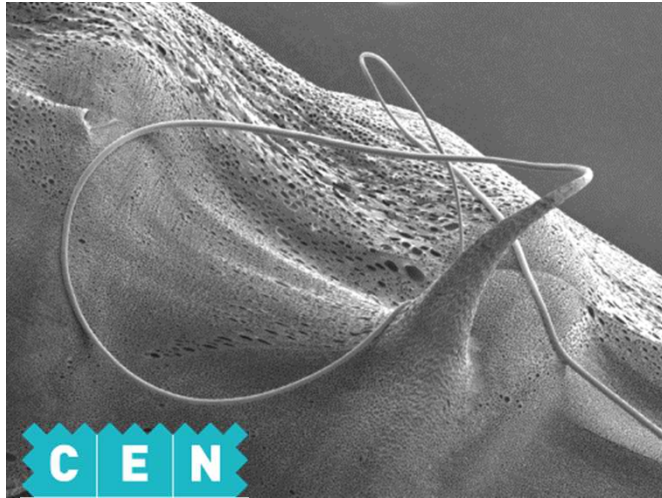




*Improving the mechanical properties of PiezoPLA tapes for energy harvesting and sensing applications*



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About Bioharv



# BIOHARV INTERREG V Project

*"Bio-based piezoelectric textile materials for the production of electrical energy"*

## Objectives

- ✓ Evidence, evaluate and enhance shear PE of PLA materials using melt-state processes
- ✓ Design 100% polymer-based PEH prototypes and test energy harvesting efficiency
- ✓ Development of cross-border FR/BE expertise in electroactive materials

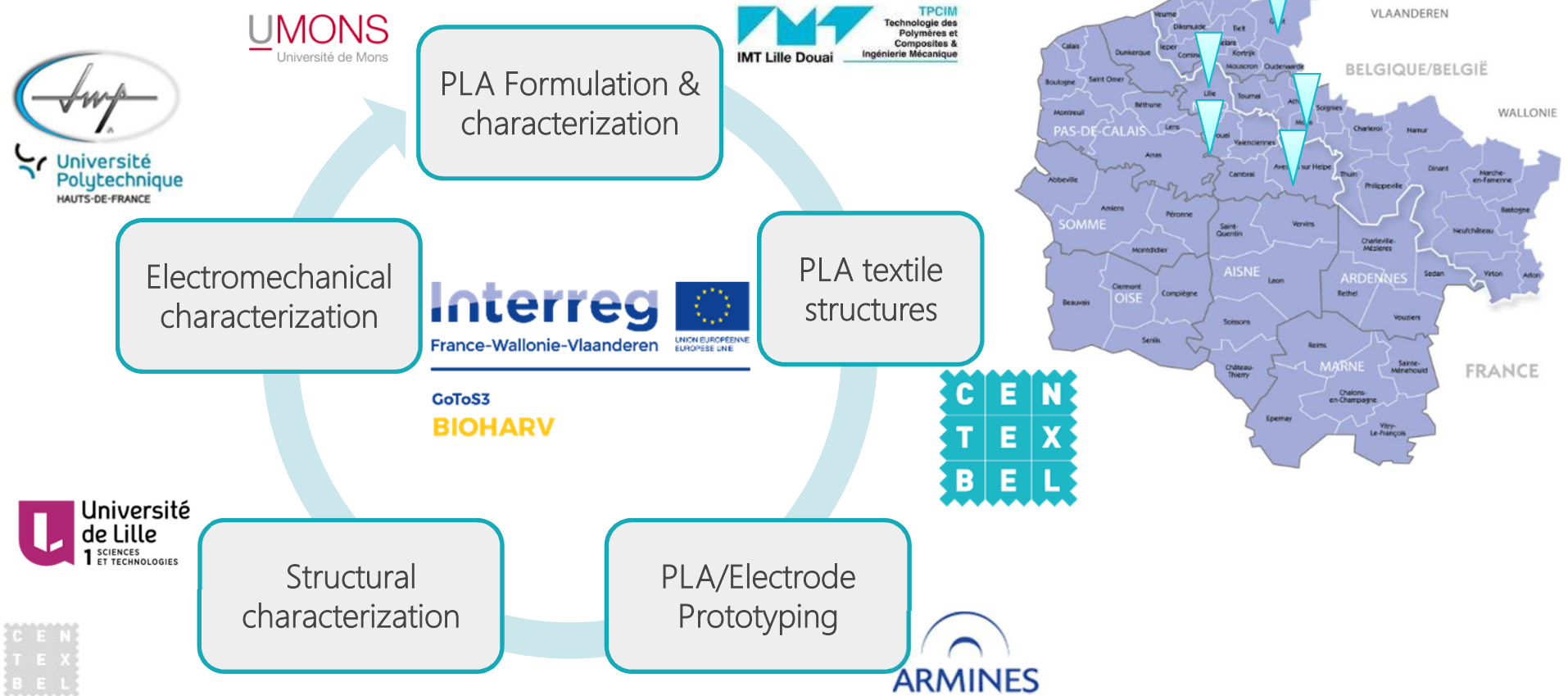
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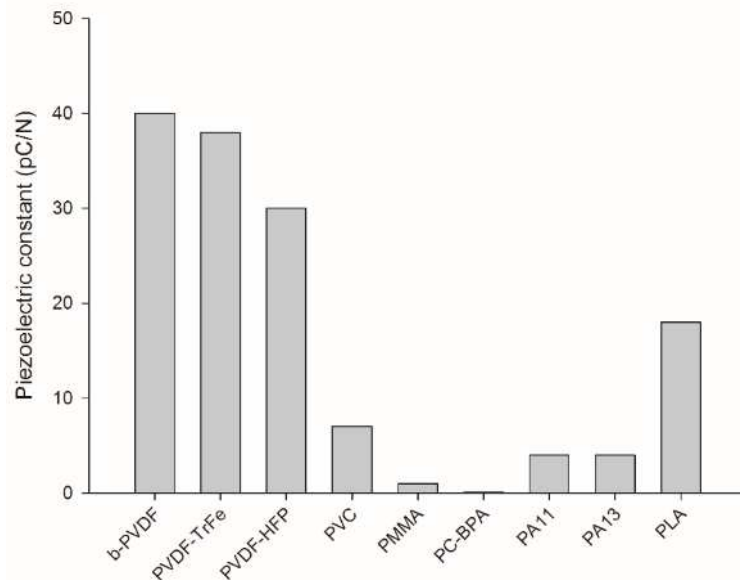
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# PiezoPLA

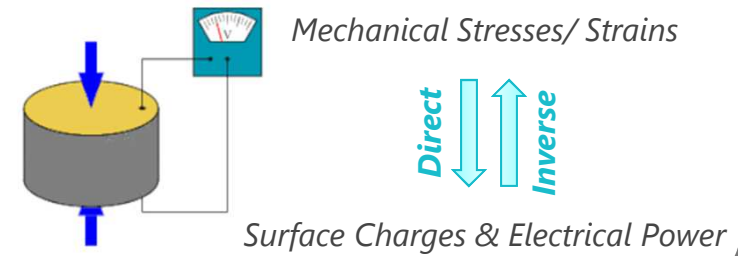
## Potential of PLA

- ✓ Biobased and biodegradable
- ✓ Low price and easy processing
- ✓ Shear piezoelectricity without poling

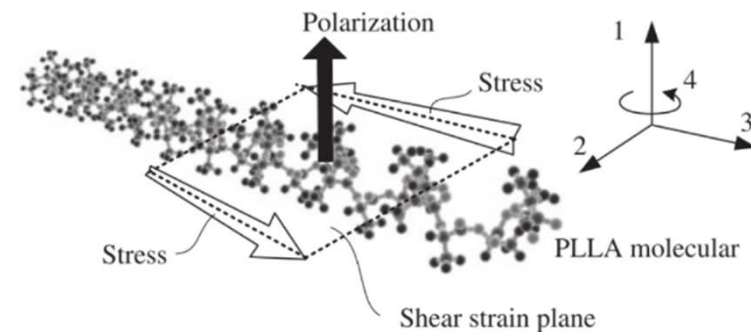


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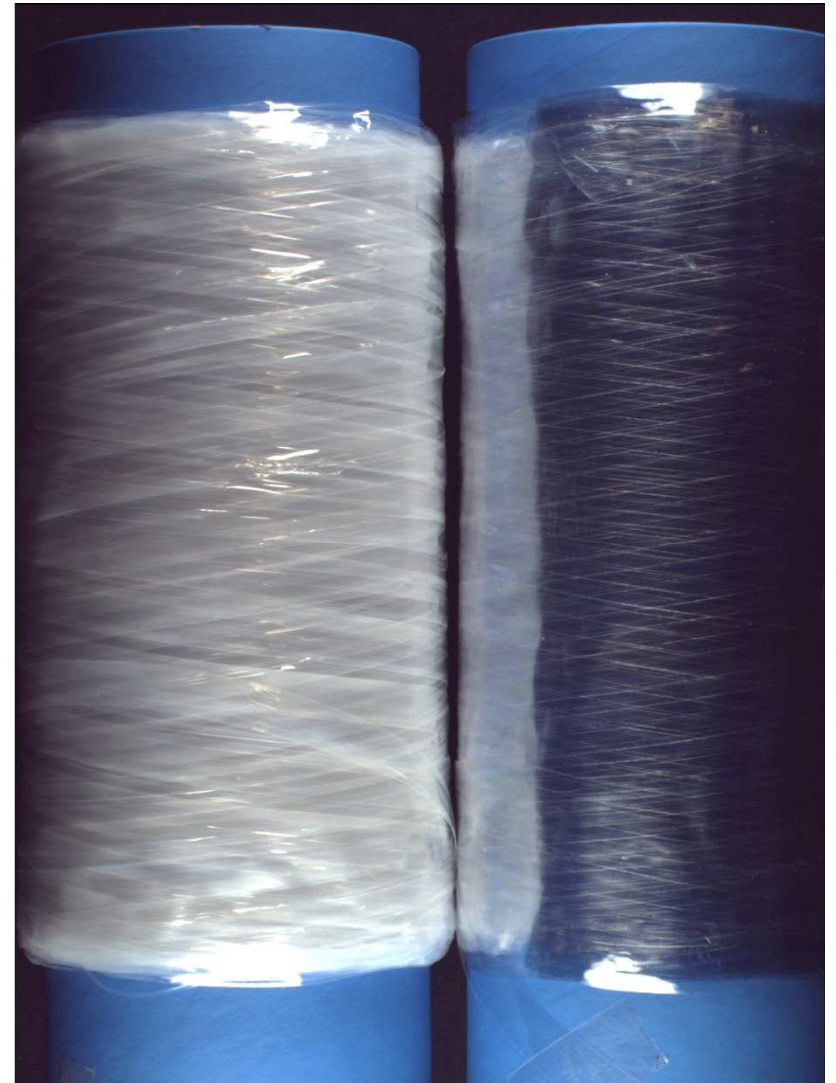
## The piezoelectric effect



## Optically-active polymer with SHEAR PIEZOELECTRICITY

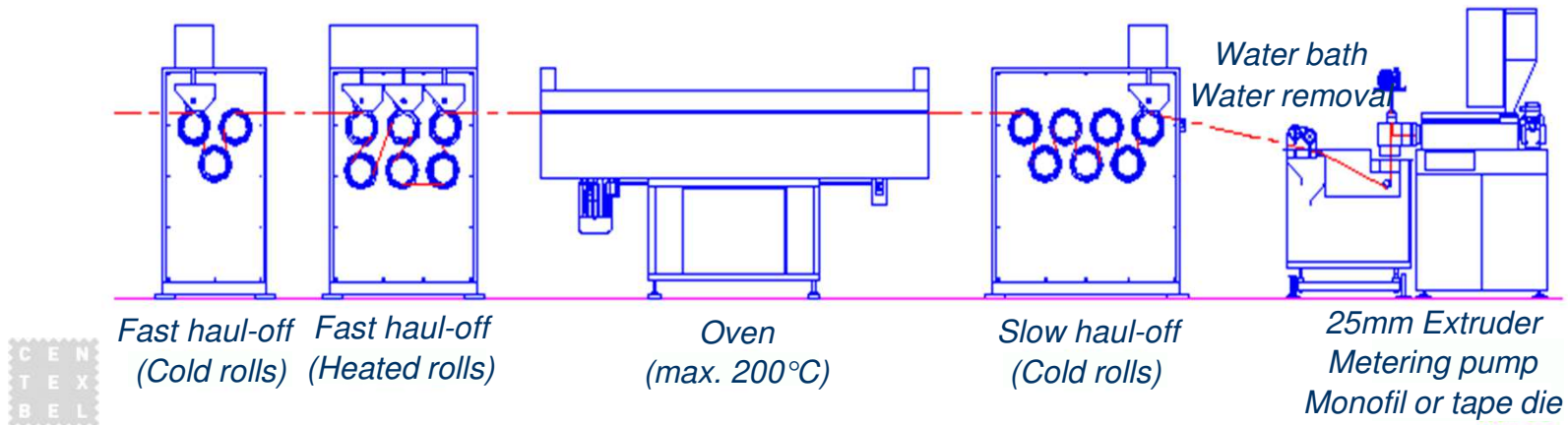


## PiezoPLA tape-based prototypes





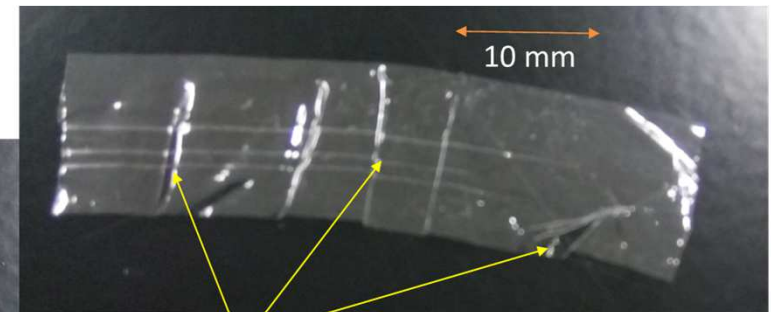
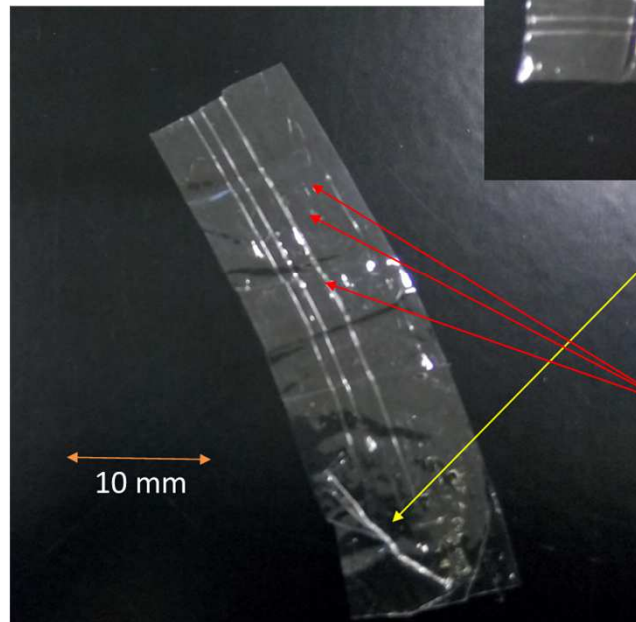
# PiezoPLA tape production



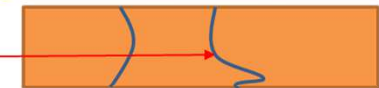
# PiezoPLA tape-based prototypes

Pure PLA-tape  
is too brittle  
for prototyping

Defects in the tapes:



fold



Different metallized zones  
separated from each other

Defects in the length of the sample





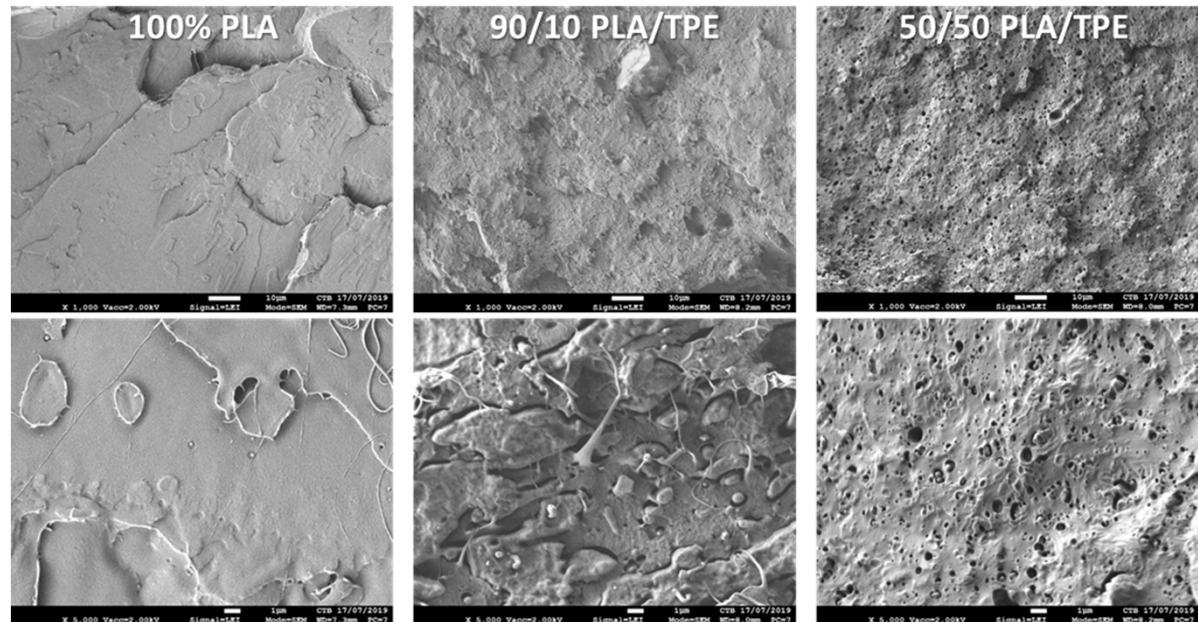
# PiezoPLA tape optimization - 1

Reduce brittleness & splitting by adding a TPE

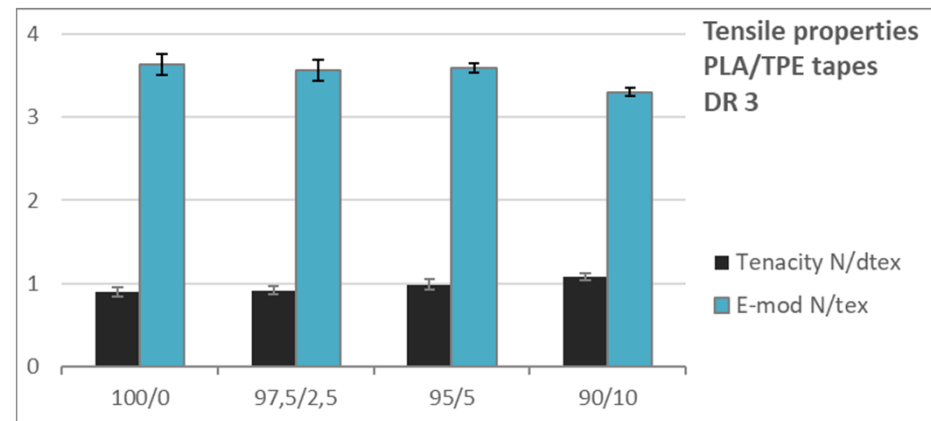
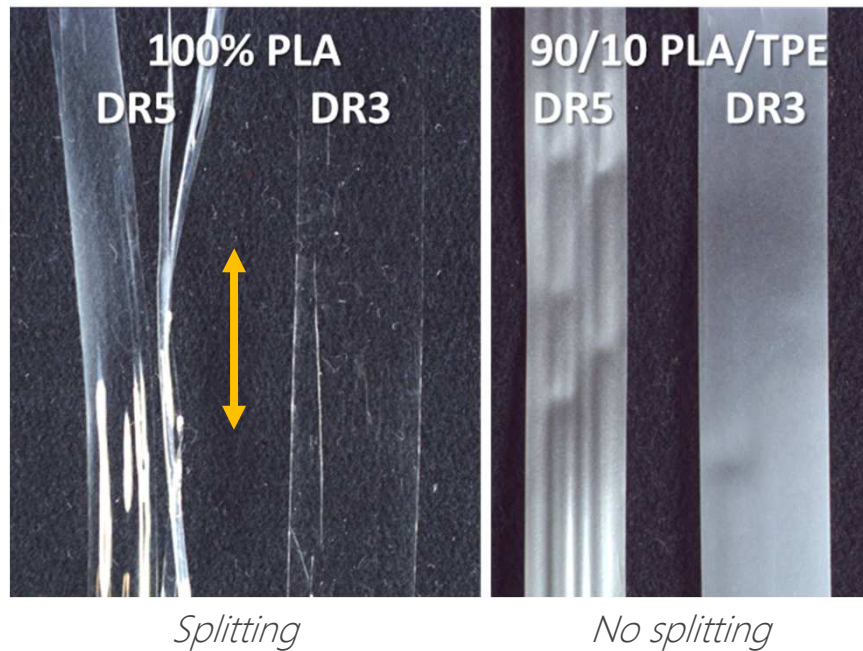
- **PLA:** Luminy® L130 (Total Corbion)
- **TPE:** Thermolast®K TF7ADN (Kraiburg) – SEBS based



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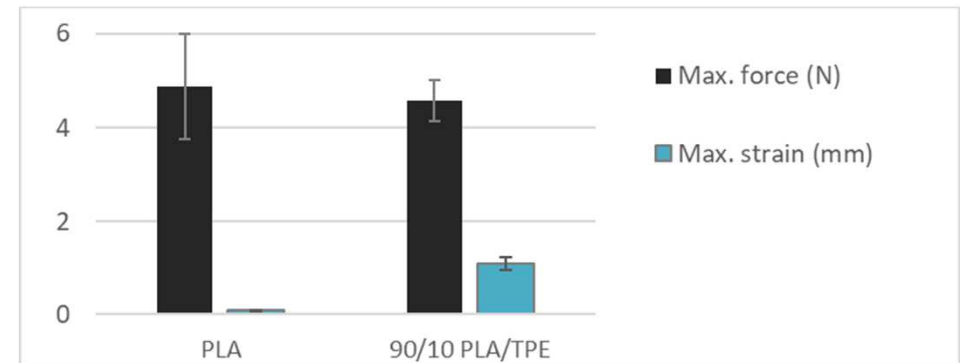
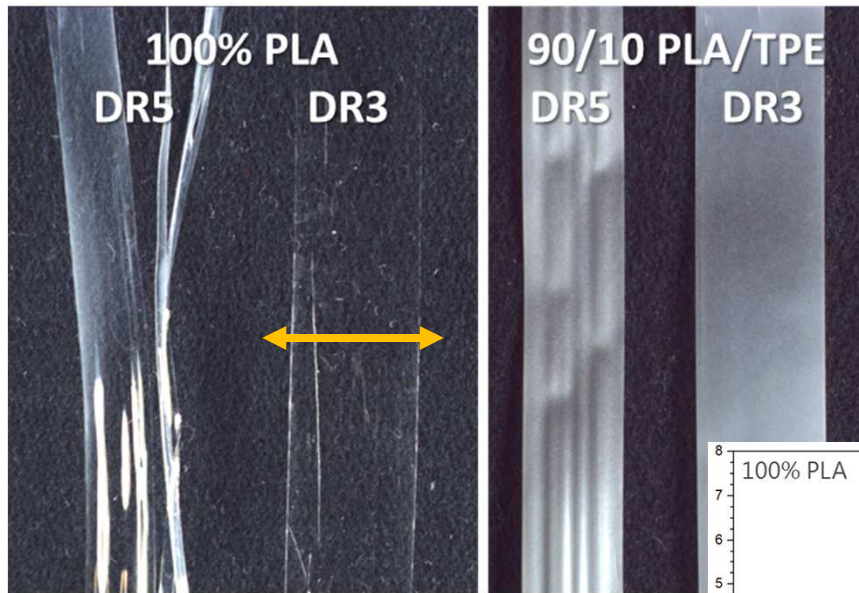


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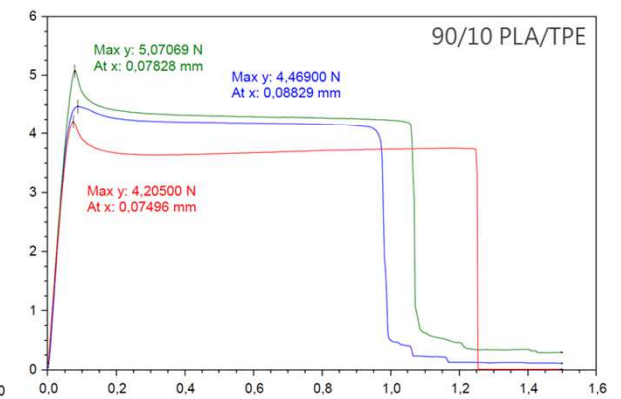
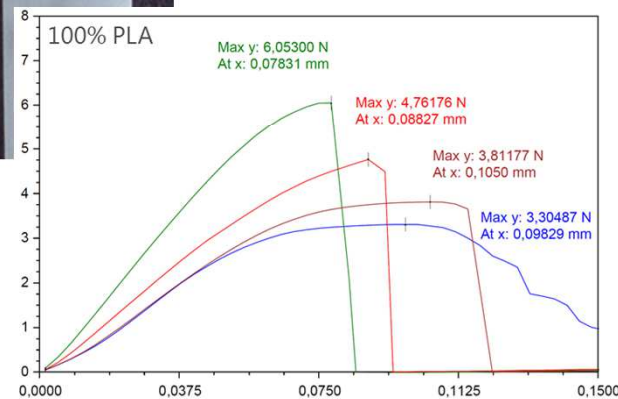


✓ Virtually no change in tenacity or modulus in machine direction

# PiezoPLA tape optimization -1

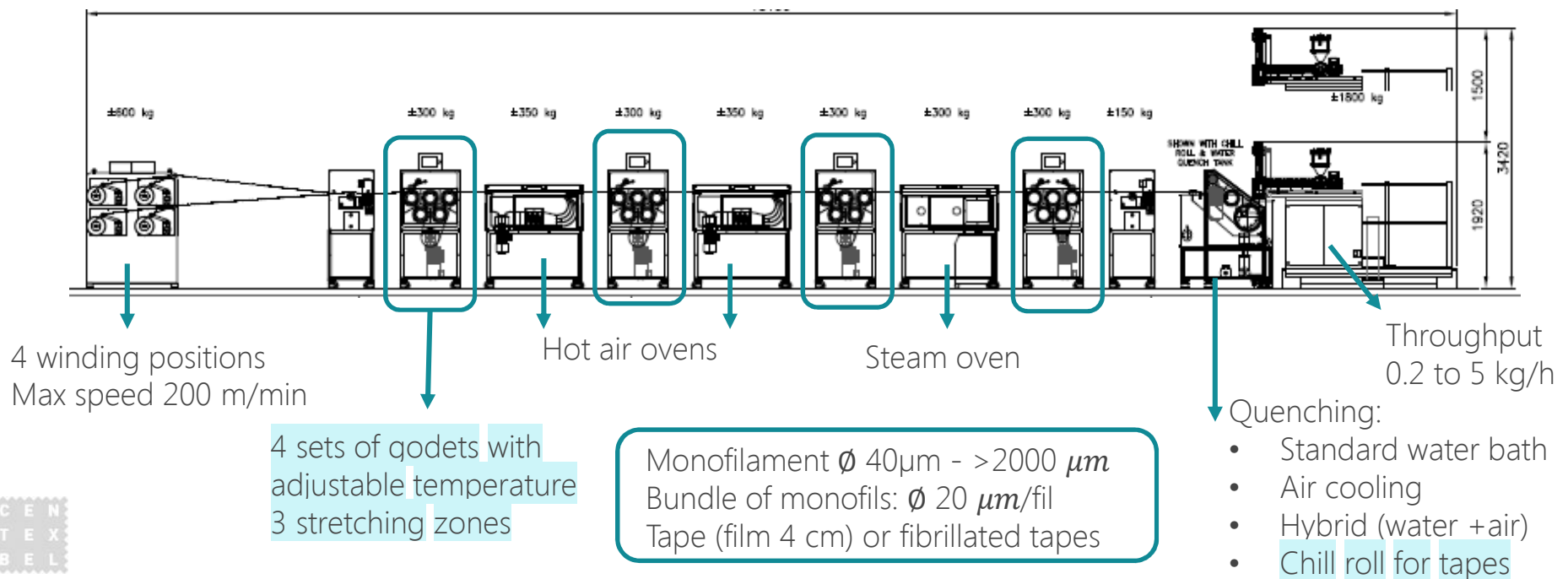


✓ Increase in strain + ductile fracture in the transverse direction of the tape

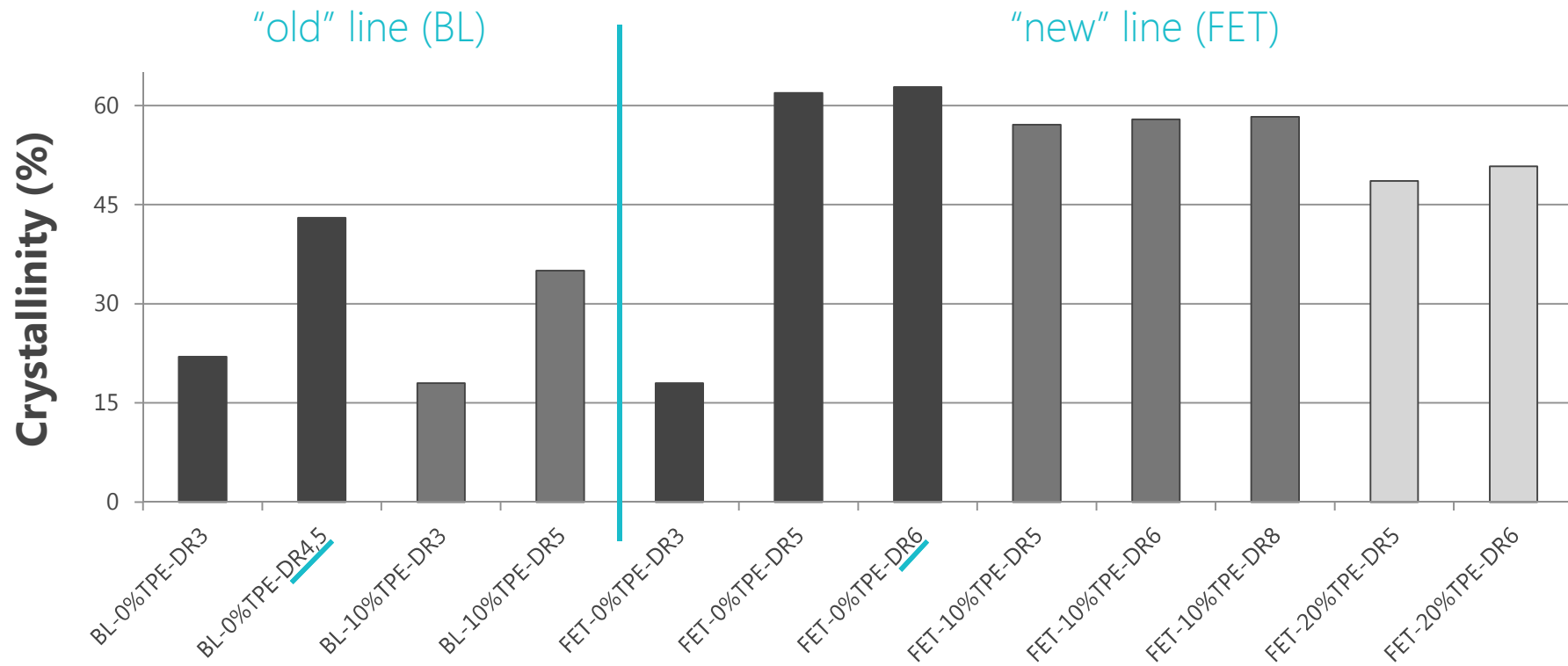


# PiezoPLA tape optimization - 2

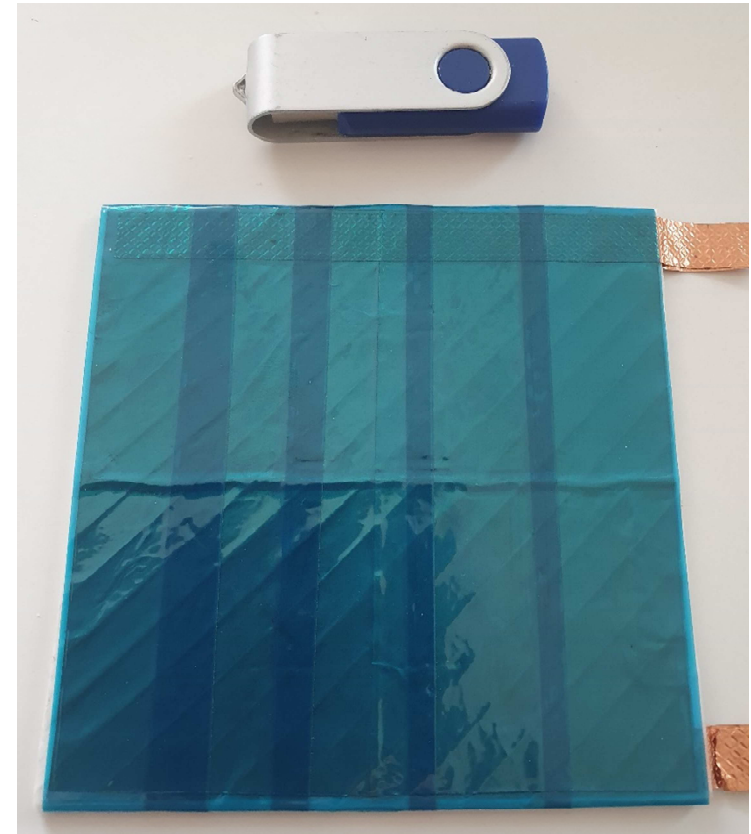
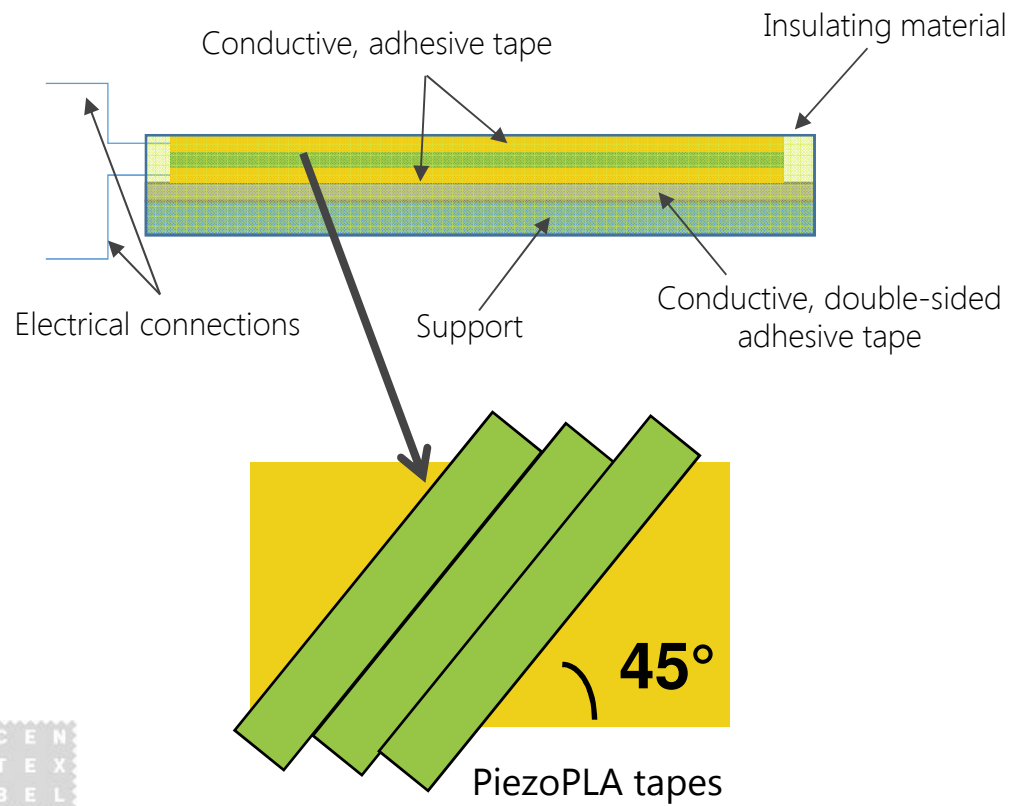
Improve the piezoelectric properties



# PiezoPLA tape optimization - 2



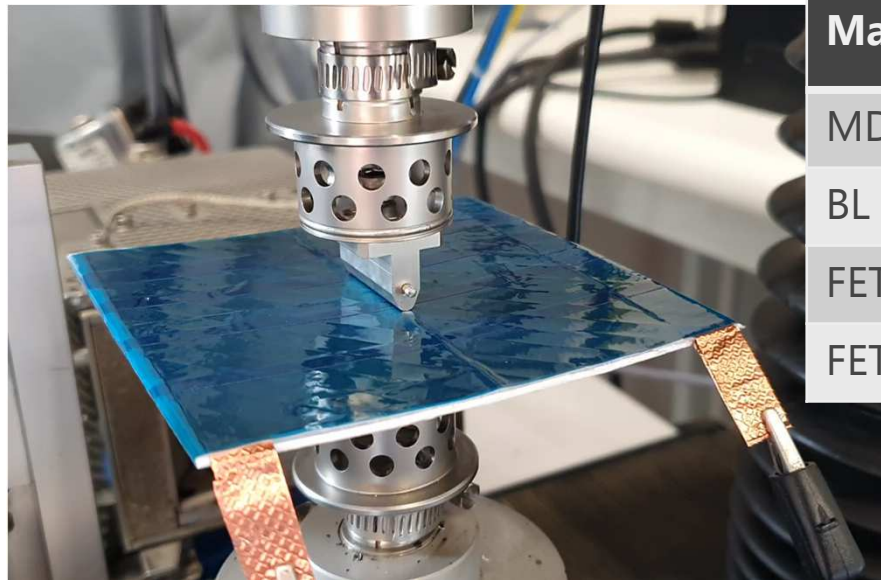
# PiezoPLA tape-based prototypes - 2





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Prototype active in 3-point-bending tests (2 Hz)



| Materials             | $V_{pp}$<br>(mV) | $V_{rms}$<br>(mV) |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| MDO PiezoPLA film     | 105              | 20                |
| BL piezoPLA tape      | 175              | 65                |
| FET piezoPLA tape     | 330              | 115               |
| FET piezoPLA-TPE tape | 170              | 60                |

(DR 5, PLA L130)

# Conclusions and future perspectives

- Successful production of mono-oriented PiezoPLA tapes
- Demonstration of the shear piezoelectricity
- Improved mechanical properties but reduction in energy recuperation upon addition of TPE
- Perspectives – maximizing the energy recuperation while maintaining improved mechanical properties

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