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## *Hlavní směry materiálového výzkumu na FEL*

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# *Chytré textilie*

# Smart textiles – target applications

## Protective clothing



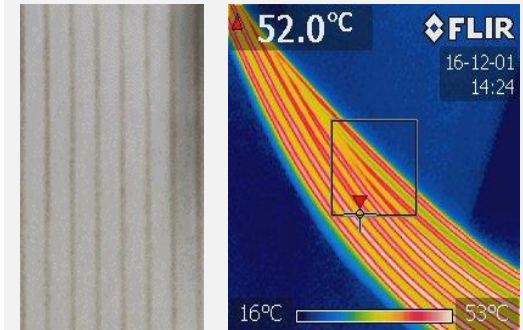
- Smart protective suit and glove with integrated sensor system
- Boot with integrated inertial localization system.

## Home and health care



- Smart bed sheet including evaluation electronics for patient monitoring (in 2 zones integrated presence sensors, motion detection & humidity sensors).

## Well-being, IoT



Washable knitted heating textiles for well-being and automotive applications.



Printed and embroidered antennas for IoT applications.

# Home and health care applications

## Smart leg sleeve



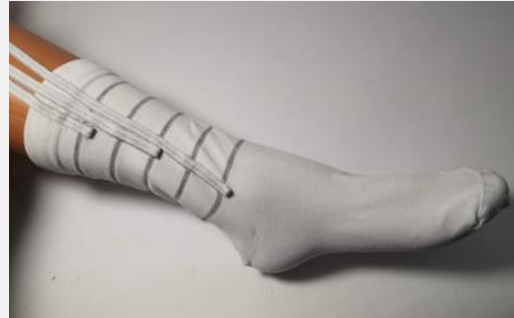
Textile pressure sensors



Smart leg sleeve with sensors

- Smart compression leg sleeve with integrated pressure sensors to increase the effectiveness of compression therapy of leg ulcers
- Continuous measurement at 3 points, IoT network, cloud server – web based front end application.

## Leg edema measurement



Textile strain sensors knitted into socks.



Thread based on blending of stainless steel fibers with textile fibers developed in close collaboration with VUB Company.

- Monitoring of the edema throughout the day without any limitation in patients motion.
- Specially designed socks with the strain gauge effect.

## Measurement of skin hydration



Textile based sensor system for continuous measurement of skin hydration.

- System developed for continuous monitoring of skin hydration (e.g. eczema treatment).
- The sensor is printed on a textile substrate (capacitive measurement)

# *Tištěná elektronika & Senzory*

# Printed electronics components

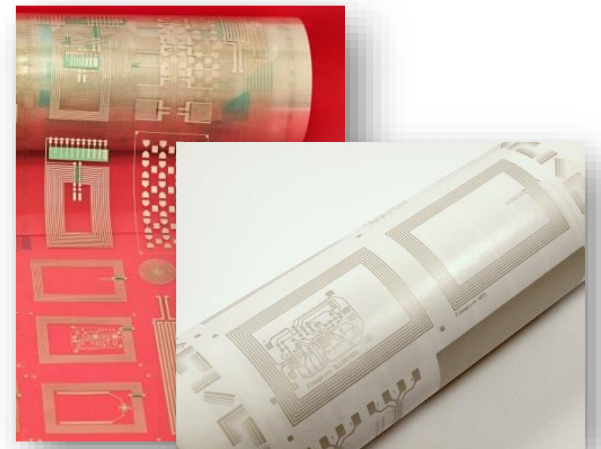
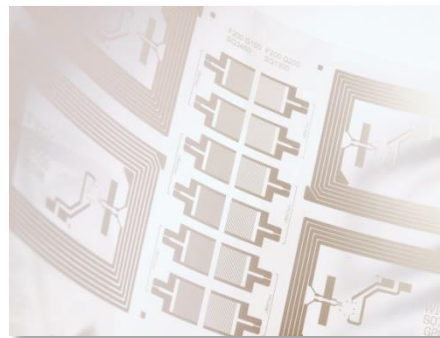
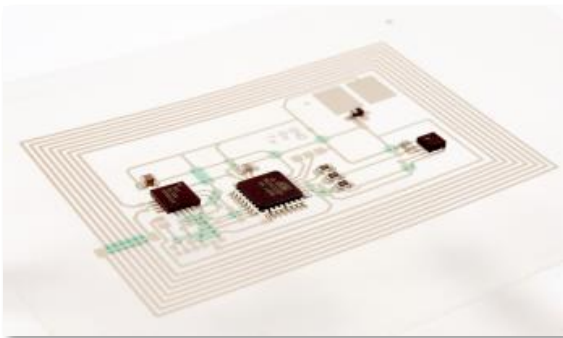
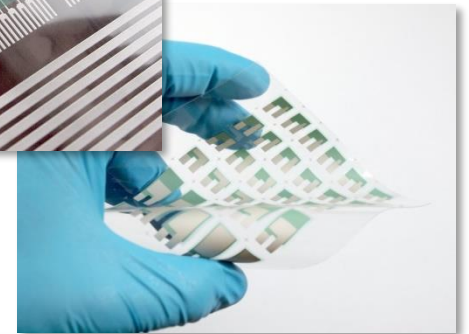
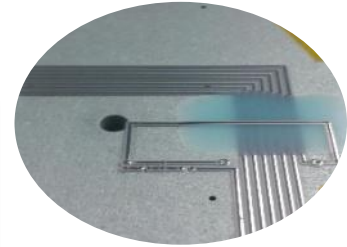
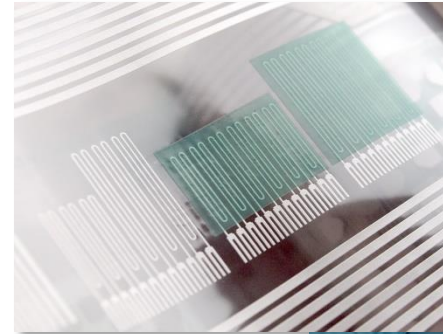
## Printed electronics applications

### ► Components

- Passives – R, L, C
- Active - transistors
- Antennas – HF, UHF
- Sensors – T, RH, chemical

### ► System-on-Foil

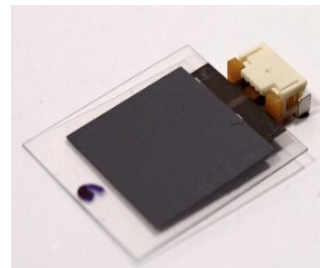
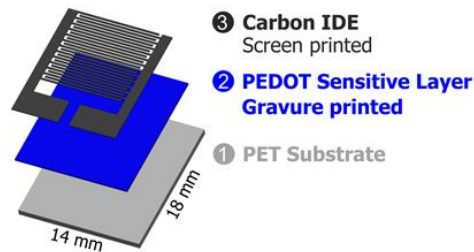
- Hybrid T+RH labels
- ID system on metal holograms



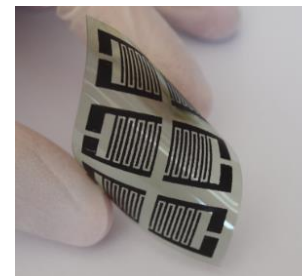


## Developed printed sensors

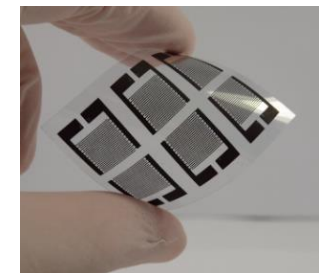
- ▶ Low-cost fabrication (screen printing, airbrush, dispensing, Aerosol-Jet)
- ▶ **Planar flexible sensors** suitable for integration into smart labels and packages
- ▶ Chemoresistive and electrochemical principle
- ▶ **Organic materials – biodegradable sensors**



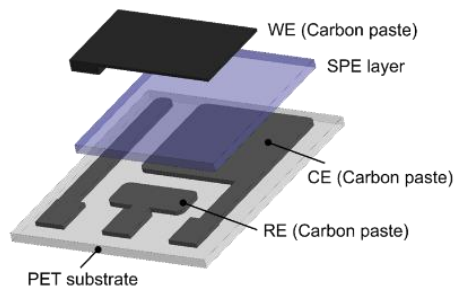
Temperature sensor  
(Flexible NTC thermistor)



Ammonia sensor  
(Chemoresistive)



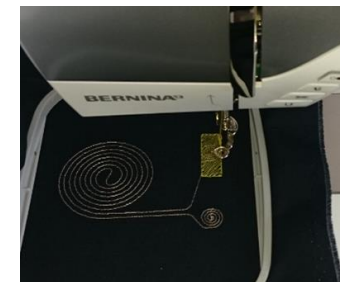
Humidity sensor  
(Chemoresistive)



Nitrogen oxide sensor  
(Electrochemical)



Ammonia sensor  
(based on CNTs)

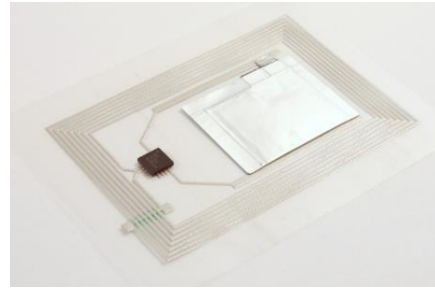


Embroidered  
temperature sensor

# Printed electronics systems

## Hybrid system printed on foil

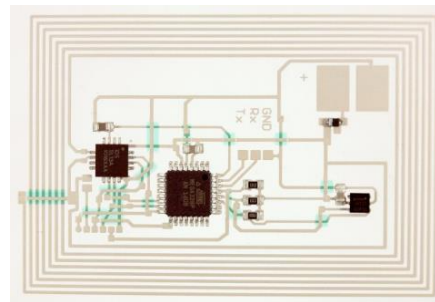
- ▶ **Flexible RFID sensor tags** for smart labels, smart packaging, logistics and IoT
- ▶ Including **data logging** and android application for **data visualization**
- ▶ Smart labels for:
  - ▶ **Temperature logging**
  - ▶ **Temperature and relative humidity logging**



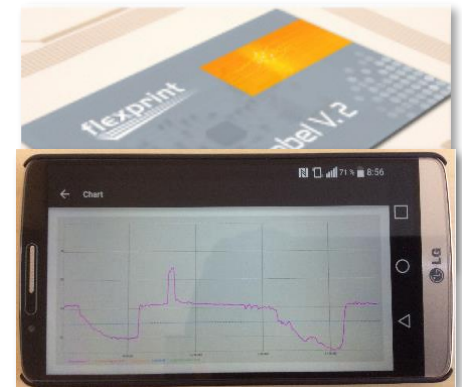
Smart label for temperature logging



Smart label android application



Smart label for temperature and relative humidity logging



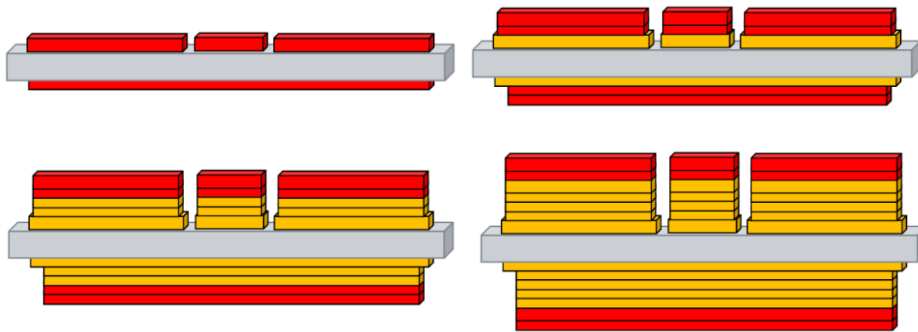
Smart label android application with data history visualisation



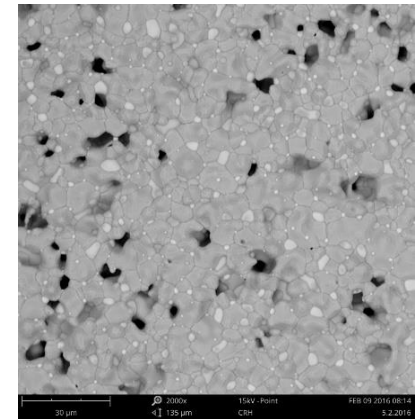
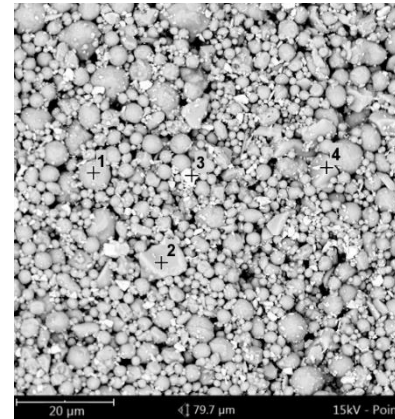
# *Tištěné substráty pro výkonové moduly*

# Thick Printed Copper Technology (TPC)

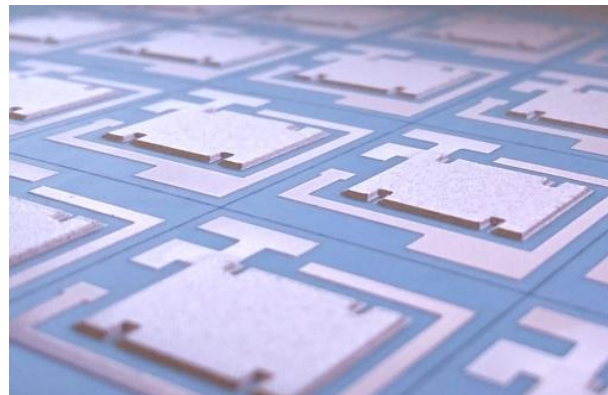
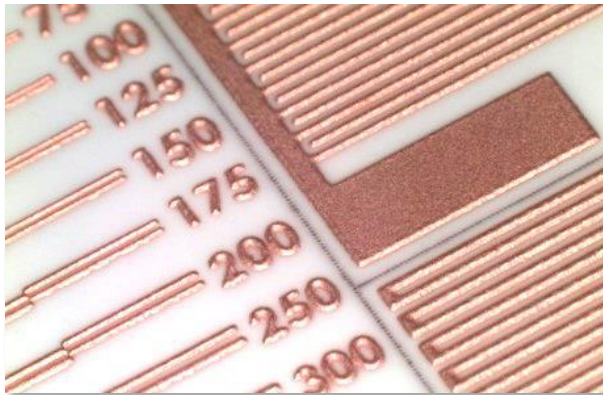
New opportunities for designers.



Sequential printing and firing of Cu paste.



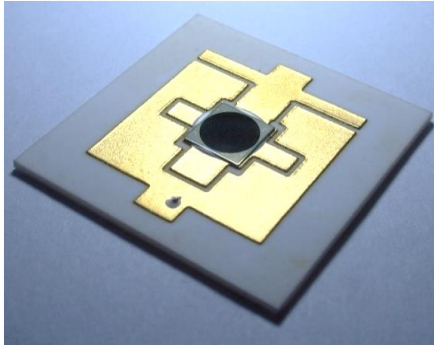
Cu paste before and after firing.



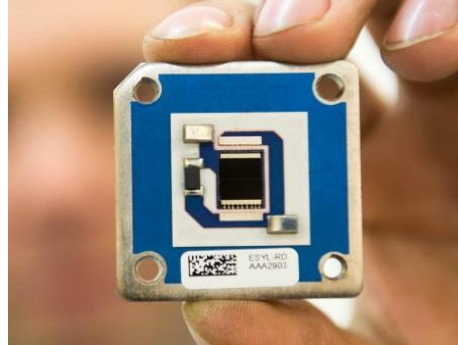
Examples of substrates made by TPC technology.

# Examples of modules based on TPC

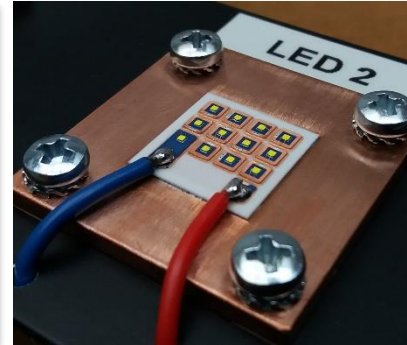
## Examples of power modules based on developed TPC technology:



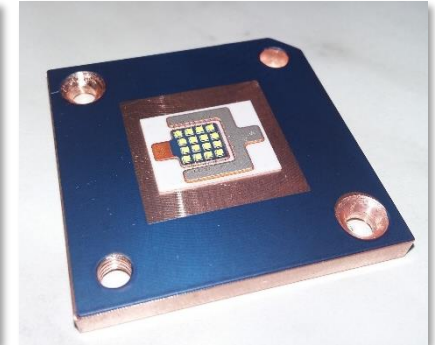
2 W CPV receiver.



15 W CPV receiver.



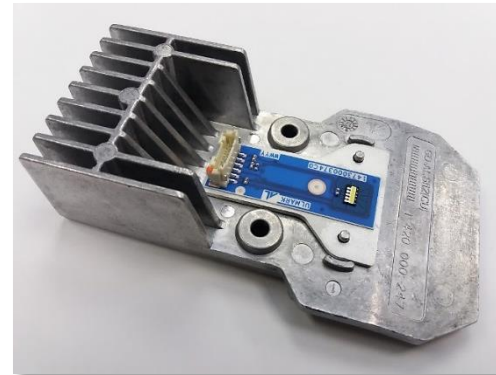
37 W LED module.



50 W LED module.



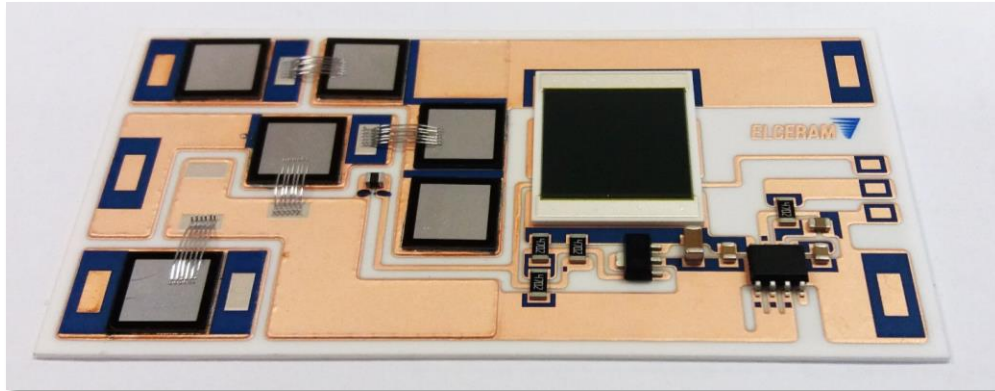
LED module for car headlight –  
blinker + daytime running lamp



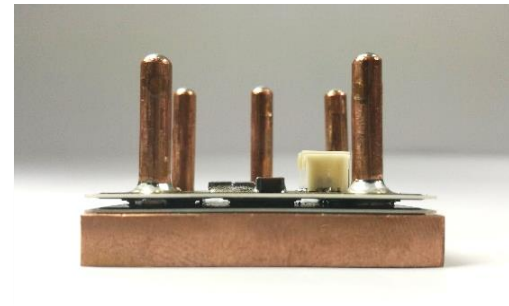
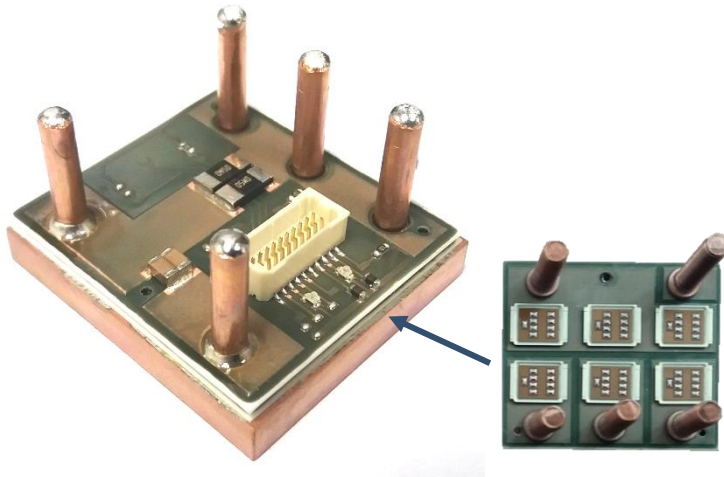
LED module for car headlight –  
High beam lamp

# Examples of modules based on TPC

Examples of smart modules based on developed TPC technology:



Smart 3-phase rectifier with integrated temperature and current monitoring (max. current 100 A).



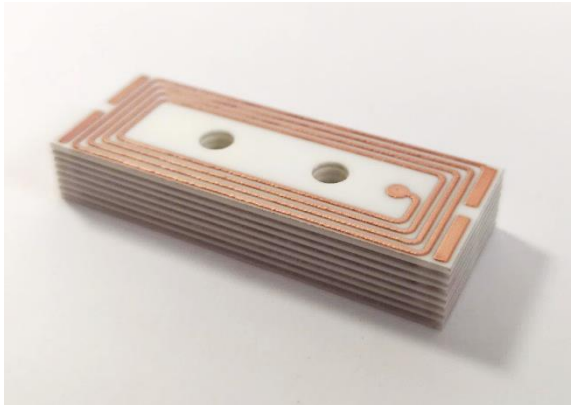
3-phase MOSFET regulator for BLDC motors (max. current 200 A, 36 V).



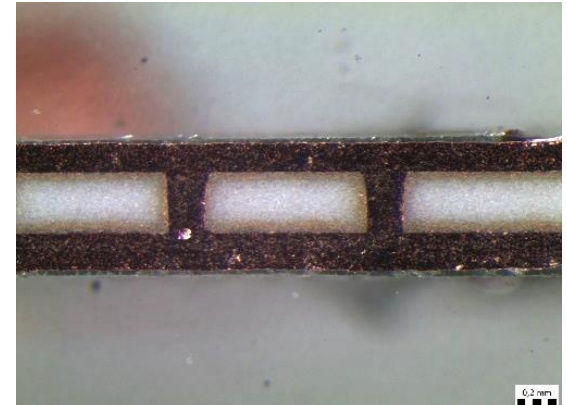
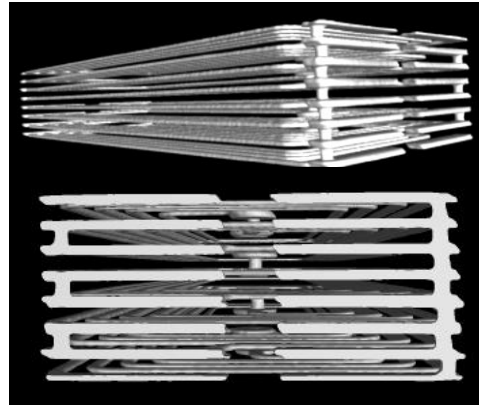
## TPC stacking:

Tested stacking of individual TPC substrates using bridges made of sintered Cu paste:

- ▶ Direct connection using Cu paste
- ▶ Connection via Cu paste and Cu foil
- ▶ Connection via additional TPC substrate
- ▶ High resistance against temperature shock cycling (1000 cycles  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $+125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , no delamination)
- ▶ High adhesion (average  $37,9\text{ N/mm}^2$ )
- ▶ Application – magnetic sensor coils for fusion reactors (Tokamacs).



Stacking of substrates.



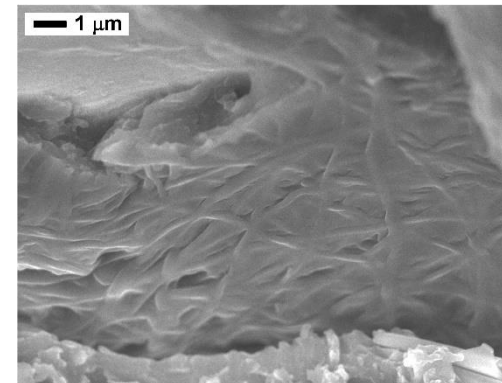
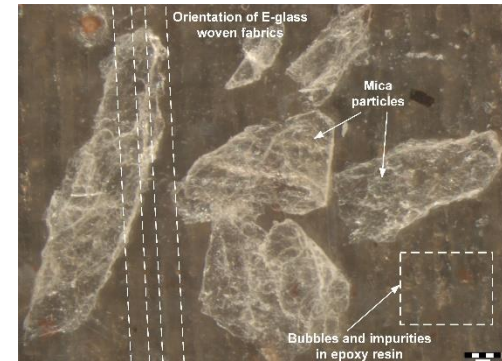
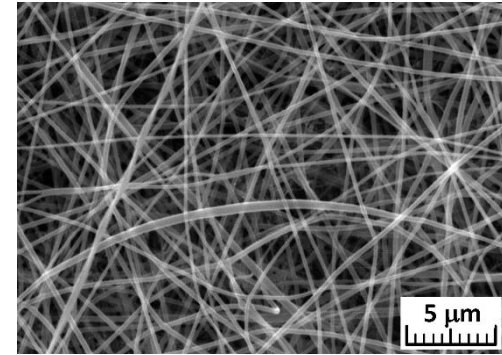
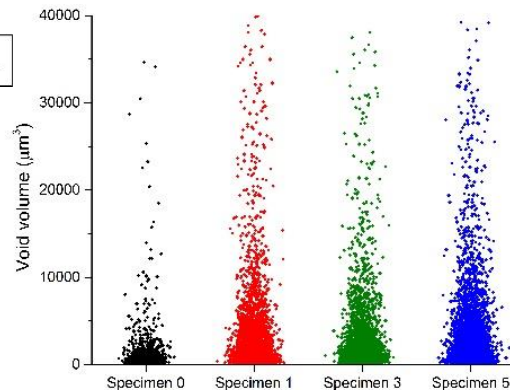
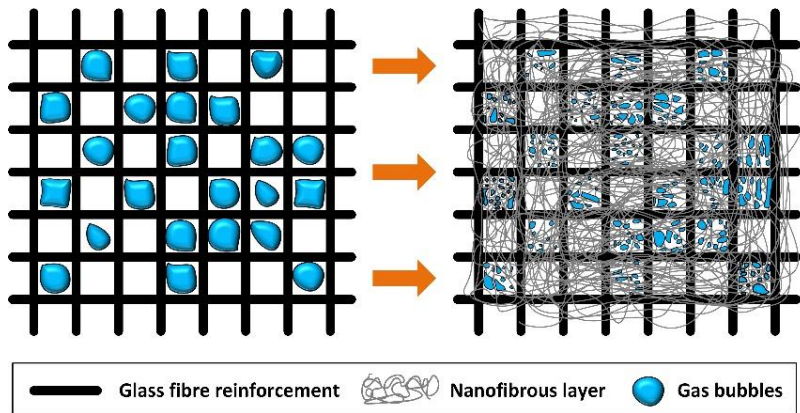
Cu plated vias.



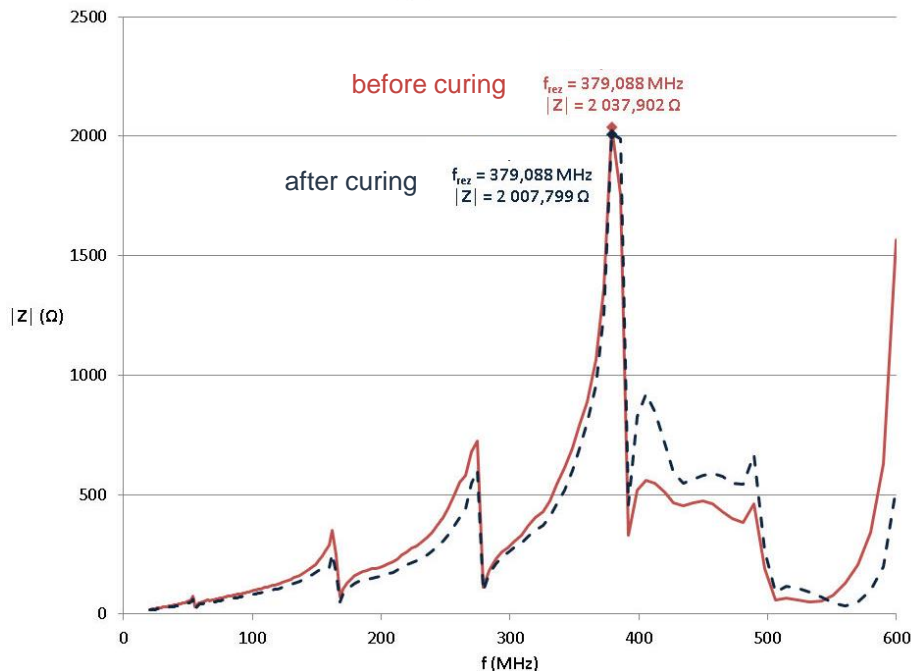
# *Polymerní kompozitní materiály (PMCs)*

# Electrospun Nanofibres in PMCs

- Investigation the influence of electrospun nanofibres on the properties of glass-fibre-reinforced composites.
- Electrospun nanofibres can be made from variety of polymers or from inorganic materials.
- Electrospun nanofibres can serve as a tool for controlling the gas bubble size distribution in fibre/thermoset-matrix composites.

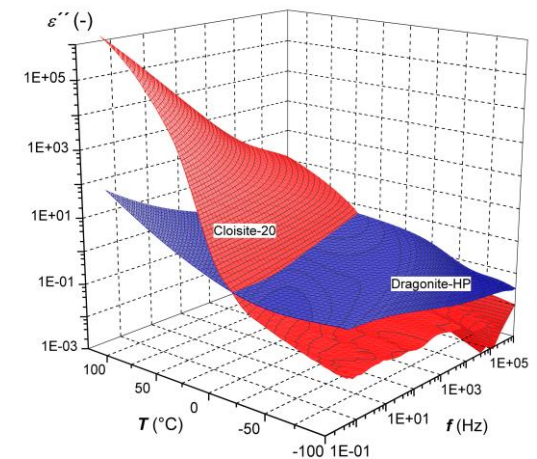
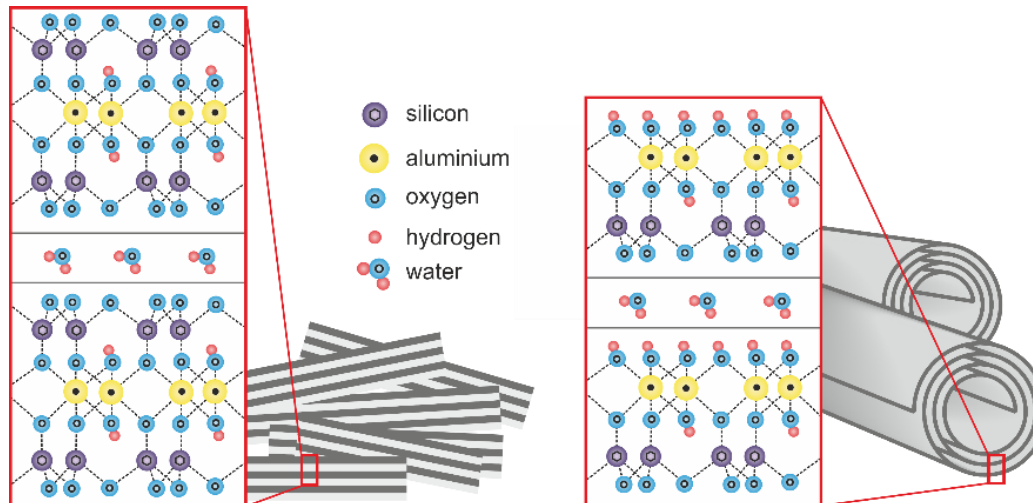


- ▶ Embroidered Conductive Metal-Polymer Fibers
- ▶ Contacting of „conductive ribbons“ to the embroidered antenna structures by resistance welding.
- ▶ Efficient and rapid embroidering of entire electronic assemblies (e.g., *temperature and vibration sensors, antennas, heating elements*) into the structure of composite materials.



# Halloysite Nanotubes in PMCs

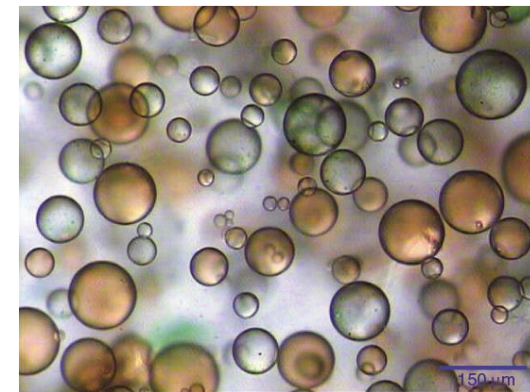
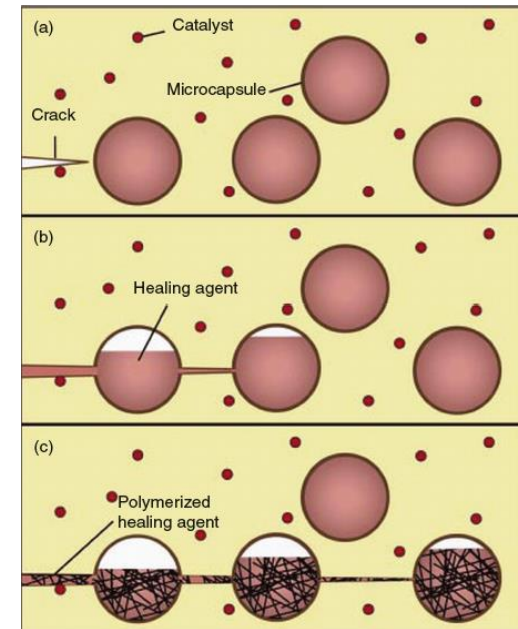
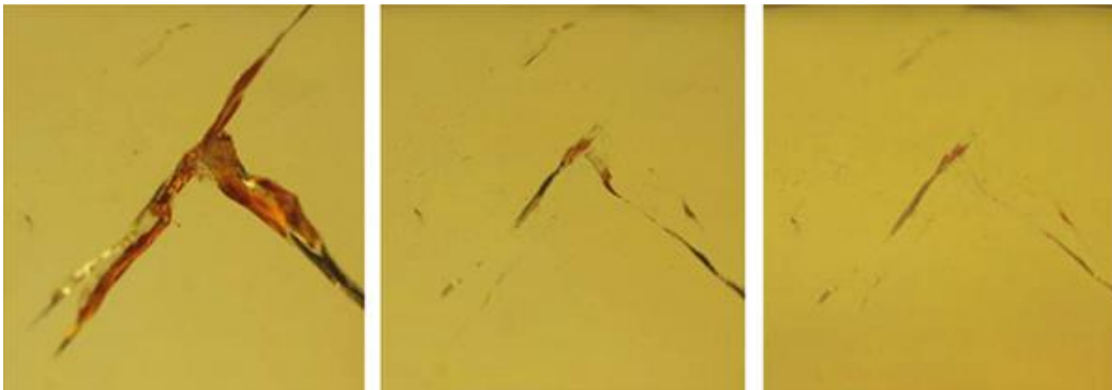
- Investigation of application possibilities of aluminosilicates (halloysite nanotubes, organically modified montmorillonite) in electrical engineering.
- Influence analysis of the incorporation of aluminosilicates as additives in electrical insulating materials.
- Exploring the thermal, dielectric, structural and microstructural properties of tested clay minerals or composite structures.





# Self-healing Electrical Insulating Materials

- ▶ Investigation of application possibilities of self-healing materials in electrical engineering.
- ▶ Materials selection, design, and characterization of their respective properties.
- ▶ Application of phenomenological and structural methods of diagnostics.







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