

# Reval PET



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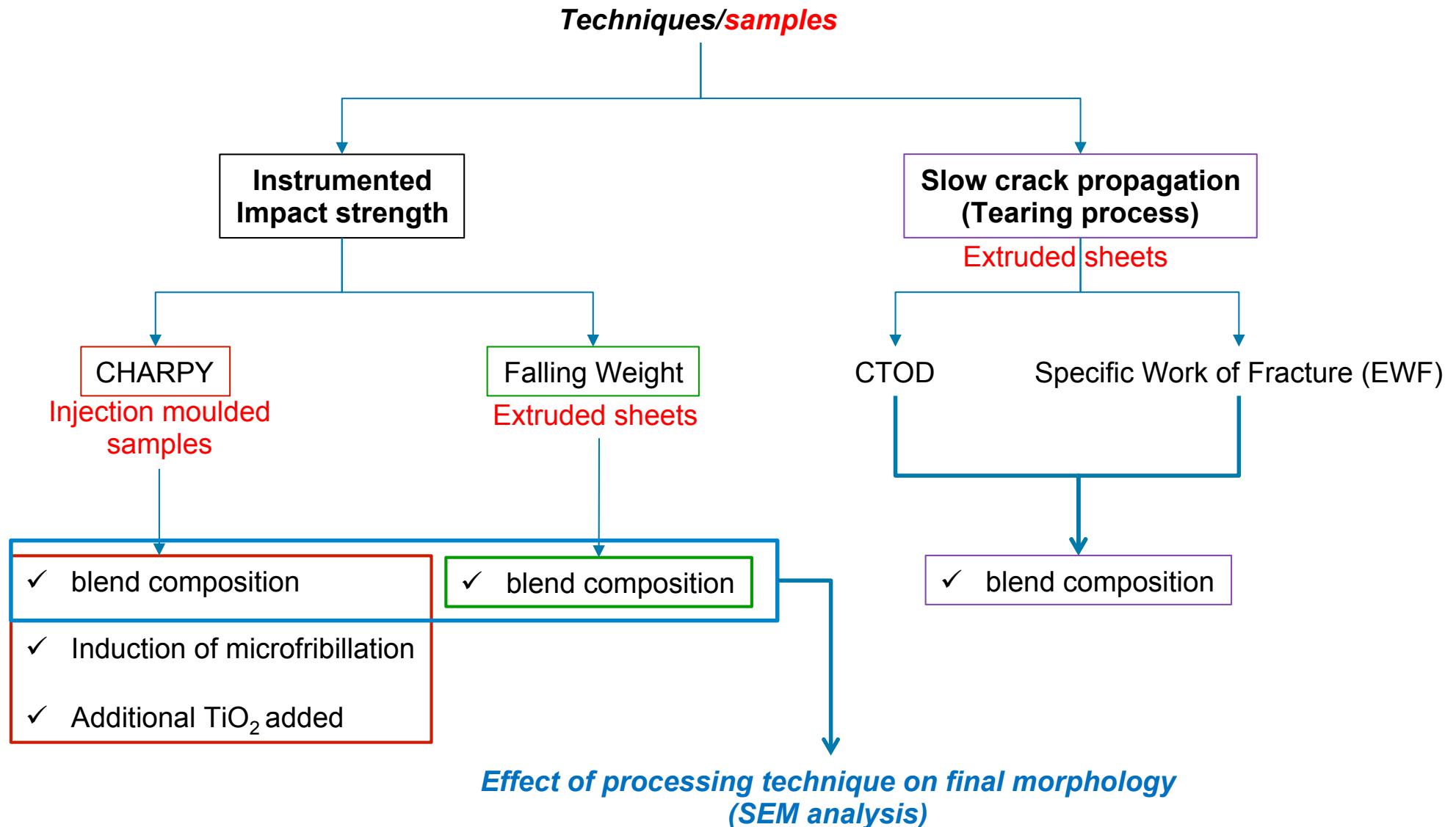
## Action 3. Development of high performance materials

### 3.4. Fracture characterization

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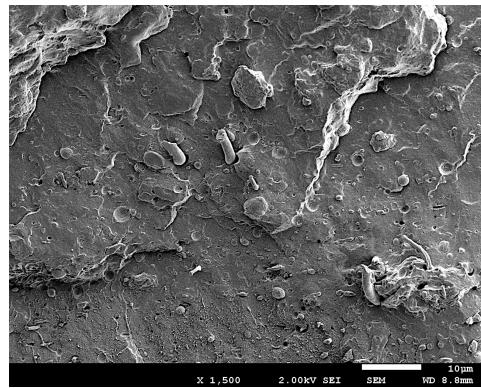
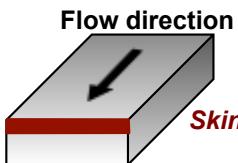
# Characterization scheme followed



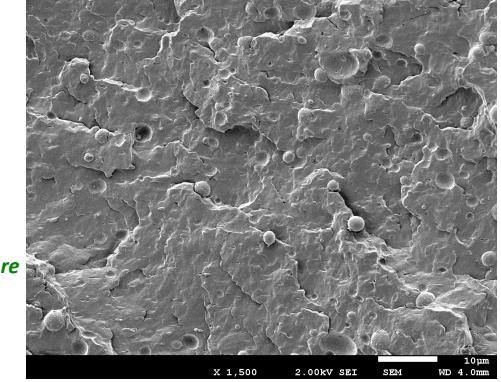
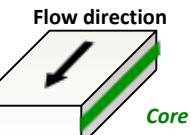
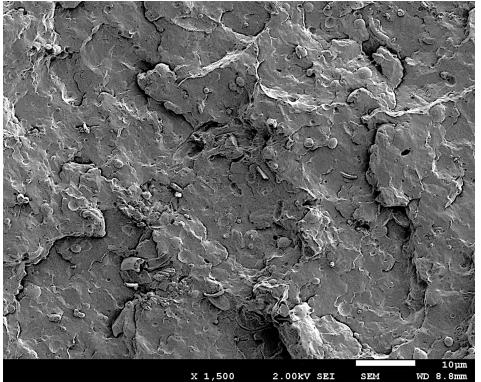
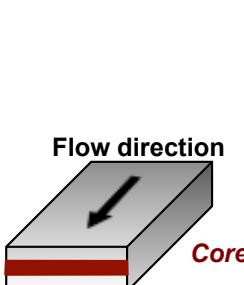
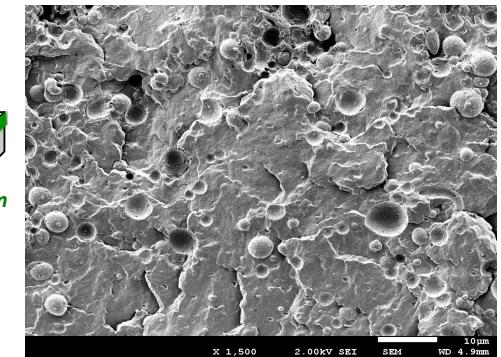
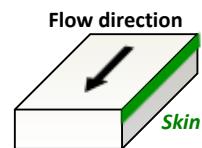
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10PET/90PP

*Injection Moulded*



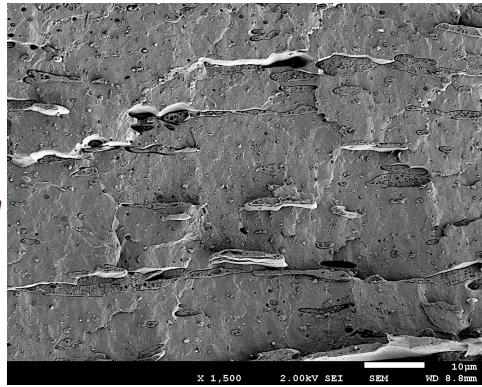
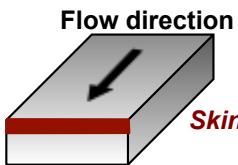
*Extruded Sheets*



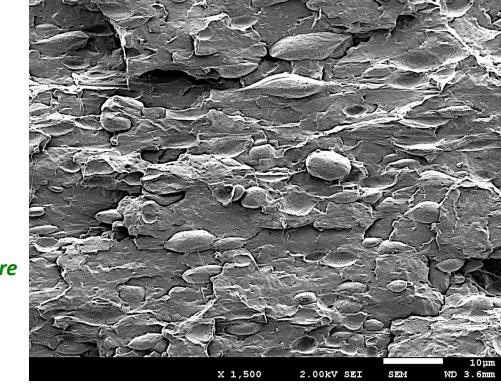
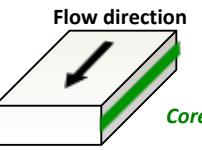
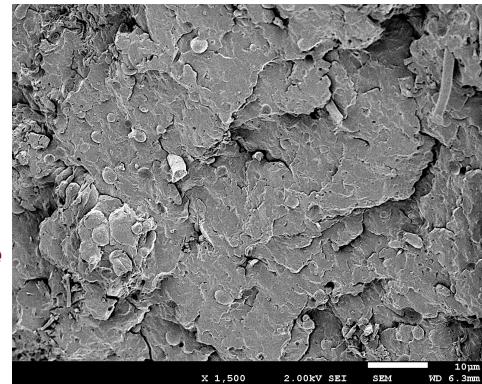
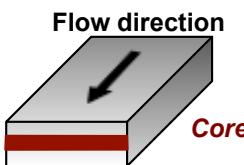
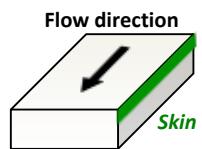
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20PET/80PP

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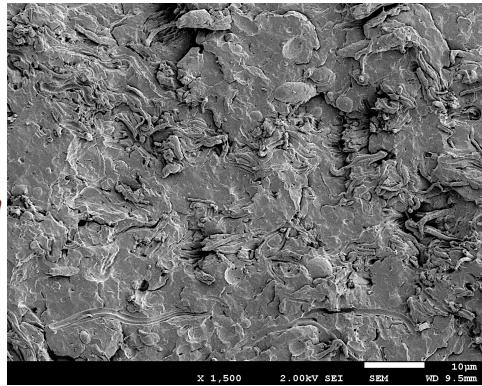
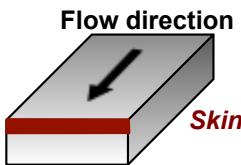
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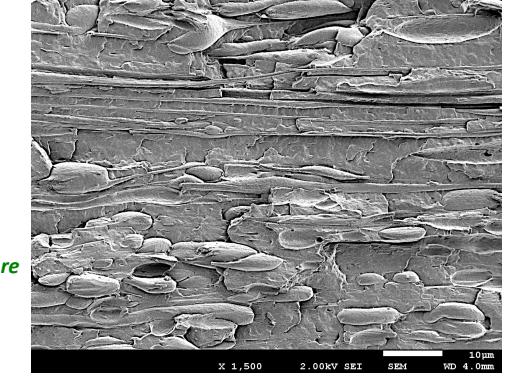
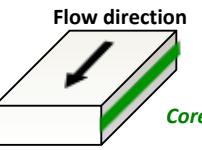
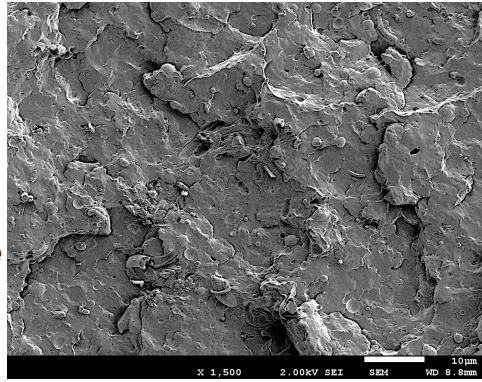
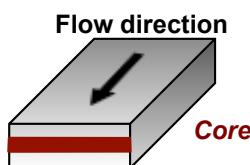
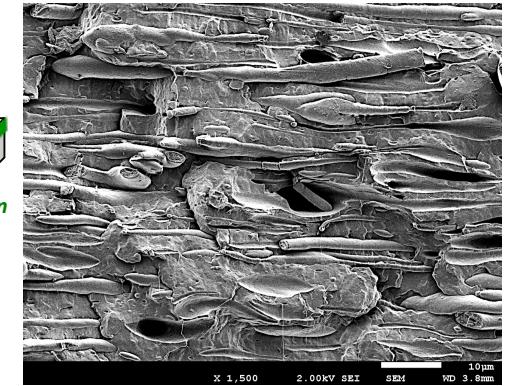
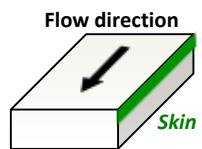
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30PET/70PP

*Injection Moulded*



*Extruded Sheets*

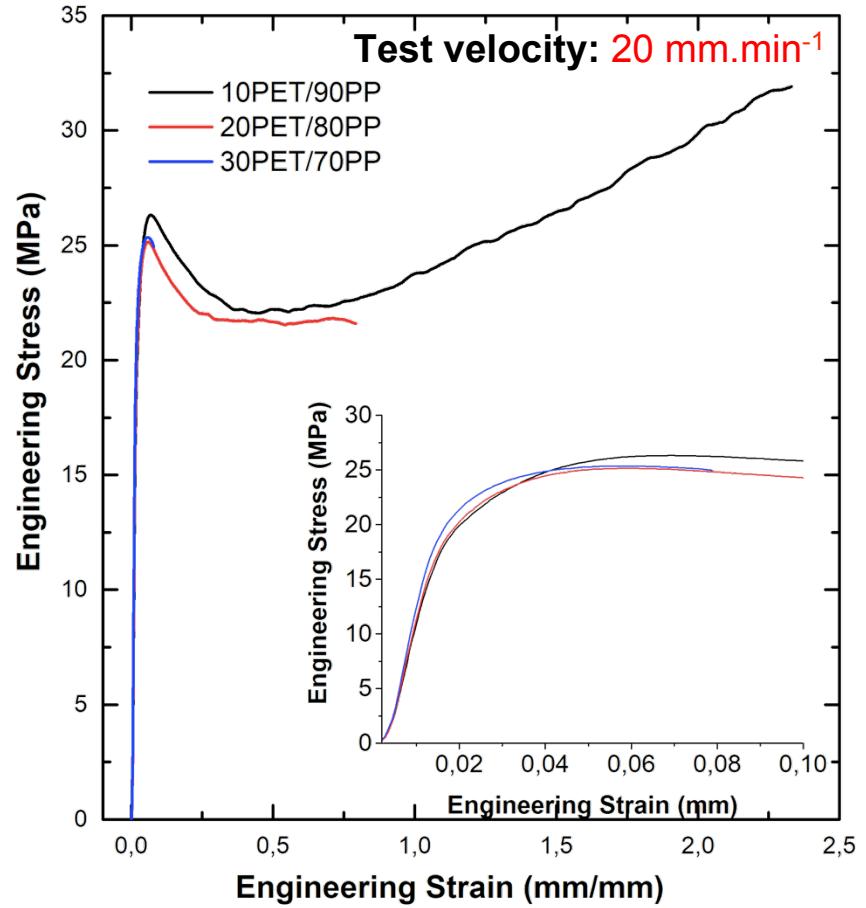
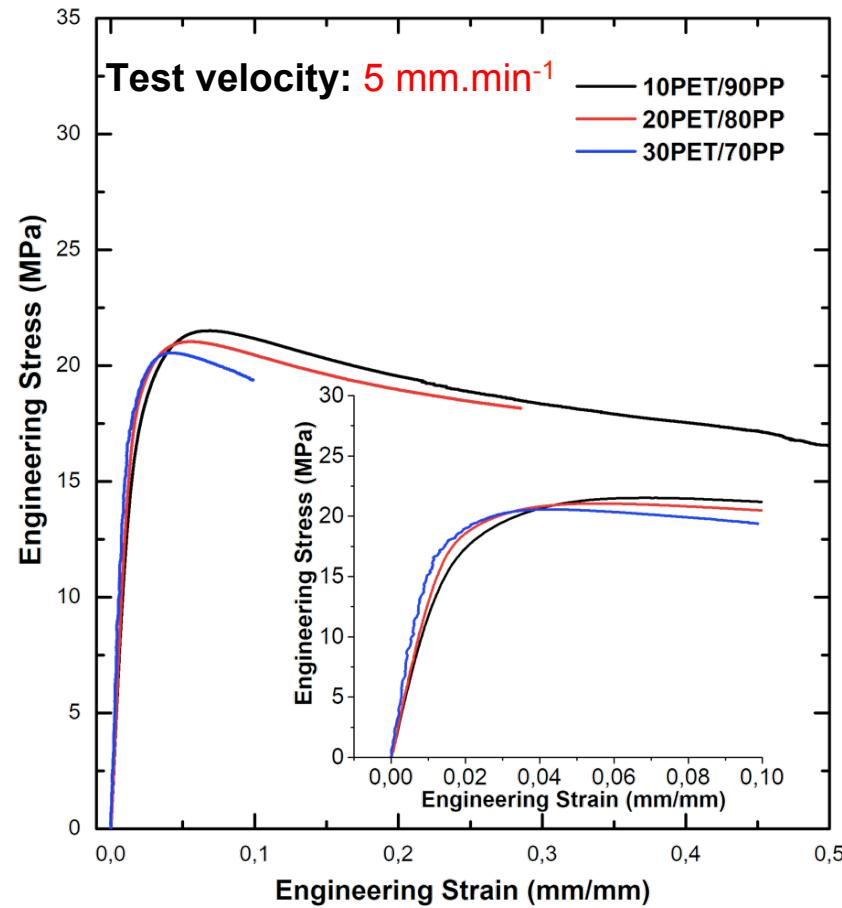


# Effect of the processing technique on the final morphology

## Tensile tests:

**Equipment:** Universal testing machine GALDABINI 2500 + Videoextensometer MITRON OS-65D

**Temperature:** 23°C ± 1°C



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10PET/90PP	1,5 ± 0,1	21,8 ± 0,4	6,7 ± 0,2	56,2 ± 5,3 9,5 %
20PET/80PP	1,6 ± 0,1	20,8 ± 0,2	5,6 ± 0,1	18,1 ± 4,6 25 %
30PET/70PP	1,7 ± 0,1	20,7 ± 0,3	4,3 ± 0,1	7,4 ± 0,6 81%

- 68 %  
- 87%

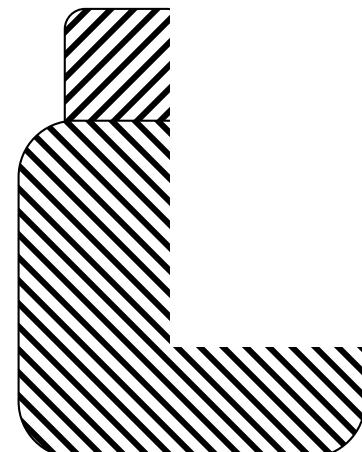
## *Extruded sheets*

Sample	Elastic Modulus E [GPa]	Yielding Stress $\sigma_y$ [MPa]	Yielding Strain $\epsilon_y$ [%]	Strain at break $\epsilon_b$ [%]
10PET/90PP	1,17 ± 0,02	26,1 ± 0,2	12,1 ± 0,4	233 ± 6 2,5 %
20PET/80PP	1,16 ± 0,01	24,0 ± 0,7	11,1 ± 0,7	77 ± 34 4 %
30PET/70PP	1,21 ± 0,02	25,4 ± 1,3	8,7 ± 1,4	10 ± 1 10%

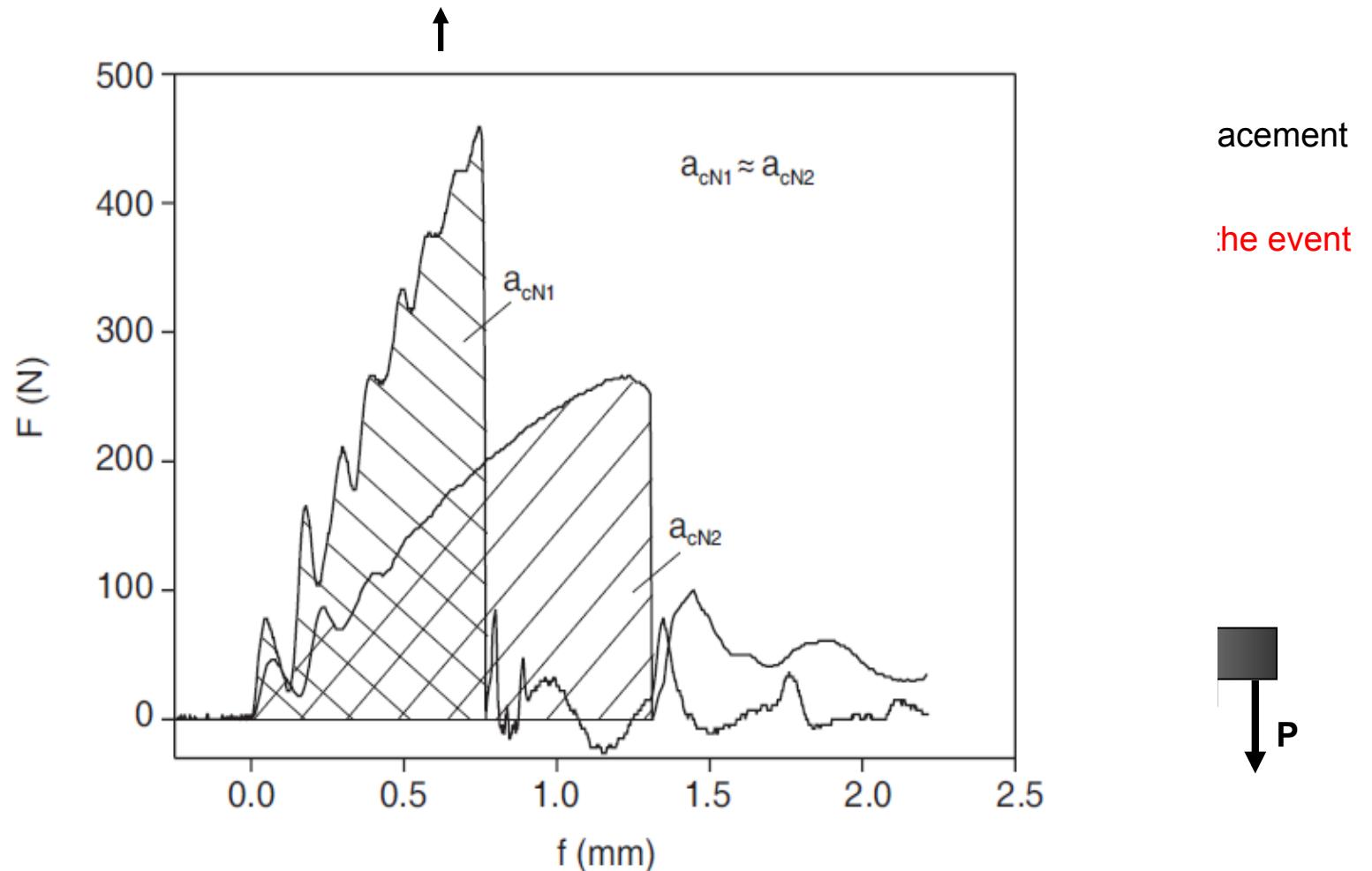
- 67 %  
- 96%

# Instrumented impact tests

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Charpy configuration (side view)



“campled” Falling Weight configuration  
(close to multiaxial loading)

## Effect of blend composition (rPET-O added: 10, 20 and 30%)

### Instrumented impact tests:

**Device:** Dartvis (CEAST)

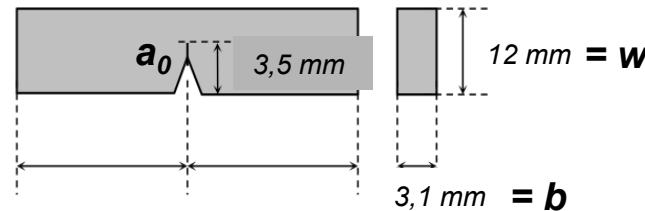
**Hammer:** 25 J (instrumented)

**Impact velocity:** 1 m/s (quasi-static loading conditions)

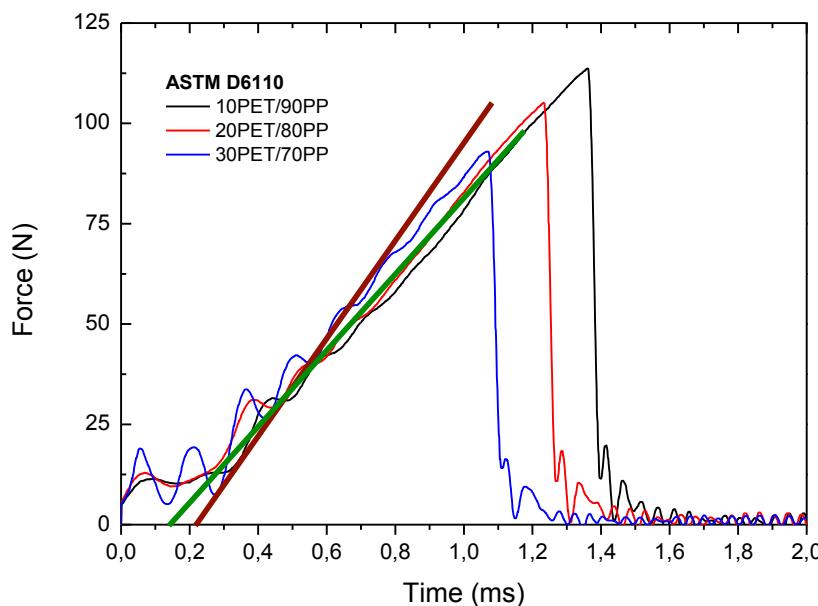
**Notch:** machined (0,25 mm)

**ASTM prismatic bars dimensions  
(taken from calibrated zone)**

**Geometry:** Charpy configuration (SENB geometry)



Typical traces hammer contact force vs. contact time



Charpy Impact strength parameters

Sample	Impact Strength RI [ $\text{kJ.mm}^{-2}$ ]	Maximum Load $F_{\max}$ [N]	Maximum residual stress* $\sigma_{\max}$ [MPa]	Slope N/ms
10PET/90PP	$3,4 \pm 0,2$	$114 \pm 5$	$20,2 \pm 0,8$	$88,6 \pm 0,2$
20PET/80PP	$2,6 \pm 0,2$	$106 \pm 5$	$18,8 \pm 0,9$	$96,2 \pm 0,7$
30PET/70PP	$1,7 \pm 0,2$	$92 \pm 6$	$16 \pm 1$	$103,5 \pm 0,8$

\* Calculated according to elastic beam loaded in 3 point bending

## Effect of induction of microfibrillated morphology (20% w/w of rPET-O)

### Instrumented impact tests:

**Device:** Dartvis (CEAST)

**Hammer:** 25 J (instrumented)

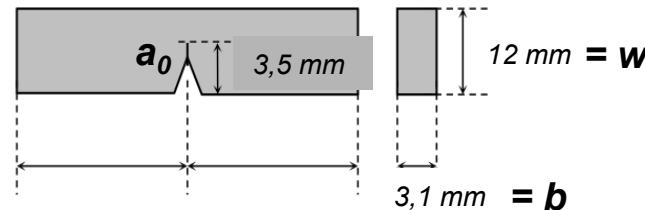
**Impact velocity:** 1 m/s (quasi-static loading conditions)

**Notch:** machined (0,25 mm)

**Nº of samples:** 5

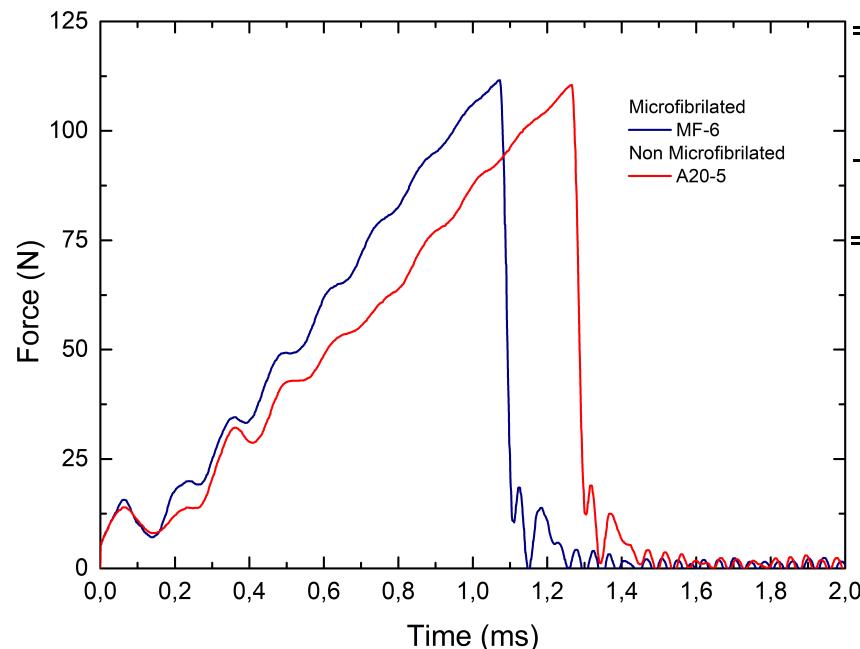
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**Geometry:** Charpy configuration (SENB geometry)



$$S (\text{span}) = 52,8 \text{ mm} (4,4W)$$

Typical traces hammer contact force vs. contact time



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20PET/80PP	$2,6 \pm 0,2$	$106 \pm 5$	$18,8 \pm 0,9$	$96,2 \pm 0,7$
20PET/80PP-MF	$2,0 \pm 0,1$	$103 \pm 5$	$18,9 \pm 0,3$	$118,1 \pm 0,4$

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# Effect of adding additional $\text{TiO}_2$ (20% w/w of rPET-O + 1, 3 and 5% w/w of $\text{TiO}_2$ )

## Instrumented impact tests:

**Device:** Dartvis (CEAST)

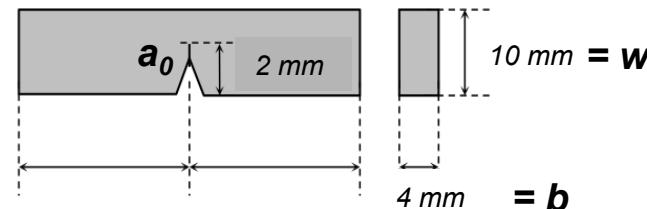
**Hammer:** 25 J (instrumented)

**Impact velocity:** 1 m/s (quasi-static loading conditions)

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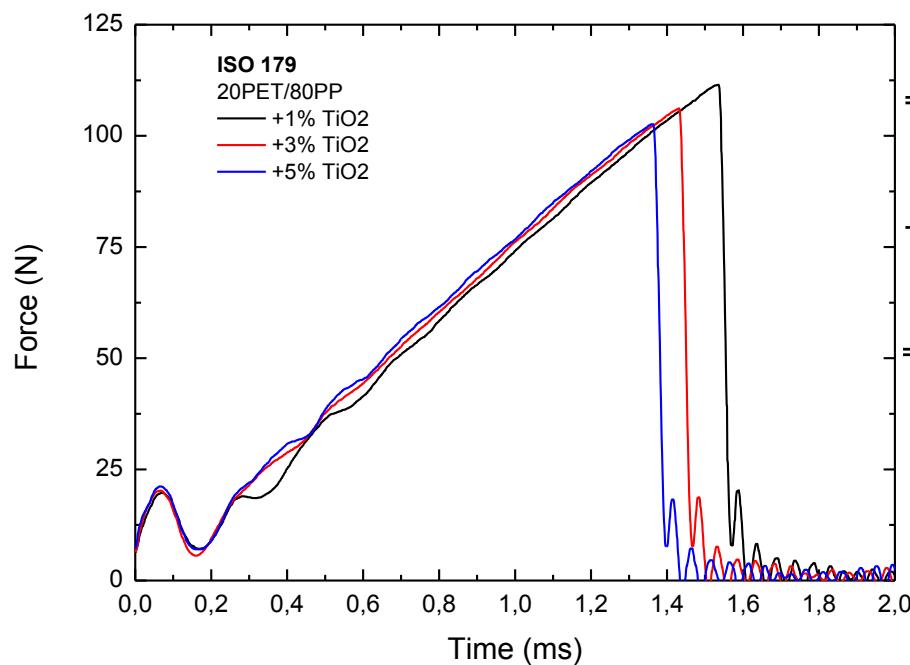
**Geometry:** Charpy configuration (ISO)



**ISO multipurpose test specimen  
(taken from calibrated zone)**

**S (span) = 62 mm**

**Typical traces hammer contact force vs. contact time**



**Charpy Impact strength parameters**

Sample	Impact Strength	Maximum Load	Maximum residual stress*	Slope
	RI [kJ.mm <sup>-2</sup> ]	F <sub>max</sub> [N]	σ <sub>max</sub> [MPa]	N/ms
+1 %	3,0 ± 0,2	109 ± 3	26 ± 1	80,7 ± 0,3
+ 3%	2,69 ± 0,08	105 ± 3	24,8 ± 0,5	80,8 ± 0,2
+ 5%	2,7 ± 0,1	106 ± 6	25 ± 1	82,8 ± 0,3

\* Calculated according to elastic beam loaded 3 point bending

# Extruded sheets samples of rPP/rPET-O: 90/10, 80/20 and 30/70

## Instrumented Falling weight impact tests:

**Device:** Dartvis (CEAST)

**Dart weight:** 3,243 kg

**Falling height:** 0,4 m

**Impact velocity:** 2,8 m/s (quasi-static loading conditions)

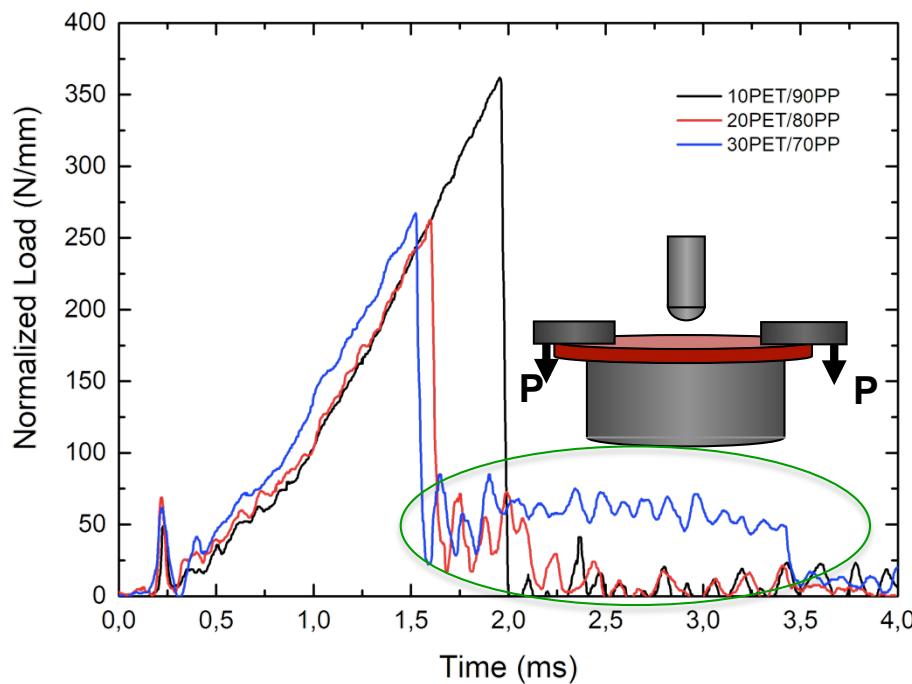
**Clamped configuration**

**Geometry:** Square coupons 80 x 80 mm.

**Support:** cylindrical (60 mm of diameter)

## Test performed with lubrication

Typical traces of dart contact force vs. contact time



Falling weight impact parameters

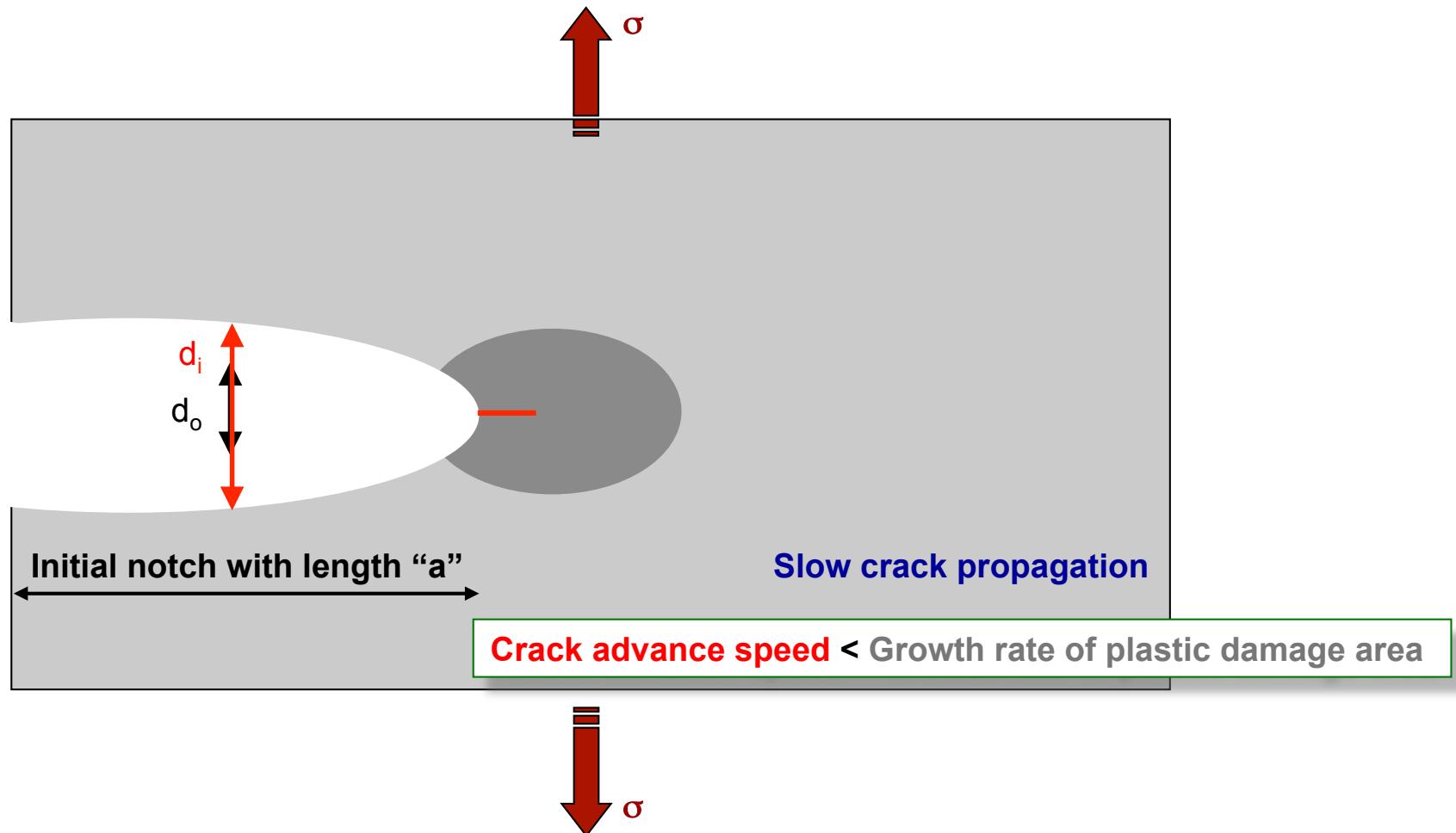
Sample	Normalized Maximum Load $F_{max-N}$ [N/mm]	Normalized Peak Energy $E_{p-N}$ [J/mm]	Normalized Total Energy $E_{T-N}$ [J/mm]	Normalized Slope N/mm.ms
10PET/90PP	$368 \pm 44$	$0,79 \pm 0,09$	$0,8 \pm 0,1$	$138,4 \pm 0,4$
20PET/80PP	$271 \pm 22$	$0,48 \pm 0,06$	$0,8 \pm 0,2$	$170 \pm 1$
30PET/70PP	$213 \pm 22$	$0,64 \pm 0,09$	$0,9 \pm 0,3$	$208 \pm 1$



# CTOD: Crack Tip opening displacement

Relative displacement of a notch flank at the onset of crack propagation

$$d_i - d_o = \text{CTOD}$$



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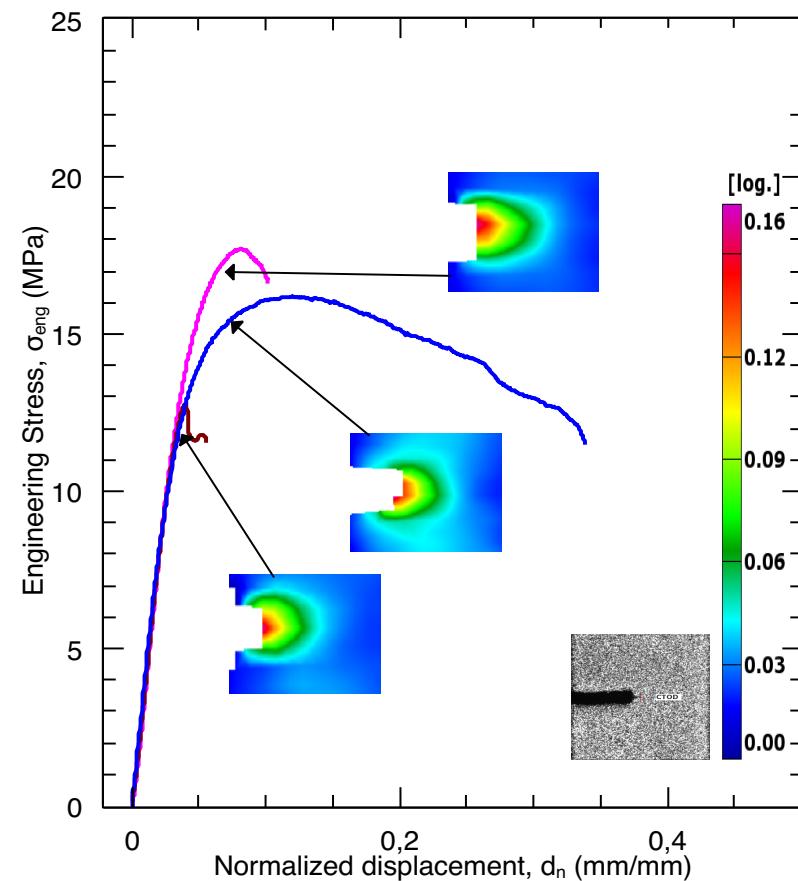
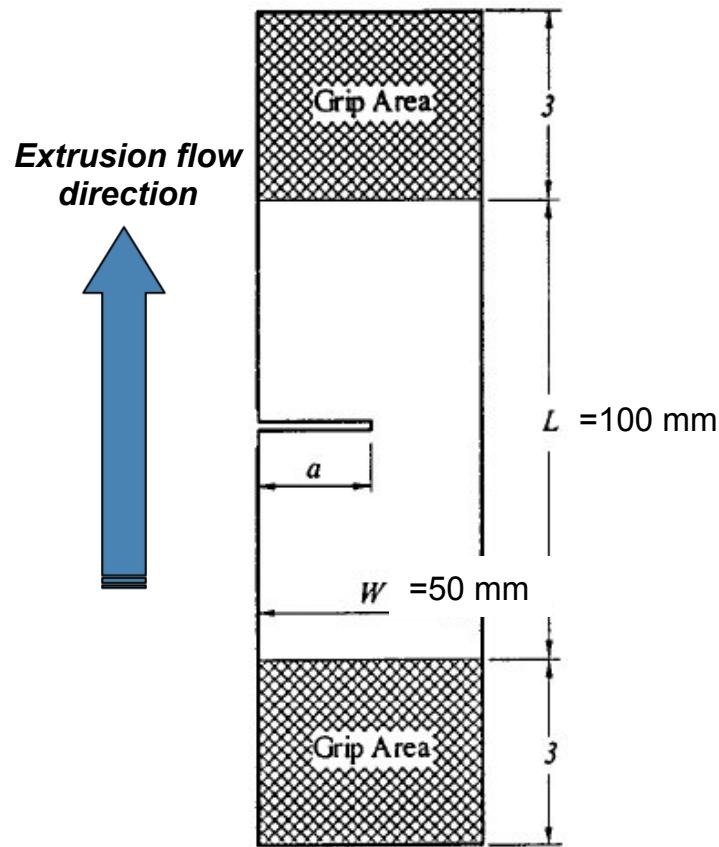
**Equipment:** Servohydraulic Universal testing machine Zwick Amsler HC25 +  
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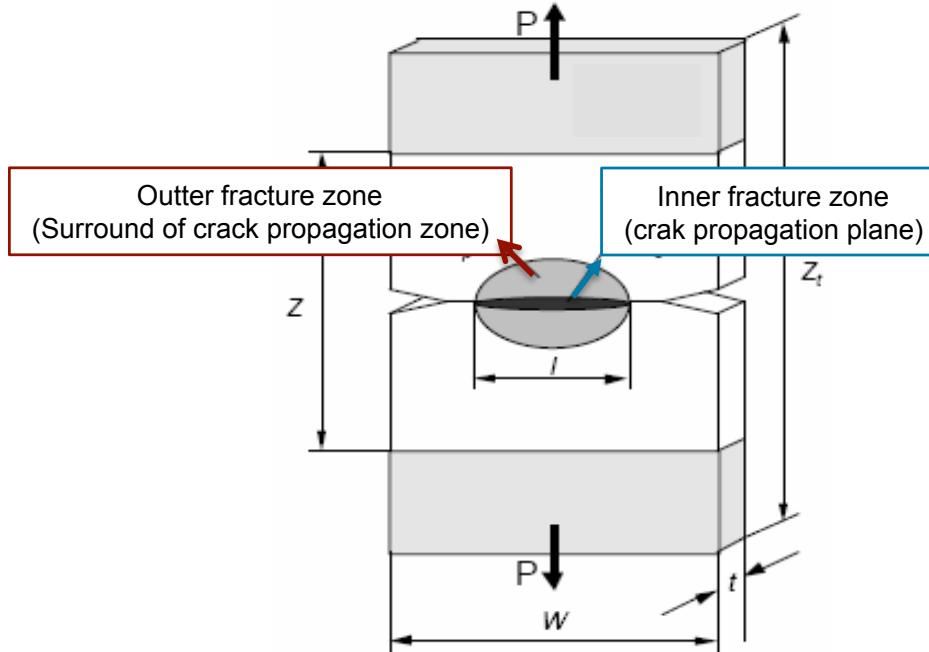
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### **CTOD parameters**

Sample	Load at CTOD [N]	CTOD [mm]	Specific work at CTOD [kJ.m <sup>2</sup> ]
10PET/90PP	282 ± 6	0,7 ± 0,2	8 ± 1
20PET/80PP	241 ± 10	0,4 ± 0,1	3 ± 1
30PET/70PP	242 ± 6	0,5 ± 0,1	5,0 ± 0,9

# Extruded sheets: Tearing process characterization: EWF



**Specific Work of fracture:**

$$w_f = w_e + \beta w_p l$$

**Essential term (essential work of fracture) ( $w_e$ ):**

Free energy (by unit surface) required for ***new free surfaces generation during tearing process (crack initiation)***

**Non-essential work of fracture ( $\beta w_p$ ):**

Density of "plastic" energy outside the process zone, related to ***resistance to crack propagation***.

$\beta$ :

Adimensional parameter related with the size of the "Outer fracture zone", where dissipative process during tearing are observed.

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**Methodology: ESIS-TC4**

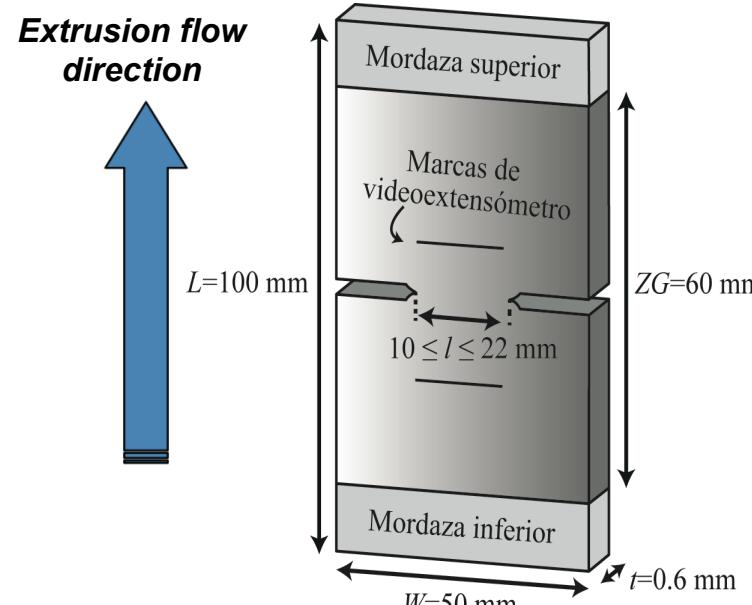
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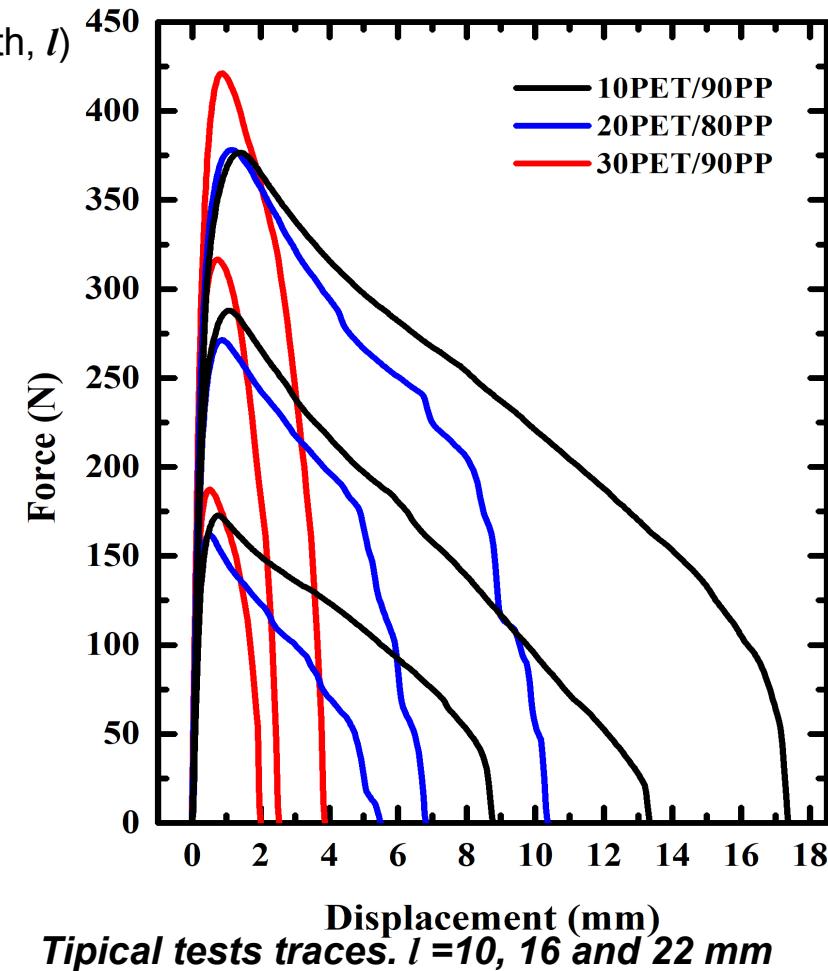
**Temperature:** 18°C ± 2°C

**Sample geometry:** DDENT

**Nº of tested samples:** 15 (3 replicates at 5 ligament length,  $l$ )

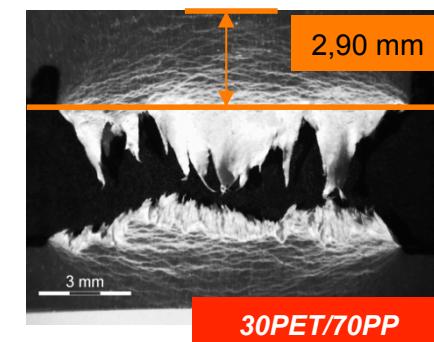
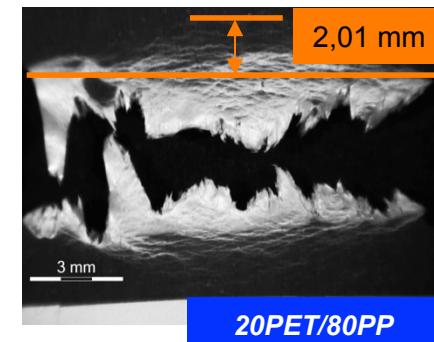
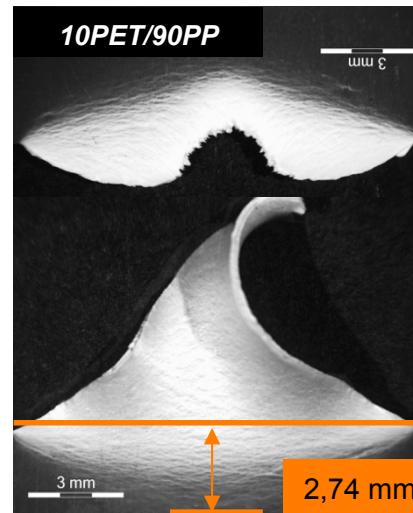
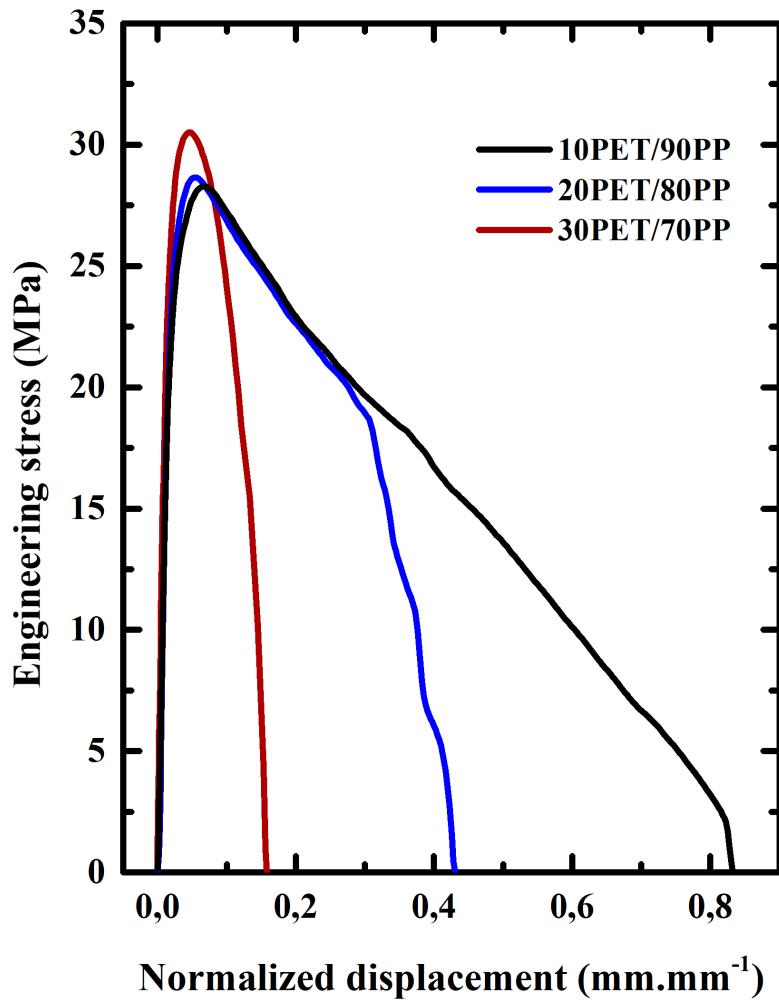


**DDENT geometry used.**  
Crack propagation transverse to flow direction



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## Outer process zone (Optical Microscopy)



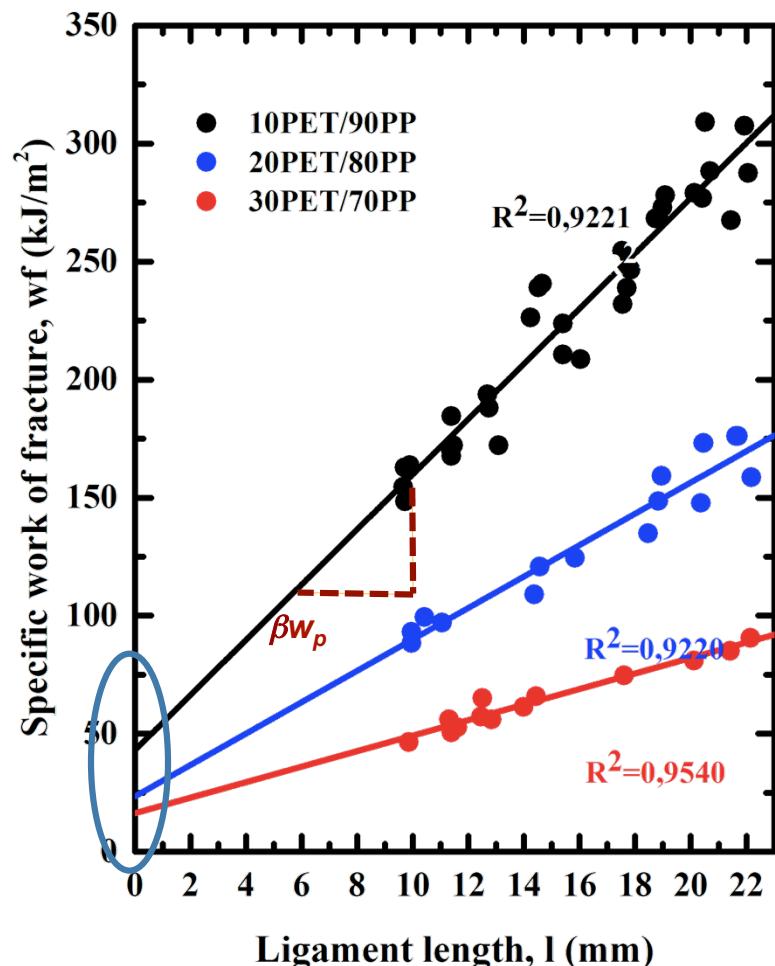
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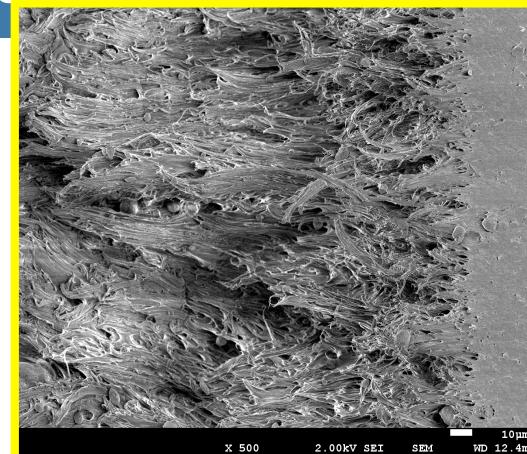
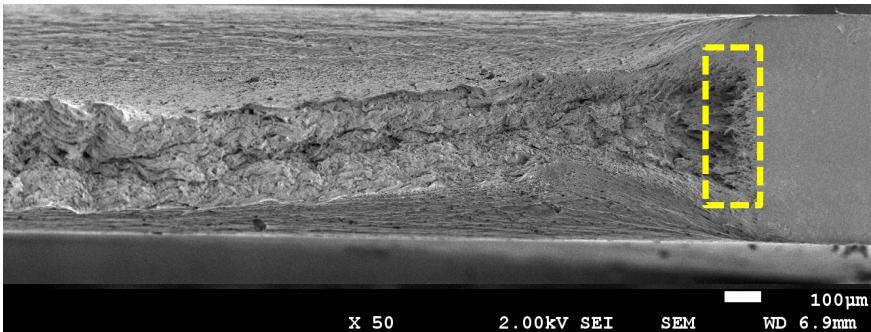


Material	$w_e$ (kJ.m <sup>-2</sup> )	$\beta w_p$ (MJ.m <sup>-3</sup> )	$\beta \times 10^2$
10PET/90PP	$44 \pm 4$	$11,6 \pm 0,6$	$25 \pm 2$
20PET/80PP	$24 \pm 3$	$6,6 \pm 0,5$	$26 \pm 2$
30PET/70PP	$16 \pm 3$	$3,3 \pm 0,2$	$33 \pm 2$

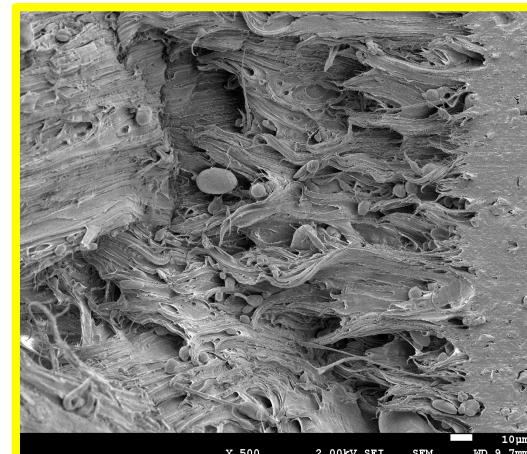
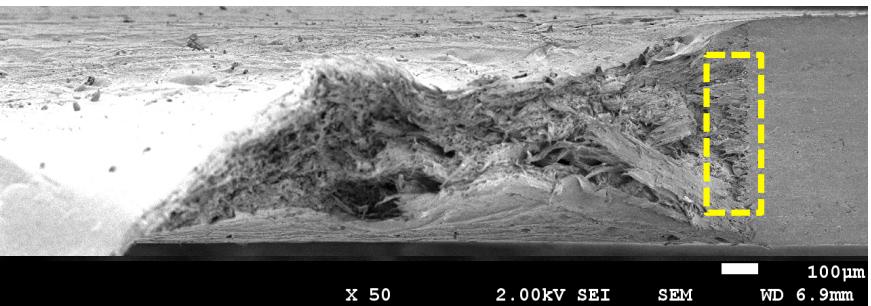
It does not seem to reflect the real situation.  
(considering the highest levels of effective engineering tension at the moment of the beginning of the plastic collapse of the ligament that were recorded in the tests)

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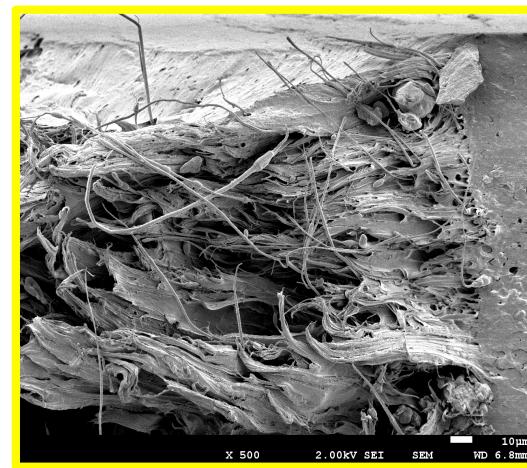
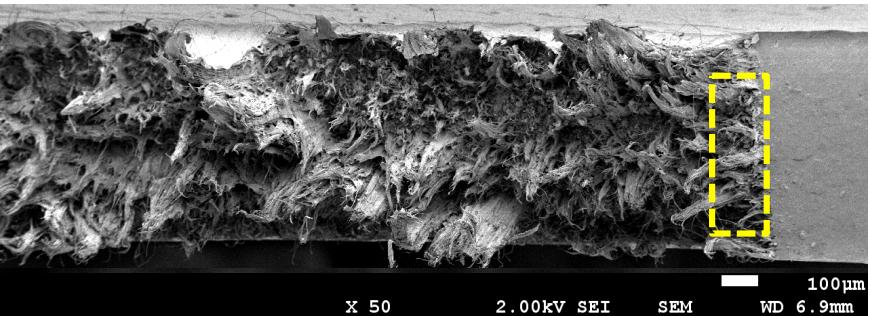
**10PET/90PP**



**20PET/80PP**



**30PET/70PP**



# Conclusions

- ✓ Depending on the processing conditions and their composition, the **rPP/rPET-O** blends can generate a microfibrillar morphology of **rPET-O** that act as reinforcement.

% PET added	Injection Moulding	Extruded sheets
10	Droplet	Droplet (higher size)
20	Fibrillation	Gradient of morphology: Skin: fibrillar Core: droplets
30	Droplets (finer)	Fibrillar

- ✓ Impact Strength, and crack propagation resistance decrease with the **rPET-O** content..
- ✓ Addition of about 5%ww of  $TiO_2$  does not affect the impact strength, but increase the stiffness of the system.





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