



Cold spray of metal-PEEK powder mixture onto short carbon reinforced polymer substrate

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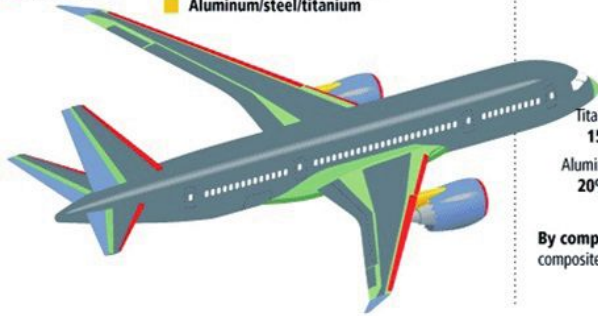
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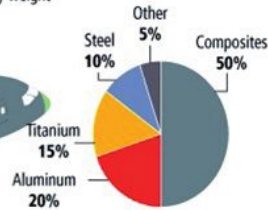
Composite materials

Materials used in 787 body

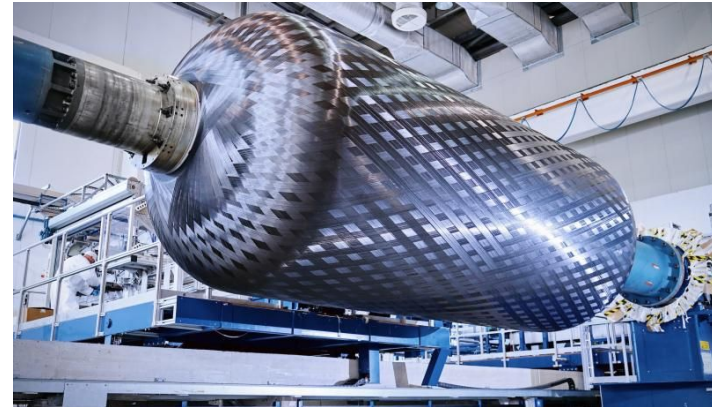
- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Carbon laminate composite
- Carbon sandwich composite
- Aluminum/steel/titanium



Total materials used By weight



By comparison, the 777 uses 12 percent composites and 50 percent aluminum.



Composite case of Vega launcher made by filament winding process [credits avio.com].

Usage of various materials in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (Katunin et al. 2017; Rosato 2013).

Advantages:

- strength-to-weight ratio
- friction performance
- corrosion resistance

Disadvantages:

- low wear resistance
- low thermal conductivity
- low electrical conductivity

Outline

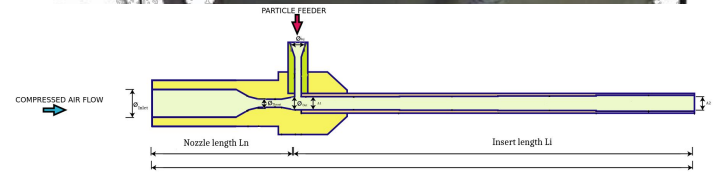
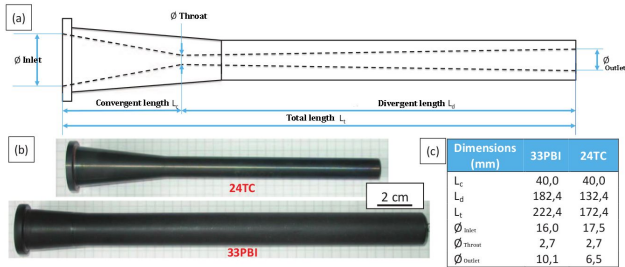
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Cold spray equipment

High pressure system
Cgt kinetic 3000

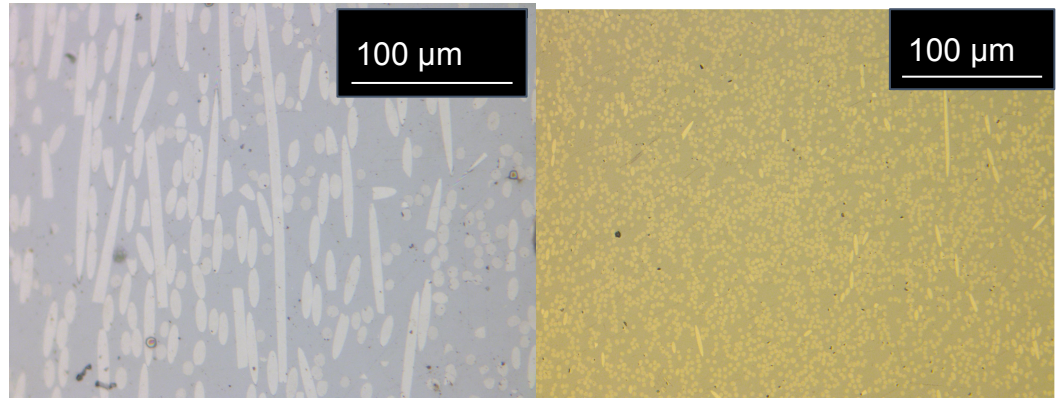


Low pressure system
Dymet 523



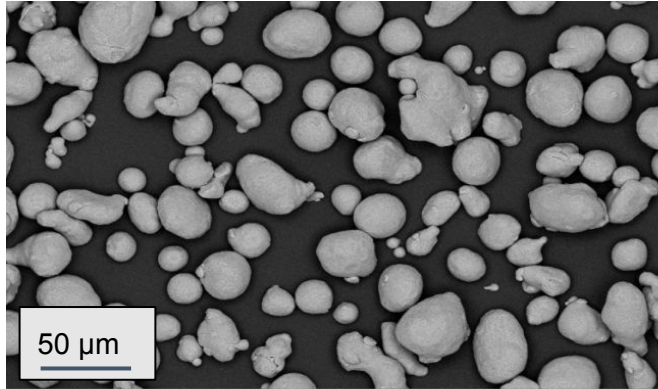
PEEK TM 90HMF40

Short carbon reinforced PEEK substrate



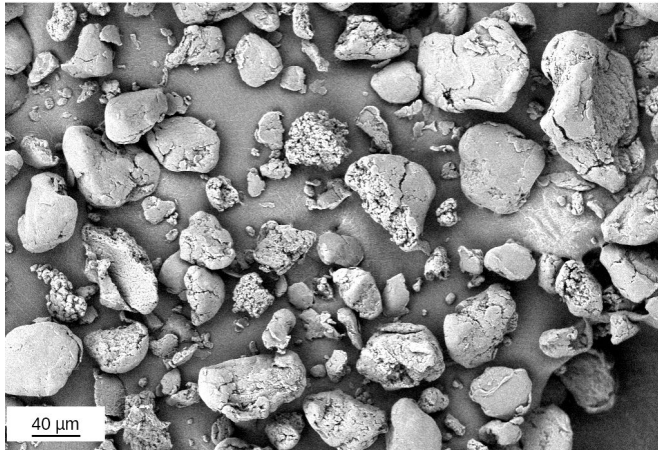
- High performance thermoplastic material
- 40% short carbon fibre reinforced
- Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) : 143°C
- Melting Temperature : 343 °C
- Diameter fibre 5 μm
- Length 80-100 μm

Metal & PEEK powders



Aluminium:

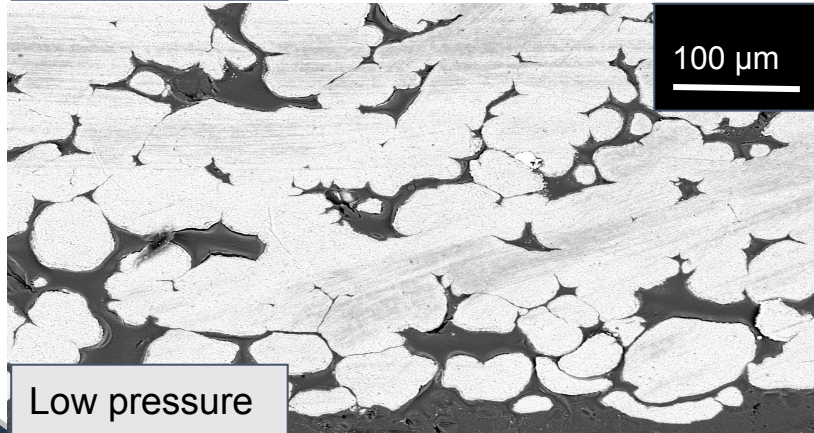
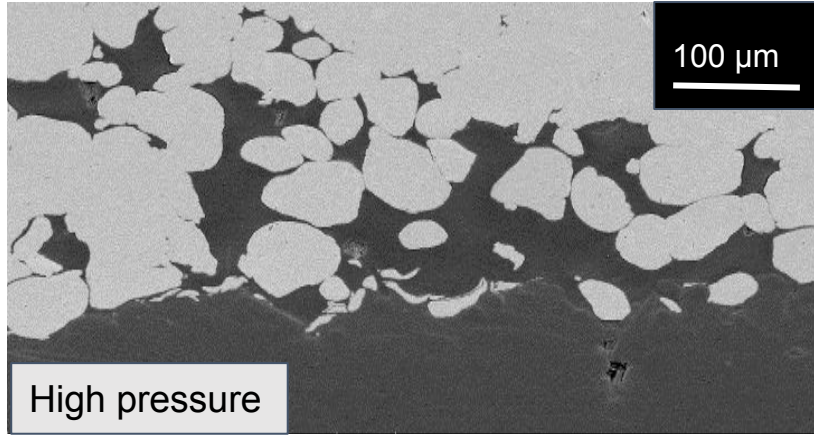
- Toyal 20-50 UPS
- Spherical
- 99.9 % purity
- D90 = 50 μm
- D50 = 30 μm



PEEK:

- Victrex Vicote 702
- Irregular
- D90 = 88 μm
- D50 = 53 μm

Cold spray test (pure aluminium)



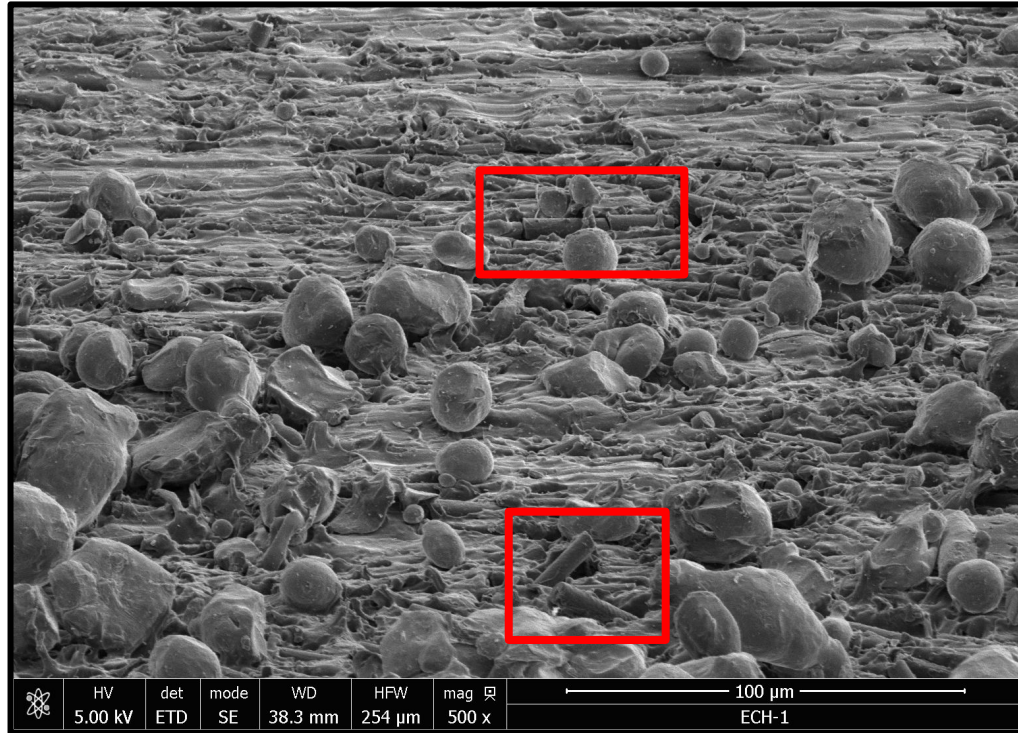
Similarities:

- Particles deformed at interface
- No mechanical anchoring
- Easy delamination

Differences:

- Higher porosity in the LPCS
- Lower deformation in the LPCS
- Higher erosion in the HPCS

HPCS splat test (aluminium)

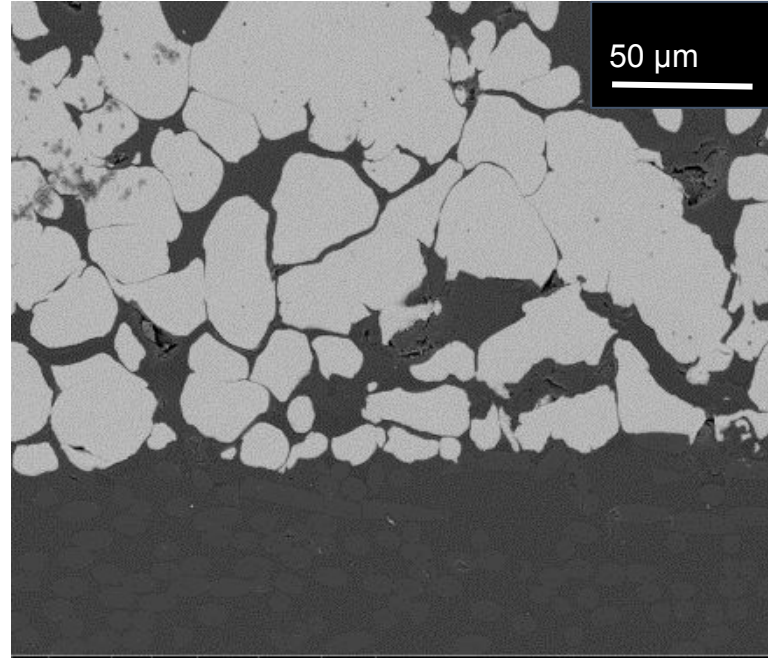


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High pressure cold spray

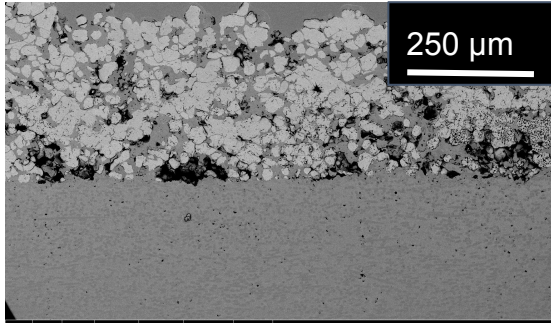
Mixture Al + 10%vol PEEK



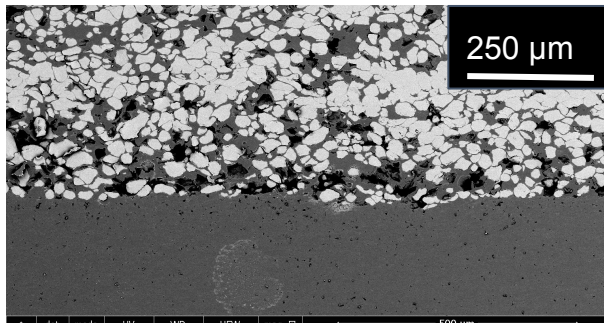
- Regular coatings
- Increased deposition efficiency
- Adhesion < 3 MPa
- Conductivity similar to pure aluminium coatings

Low pressure cold spray

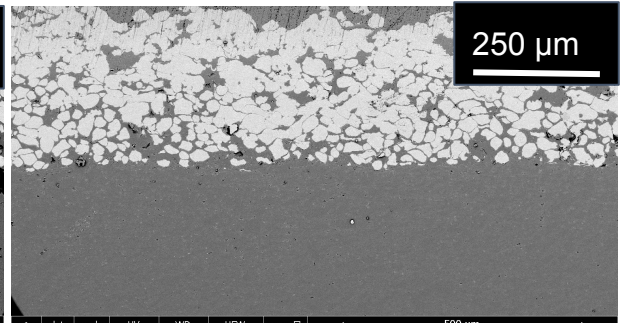
Mixture of Al and different PEEK content



**20 % vol
PEEK**



**10 % vol
PEEK**

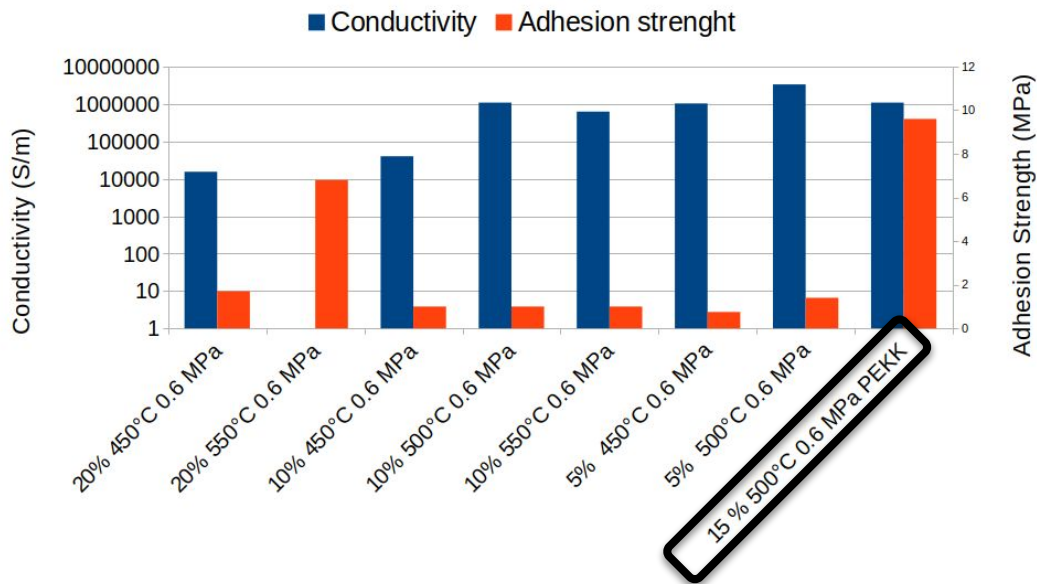


**5 % vol
PEEK**

PEEK % ↑ Adhesion ↑ Conductivity ↓

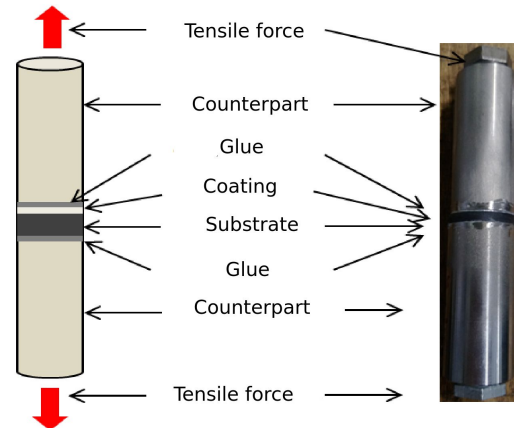
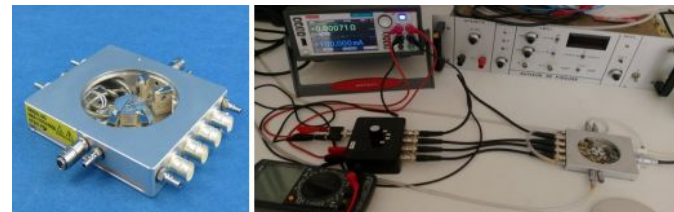
PEEK % ↓ Adhesion ↓ Conductivity ↑

Adhesion vs Conductivity

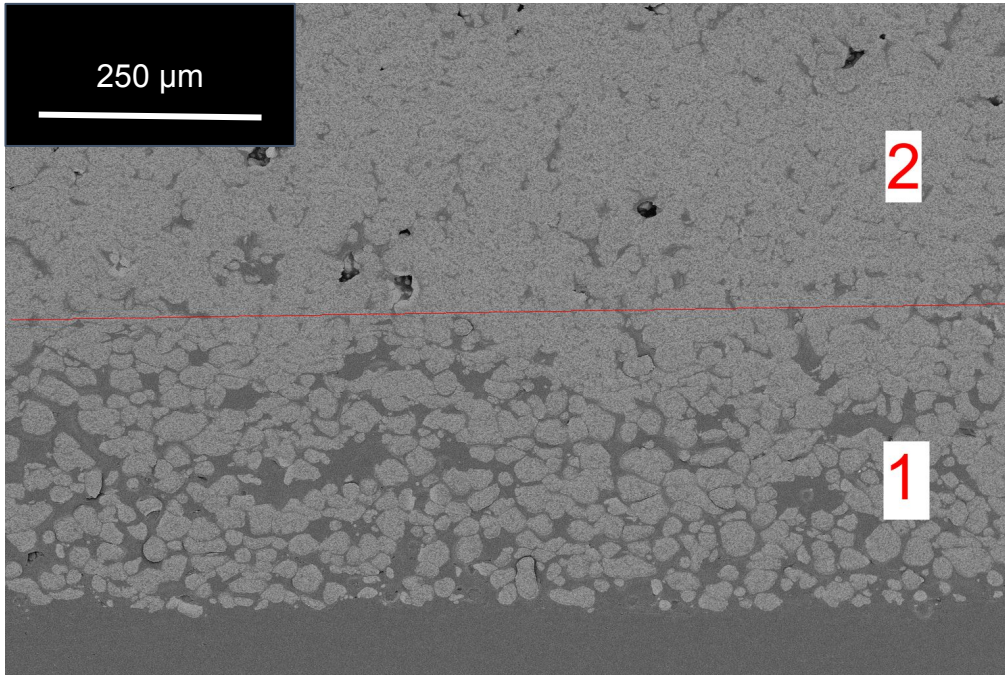


Best conductivity value for 5% of PEEK content

Best adhesion strength value for 20% of PEEK content



Low pressure cold spray Sublayer strategy



- First layer: aluminium + 15% vol PEKK 8002
- Second layer: pure aluminium

Results:

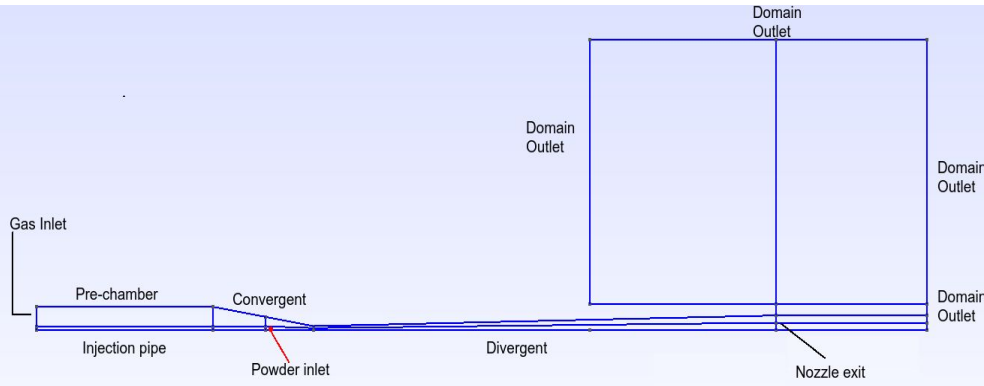
- Cohesive failure between the layers
3 MPa
- Conductivity **$9 \cdot 10^6$ S/m**

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CFD analysis of HPCS & LPCS

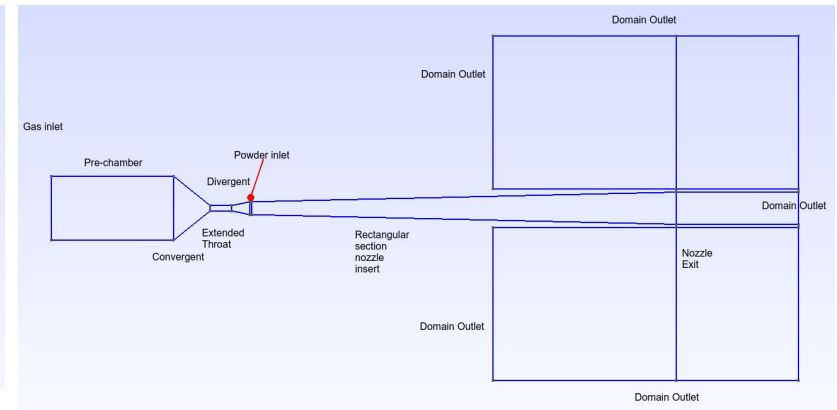
HPCS



33PBI round nozzle

- Axisymmetric geometry
- Axial injection
- No substrate
- Eulerian treatment of solid phase

LPCS

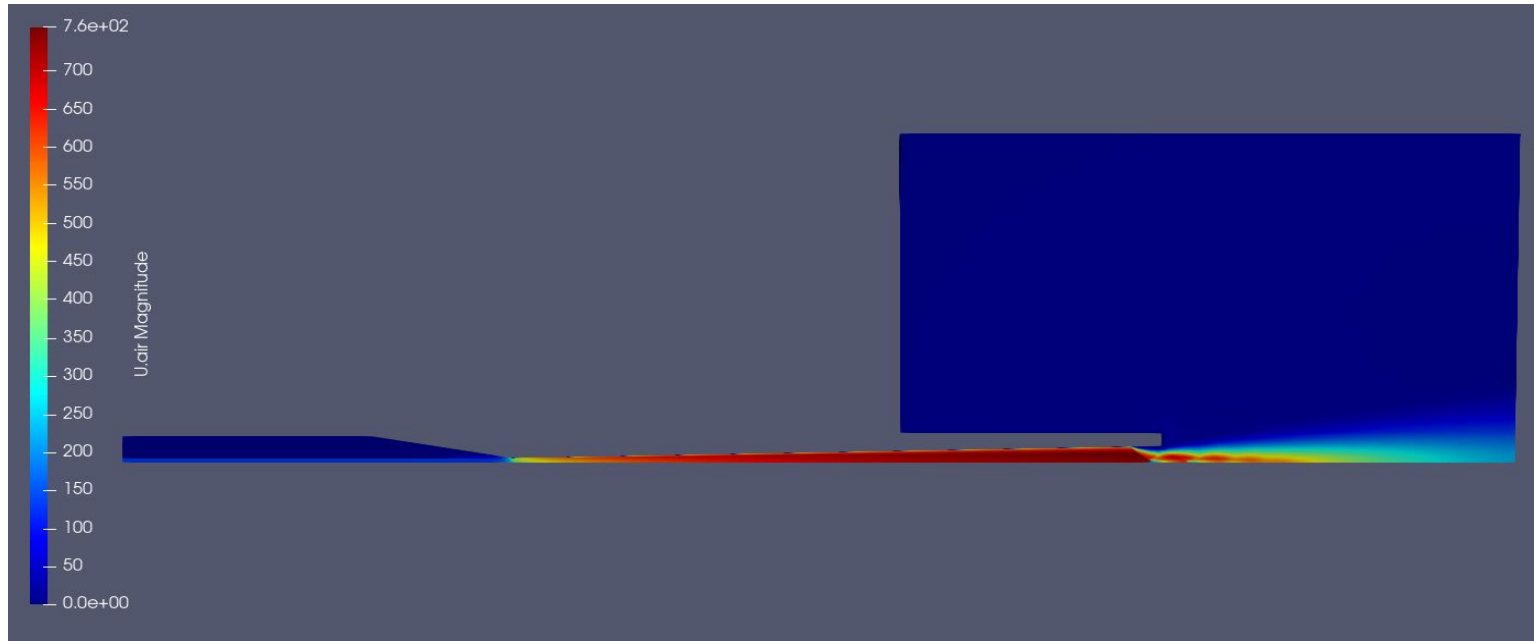


K7 flat nozzle + rectangular nozzle insert

- Full 3D geometry
- Radial injection
- Substrate
- Eulerian treatment of solid phase

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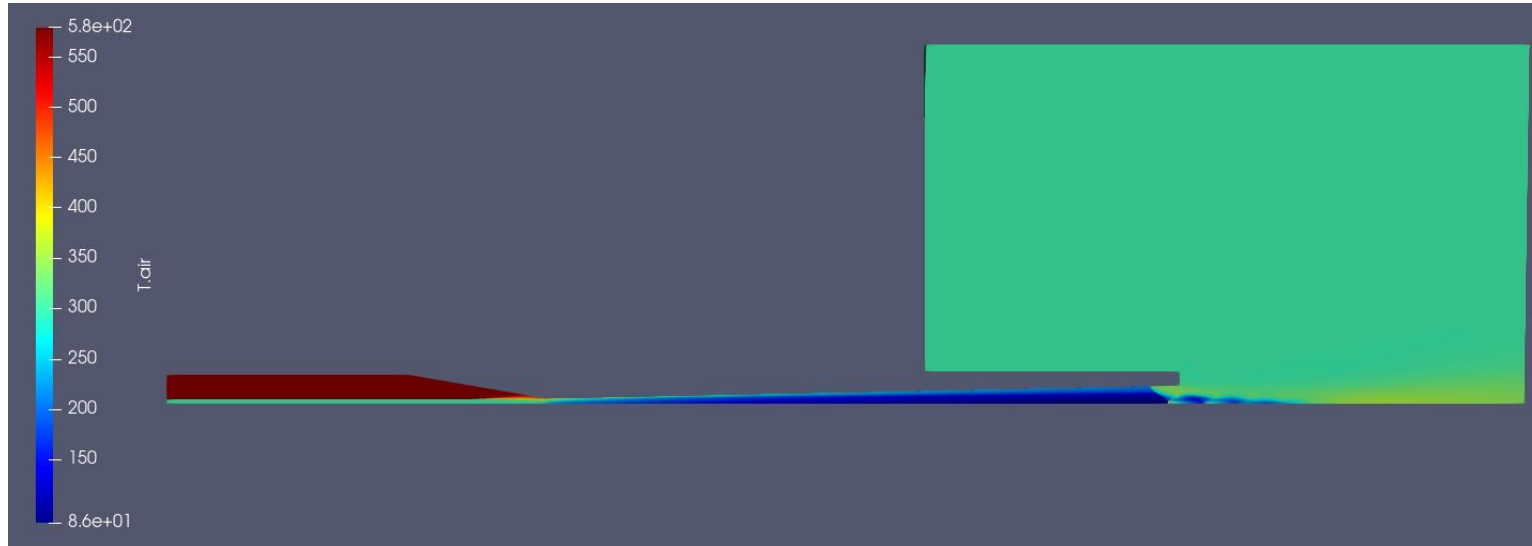
Gas velocity



Overexpanded flow
Series of oblique shocks at nozzle exit

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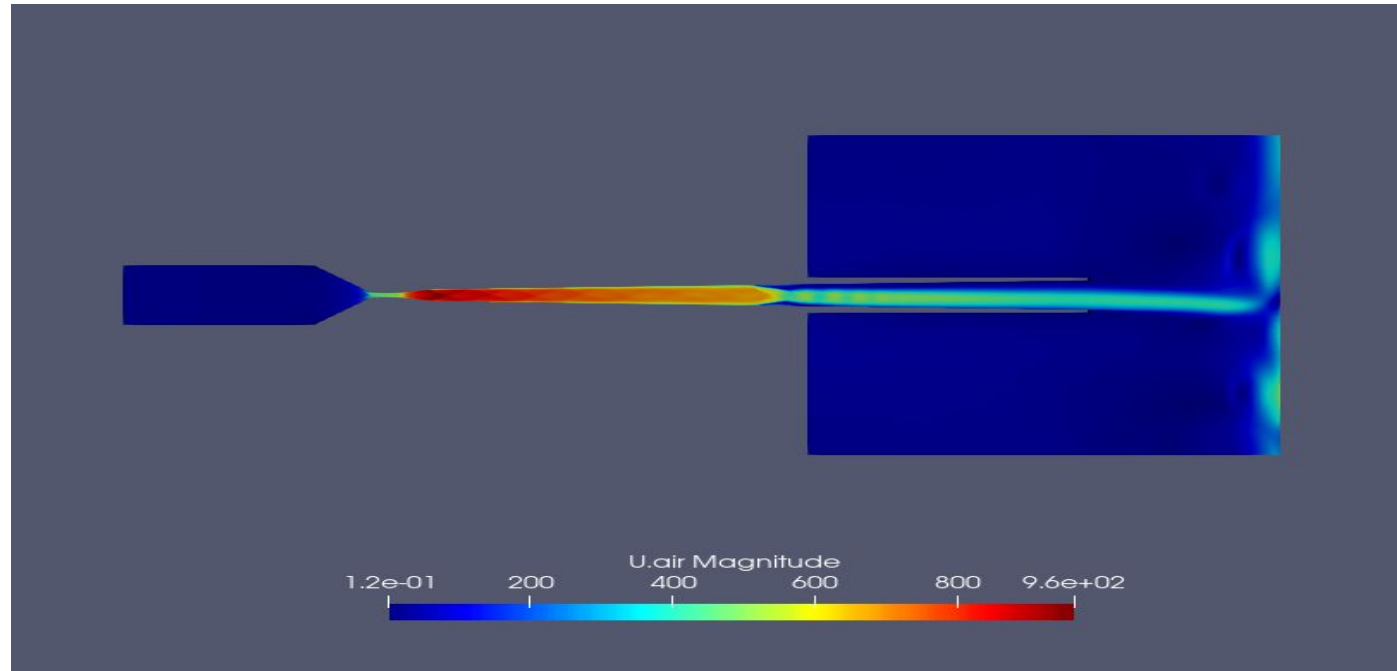
Gas temperature



Low temperature along the nozzle

CFD analysis of LPCS

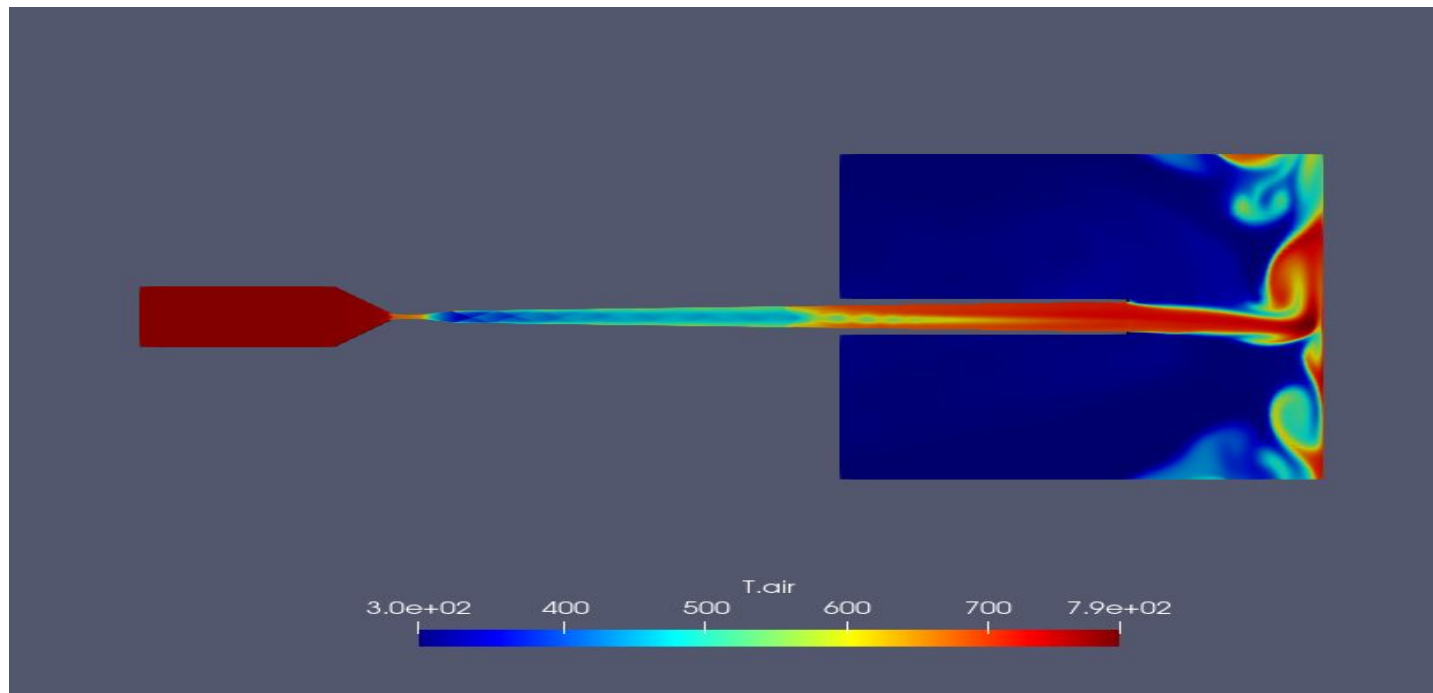
Gas velocity



Sonic-subsonic flow after nozzle insert first half

CFD analysis of LPCS

Gas fields

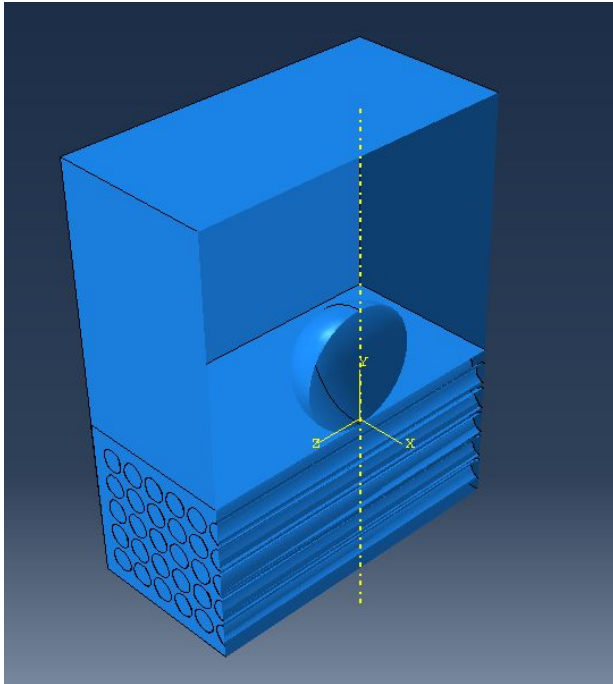


High gas temperature at nozzle exit

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- I. Cold spray a “not-so-thermal” process
- II. Realization and optimization of cold spray metal coatings onto PEEK composite
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- V. Extension to other substrates

CEL analysis of particle impact onto composite substrates



Eulerian part
Length = 70 μm
Width = 70 μm
Height = 35 μm

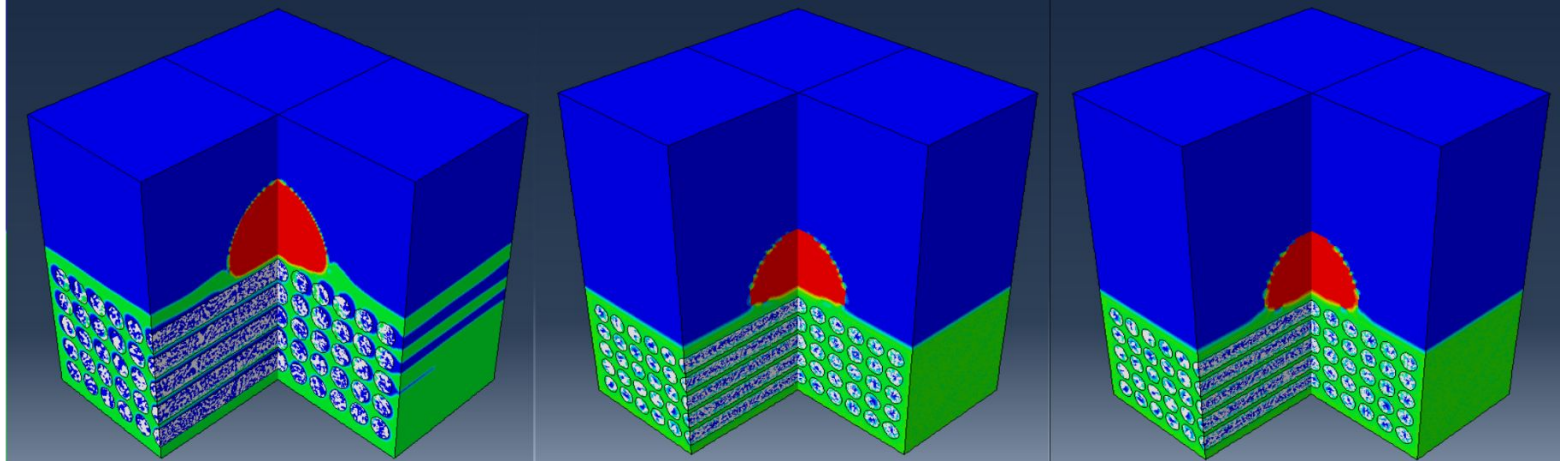
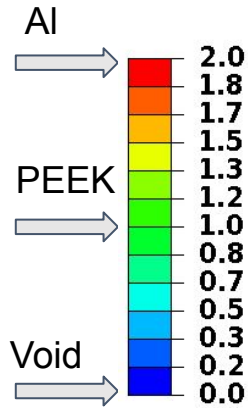
Particle instance
Diameter = 30 μm

PEEK matrix instance
Length = 70 μm
Width = 70 μm
Height = 35 μm

Short carbon fibers lagrangian part
Length = 70 μm
Diameter = 3 μm

Single impact on PEEK composite

HPCS and LPCS differences



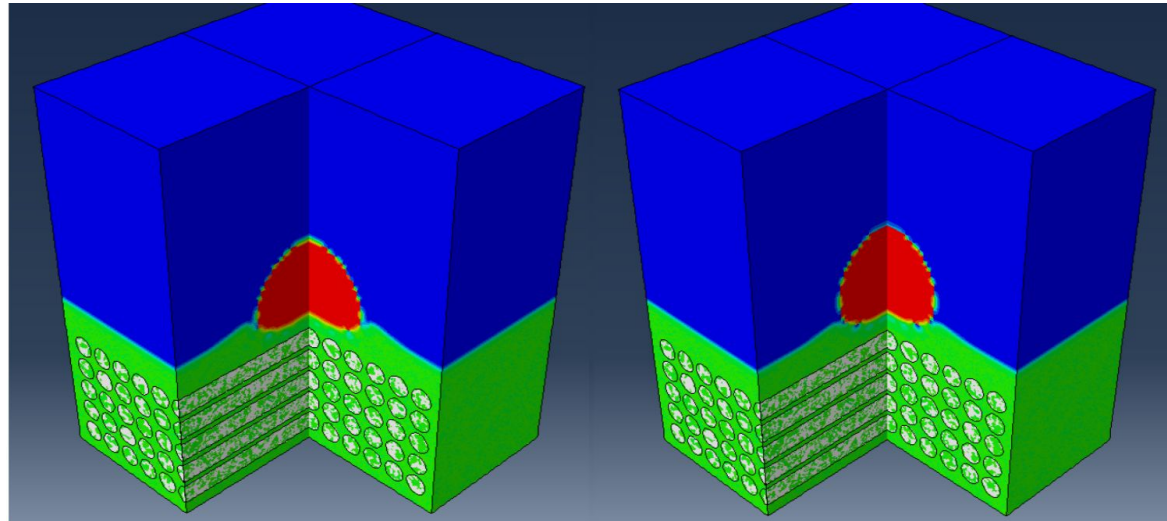
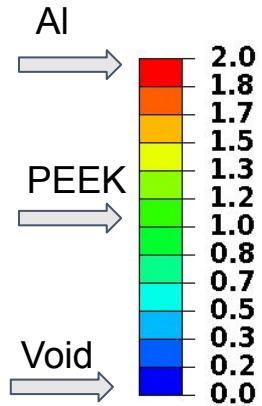
High pressure
 $V = 500 \text{ m/s}$
 $T = 300 \text{ K}$
 $T_{\text{sub}} = 300 \text{ K}$

Low pressure
 $V = 280 \text{ m/s}$
 $T = 500 \text{ K}$
 $T_{\text{sub}} = 300 \text{ K}$

Low pressure
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 $T = 600 \text{ K}$
 $T_{\text{sub}} = 450 \text{ K}$

Single impact on PEEK composite

Thicker top layer strategy

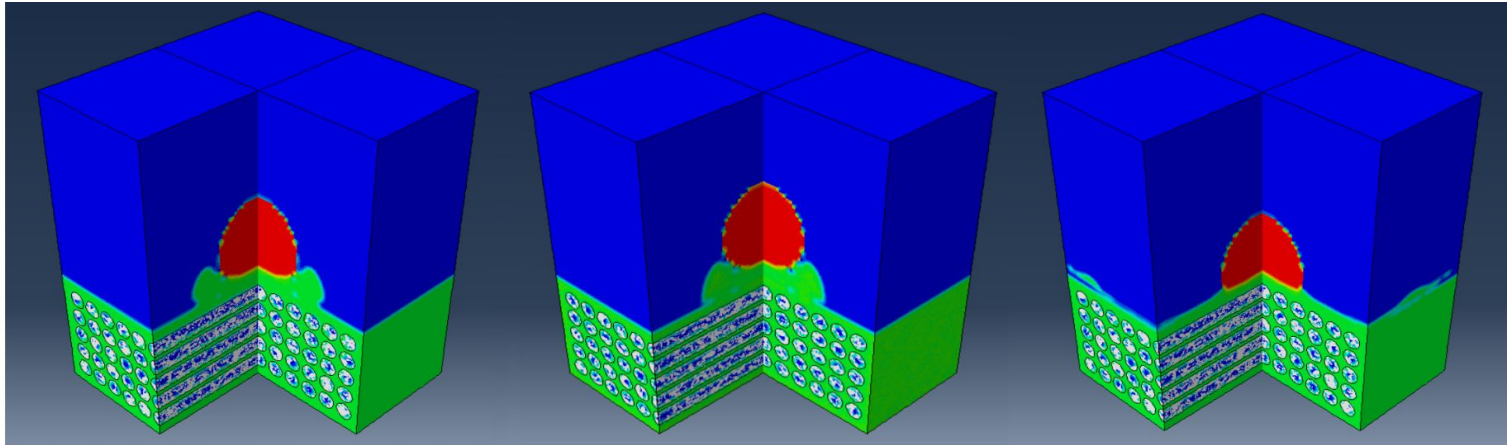
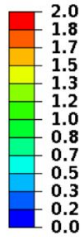


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PEEK-Aluminium mixture

Mattress effect

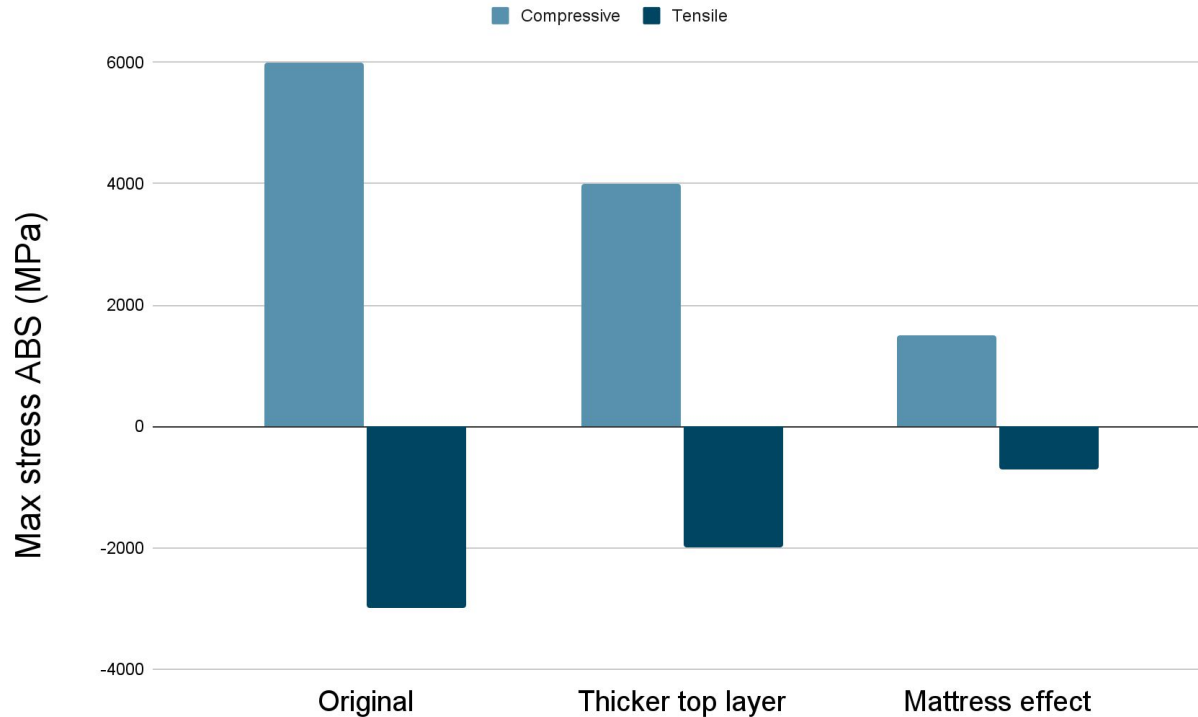


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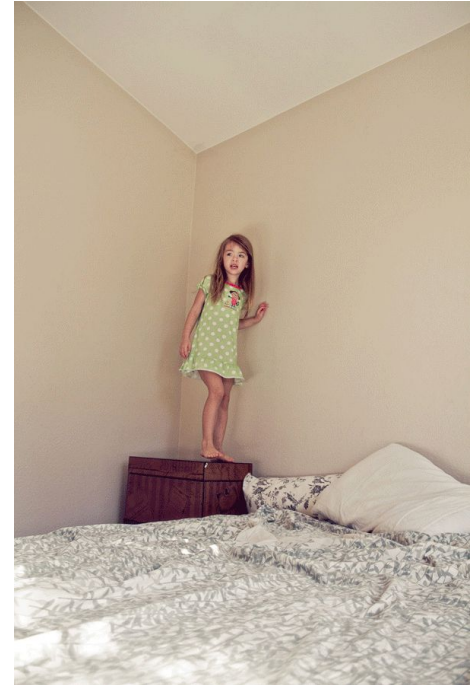
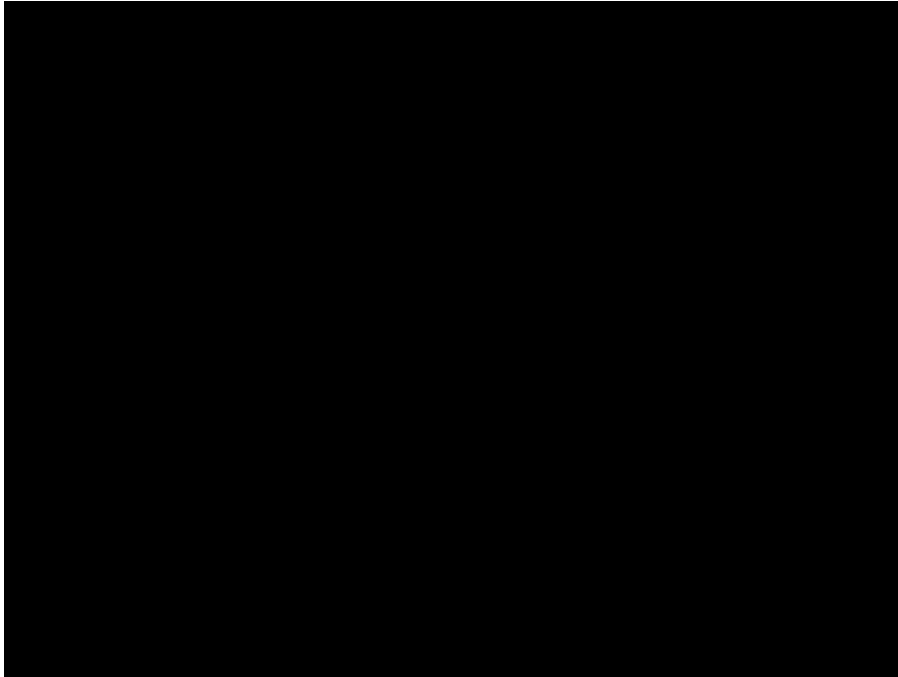
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Fiber stress induced by particle impact



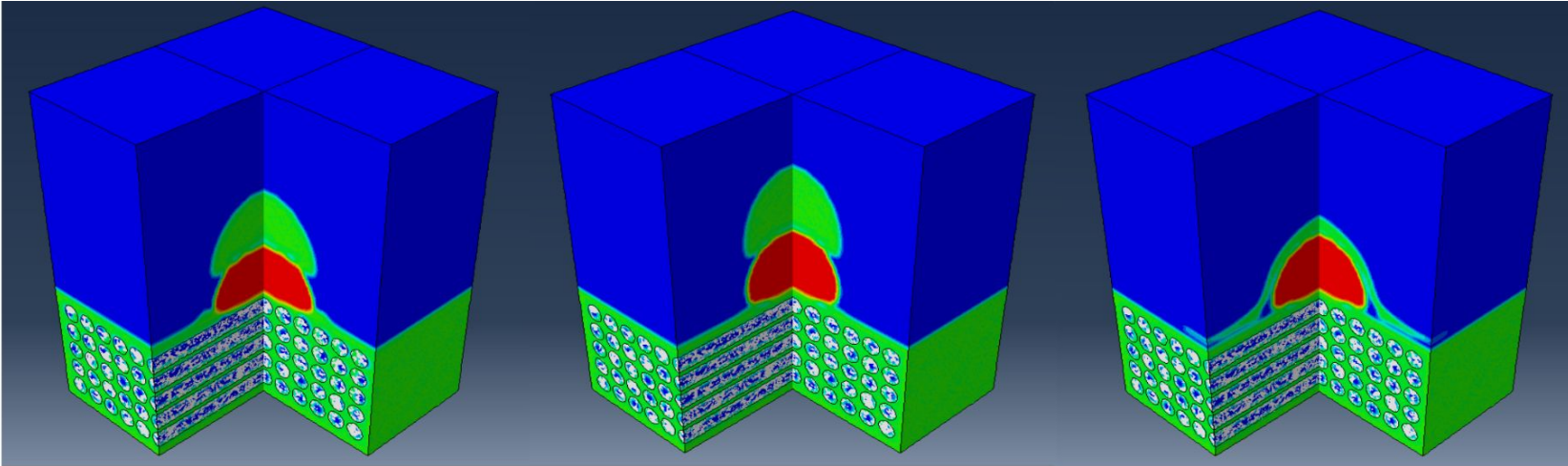
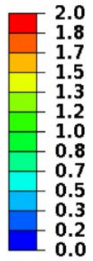
Modeling

Mattress effect simulation



PEEK-Aluminium mixture

“Spider man web” effect



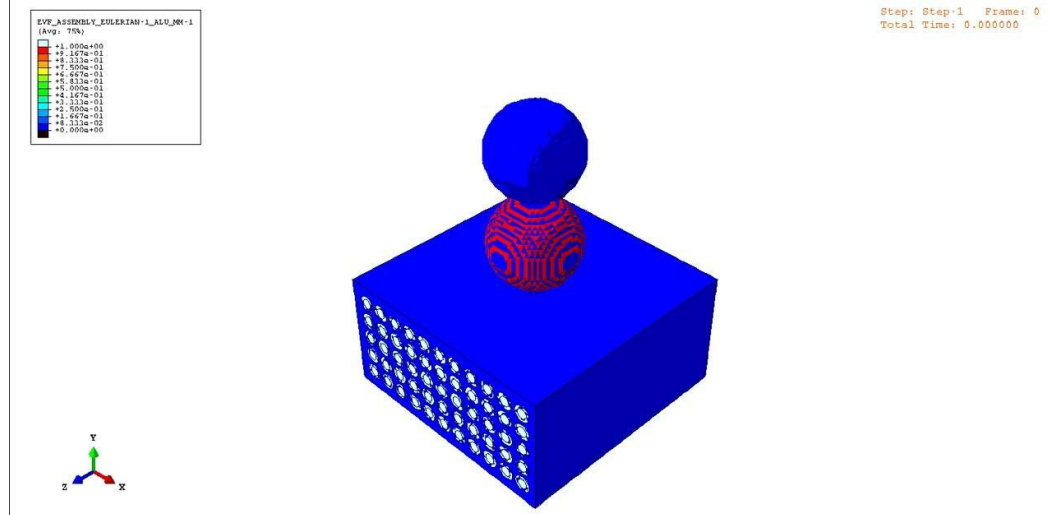
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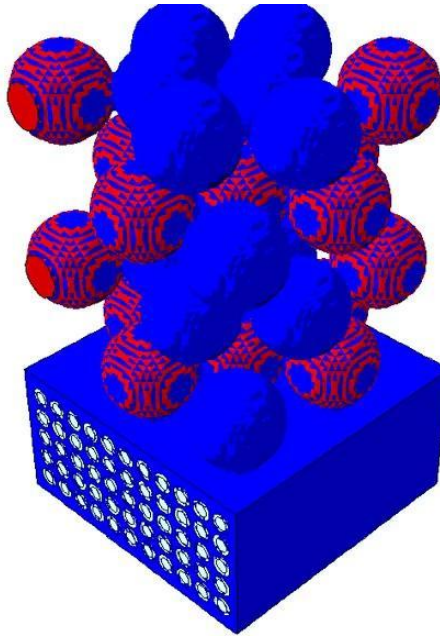
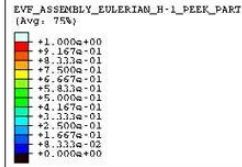
Modeling

Spiderman-web effect simulation



Modeling

Multiparticle impact simulation

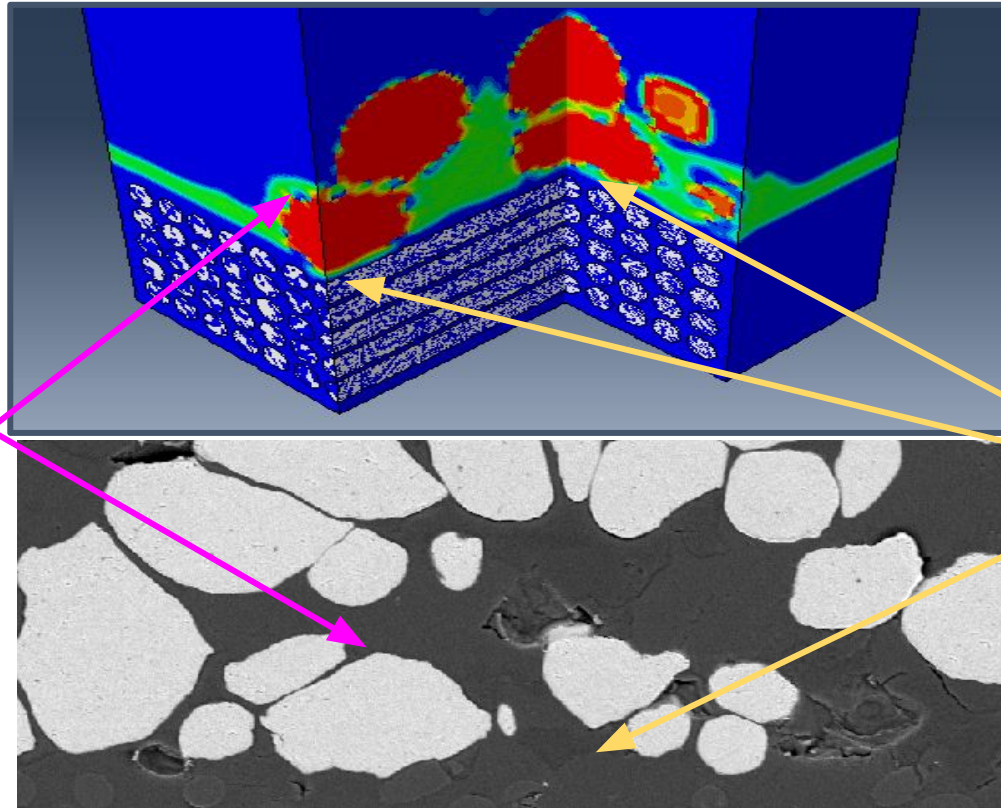


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Modeling

Multiparticle impact simulation



**Spider man
Web
Effect**

**Mattress
effect**

Conclusions

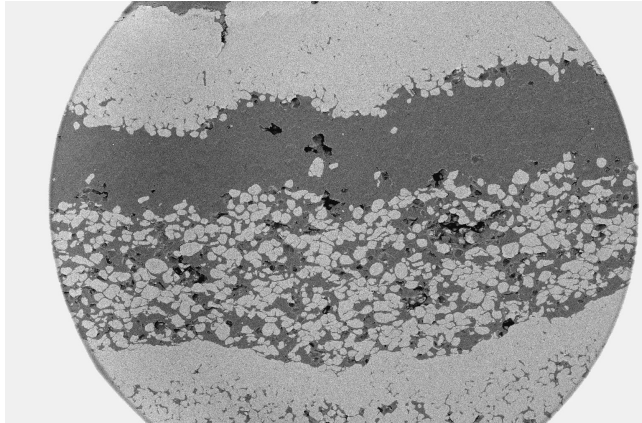
Conductive coatings onto short carbon reinforced PEEK

- Pure aluminium coatings with both low and high pressure CS gives very low adhesion
- A mixture of aluminium and a small percentage of polymer allows adherent and conductive coatings
- CFD analysis shows high temperature gas in the LPCS with flat nozzle exit
- FEM impact simulations revealed adhesion mechanisms in the case of mixed metal-polymer powders

Perspectives

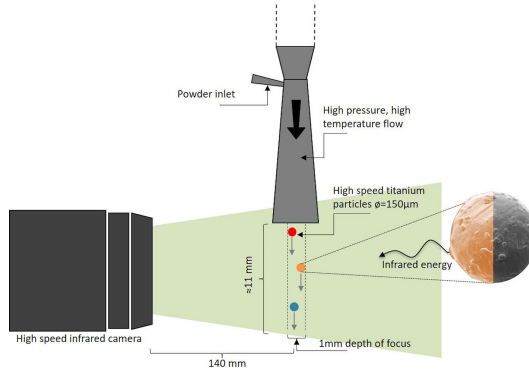
Experimental:

- Gradient coating
- Charged polymer powders



CFD:

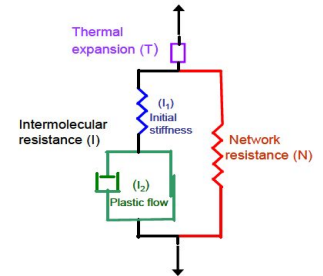
- Suitable heat exchange model
- Validation with particle temperature real data
- Nozzle optimization



From Nastic, Jodoin

Impact simulation:

- Increased particle number
- Fiber damage model
- Specific constitutive model for PEEK



From Garcia-Gonzales