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APPLICATION OF NANOPARTICLES AS PROMISING FLAME RETARDANT ADDITIVES FOR TEXTILE FABRICS

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Outline

- FRONT Project
-*against the fire*....
- Cone calorimetry
- Nanoparticles (NPs)
- Experimental part
- Results on **PET**
- Results on **COTTON**

FRONT project: *Flame Retardant On Textile*

Collaborative Project of 2 years in 7^oFP

Contract n° 222486



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Beneficiary name

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Europizzi (coordinator)

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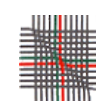
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**WP1
SET UP of
PARAMETERS**



**WP2
IDENTIFICATION
of NPs**



**WP3
CHARACTERIZATION**



**WP4
COMPOUNDING**



**WP5
LAB-SCALE
PROTOTYPES**



**WP6
PROTOTYPE TESTS**



**WP7
INDUSTRIAL
SCALE SAMPLES**



**WP8
SAMPLE
TESTS**



**WP9
TECHNICAL &
ECONOMIC
EVALUATION**

**WP10
MANAGEMENT**

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...against the fire...

..13TH FEBRUARY 1982
TORINO....

Ore 18: una strage tra gli spettatori A TORINO INCENDIO NEL CINEMA

fiamme si sprigionano in platea e il fumo invade la galleria trasformandola in un inferno - Quando la nube si dirada appare uno spettacolo tremendo: corpi di spettatori bruciati e - Tre ore dopo si scoprono 18 cadaveri nella toeletta e in un ripostiglio -

La schiacciata della
da grave che l'abito
a, nell'incendio del
Giuliano, sono sta-
rmati, per la qua-
droni, quindi, i so-
focanti, crollano in una
fiume senza la possi-
bilità di scappare.
Le porte di legno
bruciate da colui
sistemi, di meno super-
faccile, la disperanza
i destini di persone
Le altre della scia-
convulgenti, avve-
o assumere contor-
ni, ma se non fosse
a gente dall'ester-
a dalle urla e dal
spauriti, ad assis-
tanza in salvo sul-
l'autostrada.



Due immagini della tragedia - I cadaveri allineati nel garage di via Cavour vicino

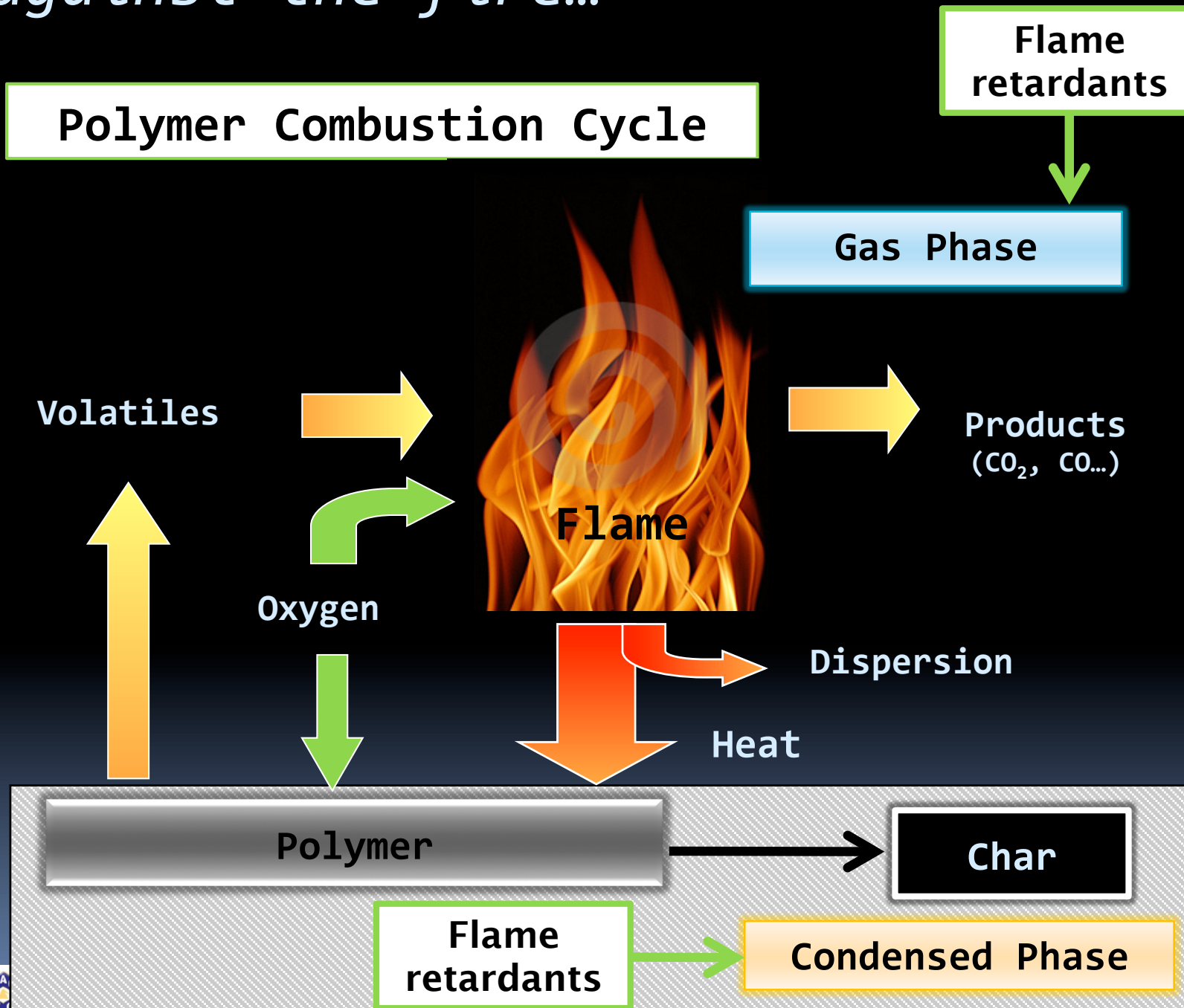
From this fatal accident, Italian
legislation obliged to use flame retardant
materials in all the public locals
(restaurants, cinemas, theatres....)



64 DEATHES

...against the fire...

Polymer Combustion Cycle



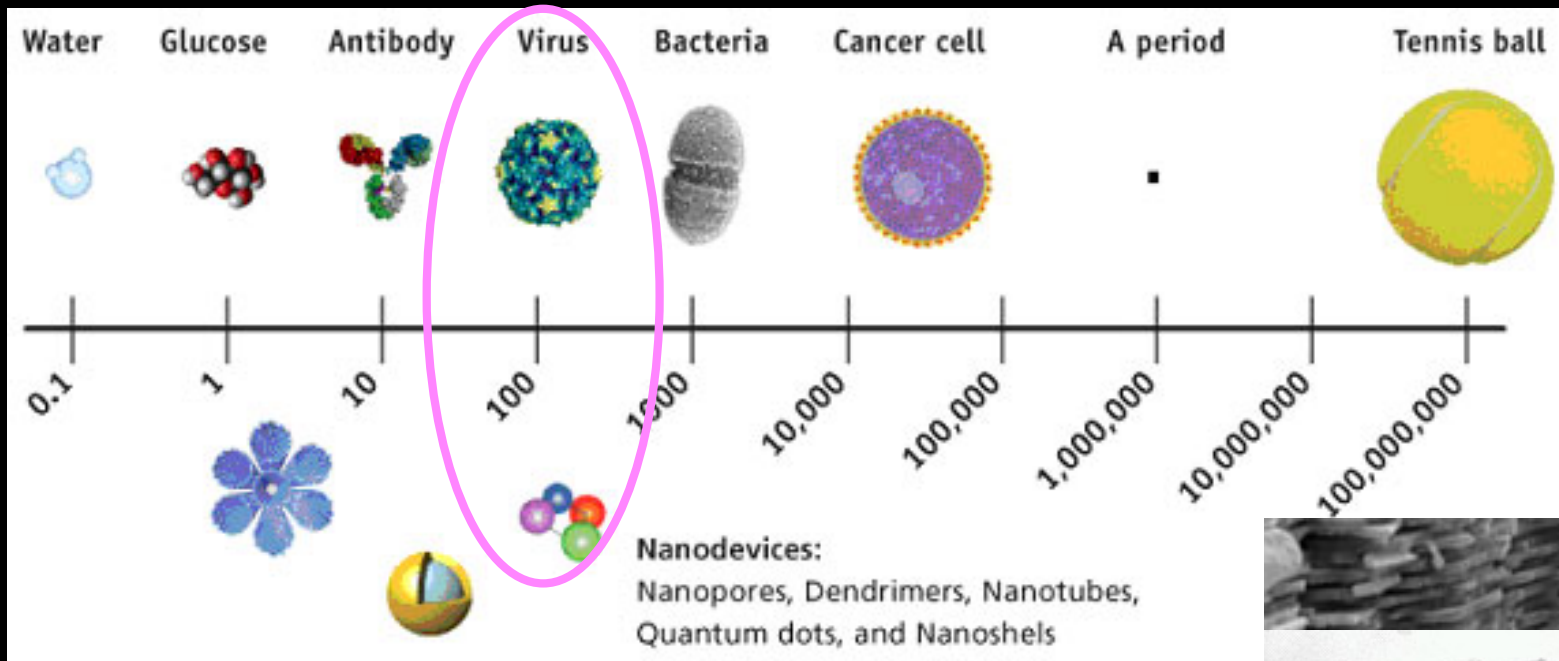
... *against the fire...*

Flame retardants:

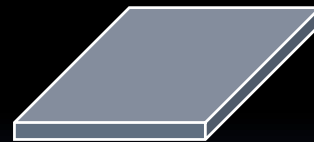
additives able *to slow down and/or delay* the combustion process before the fire is fully

- ✓ Inorganic hydroxides
- ✓ Halogen and metal-halogen derivates
- ✓ Phosphorous compounds
- ✓ Intumescent system
- ✓ Polymer nanocomposites

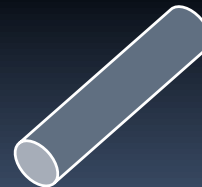
...Nanostructured material



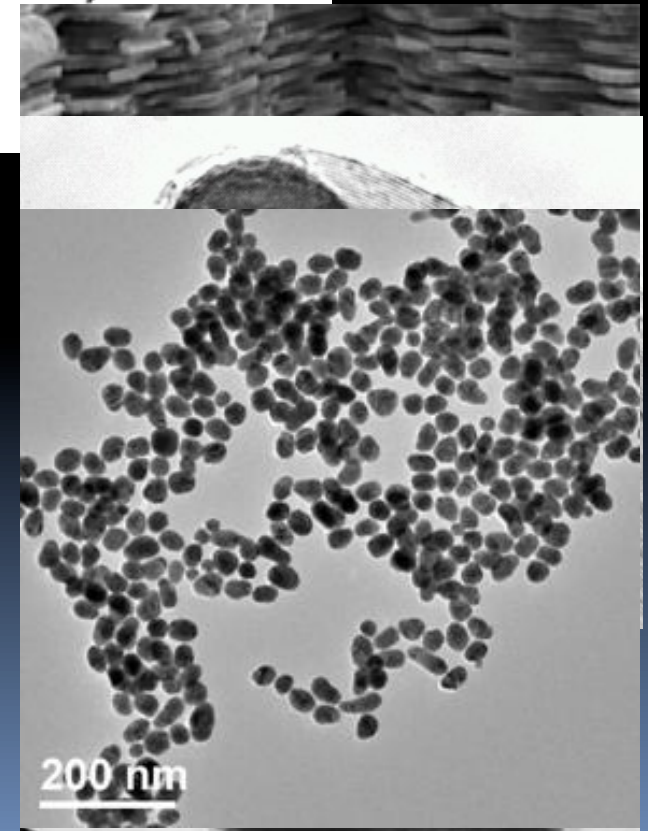
1 size <100 nm (lamellae)



2 sizes <100 nm (fibers,
carbon nanotubes)



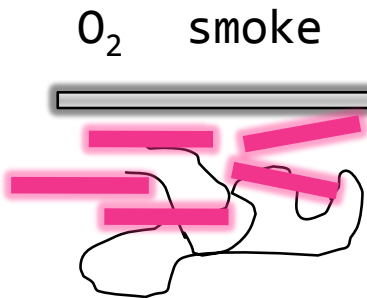
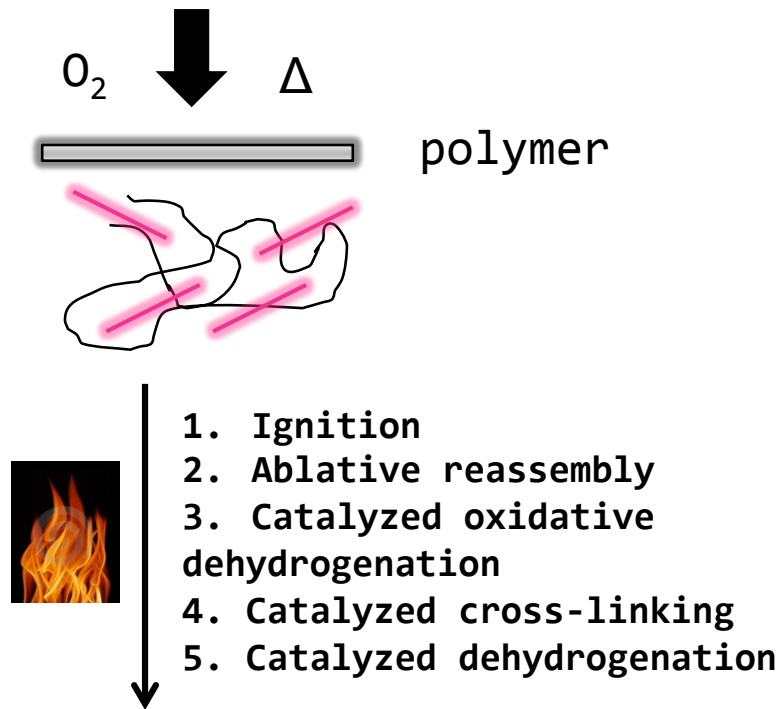
3 sizes <100 nm (silica, POSS)



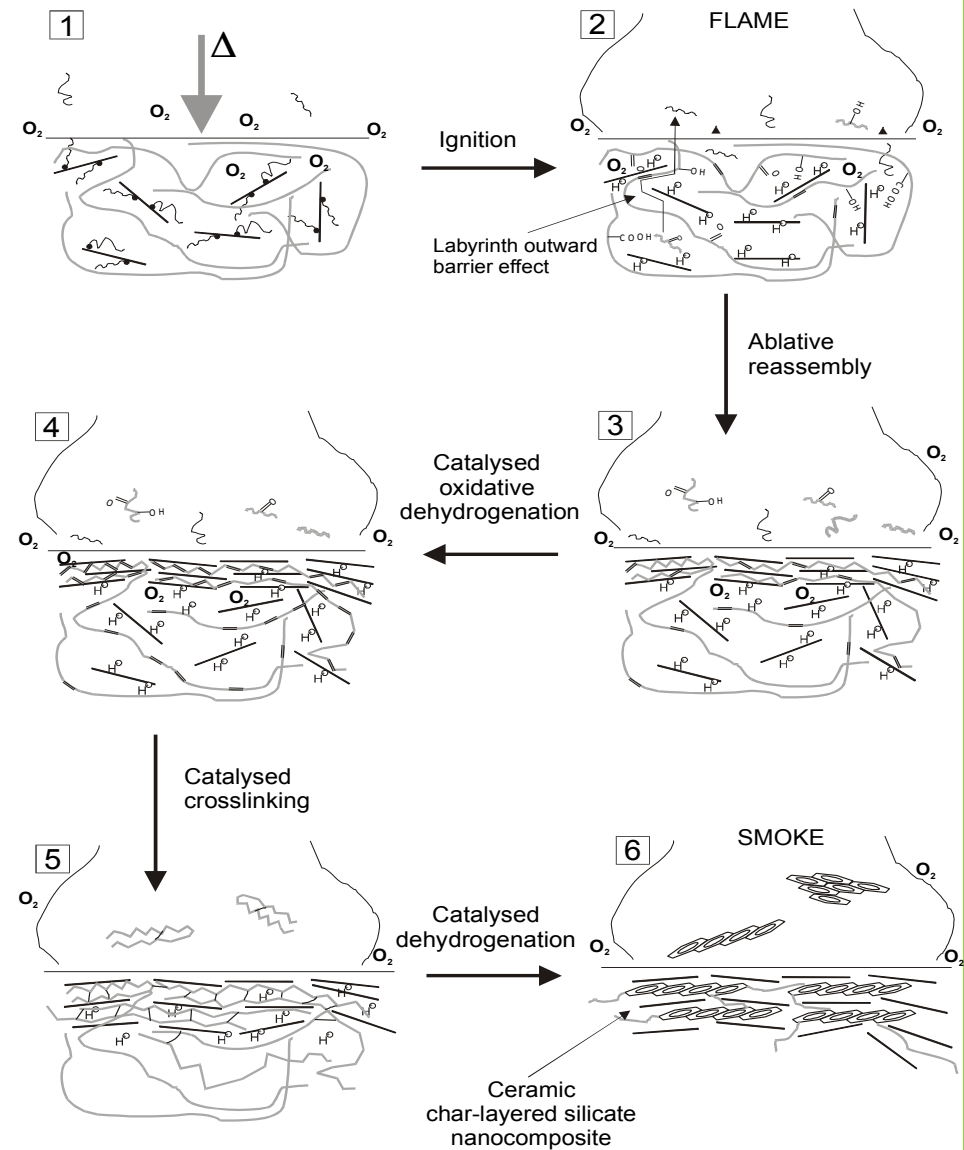
NANOCOMPOSITE PROPERTIES

- Increasing of the Modulus
- Decreasing of the Thermal Expansion Coefficient
- Reducing Gas Permeability
- Increasing Solvent Resistance
- Enhancing Ionic Conductivity
- Optical Transparency
- Modified Thermal Degradation*
- Lower Combustion Heat Release Rate*
- Easy Recyclability

NANOCOMPOSITE COMBUSTION



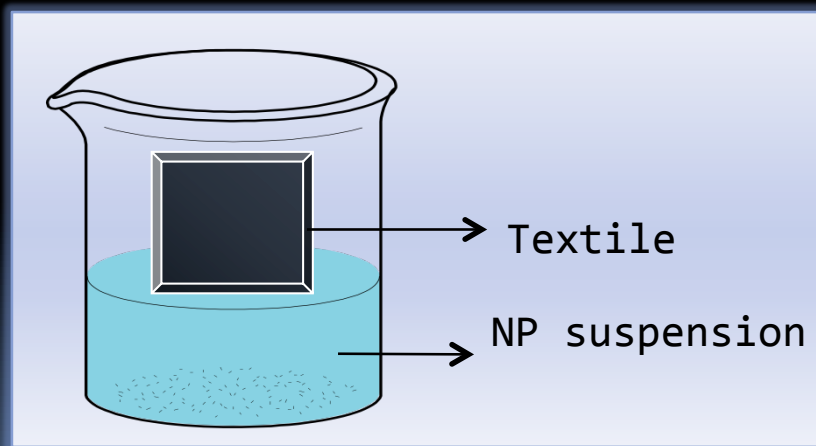
PHYSICAL AND
CHEMICAL BARRIER TO
HEAT AND OXYGEN AND
THUS TO FIRE



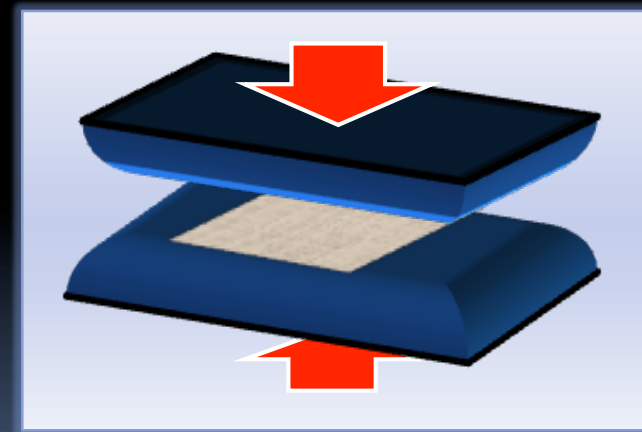
EXPERIMENTAL PART

• PREPARATION OF NP BASED TEXTILE FABRICS

1° step: immersion of
textile into NP
aqueous suspension



2° NP fixation by
thermal treatment

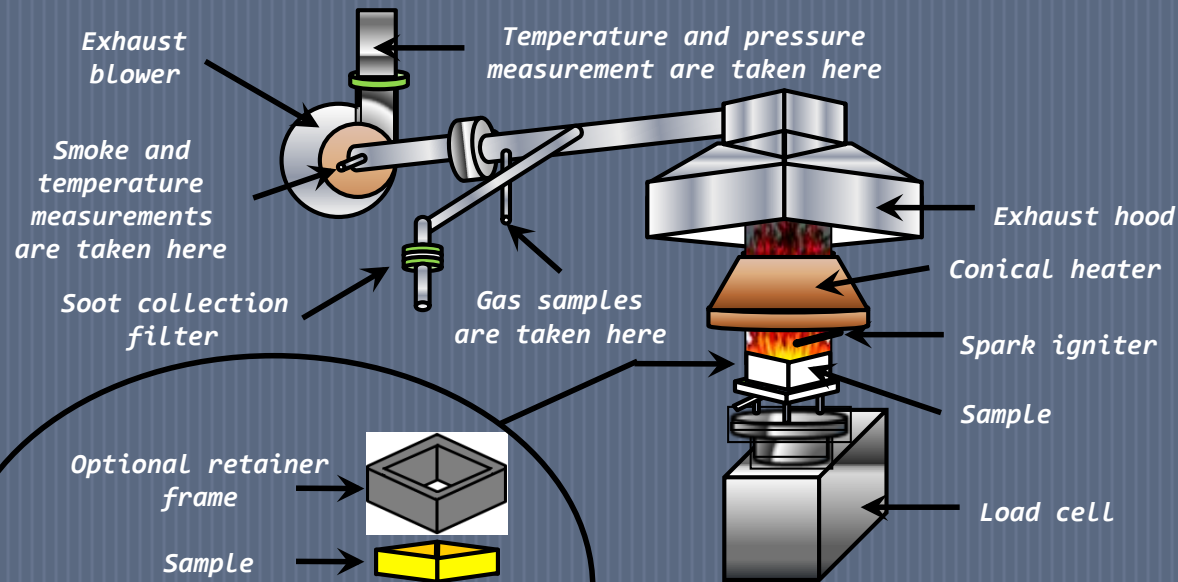


*Hot disks
@ $T = 200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $p = 2.5\text{ton}$*

CONE CALORIMETRY (ISO 5660)



Specimen size: 100x100x0.5mm
Heat Flux: 35 kW/m²



Optional retainer frame

Sample

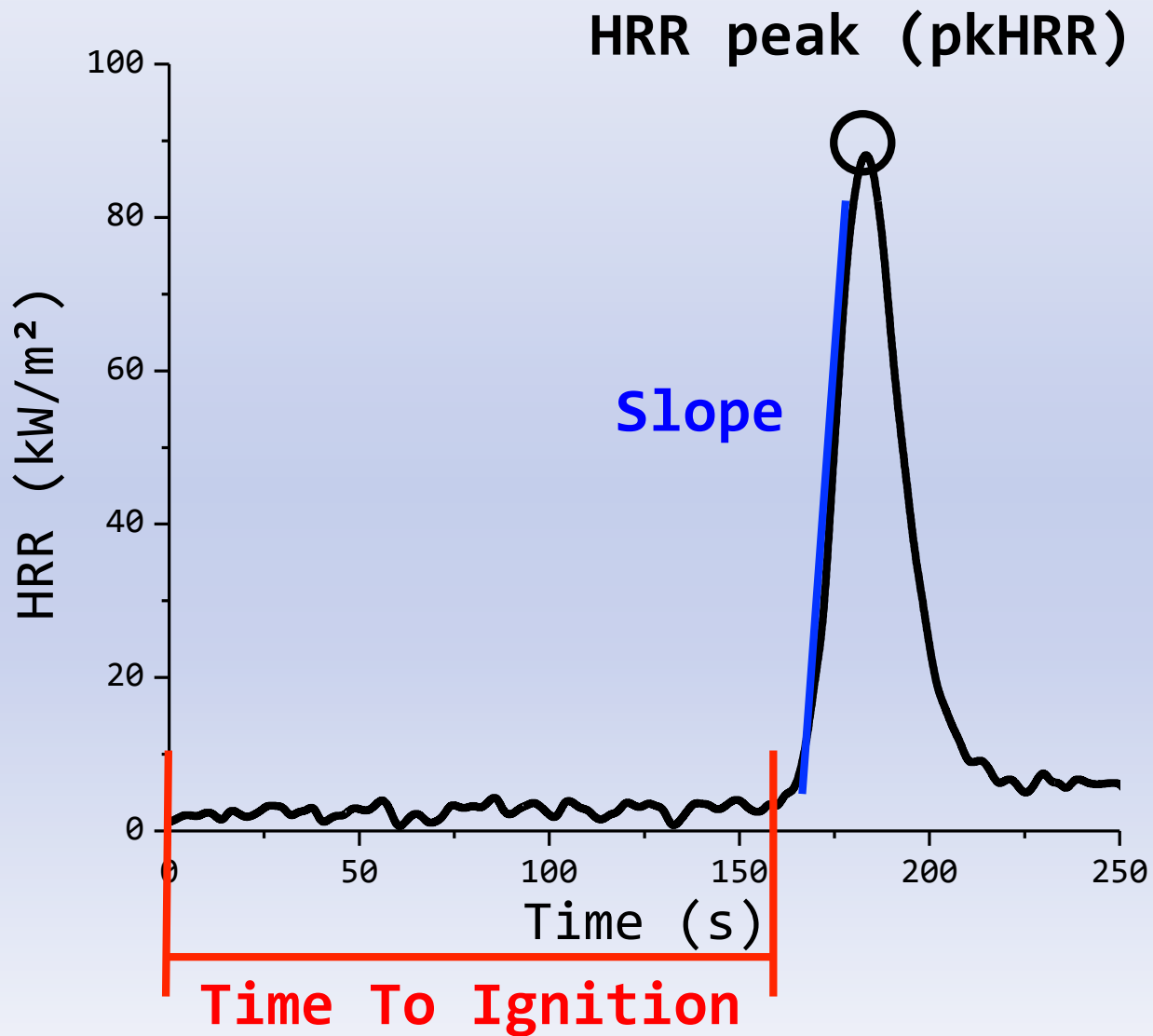
Aluminum foil

Low density ceramic wool

Sample pan

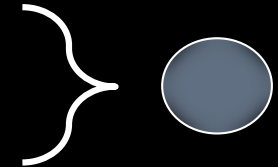
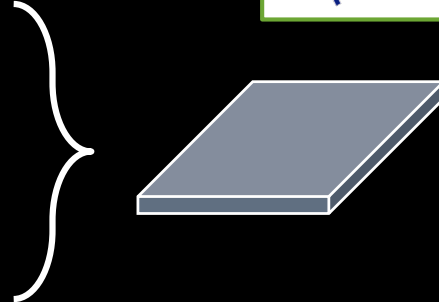
HRR, Heat Release Rate
THR, Total Heat Release
TTI, Time To Ignition
TSR, Total Smoke Release
OD, Optical Density
Mass or residue
CO₂ and CO amount

HRR vs time

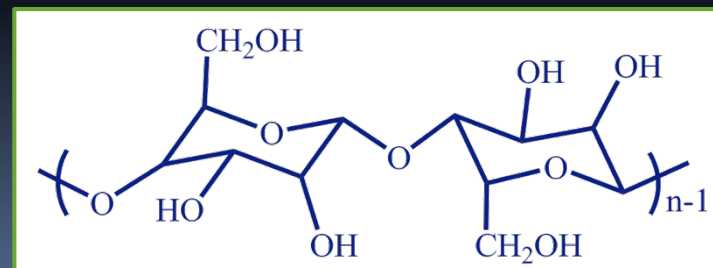


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- ✓ POLYHEDRAL OLIGOMERIC SILSESQUIOXANES= POSS



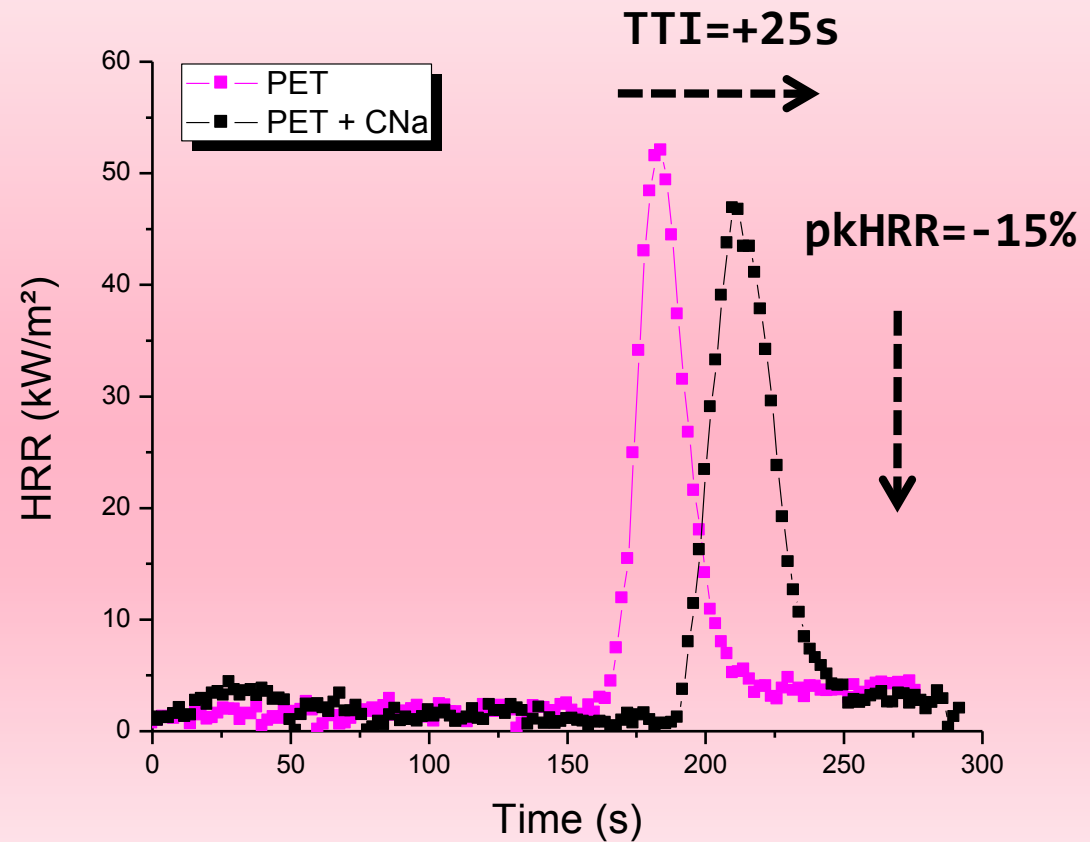
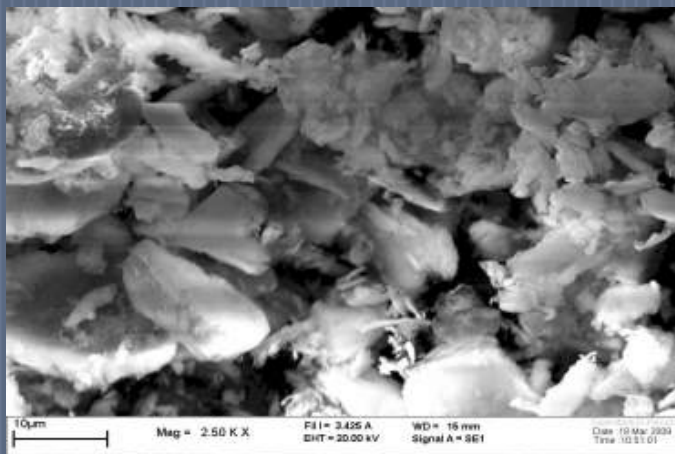
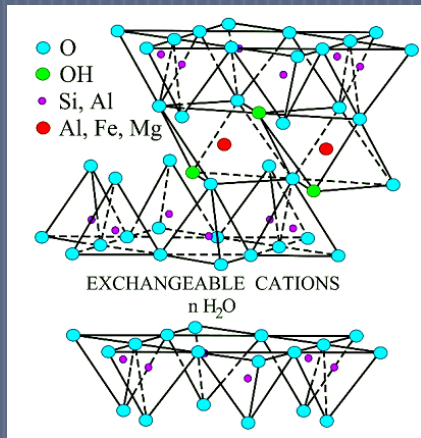
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- ✓ POSS

PET+CNa

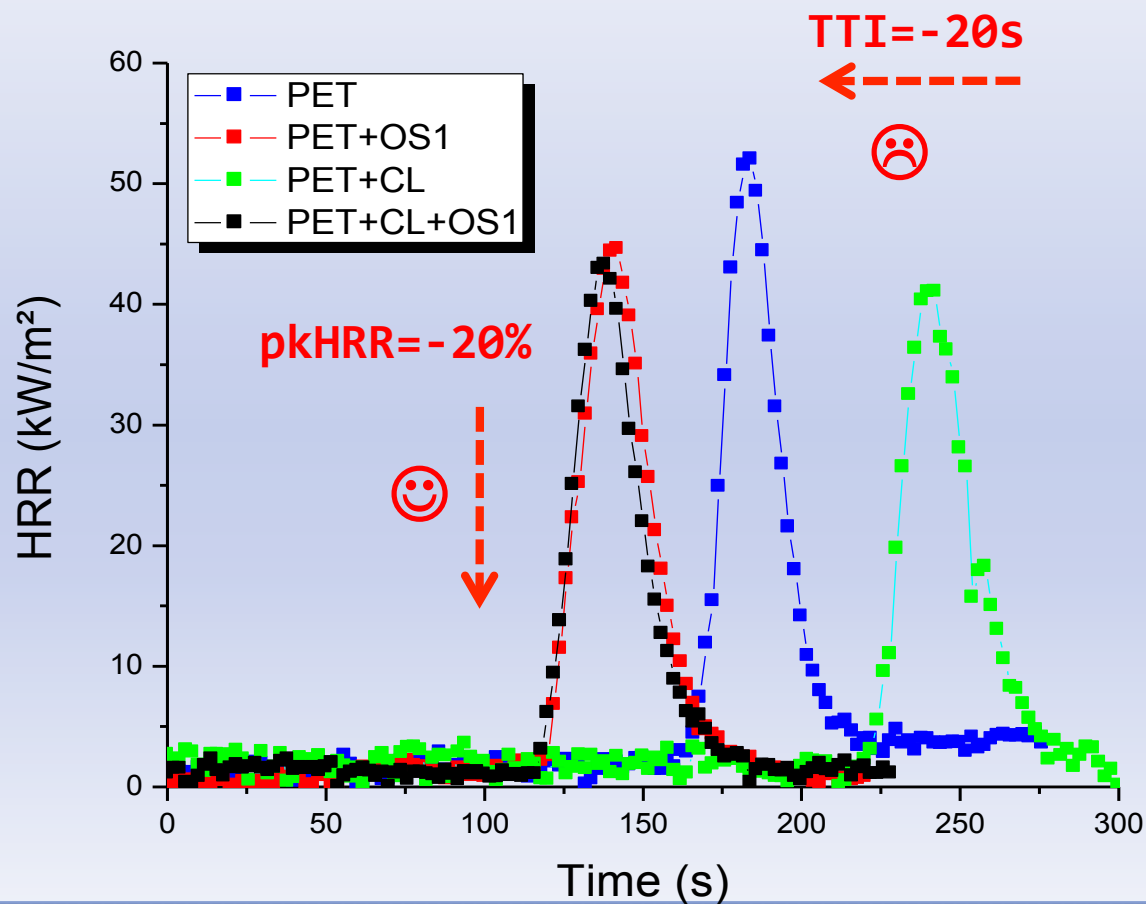
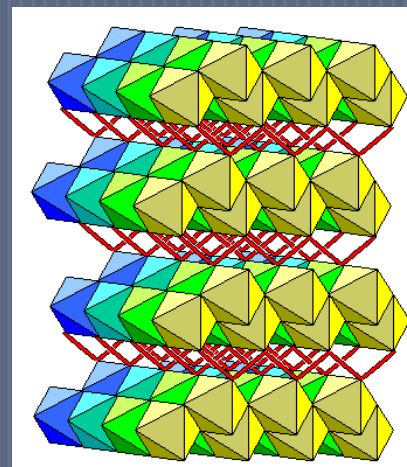
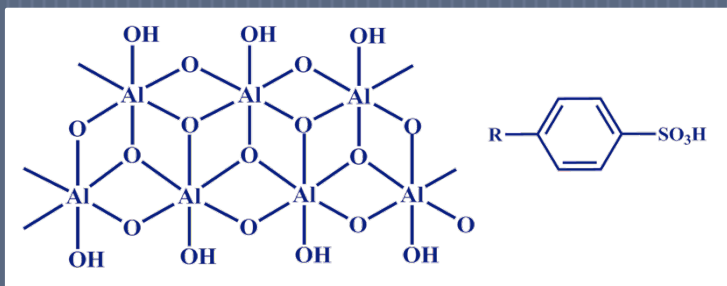
WHAT IS CNa?
MONTMORILLONITE



Combining immersion of CNa with a
pre-treatment by cold plasma: TTI = +75s ☺☺

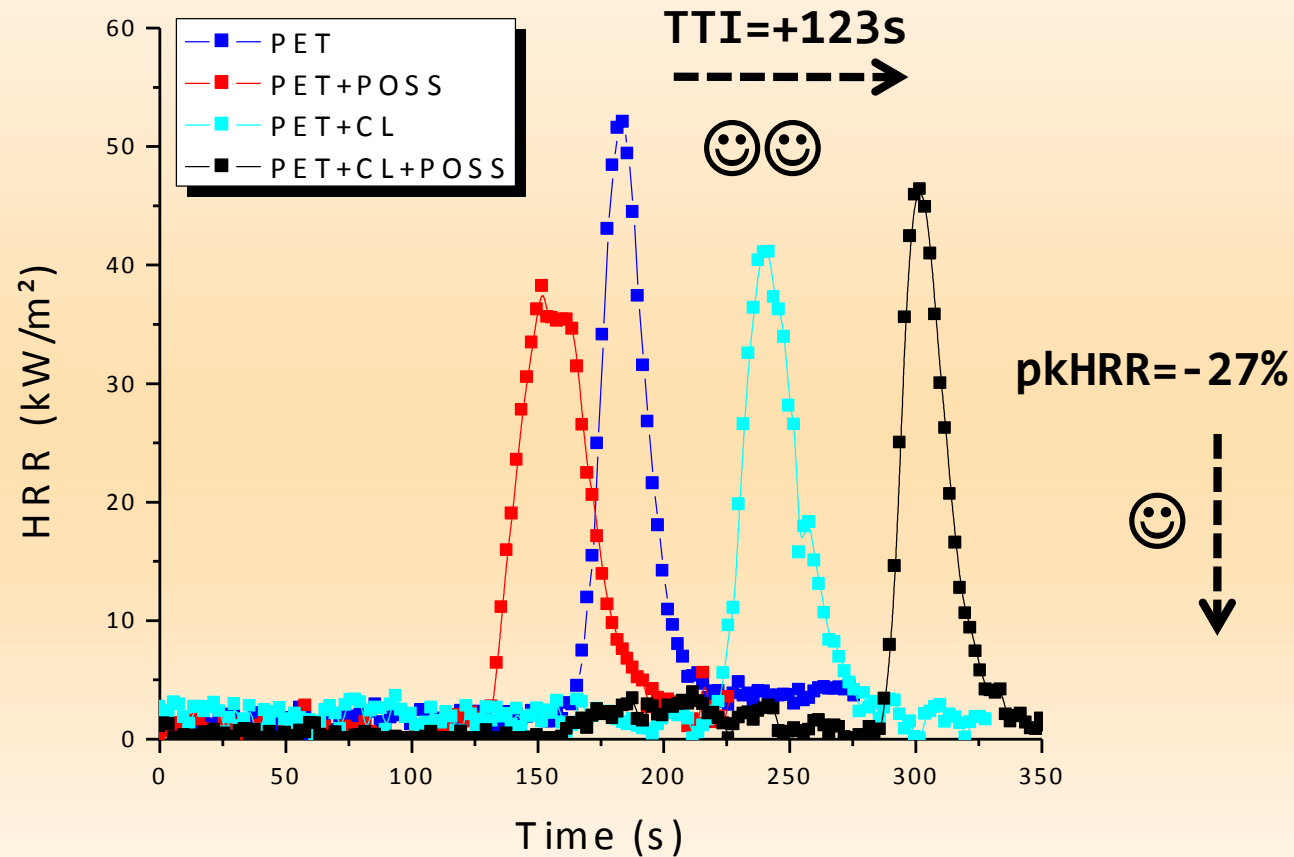
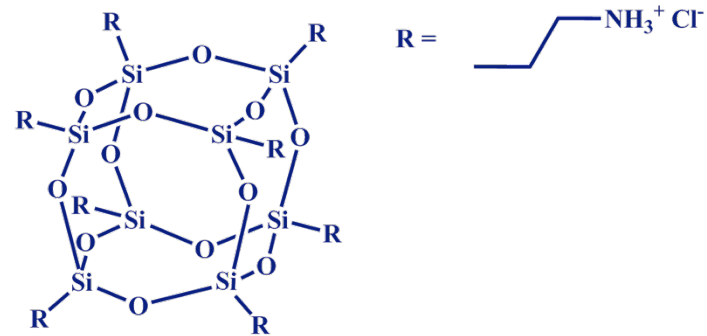
PET+OS1

WHAT IS OS1?
BOEHMITE $\text{AlO}(\text{OH})$



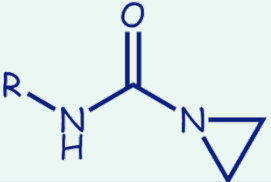
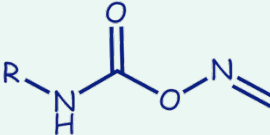
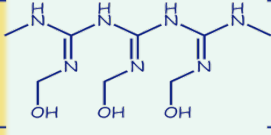
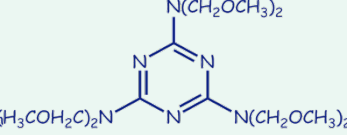
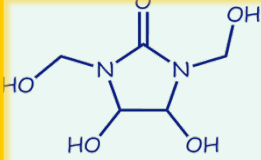
PET+POSS

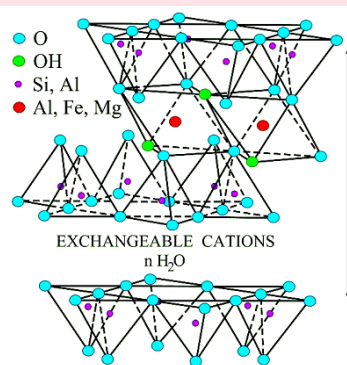
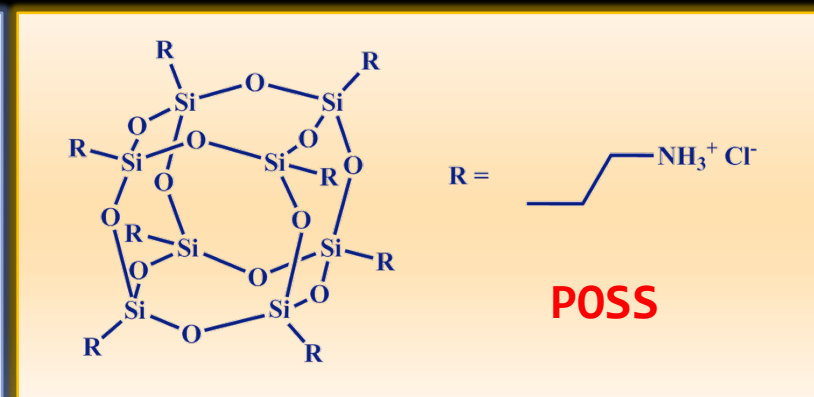
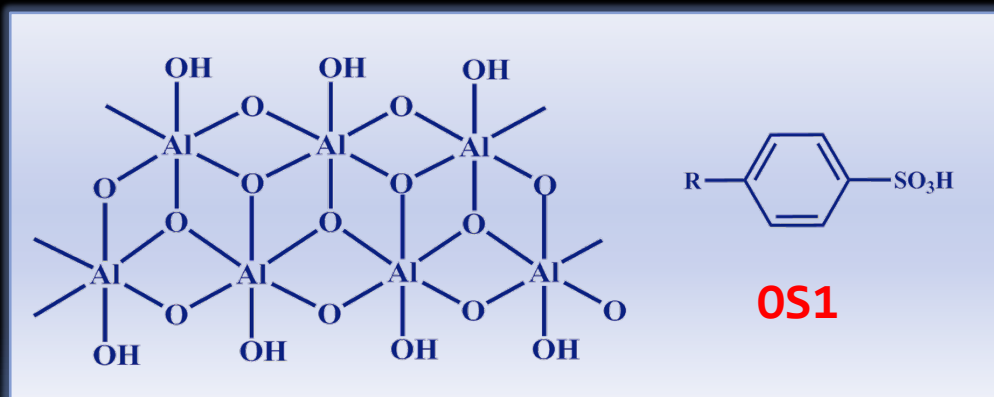
WHAT IS POSS? RSIO₁₅



COTTON+CL+FILLER [1WT.-%]

CROSS-LINKERS (CL)

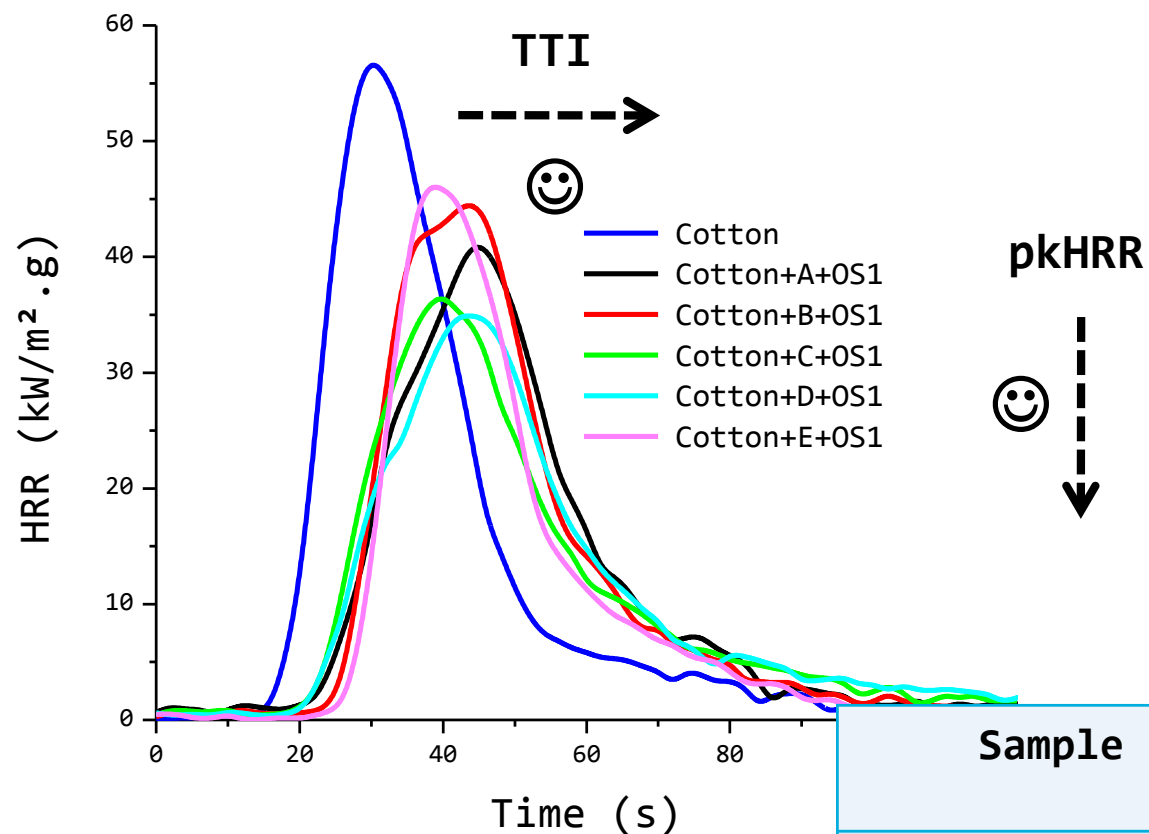
FORMULA					
CODE	A	B	C	D	E



CNa

CNa [%]	POSS [%]	CNa:POSS [%]
1	1	-
2	2	1:1
5	5	2.5:2.5

COTTON+OS1

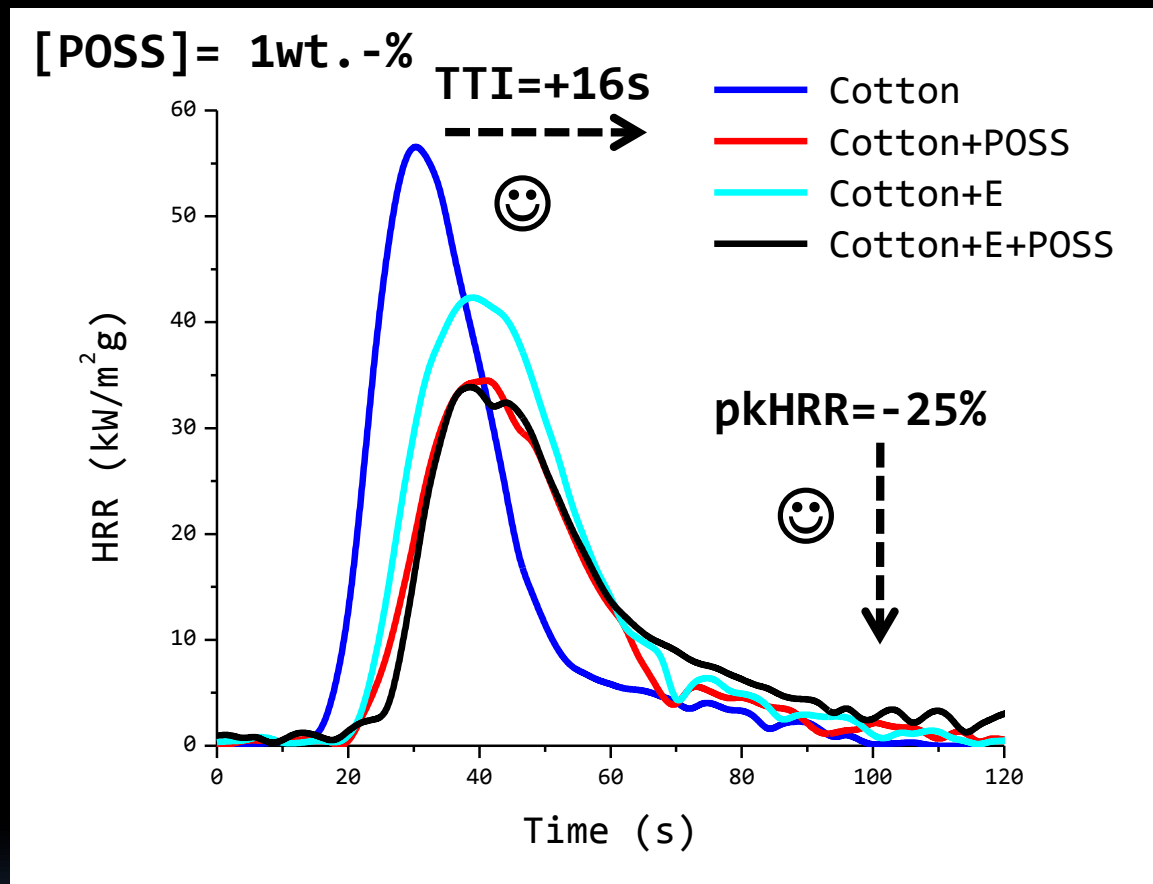


Sample	TTI (s)	pkHRR ($\text{kW/m}^2 \cdot \text{g}$)
Cotton	17	57
Cotton+A+OS1	26	41
Cotton+B+OS1	23	45
Cotton+C+OS1	21	36
Cotton+D+OS1	21	35
Cotton+E+OS1	28	46

Use of cone calorimetry to measure the combustion behavior of POSS and boehmite finished cotton textile fabric

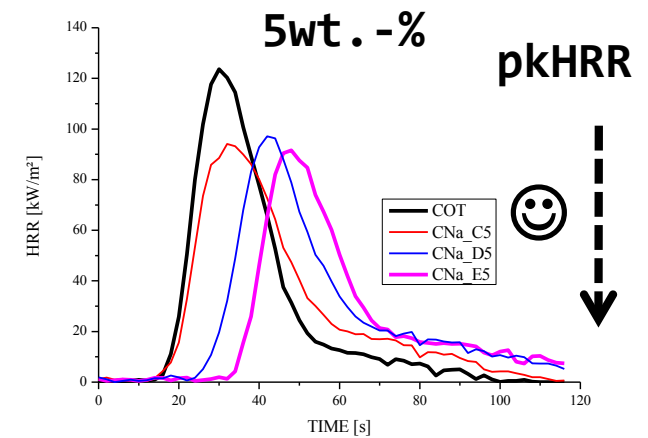
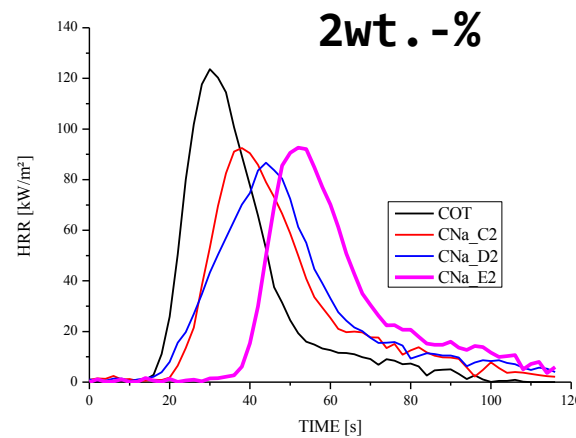
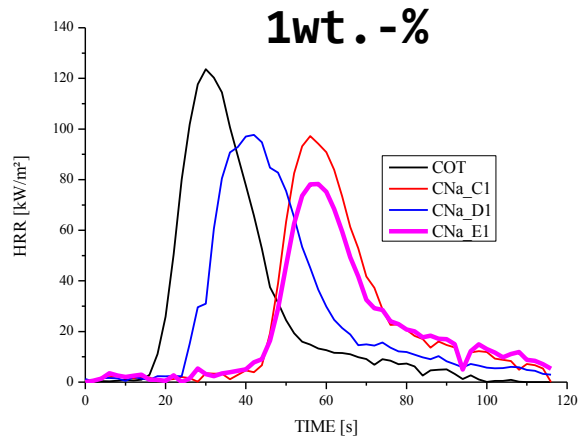
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COTTON+POSS



Sample	TTI(s)	pkHRR(kW/m ² g)	Δ (%)
Cotton	14	57	-
Cotton+E+POSS 1%	30	42	-25
Cotton+E+POSS 2%	35	32	-44
Cotton+E+POSS 5%	27	33	-44

COTTON+CNa



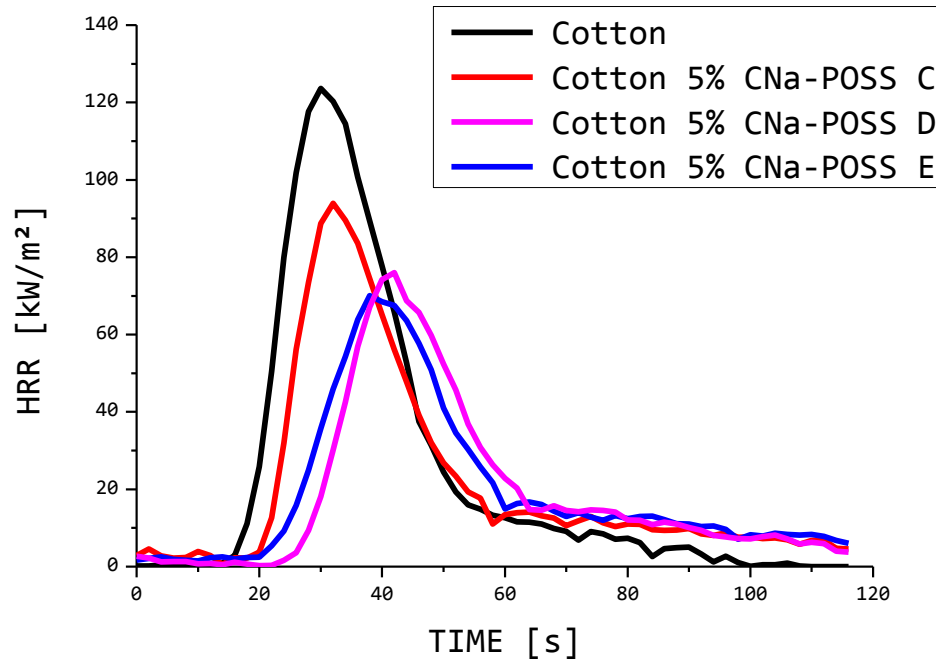
TTI increases of ca. 30s for each CL 😊

➤ E cross-linker turns out the best cross-linker to link CNa

➤ The better performance is obtained with 1wt.-% of CNa

	TTI [s]	Δ [s]	pkHRR [kW/m ²]	Δ [%]
Cotton	15	-	123	-
Cotton+E+CNa 1%	40	+25	77	-37
Cotton+E+CNa 2%	36	+19	92	-25
Cotton+E+CNa 5%	33	+18	91	-26

COTTON+CNa+POSS: synergism between two NPs????



$[\text{filler}]_{\text{tot}} = 5\text{wt.}\%$

➤ E cross-linker turns out the best cross-linker to link both CNa and POSS

➤ there is no a synergistic effect between CNa and POSS in terms of TTI increase and pkHRR decrease

	TTI [s]	Δ [s]	pkHRR [kW/m²]	Δ [%]
Cotton	15	-	123	-
Cotton+E+POSS 2%	40	+25	61	-51
Cotton+E+POSS 5%	28	+13	67	-45
Cotton+E+CNa 2%	36	+19	92	-25
Cotton+E+CNa 5%	33	+18	91	-26
Cotton+E+CNa+POSS 5%	26	+11	70	-43

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...thanks...