

聚丙烯单聚合物复合材料 (PP SPC) 过冷膜层热压制备技术



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引言

■ 什么是单聚合物复合材料?

What ?

■ **Single-polymer-composites (SPCs)**

■ **made by integrating h
of the same polymer.**

1975, Capiati and Porter introduced the first example of a SPC of PE



引言

为什么要用单聚合物复合材料?

Why?

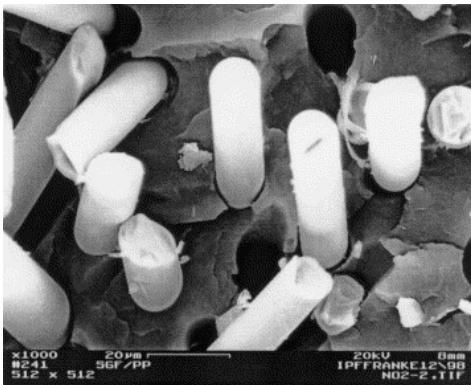
Advantages:

- Light weight

- Good mechanical properties

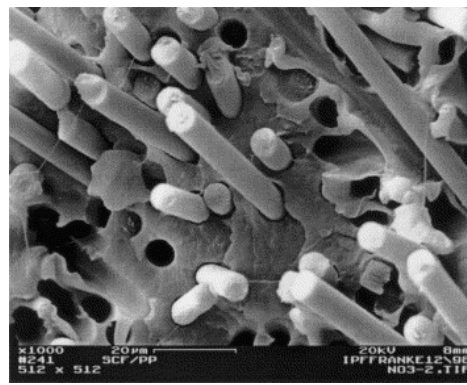
- Good interfacial properties**

- Good recyclable (no glass fibers..) and reusability**



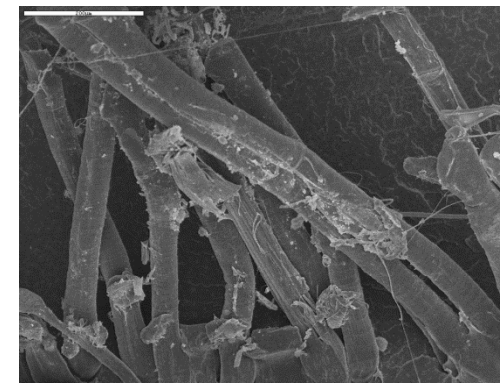
glass fibers

Density: 2.5-2.9 g/cm³



carbon fibers

Density: 1.7-1.9 g/cm³



polypropylene fibers

Density: 0.9 g/cm³

引言

为什么要用单聚合物复合材料?

Why?

SPC制品



引言

■ 聚丙烯 (PP)

- low density
- high tensile strength
- high compressive strength

■ 聚丙烯复合材料

- much academic and commercial interest in the past few decades

Recyclability
Interface adhesion

■ 聚丙烯单聚合物复合材料PP SPCs



纤维增强PP复合材料具有设计灵活性高、可着色、强度高、弹性优良、耐化学腐蚀和耐候性好等特点，应用市场主要分为交通运输45%、电子电器35%、日用品10%和工业10%四部分。

引言

- 近年来，我国汽车工业得到了飞速发展，英国《金融时报》预测，我国今年将生产1960万辆汽车而超过欧洲。同时，**废旧汽车**数量也逐年递增。在汽车用塑料中，PP用量占汽车塑料总量的30%左右，而且还有替代其他材料或其他汽车塑料的趋势。这些应用于汽车里的PP通常需要通过玻纤增强，其力学性能能够同工程塑料相媲美，但是其再加工利用却很困难且造成了能源消耗。
- 欧盟在2000年对汽车的再利用、再恢复和再循环提出了**ELVs (end-of-life vehicles)** 指令：截止到2015年，将汽车的再利用和再恢复率增加到至少95%，实现每年每辆汽车的平均质量的85%再循环。

因此，迫切需求开发力学和界面性能良好、回收利用率高纤维增强PP复合材料。PP SPC成为替代传统的纤维增强PP复合材料的最好材料。研究掌握PP SPC制备关键技术以实现PP SPC产业化具有重要意义。



■ Main challenge in the development of SPCs

- Proximity in melting temperatures of matrix and reinforcement

Processing temperature window

■ 如何制备单聚合物复合材料？

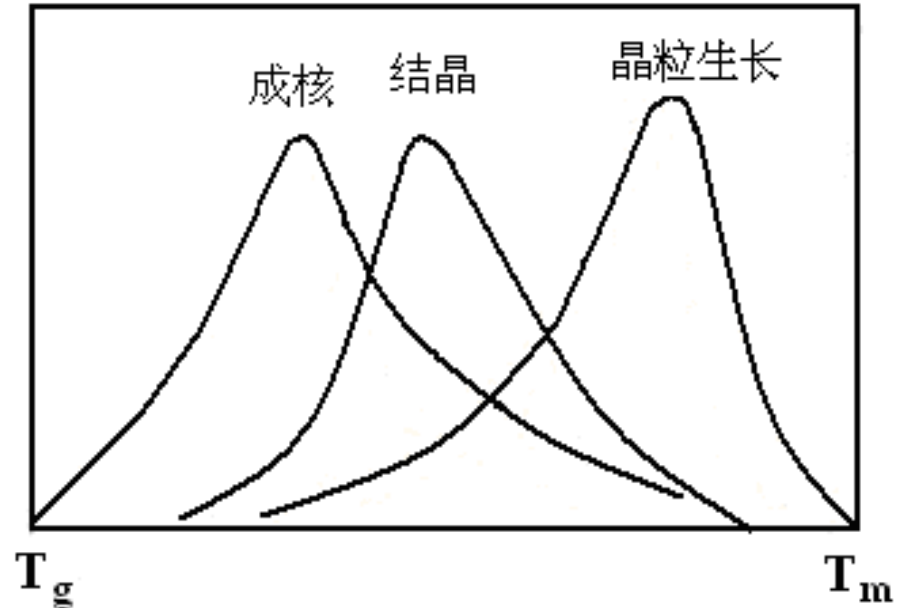
How?

- Hot compaction of fibers/tapes
- Film-stacking
- Combination of hot compaction and film stacking
- Overheating
- Co-extrusion
- Undercooling

过冷膜层热压技术

■ 聚合物的过冷特性

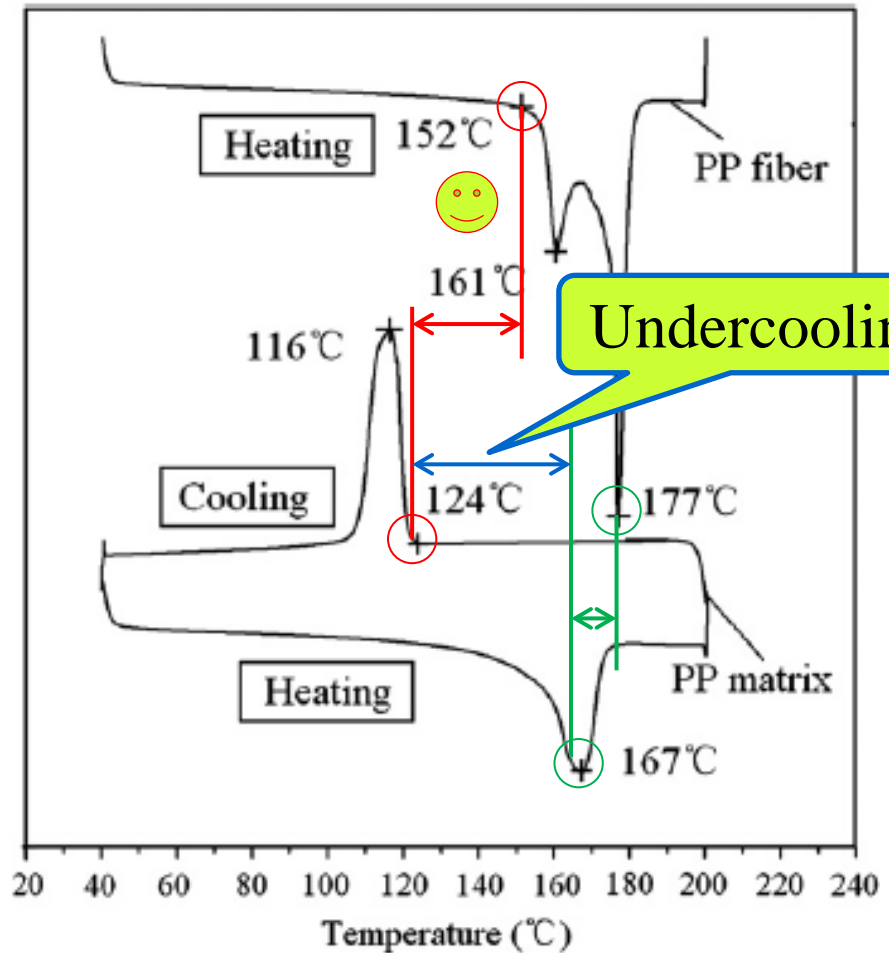
- **Undercooling** or **supercooling** refers to cooling a substance below a phase-transition temperature without the transition occurring.
- Polymers can be easier to supercool because of their extremely high molecular weight and long molecular chains.
- Semi-crystalline polymers upon melting can be undercooled to a temperature well below the melting temperature while crystallization is largely absent.



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■ 聚合物的过冷特性

- The applicability of undercooled melt in SPCs processing is expected to be largely dependent on the **supercooling degree** that the polymer can undergo without solidification
- The larger the **supercooling degree**, the smaller the potential of heat damage to the strength of the polymer fiber.

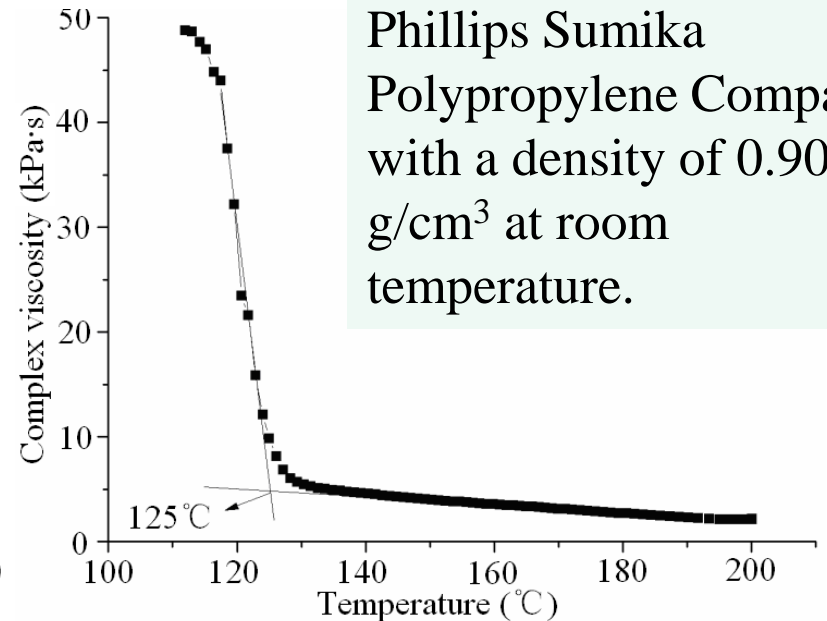
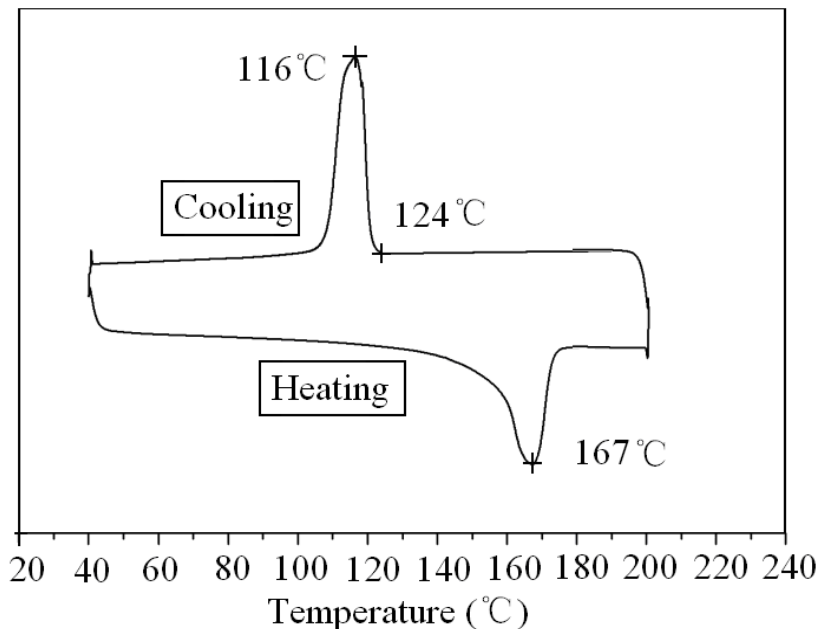


Processing temperature window: 125~150°C

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■ 聚合物的过冷特性

■ Development and characterization of undercooled PP used to prepare PP SPCs



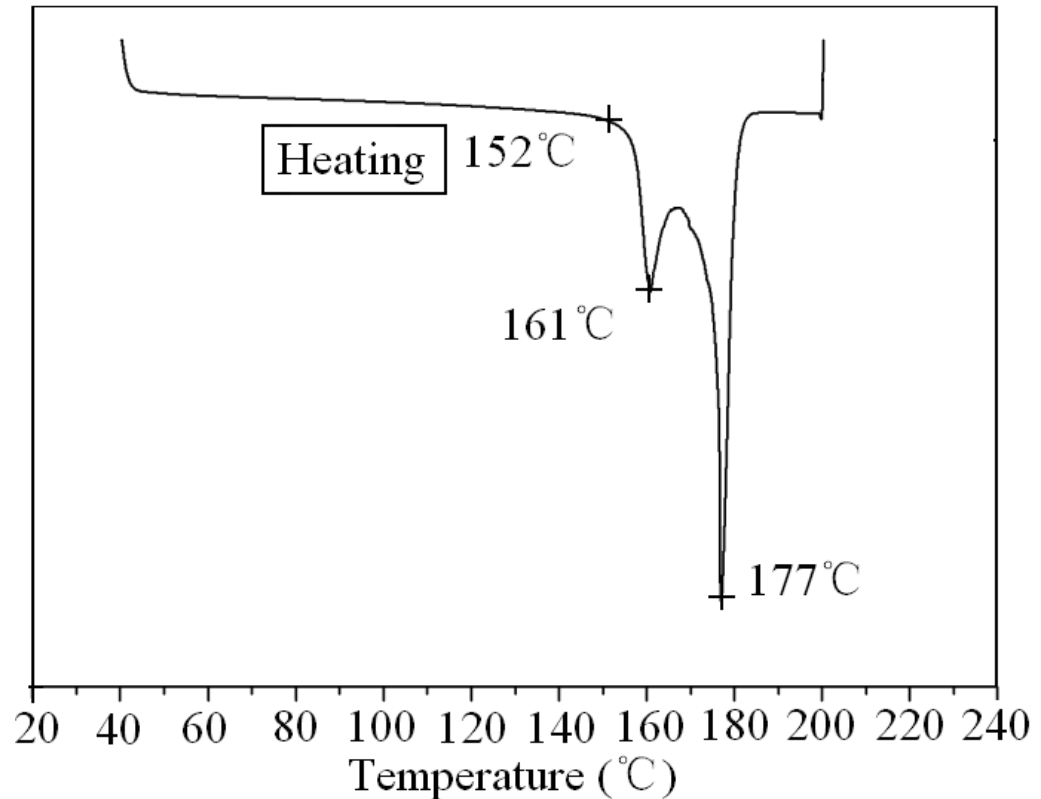
PP was supplied by Phillips Sumika Polypropylene Company, with a density of 0.905 g/cm³ at room temperature.

supercooling degree could be up to 43 °C ($T_m - T_x$).

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纤维增强体

High-strength woven polypropylene cloth was supplied by Innegrity LLC (Simpsonville,SC).



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- Crystallite orientation 140 C and 150 C were hardly changed.
- A substantial change was observed when the heating temperature further increased to 160 C.
- Processing temperature should not exceed 150 C. Otherwise, a large reduction in tensile strength of fibers is expected.

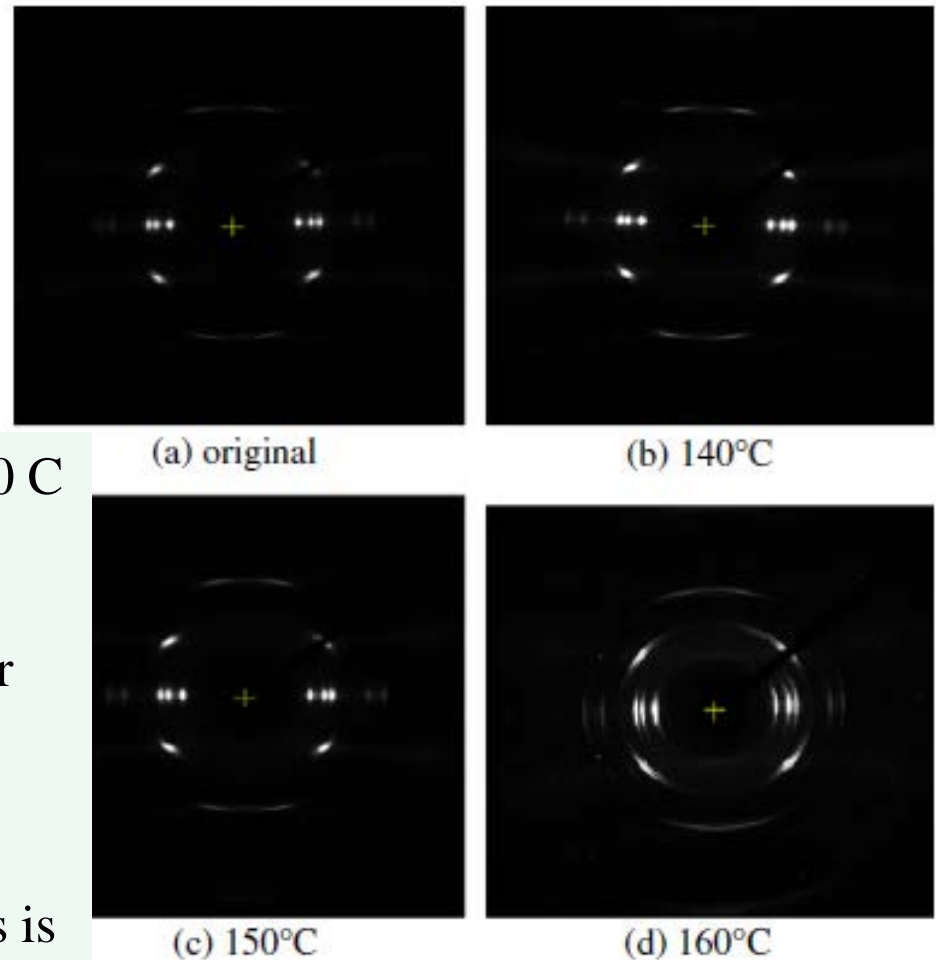
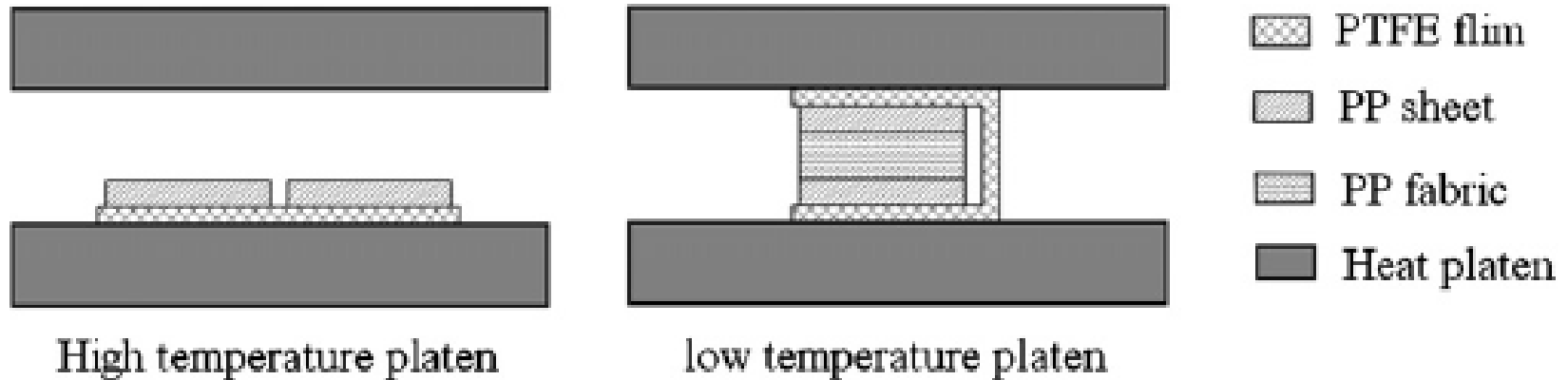


Fig. 5. X-ray fiber photographs of heat-treated PP fibers.

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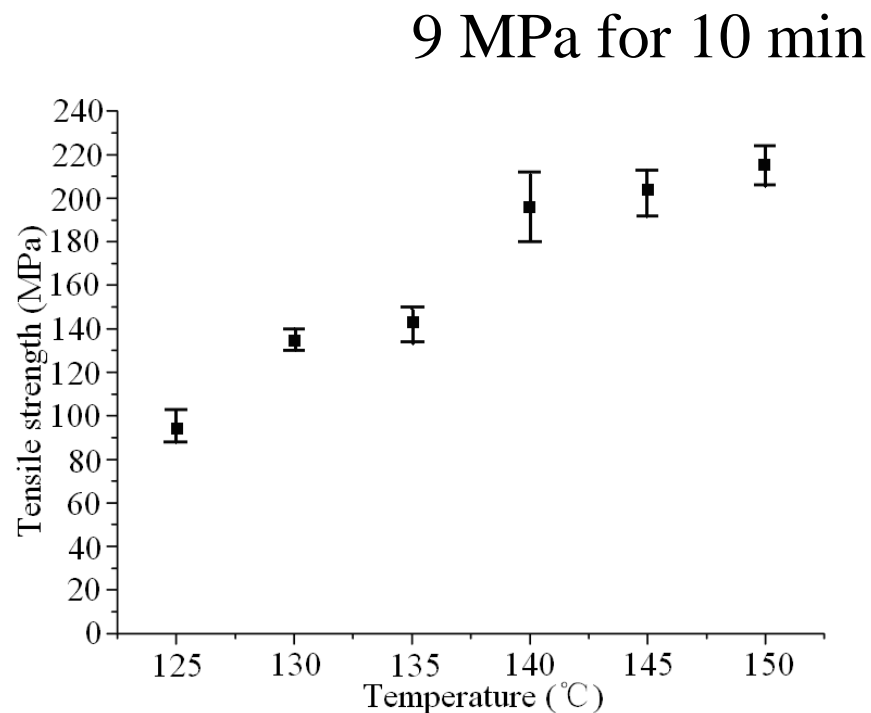
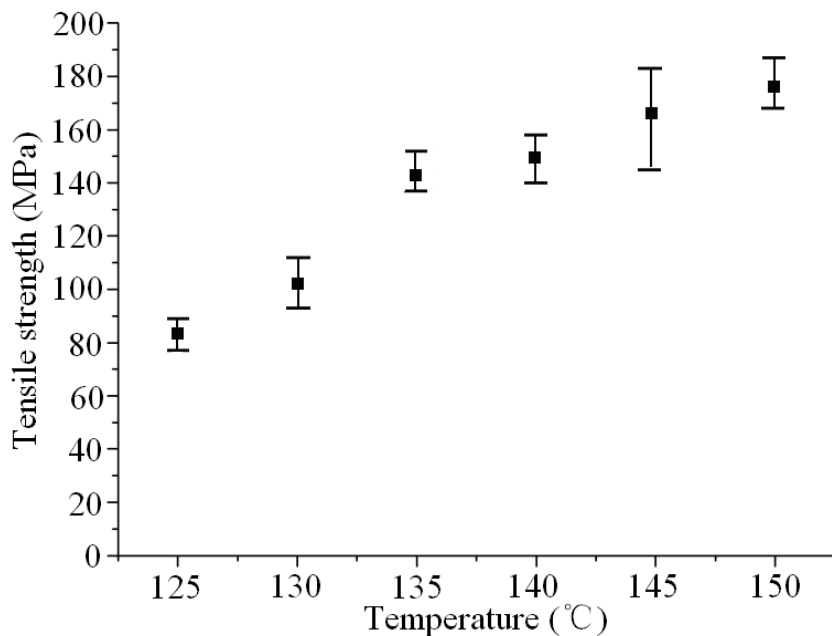
■ 制备过程



- PP sheets were first heated to 200 C for 10 min on the first station to obtain two layers of molten PP sheets.
- The molten PP sheets were then quickly transferred to the second station set at a lower temperature to be supercooled.
- Compressed under a pressure of 9 MPa for 10 min.

过冷膜层热压技术

■ 拉伸性能

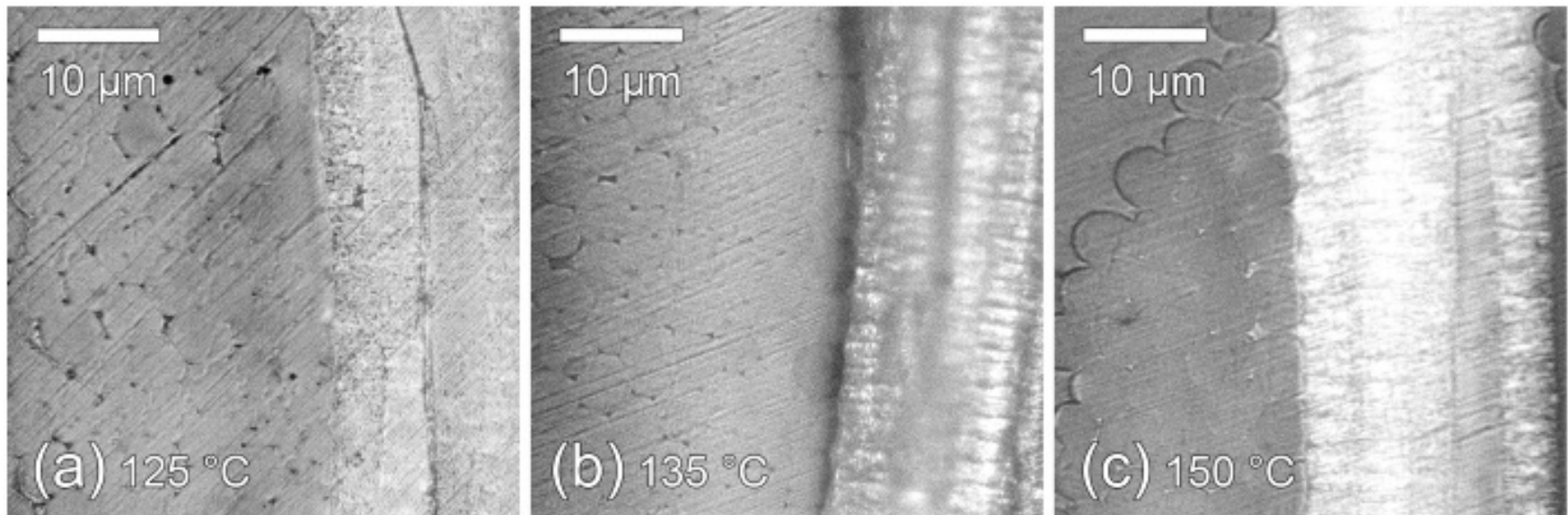


(a) Tested parallel to the warp direction

(b) Tested parallel to the weft direction

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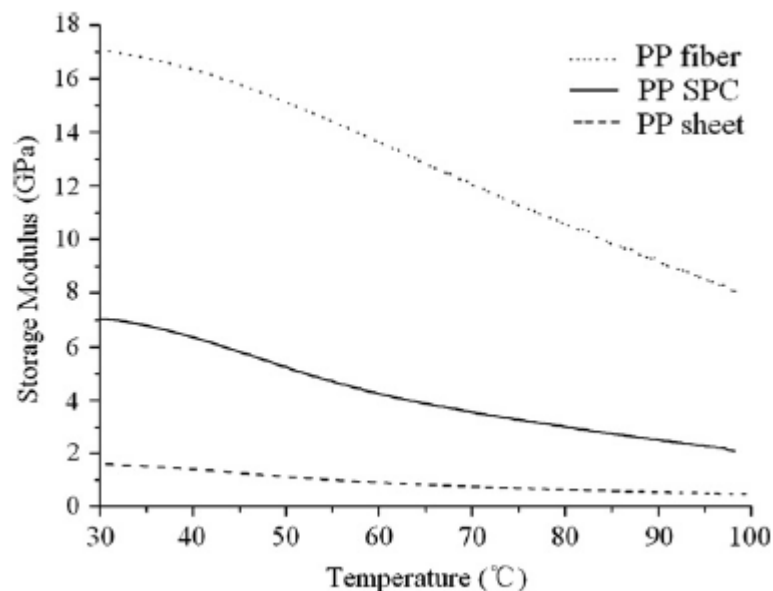
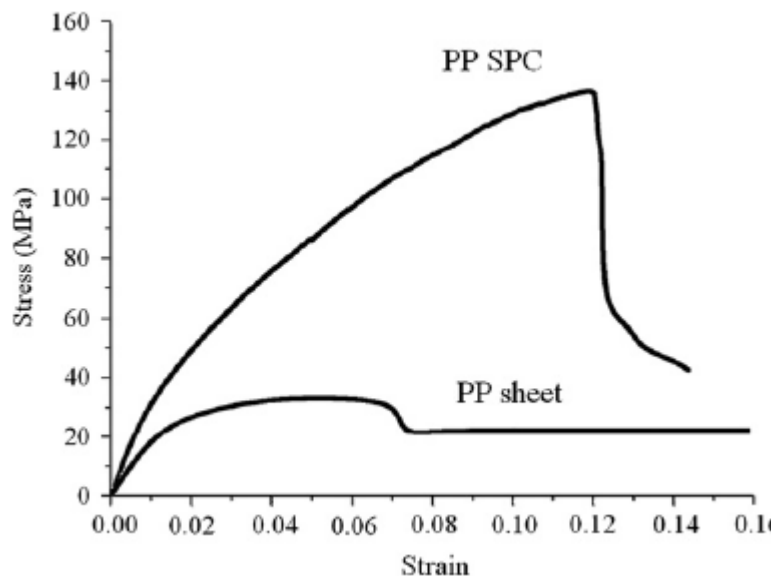
■ 微观结构



Metallographic observation

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拉伸性能比较



- Comparison of stress–strain curves for PP SPC sheets (weft direction) and non-reinforced PP sheets obtained by compression molding at 135 C.
- DMTA results for PP fibers, PP SPC sheets (weft direction) and non-reinforced PP sheets.

过冷膜层热压技术

■ 拉伸性能

热压时间的影响

Exp.	Temperature (°C)	Time (min)	Warp tensile strength (MPa)	Warp tensile modulus (GPa)	Weft tensile strength (MPa)	Weft tensile modulus (GPa)
pressure: 9 MPa						
1	125	5	83 ± 4	2.9 ± 0.4	92 ± 5	3.2 ± 0.4
2	125	10	84 ± 5	2.9 ± 0.4	93 ± 4	3.2 ± 0.5
3	125	15	84 ± 5	2.8 ± 0.4	94 ± 5	3.3 ± 0.4
4	130	5	91 ± 6	3.2 ± 0.2	126 ± 5	3.6 ± 0.3
5	130	10	102 ± 8	3.3 ± 0.1	134 ± 6	3.8 ± 0.2
6	130	15	103 ± 7	3.3 ± 0.2	135 ± 5	3.8 ± 0.3
7	135	5	125 ± 4	3.4 ± 0.3	127 ± 6	3.8 ± 0.4
8	135	10	140 ± 5	3.5 ± 0.2	143 ± 7	3.9 ± 0.2
9	135	15	143 ± 6	3.5 ± 0.4	149 ± 6	3.9 ± 0.4
10	140	5	139 ± 7	3.3 ± 0.1	180 ± 8	3.6 ± 0.3
11	140	10	149 ± 9	3.2 ± 0.2	196 ± 14	3.7 ± 0.4
12	140	15	155 ± 6	3.3 ± 0.4	204 ± 8	3.6 ± 0.2

No variation

increased

increased

Strength increased,
Modulus not changed

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14	145	10	166 ± 16	3.0 ± 0.4	203 ± 10	2.9 ± 0.4
15	145	15	172 ± 10	3.0 ± 0.4	208 ± 11	2.9 ± 0.4
16	145	20	169 ± 8	3.1 ± 0.3	204 ± 9	2.9 ± 0.4
17	150	5	168 ± 10	2.3 ± 0.4	205 ± 11	2.3 ± 0.3
18	150	10	176 ± 11	2.3 ± 0.5	215 ± 9	2.2 ± 0.2
19	150	15	175 ± 8	2.2 ± 0.4	213 ± 8	2.2 ± 0.4
20	150	20	169 ± 7	2.2 ± 0.4	210 ± 9	2.2 ± 0.3

Strength increased
first then decreased,
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拉伸性能

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4	130	6	100 ± 6	3.3 ± 0.3	134 ± 3	3.8 ± 0.2
5	130	9	102 ± 8	3.3 ± 0.1	134 ± 6	3.8 ± 0.2
6	130	12	104 ± 9	3.3 ± 0.4	136 ± 7	3.8 ± 0.4
7	135	6	120 ± 5	3.4 ± 0.3	128 ± 8	3.7 ± 0.3
8	135	9	140 ± 5	3.5 ± 0.2	143 ± 7	3.9 ± 0.2
9	135	12	148 ± 6	3.6 ± 0.1	152 ± 8	3.9 ± 0.1

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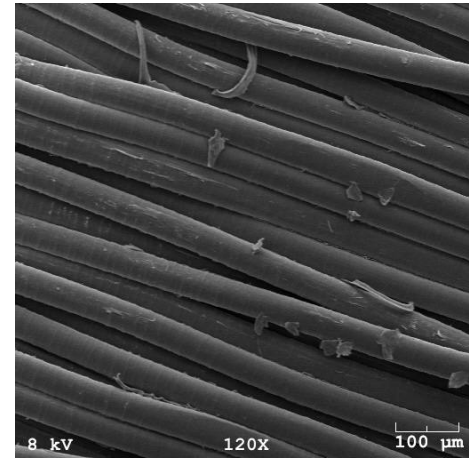
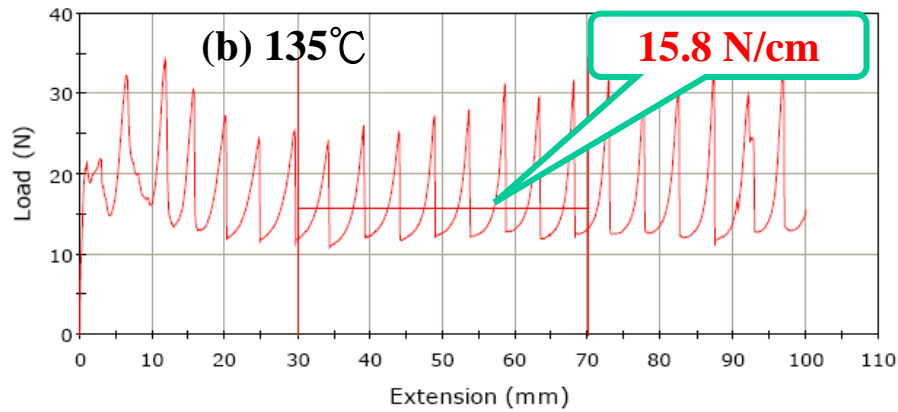
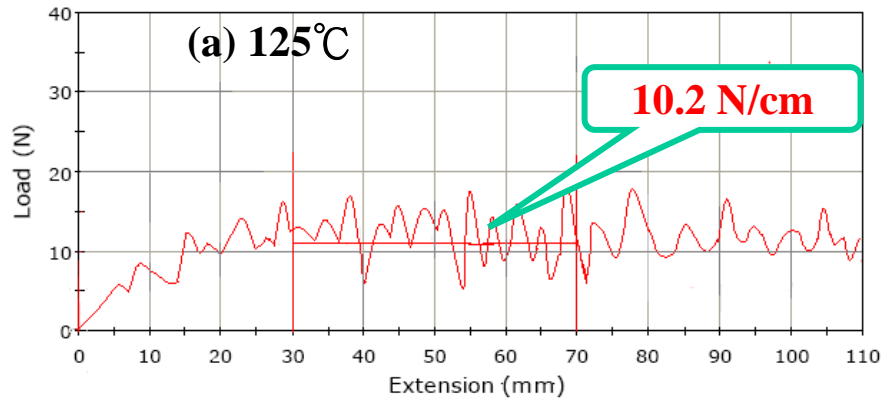
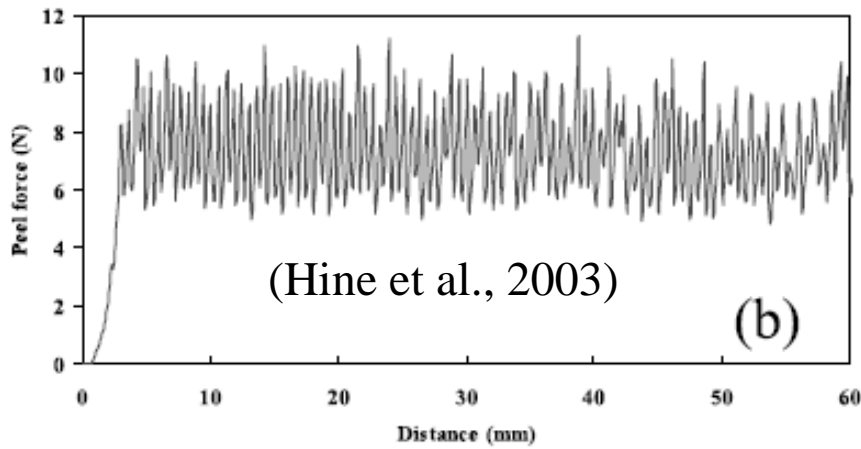
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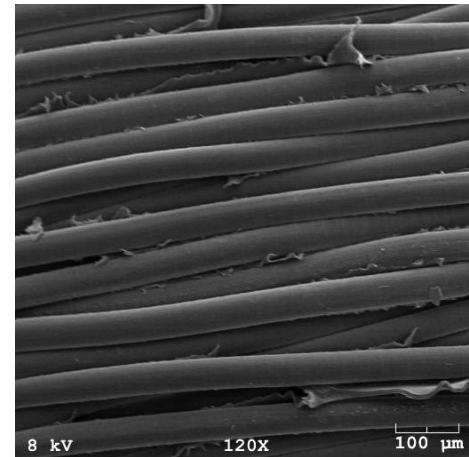
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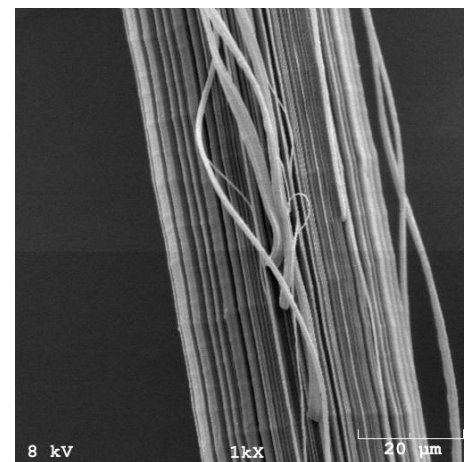
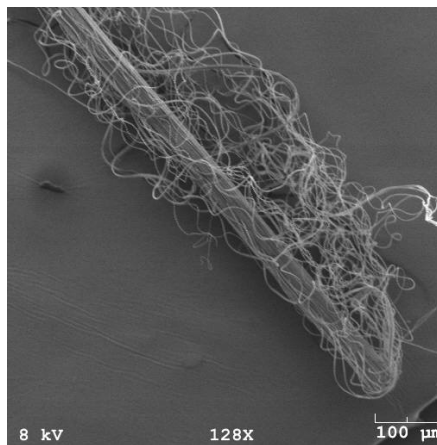
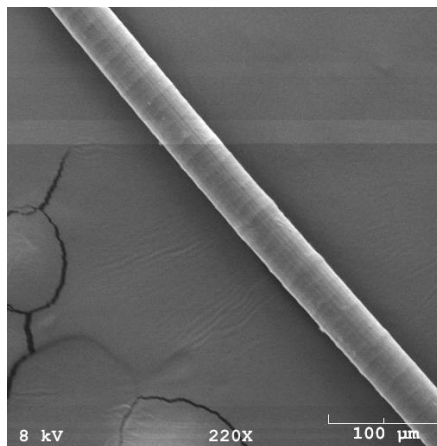
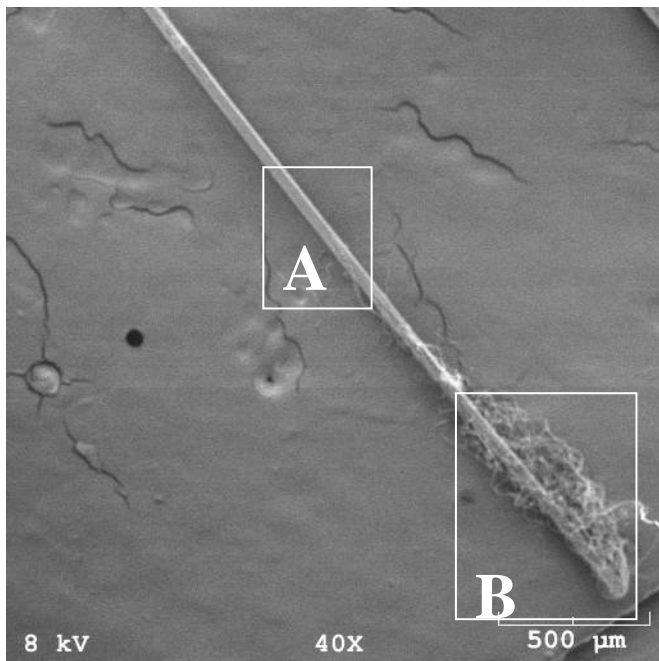
(a) 125°C



(b) 135°C

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■ 界面粘结性能

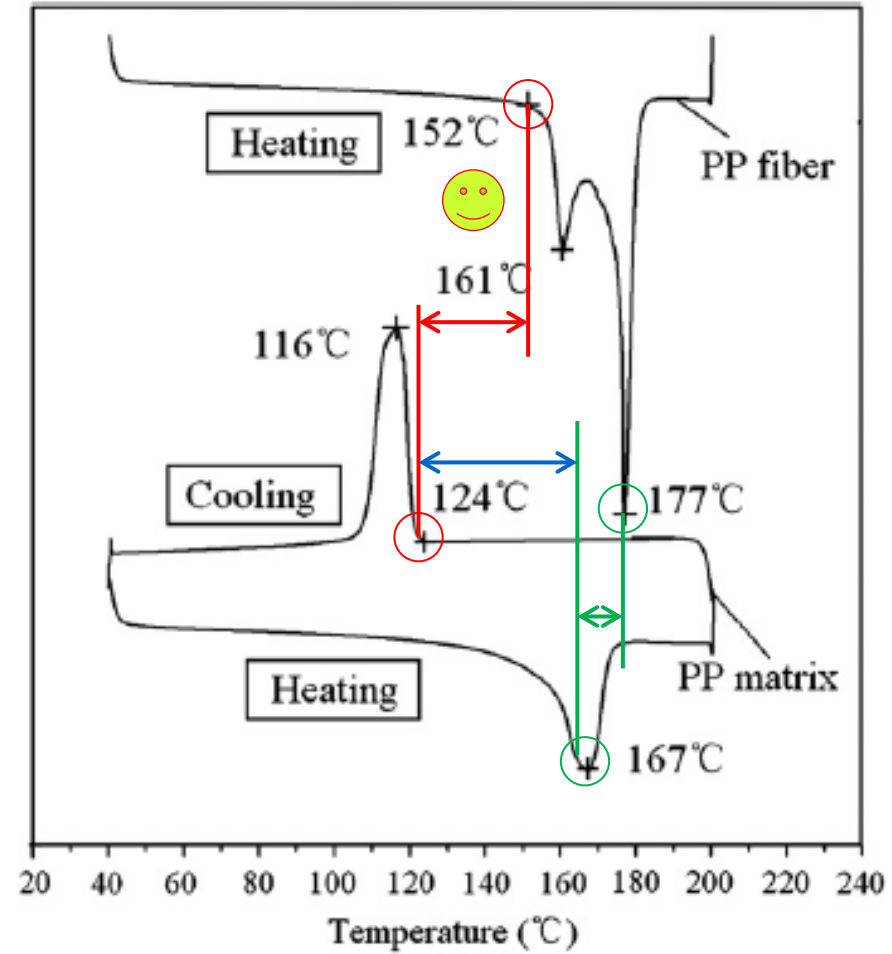


PP fiber pulled out from the matrix

Undercooling

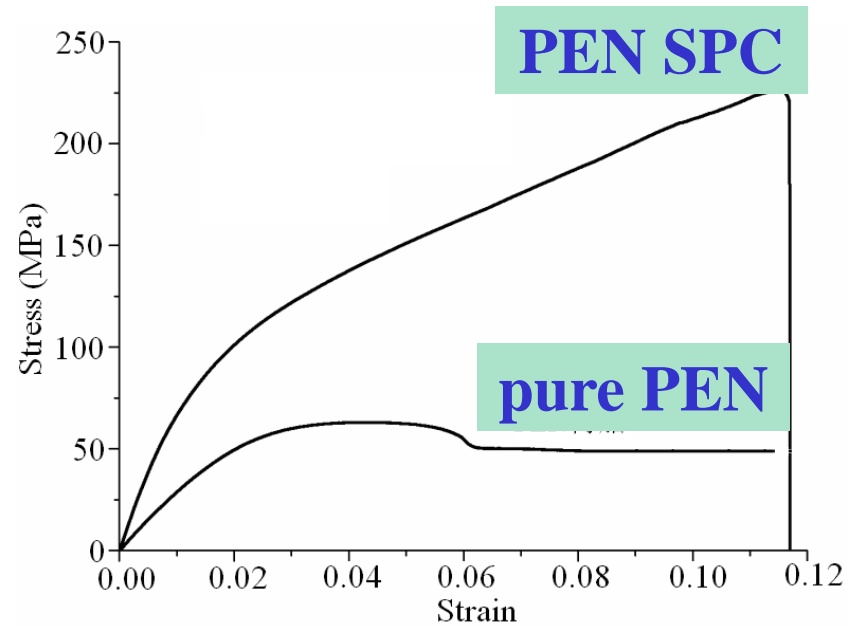
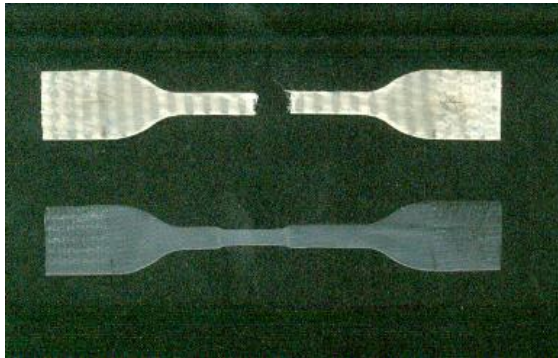
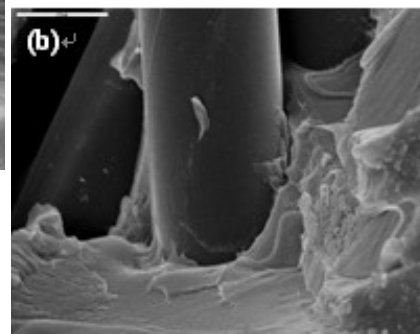
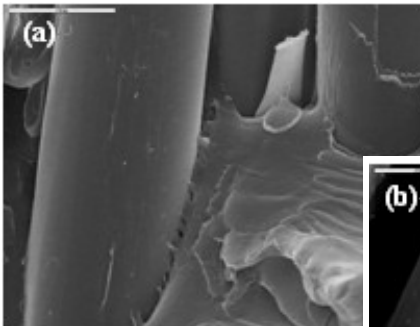
Pros and cons:

- Wide processing temperature window: below the matrix T_m , and the fiber T_m is even higher than the matrix T_m (due to orientated crystals).
- Good interfacial properties.
- But the temperature processing window is determined by different polymers and the processing parameters.



Undercooling

PEN SPCs



- Tensile strength is 3.6 times higher than that of pure PEN.

- **Light weight**
- **Friendly recyclability**
- **Excellent fire/matrix adhesion**
- SPCs are developed to overcome the environmental problem of recycle and classical problem of poor interfacial bonding between the reinforcement and the matrix in traditional composites.
- PP is a thermoplastic with a wide range of applications. Over the past 30 years, the SPCs concept has been extensively investigated with PP.

结语

- Hot compaction is still the principle method to produce SPCs
- Disadvantages:
 - long preparation cycle (several minutes)
 - products with simple shapes only
 - need post forming into appropriate shapes

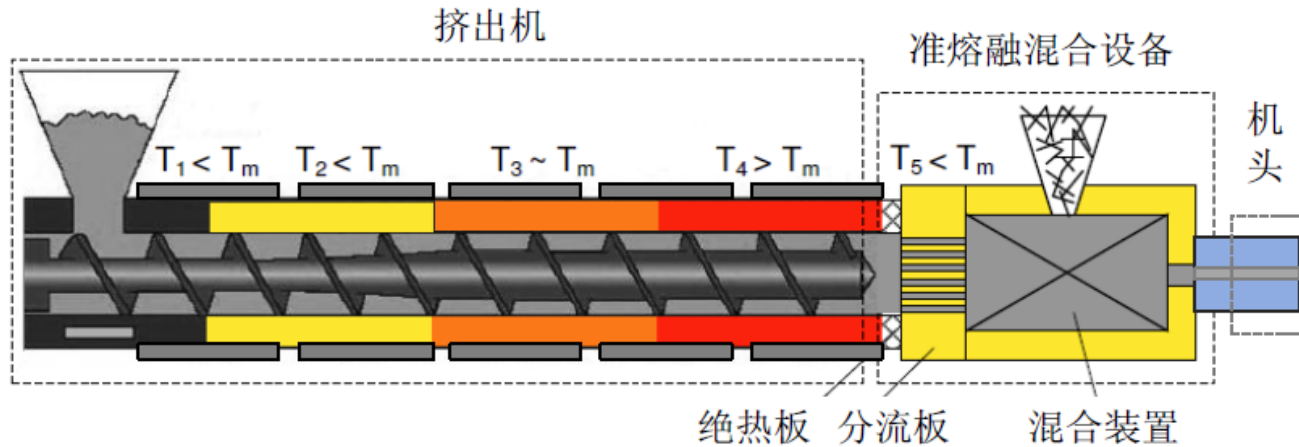
*An intriguing challenge for SPCs is to develop processing techniques sufficiently versatile to be scaled up at an **industrial level**.*

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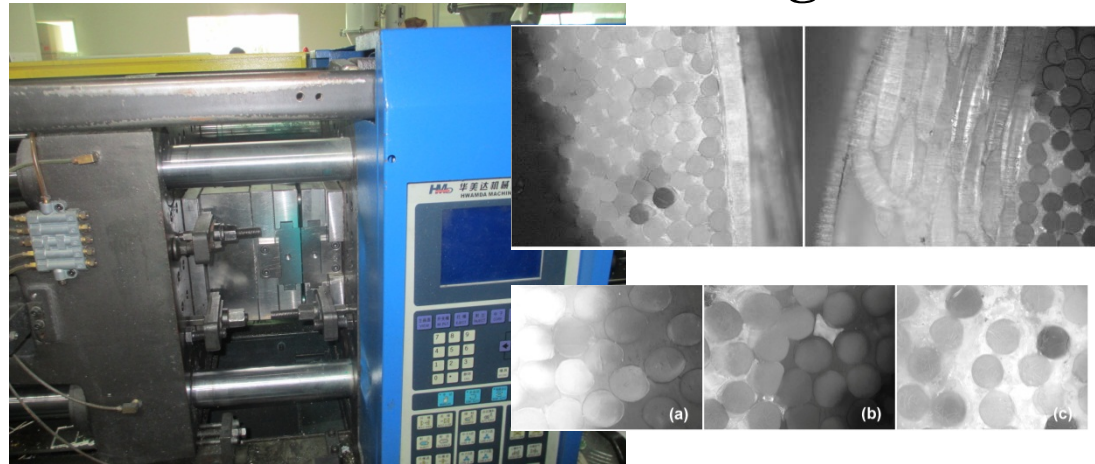
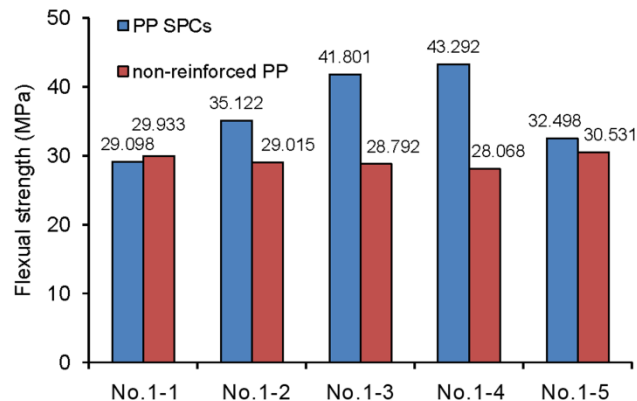
- Some widely used manufacturing processes such as **extrusion** and **injection molding** could be developed to realize SPCs production.
- Then the application area of SPCs will be enlarged.



Extrusion of PP SPCs with undercooling melt



Injection molding of PP SPCs with undercooling melt



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !



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