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*New Technologies in Tires:  
From Layered Nanofillers to Metathesis Reactions*

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## **New Technologies for Rubbers**

## ➤ Macromolecular Cross-Metathesis Reactions of Rubbers

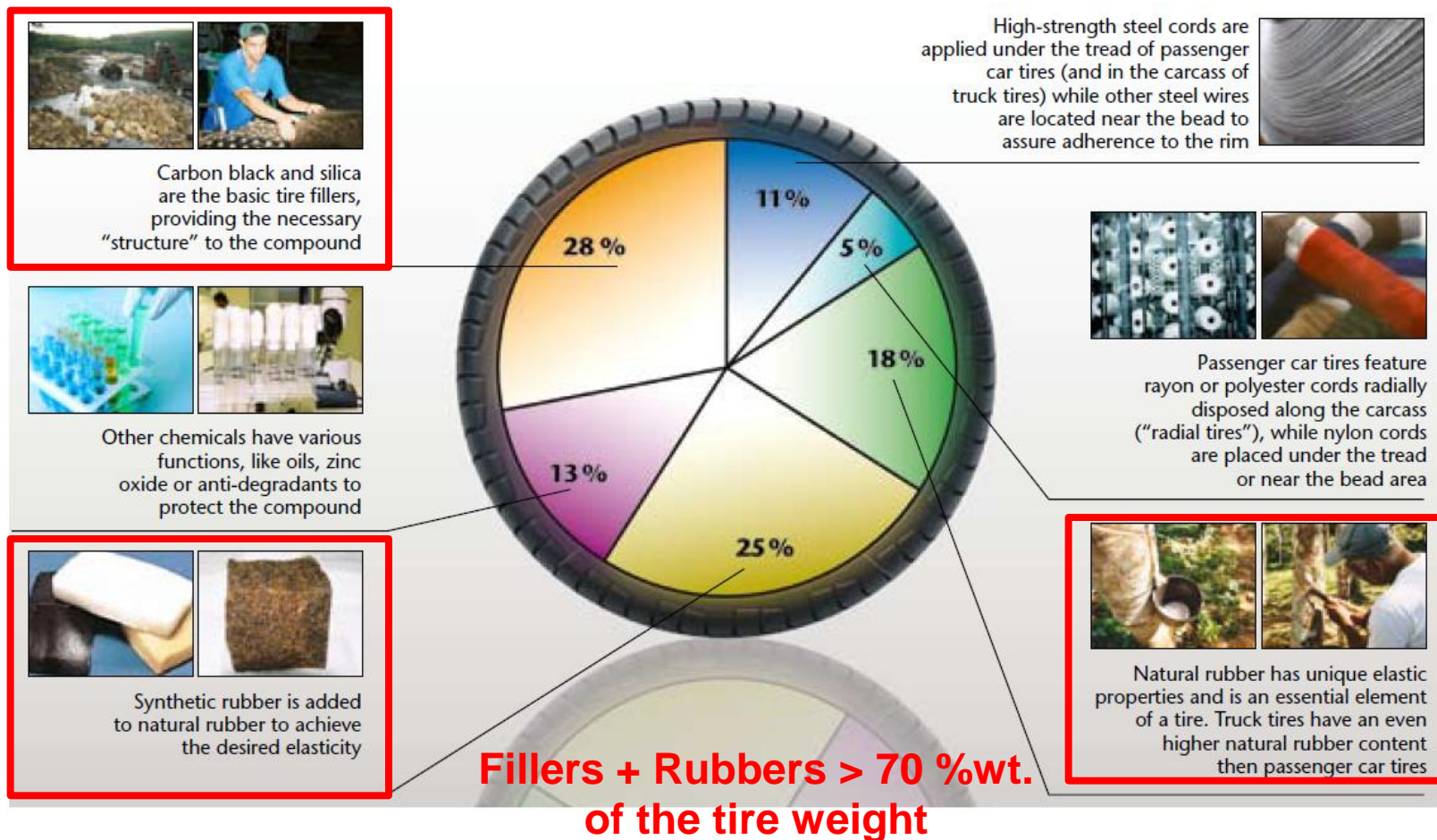
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# Tires are Composite Artifacts

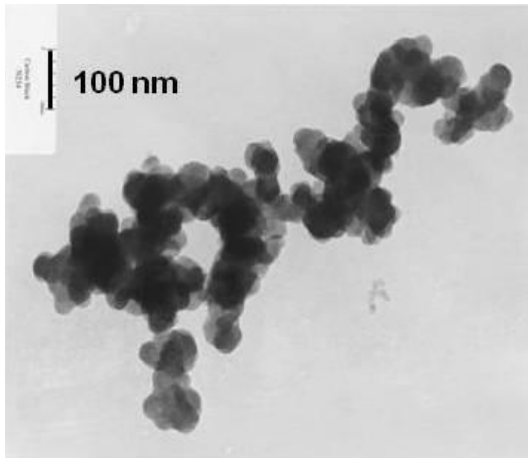
A vehicle tire generally contains synthetic rubber, natural rubber, carbon black, steel cord, polyester, nylon, steel bead wire, silica and different kinds of chemicals, waxes, oils and pigments.





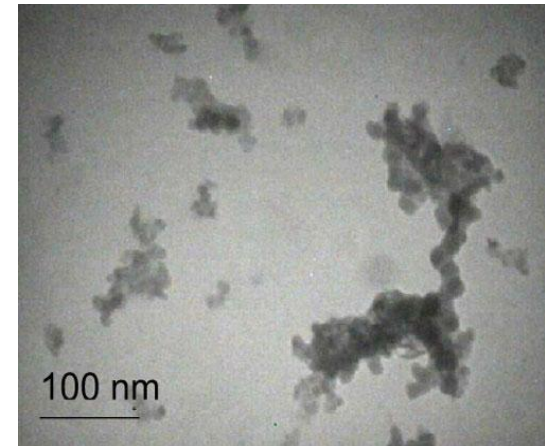
# Nanotechnologies and Nanofillers

**Carbon Black**



Standard  
Nanofillers for  
Rubbers

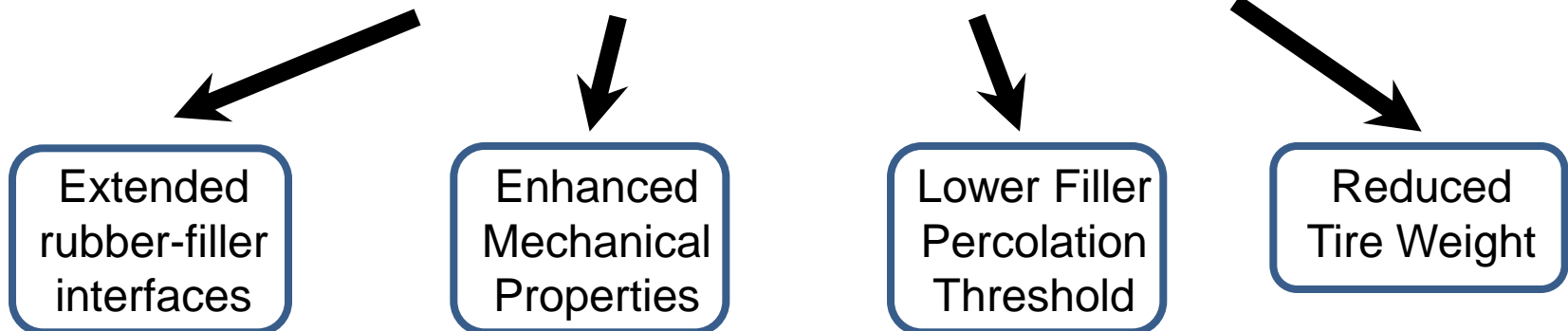
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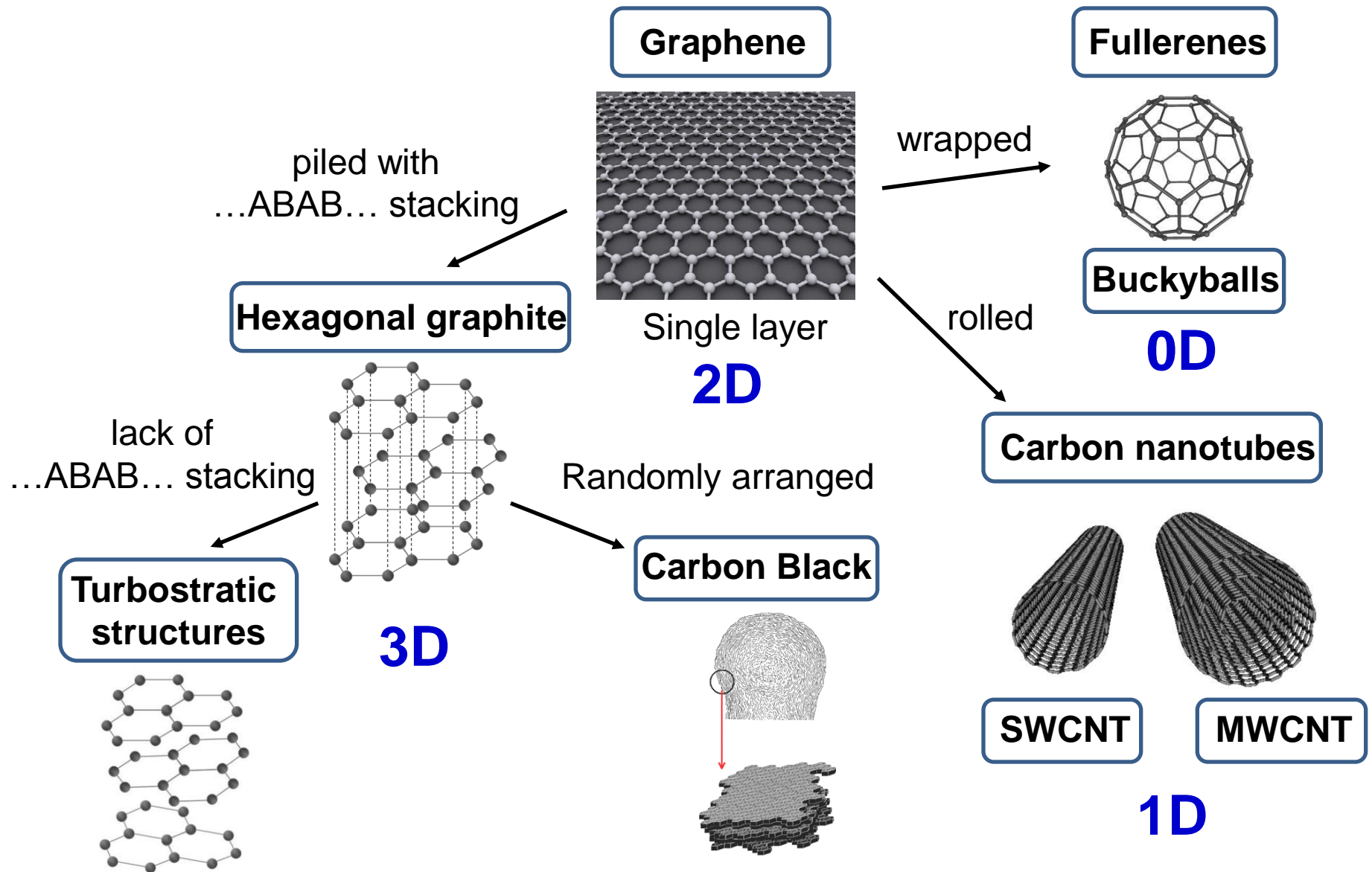
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Tire technology has always been based on Nanotechnology!

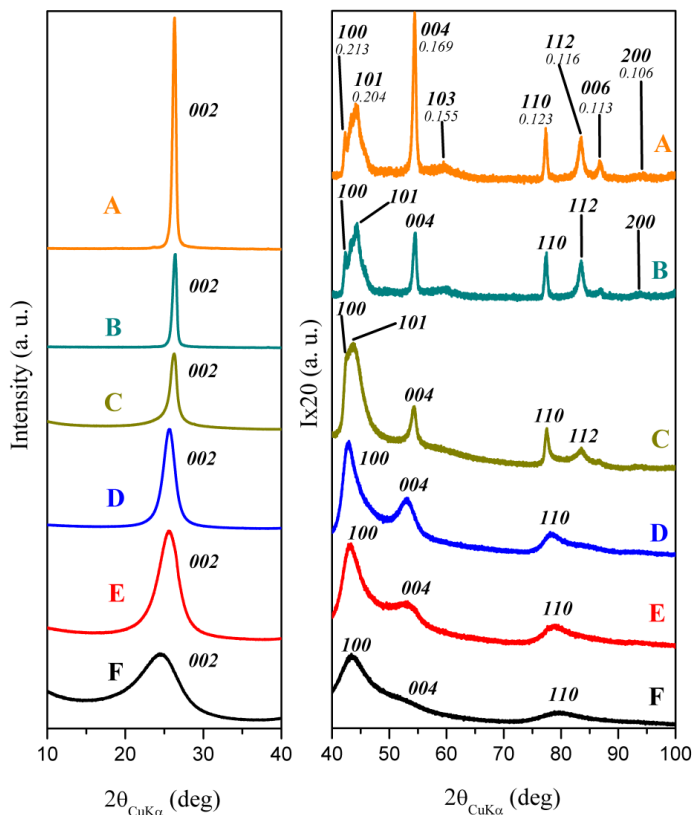
## **New Nanofillers**



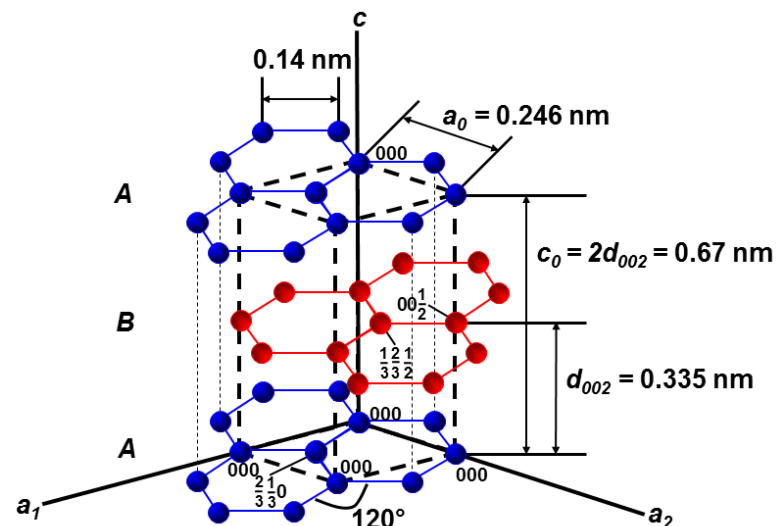
# Fillers with layers of $sp^2$ -bonded C atoms



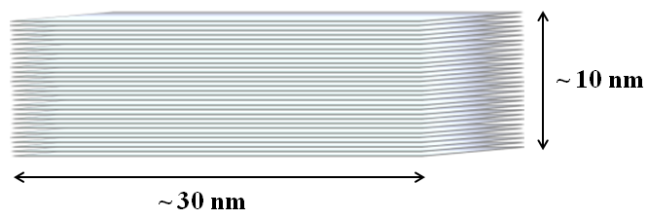
# Graphites Characterization



- **A, B** thermally treated graphites
- **C** milled graphite
- **D, E** cokes
- **F** carbon black

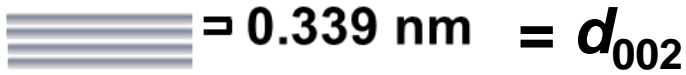


sample	$d_{002}$ (nm)	$D_{\perp}$ (nm)	$D_{\parallel}$ (nm)	$D_{\parallel}/D_{\perp}$	$\epsilon_{\perp}$ (%)	$\epsilon_{\parallel}$ (%)	$\epsilon_{\perp}/\epsilon_{\parallel}$
A	0.339	20.3	44.5	2.2	0.047	0.059	0.8
B	0.339	16.8	36.4	2.2	0.060	0.059	1.0
C	0.339	9.8	30.2	3.1	0.107	0.073	1.5
D	0.347	5.9	6.5	1.1	0.38	0.33	1.1
E	0.348	3.5	3.6	1.0	0.78	0.50	1.5
F	0.365	1.9	2.9	1.5	1.6	0.67	2.4

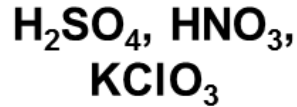


High shape anisotropy graphite (G)

# Graphite Oxide



**G**

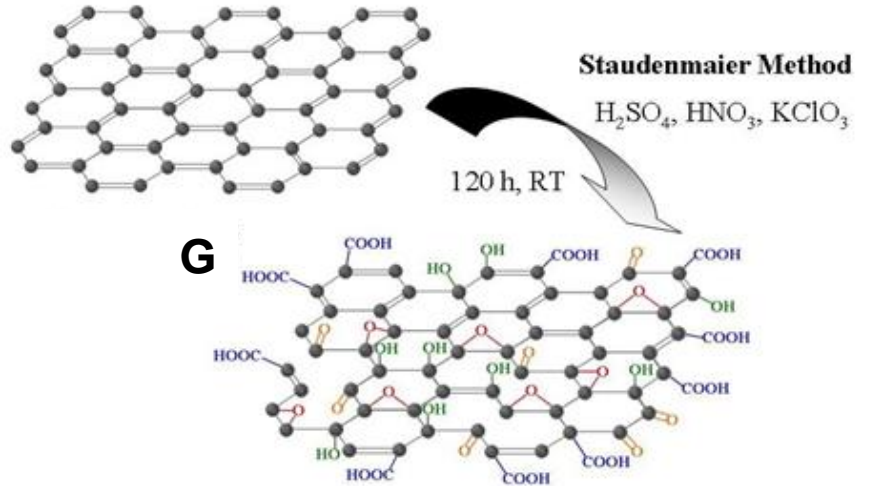


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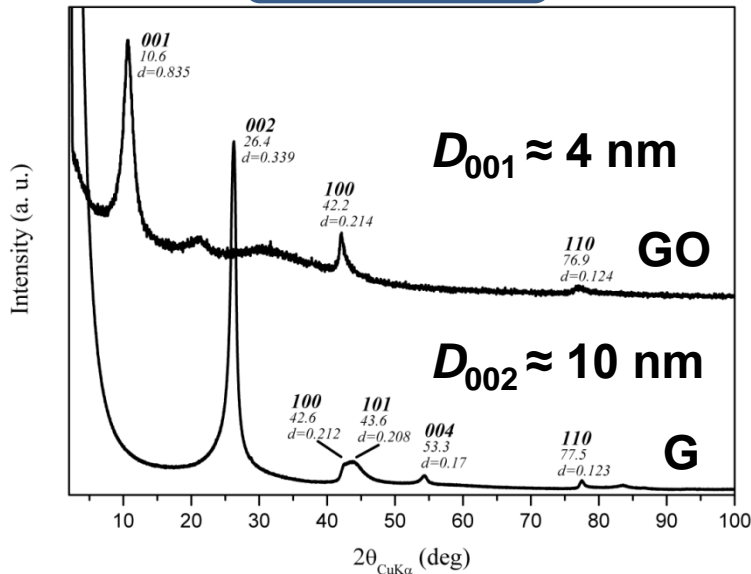
Cationic Exchange Capacity  
(C.E.C) = 7.3 mmol/g

**GO**

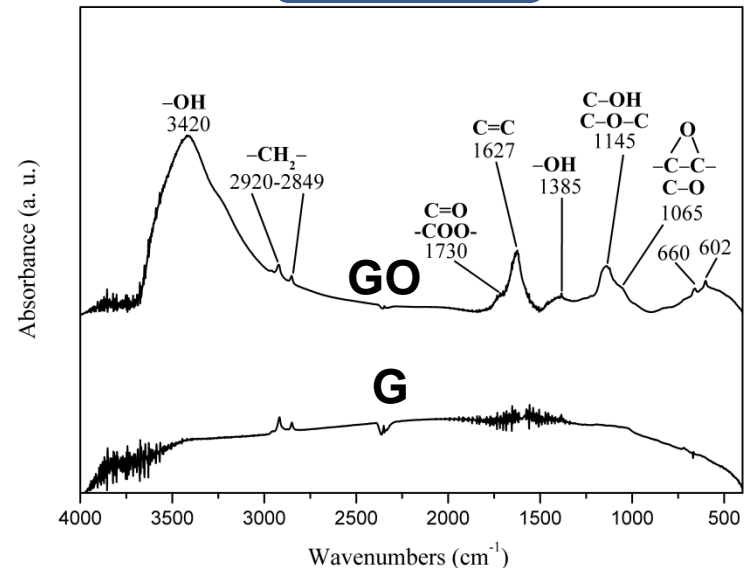


**GO: Graphite Oxide (C/O ~ 1.6)**

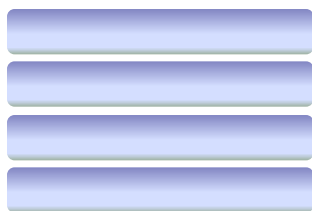
## WAXD Analysis



## FTIR Analysis

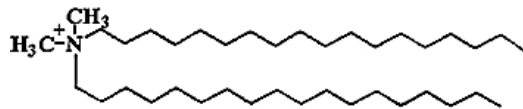


# Graphite Oxide Intercalation Compounds

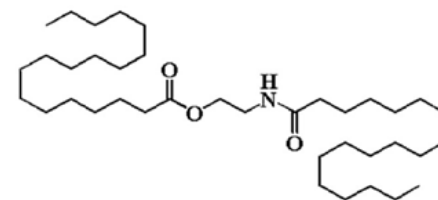


GO: Graphite Oxide

+ NaOH +



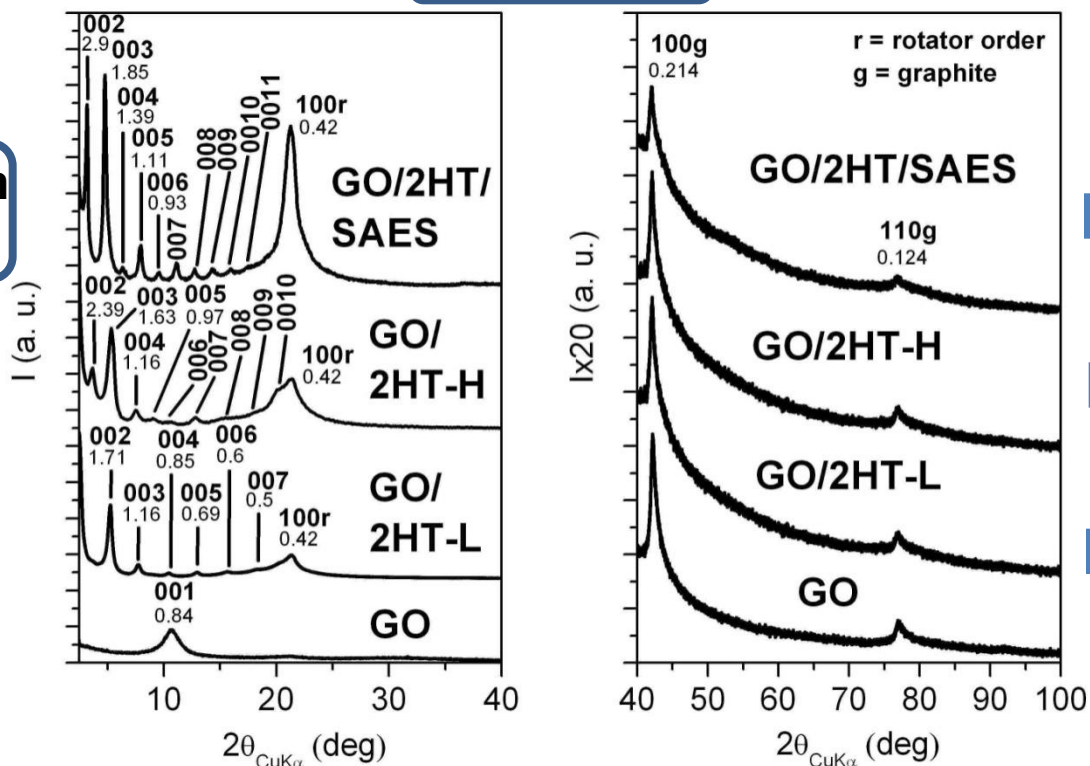
2HT: Di(hydrogenated tallow) dimethyl ammonium



SAES: 2-stearamidoethyl stearate

## WAXD Analysis

$D_{100g} \approx 30 \text{ nm}$   
 $D_{100r} \approx 10 \text{ nm}$



$d_{001} \approx 5.8 \text{ nm}$   
 $D_{001} \approx 42 \text{ nm}$

$d_{001} \approx 4.8 \text{ nm}$   
 $D_{001} \approx 16 \text{ nm}$

$d_{001} \approx 3.4 \text{ nm}$   
 $D_{001} \approx 14 \text{ nm}$

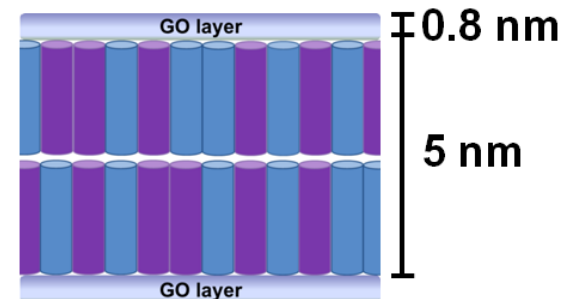
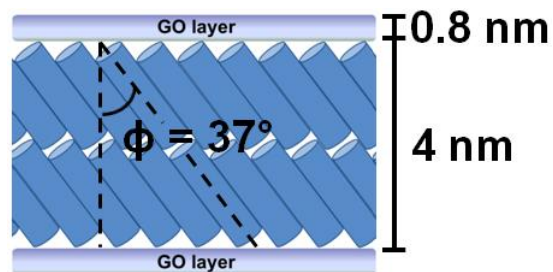
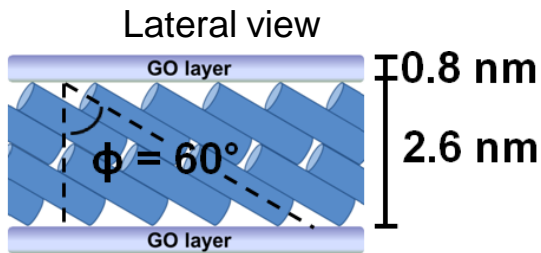


# GOICs: Structures

$$d_{001} = 3.4 \text{ nm}$$

$$d_{001} = 4.8 \text{ nm}$$

$$d_{001} = 5.8 \text{ nm}$$

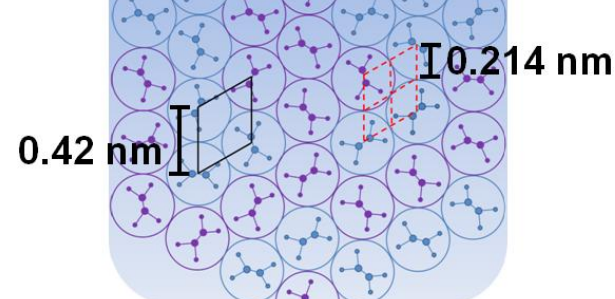
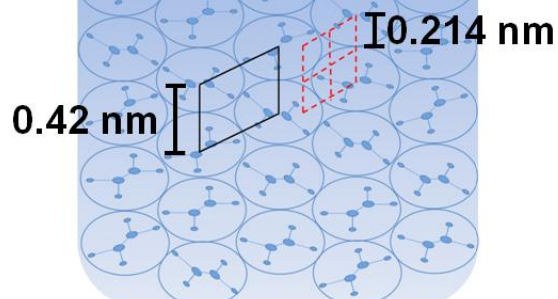
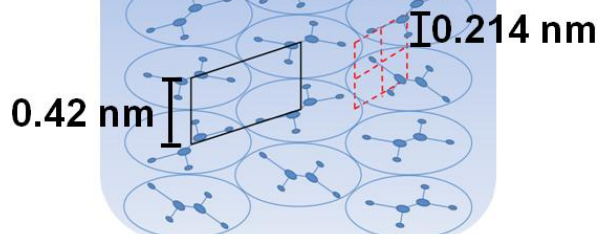


Top view

Cgo/chains  $\approx 8/1$

Cgo/chains  $\approx 6/1$

Cgo/chains  $\approx 4/1$



GO/2HT-L

GO/2HT-H

GO/2HT/SAES

Tilted Bi-layer

Perpendicular Bi-layer

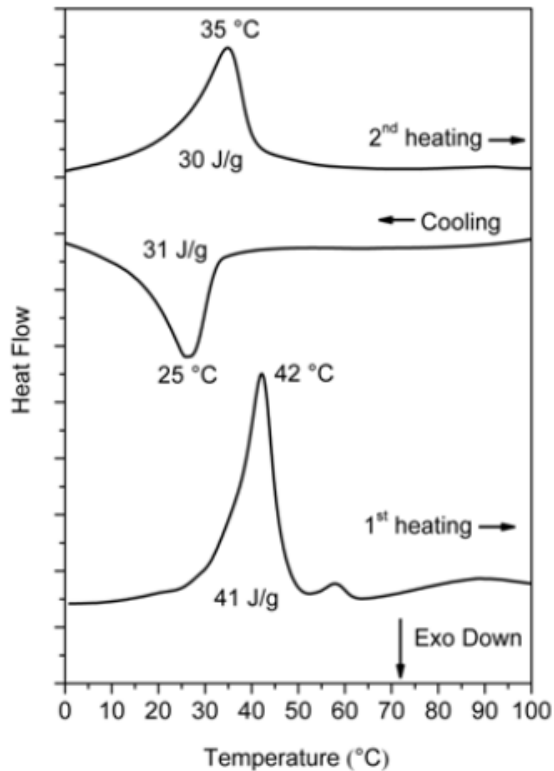


= 2HT C18 alkyl chain



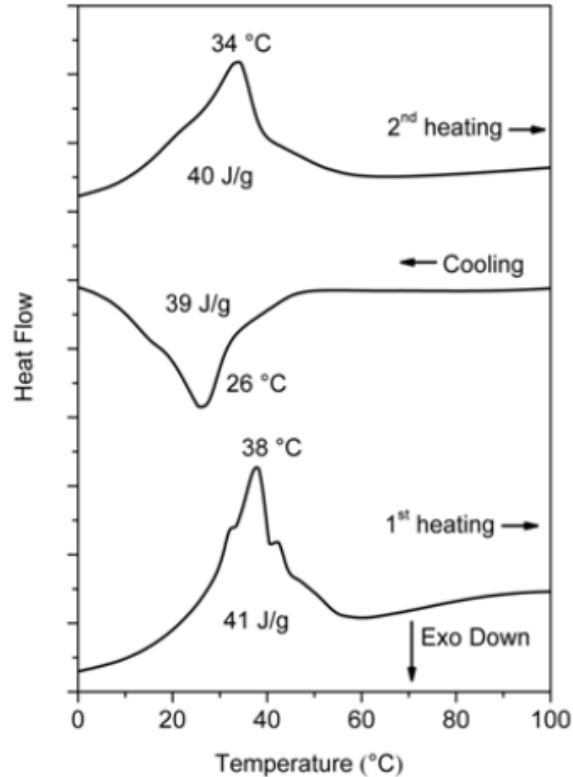
= SAES C18 alkyl chain

# GOICs: DSC Analysis



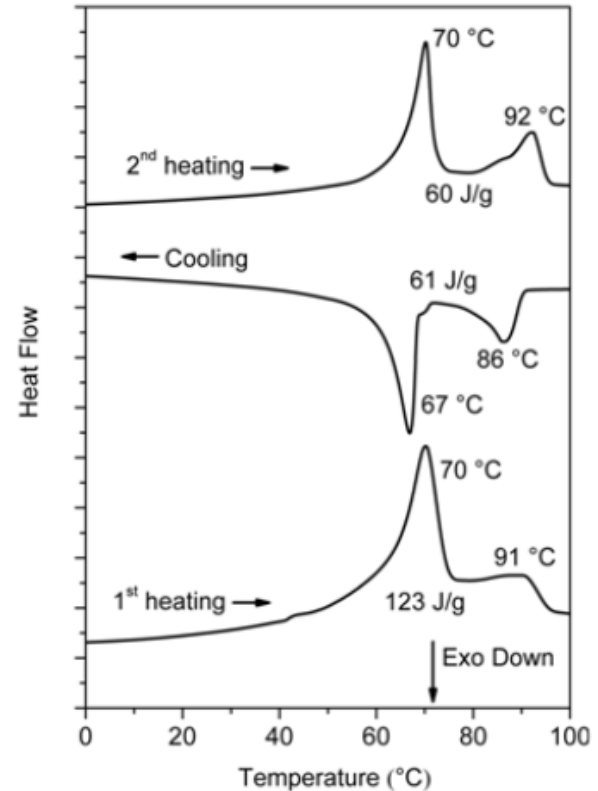
**GO/2HT-L**

Cgo/chains ≈ 8/1



**GO/2HT-H**

Cgo/chains ≈ 6/1

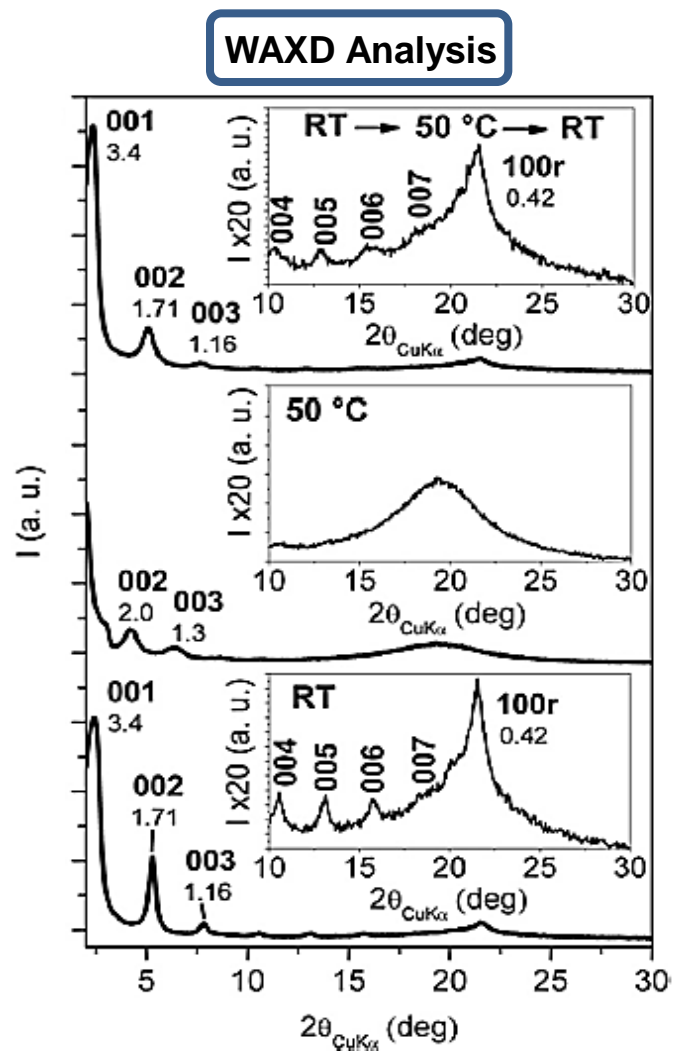
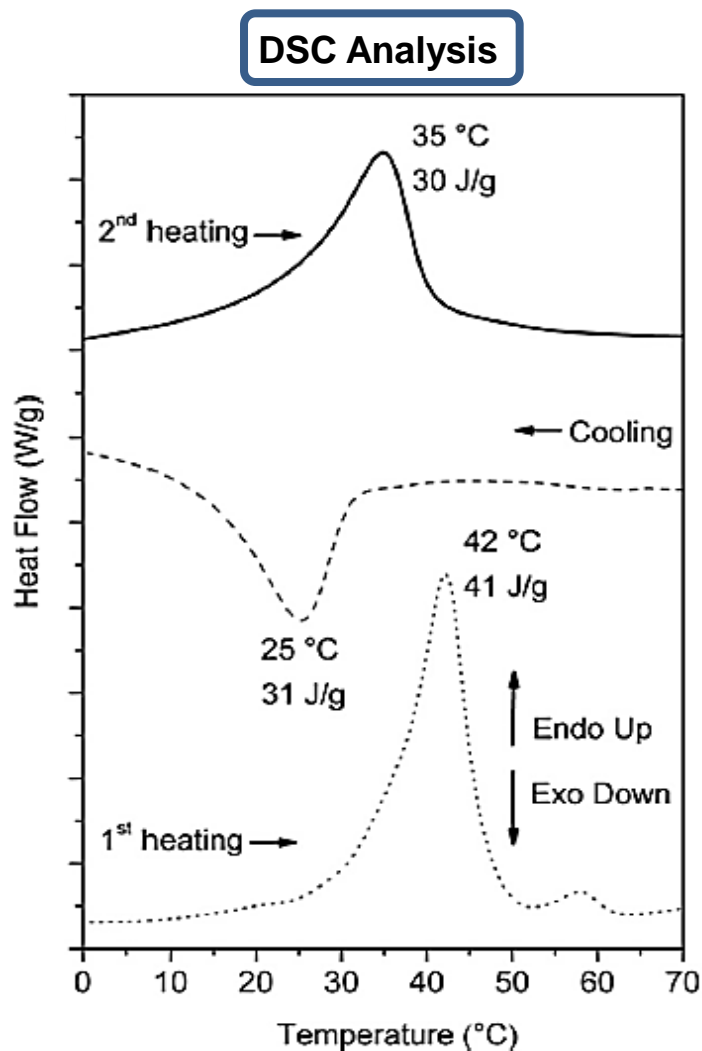


**GO/2HT/SAES**

Cgo/chains ≈ 4/1

Transition temperatures and melting enthalpies increase with the chains content in the interlayer space.

# GOICs: Structure Reversibility



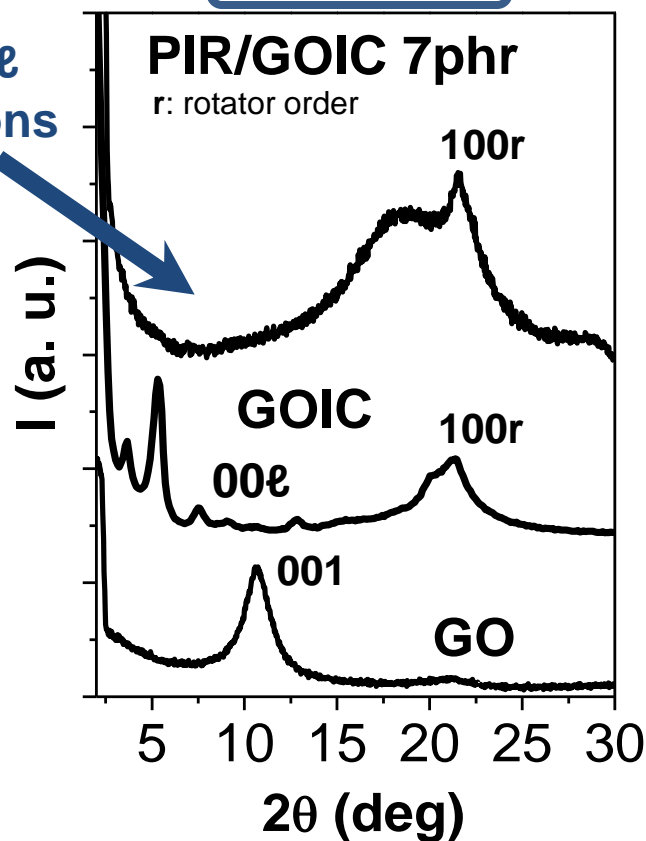
Thermal treatments of GO/2HT-L intercalate

# Rubber/GOIC Nanocomposites



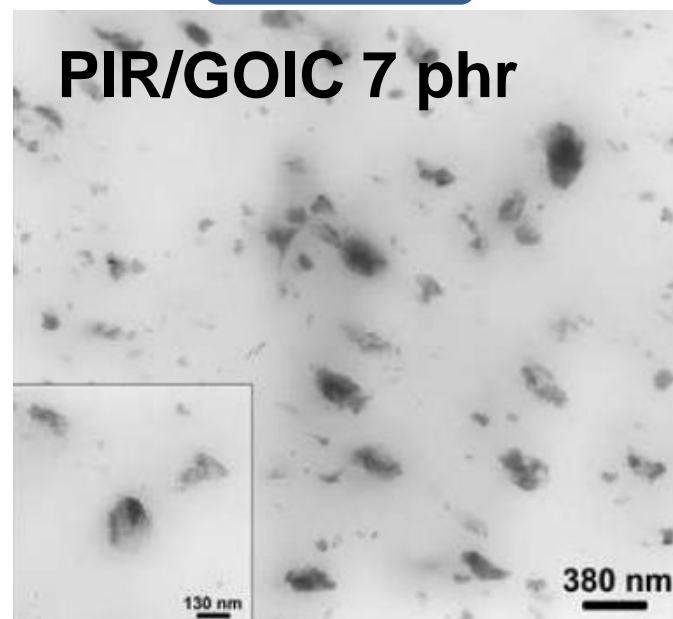
WAXD Analysis

NO 00 $\ell$  reflections



phr: parts per hundred grams of rubber

TEM Analysis

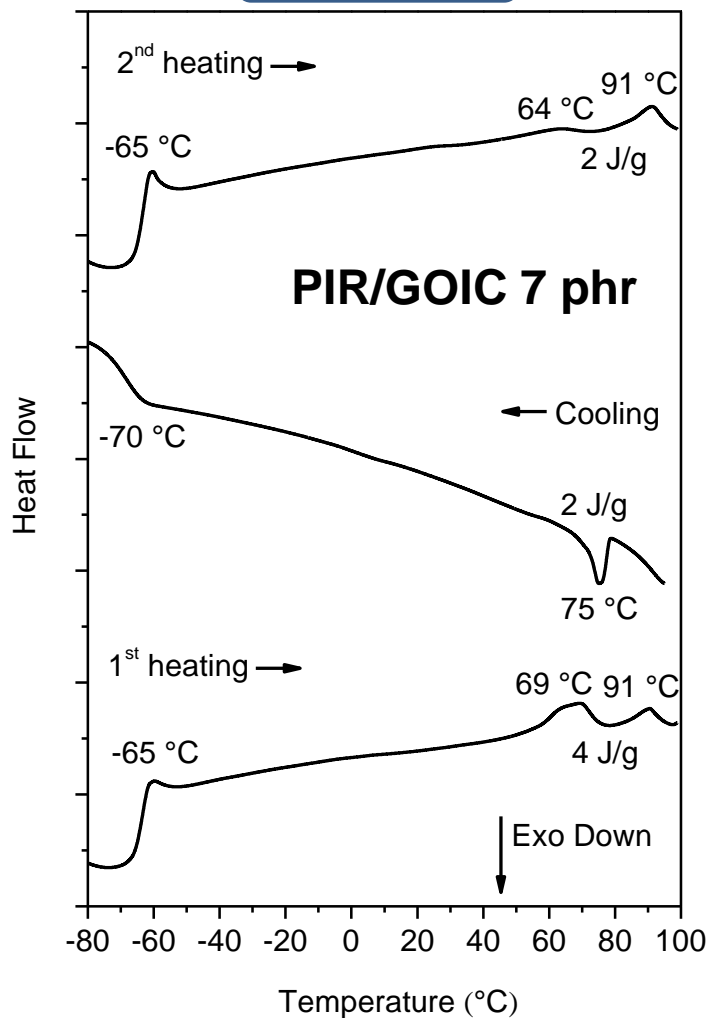


Evenly distributed and prevaingly exfoliated stacks with nanometric dimensions

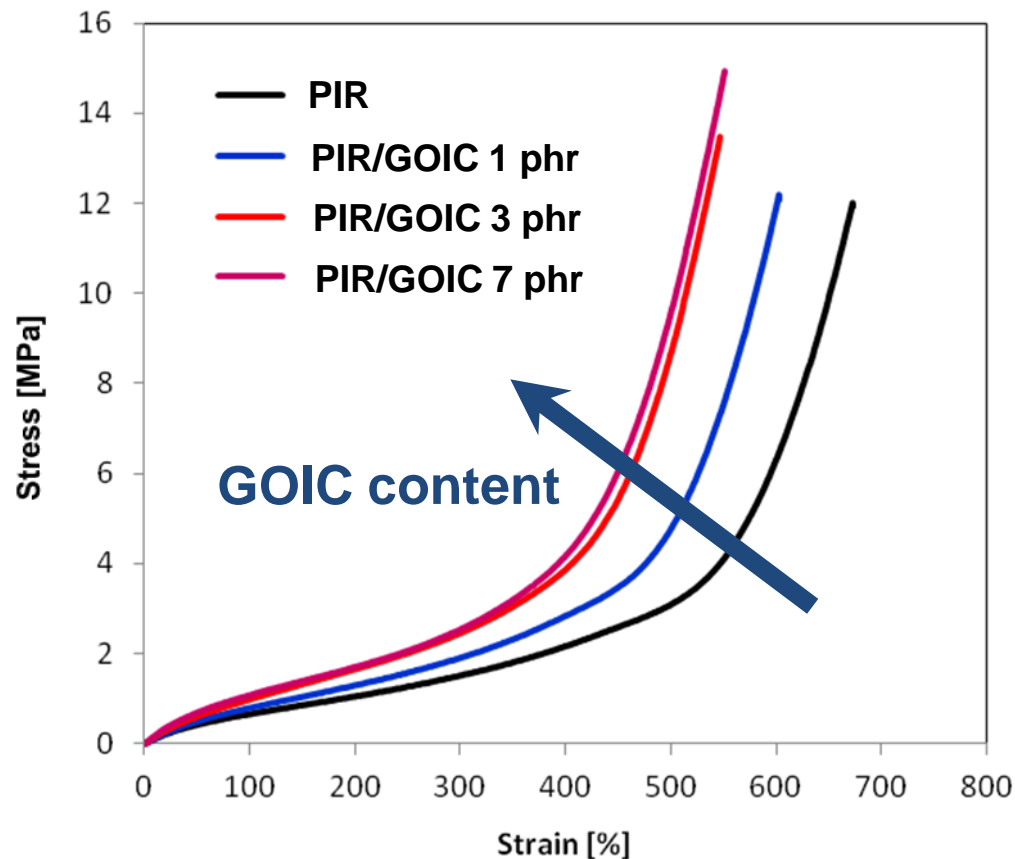


# Rubber Nanocomposites Properties

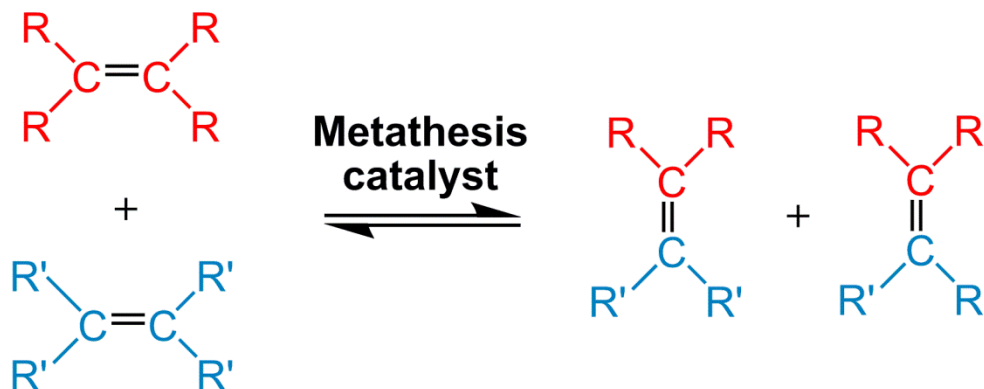
## DSC Analysis



## Stress-Strain Analysis

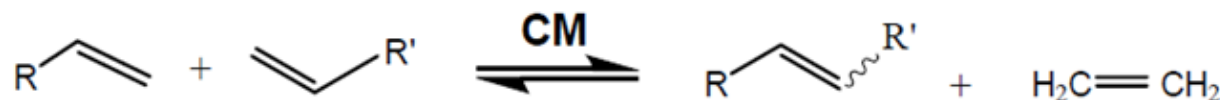


# Olefin Metathesis



meta = exchange

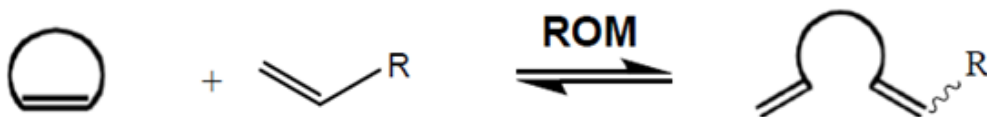
thesis = position



Cross metathesis



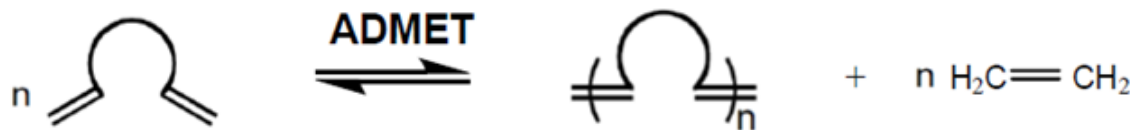
Ring-closing metathesis



Ring-opening metathesis



Ring-opening metathesis polymerization



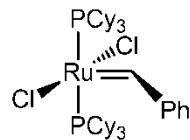
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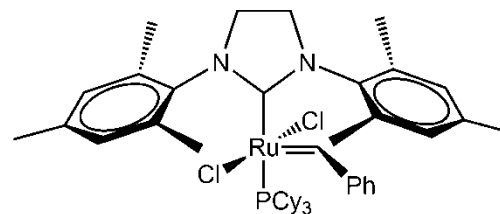
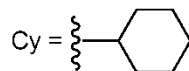
## First Generation

## Second Generation

### Grubbs Catalysts

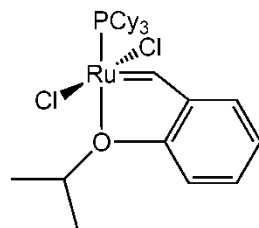


**G1**

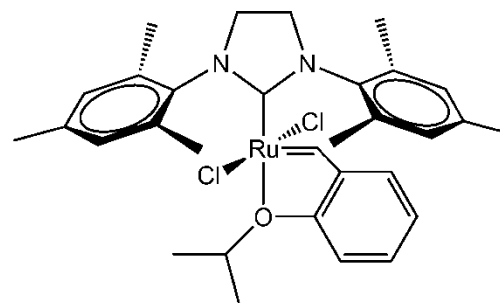


**G2**

### Hoveyda-Grubbs Catalysts

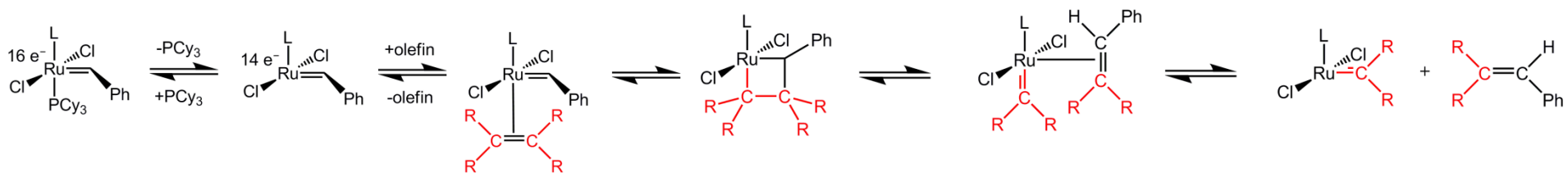


**HG1**

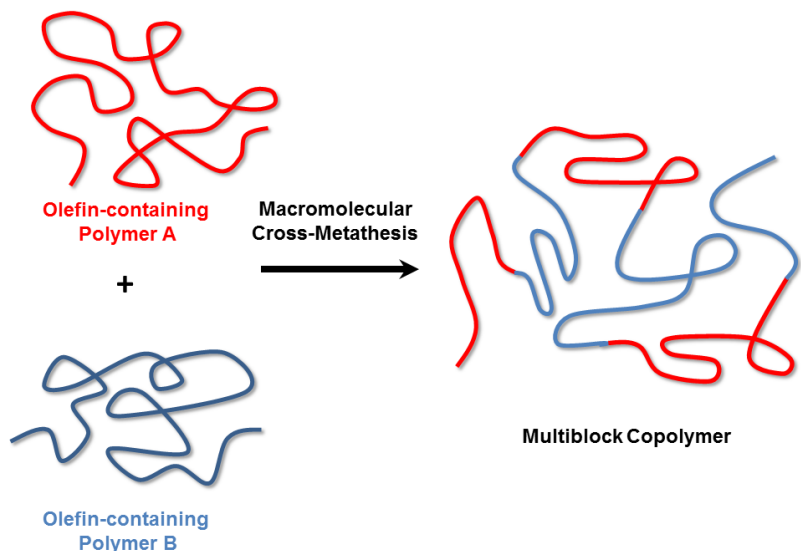


**HG2**

## Mechanism

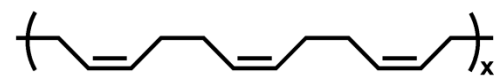


# Macromolecular Cross-Metathesis



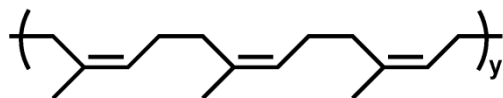
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## Objective



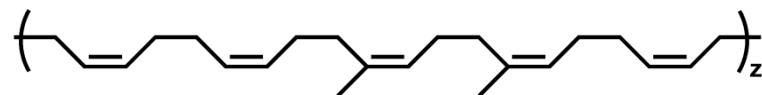
Polybutadiene (PBR)

+



Polyisoprene (PIR)

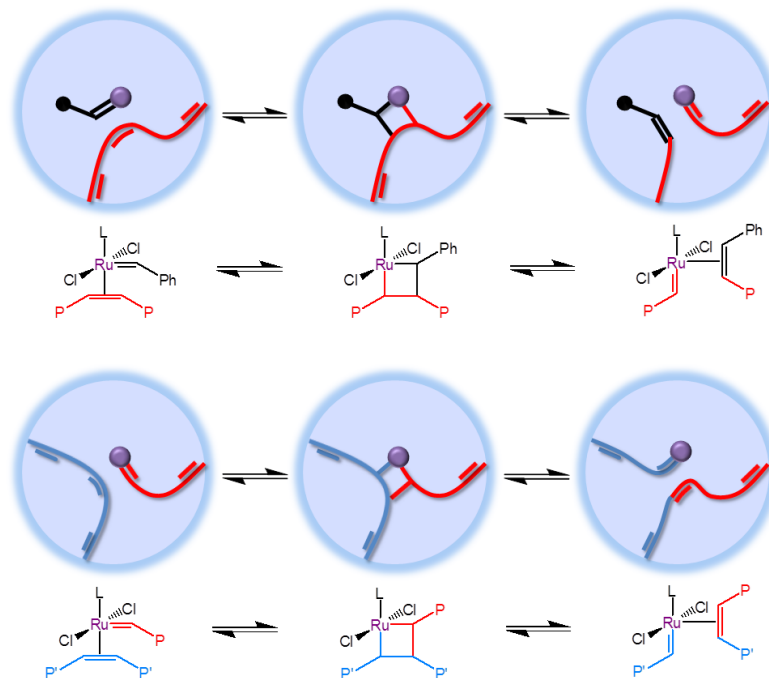
Catalyst



High *cis* PBR-PIR Copolymers



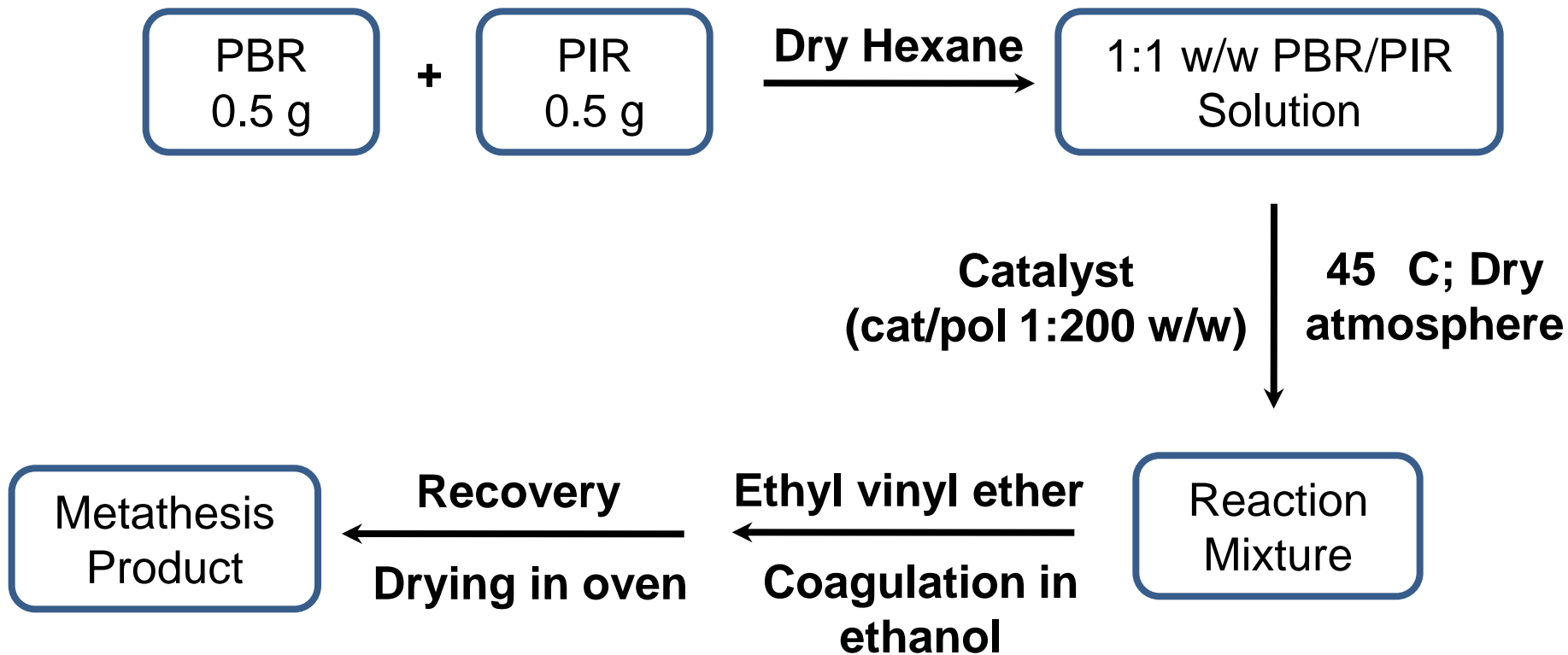
Compatibilizers for PBR/PIR Mixtures



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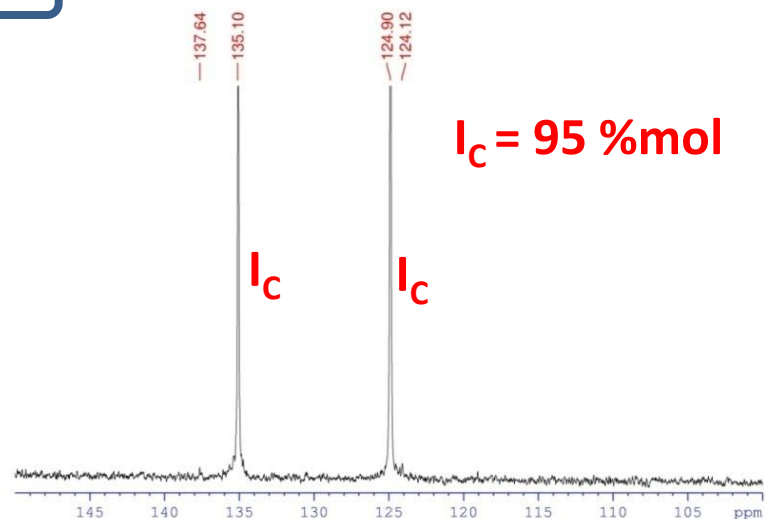
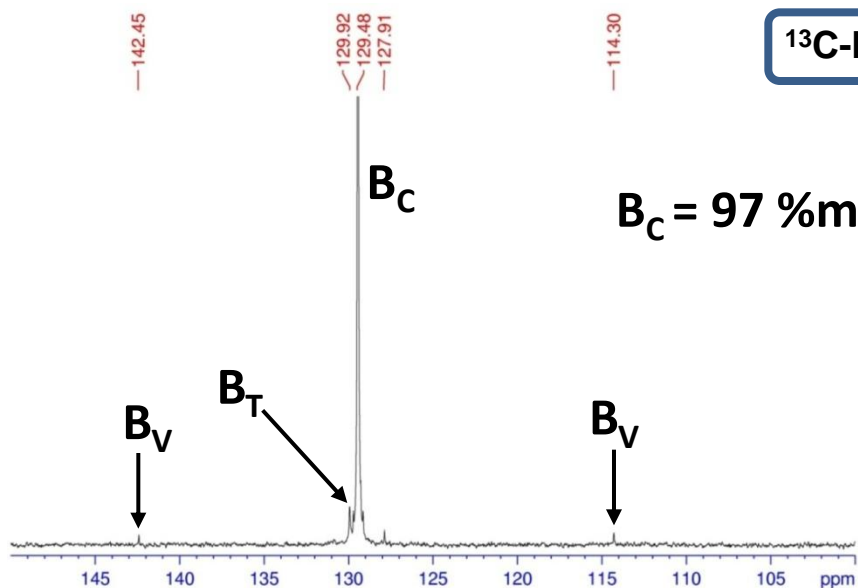
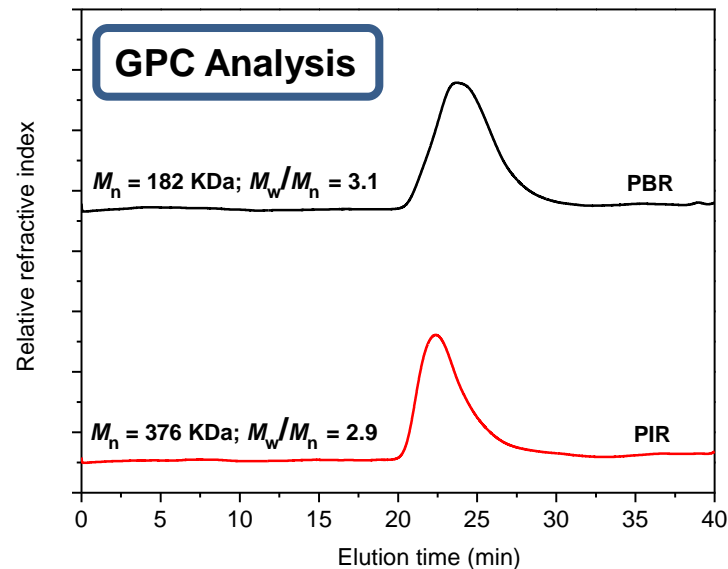
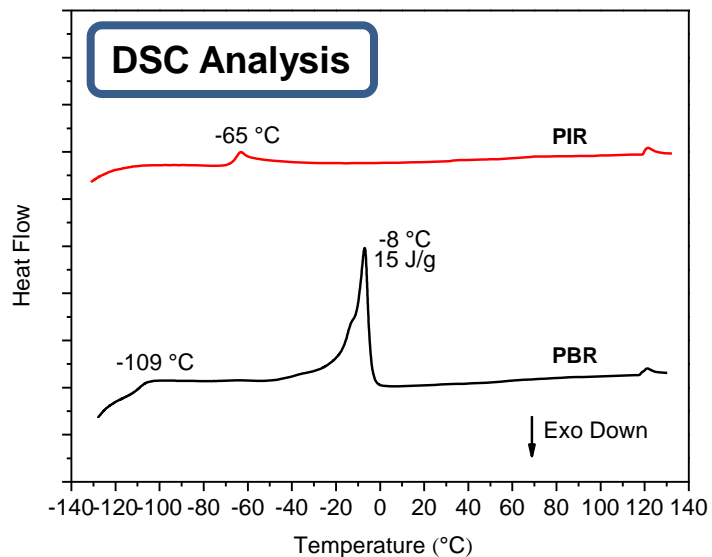


# Cross-Metathesis Experimental Procedure

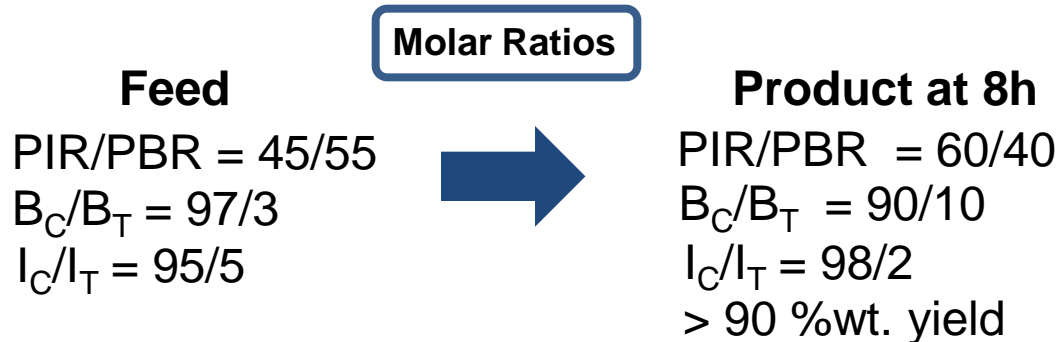
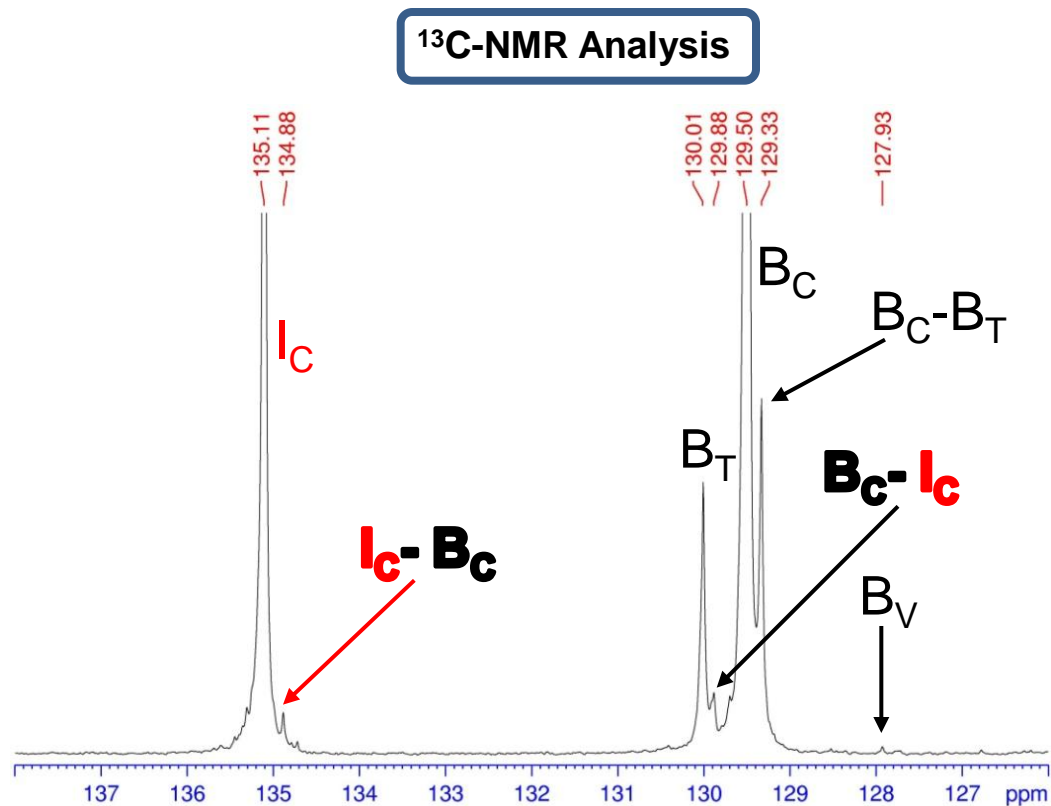
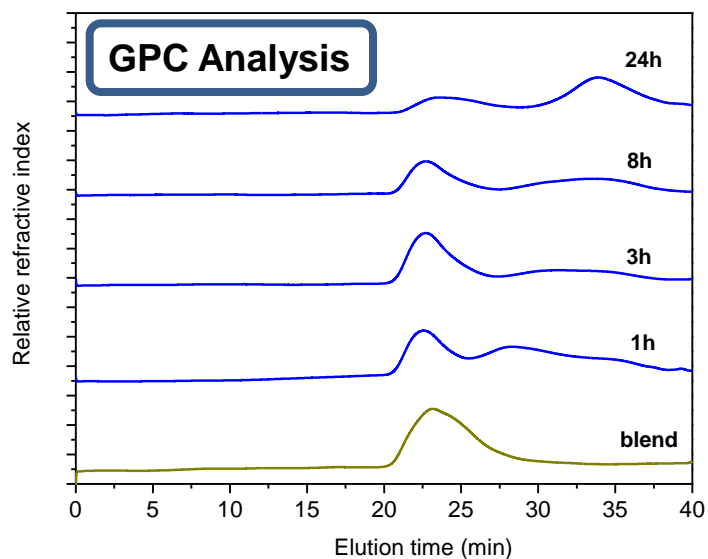
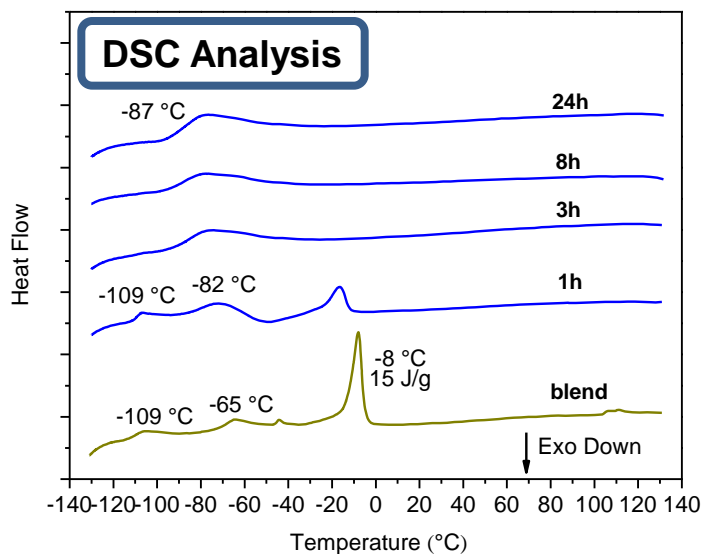


**Preliminary Optimization:** 10g product, cat/pol 1:1000 w/w, in air

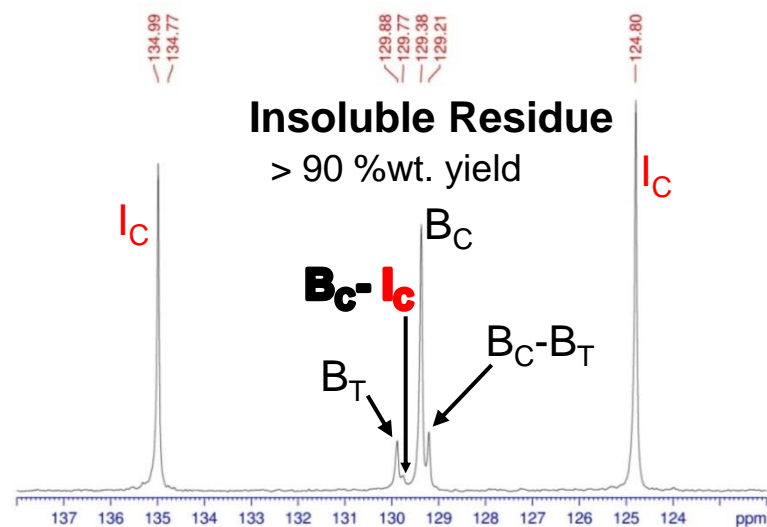
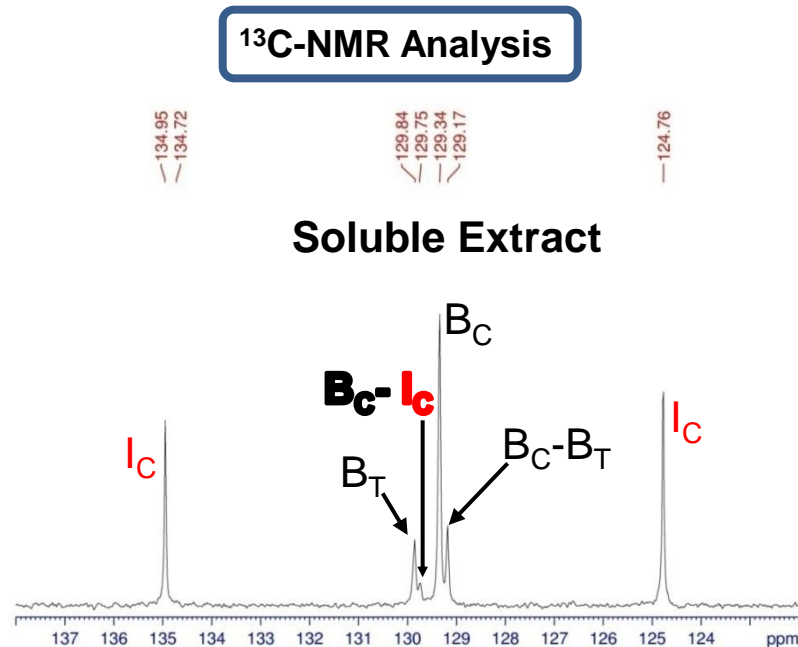
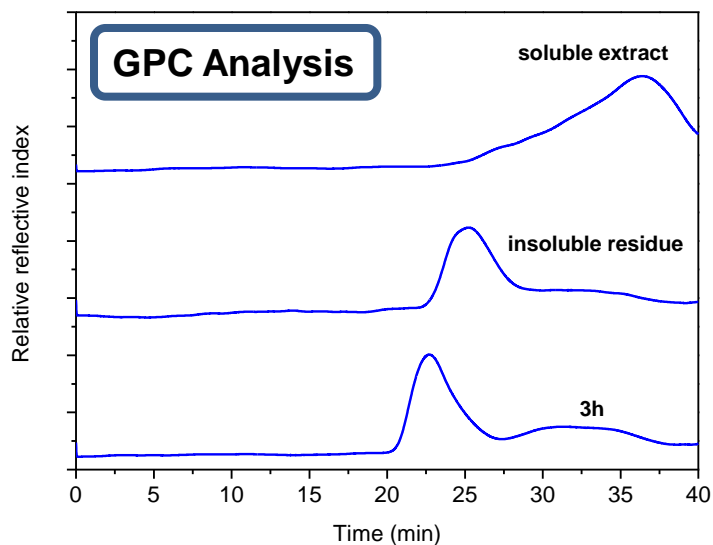
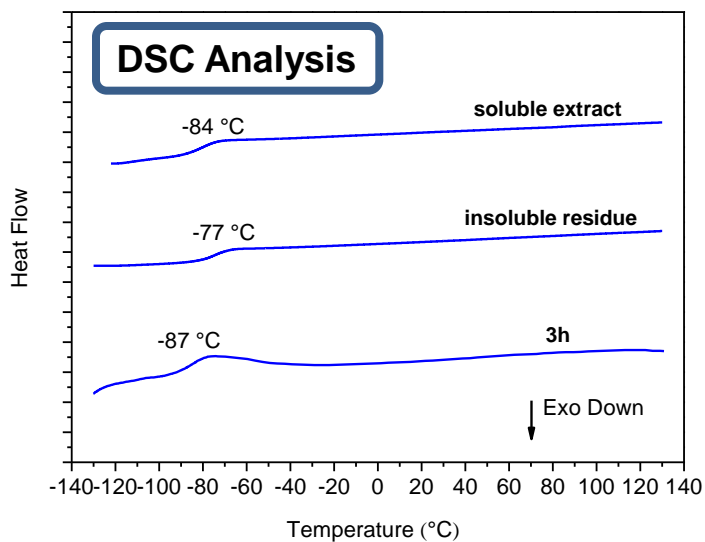
# Starting Homopolymers



# Products from 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Catalysts



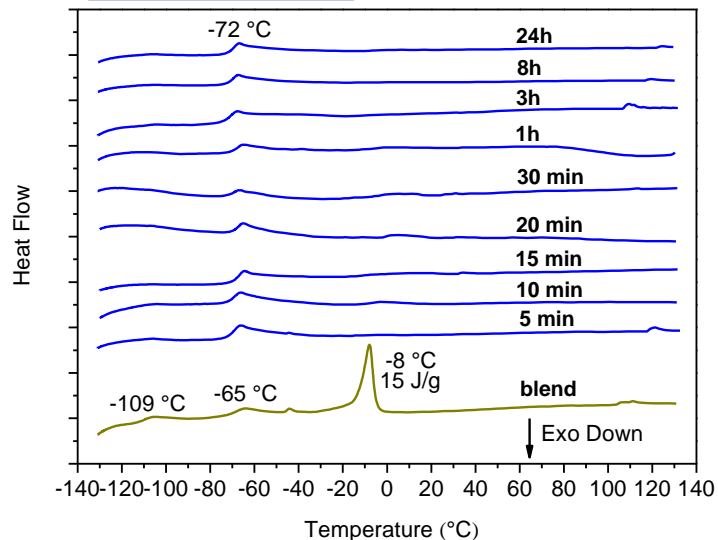
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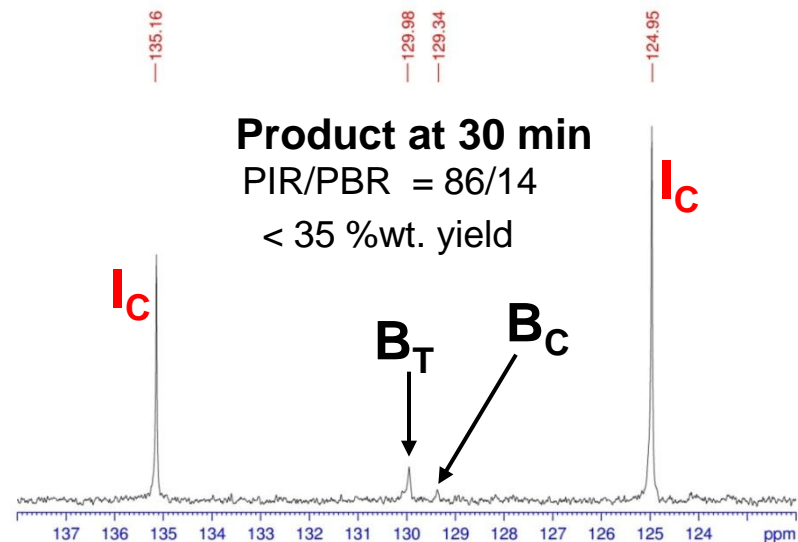


# Products from 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Catalysts

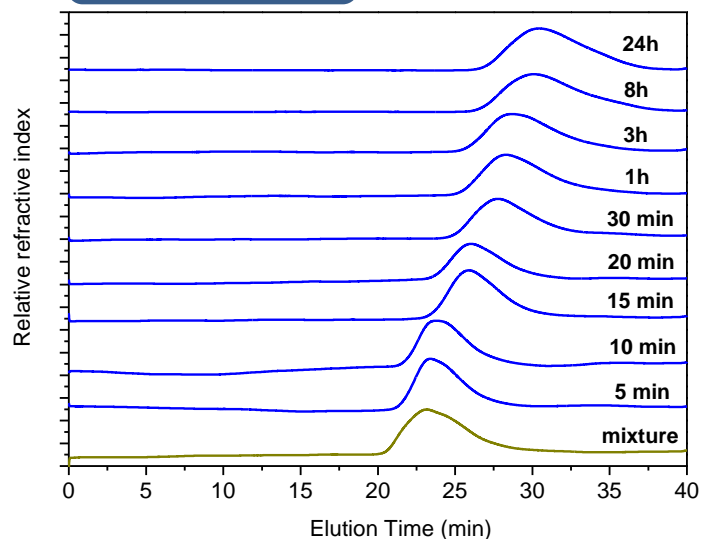
## DSC Analysis



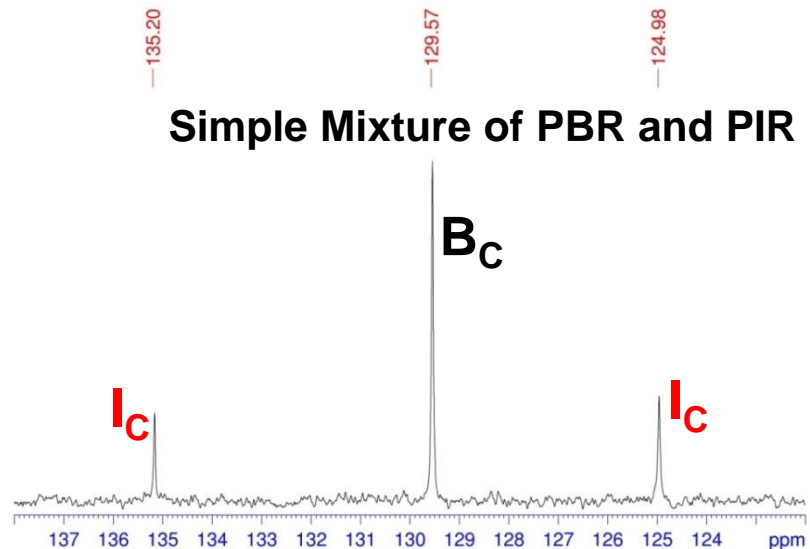
## <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Analysis



## GPC Analysis



## Simple Mixture of PBR and PIR



# Conclusions

## Graphite-Based Nanofillers

- **Tailor-made graphitic nanofillers** with different interlayer distance and different degree of crystalline order were successfully obtained.

## Rubber Nanocomposites

- **The intercalation of GO** with long-chain guests improves the compatibility of GO with rubbers.
- GOICs **remarkably affect the mechanical and thermal properties** of the derived rubber nanocomposites.

## Macromolecular Cross-Metathesis of Rubbers

- Metathesis reactions were used to prepare **innovative polymer-polymer materials**.
- **High-cis random multiblock PBR-PIR copolymers** were preferentially obtained with 1<sup>st</sup> generation metathesis catalysts.
- **Degradation of rubbers** was preferentially obtained by 2<sup>nd</sup> generation metathesis catalysts.

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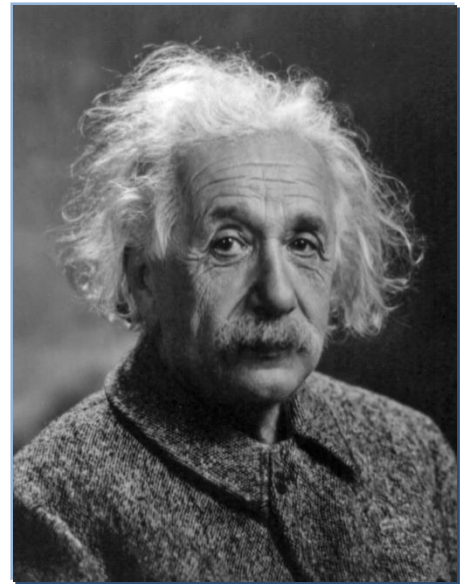
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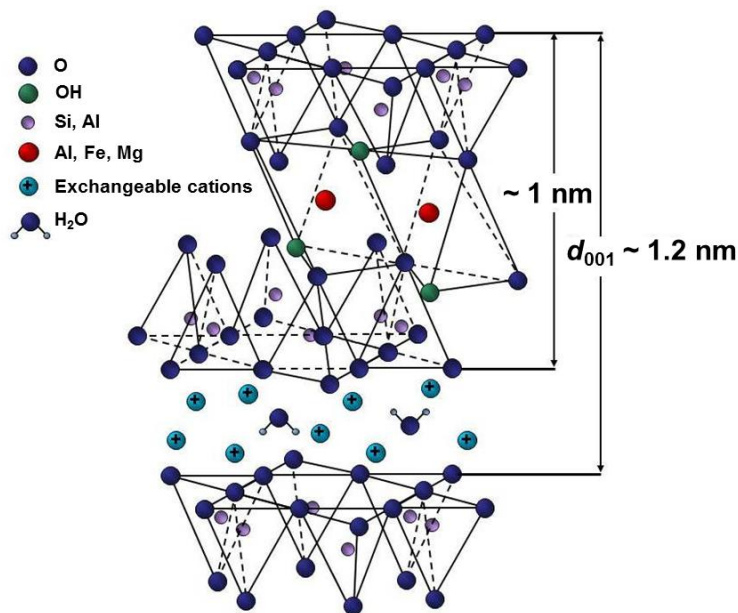


**SUPPORT**



# Cationic Clays: Montmorillonite

**Montmorillonite** (MMT) is a cationic clay, made of negatively charged layers with the interlayer space filled by alkali and alkaline earth cations.



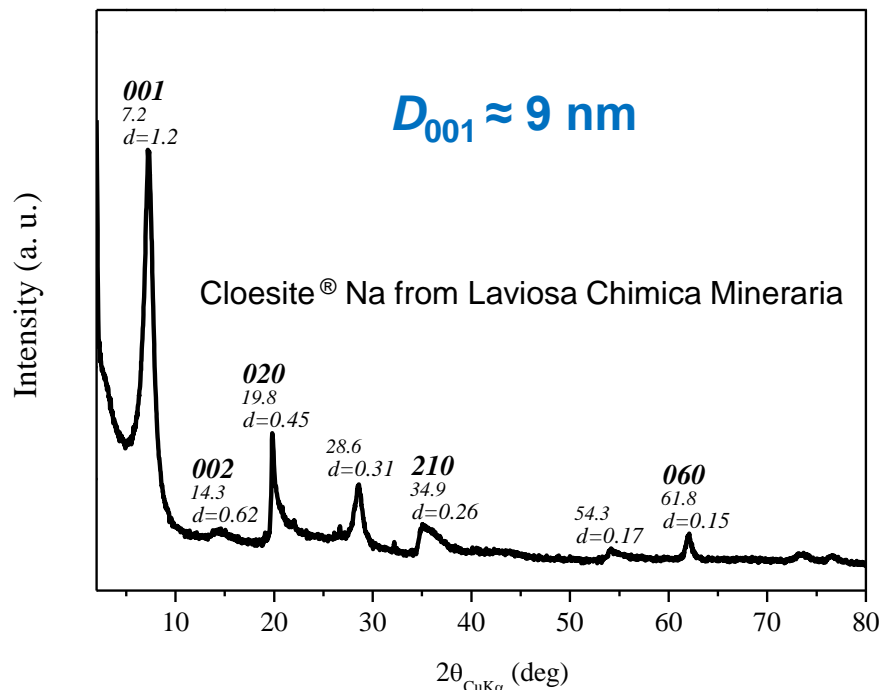
**Crystallite size: Scherrer equation**

$$D = \frac{K\lambda}{\beta \cos\theta}$$

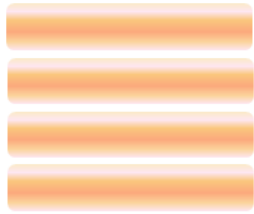
K = Scherrer Constant  
 $\lambda$  = wavelength of radiation  
 $\beta$  = integral breadth



**Periodicity: Bragg law  $d = \lambda/2\sin\theta$**   
 $d_{001} \approx 1.2 \text{ nm}$

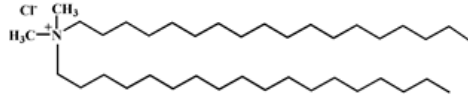


# Neat Organoclays

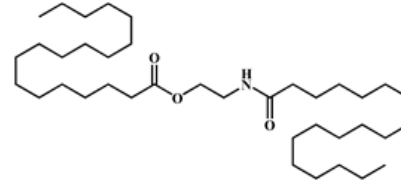


**MMT:** Montmorillonite

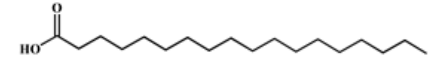
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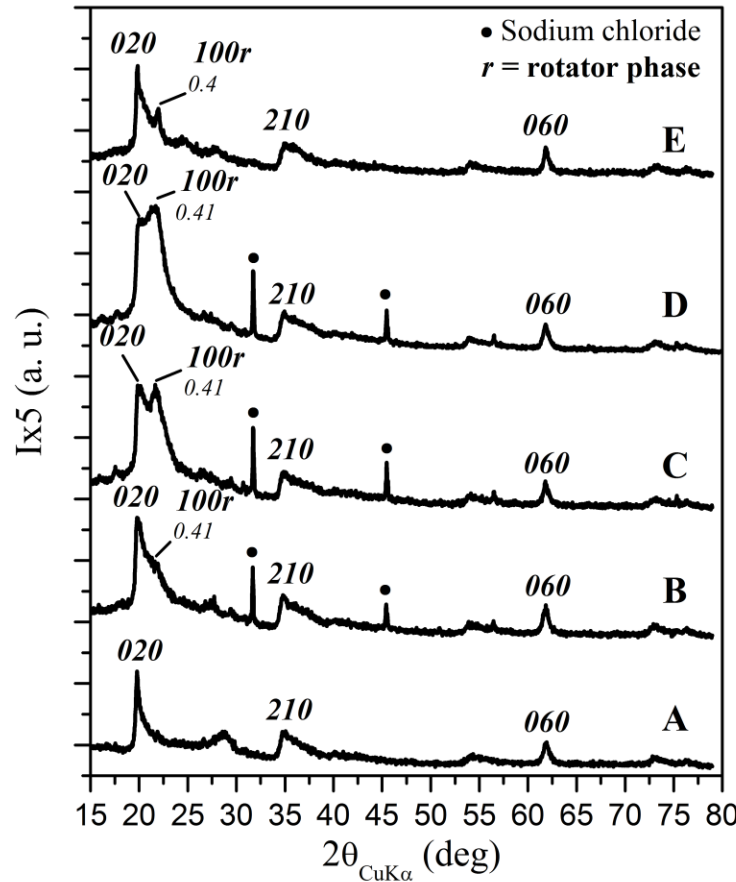
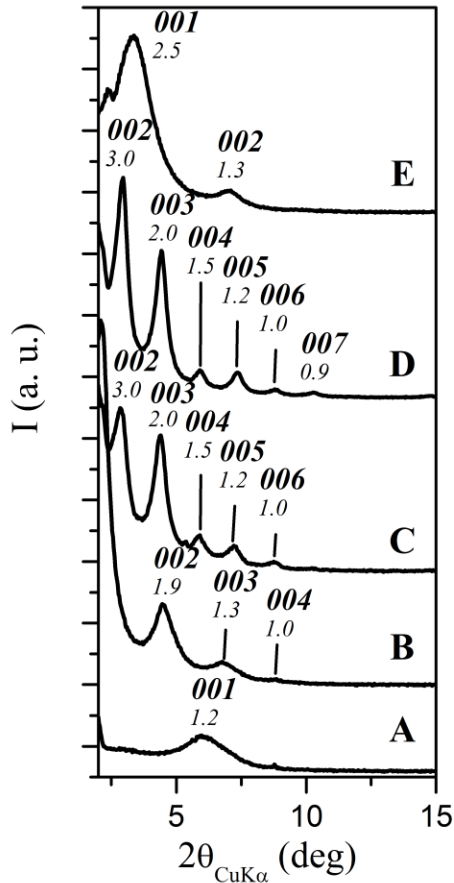
**2HT:** Di(hydrogenated tallow) dimethyl ammonium chloride



**SAES:** 2-stearamidoethyl stearate



**SA:** Stearic acid



**E:** B, C, D after extraction in Soxhlet with AcOEt

**D:** MMT+2HT+SAES

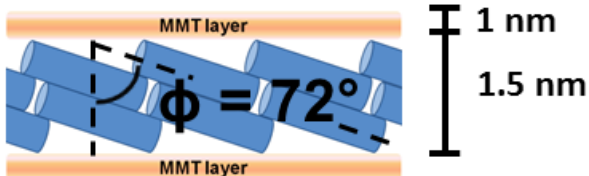
**C:** MMT+2HT+SA

**B:** MMT+2HT

**A:** Pristine MMT

# Neat Organoclay: Structures

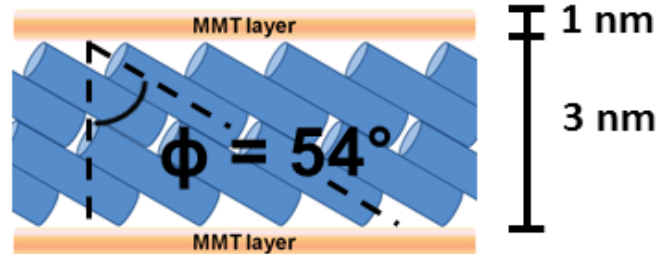
$$d_{001} = 2.5 \text{ nm}$$



MMT+2HT

Tilted Bi-layer

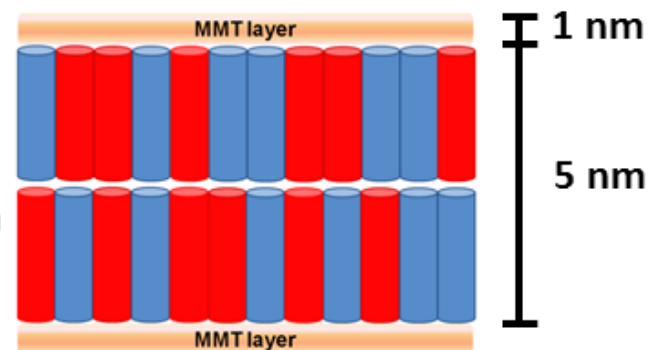
$$d_{001} = 4 \text{ nm}$$



MMT+2HT

Tilted Bi-layer

$$d_{001} = 6 \text{ nm}$$



MMT+2HT+SA, SAES

Perpendicular Bi-layer



= 2HT C18 alkyl chain

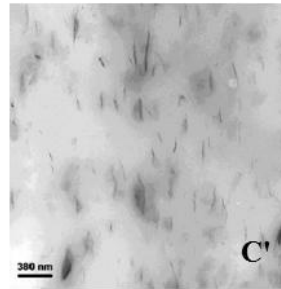
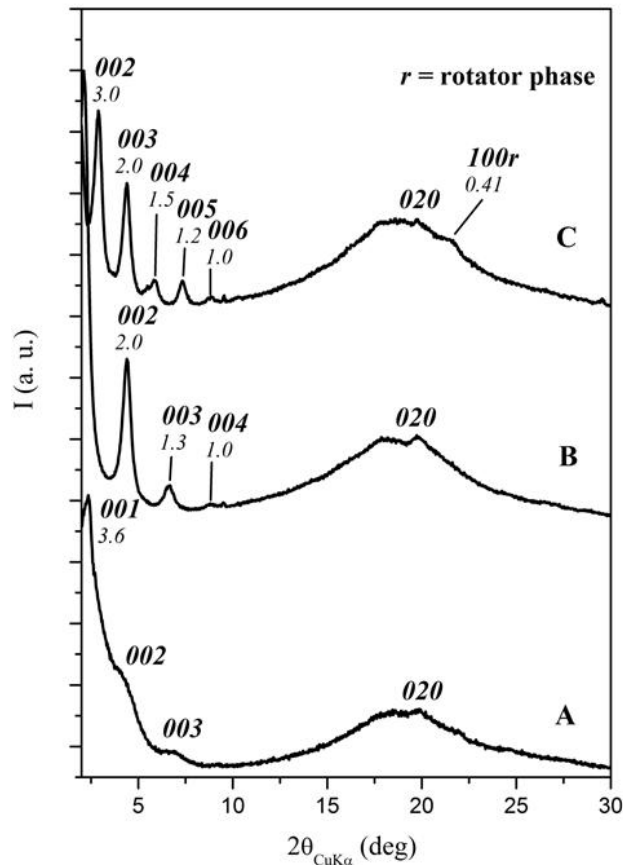


= SA, SAES C18 alkyl chain

# Rubber – Organoclay Composites

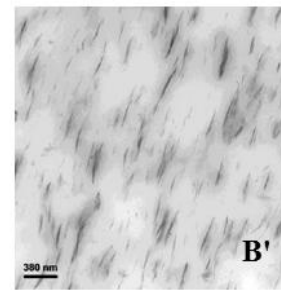
**Organoclays** (OCs) and isoprene rubber (PIR) were melt blended in an internal mixer (PIR 100; OCs 12 phr).

## TEM analysis

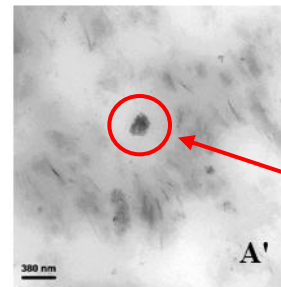


C, C': PIR+Mt+2HT+SA (OC with 6 nm)

Evenly distributed and finely dispersed tactoids



B, B': PIR+Mt+2HT (OC with 4 nm)

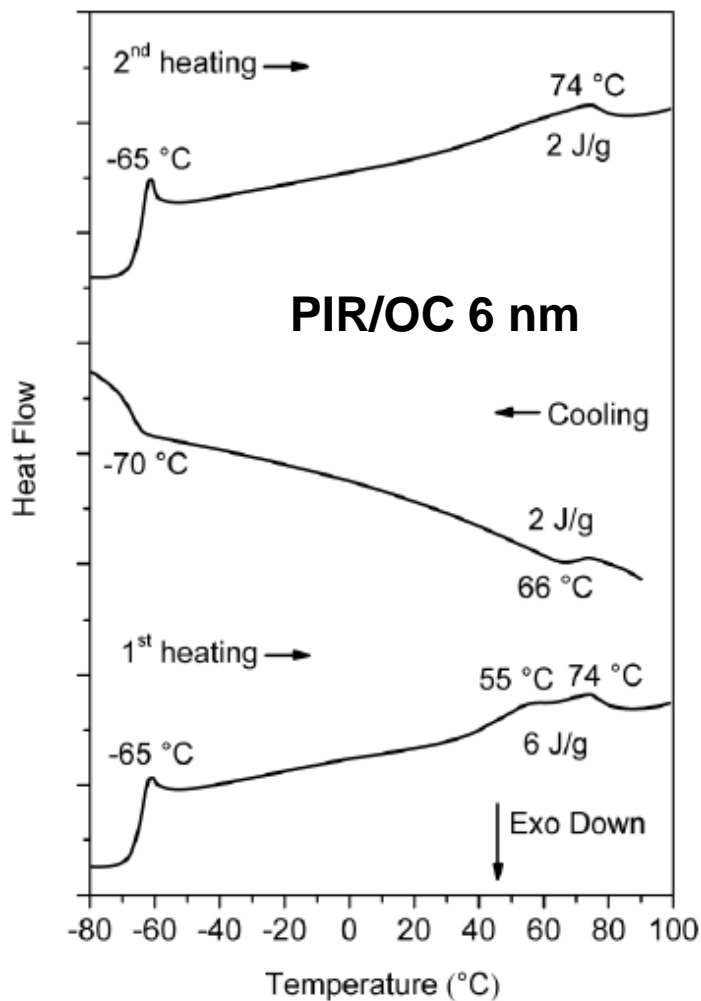


A, A': PIR+Mt+2HT (OC with 2.5 nm)

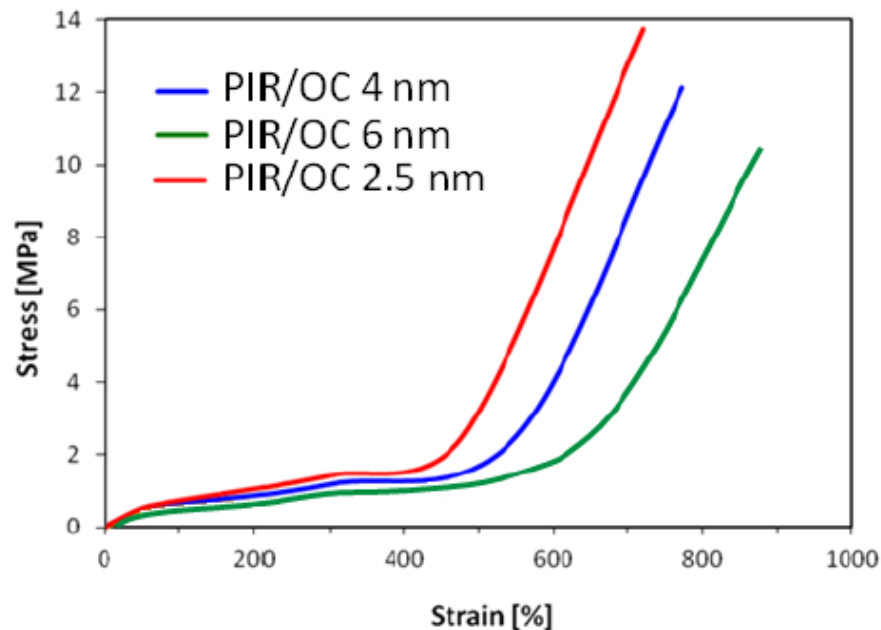
worse OCs dispersion

# Rubber Nanocomposites Properties

## DSC Analysis

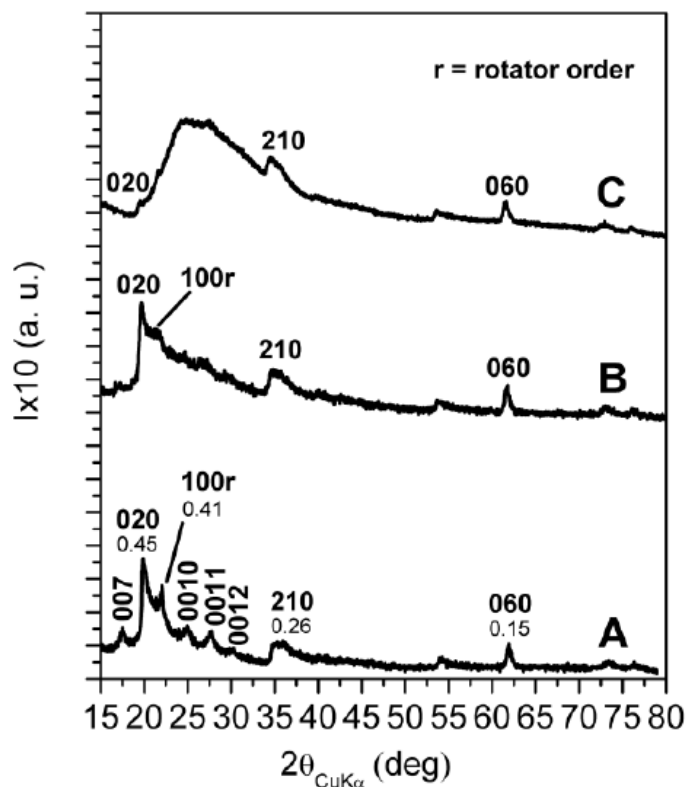
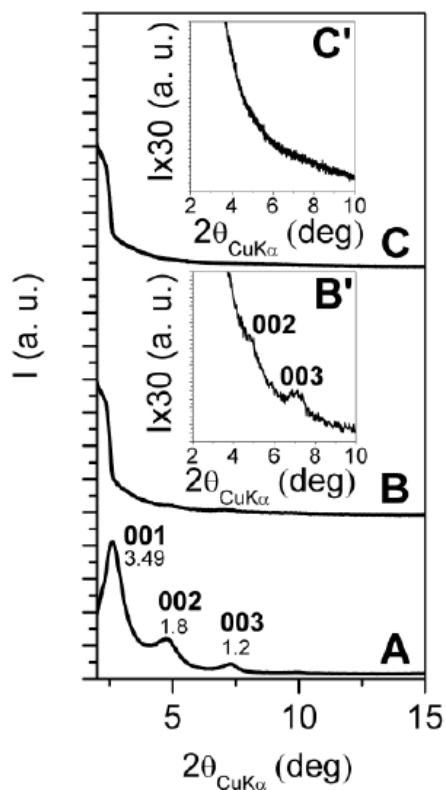


## Stress-Strain Analysis



**Plasticizing Effect of the Ammonium Salt**

# Clay Exfoliation with scCO<sub>2</sub>



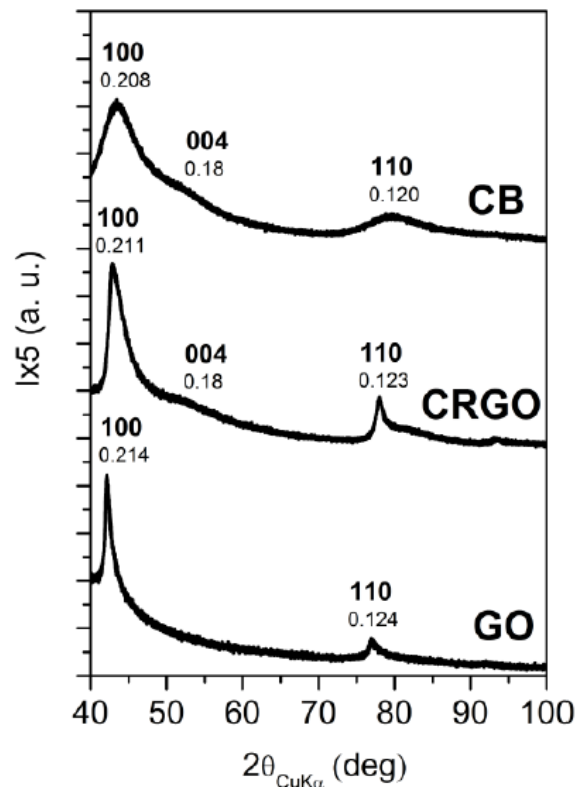
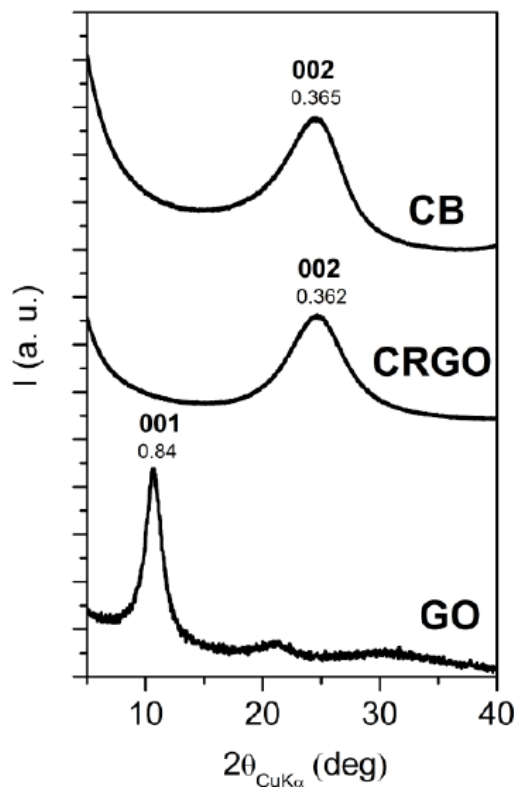
**C:** 16h scCO<sub>2</sub> treatment

**B:** 16h scCO<sub>2</sub> treatment

**A:** Dellite® 67G



# Chemically Reduced Graphite Oxide

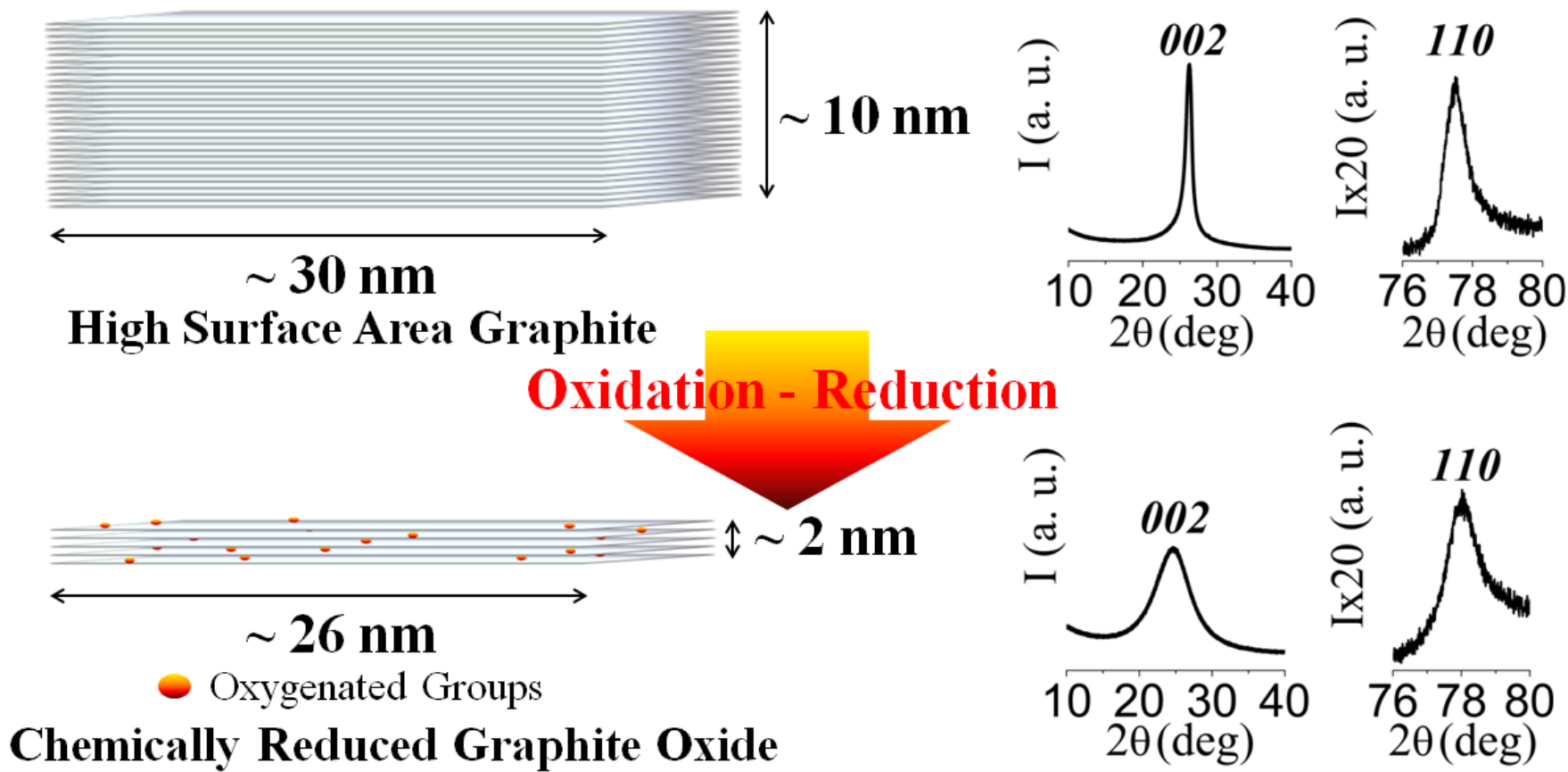


$$D_{002} \approx 2 \text{ nm} \quad D_{110} \approx 3 \text{ nm}$$

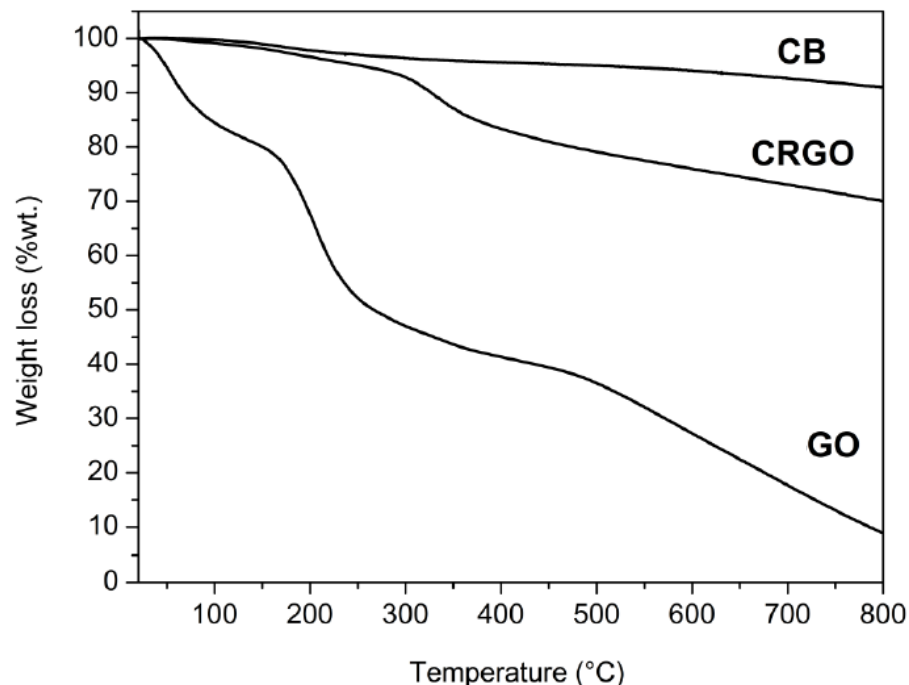
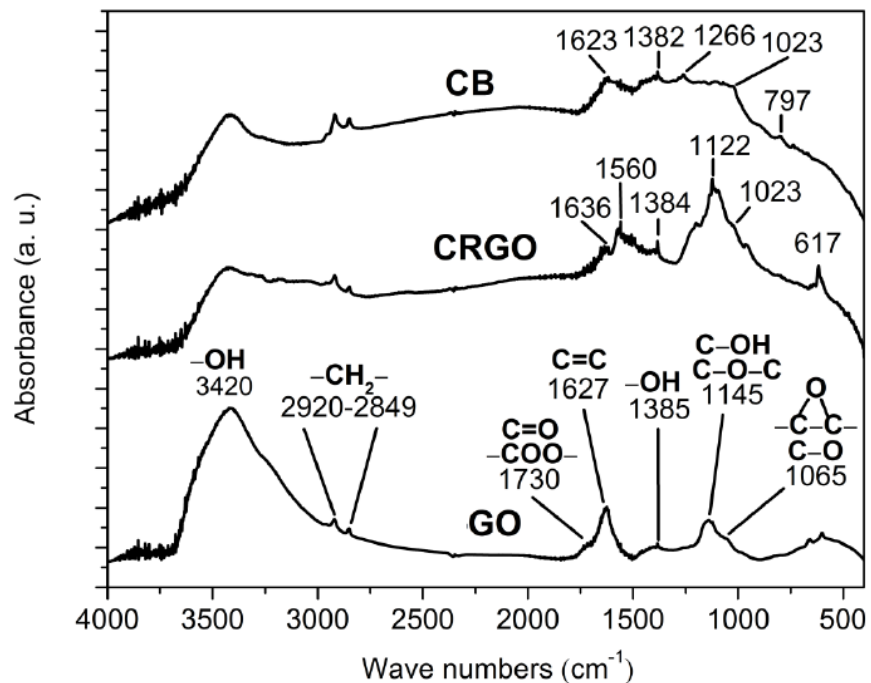
$$D_{002} \approx 2 \text{ nm} \quad D_{110} \approx 26 \text{ nm}$$

$$D_{002} \approx 4 \text{ nm} \quad D_{110} \approx 30 \text{ nm}$$

# Overall Effect of Oxidation-Reduction Procedure on Graphite

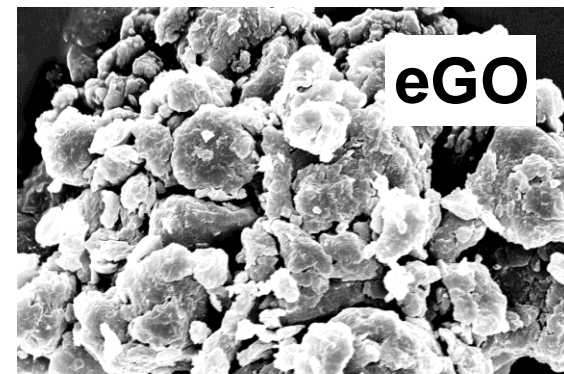
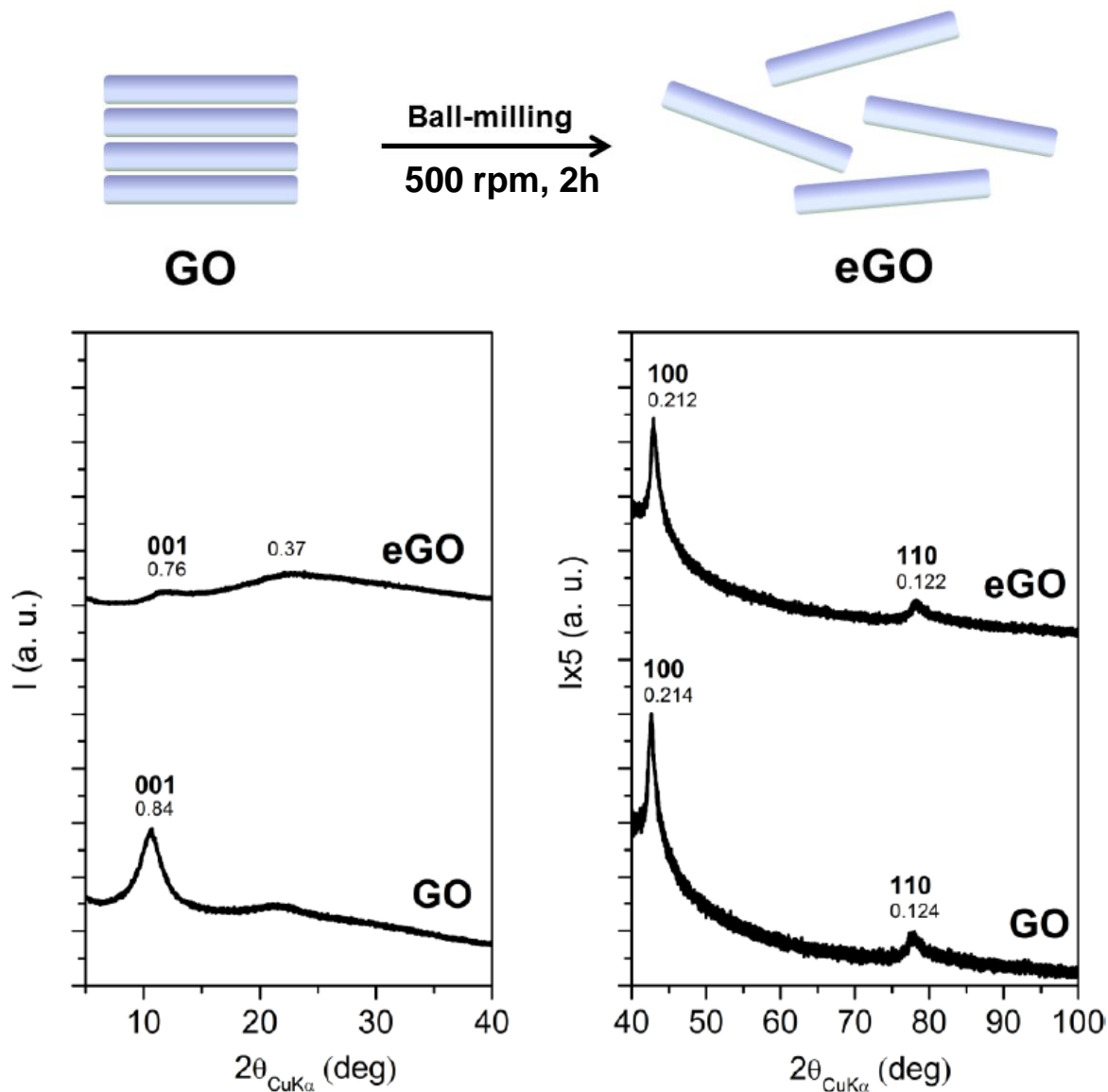


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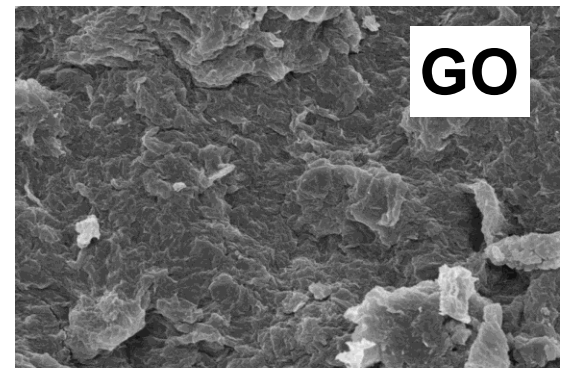


Sample	Surface area ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	Elemental composition (%wt.)					
		C	H	N	O	S	C/O
GO	1.1	59.1	1.4	0.1	35	4.4	1.6
CRGO	46.8	79.9	0.2	2.7	17.2	0.0	4.6
CB	57.2	96.2	0.5	0.1	3.2	0.0	30.1

# Mechanical Exfoliation of GO

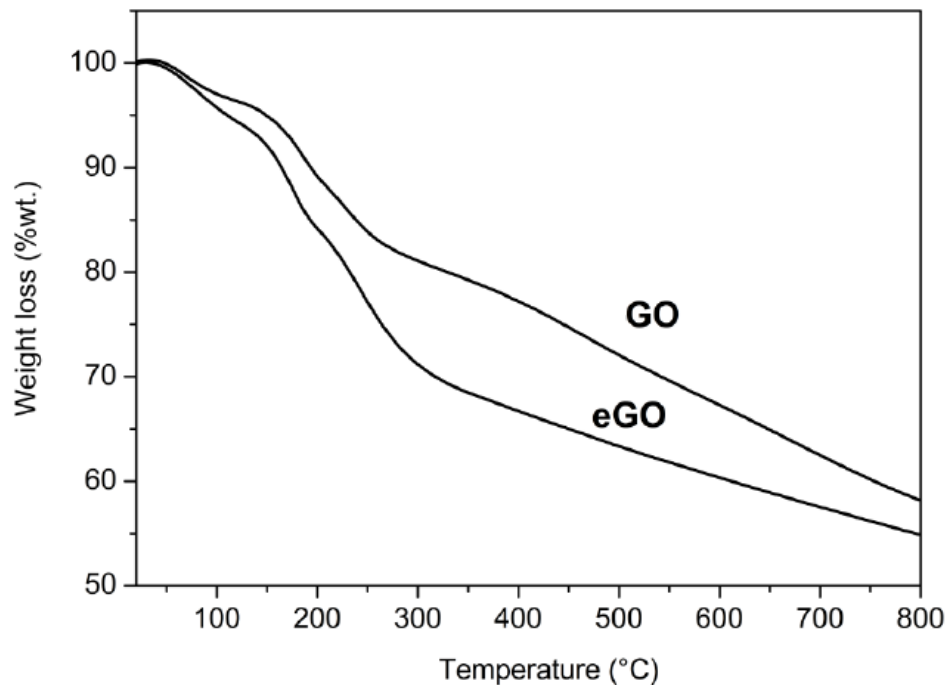
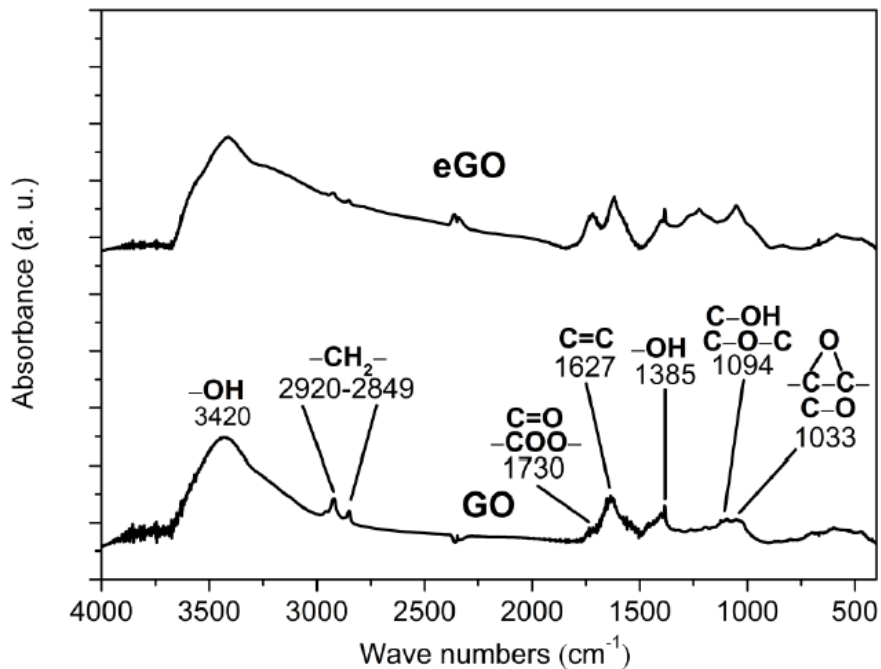


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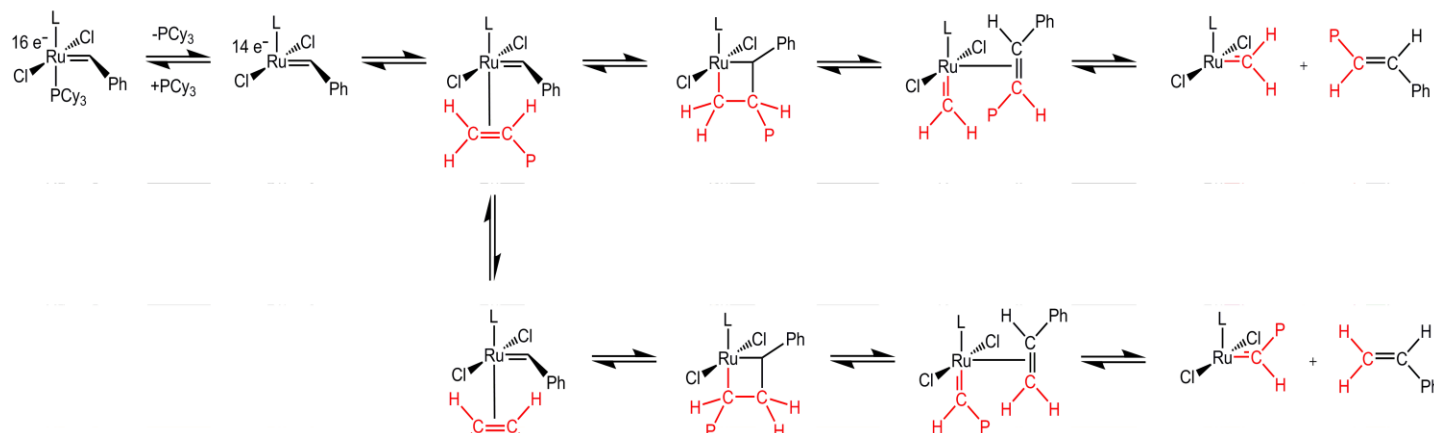
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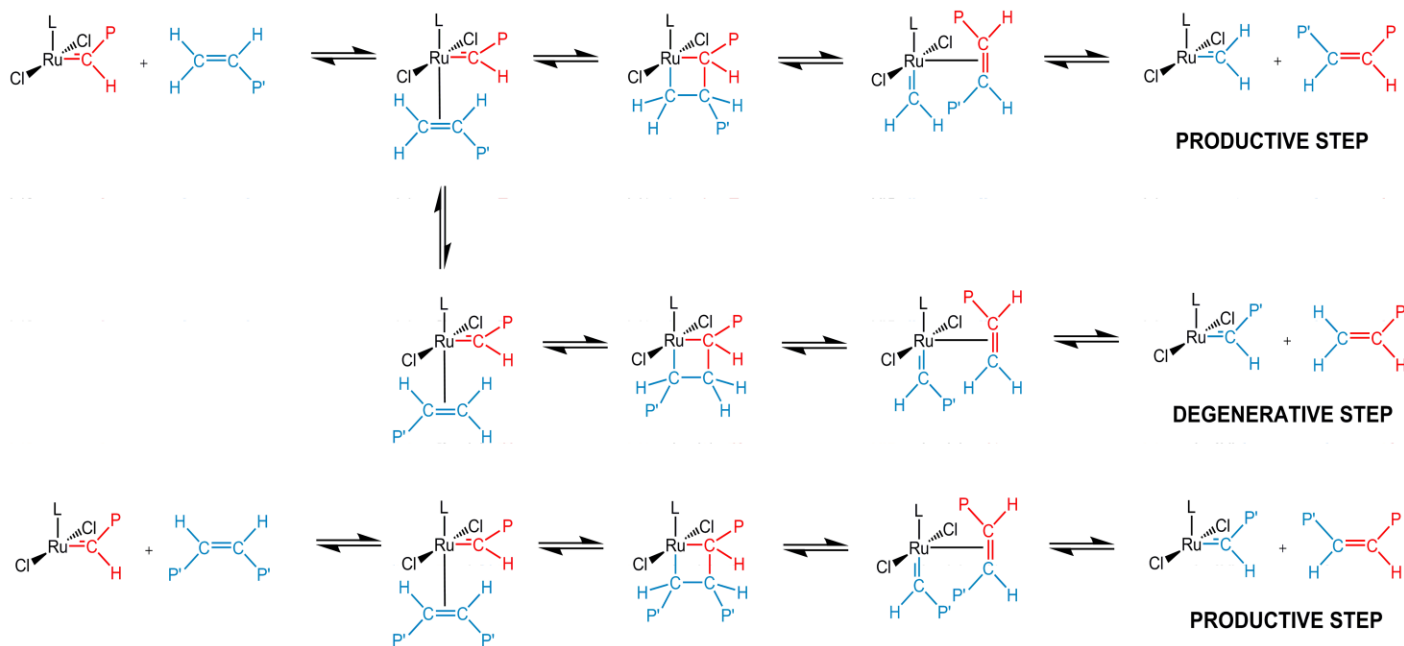
Sample	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Elemental composition (%wt.)					
		C	H	N	O	S	C/O
GO	0.8	63.7	0.6	0.1	33.7	1.9	1.9
eGO	4.2	66.1	0.5	0.1	31.4	1.9	2.1

# MCM Mechanism

## INITIATION

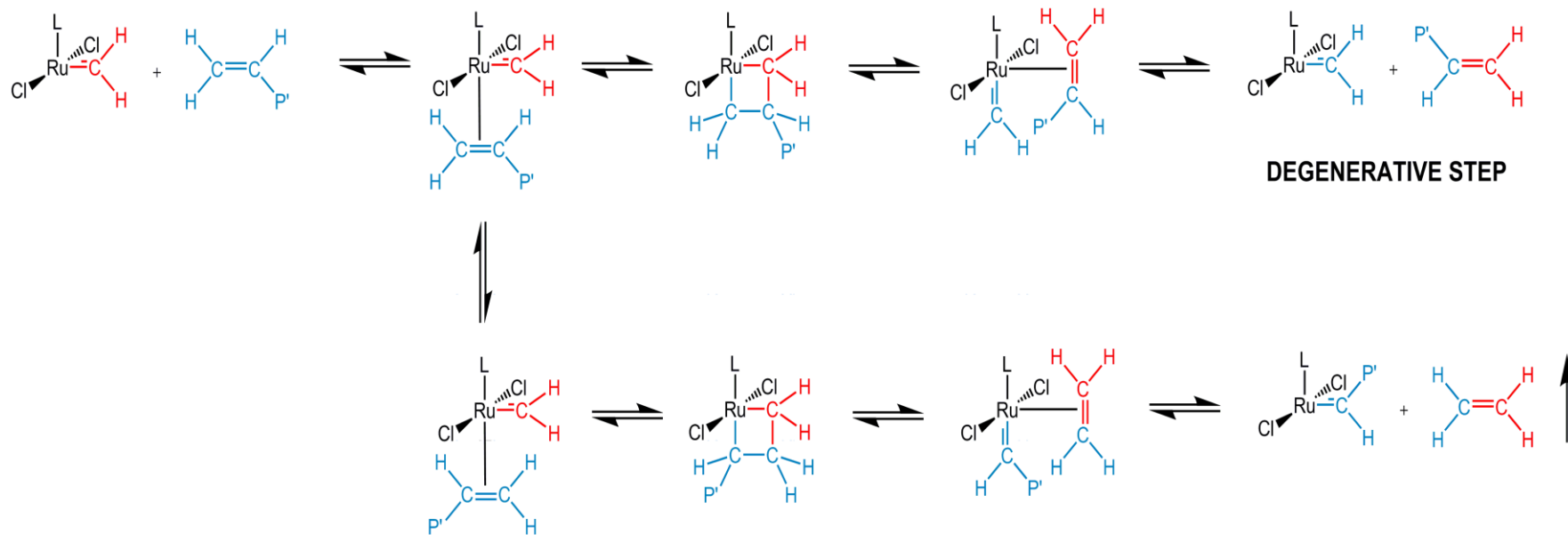


## PROPAGATION



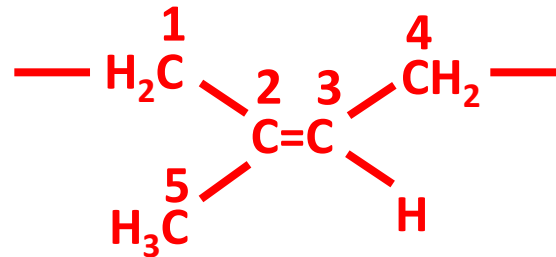
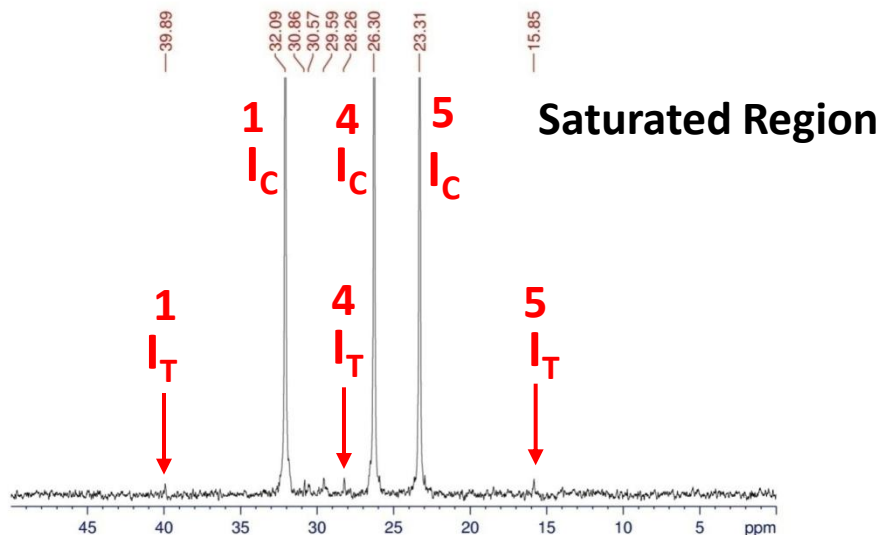


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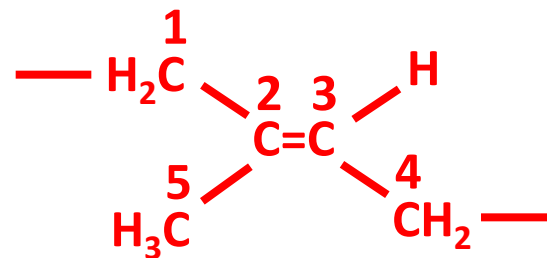
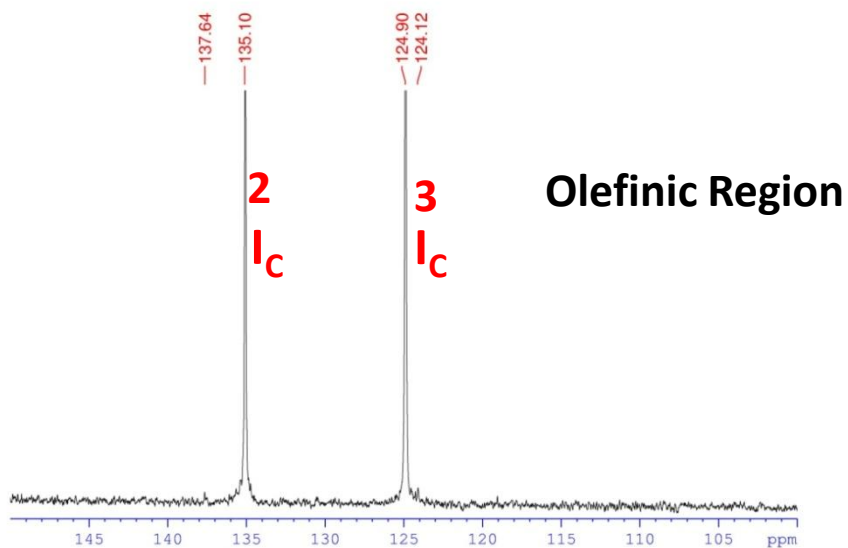




# PIR NMR Characterization



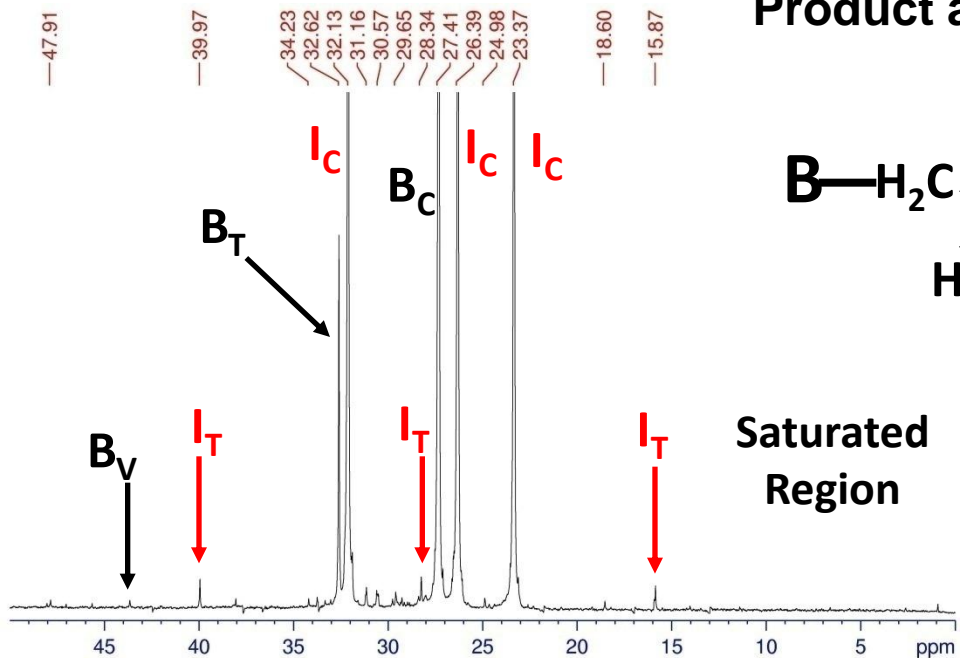
I<sub>C</sub> : unità 1,4-*cis*-isoprene



I<sub>T</sub> : unità 1,4-*trans*-isoprene

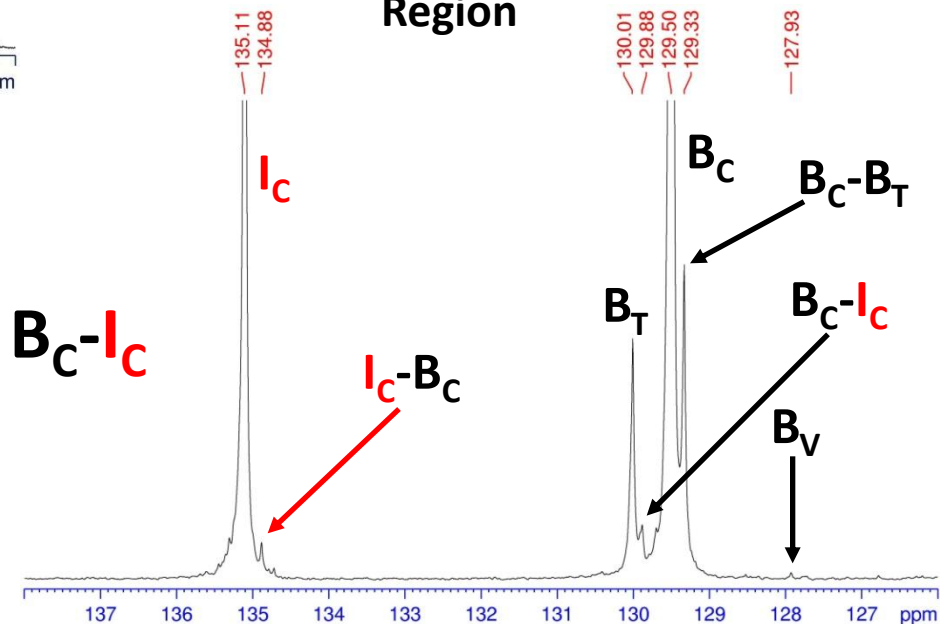
# PBR-PIR NMR Characterization

Product at 8h



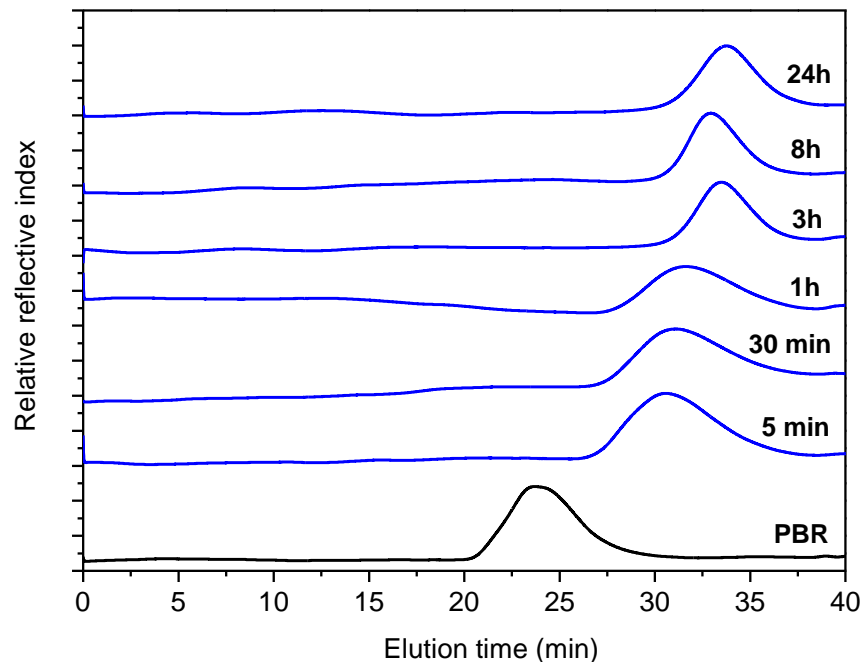
Saturated Region

Olefinic Region

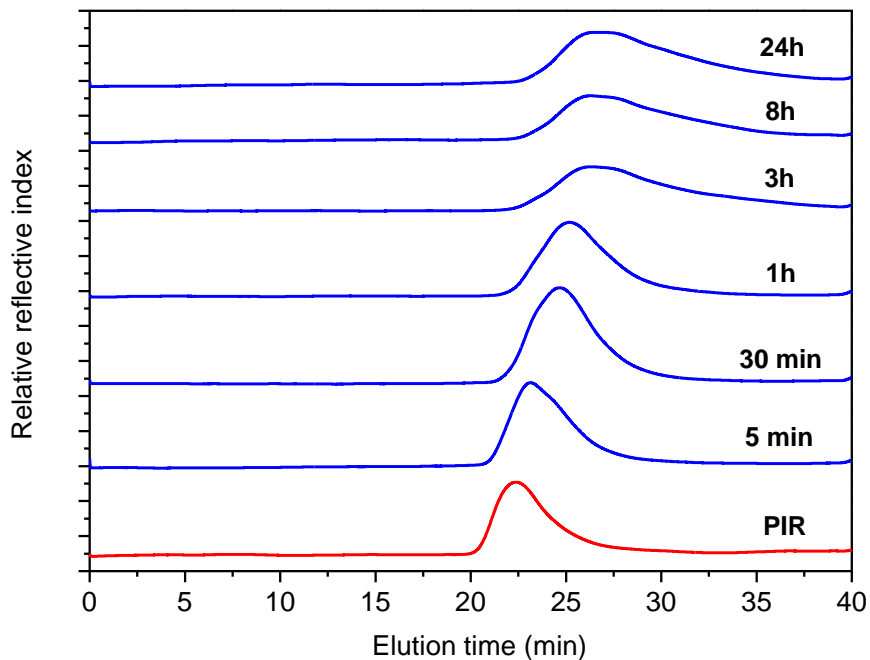


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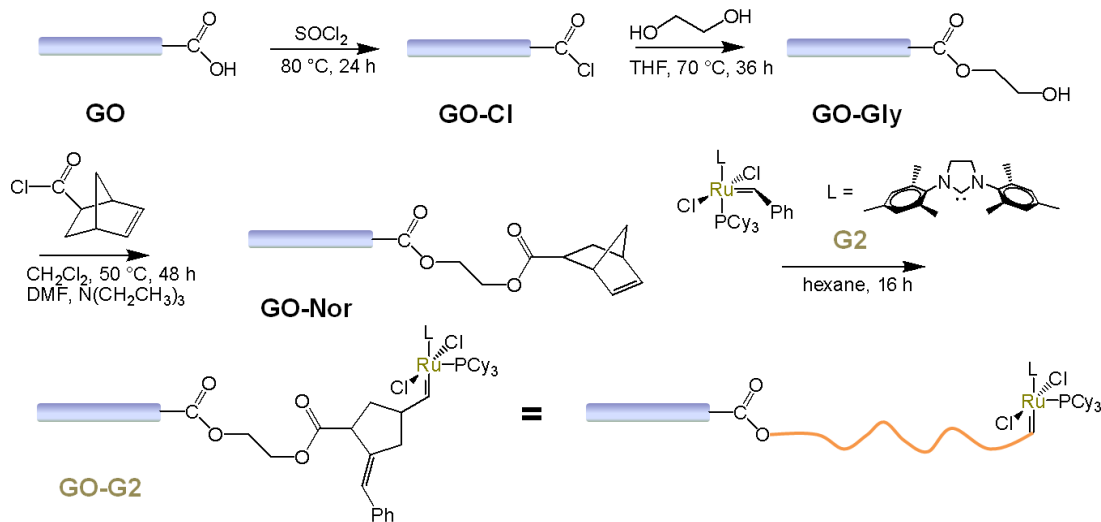
## GPC Curves of PBR with G2



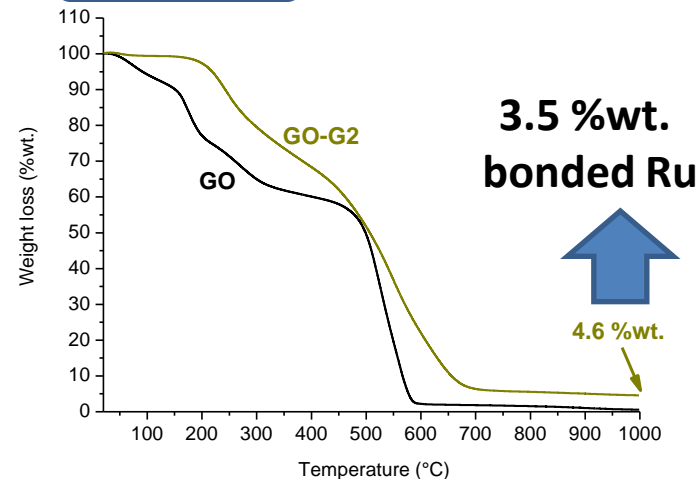
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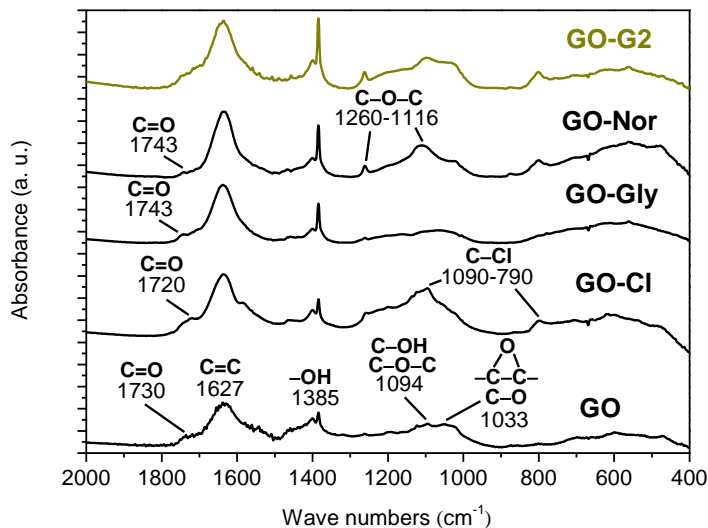
# Covalent Functionalization of GO Layers



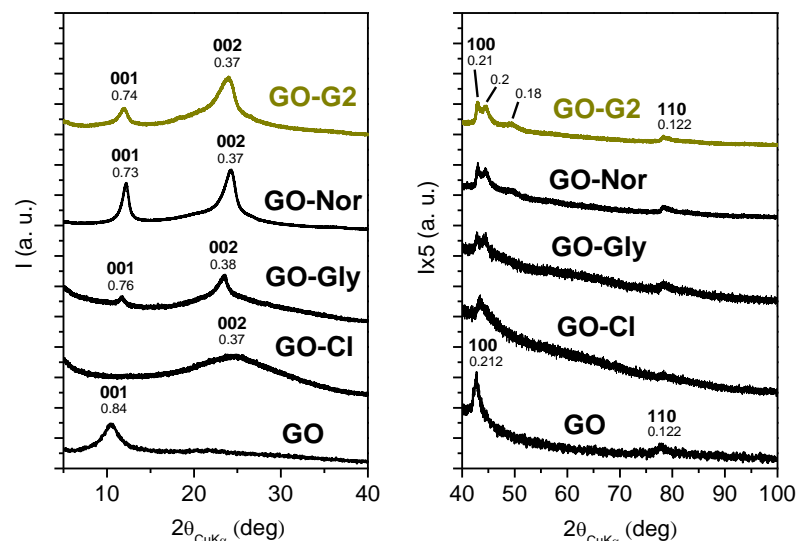
## TG Analysis



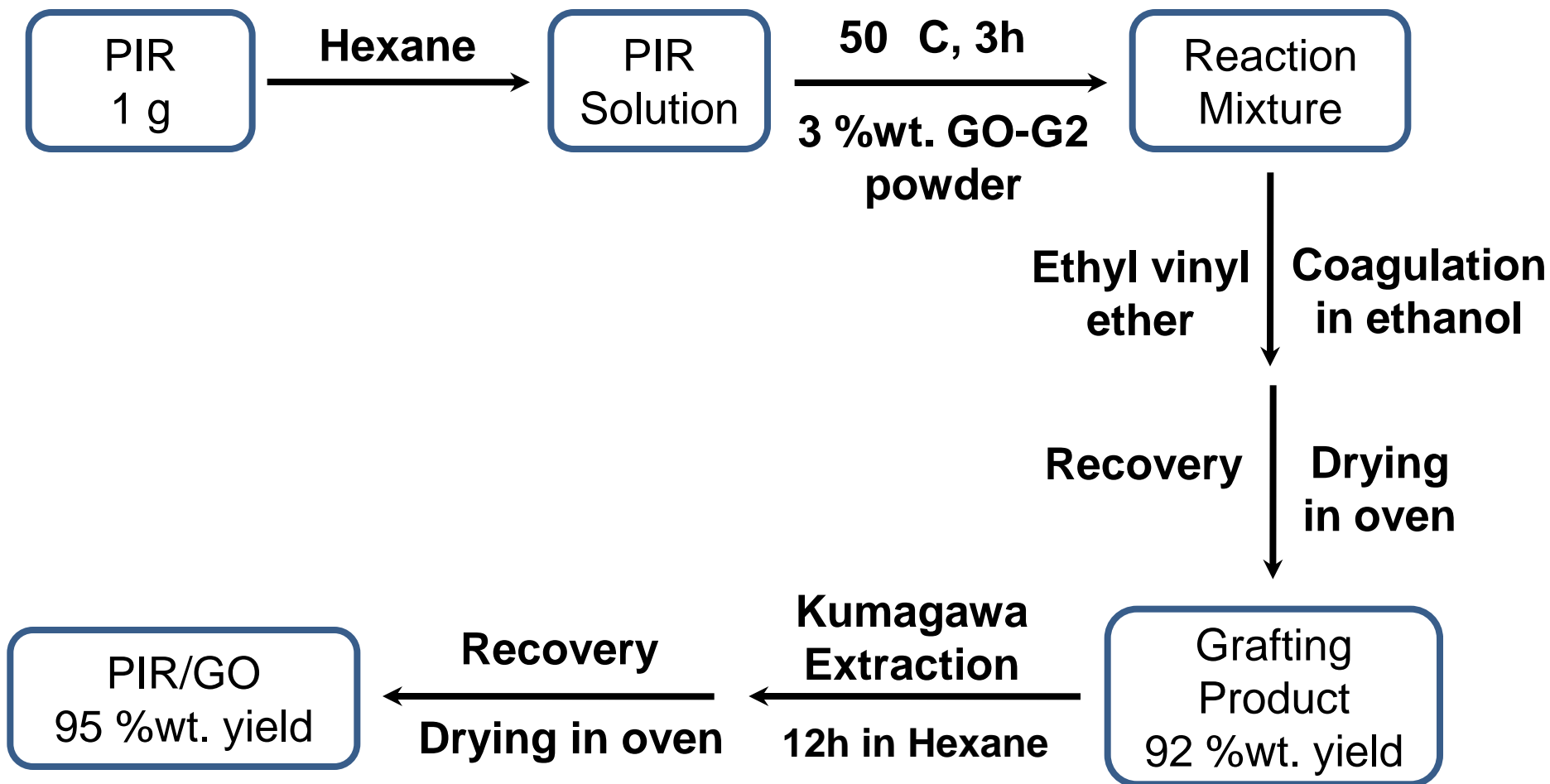
## FTIR Analysis



## WAXD Analysis



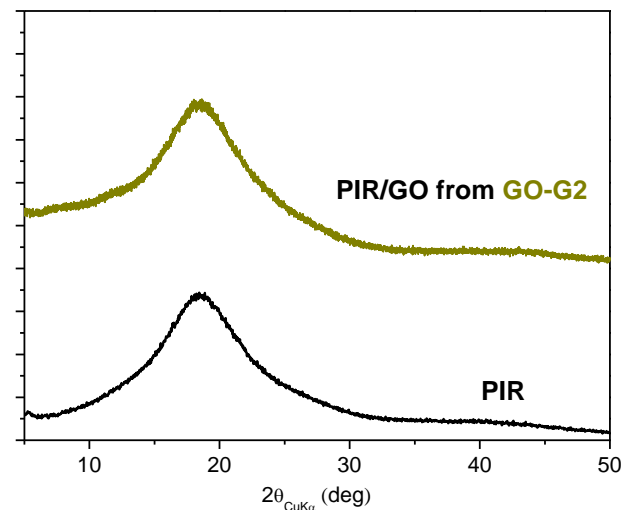
# Grafting Experimental Procedure



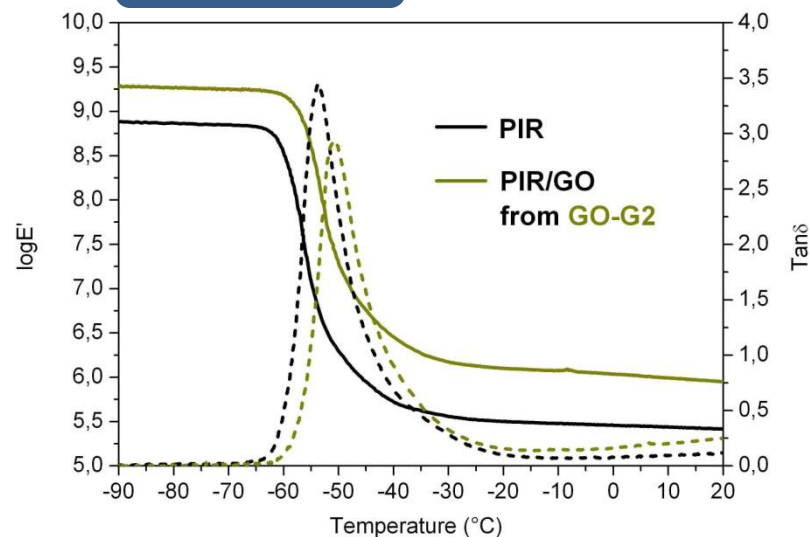


# Grafting of PIR to GO Layers

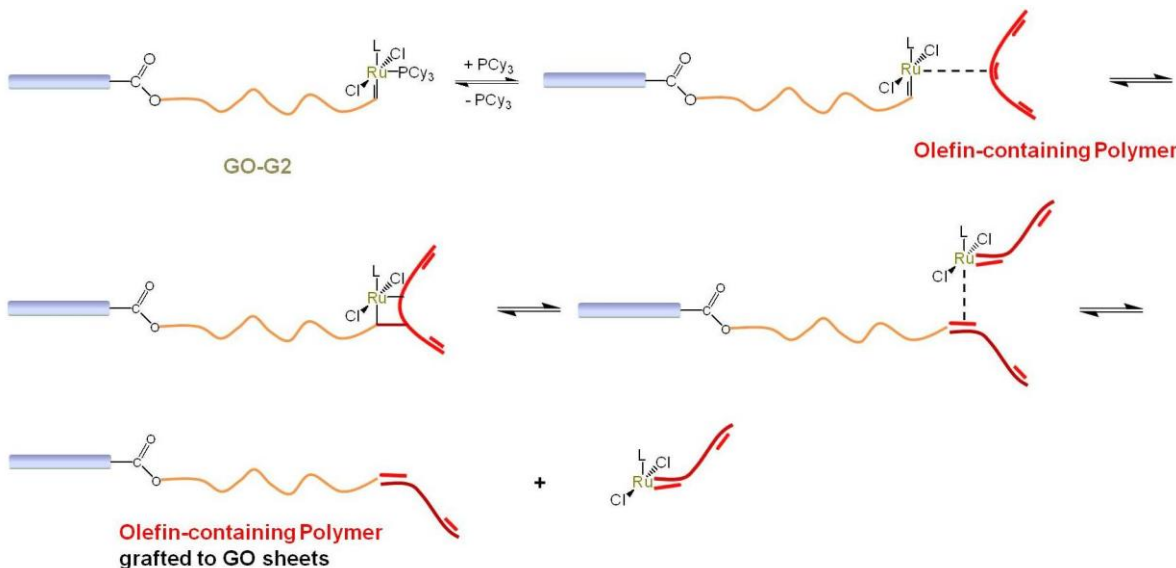
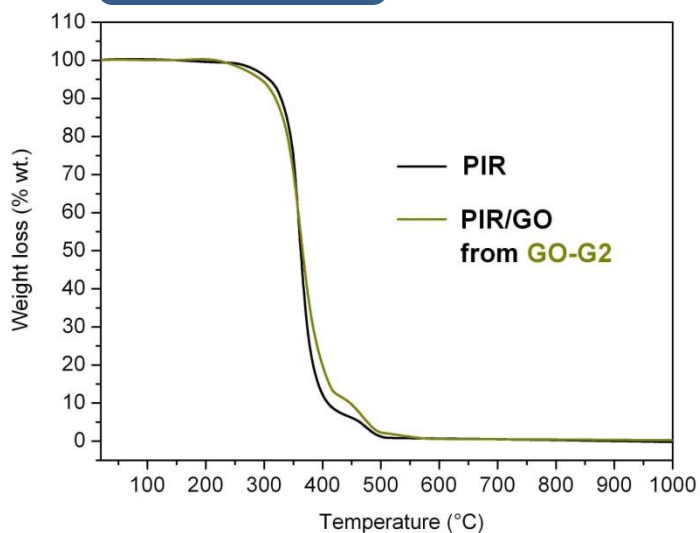
## WAXD Analysis



## DM Analysis



## TG Analysis



Olefin-containing Polymer grafted to GO sheets