

Influence of Fiber Type on the Properties of Short-Fiber Based C/C-SiC

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- Material properties
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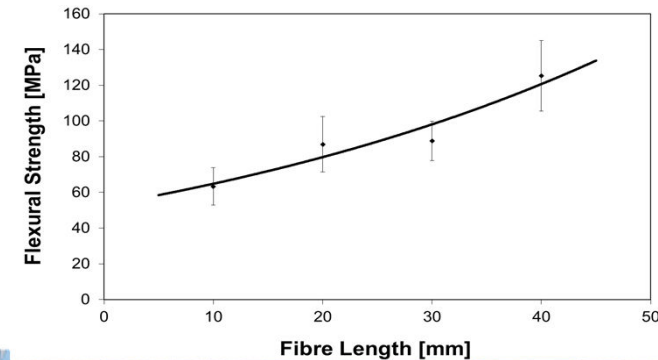


General Properties of Short Fiber Based C/C-SiC (C/C-SiC SF)

Compared to C/C-SiC based on fabric (2D) or 3D fiber preforms, C/C-SiC SF offer

- + Near net shape manufacture of highly complex parts
- + Randomly oriented fibers with „3D“ fiber architecture
 - low risk of delamination → fast processes
 - higher out of plane strength
- + Low cost fiber preform (no weaving, automatized cutting)
- + High availability of all fiber types

- Lower in plane strength, because:
 - fibers not oriented in load direction
 - limited fiber length



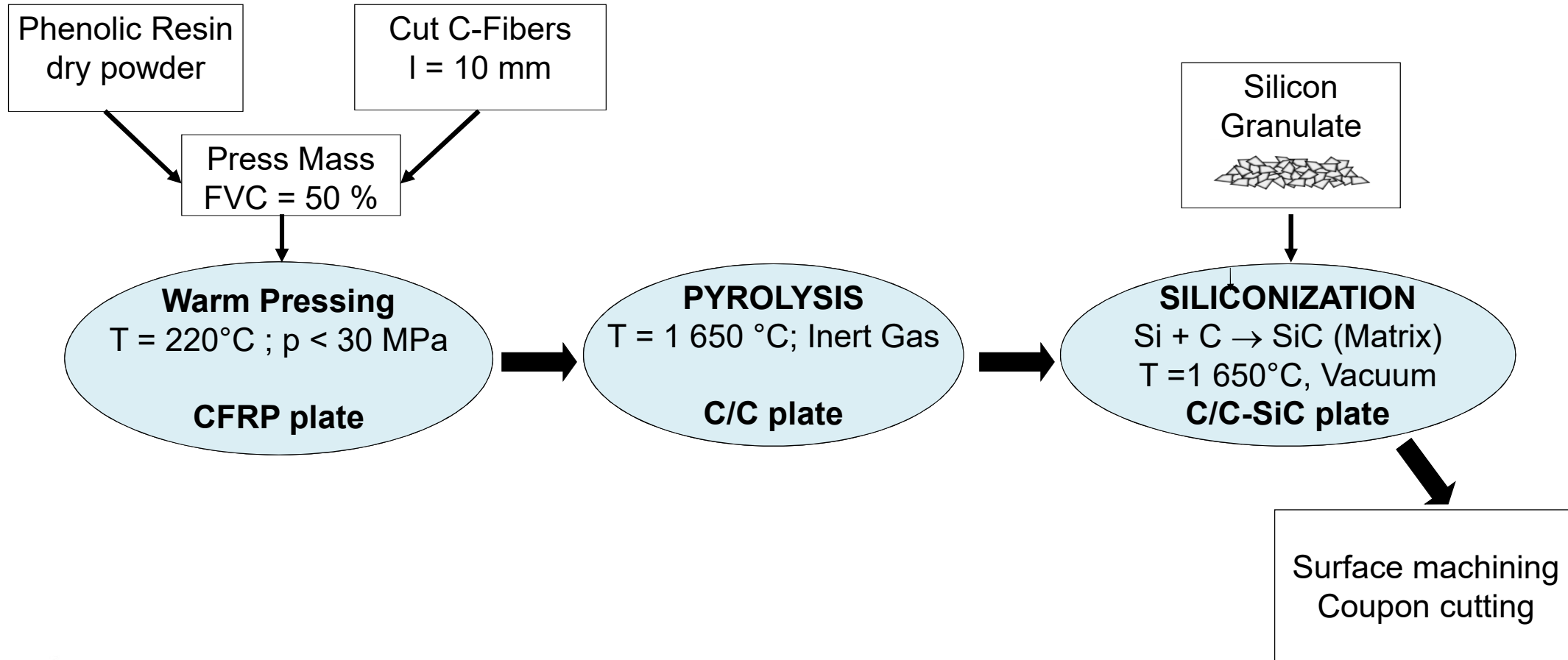
New Approach

Increase of mechanical properties of C/C-SiC SF by:

- Replacing standard HT fibers by high performance carbon fibers
- Orientation of the fibers in load direction
- Homogeneous fiber distribution by defined mould loading strategy



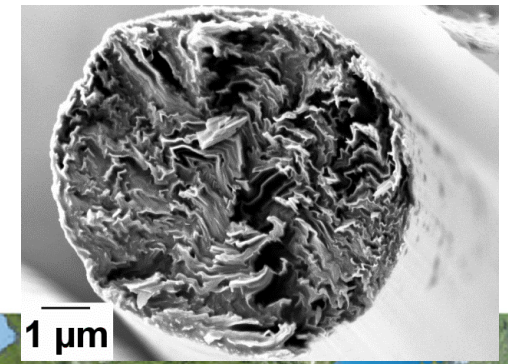
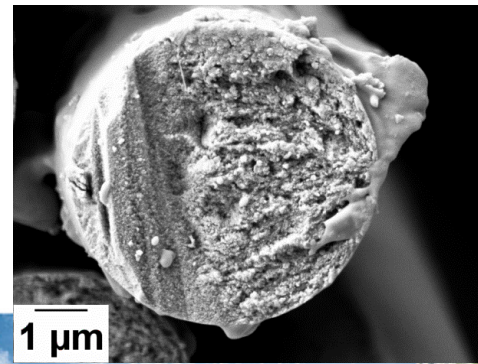
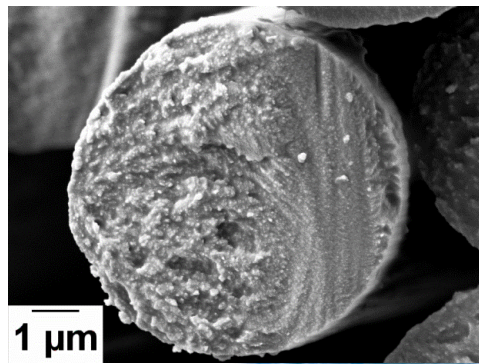
Manufacture of C/C-SiC SF via Liquid Silicon Infiltration (LSI)



Carbon Fiber Types

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Fibre precursor	PAN	PAN	Pitch
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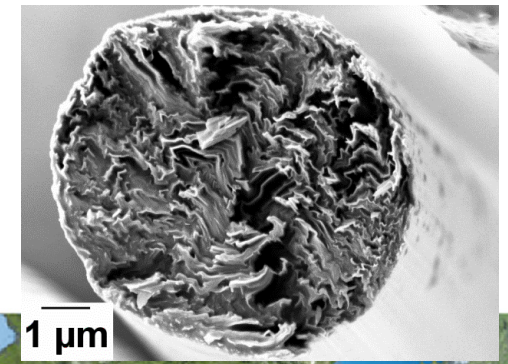
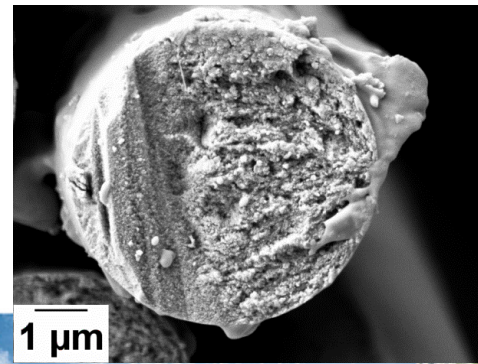
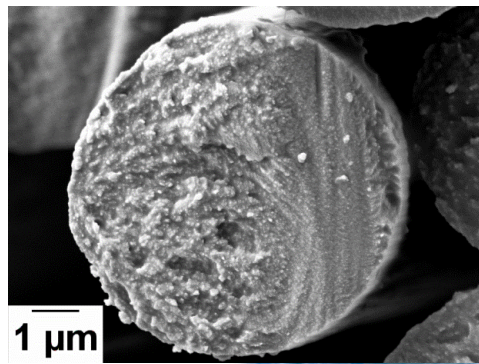
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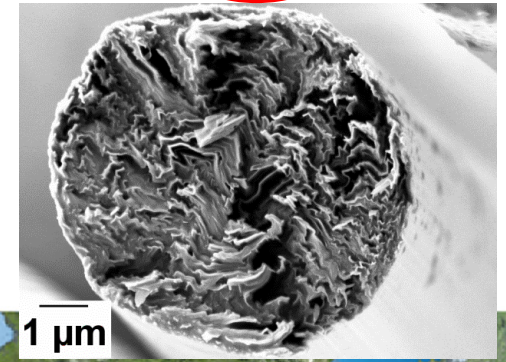
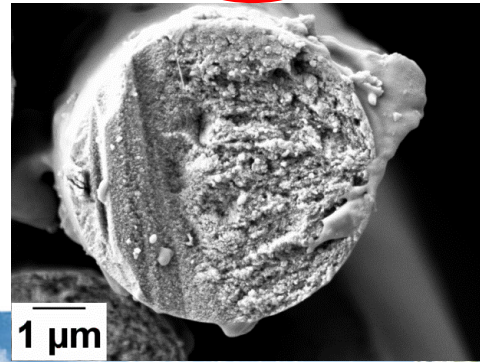
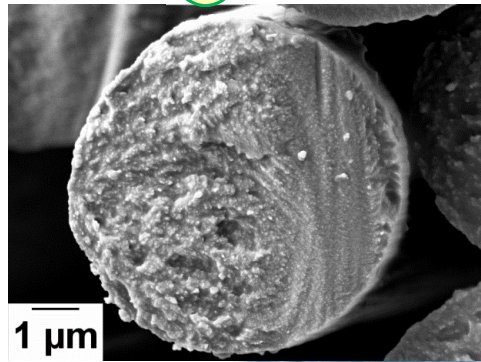


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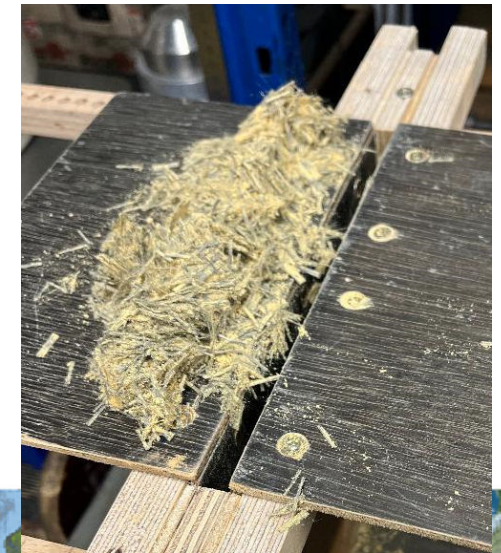
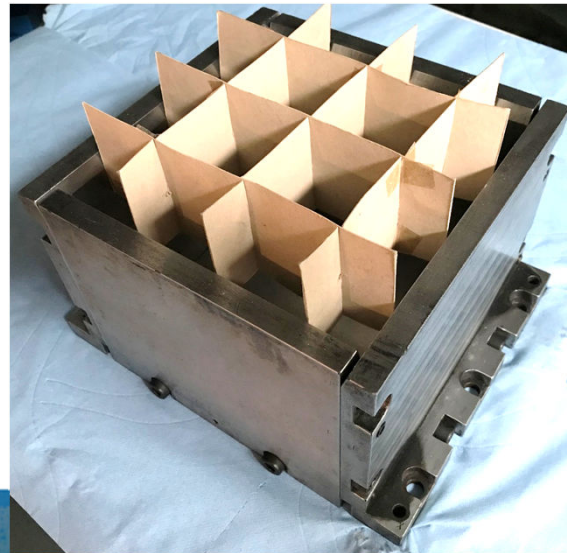
x 2-3

x 6 - 8



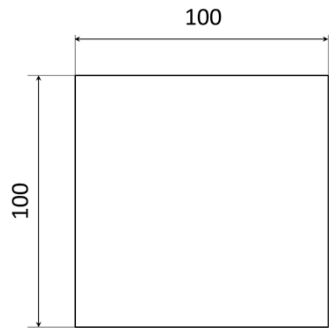
Mould Loading and Fiber Orientation

- Small moulds are filled with one press mass batch in whole area (100 x 100 mm²).
- Bigger moulds are difficult to fill homogeneously → splitting mould area in multiple loading cells.
- Reduce fiber alignment by multiple layers and overlapping loading cells.
- Orientation of short fibers by using narrow loading cells (w = 10 mm).



Loading Methods - Randomly Oriented Fibers

Single batch
For small plates



100 x 100 x 4 mm³

100 x 100 mm²

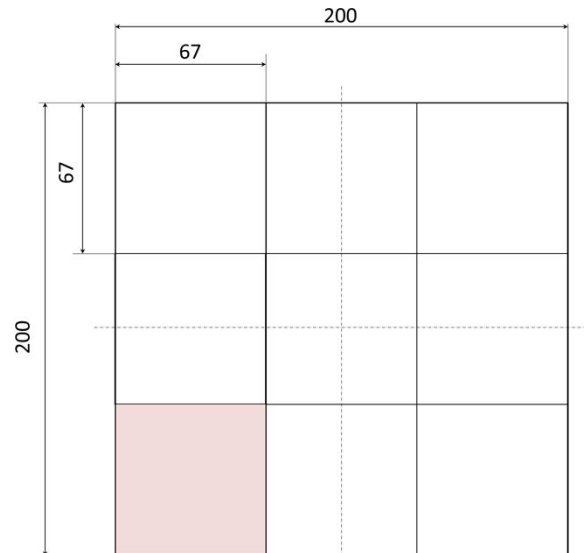
100²

No. of layers / portions

1 / 1

Multiple batches

no overlap



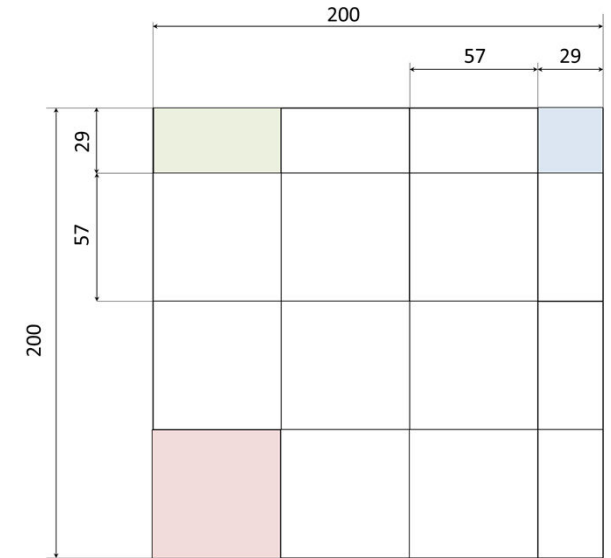
200 x 200 x 6 mm³

67 x 67 mm²

67²

1 / 9

overlap



57 x 57; 57 x 29; 29 x 29 mm²

29²

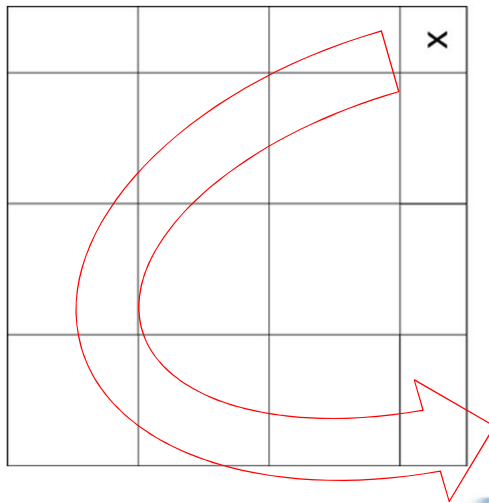
4 / 64



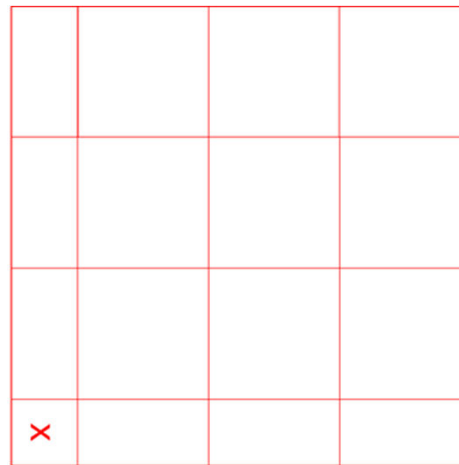
Loading Methods - Multiple Batches with Overlap

- 4 layers
 - Grid turned after each layer
- ⇒
- 50 % overlap of cells
 - small cells 29 x 29 mm²

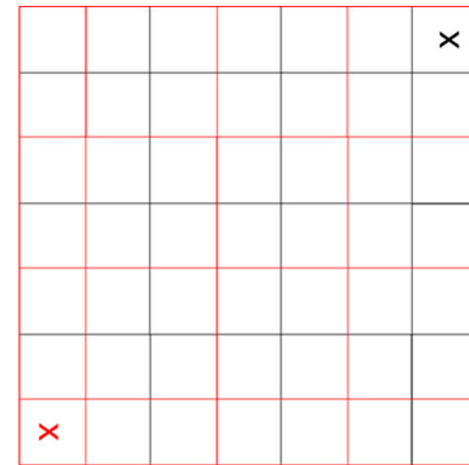
Layer 1 and 3



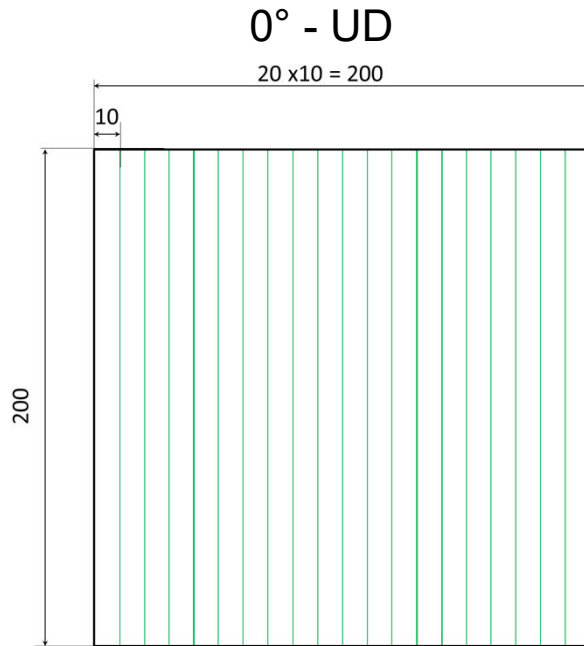
Layer 2 and 4
Loading grid turned by 180 °



Layer 1 to 4



Loading Methods - Unidirectional Oriented Fibers



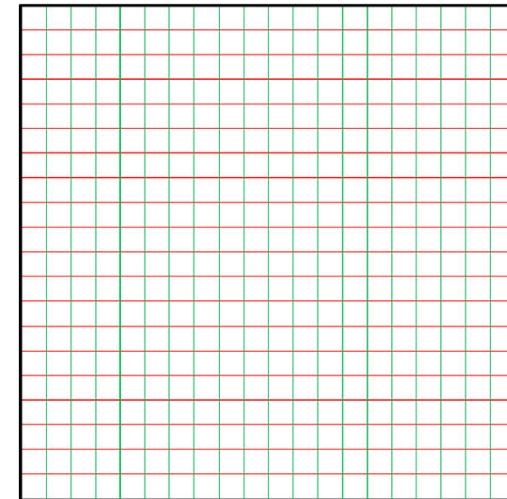
200 x 200 x 6 mm³

10 x 200 mm²

0°

1 / 20

0° / 90° - UD crossply
(0° / 90° / 90° / 0°)



200 x 200 x 6 mm³

10 x 200 mm²

0° / 90°

4 / 80

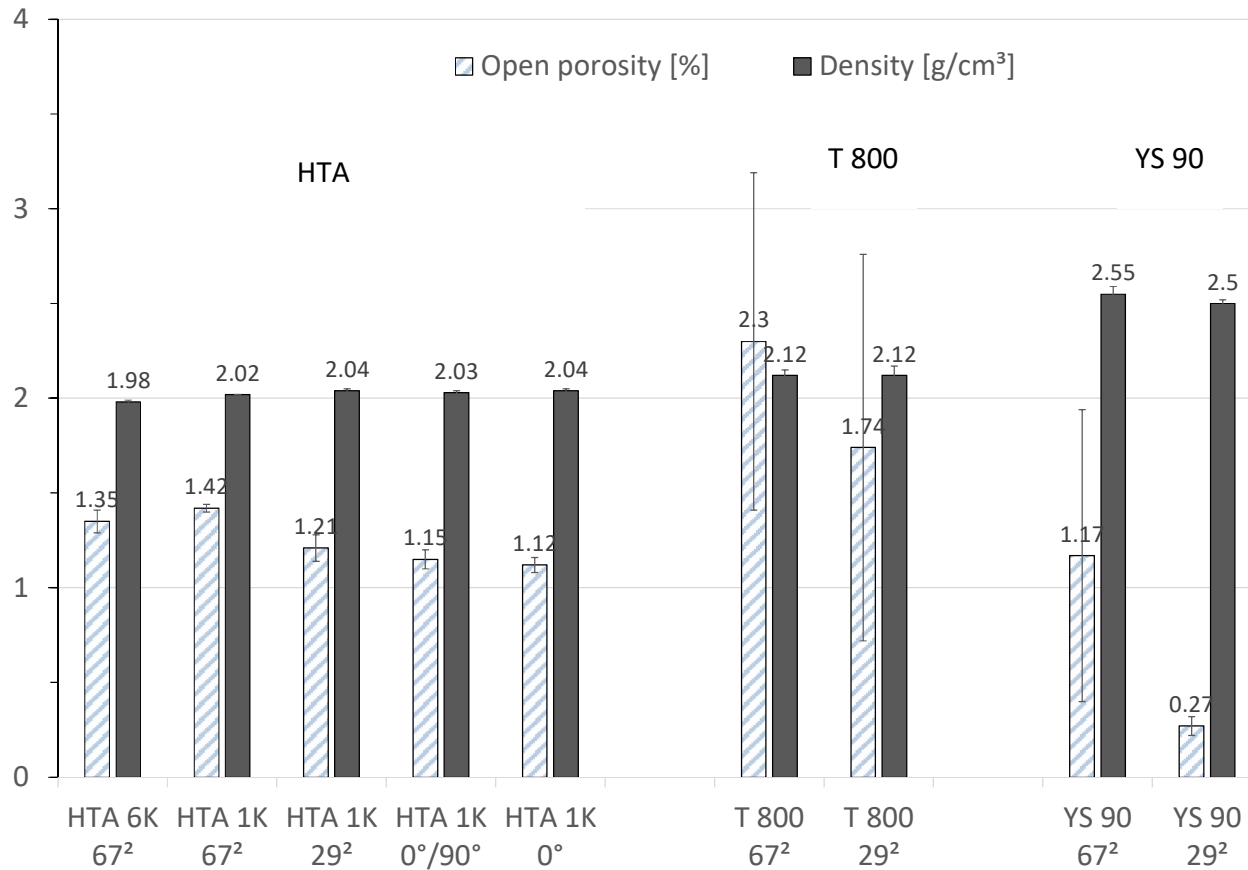
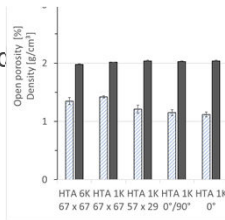


Sample overview

		HT 1K		HT 6K	HT 1K				UHT			UHM			
Fiber type	[-]	HTA 40							T800HB 12000-40B			YS-90A-30S			
Fiber manufacturer		Tejin Carbon							Toray			NGF			
CFRP plate geometry	[mm]	100 ² x 4	200 ² x 6							100 ² x 4	200 ² x 6		100 ² x 4	200 ² x 6	
Fiber orientation	[-]	random				0°90°	0°		random			random			
Filling method															
Grid size	[mm]	100 x 100	67 x 67		29 x 29	10 x 200			100 x 100	67 x 67	29 x 29	100 x 100	67 x 67	29 x 29	
Number of layers	[-]	1			4	4	1		1		4	1		4	
Number of portions	[-]	1	9	9	64	80	20	20	1	9	64	1	9	64	
Fiber content in CFRP	[Vol.-%]	49.4	47.5	48.4	47.5	47.9	47.5	48.3	49.0	46.7	46.9	48.8	48.0	40.6	

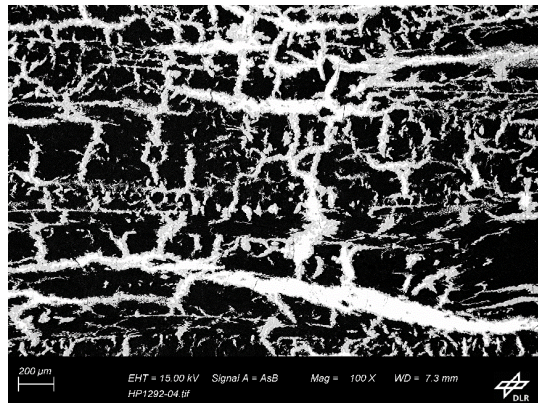


C/C-SiC Material properties – Porosity and Density

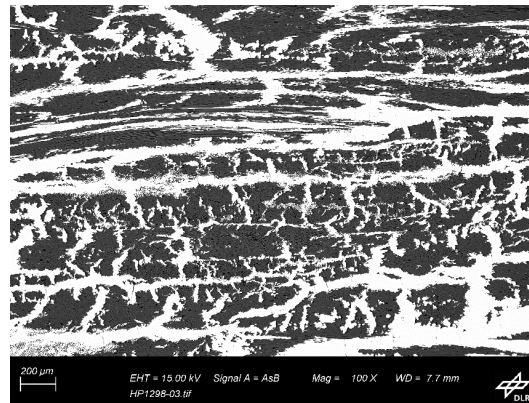


Material properties – Microstructures and Phase Contents (SiC / Si / C)

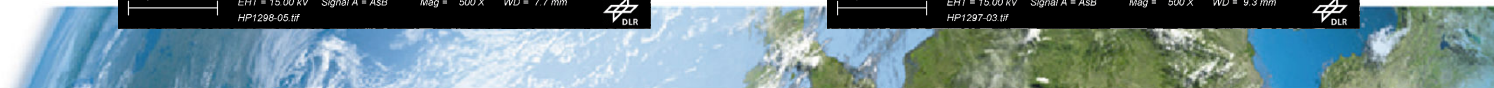
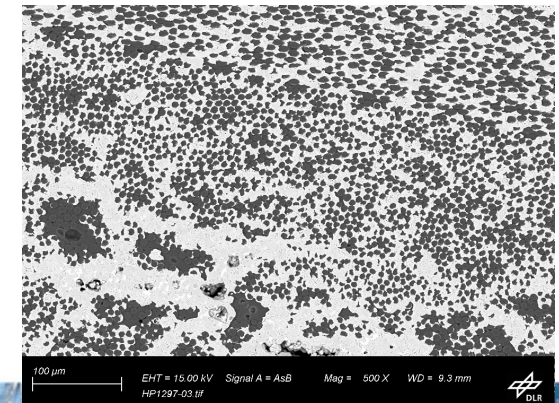
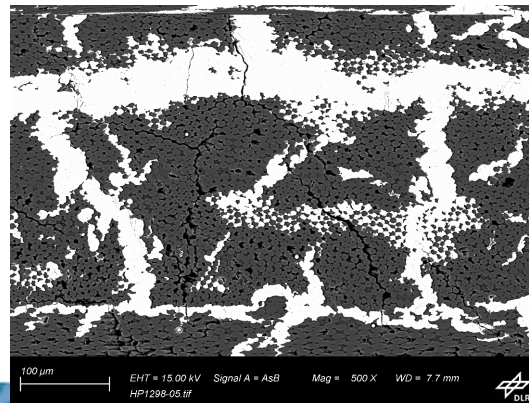
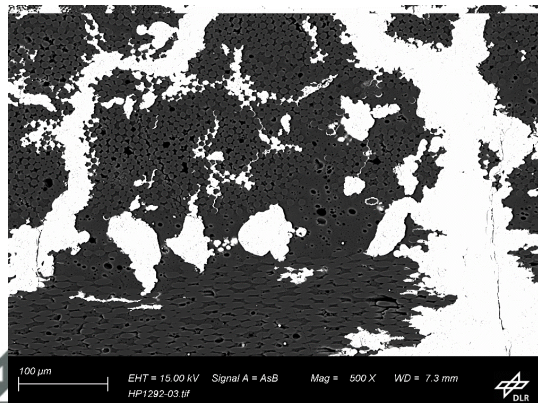
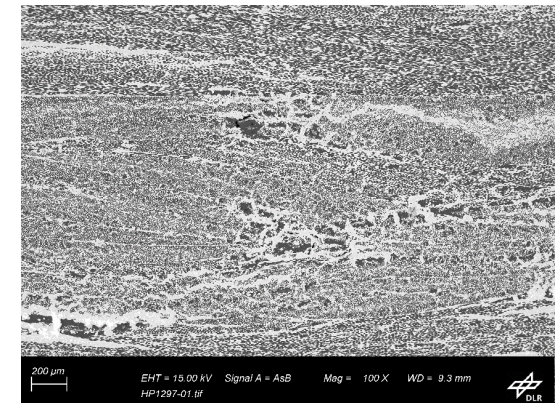
HTA (1K)
26 / 10 / 64



T 800
28 / 8 / 64



YS 90
49 / 4 / 47



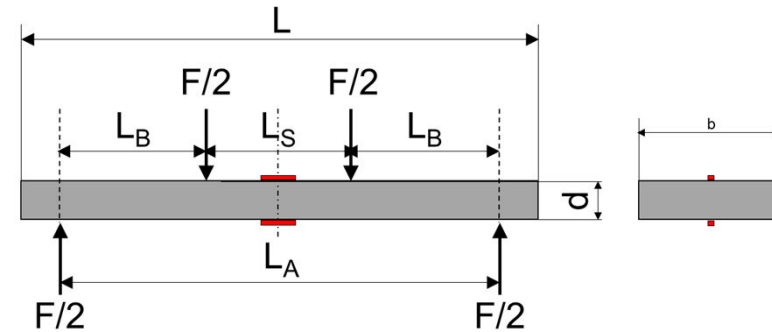
Coupon Testing

- 4-Pt. Bending

- 100 x 18 x 2.8 mm³
- 110 x 20 x 4 mm³

$$L_A = 76 \text{ mm}; L_S = 20 \text{ mm} \quad (L_A - L_S)/d = 20$$

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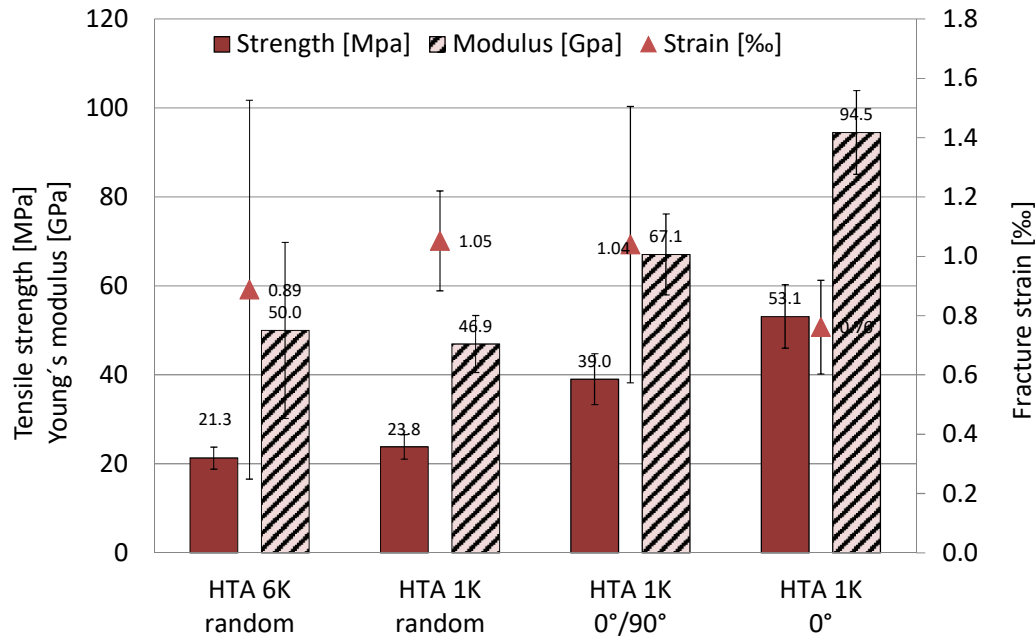
- Tension

- 120 x 20 x 4 mm³

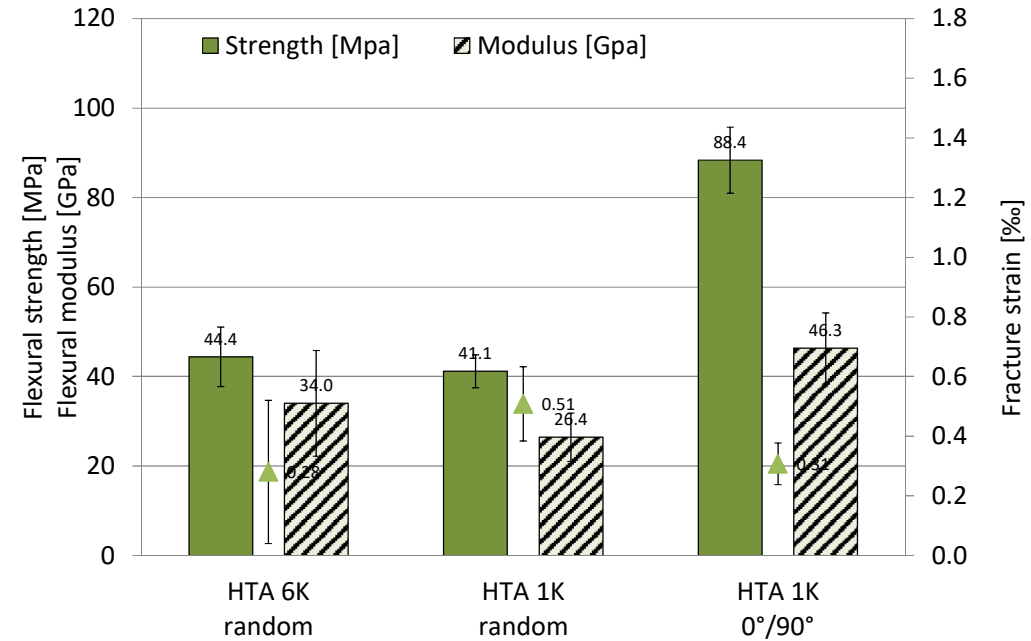


Influence of Fiber Grade (HTA 1K / 6K) and Fiber Orientation

Tension



4-Pt. Bending

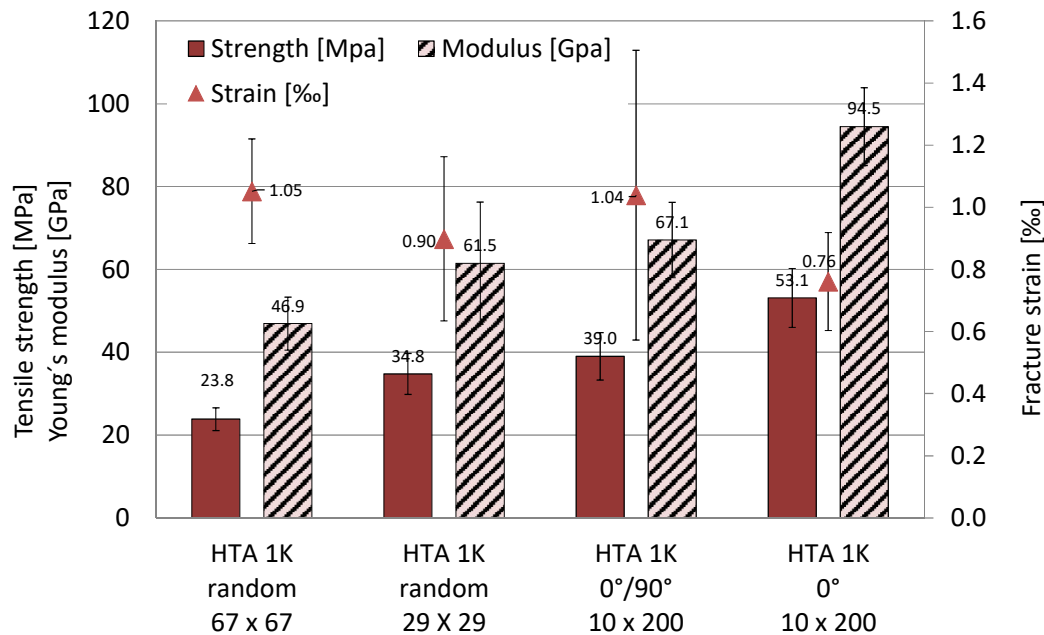


- 6 K fibers offer similar mechanical performance as 1K (67²).
- Fiber orientation leads to up to 2 x higher strength and modulus but lower fracture strain.

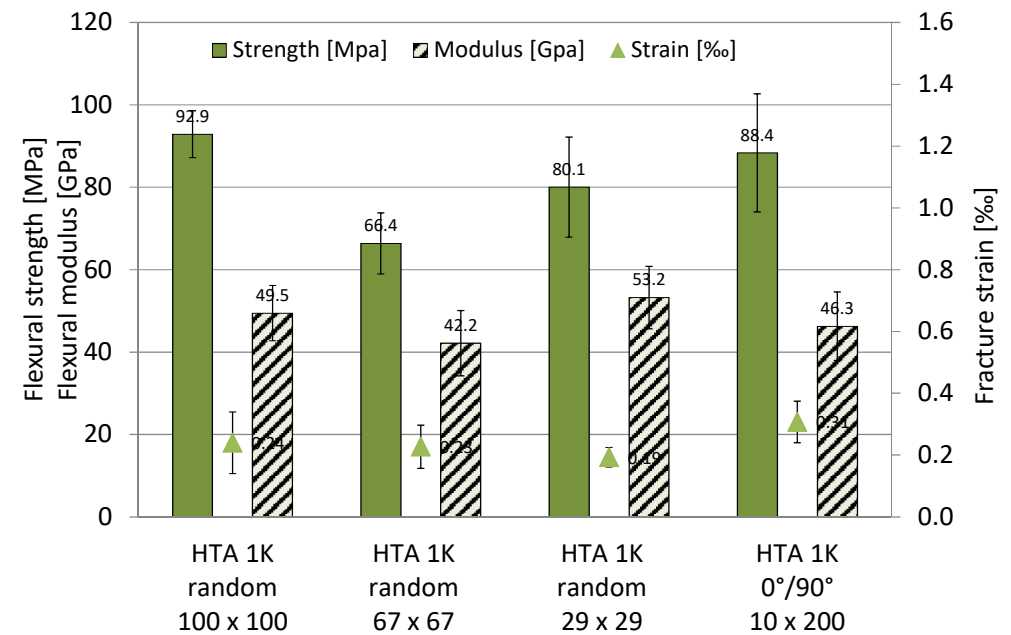


Influence of Loading Method

Tension



4-Pt. Bending

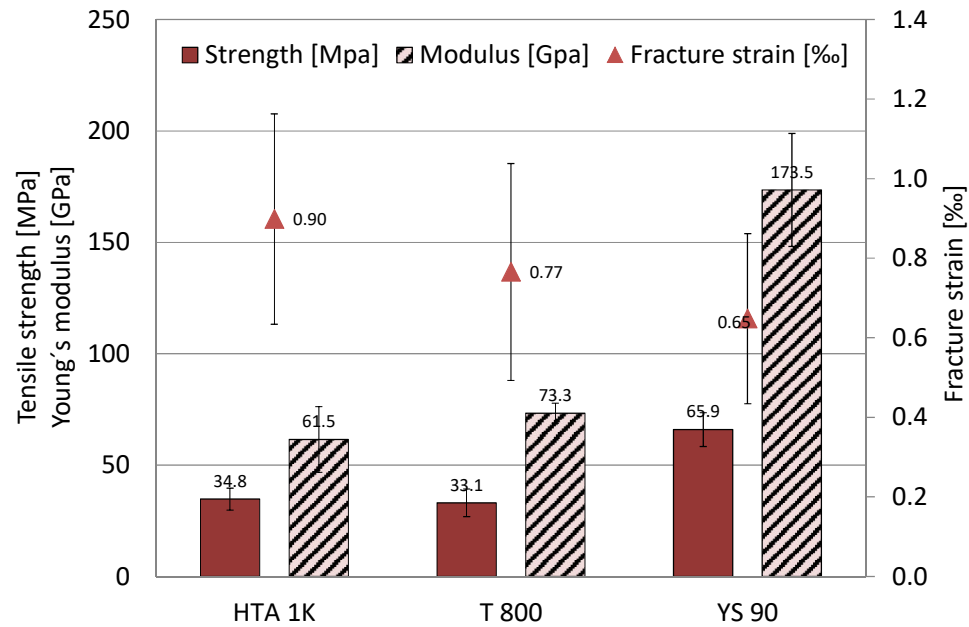


- Tension:
- Overlap leads to higher strength (18 – 47 %) and modulus (13 – 30 %) for all fiber types.
 - Highest strength and modulus for UD material (0°)
- Bending:
- Lowest strength / modulus for multiple batches without overlap.
 - Highest values for single batch and UD crossply (0°/90°).

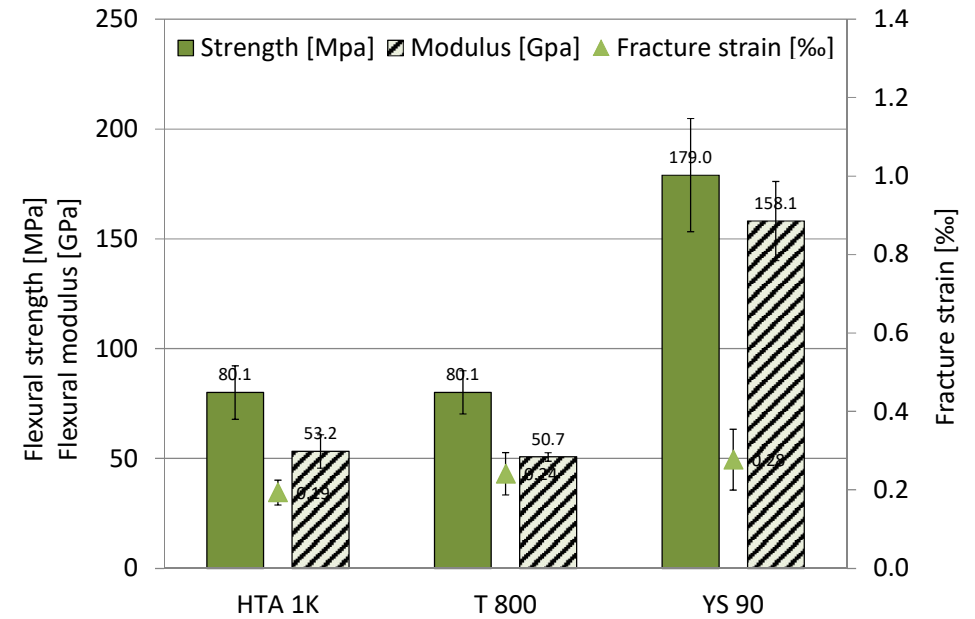


Influence of Fibre Type (29²)

Tension



4-Pt. Bending

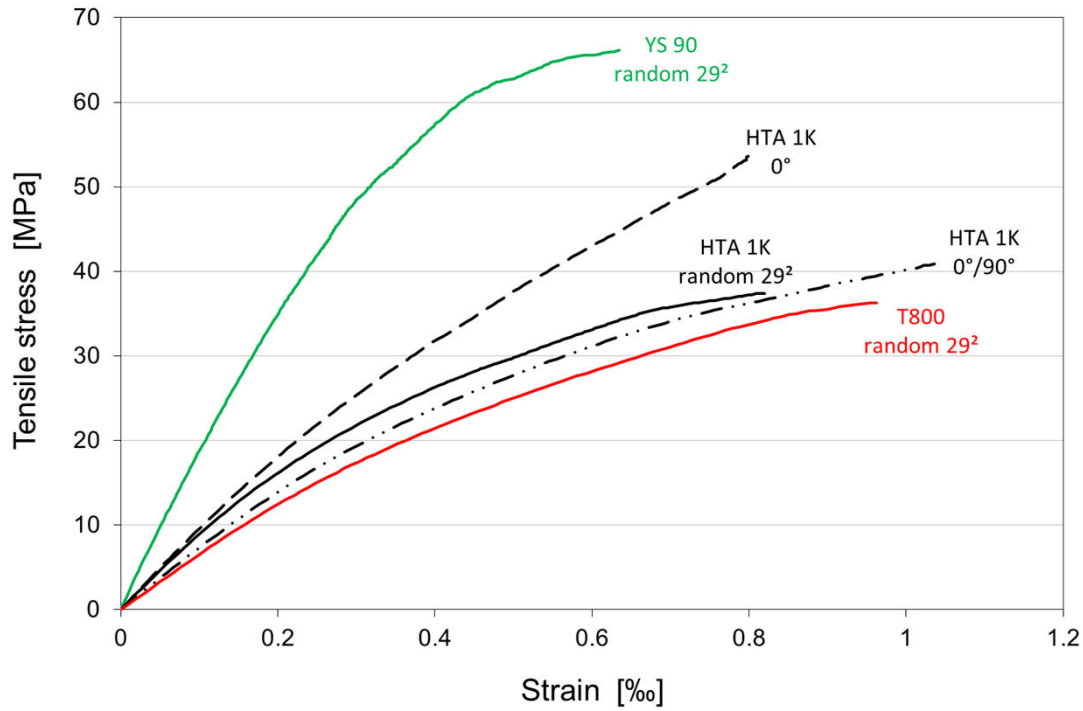


- T 800: no significant increase of mechanical performance, compared to HTA.
- YS 90: Increase of strength and modulus (89 – 300 %).
- Influence on fracture strain not clear.

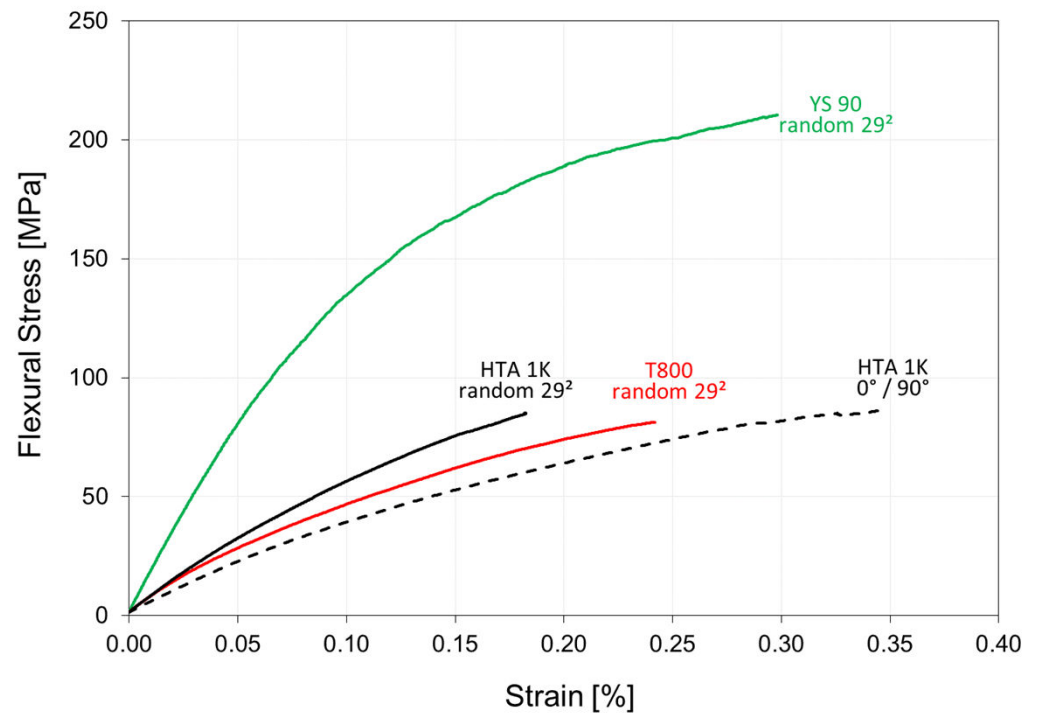


Stress / Strain Behaviour (29²)

Tension



4-Pt. Bending



Conclusions

- Mechanical strength and modulus could be increased significantly (89 – 300 %) by using pitch based UHM fibers, instead of HTA and T800 fibers.
- T800 fibers showed no advantages compared to standard HTA fibers.
- 1K HTA showed no advantages compared to standard HTA 6K fibers, 1K advantageous for the near net shape manufacture of tiny parts.

→ HTA (6K) for moderately loaded, YS 90 for high performance parts

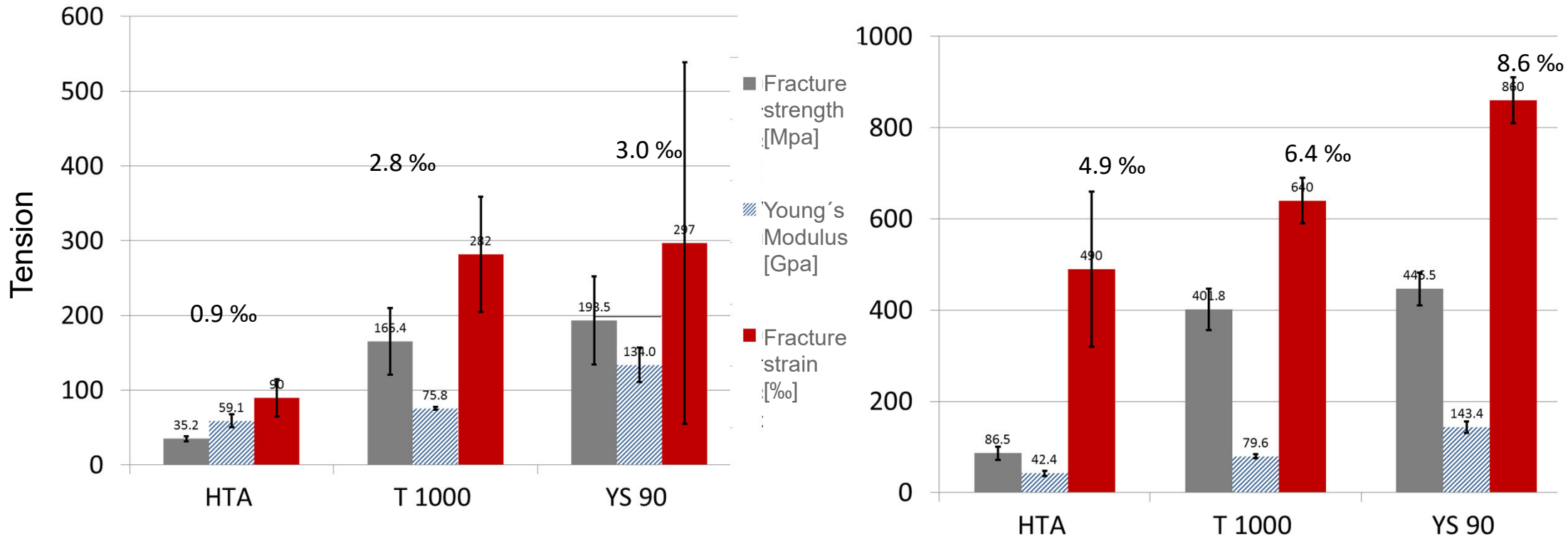
- For small plates (100 x 100 mm²) single batch filling sufficient. For larger plates, multiple batch filling with overlapping cells is favourable.
- Mechanical properties can be influenced by fiber orientation (UD) → Strength and modulus can be tailored in highly loaded parts, manufactured in near net shape.



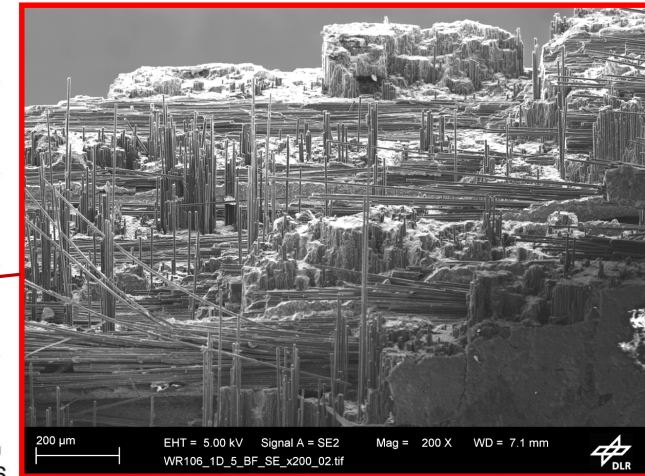
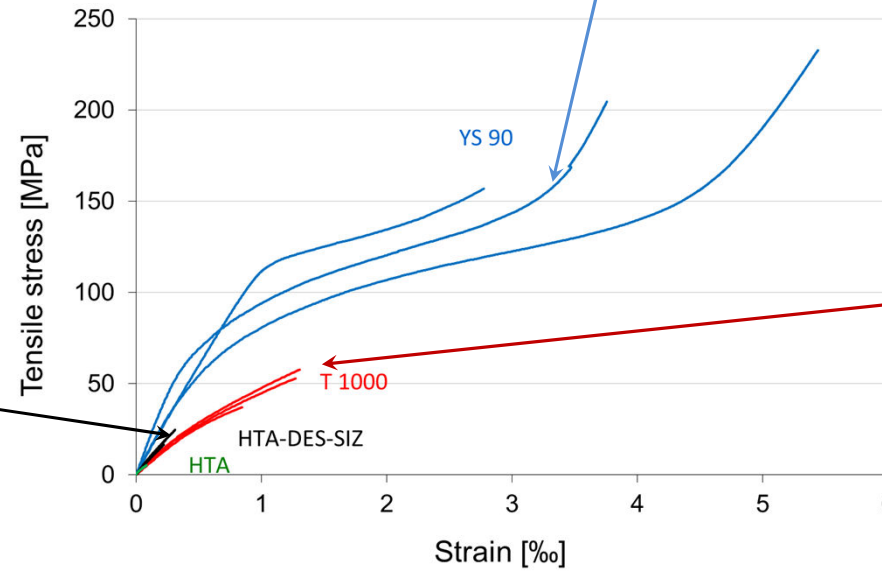
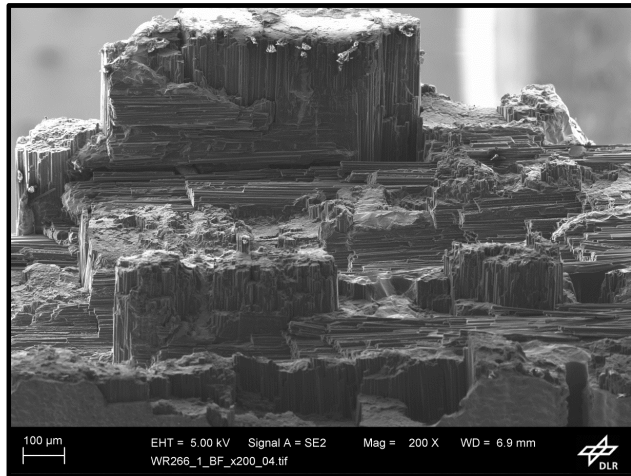
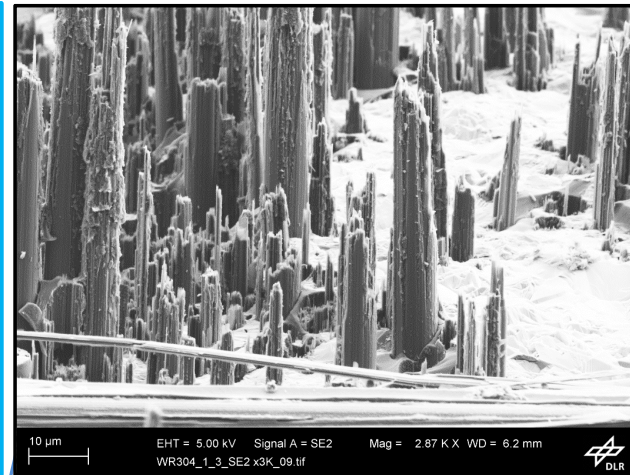
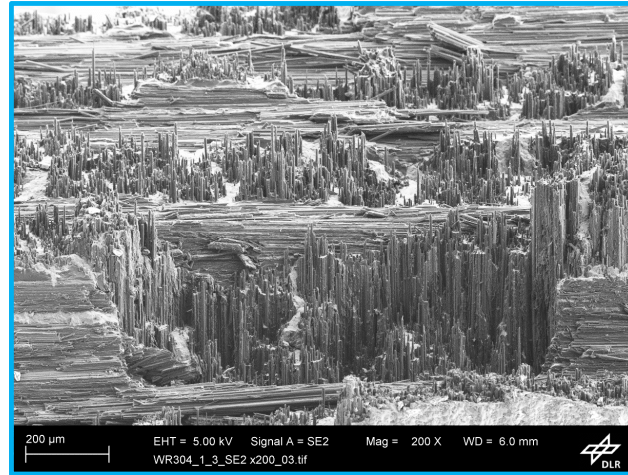
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Results from C/C-SiC based on endless fiber and 0°/90° Crossply Laminate

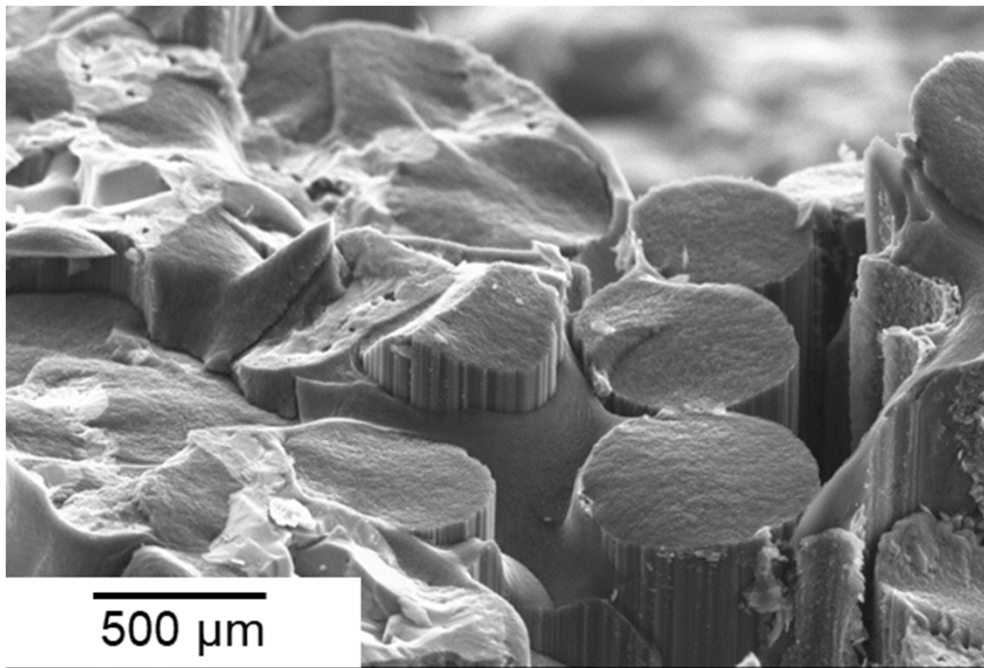


Fracture Behaviour



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PAN based C-fiber



Pitch based C-fiber (UHM)

