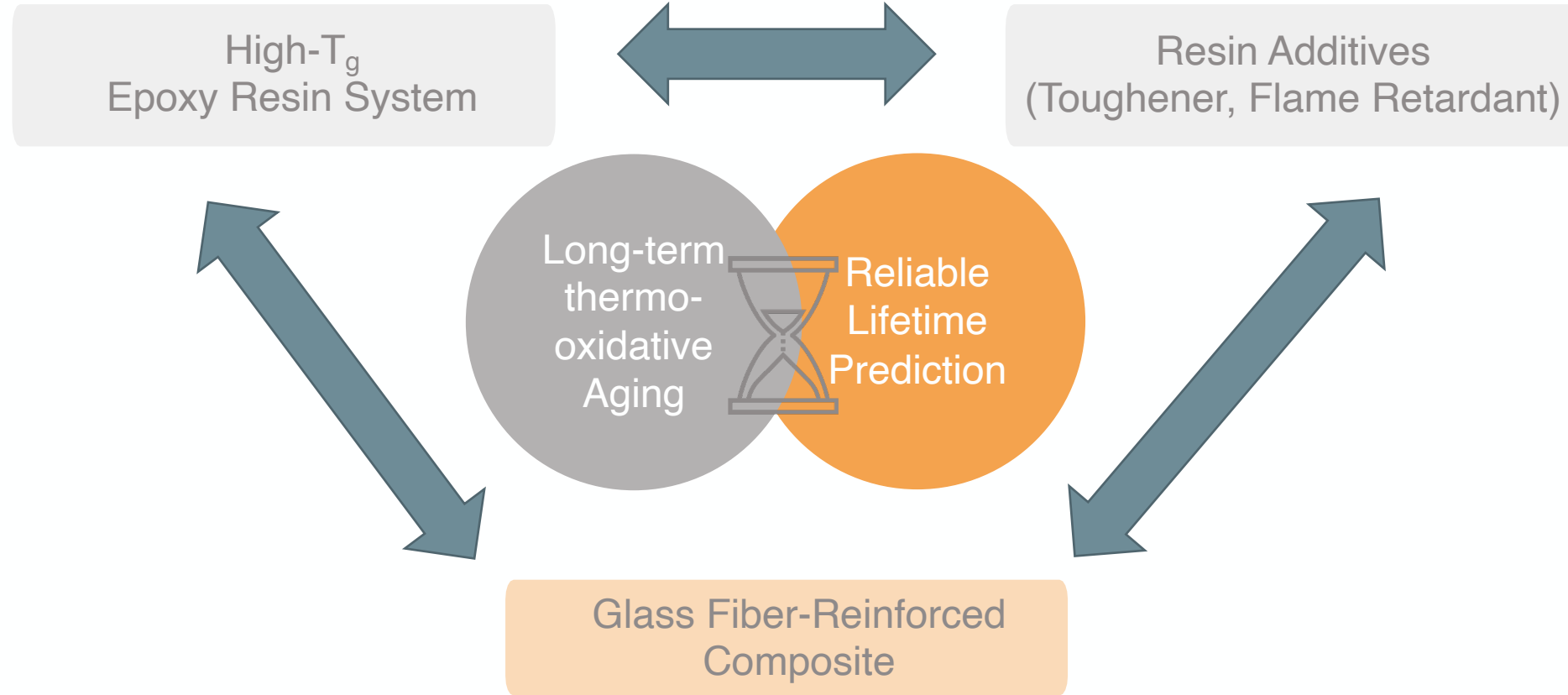
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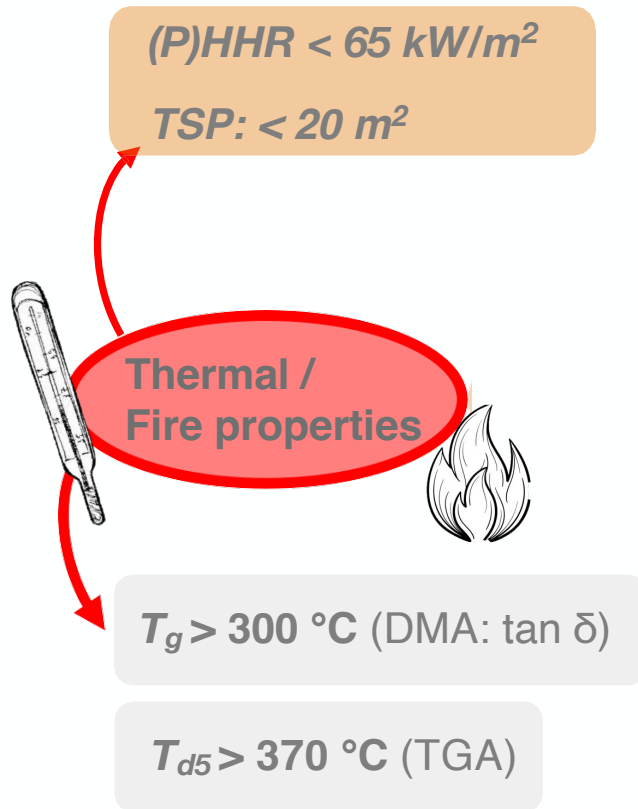
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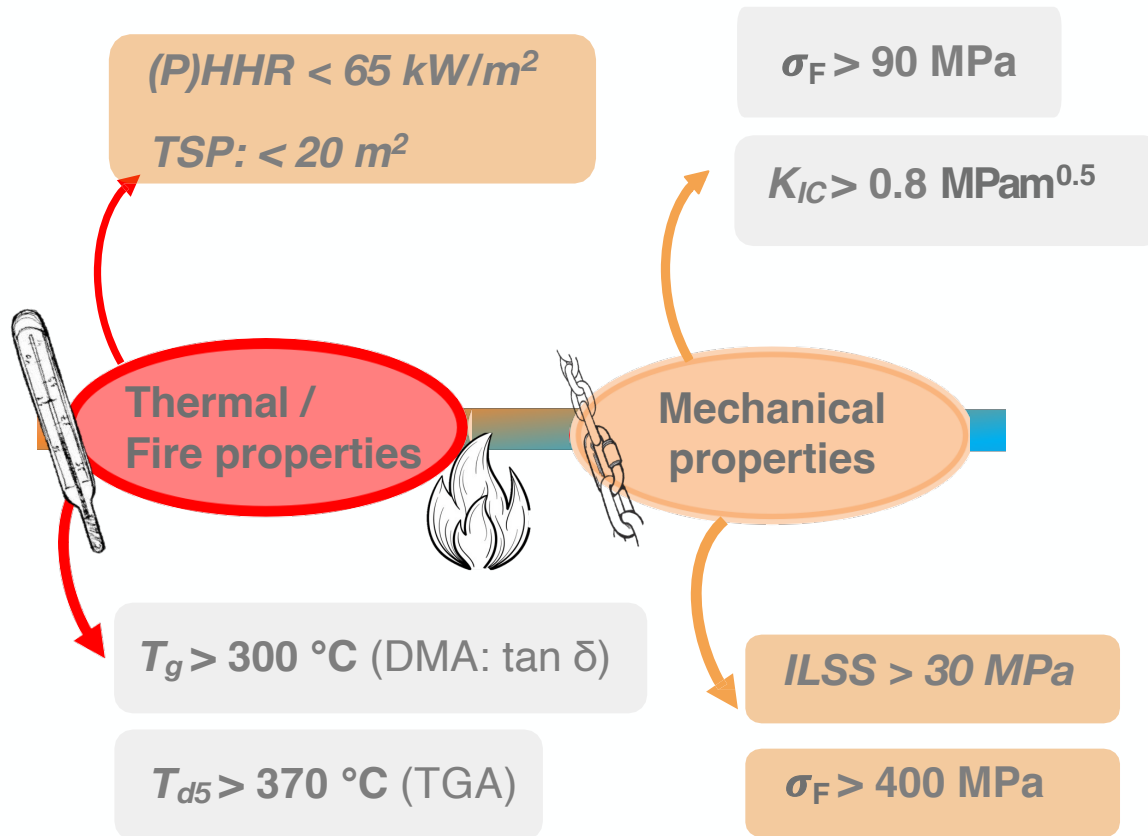
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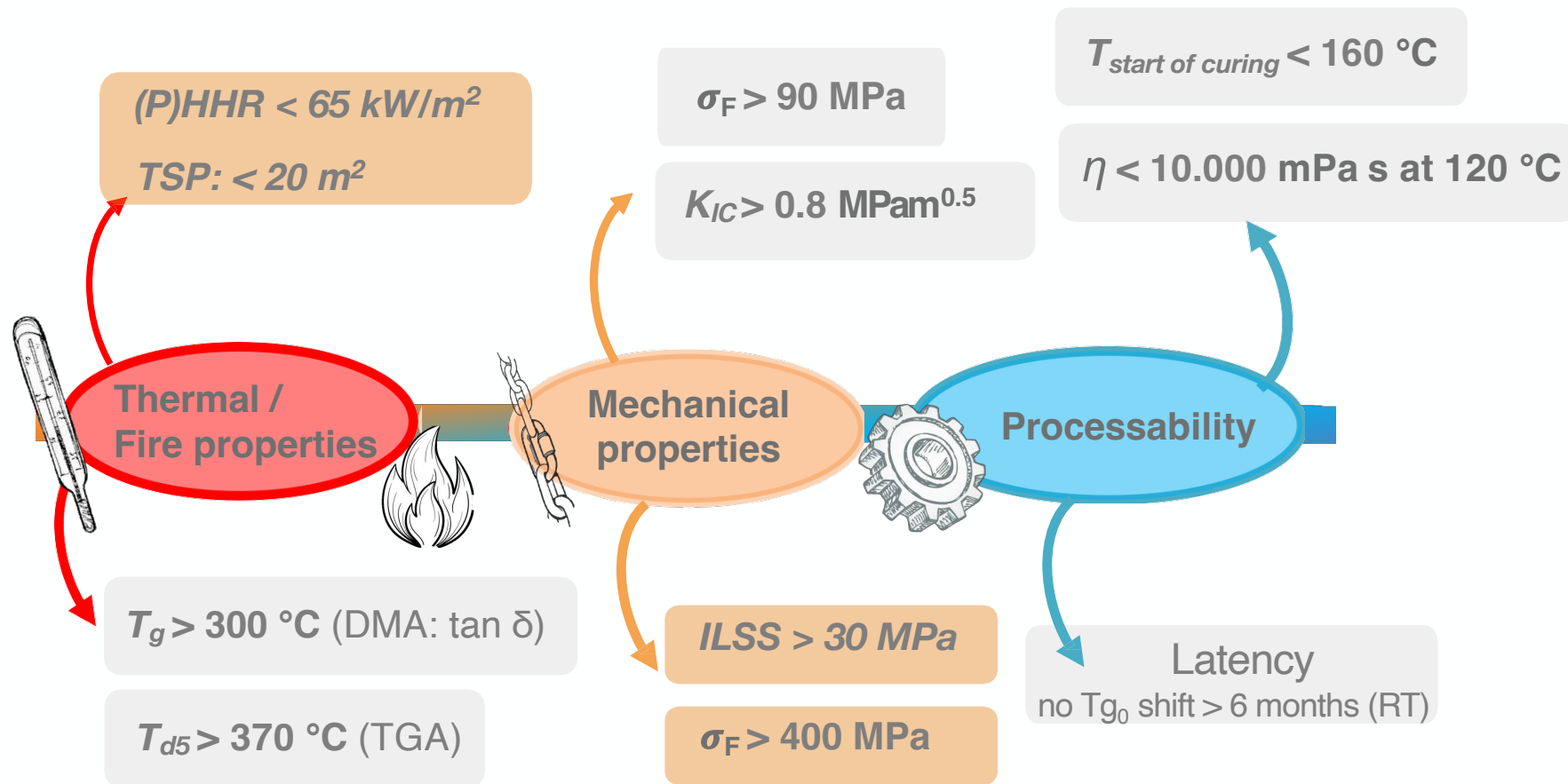
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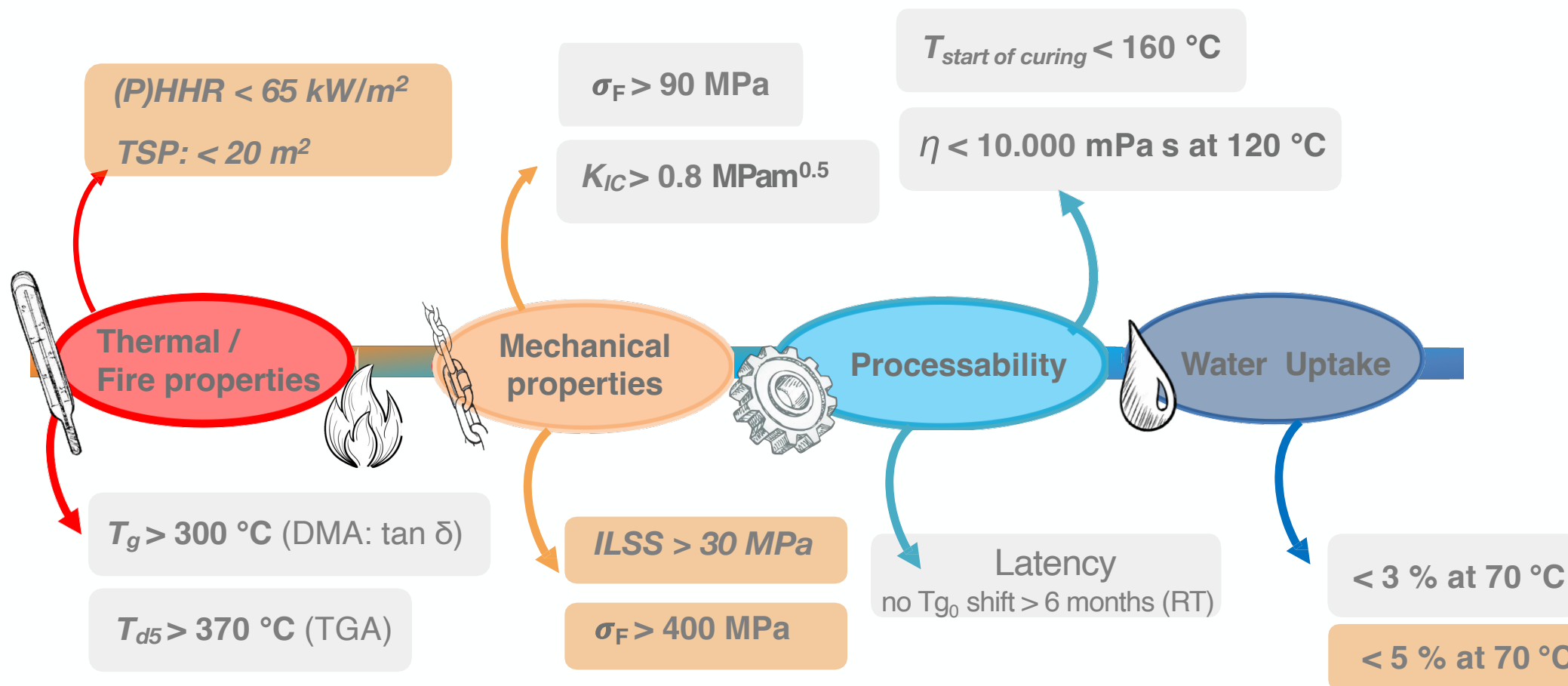
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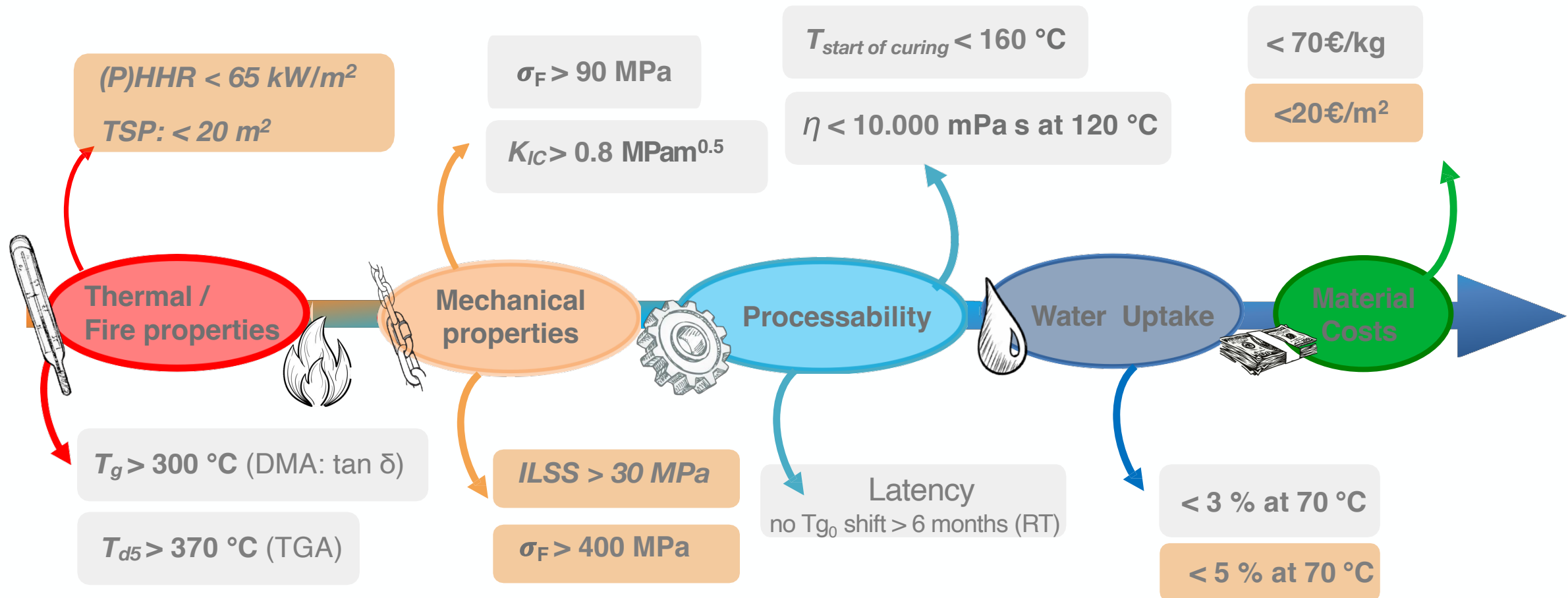
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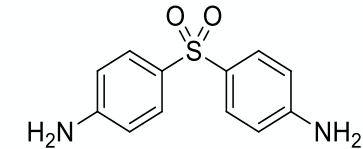
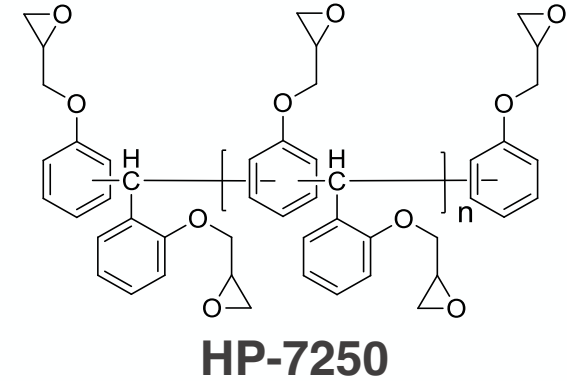
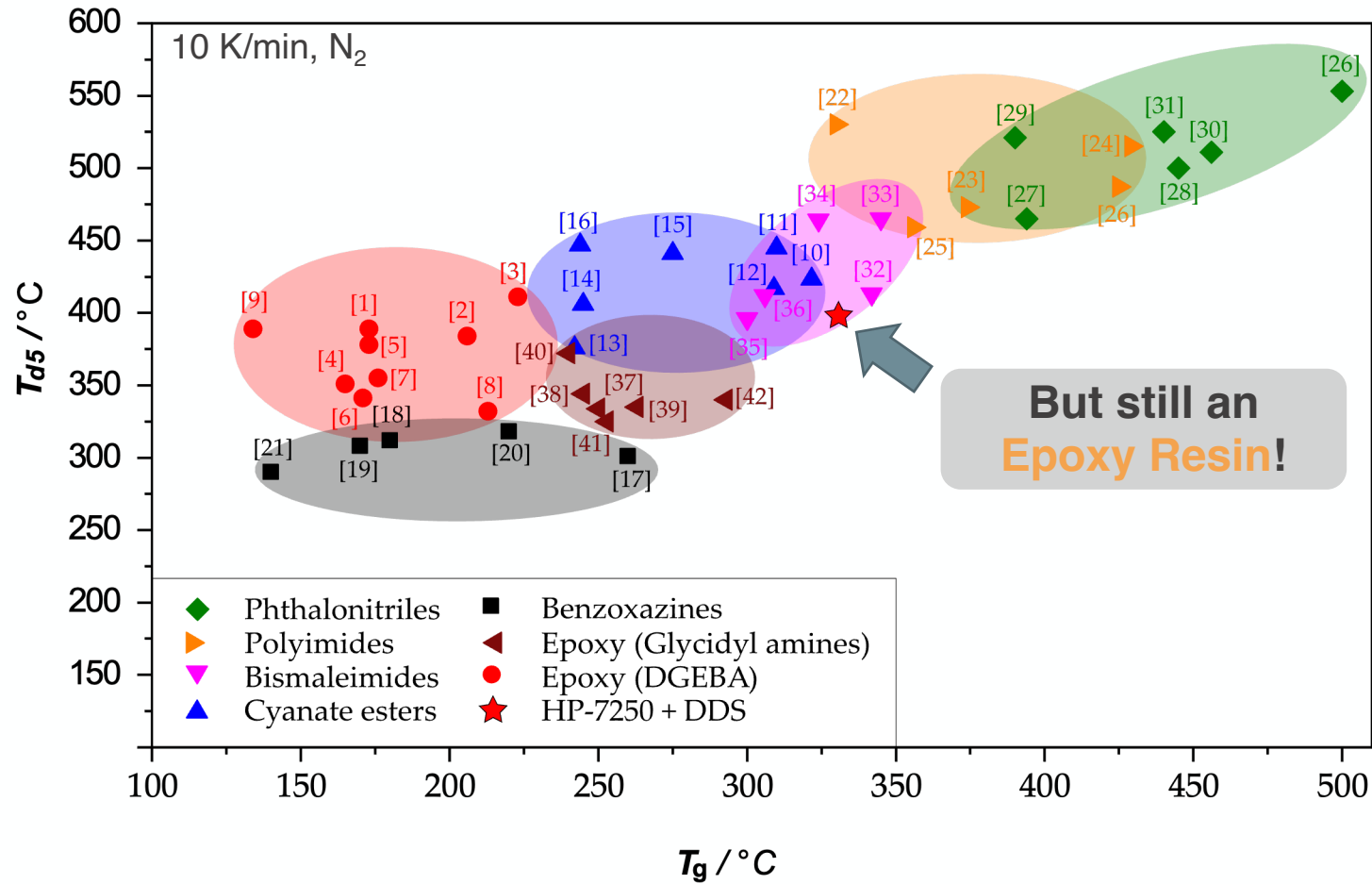
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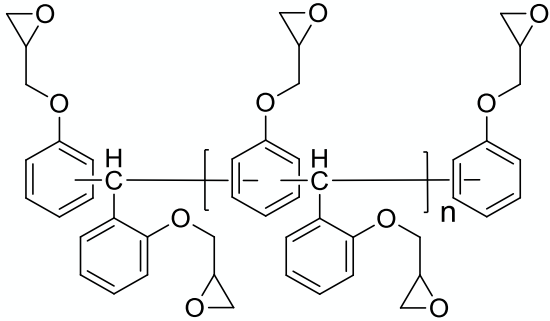


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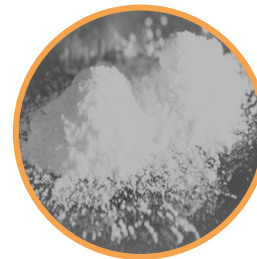
4,4'-Diaminodiphenyl sulfone

Overview of Chosen Material System

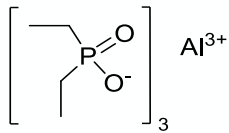


HP-7250

Functionality: 5.0
by DIC Corporation (Japan)



High T_g
Epoxy
resin system

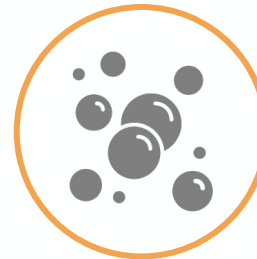


Exolit OP935

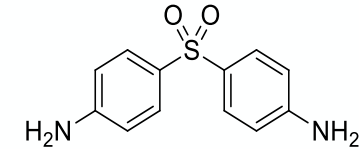
Particle size D50: $2\mu\text{m}$
Content: 10 wt.%
by Clariant AG (Germany)



FR

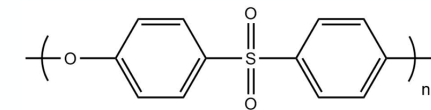


Toughener



4,4'-Diaminodiphenyl sulfone

by ACCI Specialty Materials (USA)



Sumikaexcel 5003P

Hydroxy-terminated PES powder
Particle size $20\mu\text{m}$
Content: 20 wt.%
By Sumitomo Chemicals (Japan)

Experimental Design



Factors:



Time



Temperature

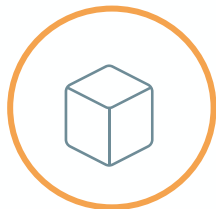


Additives



Atmosphere

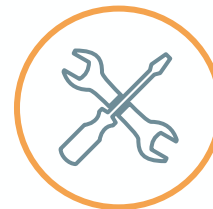
Outputs:



Dimensional



Thermal



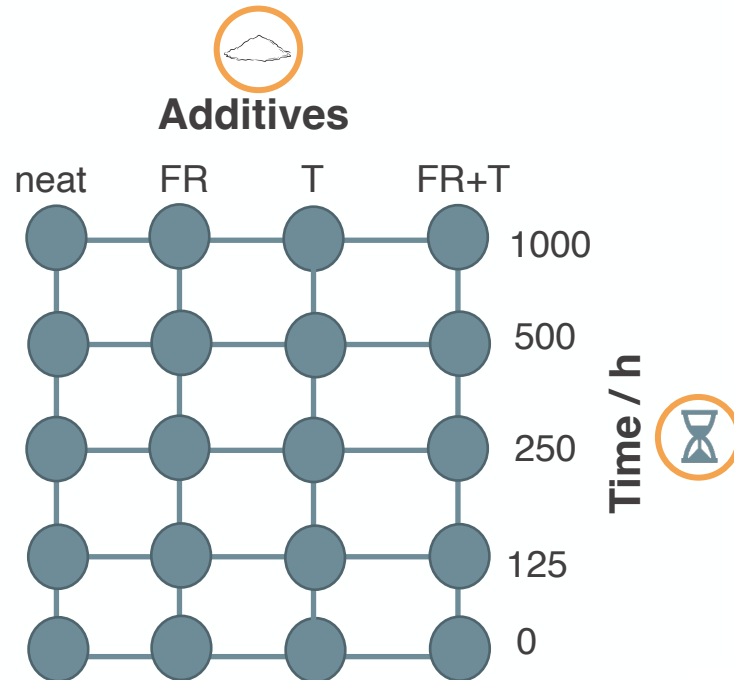
Mechanical



Fire related

Methods – Design of Experiments (DoE)

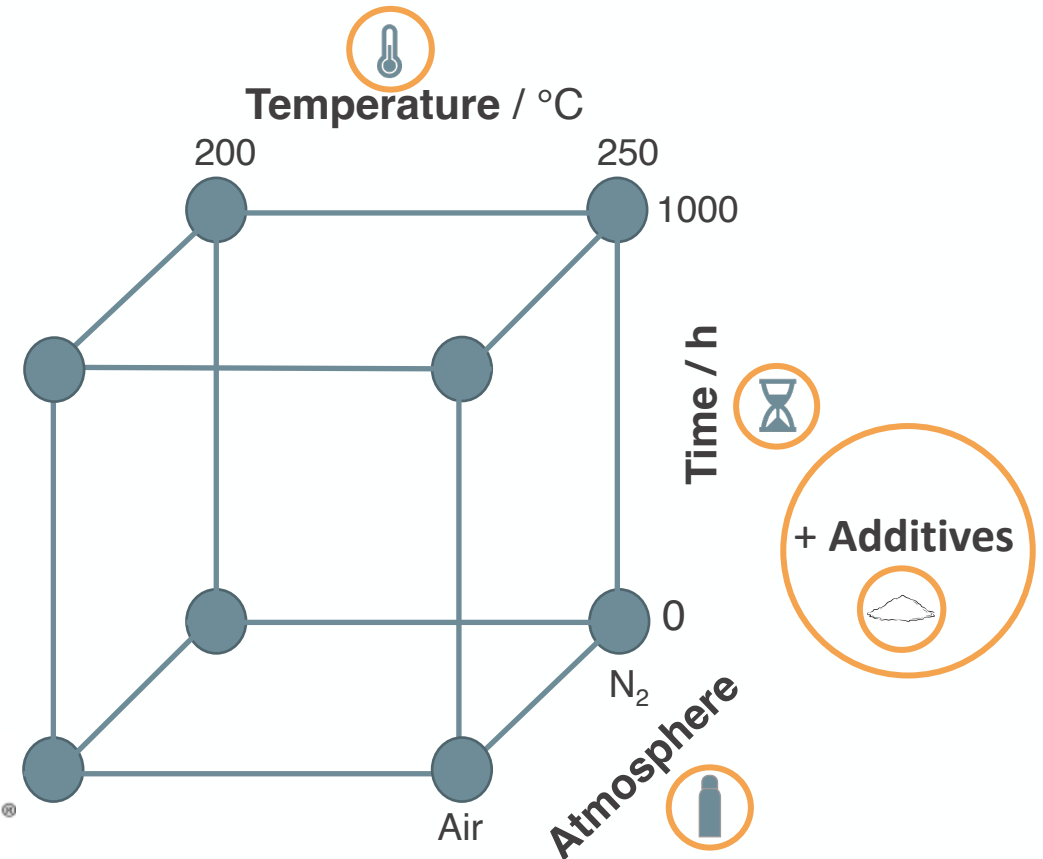
Full factorial design
two factors at  **225 °C** +  **air** → **2D**:



● : Experiments

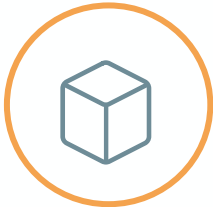
➔ Minitab 

Partial factorial design (Taguchi)
four factors → **4D**:



Properties

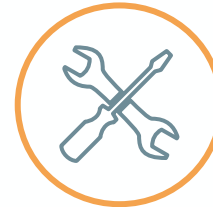
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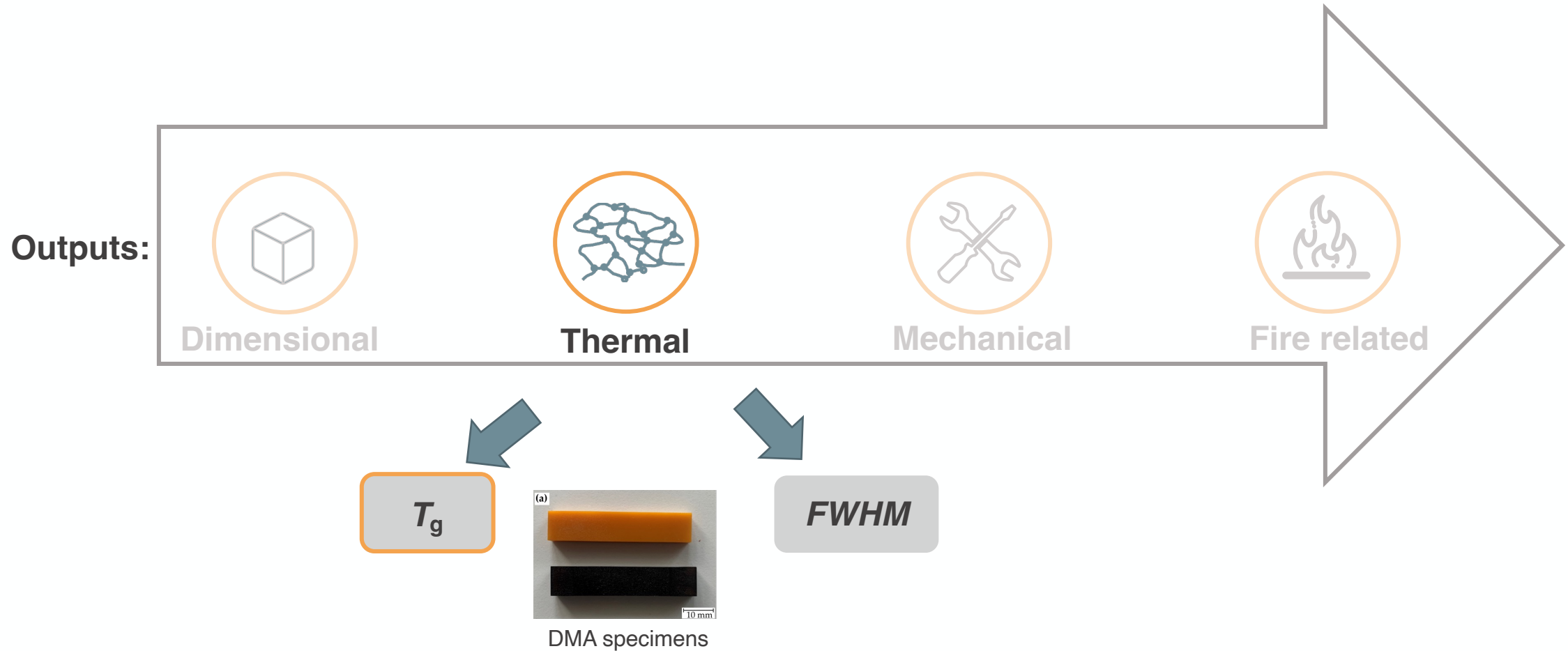


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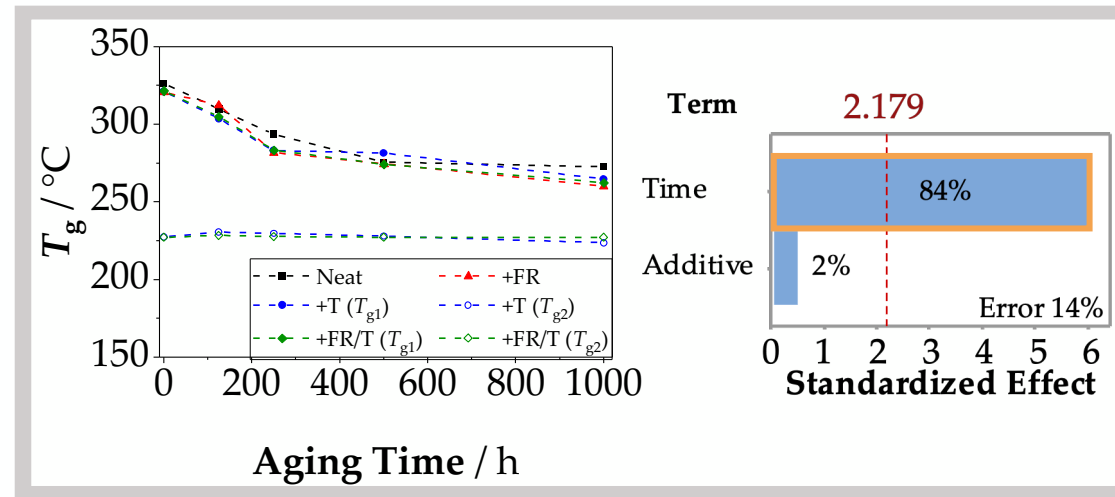
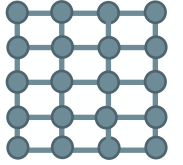


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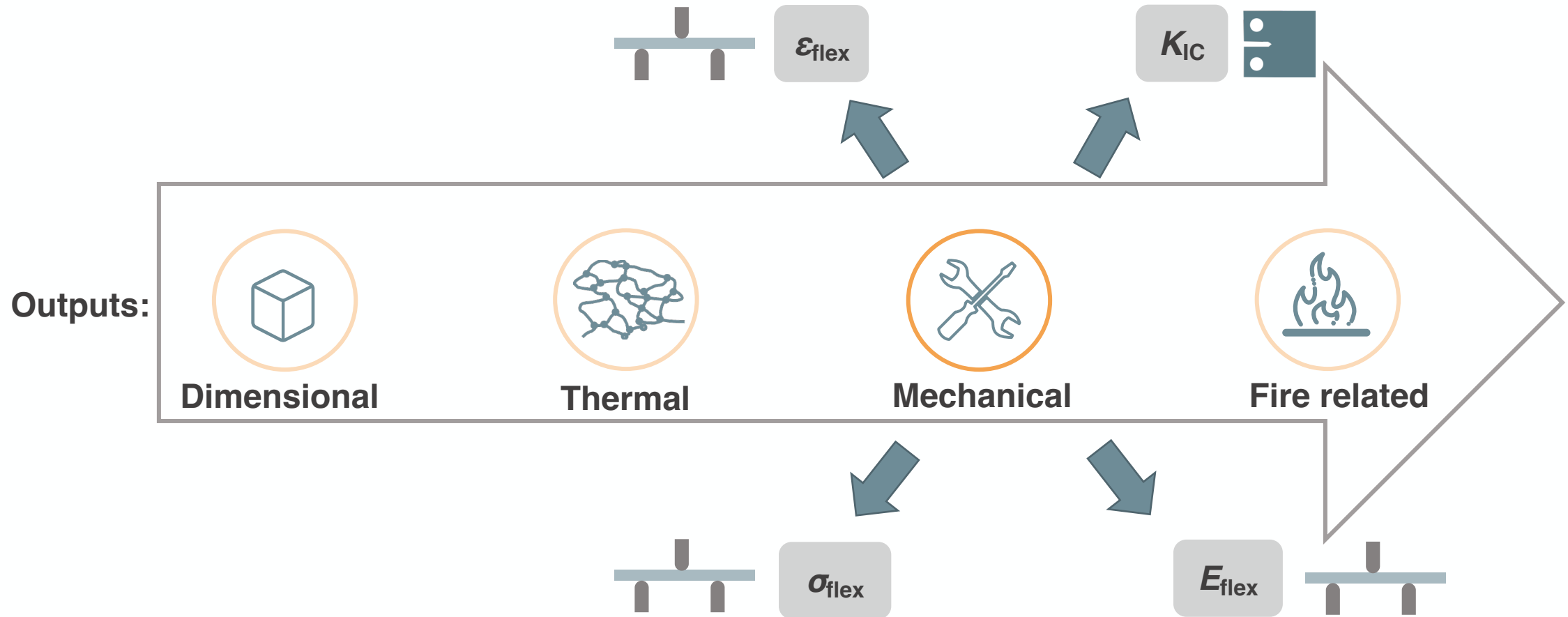


Full Factorial DoE– Thermal Properties: DMA

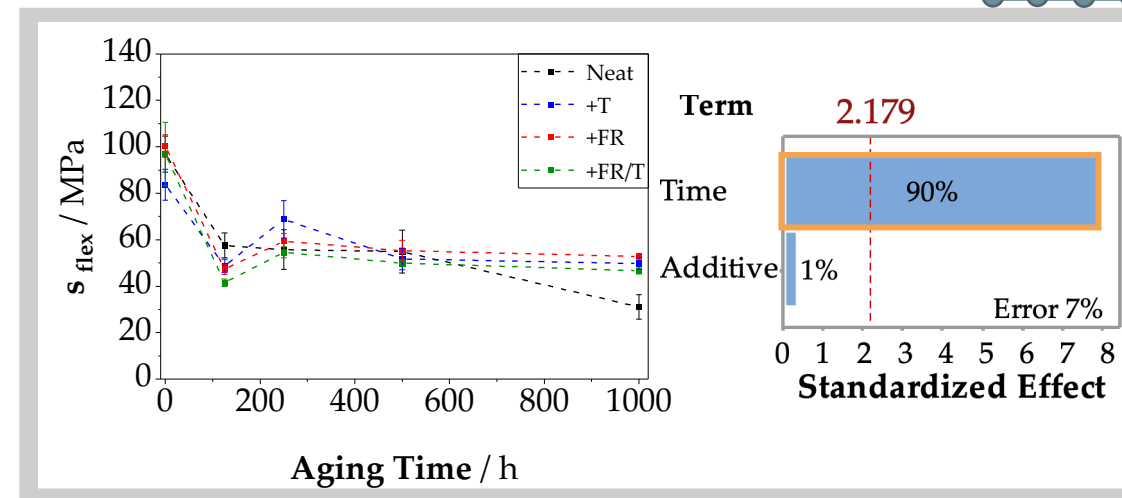
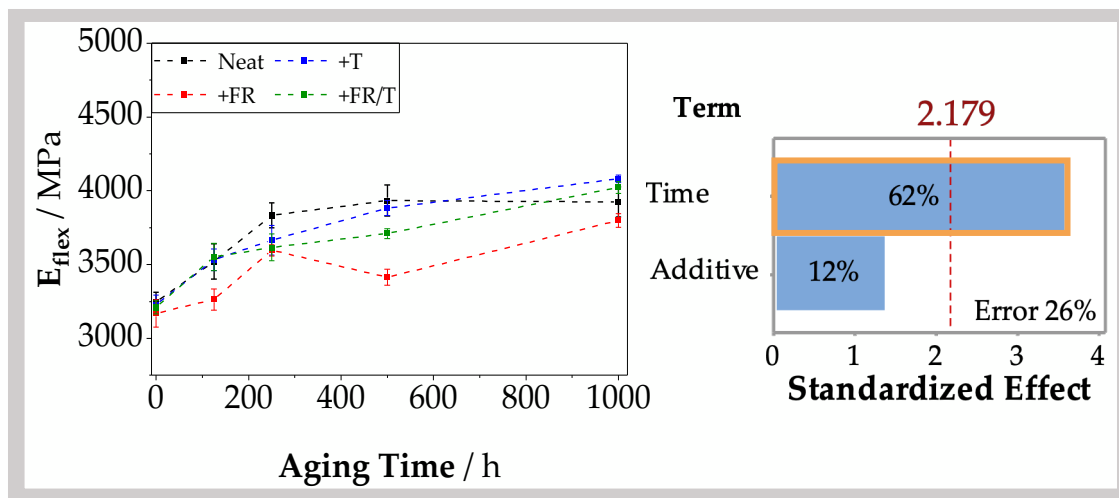
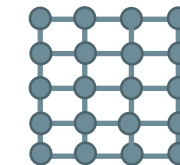
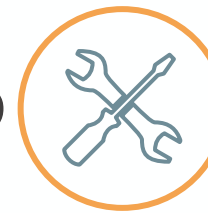


- Converging trends $\sim 270^\circ\text{C}$
- Significant factor: **time**
- No impact on T_g of the PES phase

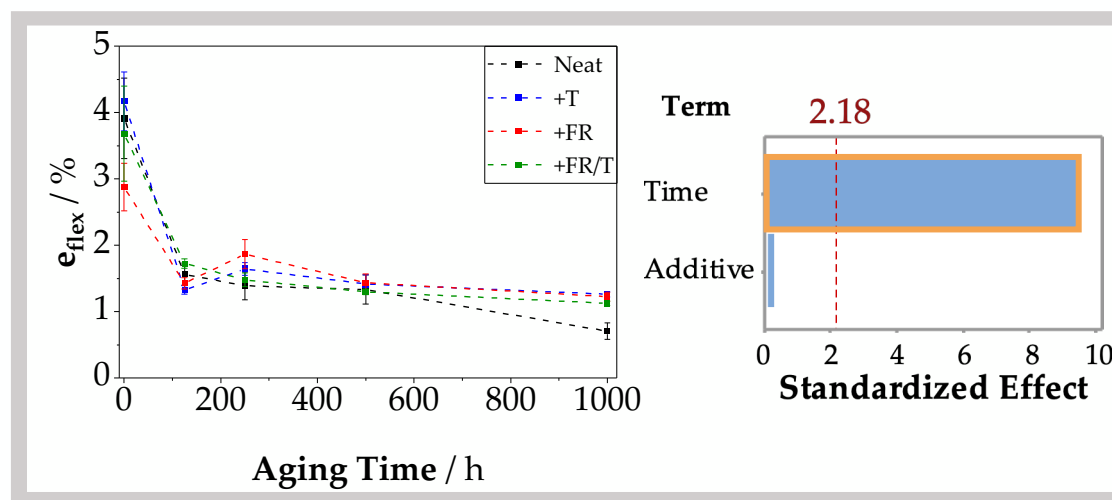
Outputs



Full Factorial DoE– Mechanical Properties: 3-PBb



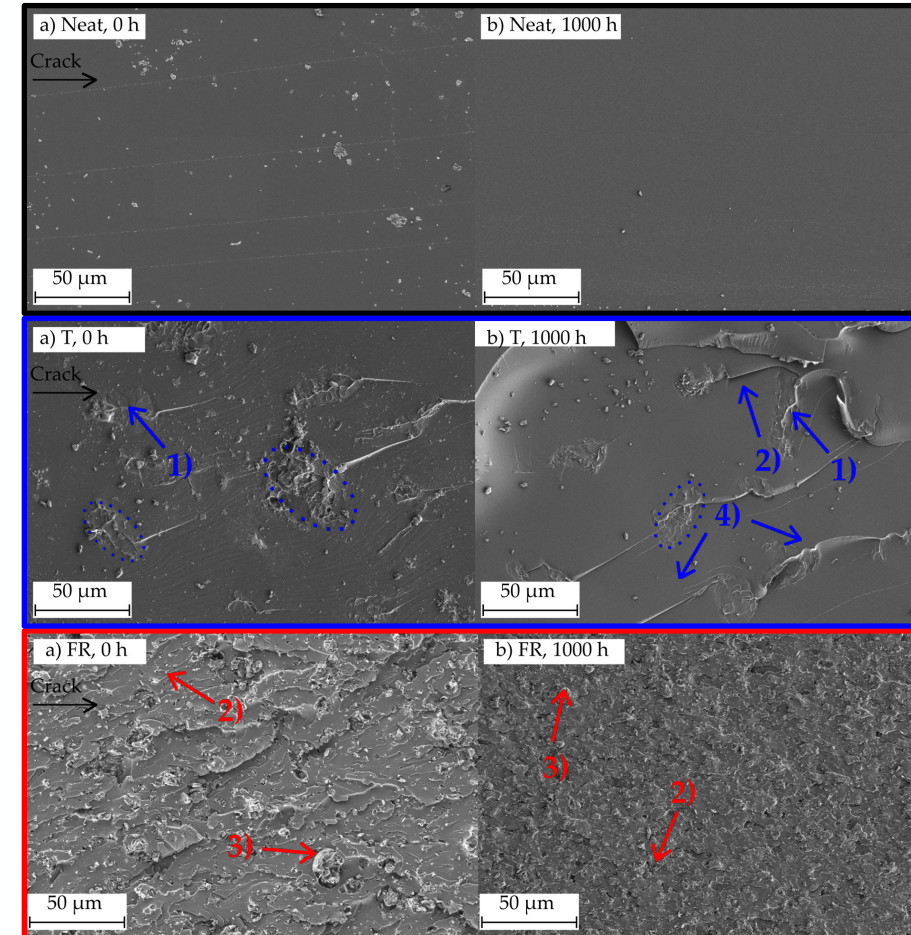
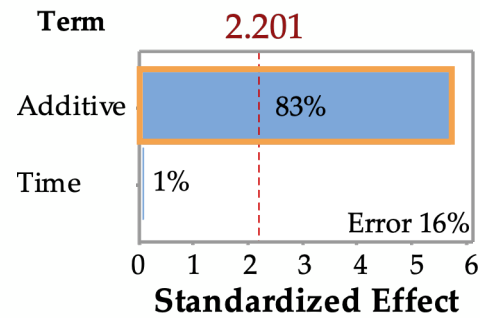
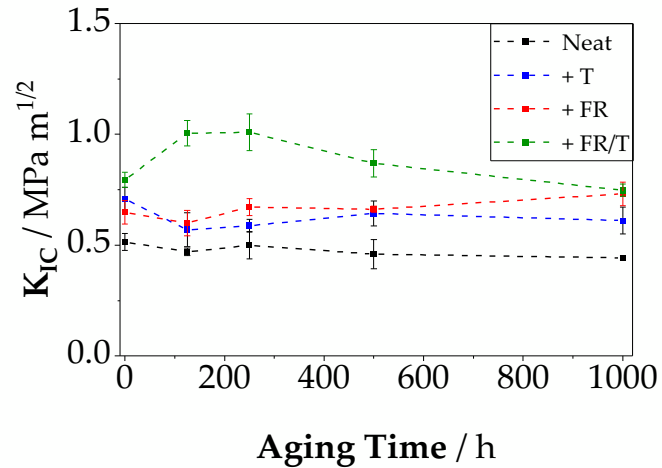
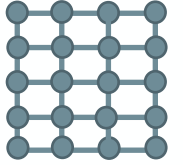
- Converging trends to ~4000 MPa
- Significant factor: **time**



- Strong drop after 125 h
- Significant factor: **time**

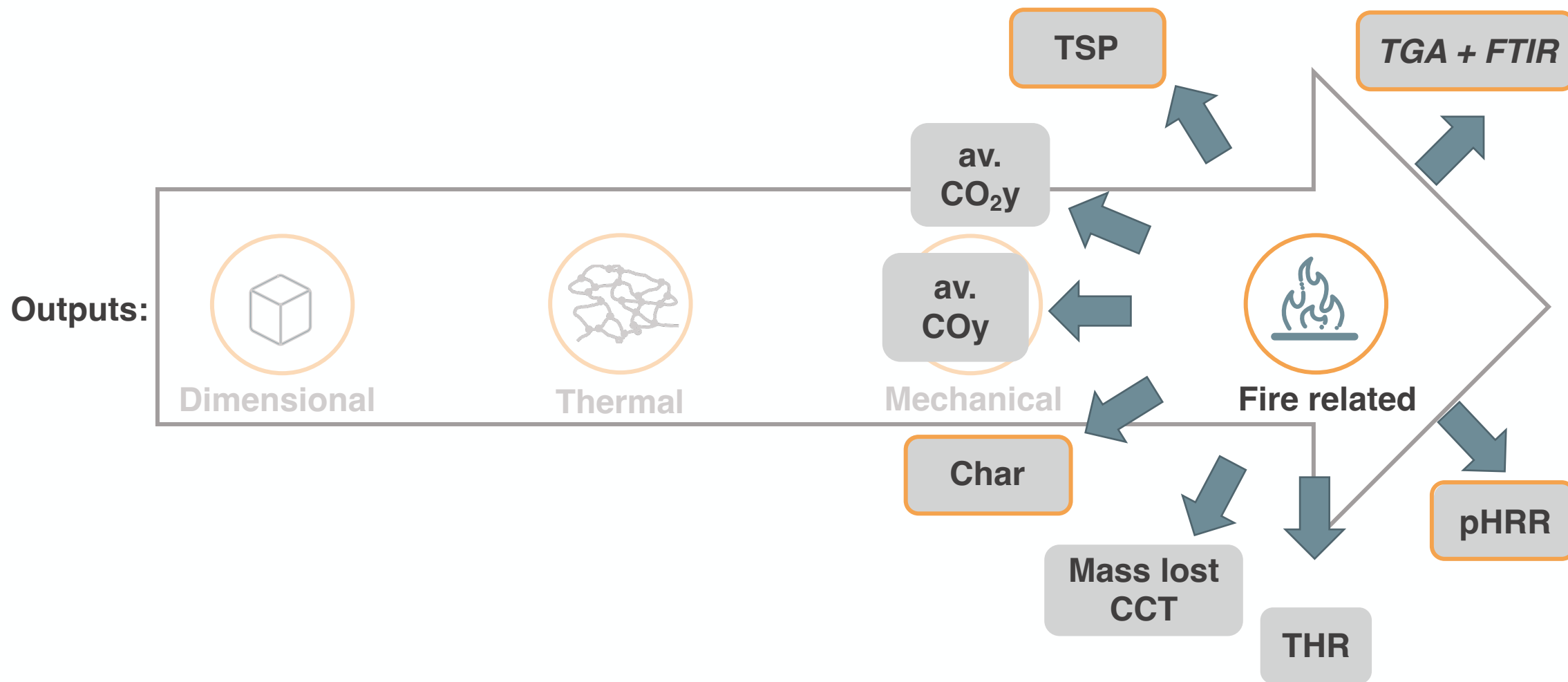
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Full Factorial DoE– Mechanical Properties: CT

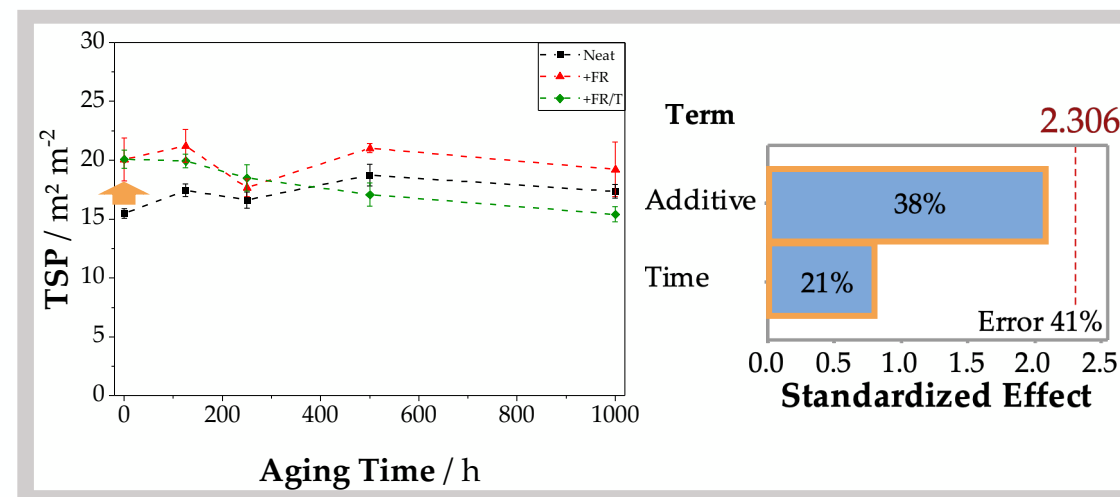
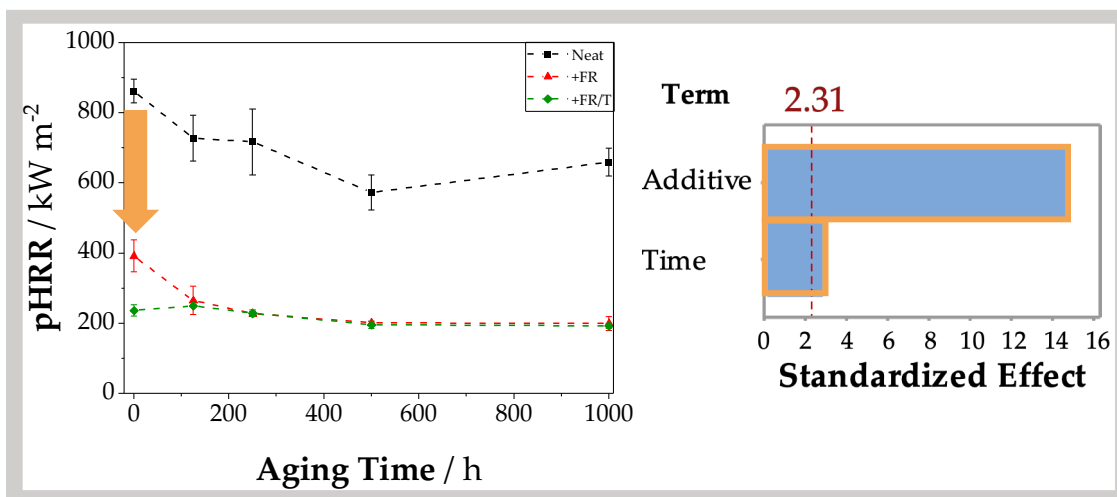
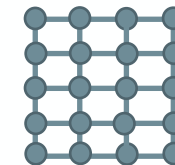


- 1) Crack-bridging
- 2) Crack-pinning
- 3) Crack path deflection
- 4) Particle-induced shear banding

Outputs

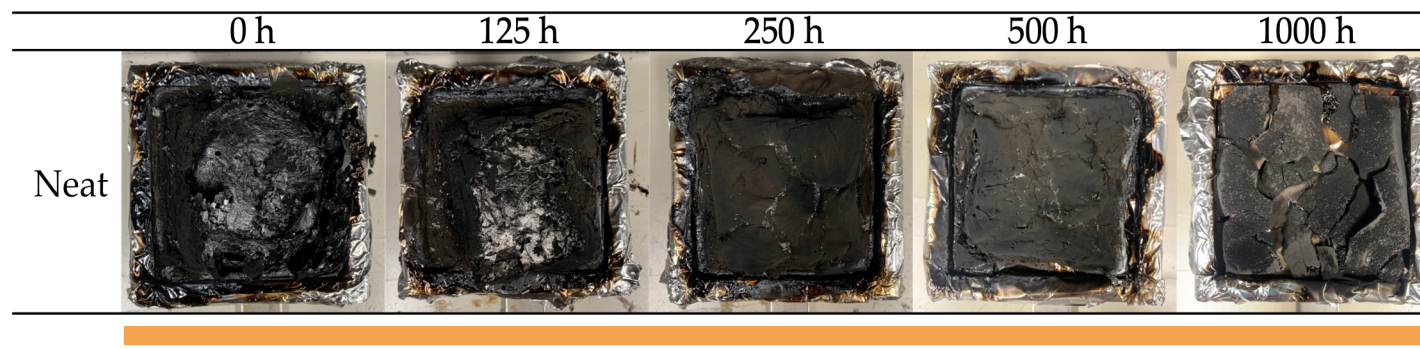


Full Factorial DoE – Fire Properties: CCT



- Strong drop by adding FR and FR/T
- Significant factor: **additive** and **time**

- Enhanced smoking at 0 h
- No** significant factors, large model error



- Lower intumescence

Prepreg Processing



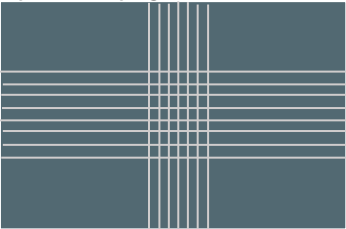
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satin 8H weave pattern
Weight 295 g/m²



Laminate Manufacturing

Crossply Laminate

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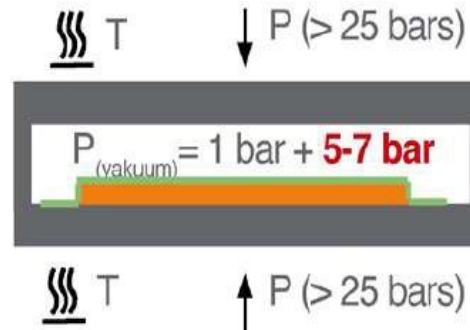


Lay-up on
heating table
(50% FVC)

- for shear-loaded parts
- for pipes/ducts



Curing Process



Curing Cycle:

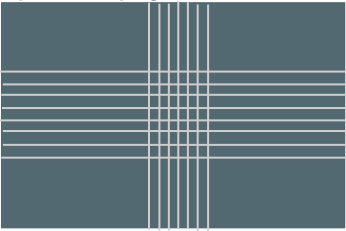
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Free-Standing Tempering 1h at 250 °C

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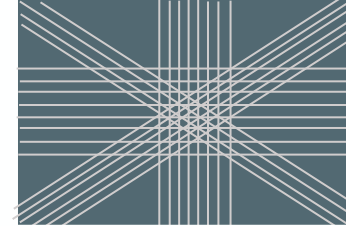
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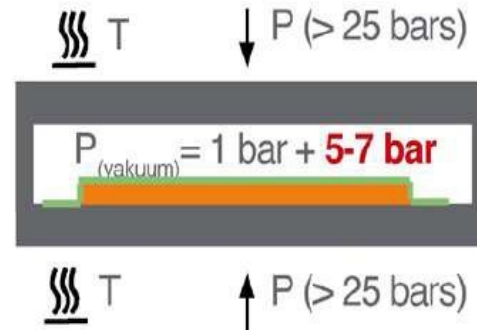
Quasi-Isotropic Laminate

$[45/90/-45/0]_{2s}$



- Standard lay-up

Curing Process

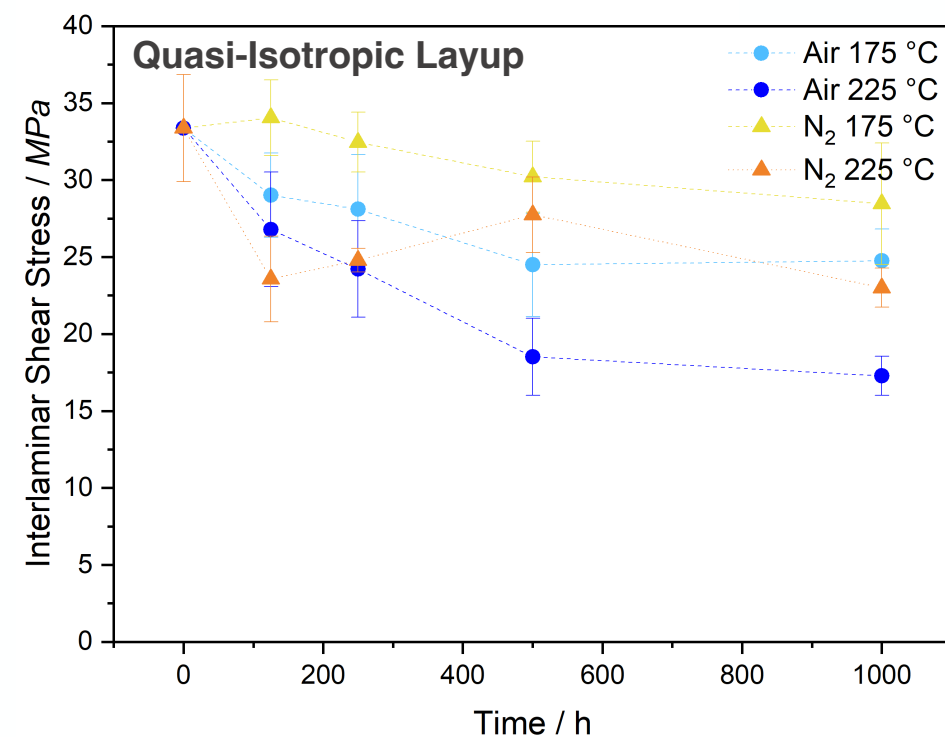
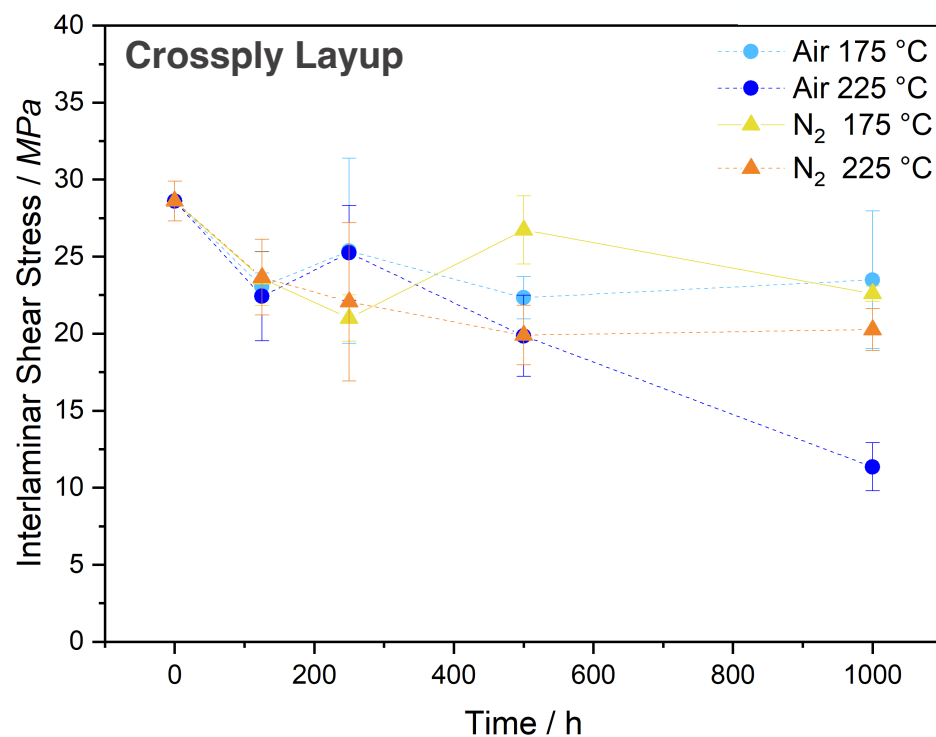


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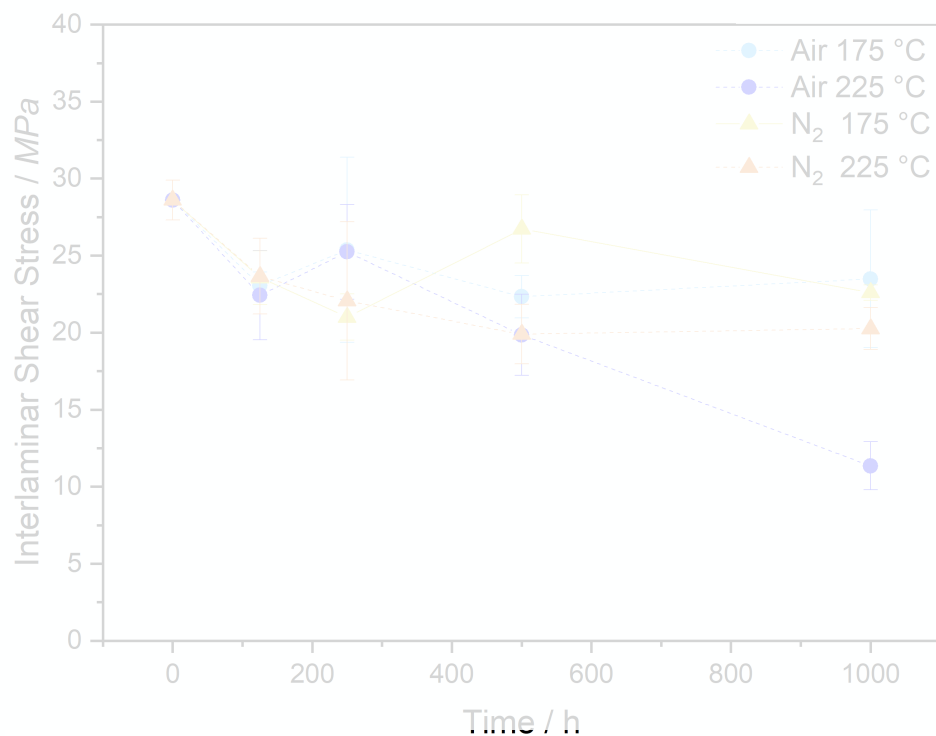
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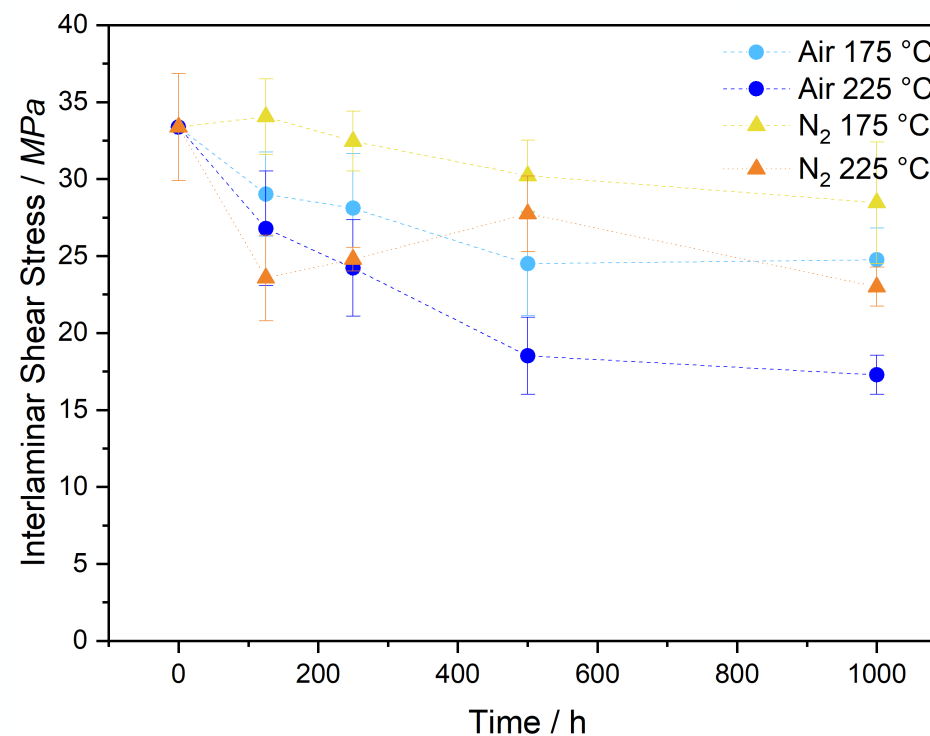
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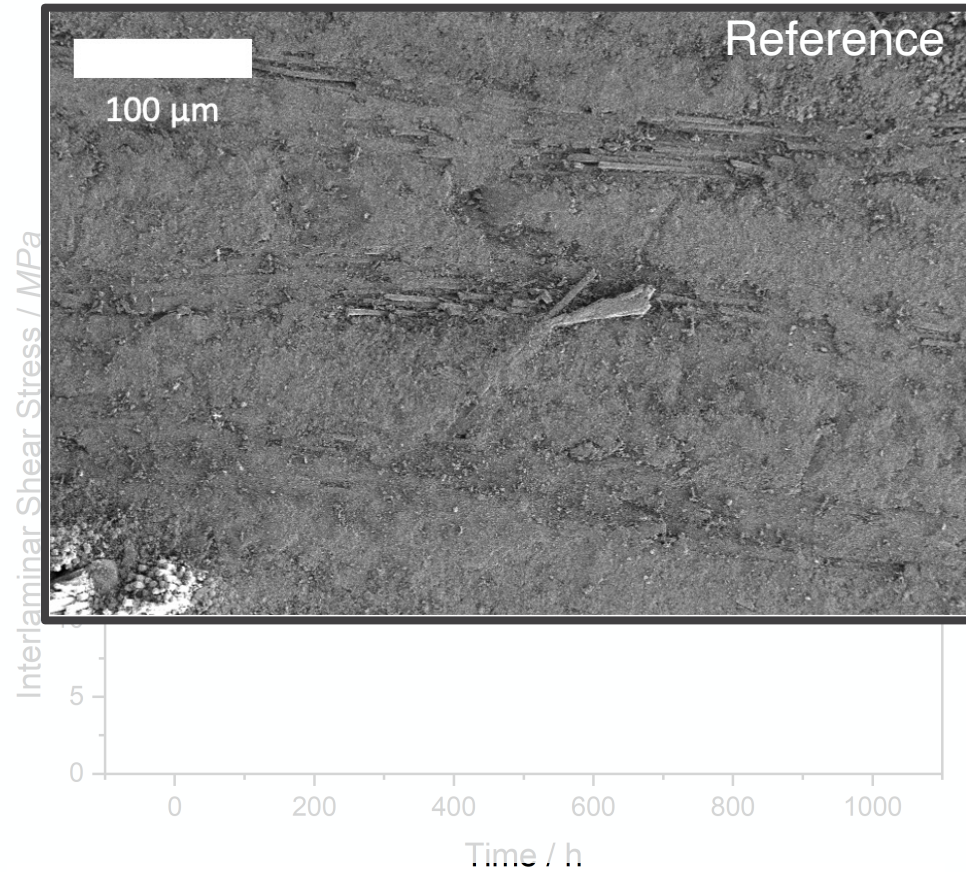


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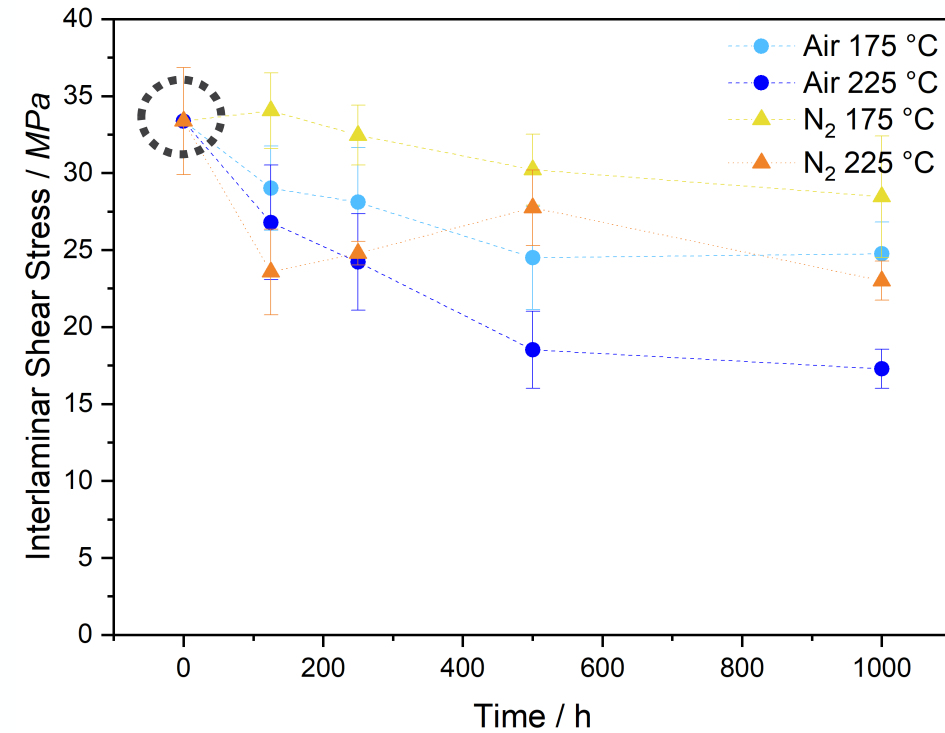


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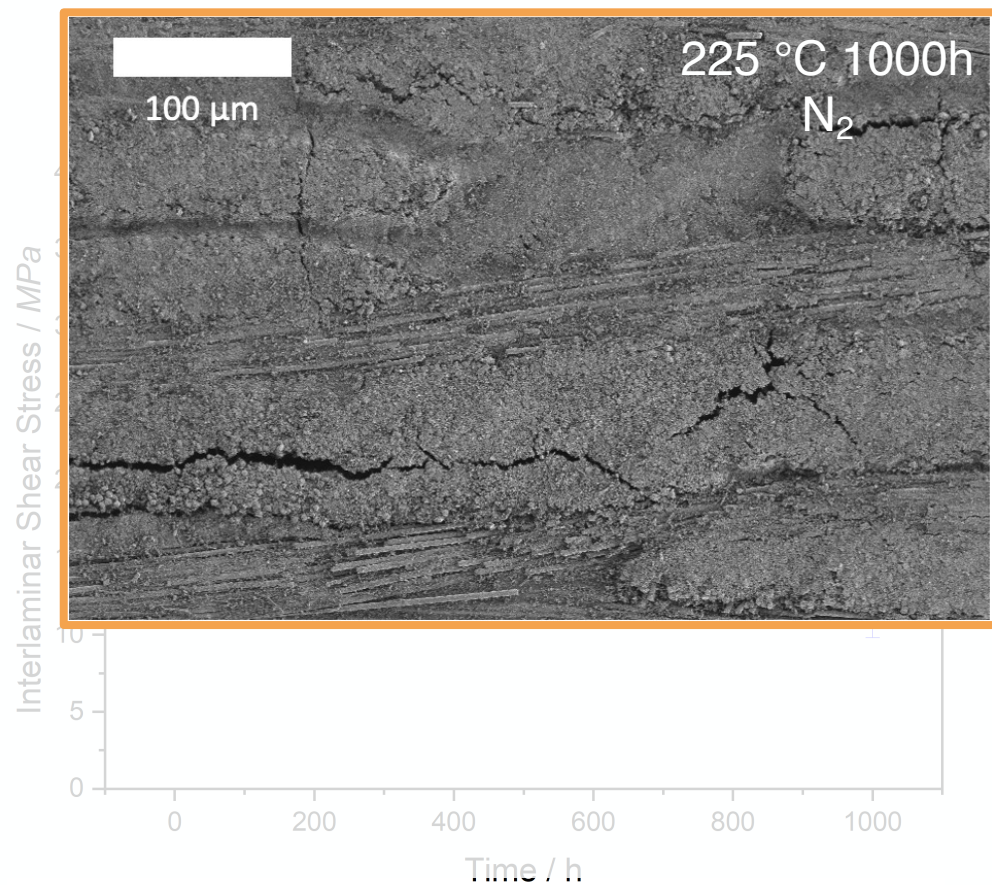
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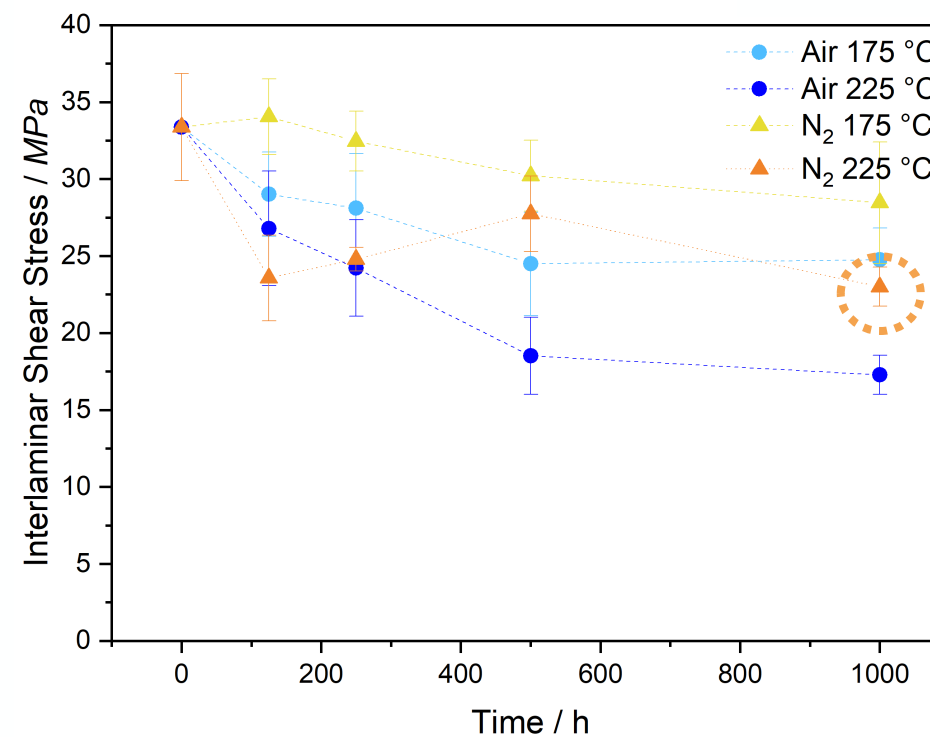
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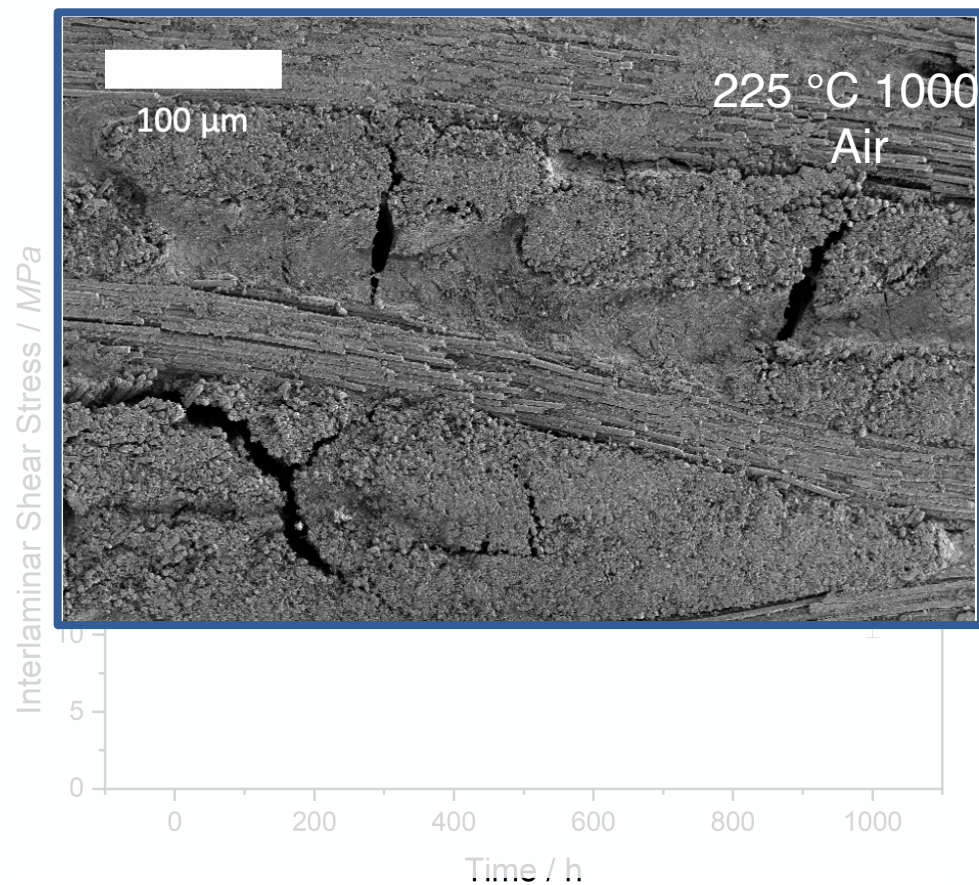


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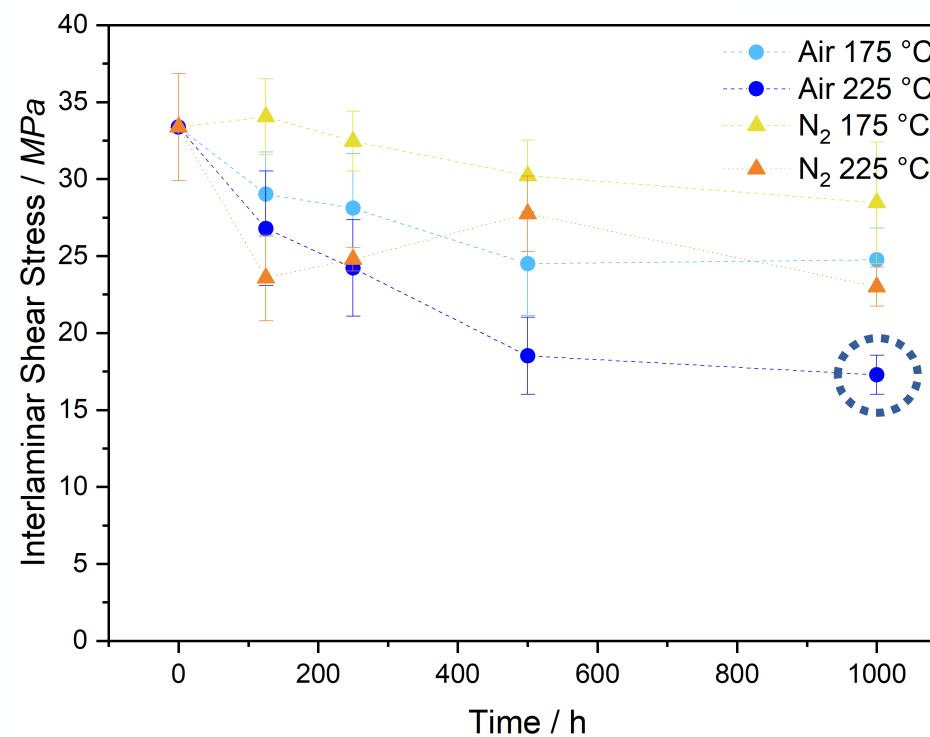


Minor cracks visible in nitrogen atmosphere

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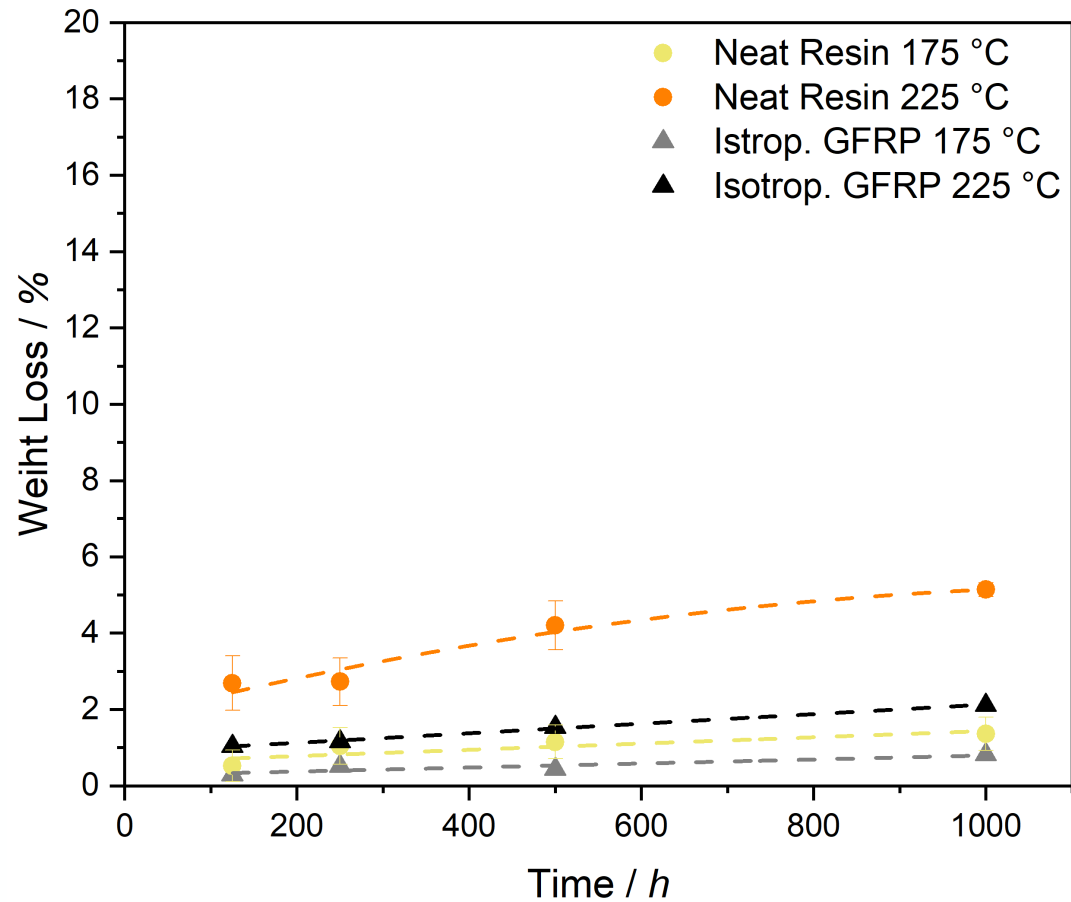
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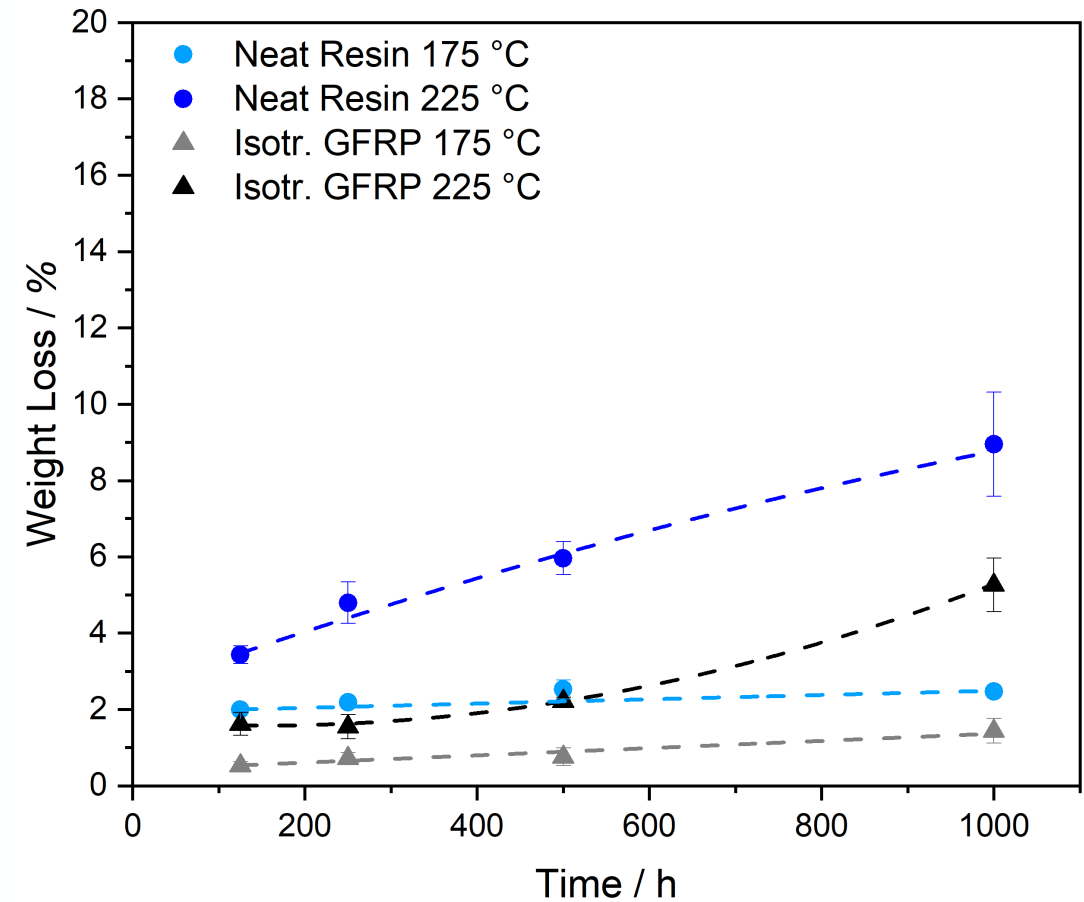
Wider cracks with higher occurrence visible in air atmosphere

Influence of Fiber Reinforcement on Aging Behaviour

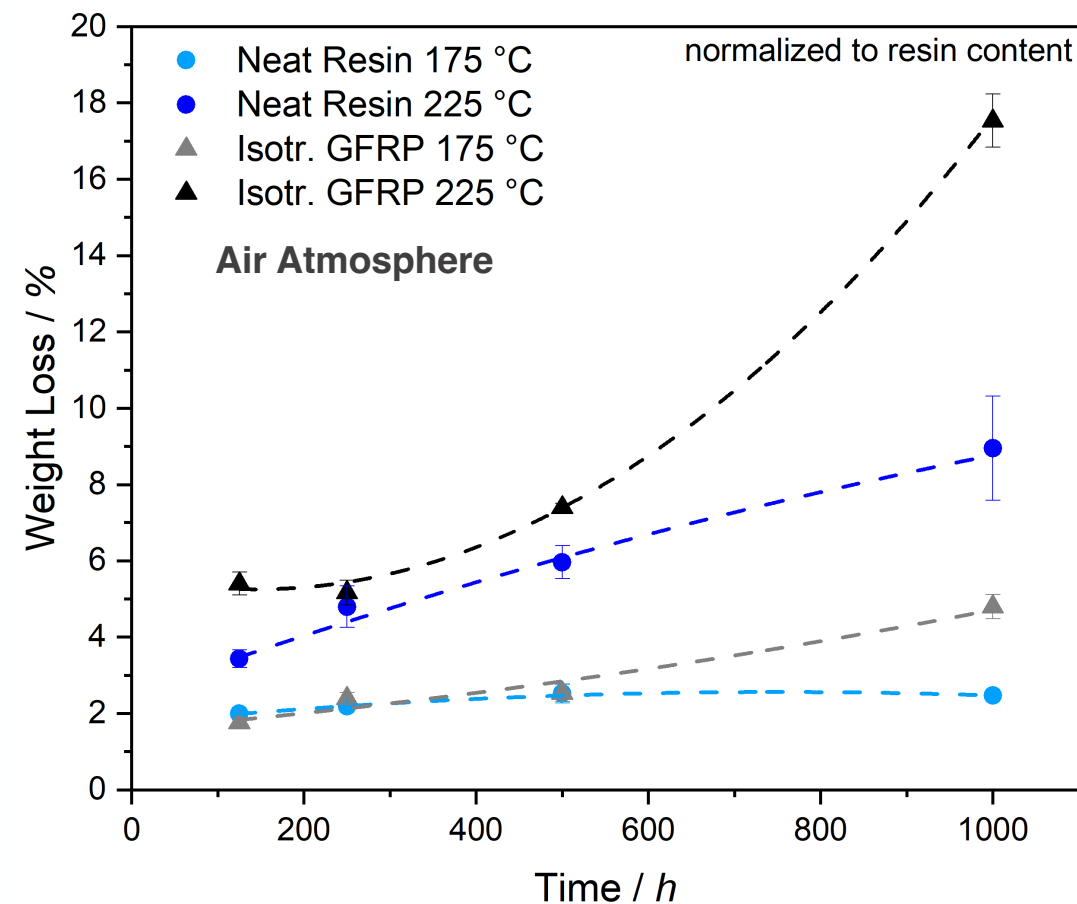
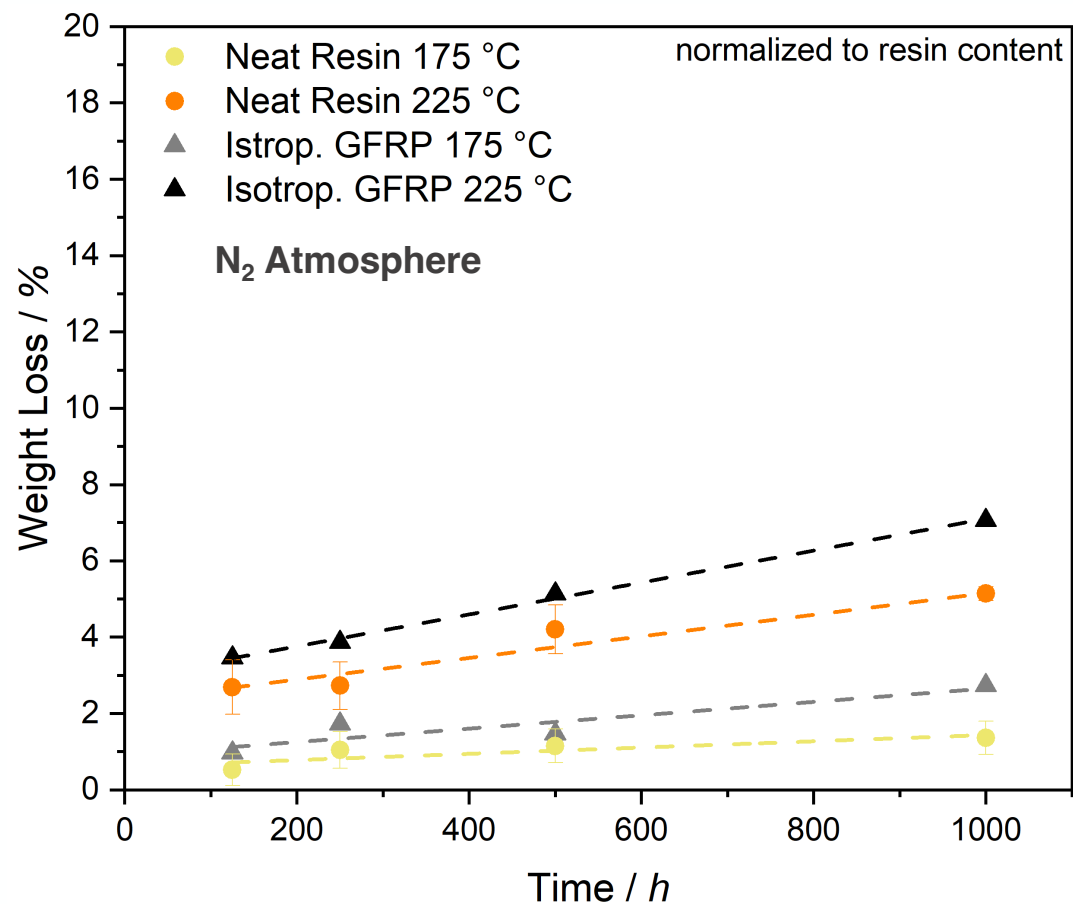
N₂ Atmosphere



Air Atmosphere



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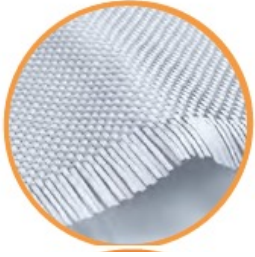


Composite shows **higher weight loss** due to **sizing degradation** and pathways
Linear degradation in N₂, oxidation leads to higher weight loss in air

Summary of Results

- I. High- T_g epoxy resin system developed with **temperature-stable additives** suitable for **pregreg processing**
- II. **Influence of toughener and flame-retardant** on thermal degradation, mechanical properties and flame retardant properties
- III. Influence of **fiber-reinforcement** on aging behavior determined

Next Steps...



Determination of the **influence of additives** on the isothermal aging behavior on **GFRP** and **CFRP** composite



Determination of **the influence of additives** on the temperature cyclic aging behavior on **GFRP** and **CFRP** composite



Life time prediction for neat, additivated resin system and laminate with *Netzsch Kinetics Neo*



Questions?



Aging...
You can't avoid it.....

