
HIGH ASPECT RATIO NANOFILLERS FOR RUBBER COMPOSITES

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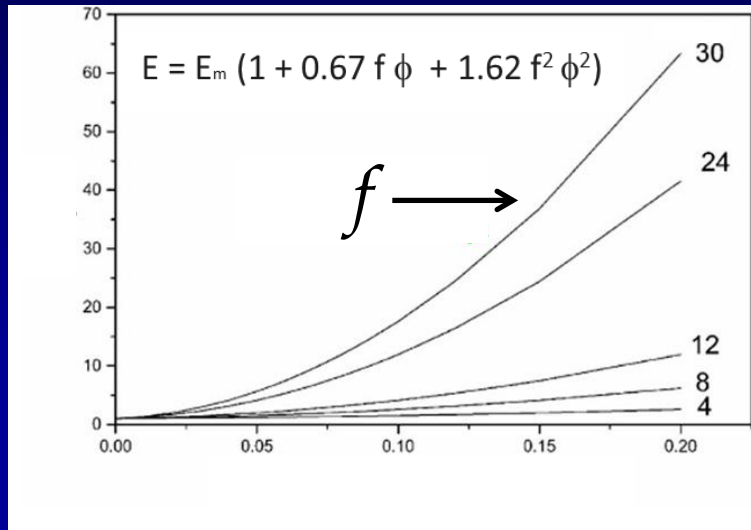
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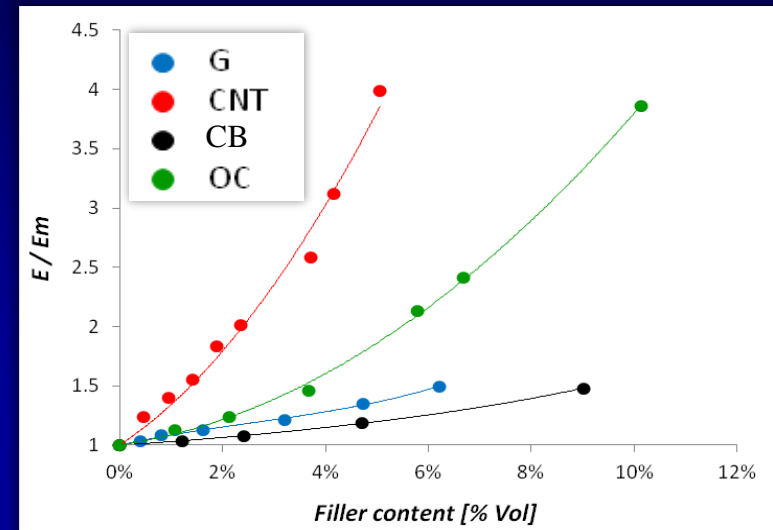
How?

By fostering their chemical reactivity.
By creating filler – rubber linkages.

Nanometric Fillers: large reinforcement



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G = nanosized graphite

CNT = carbon nanotubes

CB = carbon black

OC = organoclay

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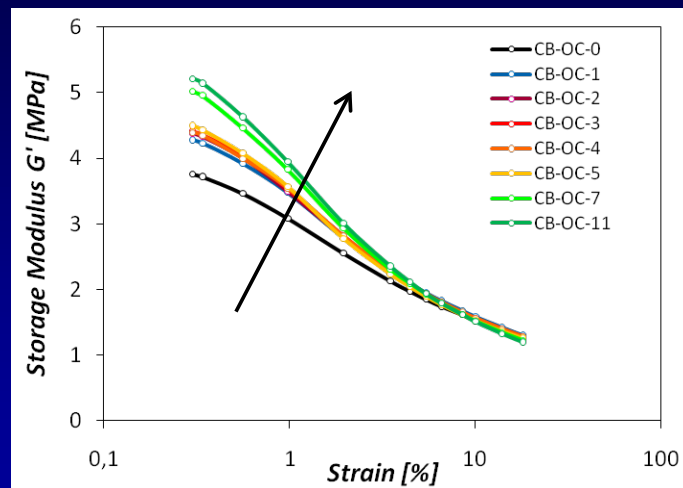
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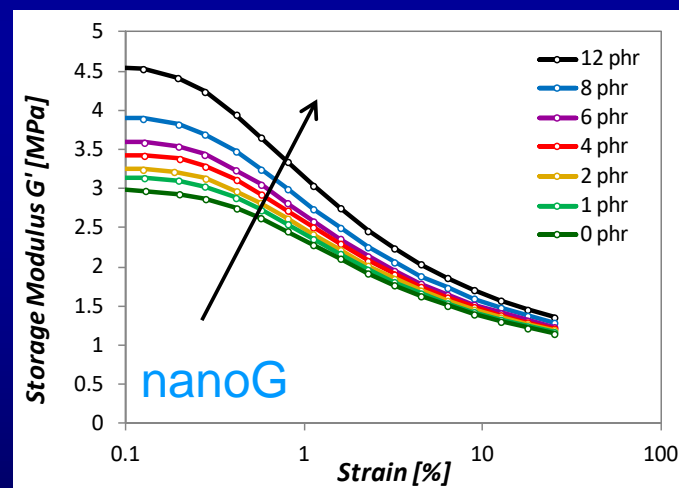
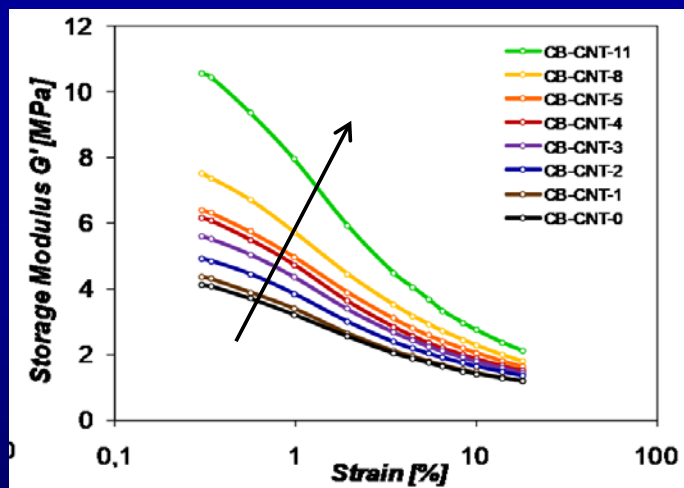
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Nanometric Fillers: large Payne Effect

Data from
shear stress tests,
50°C



IR 100, CB 60,
TESPT 1 (with OC),
stearic acid 2, ZnO 4, 6PPD 2,
S 2, DCBS 1.8, PVI 0.5



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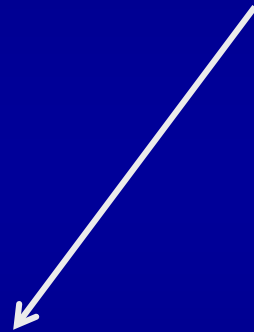
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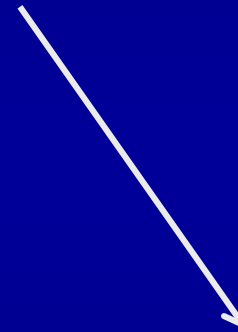
To foster the chemical reactivity
of high aspect ratio nanometric fillers



Chemical modification
of high aspect ratio nanometric fillers

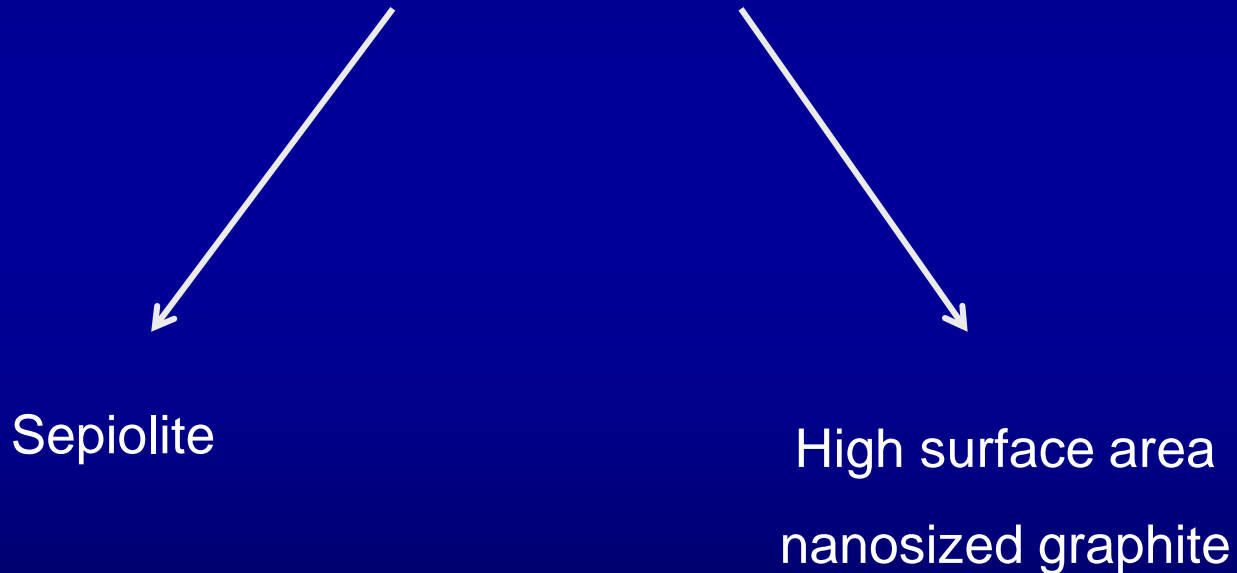


inorganic
oxides and hydroxides

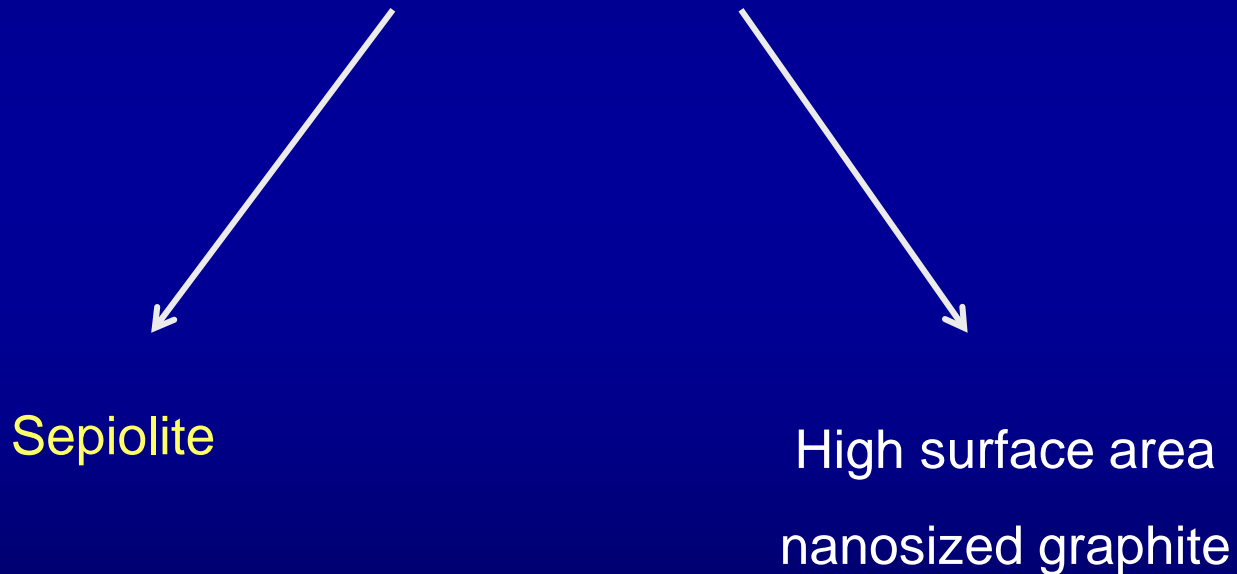


sp² carbon allotropes

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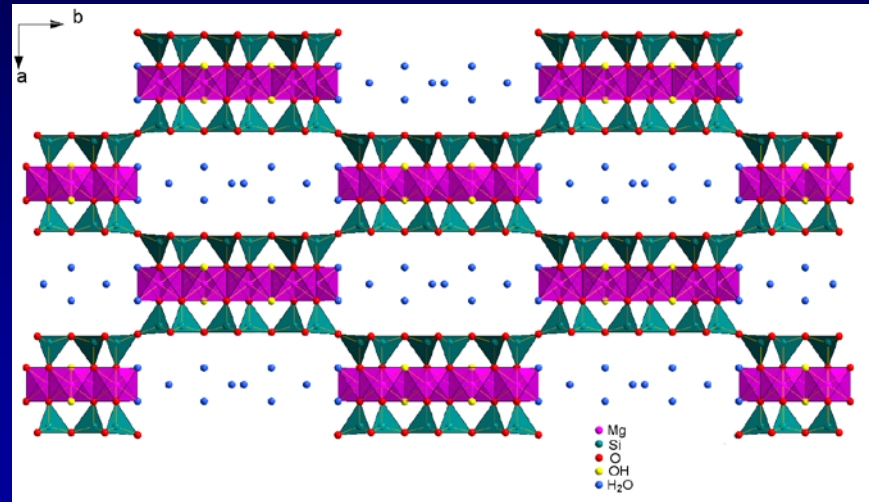


Chemical modification
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A bio-filler: Sepiolite

σήπιον (sepion)
+
λίθος (lithos)

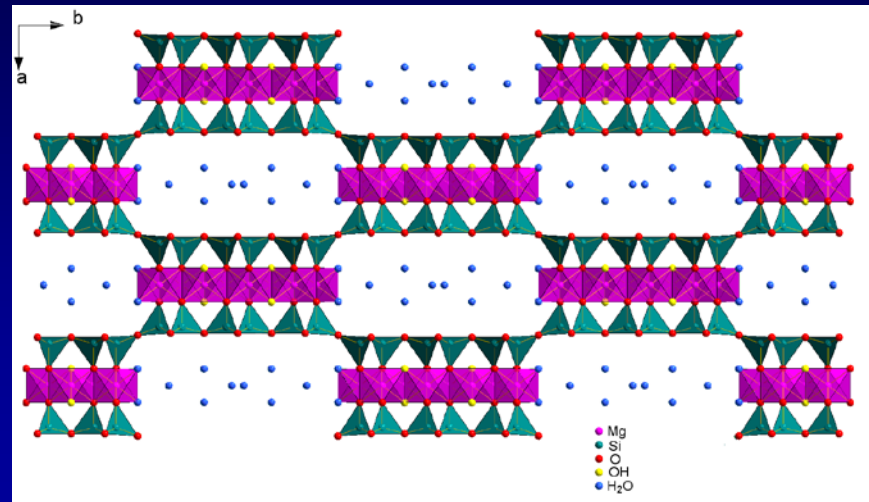


cuttlebone

- ☞ naturally occurring, easily available, low cost fibers typically 40–150 nm wide and 1–10 μm long
- ☞ high mechanical and thermal stability

A bio-filler: Sepiolite

TOT units

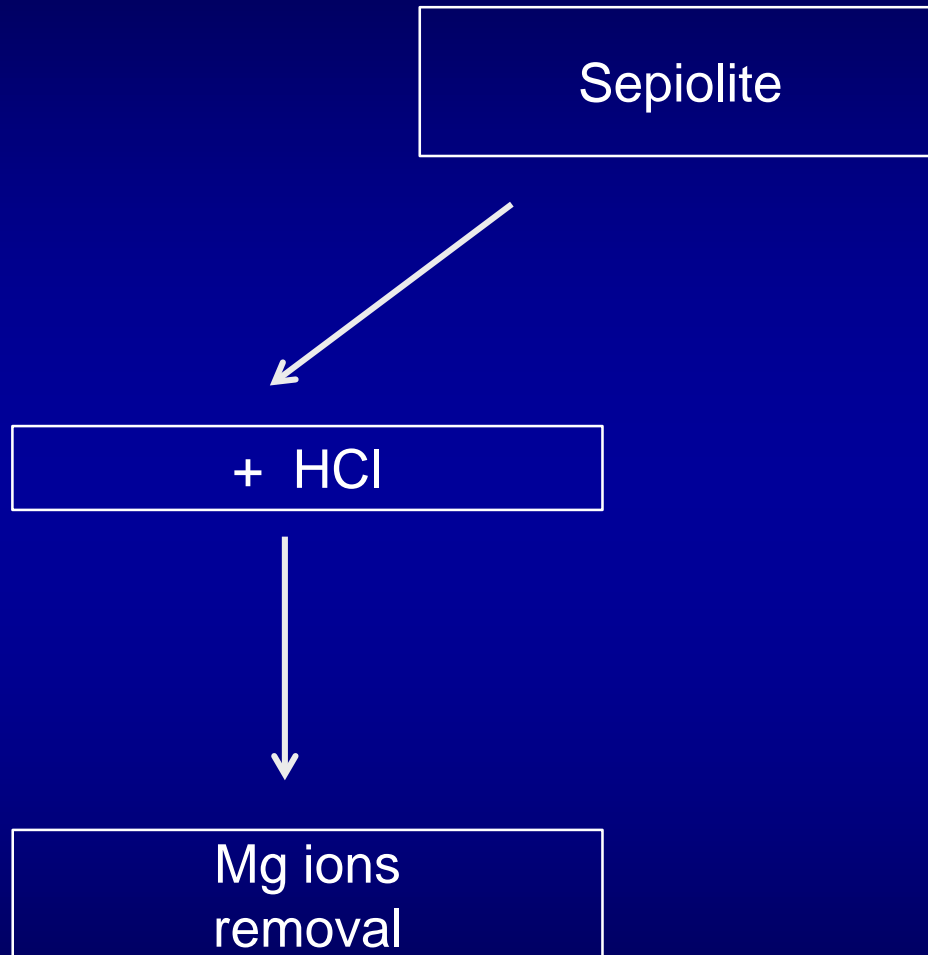


Connections in the direction perpendicular to the layers:
due, in part, to covalent bonds.

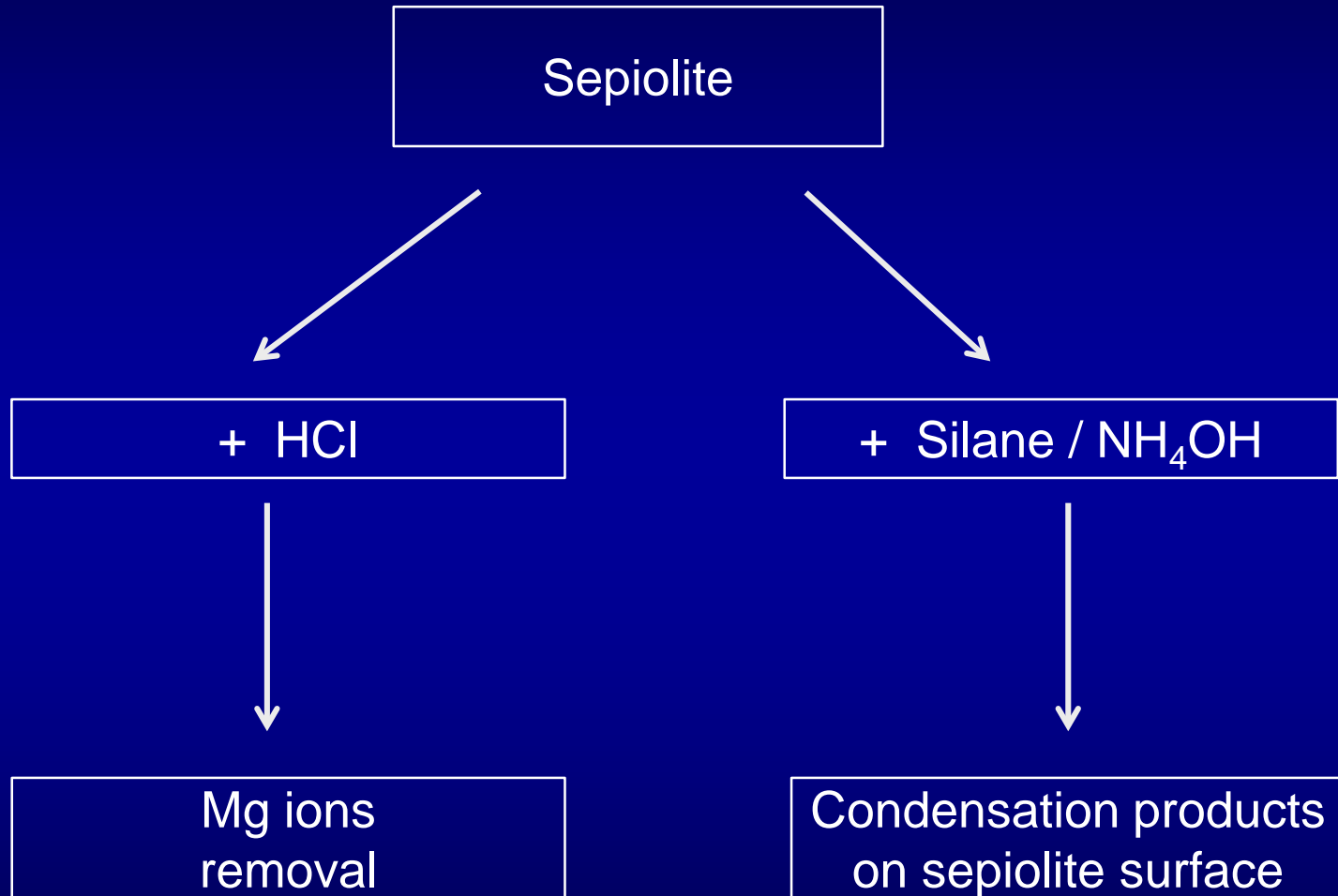


Sepiolite and the minerals of this group
cannot swell or exfoliate!

Chemical modification of sepiolite



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Treatment of sepiolite with HCl

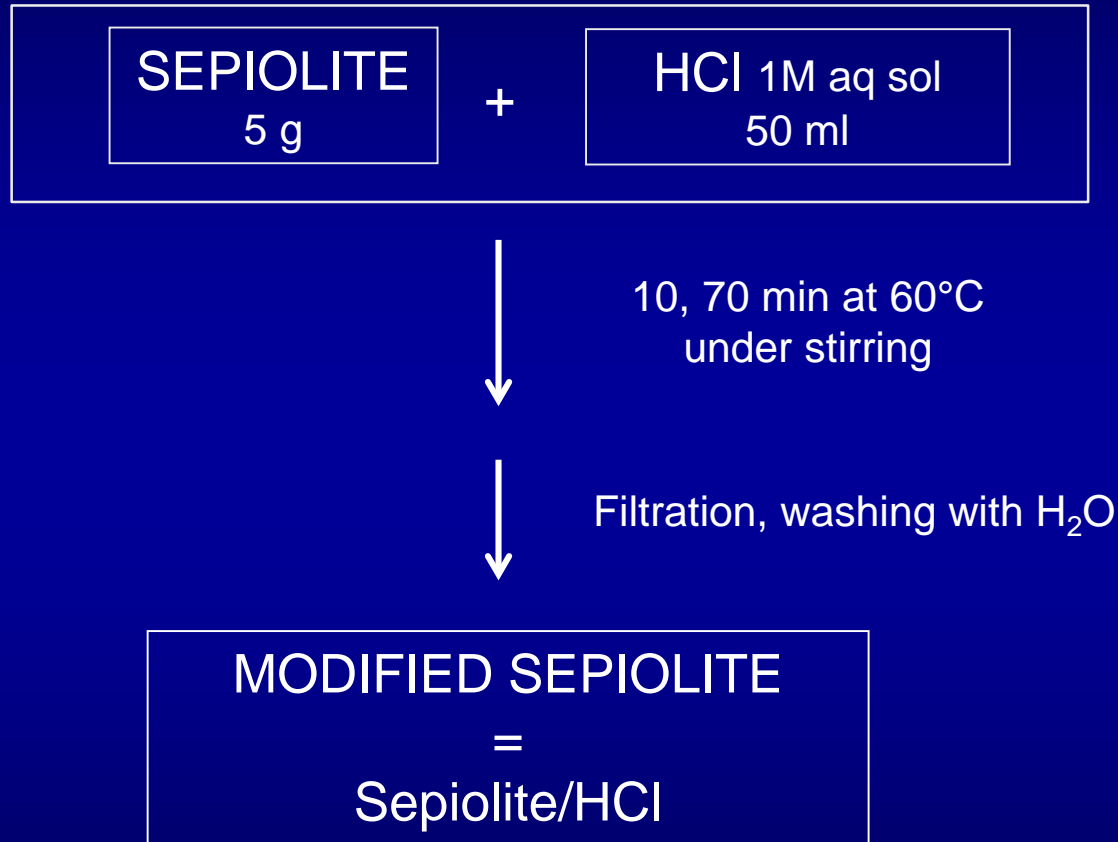
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Treatment of sepiolite with acid

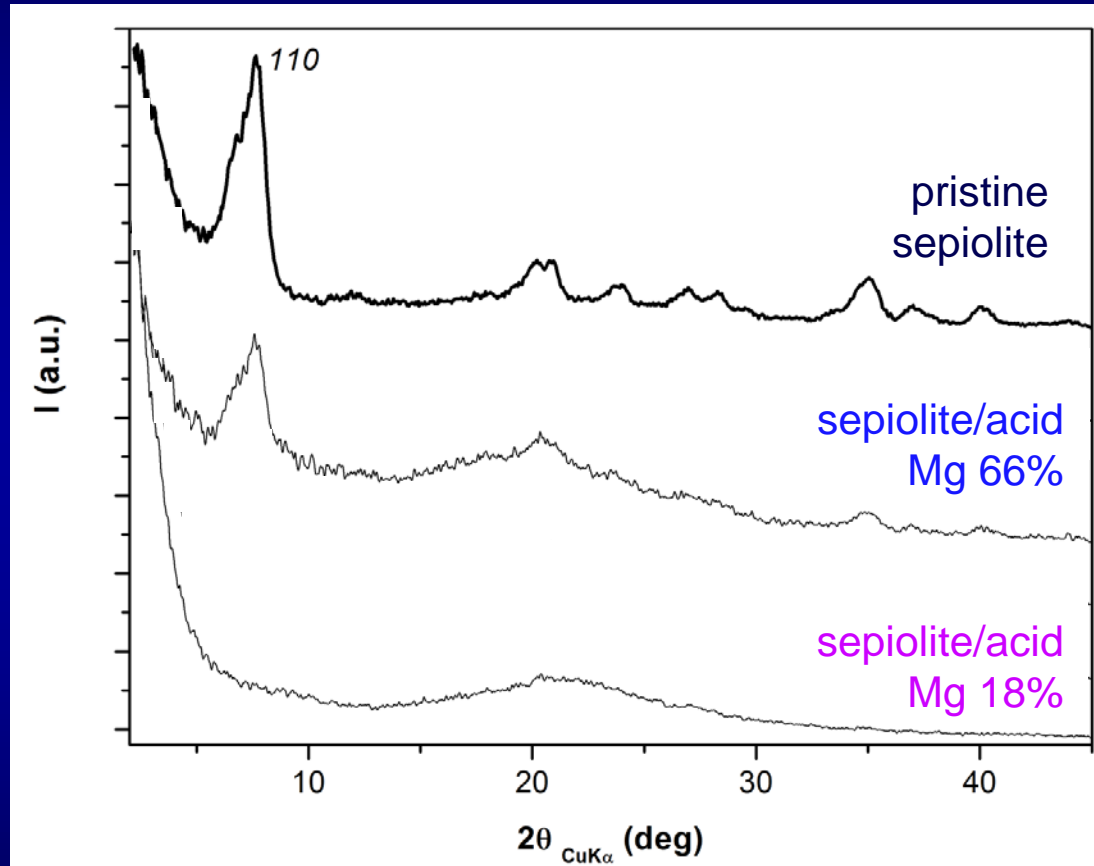


Extracted Magnesium

Treatment time (min)	Extracted Mg ^a			Residual Mg
	mmol/(g of sepiolite)	%		%
10	2.1	34.0		66.0
70	5.1	82.0		18.0

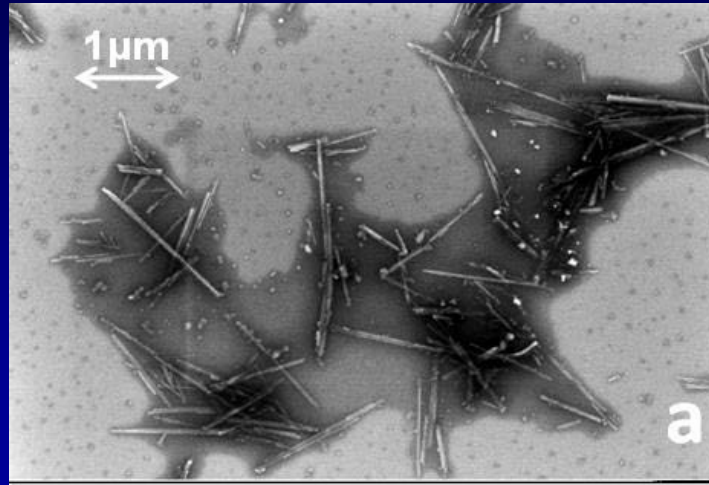
^a determined through titration

WAXD analysis

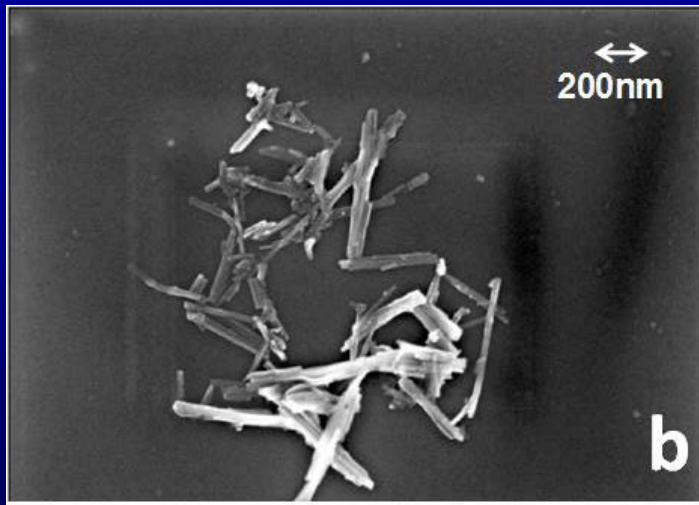


Sepiolite treated with HCl

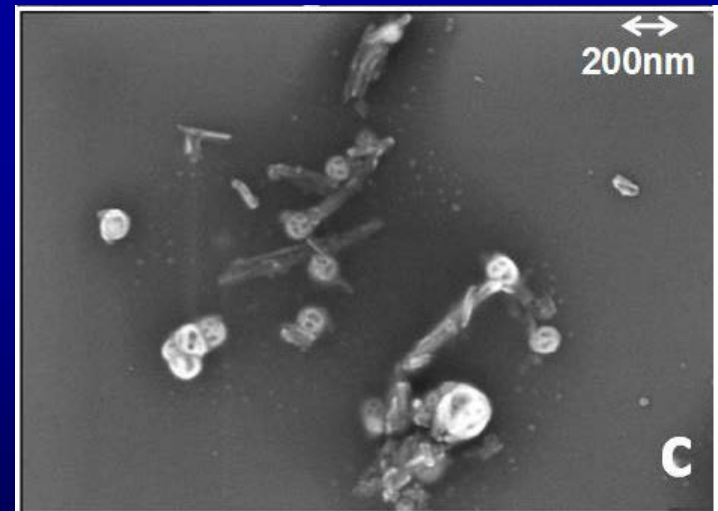
FESEM analysis



pristine sepiolite



sepiolite / HCl - Mg 66%



sepiolite / HCl - Mg 18%

NR based compounds with silica and sepiolite/HCl (Mg66%)

Formulations (phr)

Ingredient	Filler in the composite		
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite	Silica + Sepiolite (Mg 66%)
NR	100	100	100
Silica	45	35	35
Sepiolite	0	10	0
Sepiolite-HCl	0	0	10
Silane TESPT	3.6	3.6	3.6

Other ingredients: ZnO 3.6, Stearic acid 2, 6-PPD 2, Sulphur 2.8, TBBS 1.8

Dynamic mechanical properties

Property	Filler in the composite		
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite	Silica + Sepiolite (Mg 66%)
G' (0.4%)	1.51	1.48	1.31
$\Delta G' (0.4\%-35\%)/G' (0.4\%)$	0.30	0.31	0.27

Dynamic mechanical properties

Property	Filler in the composite	
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite/HCl (Mg 66%)
E' (23°C) 100 Hz	10.57	13.95
E' (70°C) 100 Hz	7.70	9.72
Tan Delta (23°C) 100 Hz	0.296	0.281
Tan Delta (23°C) 100 Hz	0.152	0.141

IR/BR based compounds with silica and sepiolite/HCl (Mg 80%)

Formulations (phr)

Ingredient	Filler in the composite		
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite	Silica + Sepiolite/HCl (Mg 80%)
IR	40	40	40
BR (Nd)	60	60	60
CB N550	25	25	25
Silica Zeosil 1115	30	20	20
Sepiolite	0	7	7
Sepiolite/HCl Mg80%	0	0	7
Silane TESPT	5.0	5.0	5.0

Other ingredients: ZnO 4.0, Stearic acid 1, 6-PPD 1.5, TMQ 1, Sulphur 2.3, TBBS 80 4

Dynamic mechanical properties

Property	Filler in the composite		
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite	Silica + Sepiolite/HCl (Mg 80%)
E' (23°C) 100 Hz	100	103	113
E' (70°C) 100 Hz	100	102	113
Tan Delta (23°C) 100 Hz	100	107	87
Tan Delta (23°C) 100 Hz	100	106	85

☞ Tan Delta: the lower, the better

Tensile properties

Property	Filler in the composite		
	Silica	Silica + Sepiolite	Silica + Sepiolite/HCl (Mg 80%)
σ_{50} (MPa)	100	106	111
σ_{100} (MPa)	100	112	115
σ_B (MPa)	100	127	104
ϵ_B (%)	100	122	109

Treatment of sepiolite with a silane

Silane:

TEOS

TESPD

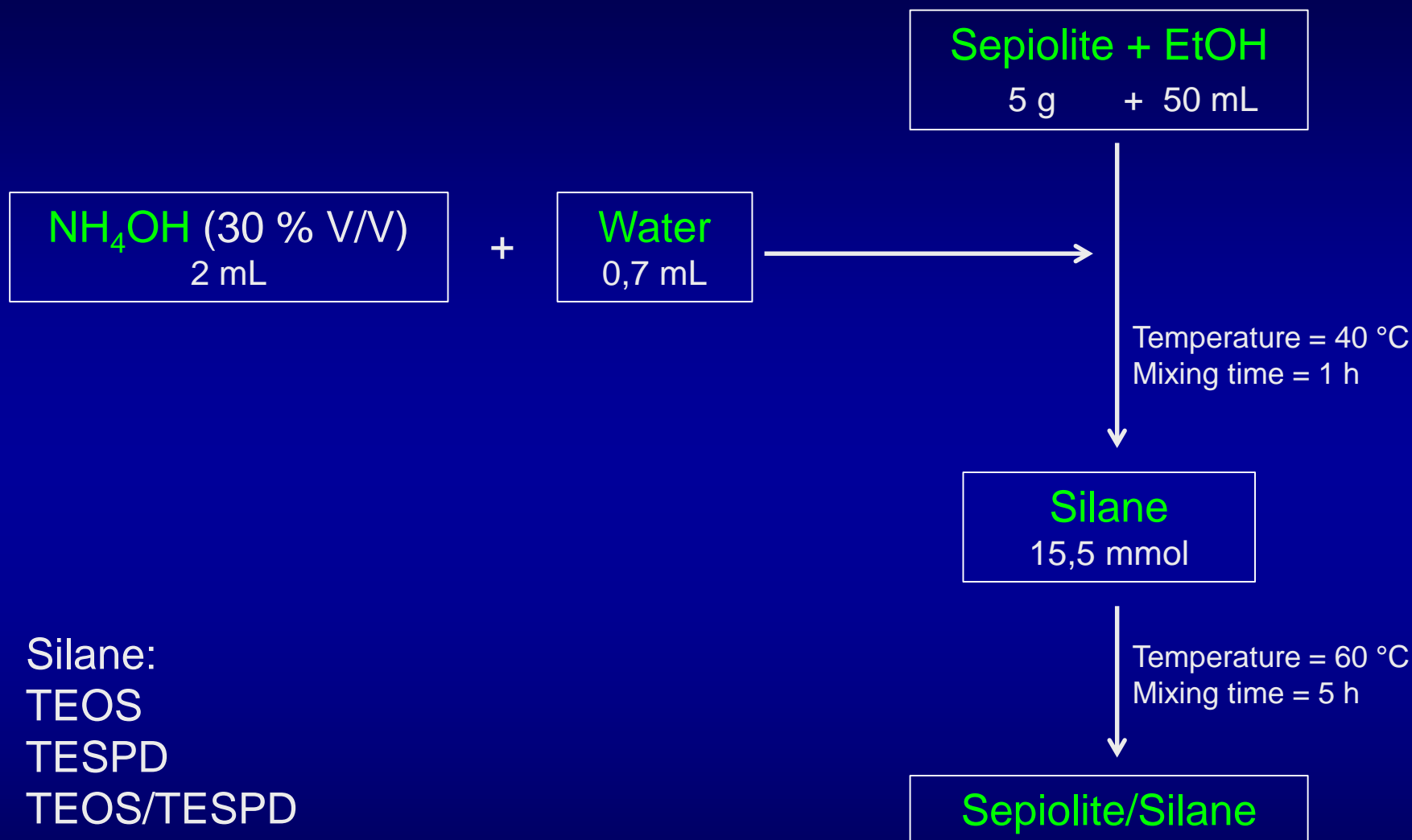
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Treatment of sepiolite with a Silane



Silane:
TEOS
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Washing with ethanol

Sepiolite treated with a silane

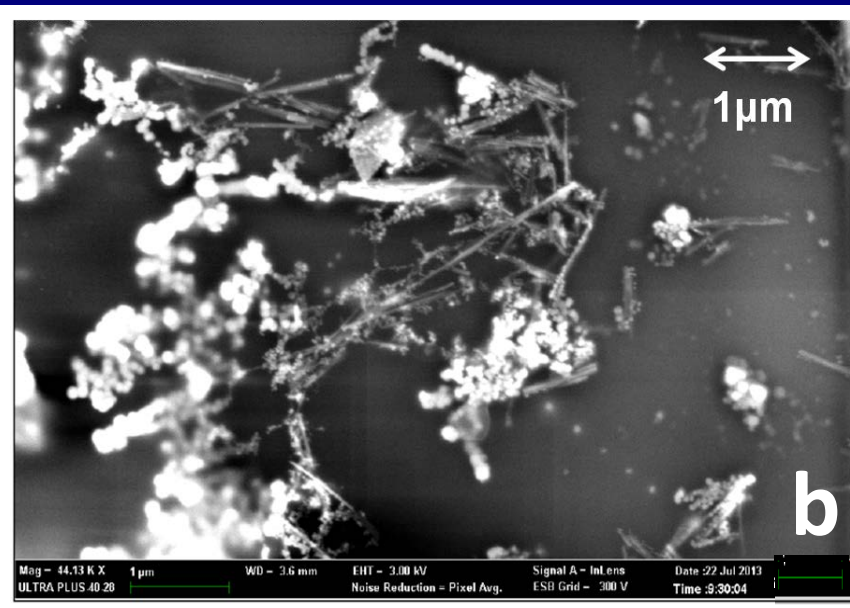
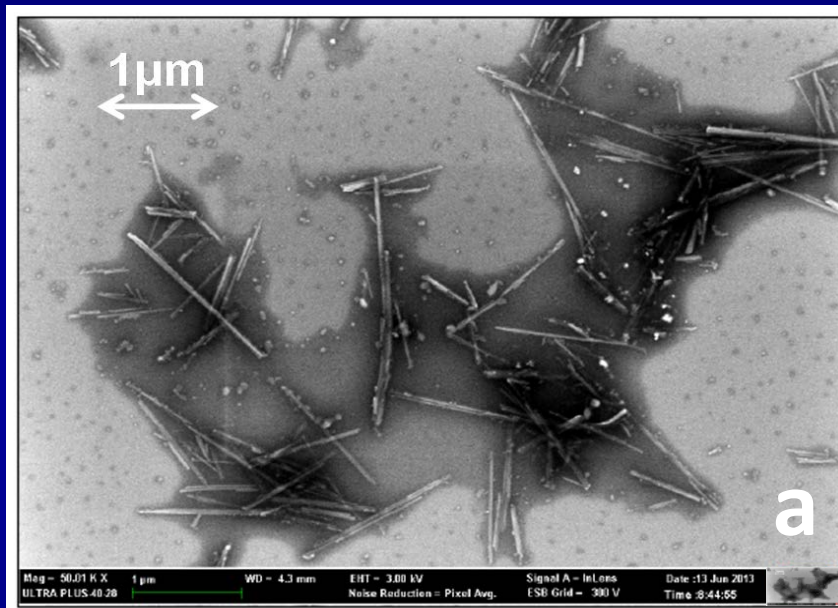
Thermogravimetric analysis

Sample	Mass losses in different T (°C) ranges					Residue
	T < 150	150 < T < 450	450 < T < 750	750 < T < 900	T > 900	
Sp	8,1	3,3	2,7	2,0	83,6	
Sp/TEOS	6,1	5,6	2,8	2,1	83,4	
Sp/TESPD	5,6	8,2	4,4	2,3	79,5	
Sp/TEOS/TESPD	6,2	6,2	3,3	2,1	82,2	

FESEM analysis

pristine sepiolite

sepiolite / TEOS



typical fibrillar shape
of pristine sepiolite

silica nanoparticles
on sepiolite fibrils

Treatment of sepiolite with nanoparticles from silane condensation

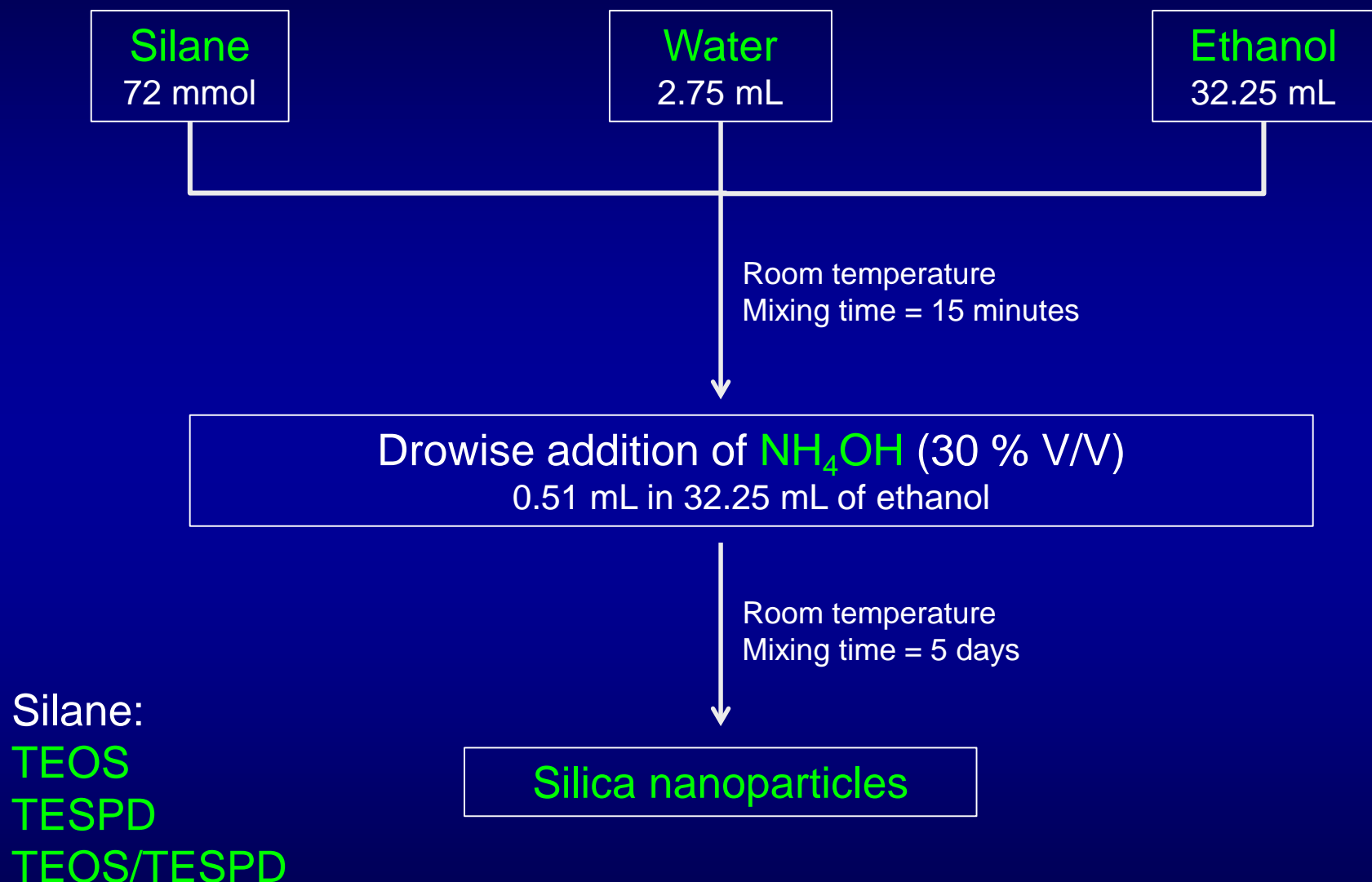
Silane:

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TEOS/TESPD

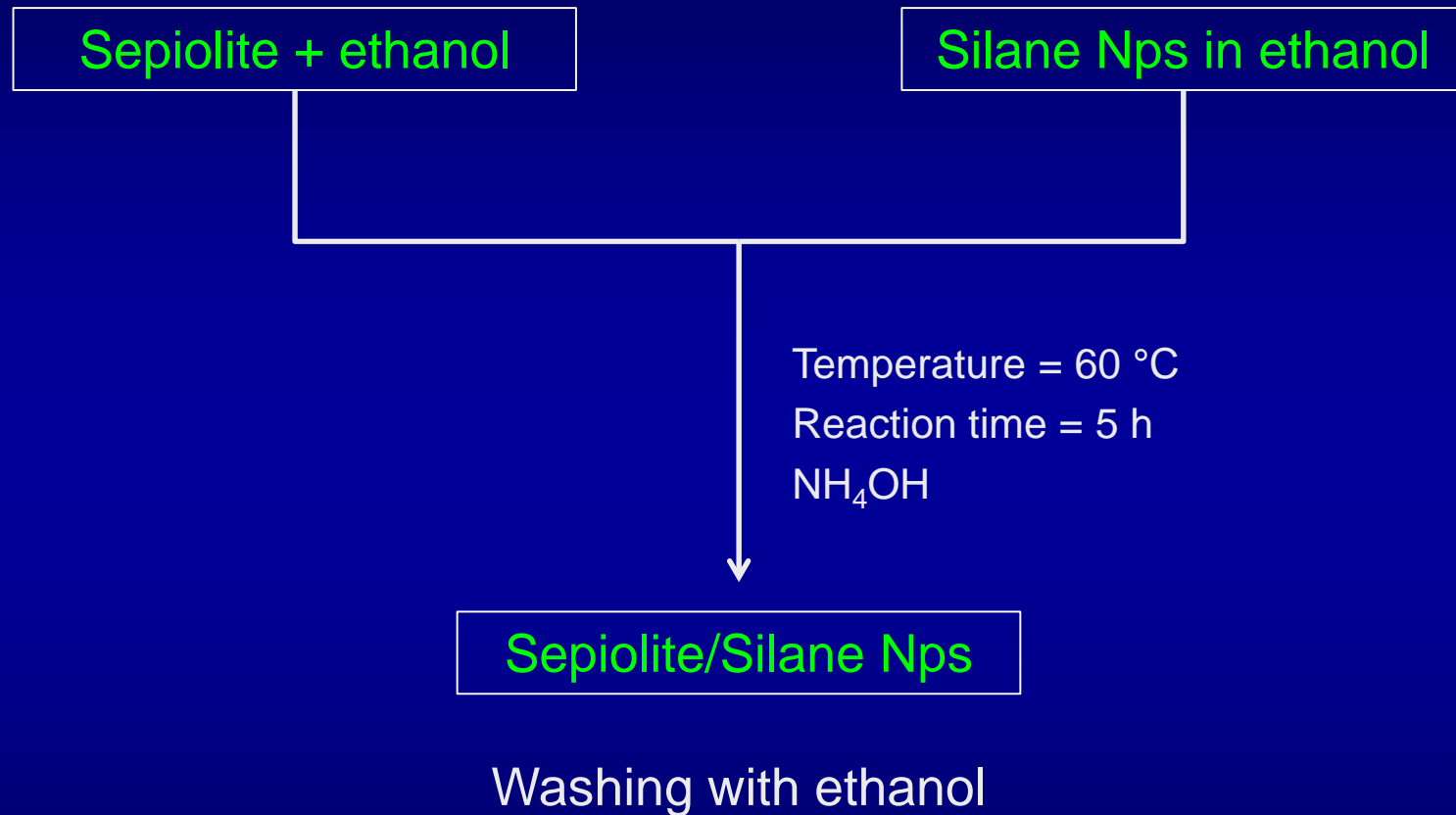
Preparation of nanoparticles



Nanoparticles from silane(s) condensation

Nanoparticle from	Average diameter [nm]	PdI
TEOS	25,50	0,280
TEOS/TESPD	37,80	0,262
TESPD	n.d.	n.d.

Treatment of sepiolite with nanoparticles from silane condensation



Elemental analysis

	Sp/Silane		Sp/silane Nps	
	C (%wt)	S (%wt)	C (%wt)	S (%wt)
Sp/TEOS/TESPD	3,39	0,56	3,13	1,27
Sp/TESPD	5,45	2,89	2,89	0,87

NR based compounds with silica and sepiolite treated with silanes' condensation products

Formulations

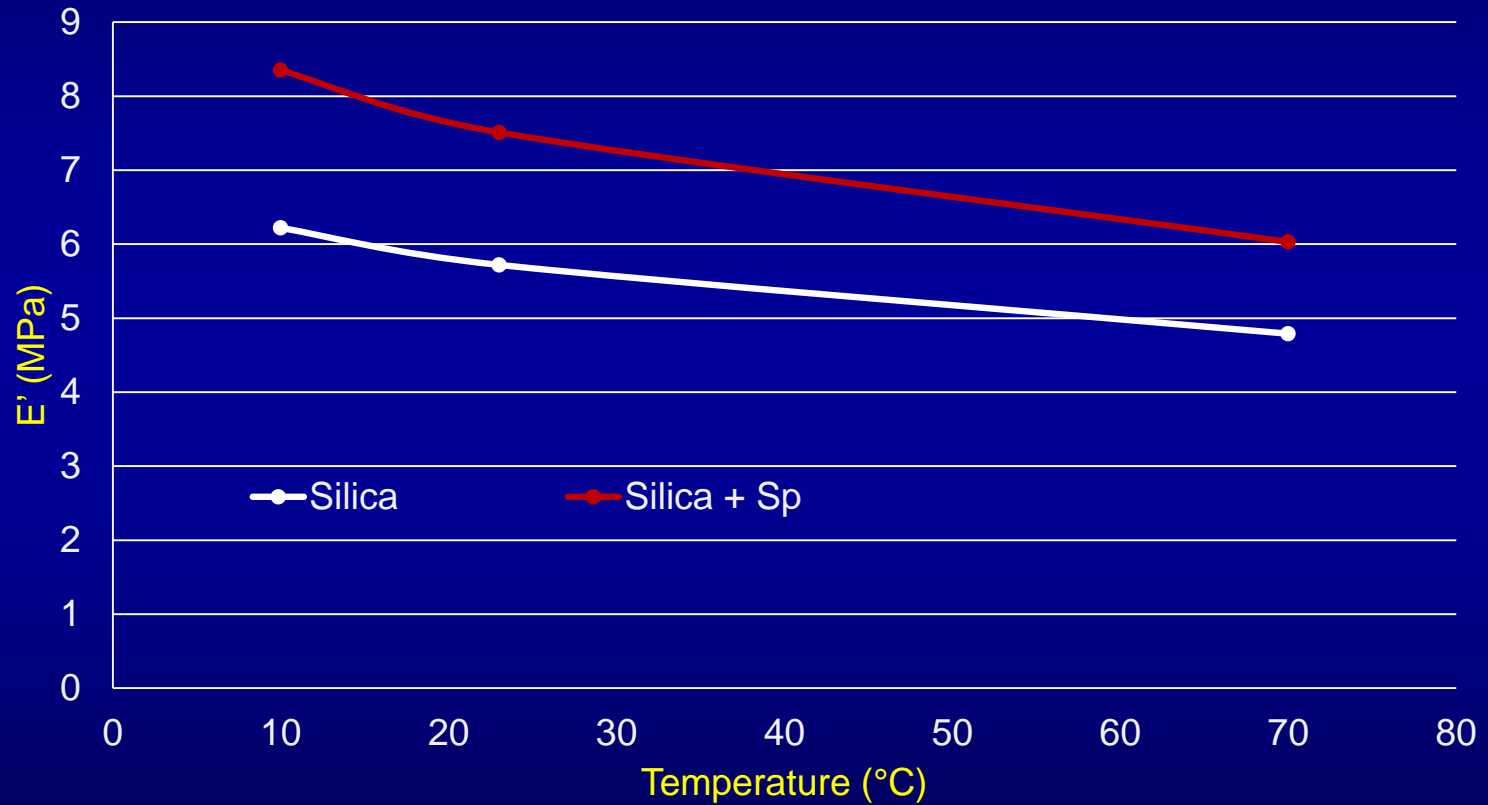
Ingredient	Filler in the composite				
	Silica	Silica + Sp	Silica + Sp/TEOS	Silica + Sp/TESPD	Silica + Sp/TEOS/TESPD
NR	100	100	100	100	100
ZEOSIL 1165	46,6	35	35	35	35
Sp	0	11,6	0	0	0
Sp/TEOS	0	0	11,6	0	0
Sp/TESPD	0	0	0	11,6	0
Sp/TEOS/TESPD	0	0	0	0	11,6

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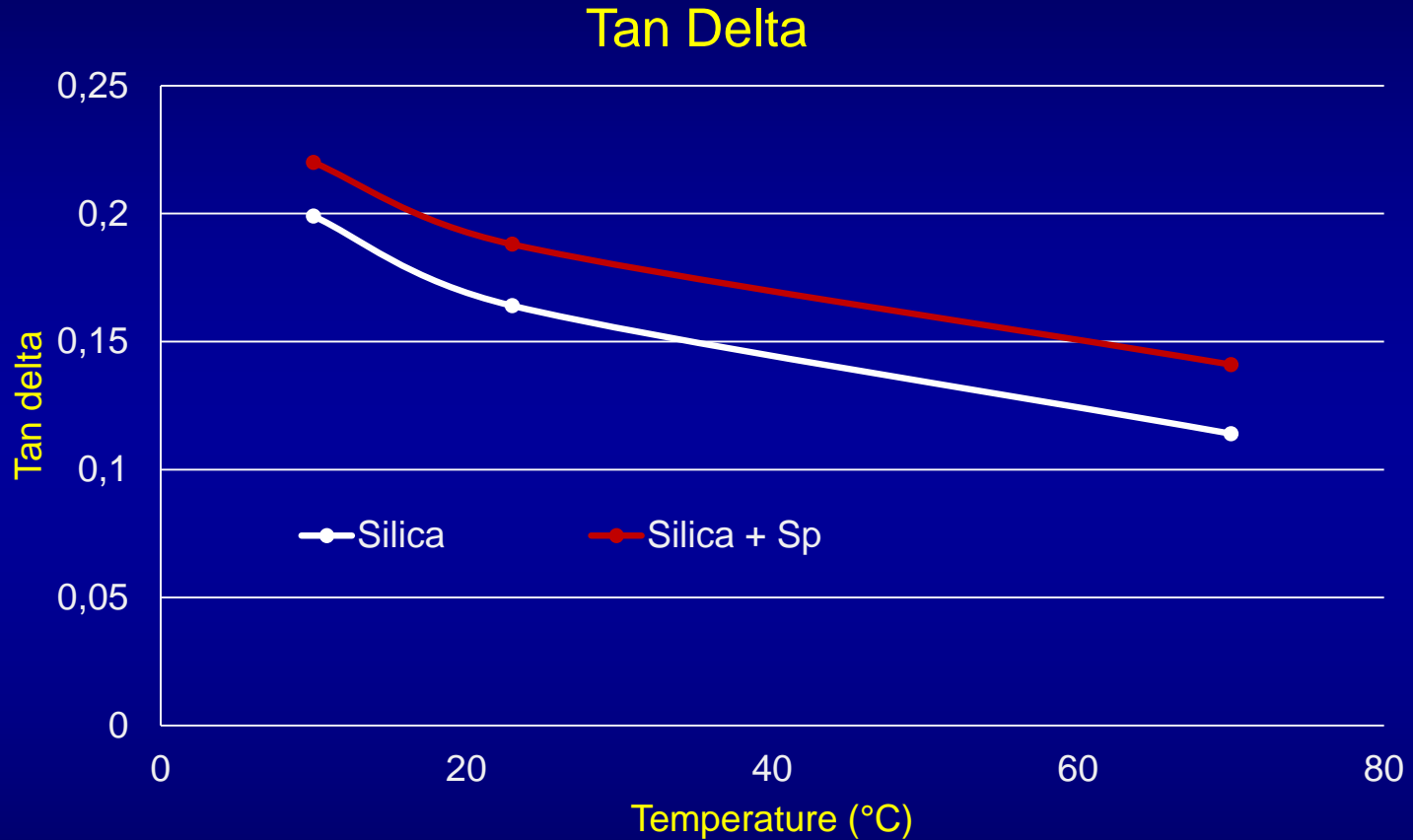
Silanes: pristine or nanoparticles

NR based compounds with silica and sepiolite treated with silanes

Dynamic mechanical properties - E'

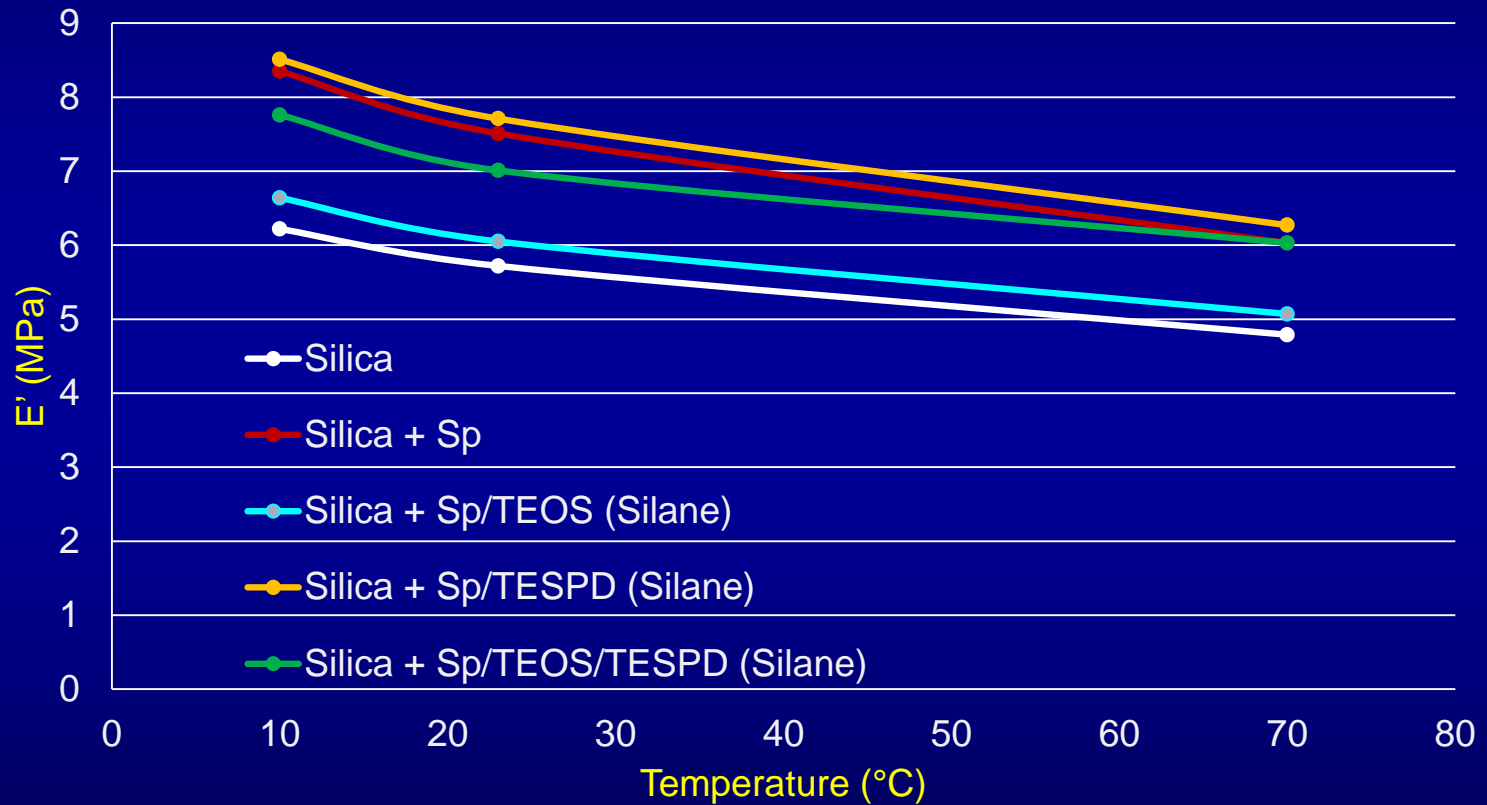


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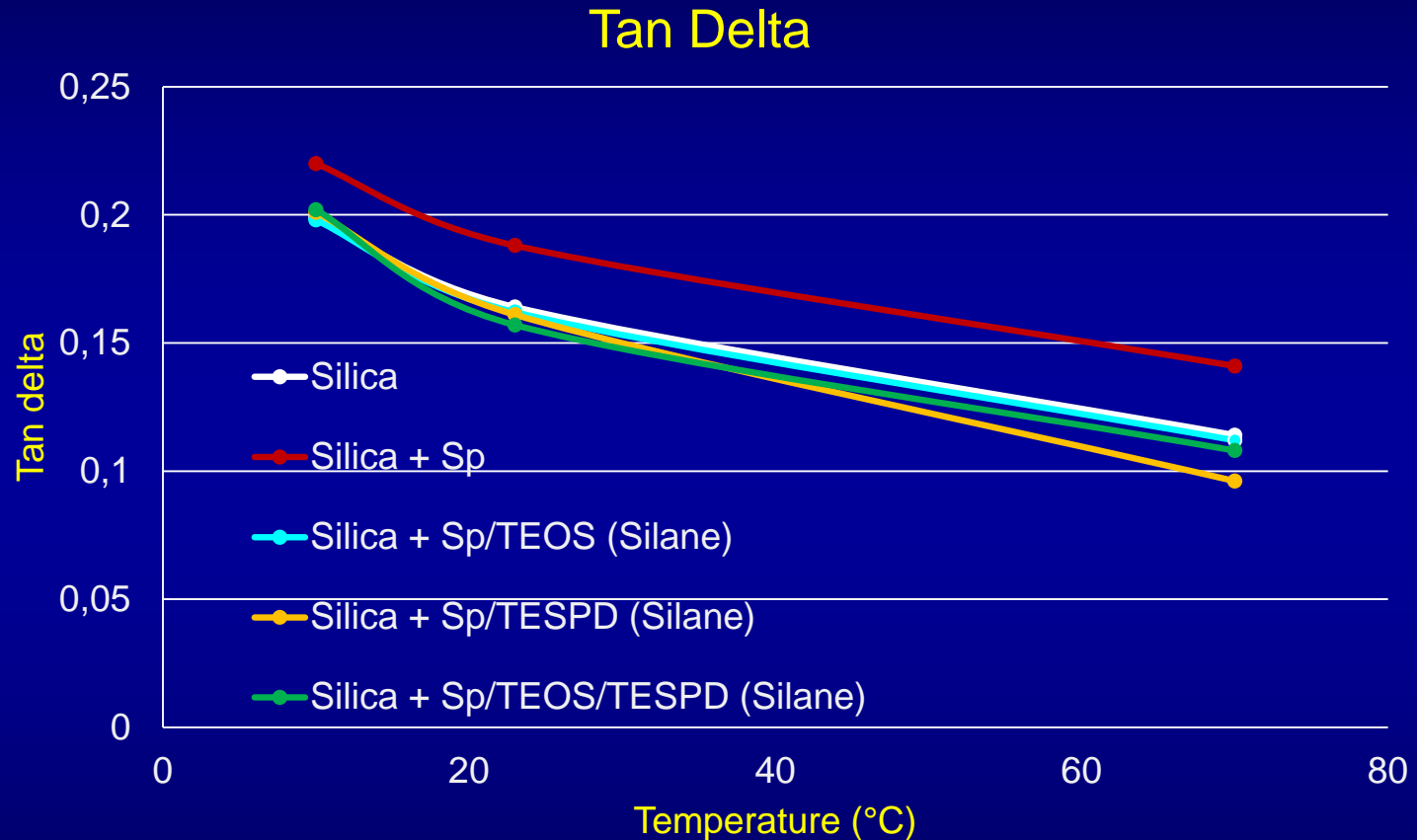


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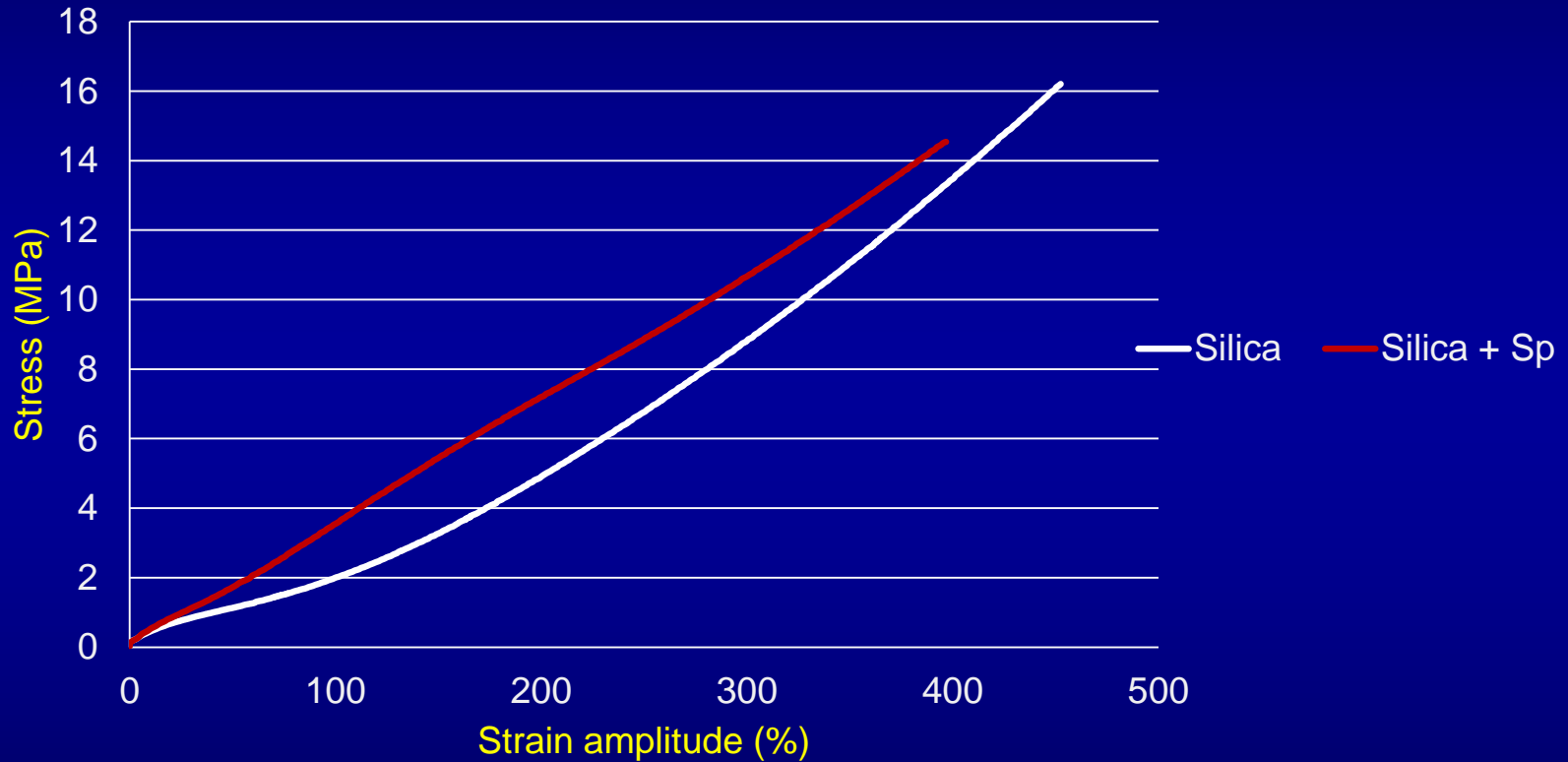


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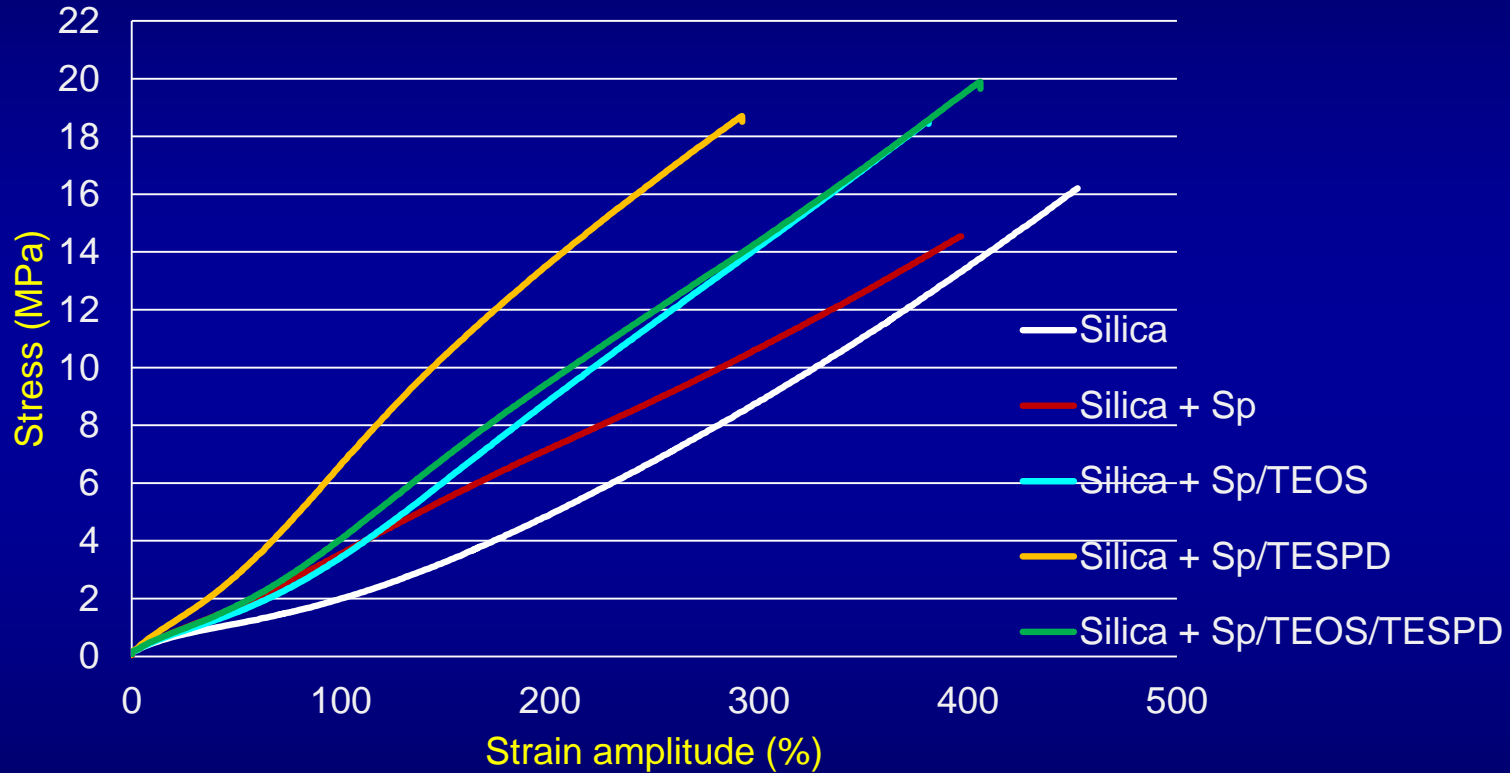
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Stress-strain curves

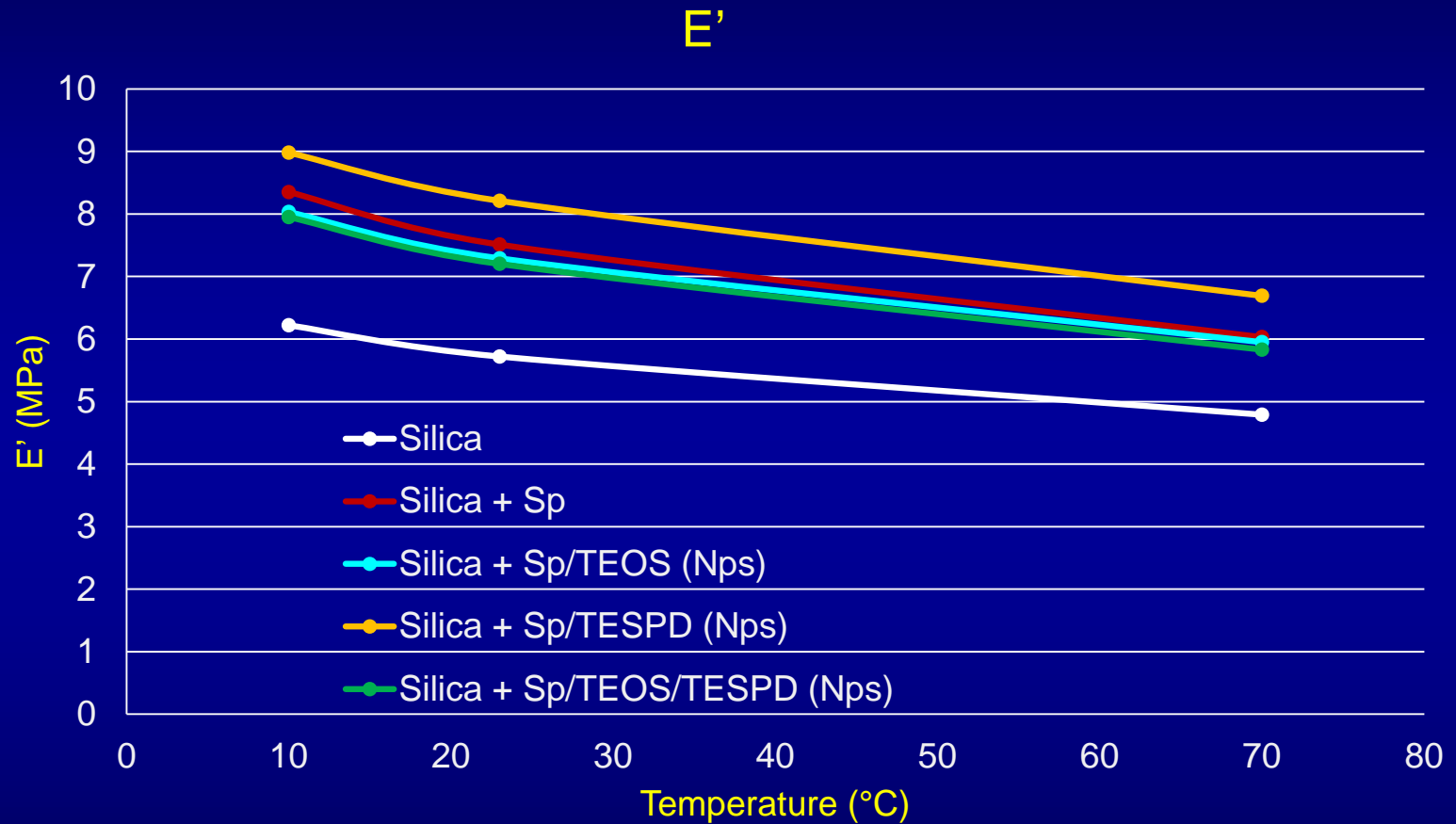


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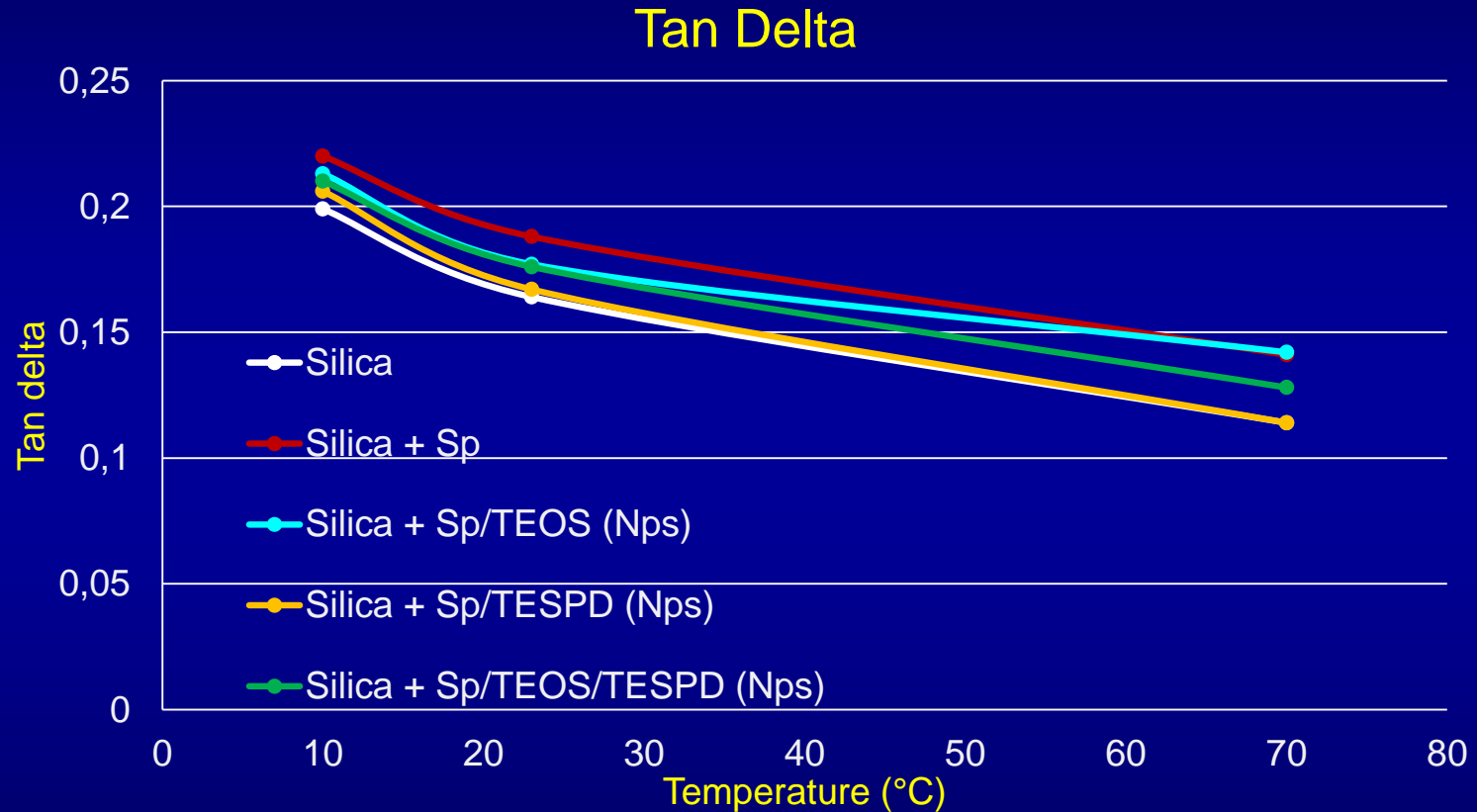
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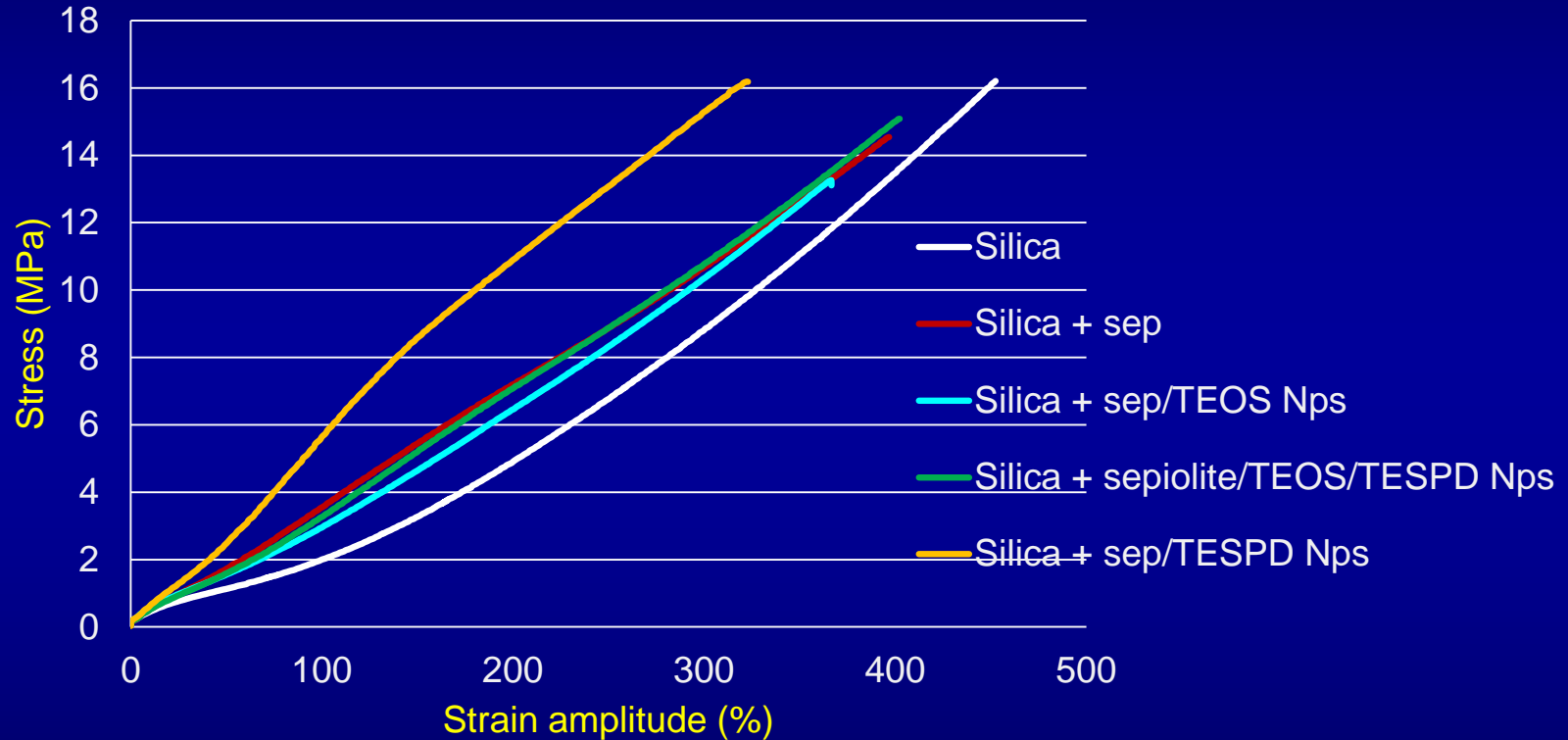


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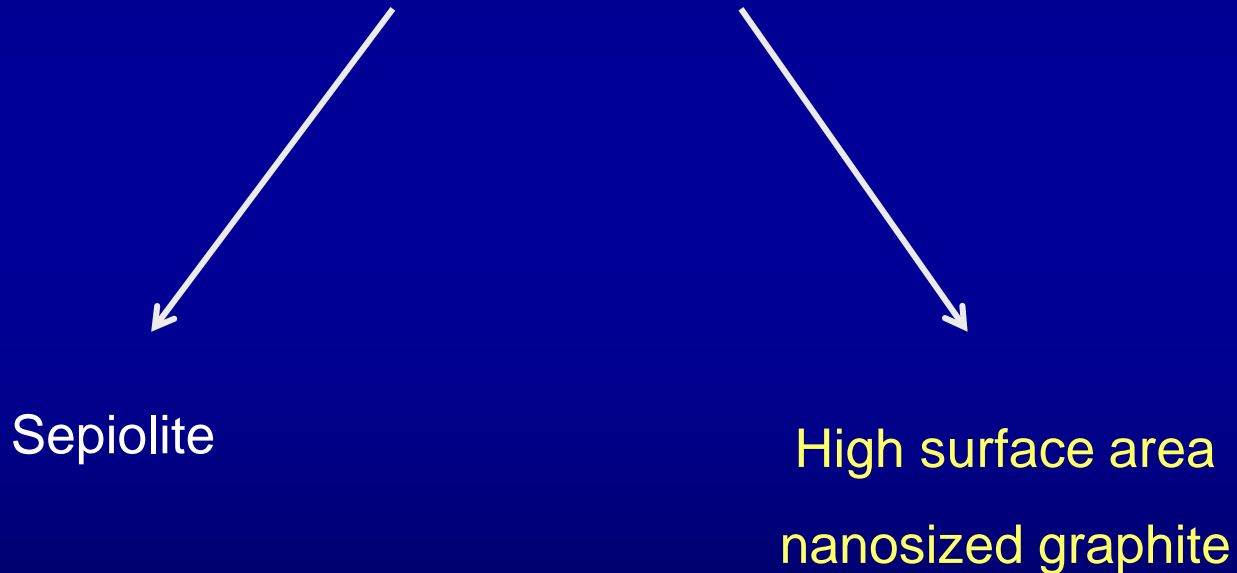


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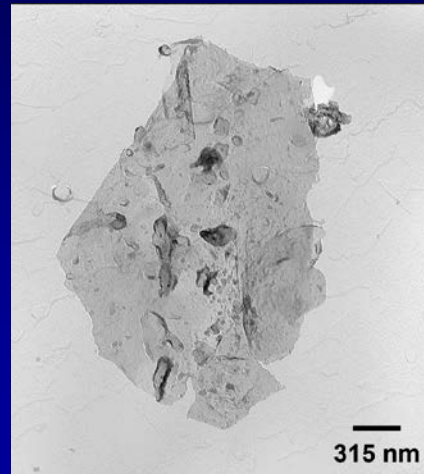
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Chemical modification
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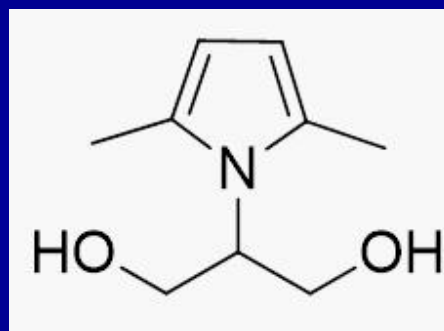
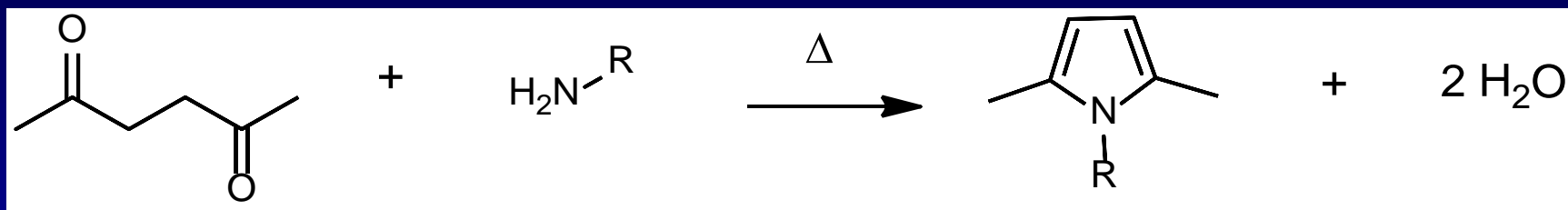


High surface area graphite (HSAG)



Sample	Surface area (m ² /g)	number of stacked layers	D / D _⊥
HSAG	330	35	3.1

Pyrrole compounds for the functionalization of sp^2 carbon allotropes



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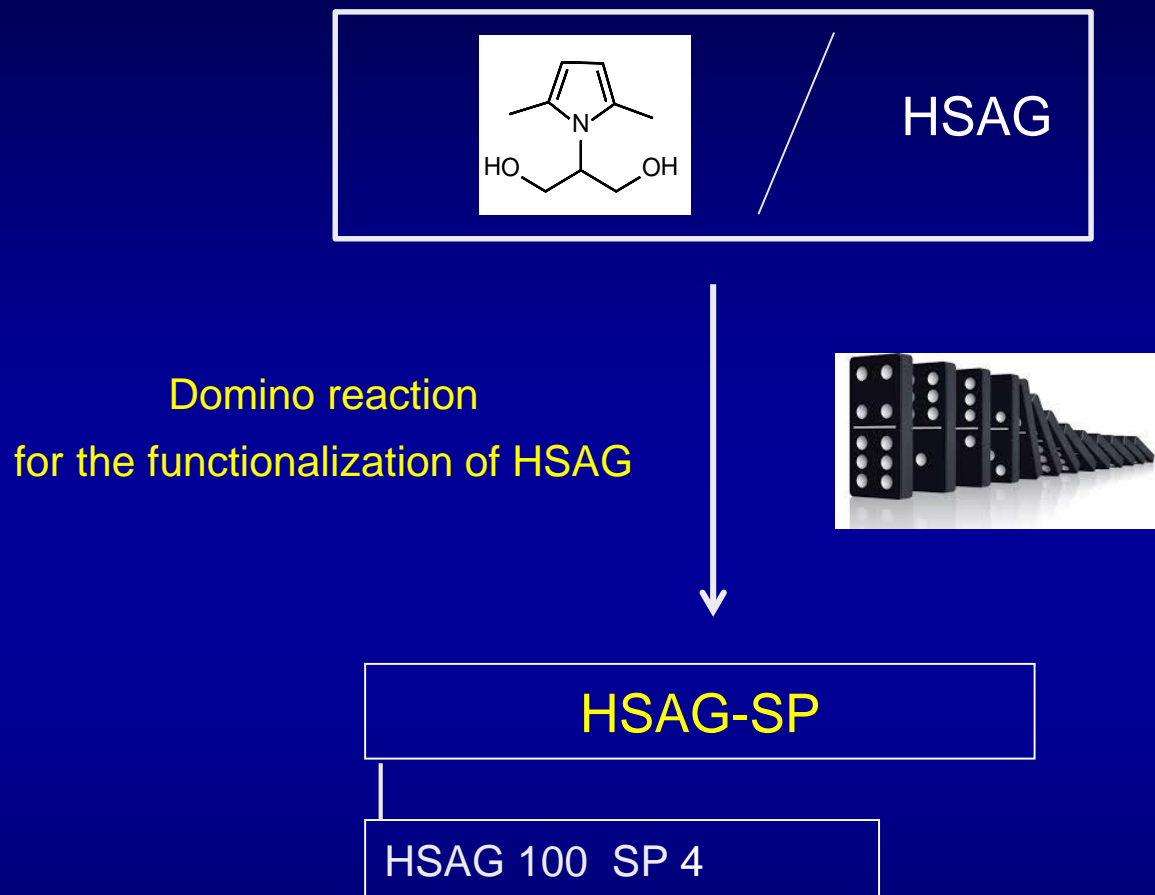
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Domino reaction for the functionalization of sp^2 carbon allotropes



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S-SBR / NR based compounds with silica and HSAG

Formulations (phr)

Ingredient	Filler in the composite					*
	Silica	HSAG (15%)	HSAG (30%)	HSAG-SP (15%)	HSAG-SP (30%)	
S-SBR 4630	110	110	110	110	110	
NR (SIR - 20)	20	20	20	20	20	
Silica 1165	50	42.5	35	42.5	35	
HSAG	0	8.2	16.4	0	0	
HSAG-SP	0	0	0	8.5	17.06	

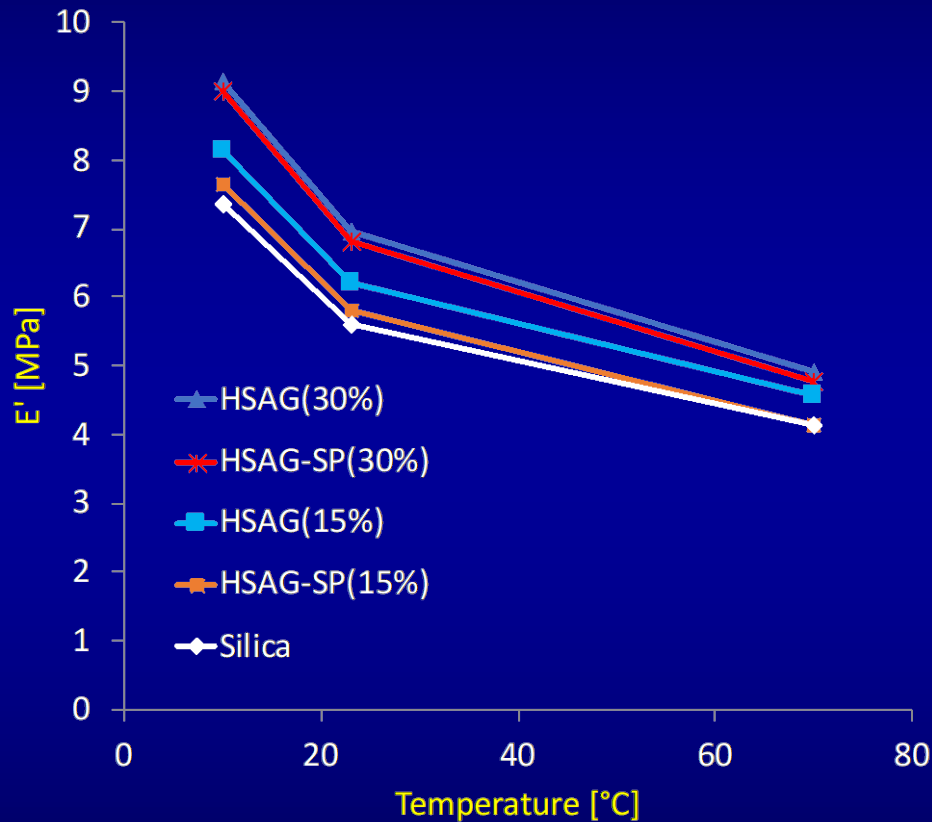
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* Silica was partially substituted by pristine or modified HSAG at constant volume

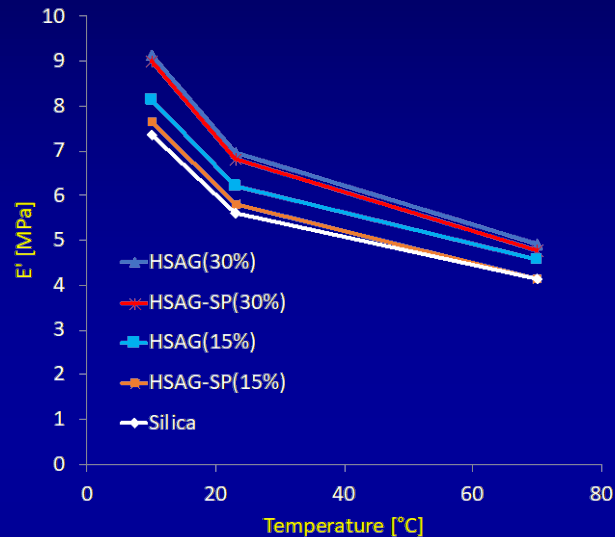
Curing behaviour. Data from rheometer test

	Silica	HSAG 15 %	HSAG 30 %	HSAG-SP 15 %	HSAG-SP 30 %
M_L [dNm]	2.71	2.71	2.01	1.71	1.86
M_H [dNm]	13.67	13.52	12.36	11.91	12.36
t_{90} [min]	11.66	11.08	11.39	12.39	12.32

Dynamic-mechanical properties

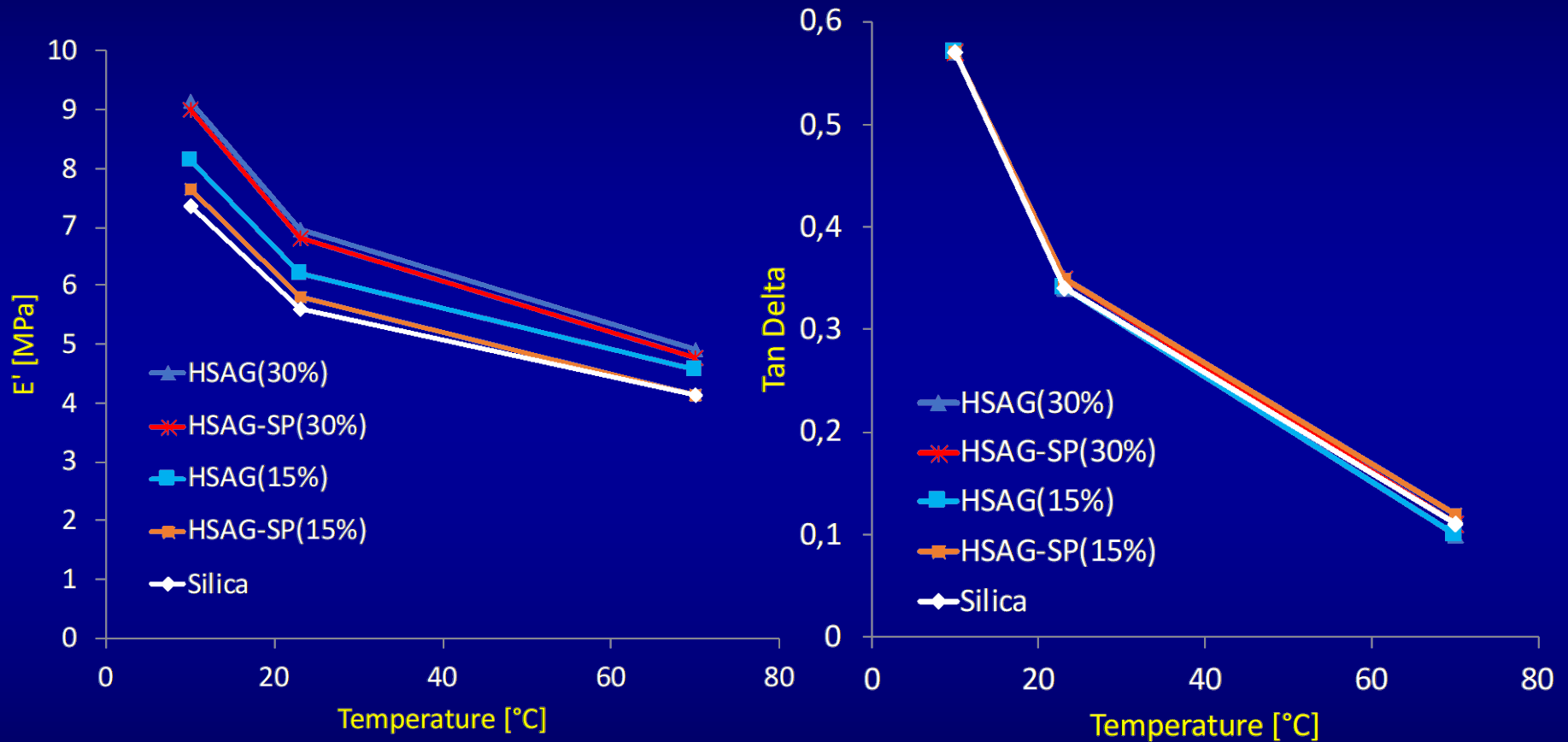


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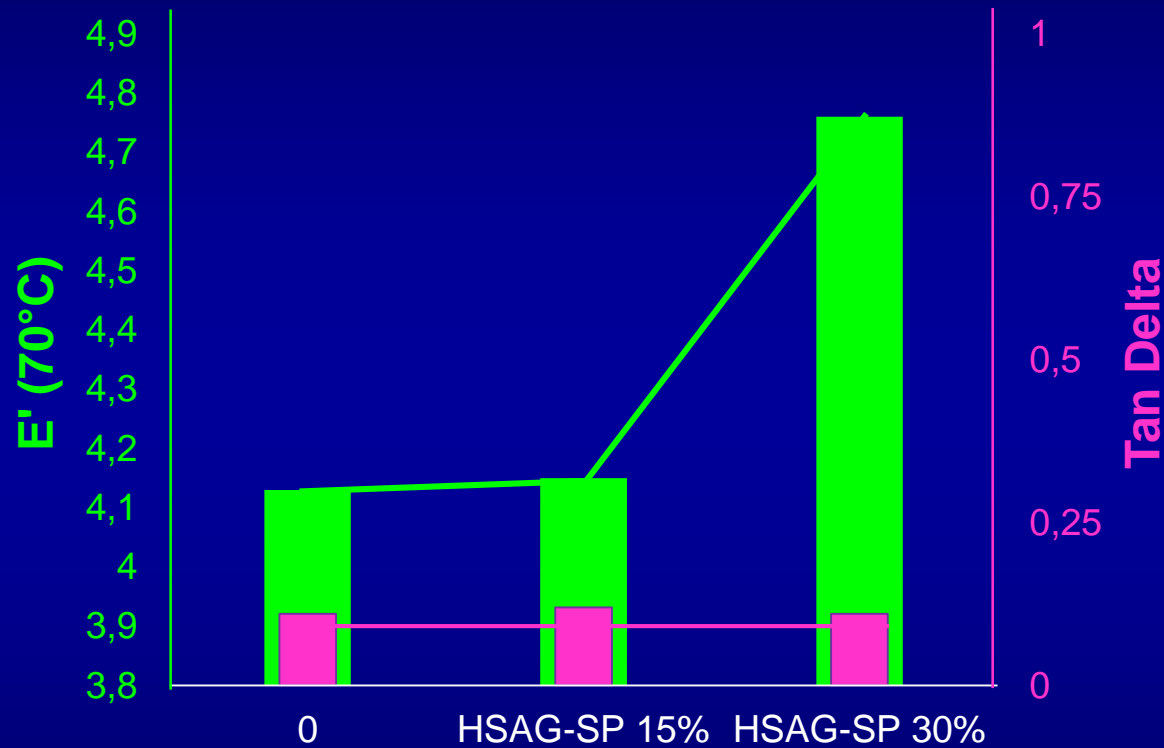


	Silica	HSAG 15 %	HSAG 30 %	HSAG-SP 15 %	HSAG-SP 30 %
E'@10°C	7.35	8.15	9.14	7.64	9
Tan Delta@10°C	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.57	0.57

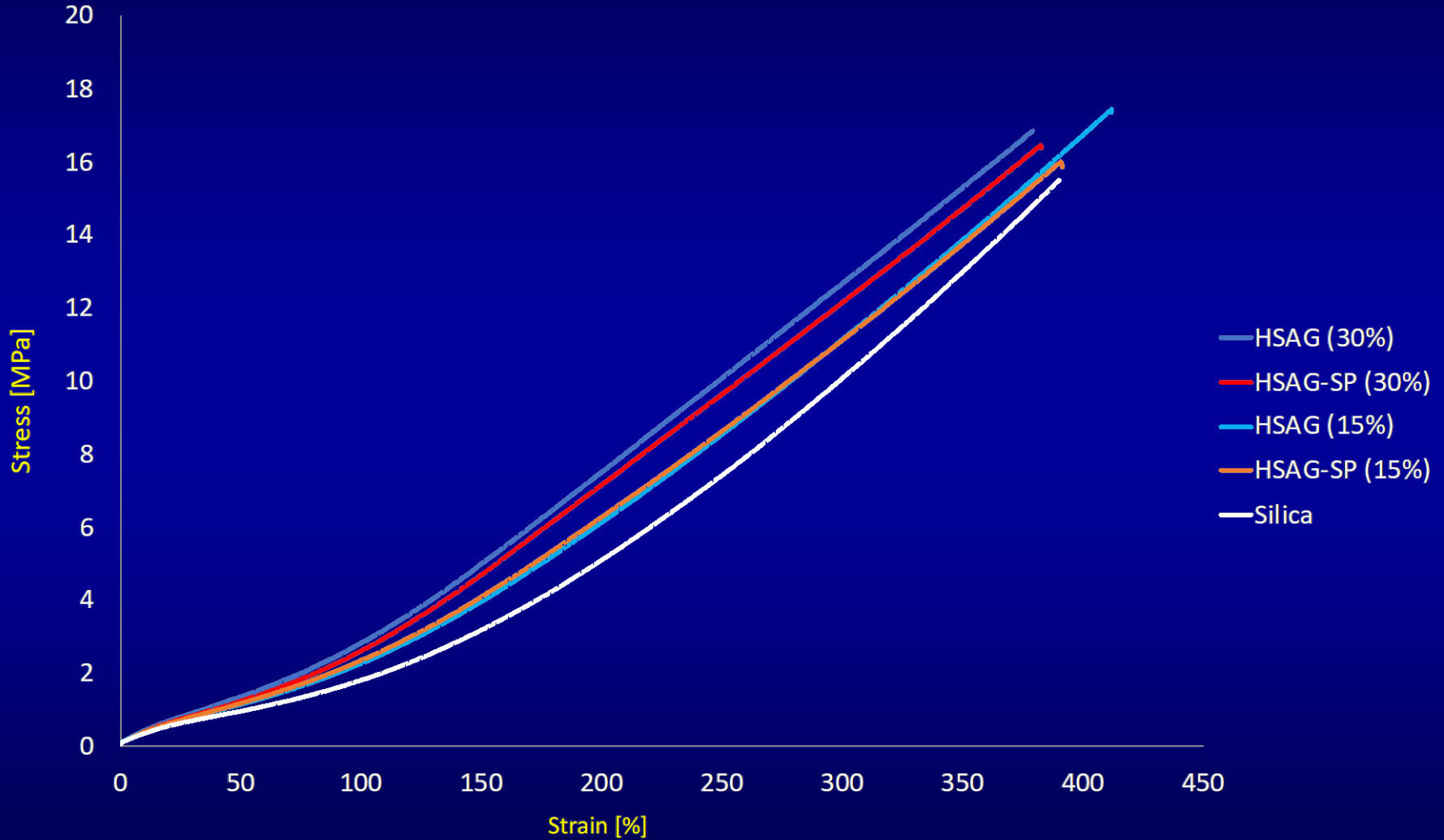
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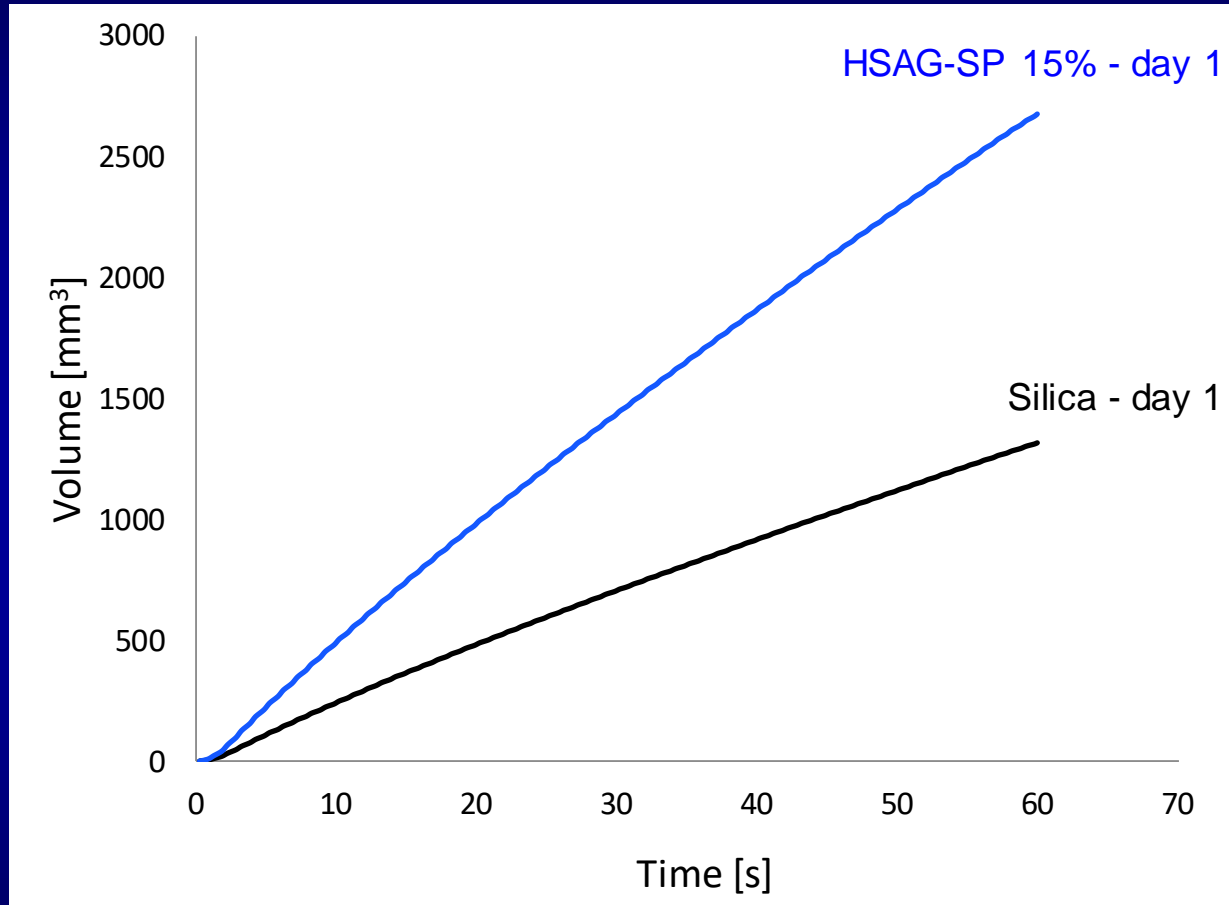
Dynamic-mechanical properties as a function of HSAG-SP content



Stress strain curves



Rheo-vulkameter test



Rheo-vulkameter 78.90 Göttfert. Capillary: 20 mm length, 2 mm diameter
P: 130 bar, T: 100°C, pre-heating: 180 sec, injected for 60 sec

Rheo-vulkameter test



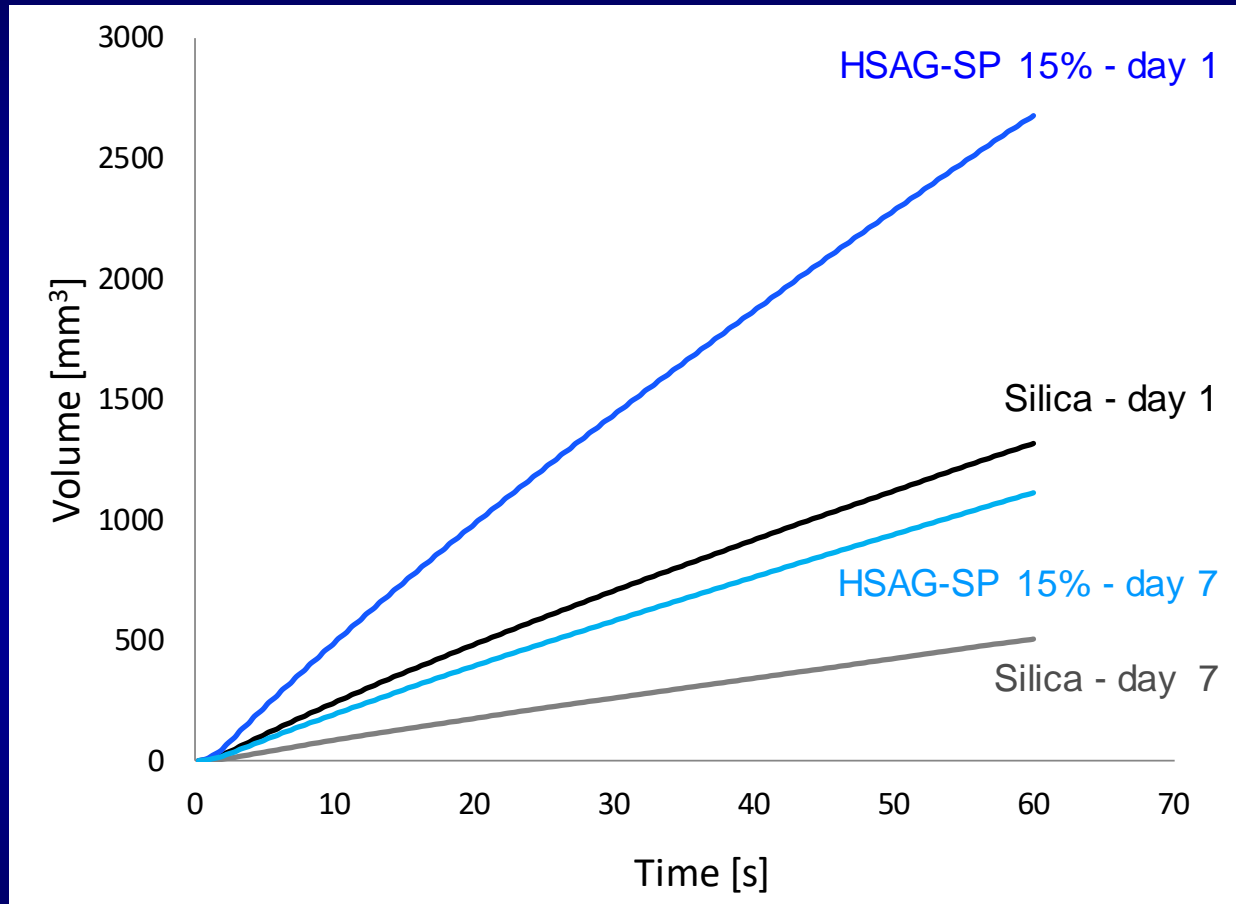
HSAG-SP
15%



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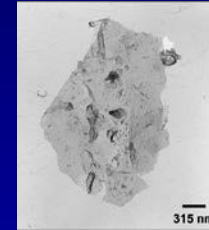
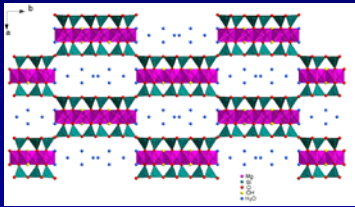
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Rheo-vulkameter test



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Conclusions



Larger static and dynamic-mechanical reinforcement

Equal or lower hysteresis

Better processability