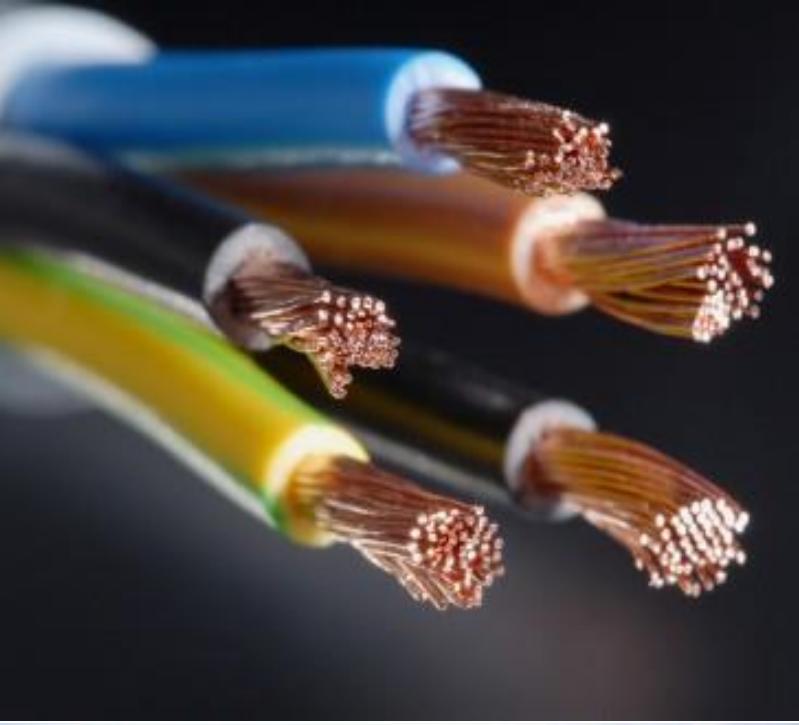




## **Plasticizer compositions based on Oxoviflex**

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## Advantages

- ✓ Availability of raw materials
- ✓ Low manufacturing cost
- ✓ Weather resistance
- ✓ Resistance to corrosion, chemicals, oils
- ✓ Flame resistance (flame resistant, retardant, self-extinguishing)
- ✓ Good insulating properties
- ✓ High barrier properties

## Disadvantages

- ✓ **Low thermal stability**
- ✓ Necessity to use the expensive processing aids:
  - thermal stabilizers e.g. Ba/Zn, Ca/Zn, organotin ones
  - impact modifiers, e.g. terpolymer methyl methacrylate-butadiene-styrene (MBS)
  - plasticizers
  - lubricants

Since 2015 the common project of:



**Azoty Group, Nitrogen Works Kedzierzyn  
Industrial Chemistry Research Institute, Warsaw**

focused on:

Elaboration of new processing aids for PVC based on mineral modifiers and plasticizers manufactured in Grupa Azoty ZAK S.A.

**Application of Oxoviflex plasticizer to modification of inorganic filler showing platelet-tubular structure will make possible:**

- Reduction of amount or elimination the use of plasticizer in the step of blend preparation
- Lower flammability
- Mechanical properties improvement



- PVC-S67 -100 phr
- PLASTICIZER DEHT-10 phr
- STABILIZER
- IMPACT MODIFIER
- FLOW MODIFIER
- INTERNAL & EXTERNAL LUBRICANTS
- FILLERS (TITANIUM DIOXIDE, CALCIUM CARBONATE)
- MODIFIER (with plasticizer)



# Test stand

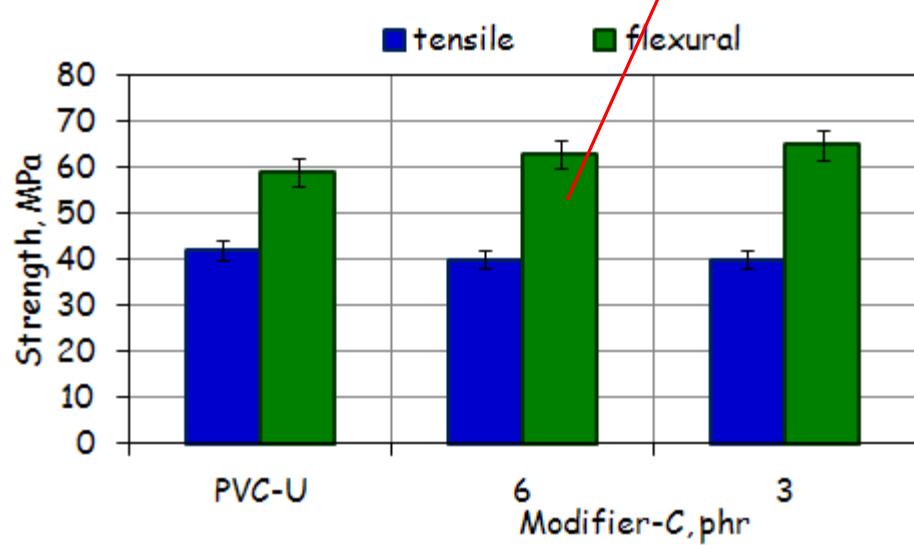
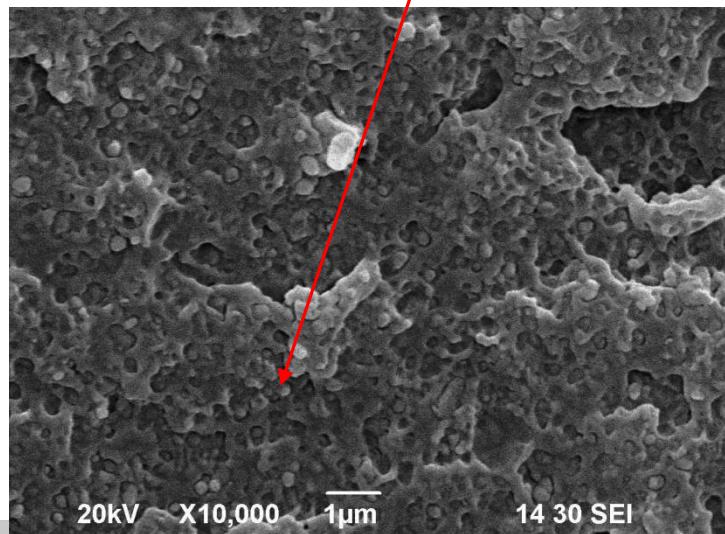
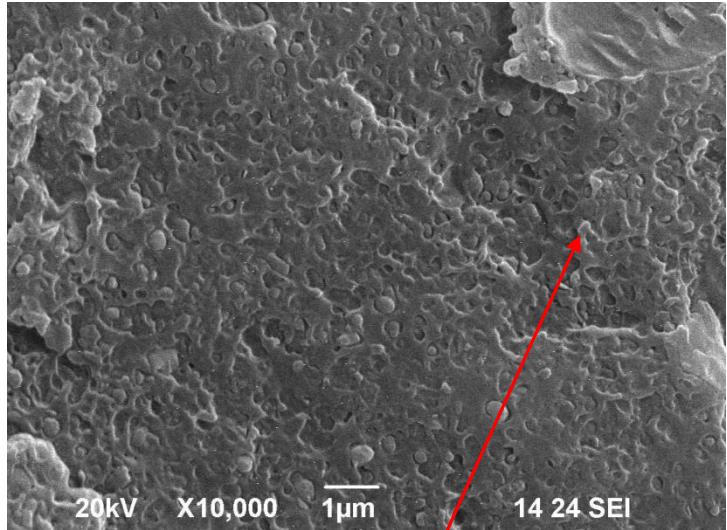
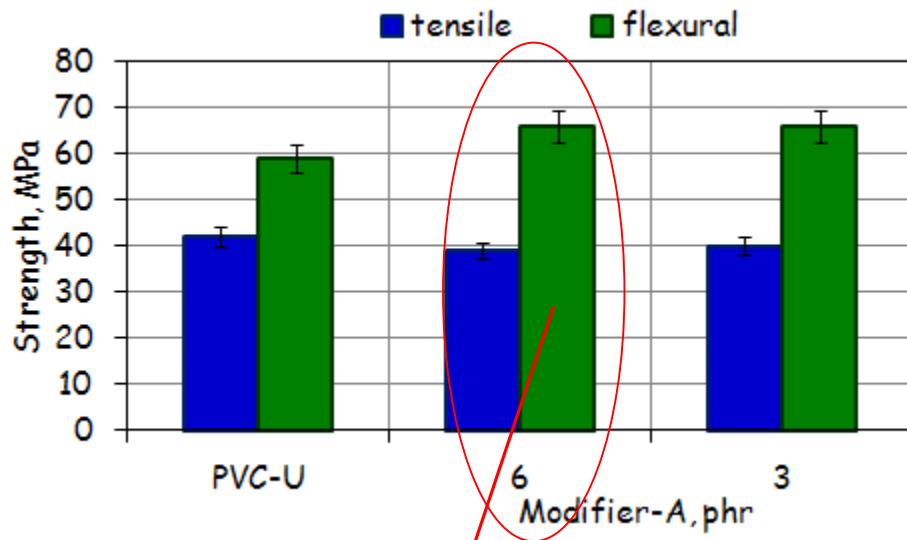
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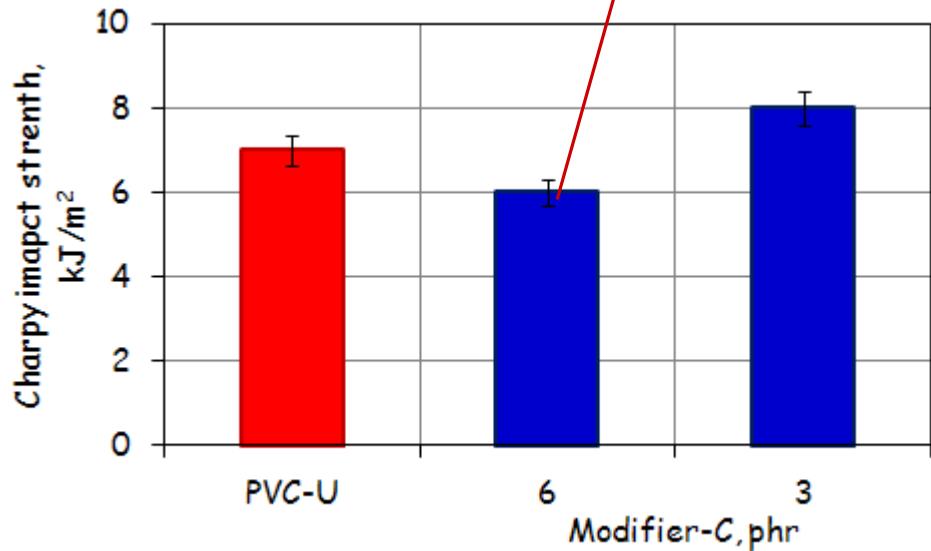
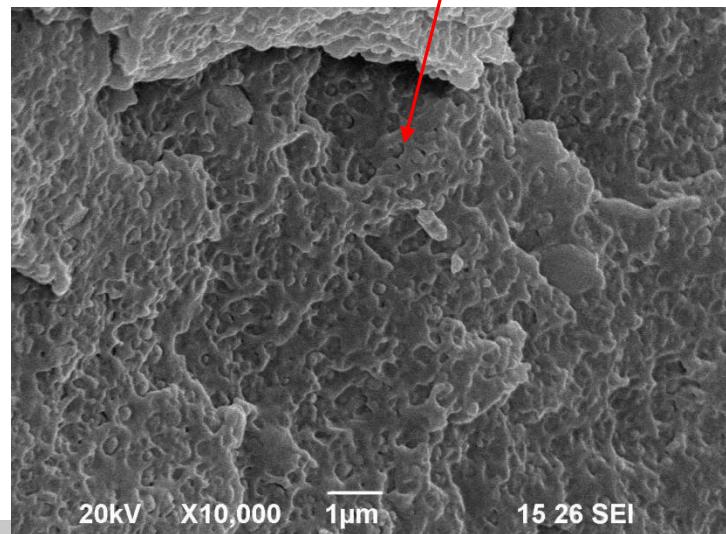
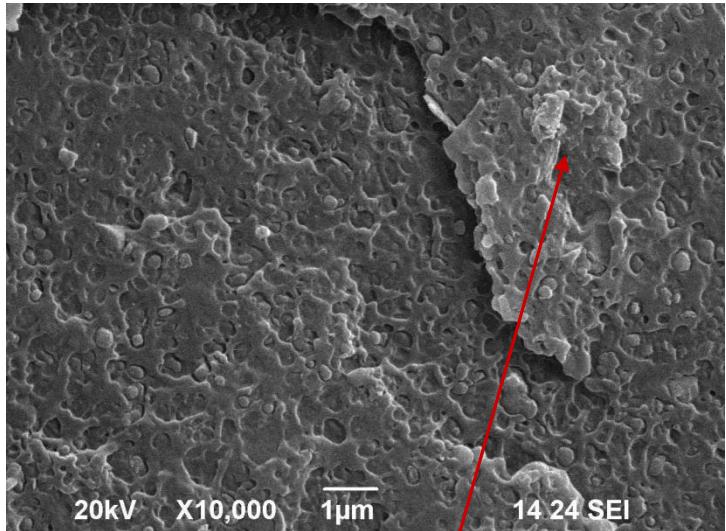
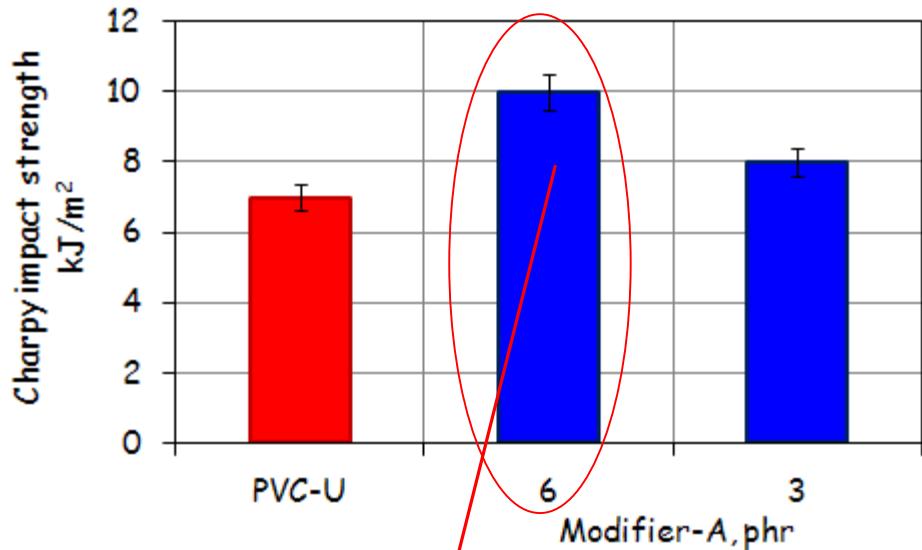
D = 42 mm  
L/D = 6

Process parameters for PVC-U composites	T (°C)	Rotational speed (min <sup>-1</sup> )	Yield (kg/h)
	165 - 185	35	5.0

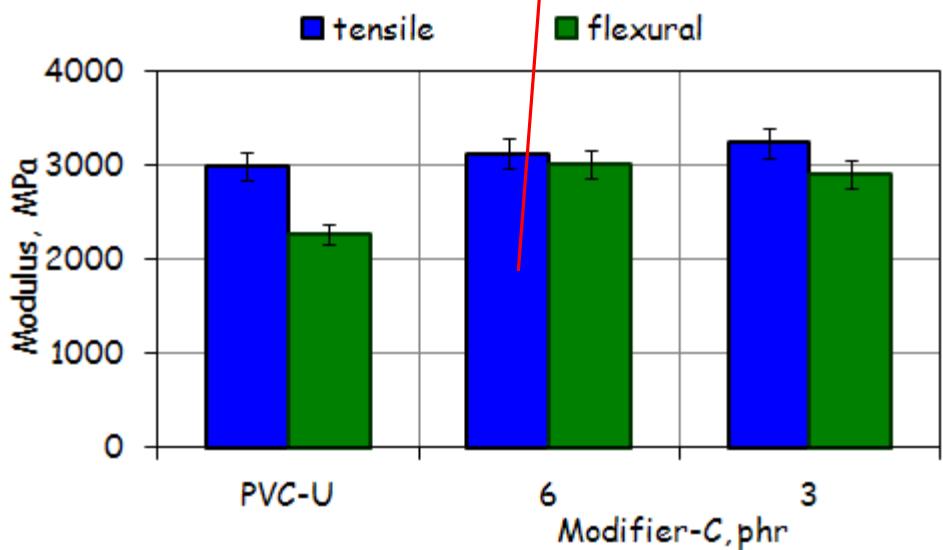
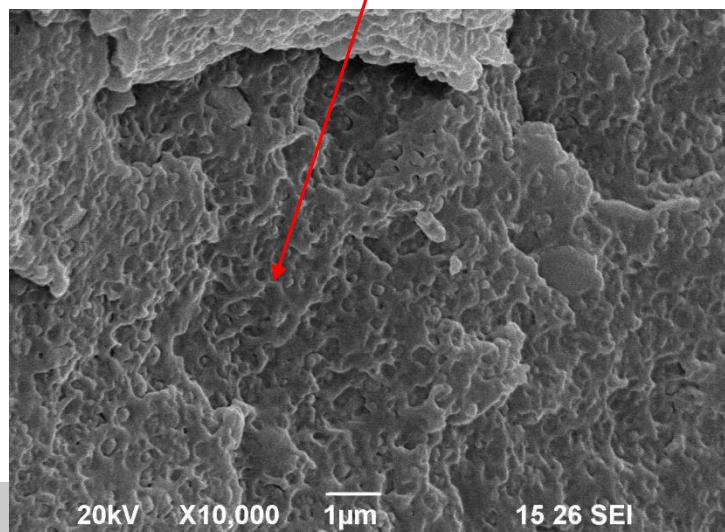
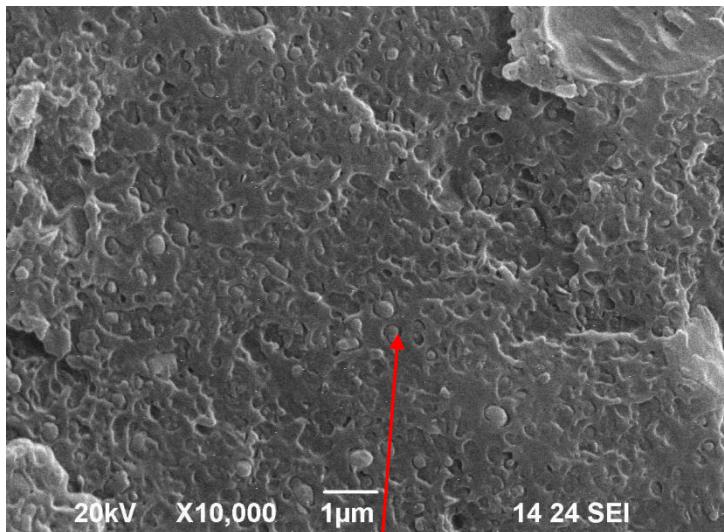
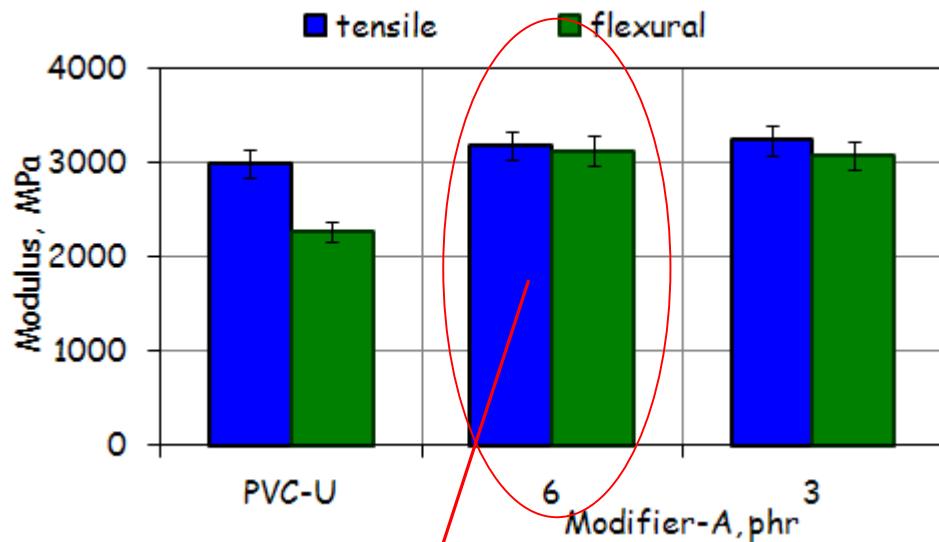
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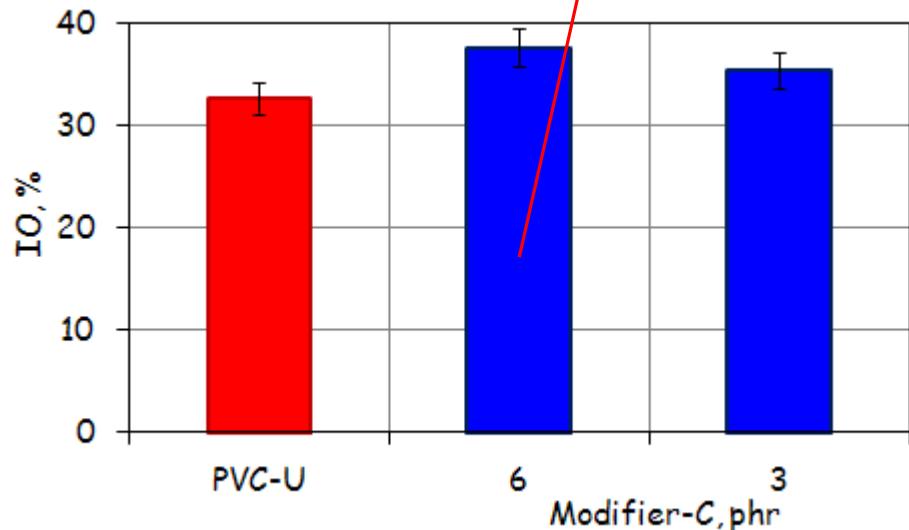
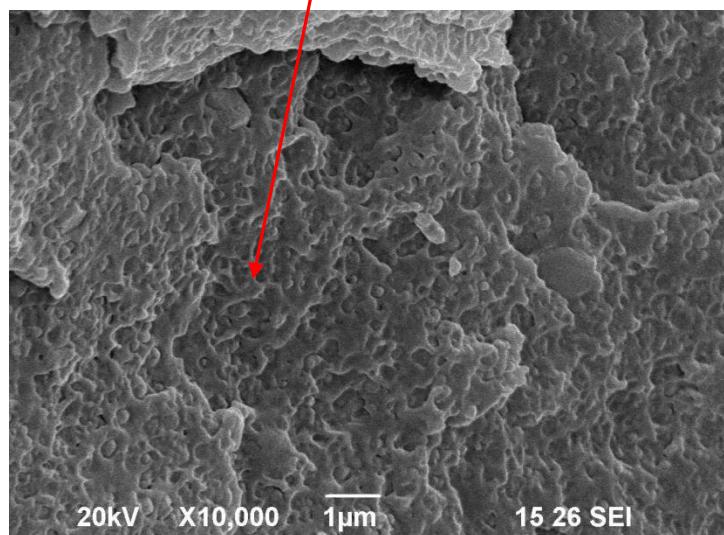
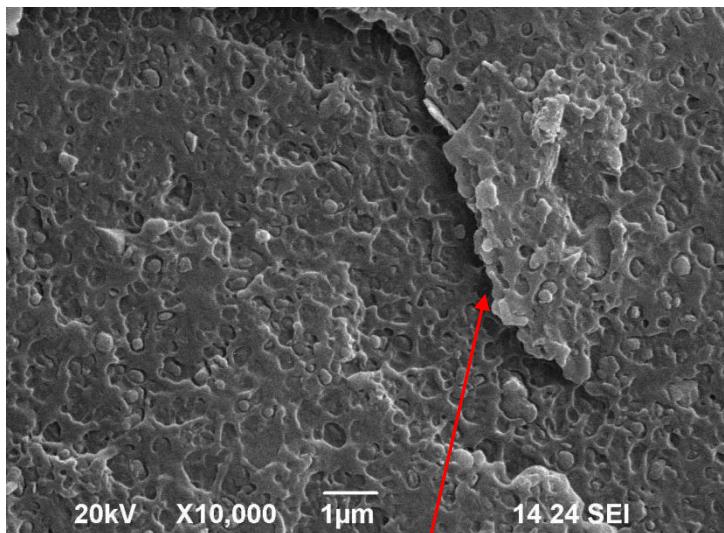
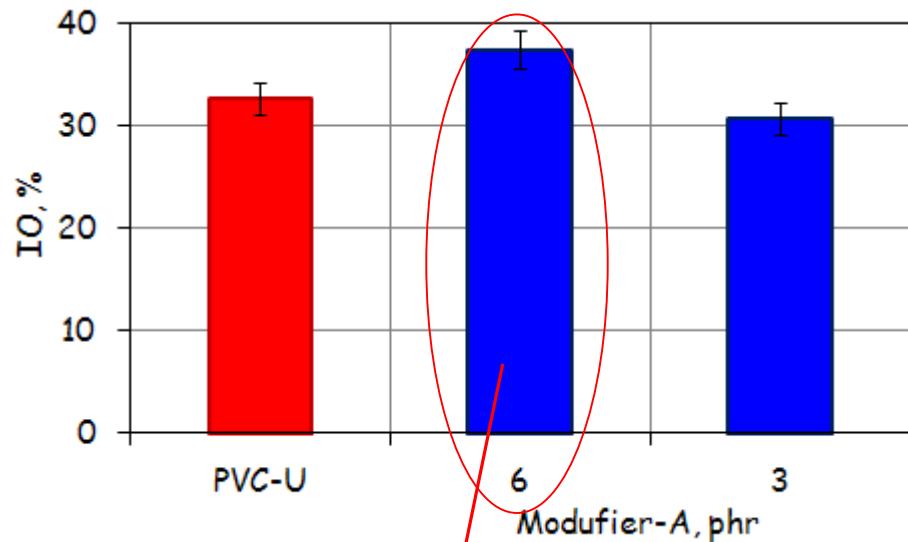
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# TGA: Thermal properties of PVC-U/modifier composite

Property	PVC-U	PVC-U /modifier (A phr)	PVC-U /modifier (C phr)		
	Plasticizer, phr				
	10	6	3	6	3
$T_{10}$ , °C	281	279	280	275	272
$T_{50}$ , °C	333	427	438	436	447
$T_{\max 1}$ , °C	308	299	300	295	292
$T_{\max 2}$ , °C	444	449	450	451	454

# Oxygen index of PVC-U/modifier composite



# Flammability of PVC-U/modifier composite



Properties	PVC-U	PVC-U/modifier (modifier-A phr)
Plasticizer amount, phr	10	6
Time to ignition, s	63	94
Flameout (time of end of burning), s	395	572
Total heat evolved, MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	43.8	45.0
Total oxygen consumed, g	28.6	29.9
Total smoke released, m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	3692	3304
Carbon monoxide yield, kg/kg	0.067	0.086
Carbon dioxide yield, kg/kg	0.78	0.90



- PVC-S70 - 100 phr
- PLASTICIZER  - 50 phr
- PLASTICIZER DEHT
- STABILIZER
- FLOW MODIFIER
- INTERNAL & EXTERNAL LUBRICANTS
- FILLERS (TITANIUM DIOXIDE, CALCIUM CARBONATE)
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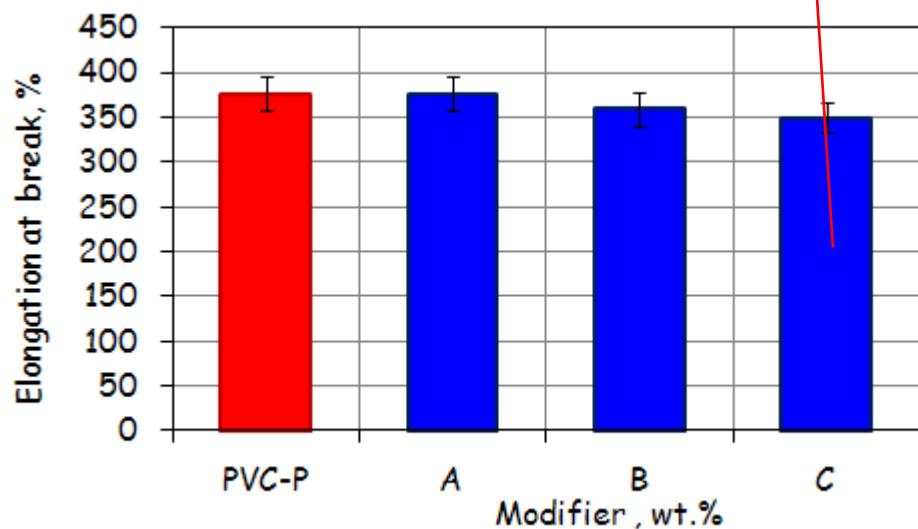
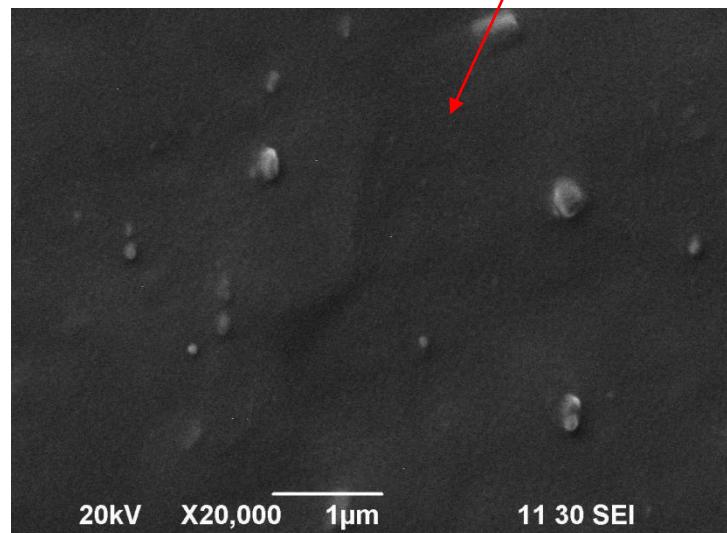
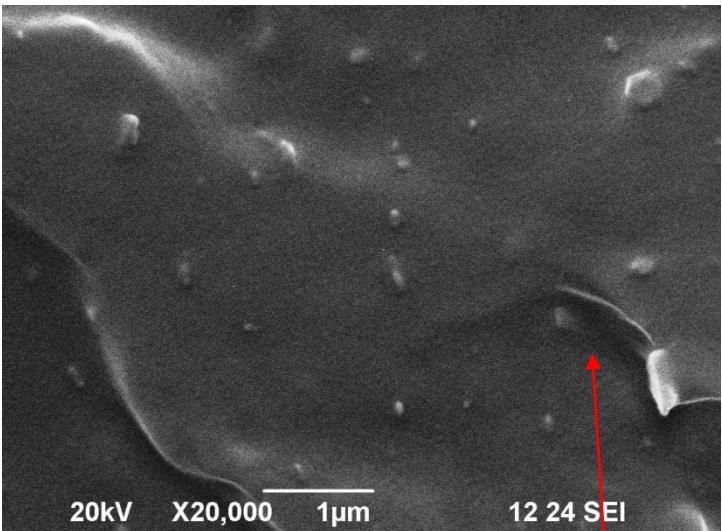
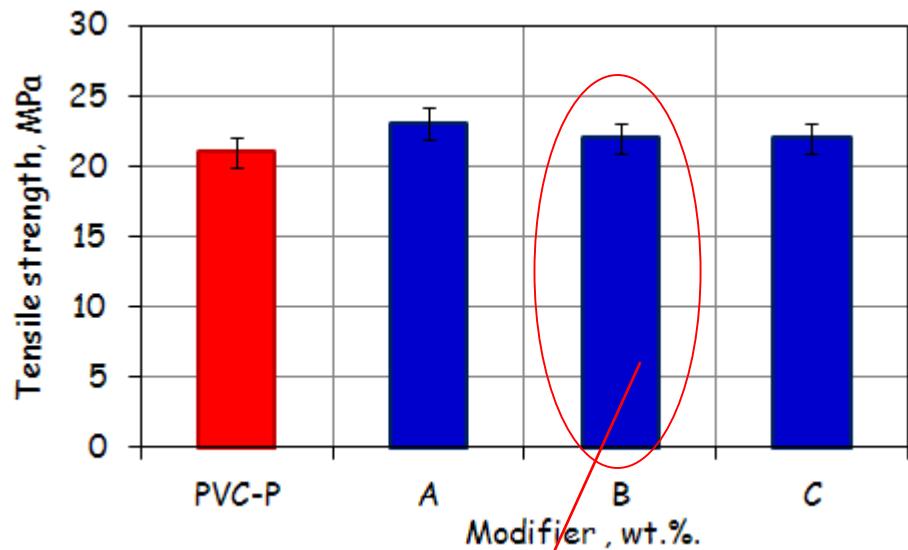
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Process parameters for PVC-P composites	T (°C)	Rotational speed (min <sup>-1</sup> )	Yield (kg/h)
	165 - 175	35	4,5

# Mechanical properties of PVC-P/modifier composite



# TGA: Thermal properties of PVC-P/modifier composite



Property	PVC-P	PVC-P/modifier (modifier, phr)		
		A	B	C
$T_{10}$ , °C	267	266	268	267
$T_{50}$ , °C	310	309	311	307
$T_{\max 1}$ , °C	301	297	297	295
$T_{\max 2}$ , °C	436	436	453	439

# Flammability of PVC-P/modifier composite



Properties	PVC-P	PVC-P/modifier (modifier-B phr)
Time to ignition, s	43	44
Flameout (time of end of burning), s	361	410
Total heat evolved, MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	47.4	49.4
Total oxygen consumed, g	31.7	32.8
Total smoke released, m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	4924	4625
Carbon monoxide yield, kg/kg	0.85	0.09
Carbon dioxide yield, kg/kg	0.84	0.80

# CONCLUSIONS



1. Platelet-tubular filler modified with plasticizer may be successfully applied as a modifier for PVC blends
2. It can be used in an amount of several phr - without any other modification of blend composition, as well as for replacing some amount of plasticizer in the blend
3. The products obtained show better flame resistance, better thermal stability and similar or better mechanical properties



4. The use of modifier (A phr) in PVC-U blend let maintain the mechanical properties not deteriorated at 40 % lower load of plasticizers, and results in:

Better flame resistance:

50 % longer time to ignition,

45 % longer flameout,

10 % lower total smoke released

15 % higher oxygen index

Better thermal properties:

increase in  $T_{50}$ :↑ 94 °C and  $T_{max2}$ :↑ 5 °C

High impact strength: ↑ 40 %

## 5. The use of modifier (B phr) in PVC-P blend results in:

Better flame resistance:

13 % longer flameout,  
8 % lower total smoke released

Better thermal properties:

increase in  $T_{max2}$ :  $\uparrow 17 ^\circ C$

Mechanical properties - not deteriorated



*Thank you for your attention*

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