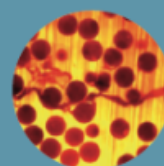
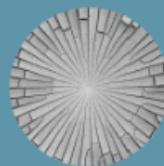


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**Étude du comportement au feu d'une résine polybenzoxazine – Applications aux matériaux composites**

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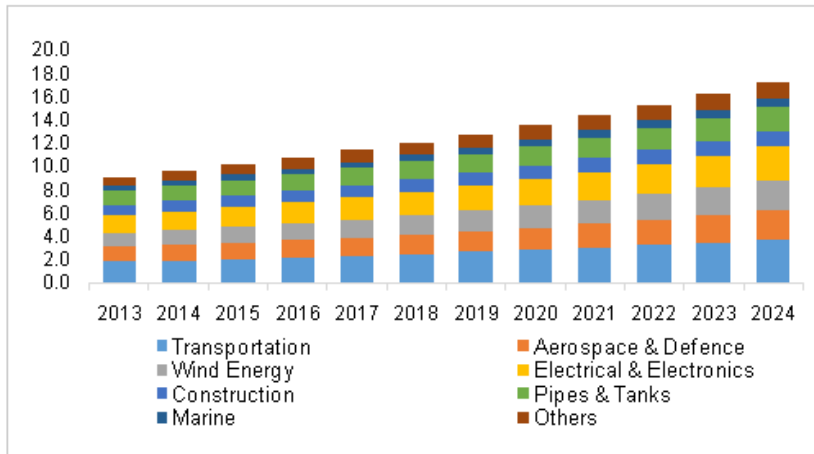
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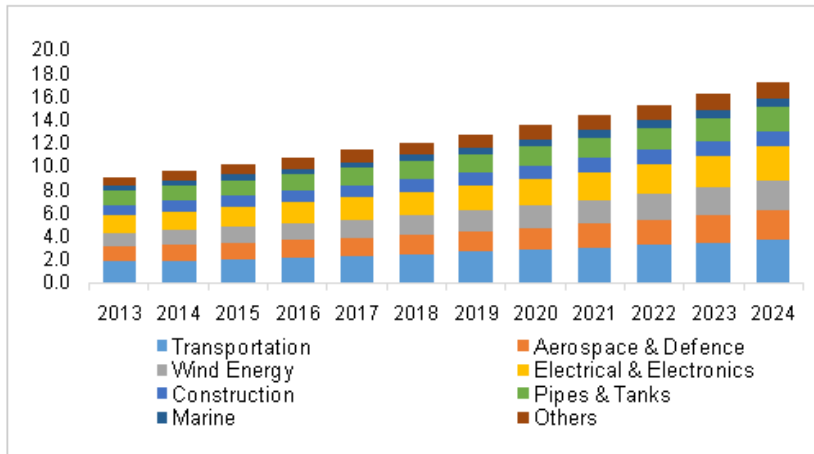


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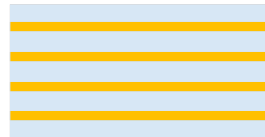
✓ **Modification of the resin**

*Incorporation of FR additives  
(loading 15 to 40% FR)*



✓ **Treatment on the fibres**

*Padding of fibres with FR solutions*



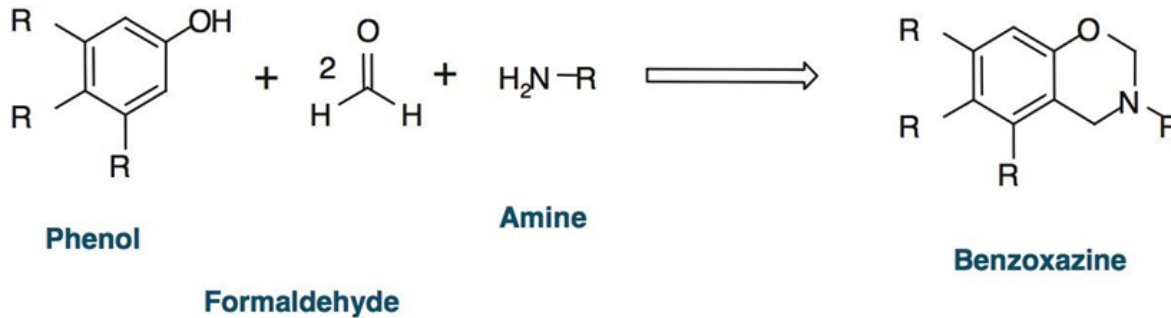
✓ **Protection from the surface**

*Insulative materials like intumescent/  
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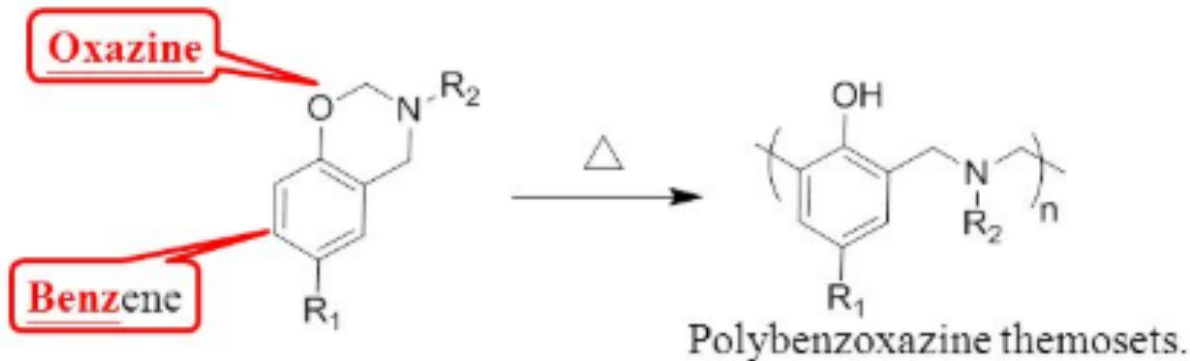


# Benzoxazine resins

## Synthesis of benzoxazine



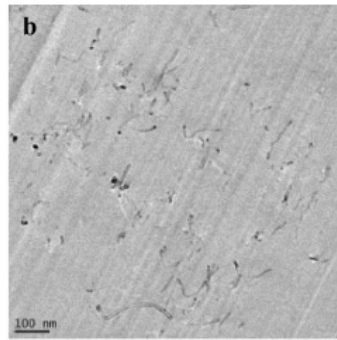
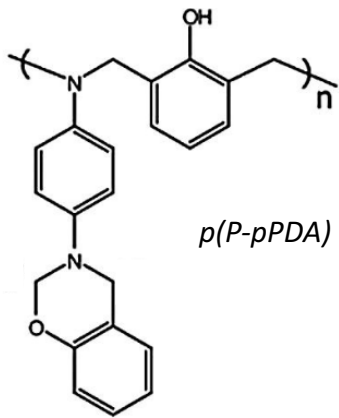
## Synthesis of polybenzoxazine (PBA)



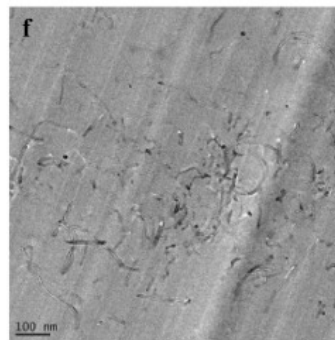
*Chemistry discovered in the 1930's*

- Low cost high performance resin
- High glass transition temperature
- Good flammability resistance
- No by product
- Low water absorption
- Good electrical properties
- Low shrinkage in curing
- Bio-based precursor

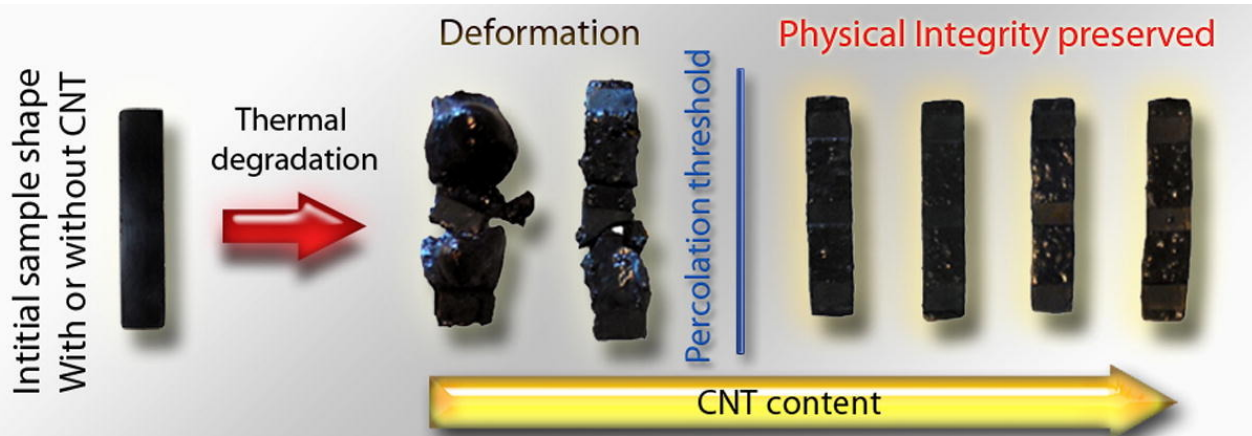
# Fire retardancy of Benzoxazine resins



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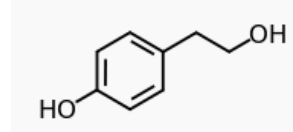
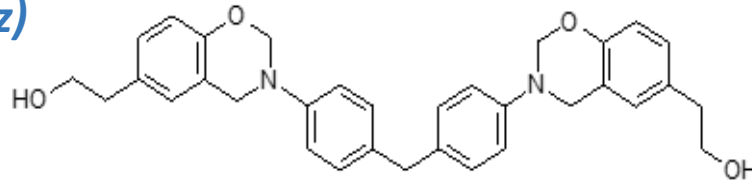
**Electrical percolation / Structural scaffold correlation**



Picture of *p(P-pPDA)* burned in a rich oxygen atmosphere (38.5%)

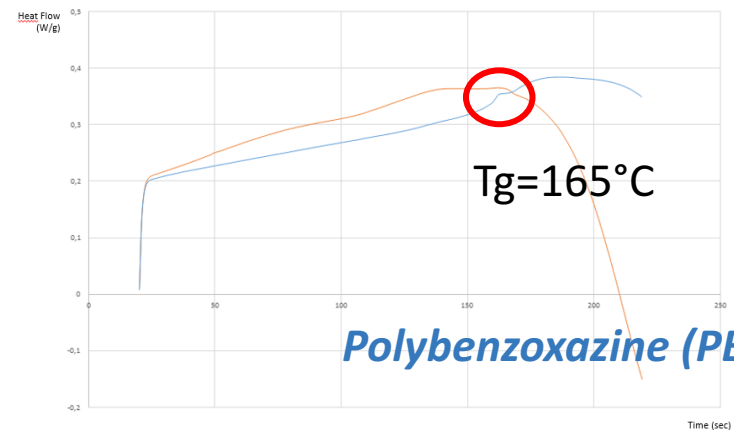
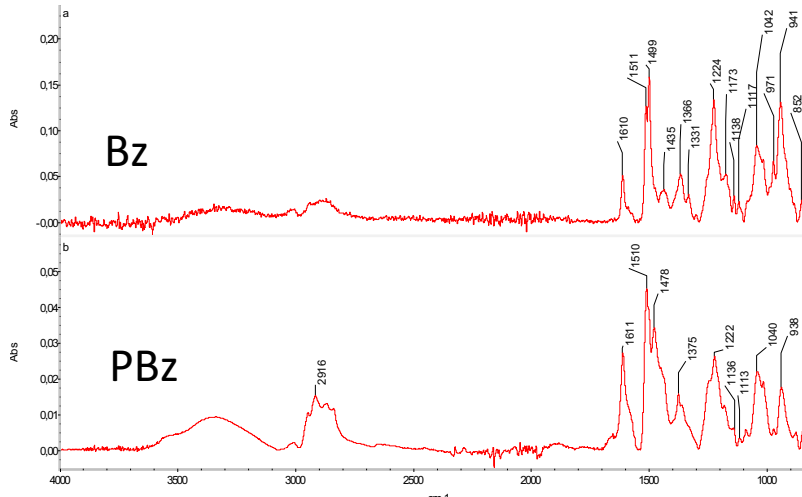
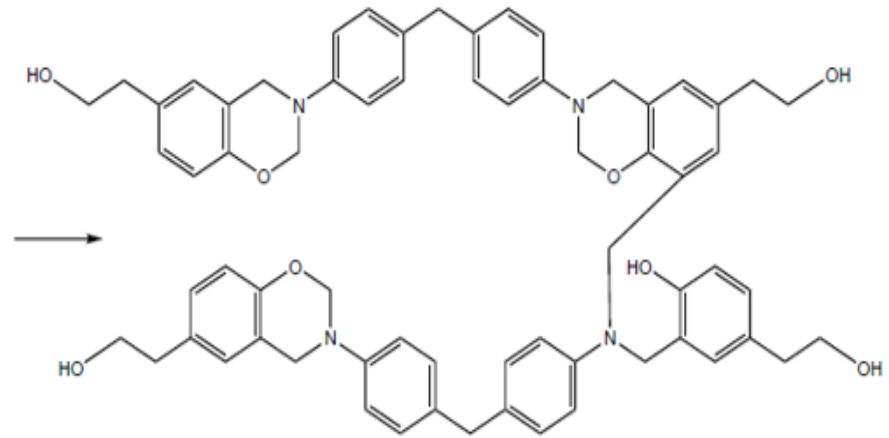
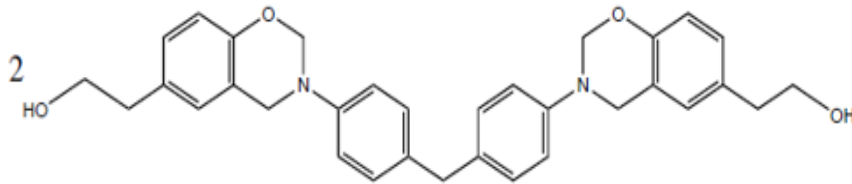
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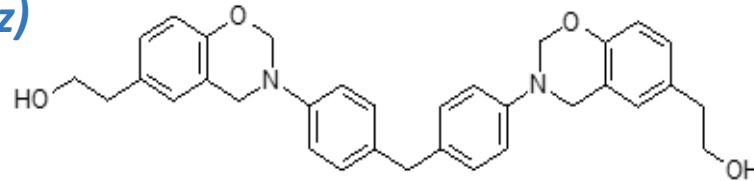
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## Ring opening polymerisation



## Materials and methods

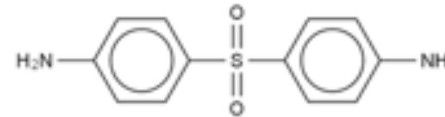
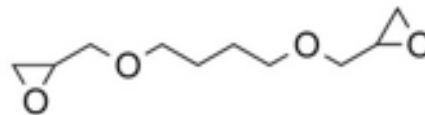
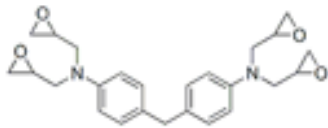
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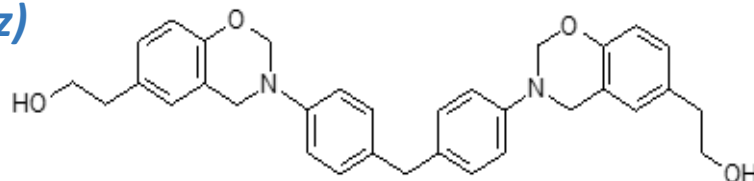
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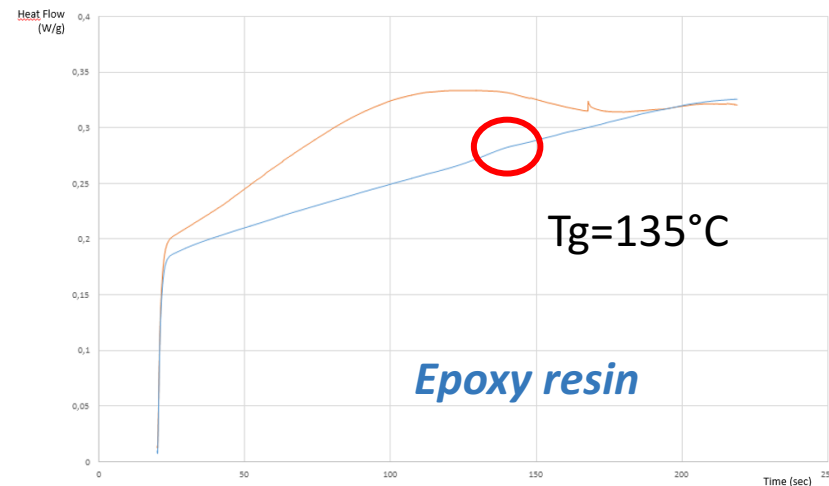
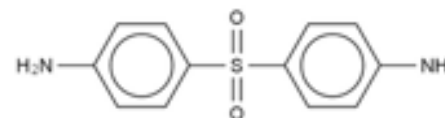
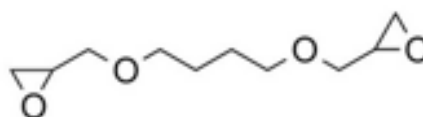
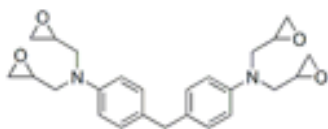
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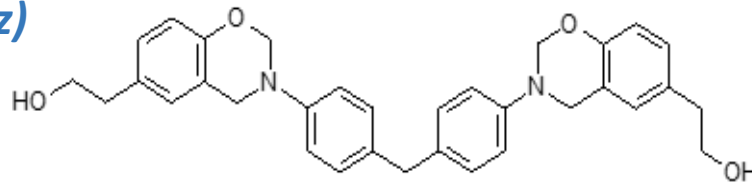
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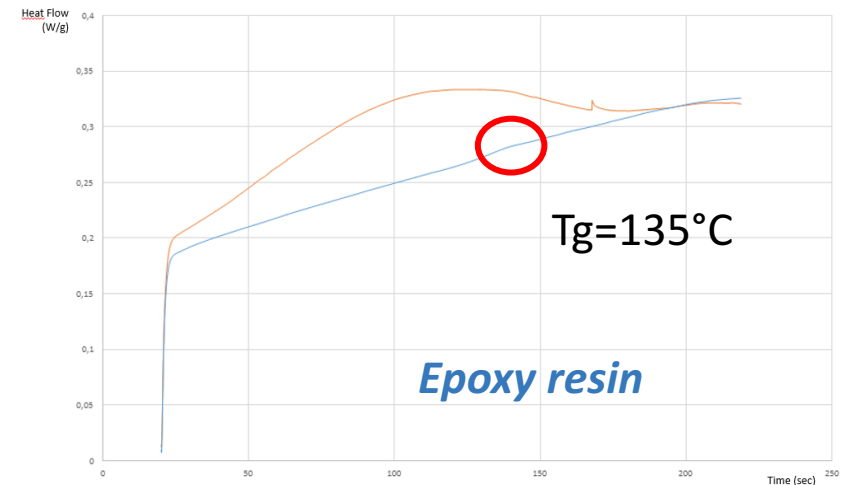
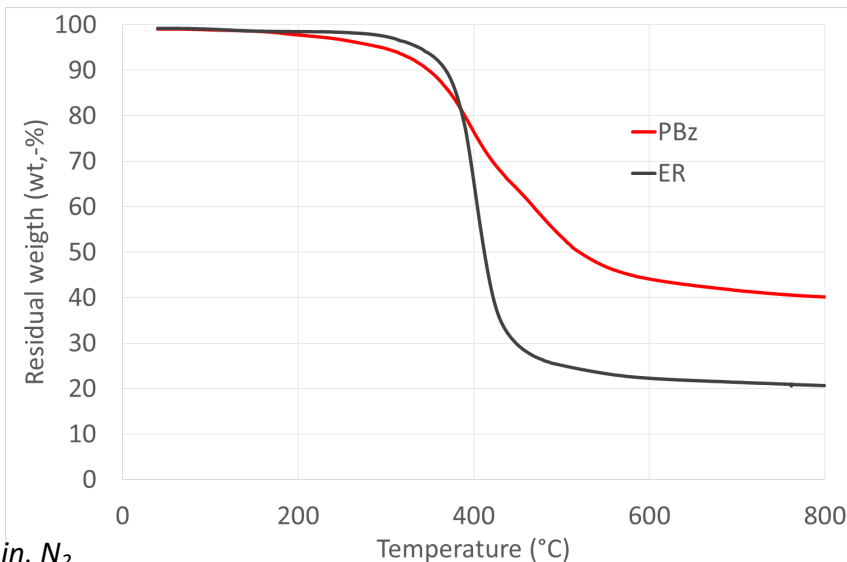
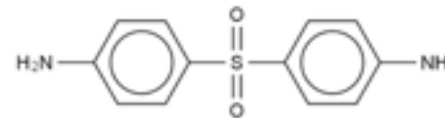
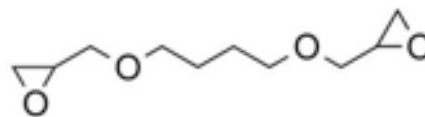
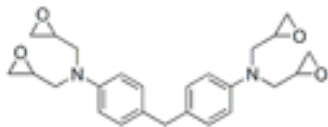
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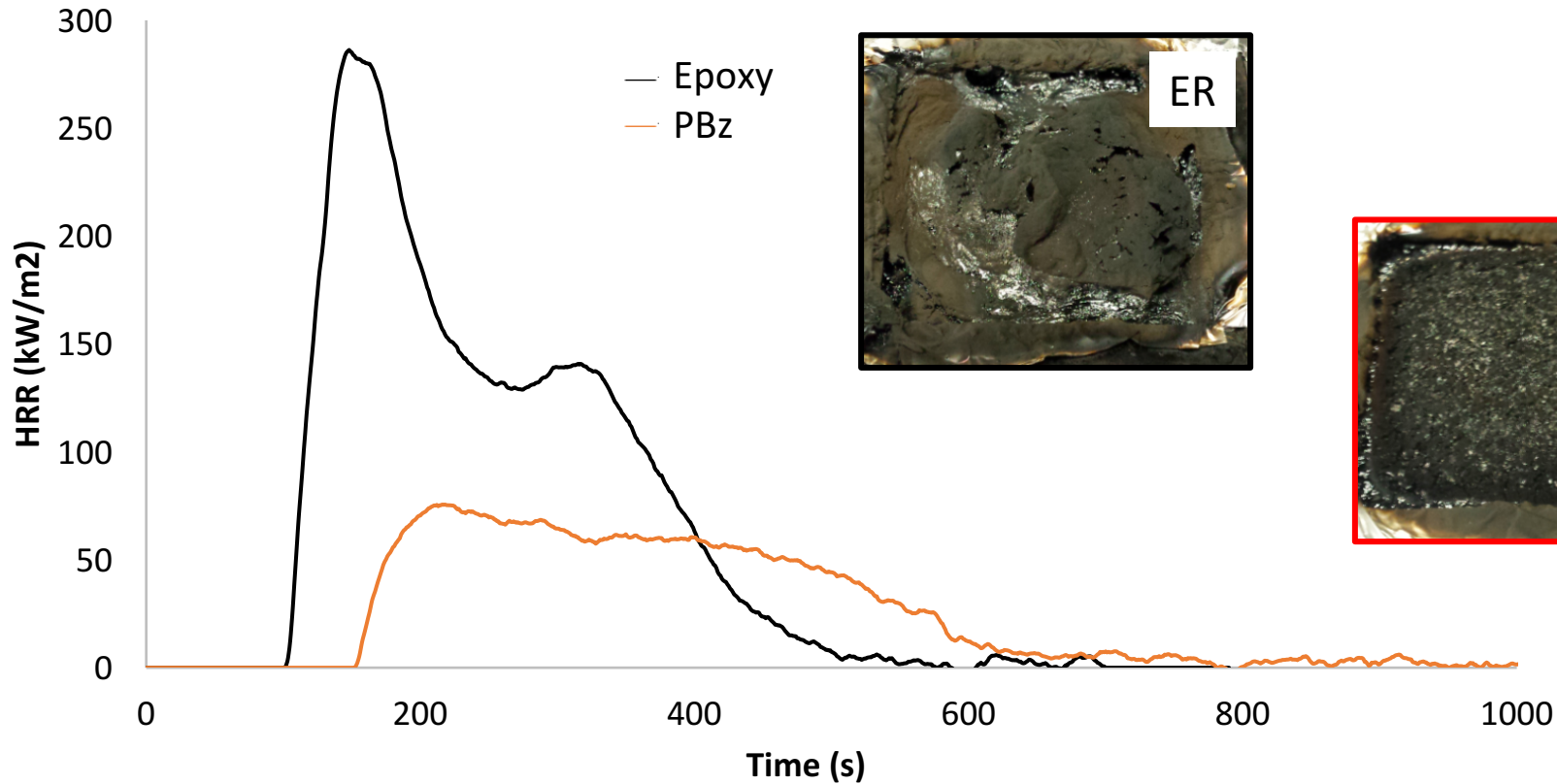
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# Fire retardant performance of pure resins

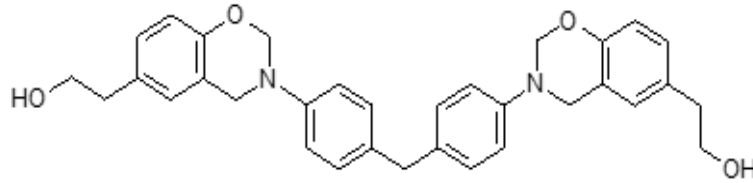


Sample	% mass after test	t <sub>ign</sub> [s]	t <sub>fout</sub> [s]	t <sub>flaming</sub> [s]	pHRR [kW/m <sup>2</sup> ]	% reduction pHRR	tpHRR [s]	THR [MJ/m <sup>2</sup> ]	% reduction THR
Epoxy	1	27	104	469	365	286	148	49	
T-DDM	2	55	155	644	489	76	217	24,5	50

**Better performance for polybenzoxazine**

# Materials and methods

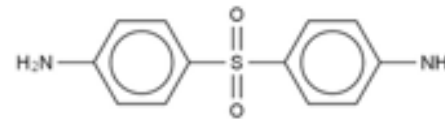
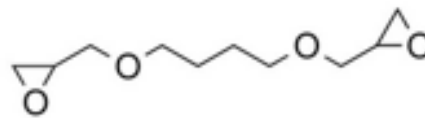
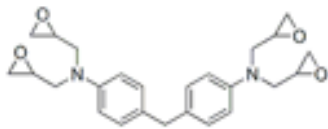
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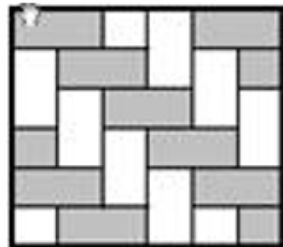
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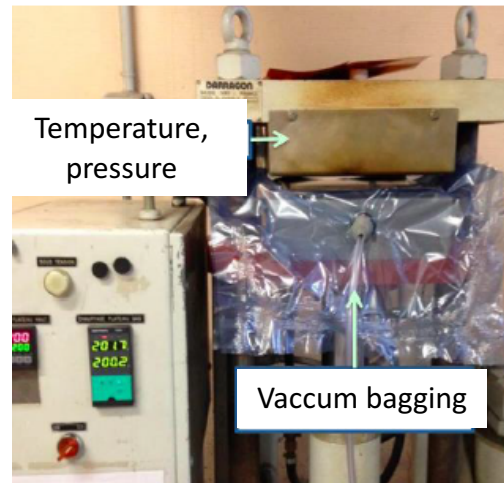
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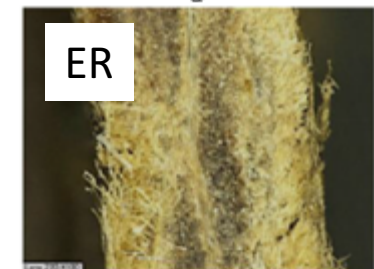
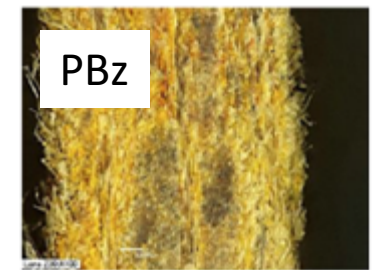
## Flax fabric (twill weave, 360g/m<sup>2</sup>)



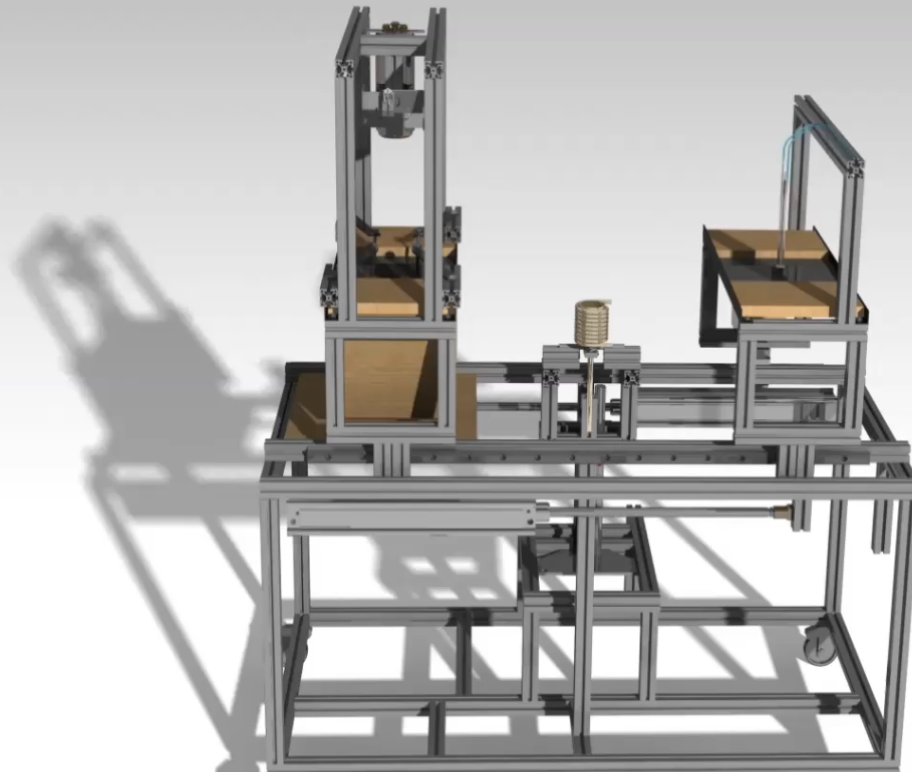
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+ post-curing (180°C / 3h)

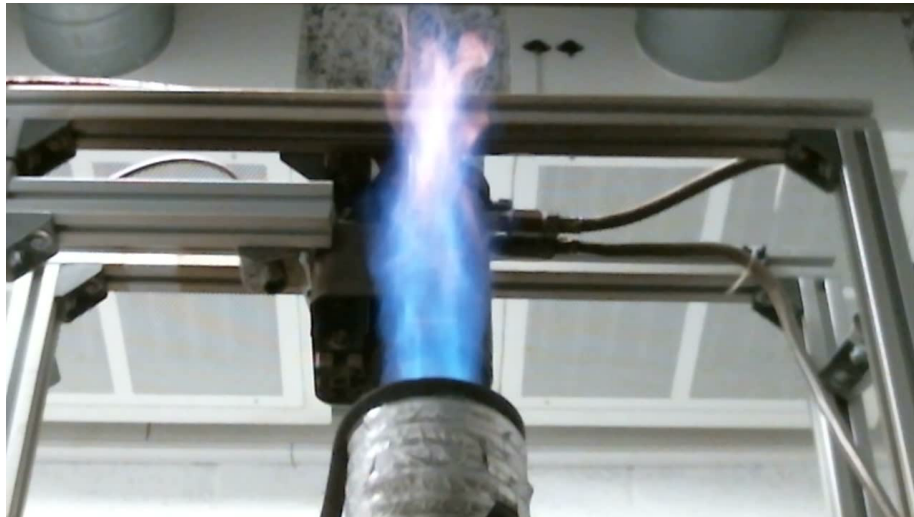


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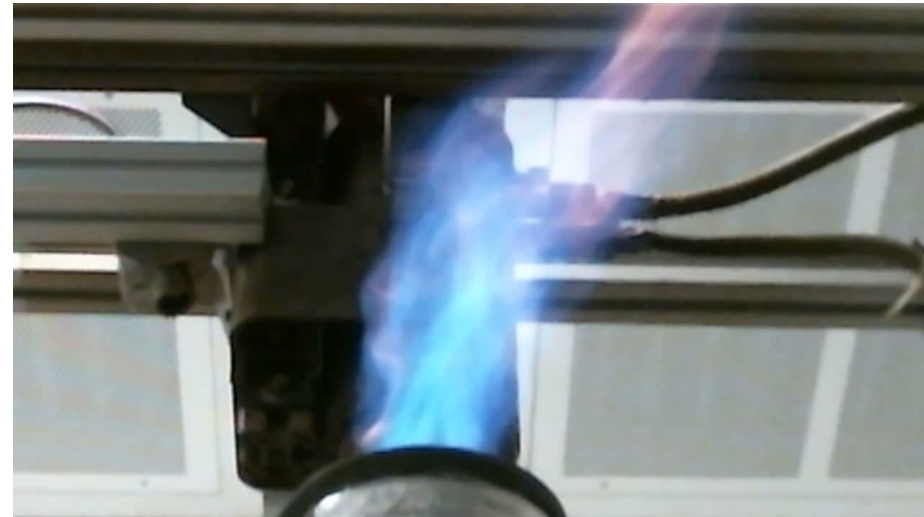


**Safran Project:**  
Design and improvement of a test bench to fire a reduced scale

## Fire performance of the composites

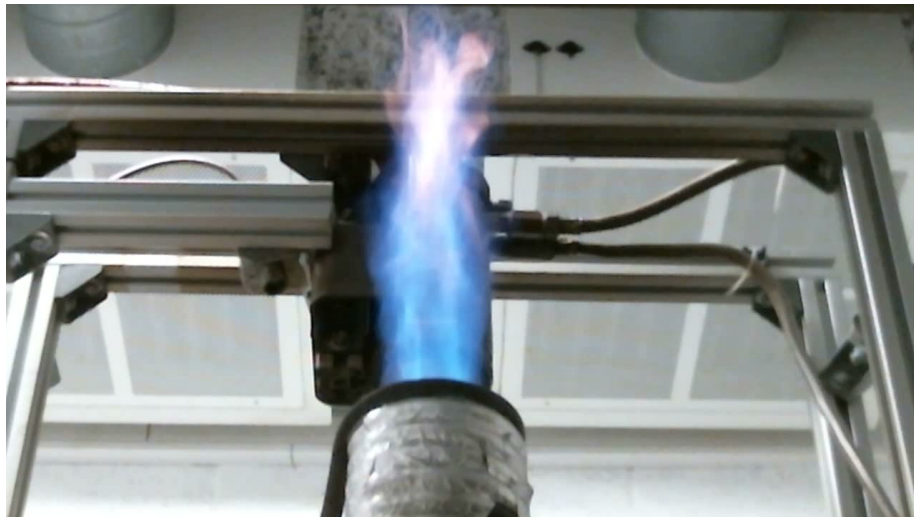


*Epoxy resin*



*Polybenzoxazine*

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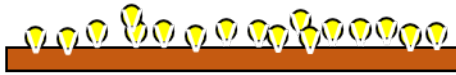
*Polybenzoxazine*

Material	ER-based composite	TDDM-based composite
Time of Failure	133sec	91sec

**➔ low deformability of the important char formed during PBz decomposition  
=> cracks and failure of the test**

# Scheme of composite preparation

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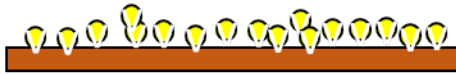


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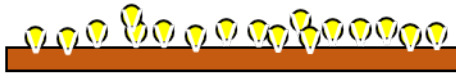


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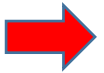
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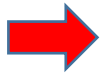
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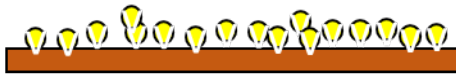
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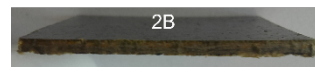
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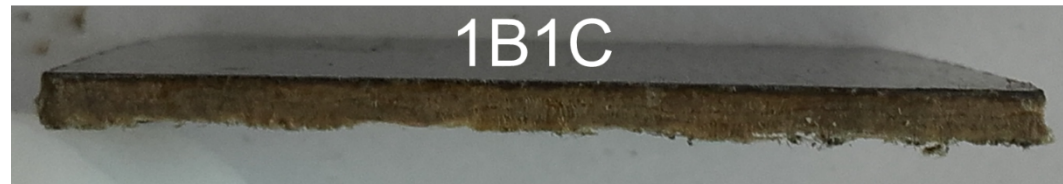
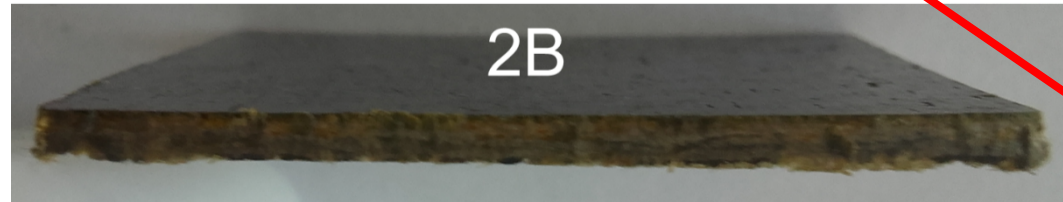
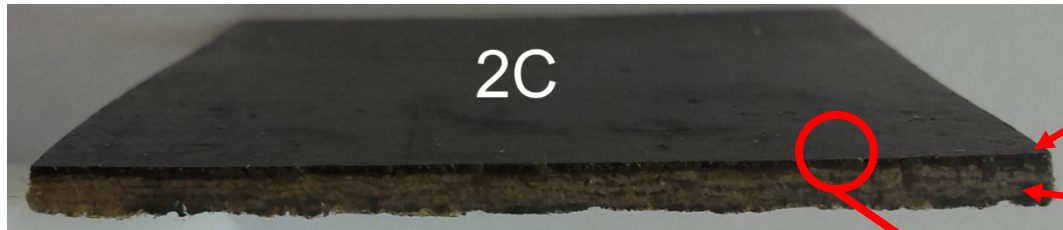
Thermocuring of T-DDM based pre-pregs layers  
(1h30 at 150°C + 20min at 180°C under 1 bar)

## Fire performance of the composites



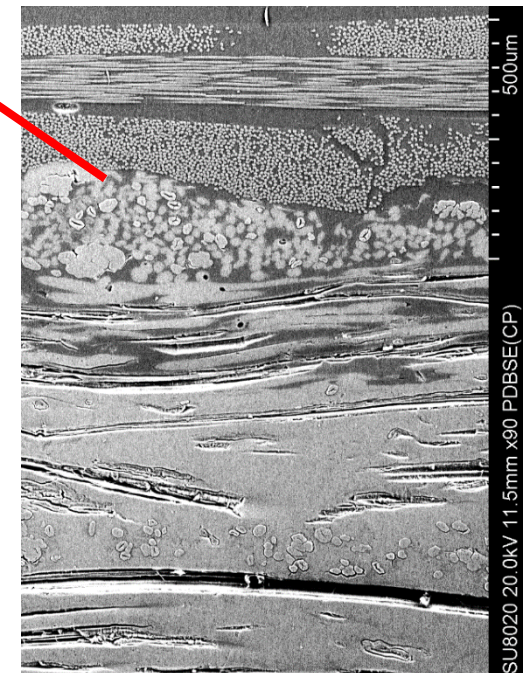
	2C	2B	1C1B	1B1C
Layer 1/ Layer 2	T-DDM+Carbon / T-DDM+Carbon	T-DDM+Basalt / T-DDM+Basalt	T-DDM+Carbon / T-DDM+Basalt	T-DDM+Basalt / T-DDM+Carbon
Thickness of the composite (mm)	2.11±0.08	2.07±0.01	2.02±0.03	2.07±0.03
Thickness of protective layers (µm)	300±71	245±49	335±21	310±57

## Morphology of the composites



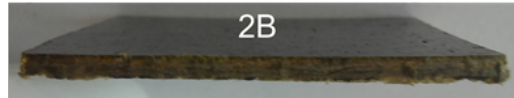
Protective structure  
PBZ + Carbon

PLA / Flax composites

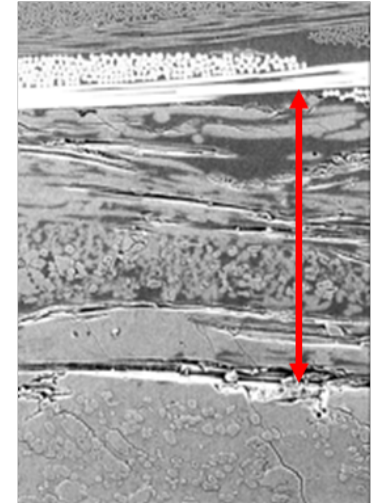
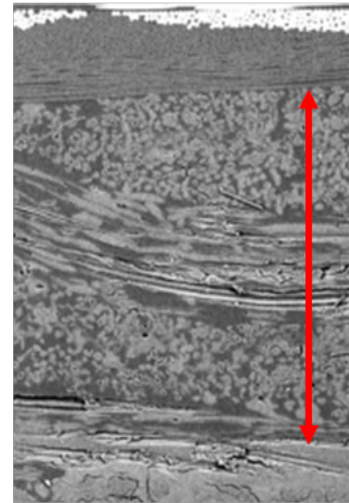
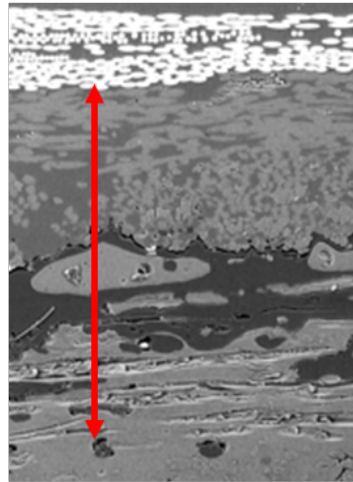
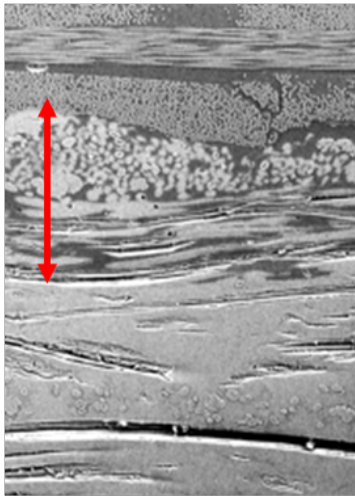


➔ What about interface?

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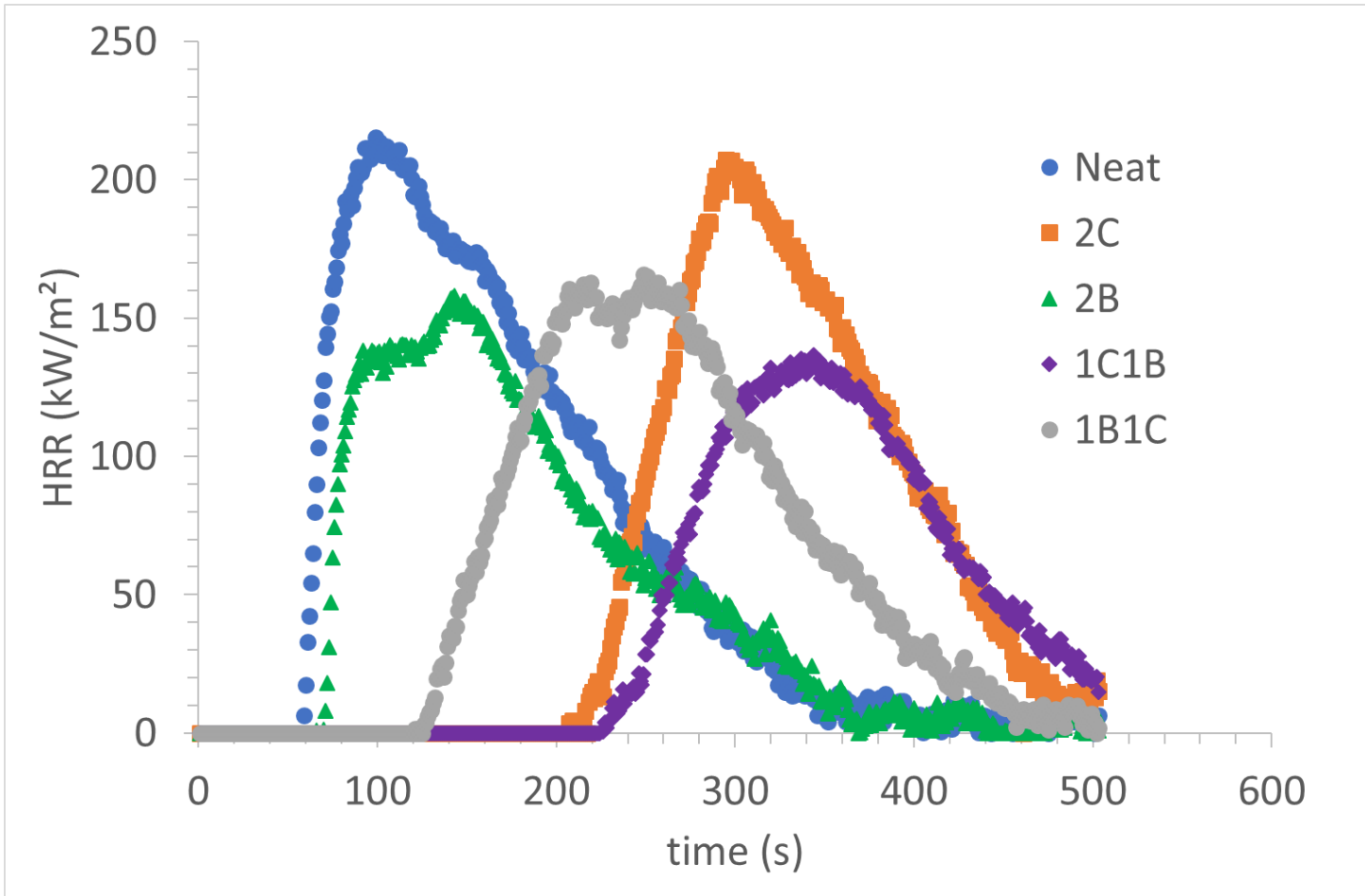


500  $\mu\text{m}$



Formation of a large interphase (0.5-1mm) upon curing  
=> Strong adhesion of T-DDM layers to PLA/flax composite

## Fire retardancy of the composites



Heat source, 35kW/m<sup>2</sup>



The performance varies depending on the composition of the protective layer

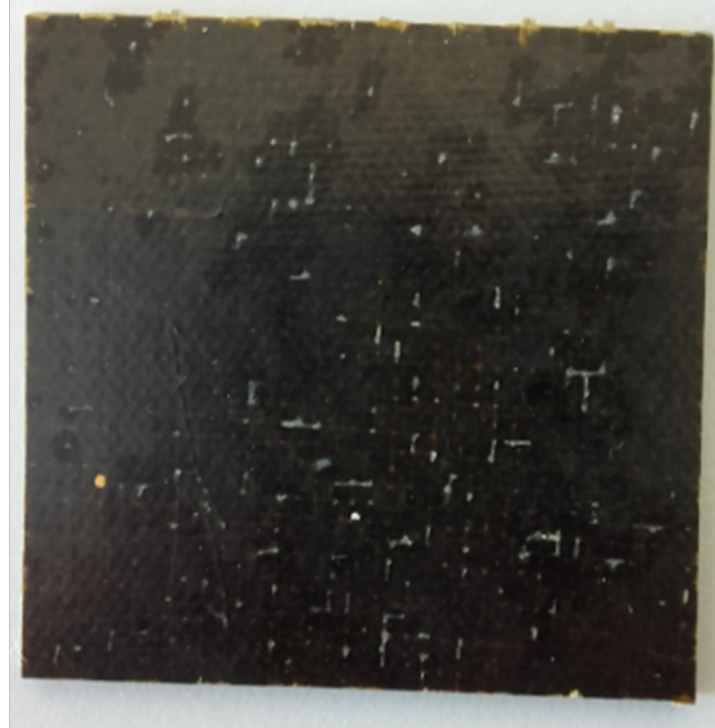
## Fire retardancy of the composites

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Neat	54±4	262±37	209±37	213±22	116±26	30±2	10±9
2C	247±43	518±55	271±39	182±27	334±35	28±2	41±9
2B	<b>75±6</b>	365±39	290±41	164±37	139±37	26±2	46±3
1C1B	201±67	420±96	218±40	180±39	280±77	23±3	48±5
1B1C	144±24	426±37	281±25	182±29	244±24	25±3	45±3

Benzoxazine based pre-pregs can improve significantly the FR properties of PLA/flax composites

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Benzoxazine I

Presence of PLA on the surface of the composite 2B



## Fire retardancy of the composites

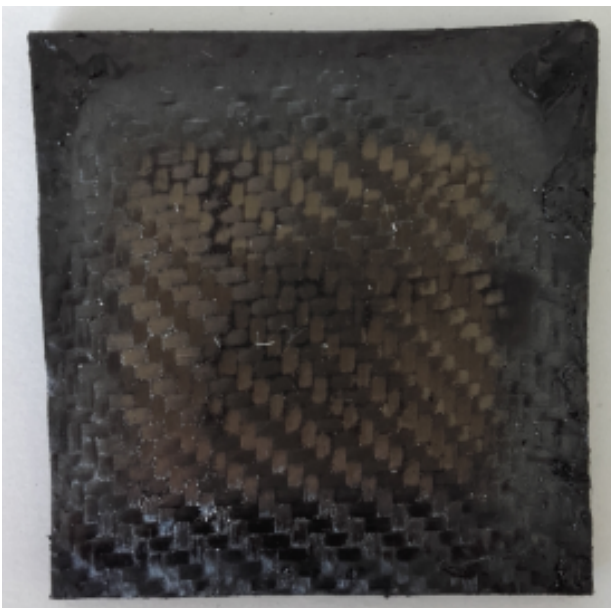
Composite	$t_{\text{ignition}}$ (s)	$t_{\text{flame out}}$ (s)	time of flaming (s)	pHRR (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	time to pHRR (s)	THR (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	Residue after the test (%)
Neat	54±4	262±37	209±37	213±22	116±26	30±2	10±9
2C	247±43	518±55	271±39	182±27	334±35	28±2	41±9
2B	75±6	365±39	290±41	164±37	139±37	26±2	46±3
1C1B	201±67	420±96	218±40	180±39	280±77	23±3	48±5
1B1C	144±24	426±37	281±25	182±29	244±24	25±3	45±3

Benzoxazine based pre-pregs can improve significantly the FR properties of PLA/flax composites

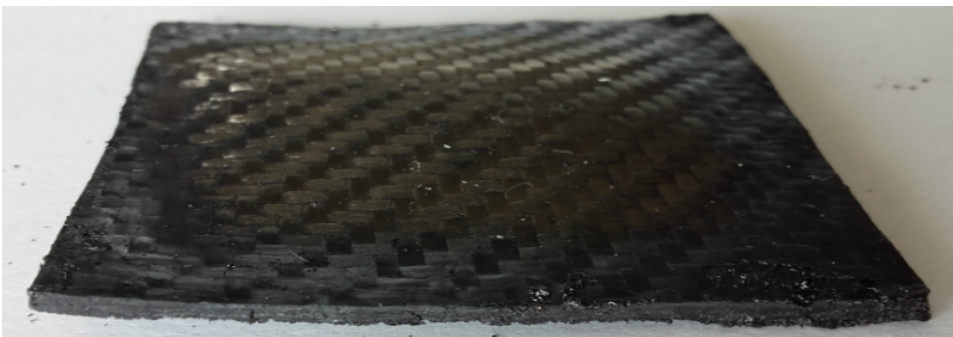
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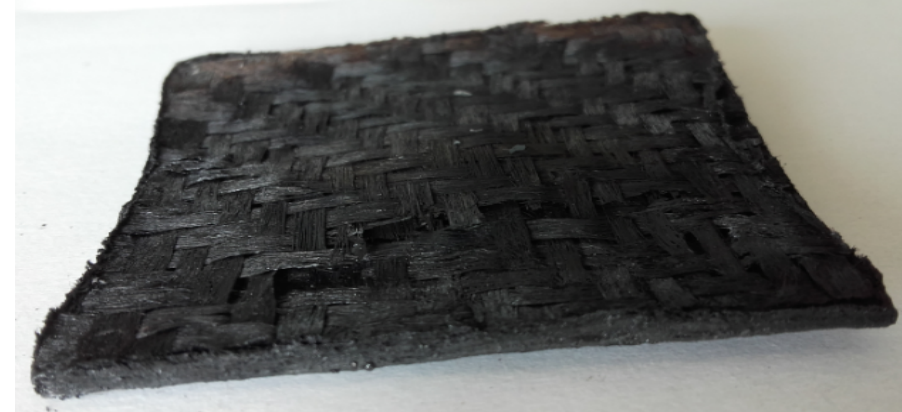
## Residue composite 1C1B



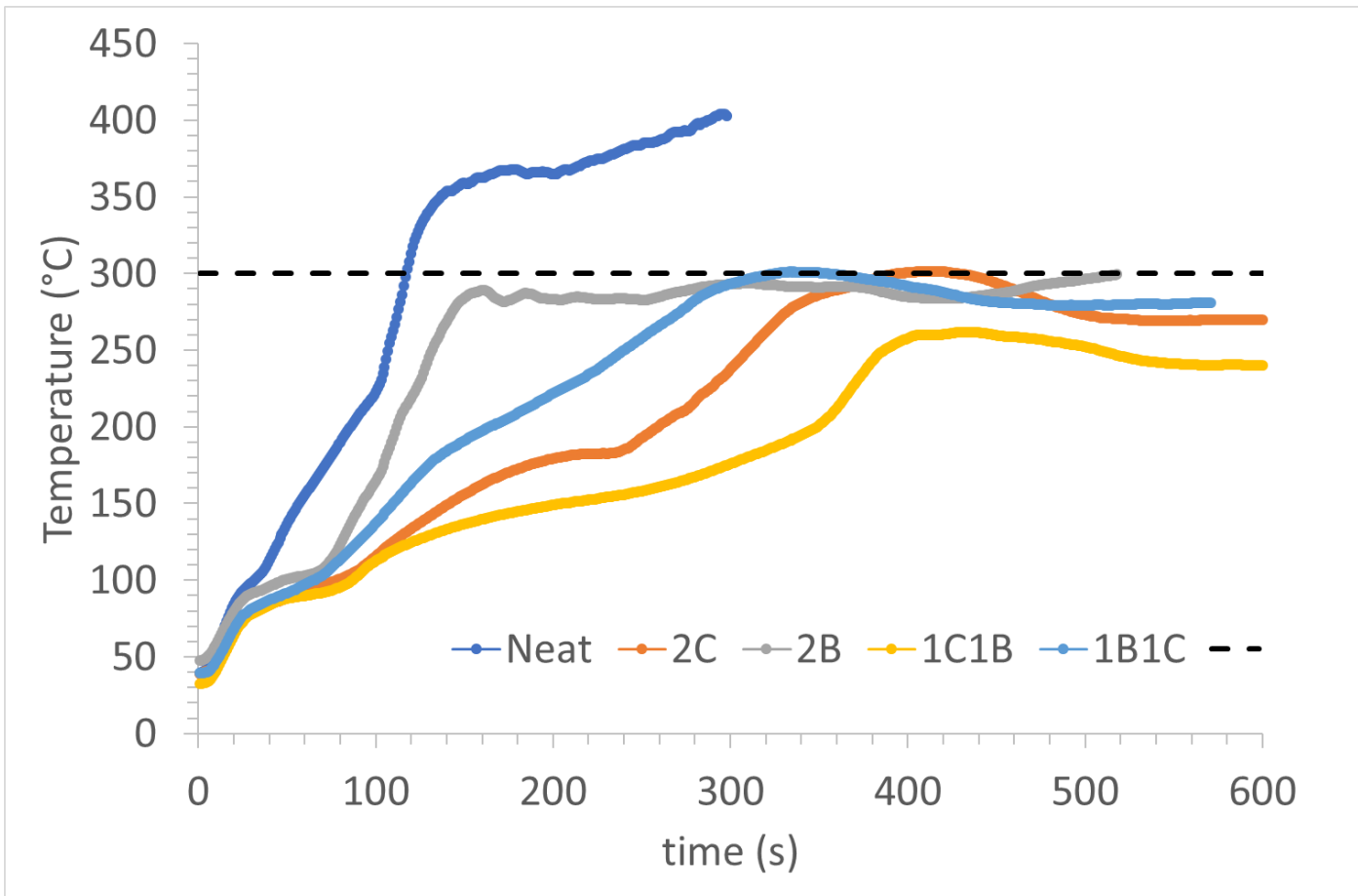
Benzo  
side



PLA  
side



## Evolution of the temperature on PLA/flax side during the test

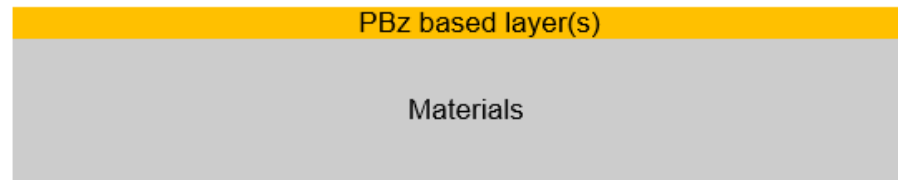


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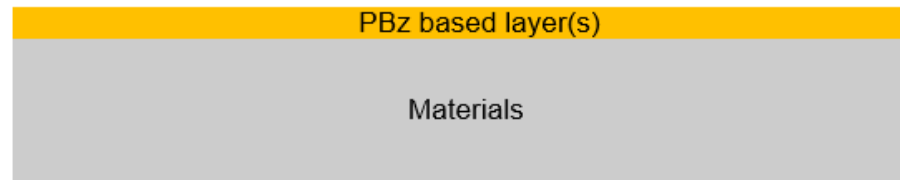
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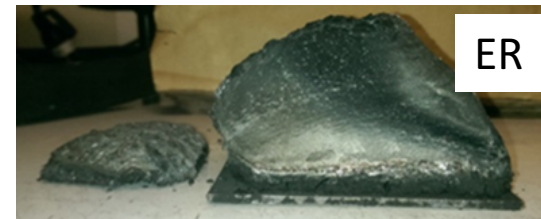
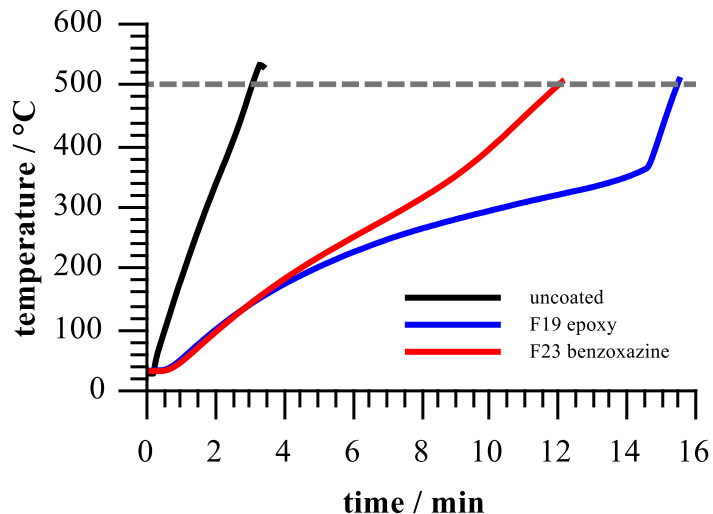


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