

***Polymères chargés bons conducteurs de chaleur: rêve ou réalité ?  
- Conception, réalisation et analyse multi-échelle -***

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- **Objectifs:**

amélioration de la conductivité des matériaux thermoplastiques  
par l'ajout de charge conductrice de chaleur

- **Défi\* :**

- conductivité thermique effective transversale  $\lambda$  : de 0.2 (polymère) à 2 W/ m K voir plus (4 à 6 W/m K ?)
- sans dégradation importante des propriétés mécaniques
- maintien d'un coût modéré

- **Applications :**

Echangeurs de chaleur, drains thermiques (automobile, électronique, électrotechnique...)

\*:"High Thermal Conductivity Thermoplastic Compounds", Craft BRST - CT98-5302, Eur. Commis. DG12- HIAS, Nov. 1998/2001

## Etat de l'art

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- La difficulté de réaliser des polymères chargés bons conducteurs croit dans l'ordre suivant:  
encres, colles, élastomères, thermodurcissables et *thermoplastiques*
- Conductivité thermique de quelques thermoplastiques chargés :

	Matrice ( $\lambda_{t,m} / \text{W.m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ )	Charge ( $\lambda_{t,f} / \text{W.m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ )	Forme	Taille $\mu\text{m}$	charge % vol.	$\lambda_{t,\text{eff}}$ $\text{W.m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$	Ref.
1	PE (0.26)	graphite (210)	poudre		30	1.8	Agari 1986
2	PE (0.26)	Cu (390)	poudre		30	1.25	Agari 1986
3	PE (0.26)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (33)	poudre		33	0.75	Agari 1986
4	PP (0.26)	Al (220)	fibre	100/1250	15	0.72	Bigg 1986
5	PP (0.26)	Al (220)	fibre	100/1250	18.3	2.2	Bigg 1986
6	PE (0.47)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (4,7)	poudre		47	1.25	Barta 1997
7	PC (0.19)	C(210)	fibre	8/ 3000	44	0.5	Srivastava 1997
8	PE (0.50)	Al (220)	poudre	40 80	33	3.6	Tavman 1996

PC-polycarbonate, PE- polyéthylène, PP – polypropylène

**1- Facteurs modifiés lors des essais et résultats \***

**2- Modélisation de la conductivité thermique effective**

**3- Résistance thermique de contact inclusion/matrice**

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# 1- Facteurs modifiés lors des essais et résultats

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La conductivité thermique effective  $\lambda_t$  **dépend de:**

- la nature de la matrice,
- la nature, la taille, la forme et le taux volumique des inclusions,
- la nature et le taux volumique de tensioactif,
- des conditions de mise en œuvre (durée et intensité du mélangeage, température.) et
- des conditions de mise en forme (procédés de moulage, géométrie du moule, épaisseur de la pièce....)

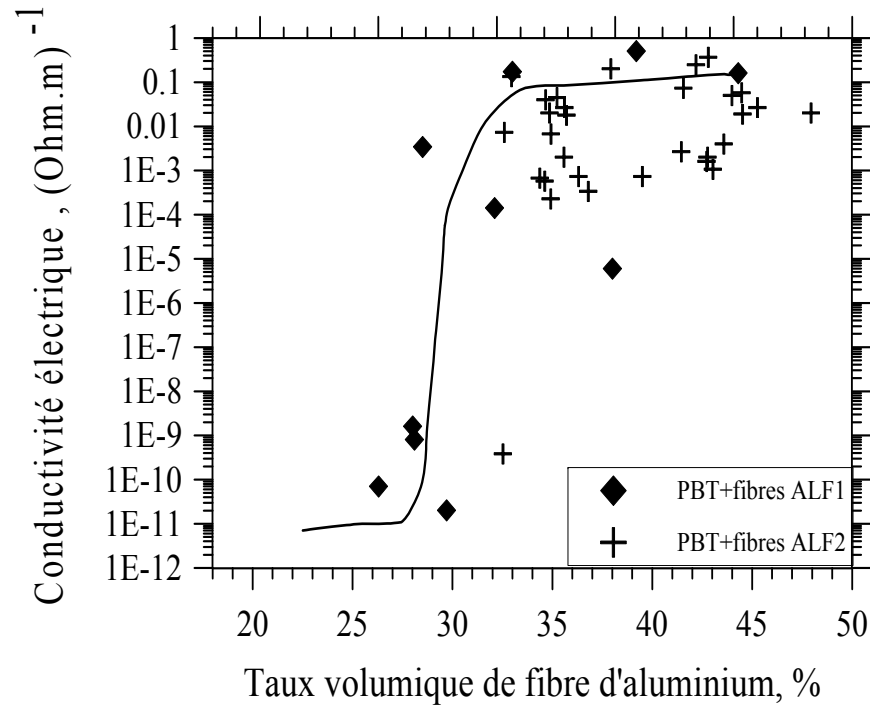
## *Effet de la nature et de la forme des inclusions*

- **Matrice polymère:** polybutylene terephthalate PBT
- **Mise en œuvre et mise en forme :** procédés semi -industriels

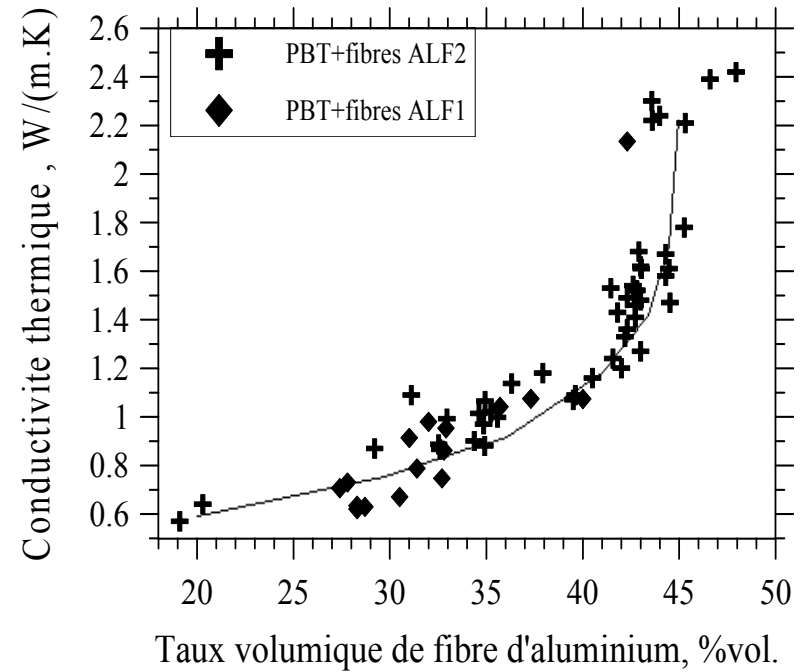
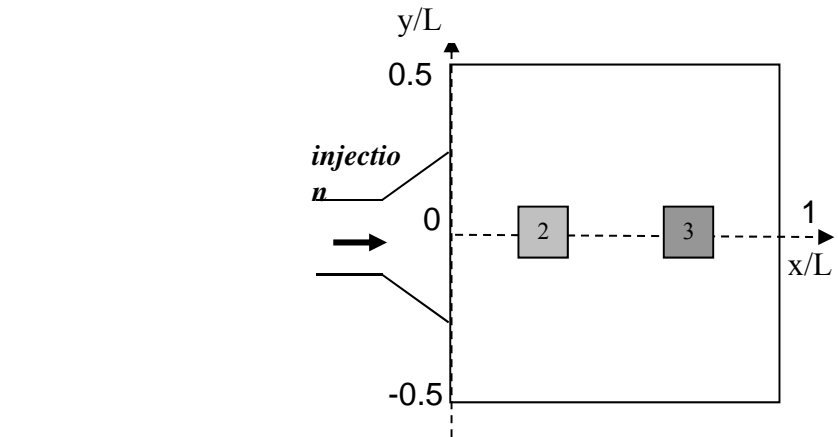
Charge	Noir de fumée CB	Poudre d'aluminium*		Fibre d'aluminium ALF1*		Fibre d'aluminium ALF2*		Poudre d'aluminium + ALF1 + CB
$\phi$ , % en masse	12	27	41	27	41	37	61	16-15-2.7
$\lambda_{t,eff}$ , W/ m K	0.37	0.48	0.79	0.49	0.92	0.61	1.42	0.5

\*: Al. powder (aver. diam.:300 $\mu$ m), ALF1 fiber (diam.:150 $\mu$ m, length: 1.1mm), ALF2 fiber (diam.: 90 $\mu$ m, length: 1.1mm)

## Effet du taux de charge



**conductivité électrique**



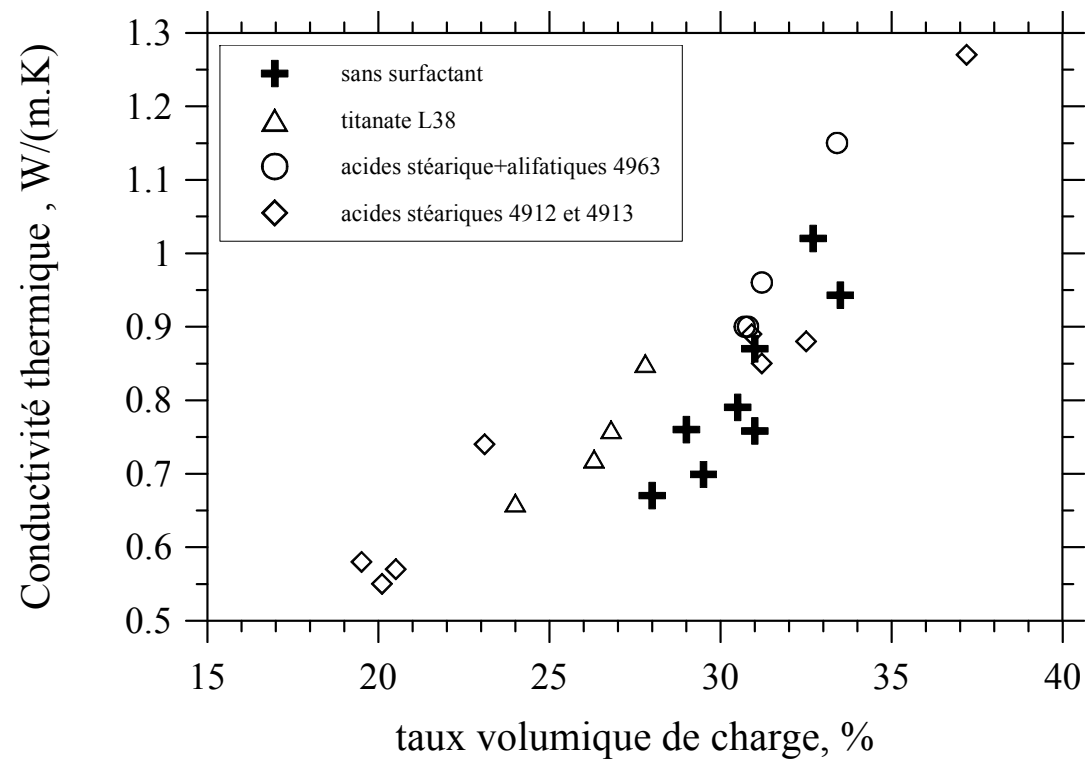
**conductivité thermique**

*PBT+ fibres d'aluminium*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ALF1 : \text{diam. } 160 \mu\text{m} \\ ALF2 : \text{diam. } 90 \mu\text{m} \end{array} \right.$

## *Effets des surfactants*

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Les surfactants (0.15% en masse) semblent augmenter la conductivité thermique

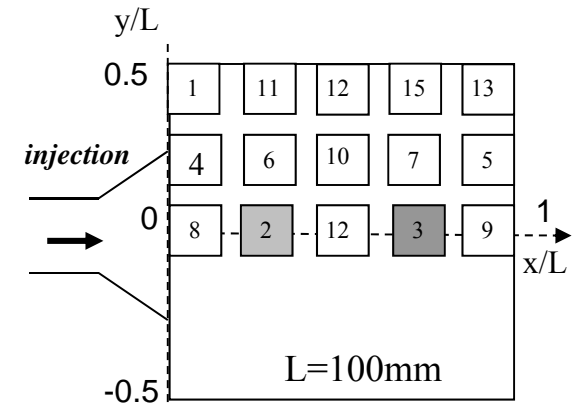




## *Uniformité de la distribution du taux de charge et des propriétés therm. et elect.*

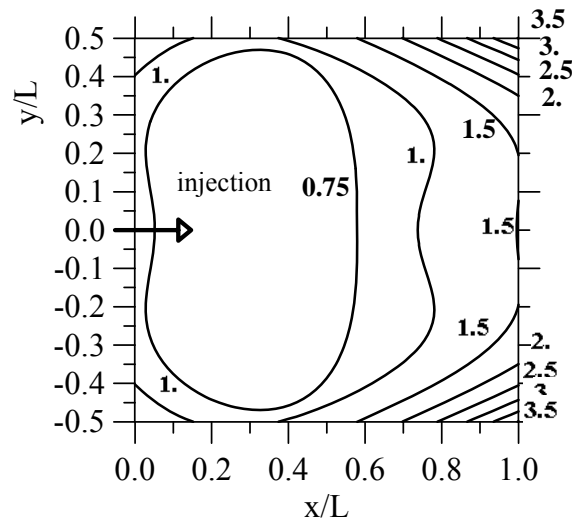
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•Fibres AL diam.160 $\mu$ m; 32,7% vol. :



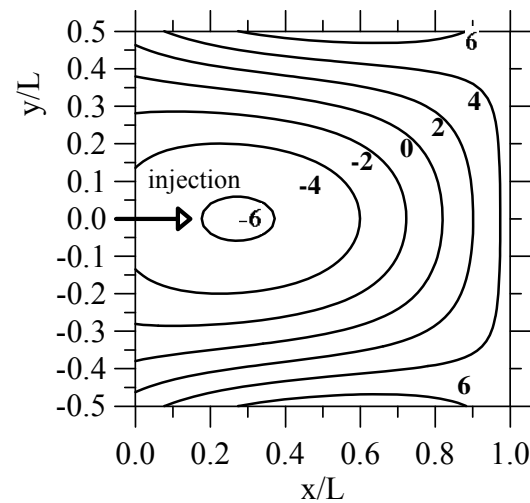
(a) Cond. Thermique\*

$$\lambda_{t,moy} = 0,90 Wm^{-1} K^{-1}$$



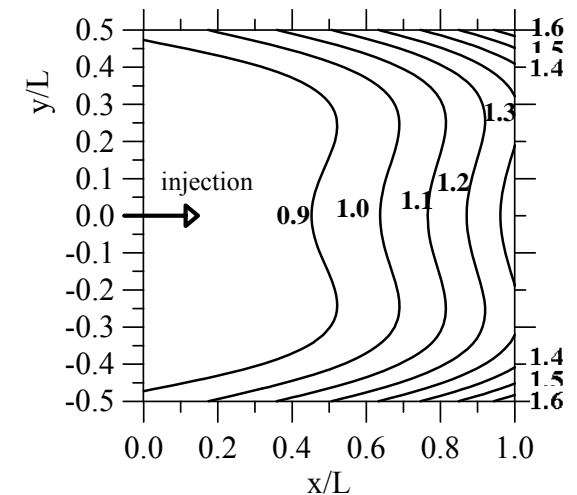
(b) Log<sub>10</sub> de la cond. électrique\*

$$\log_{10}(\lambda_{el}) = -5.22$$



(c) Taux vol. de charge\*

$$\phi_{moy} = 0,327$$



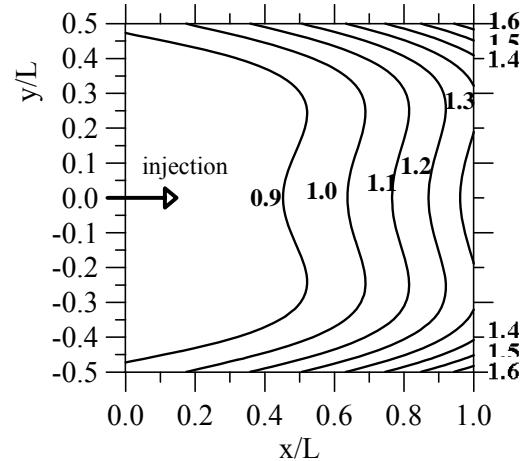
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\*: rapportée à la valeur moyenne dans la pièce

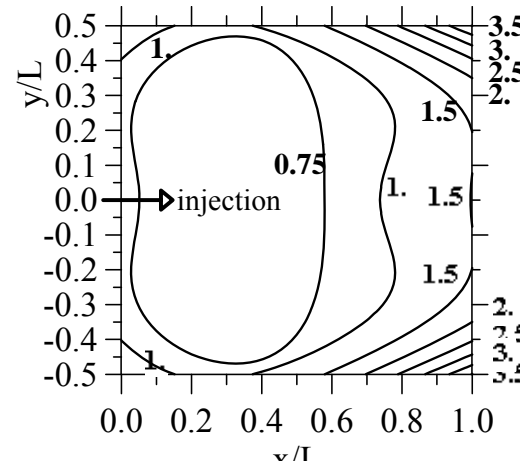
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32,7% vol. :**

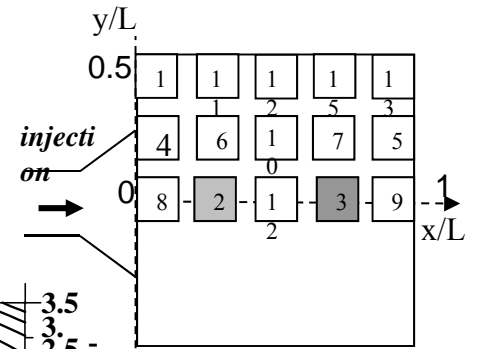
$\phi_{moy} = 0,327$   
 $S_{\phi} = 0,059$



(a) Taux vol. de charge\*



(b) Cond. Thermique\*

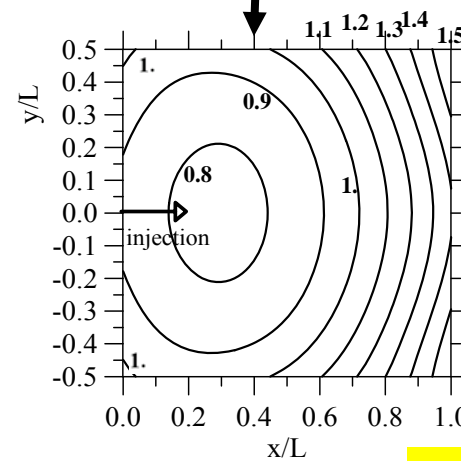
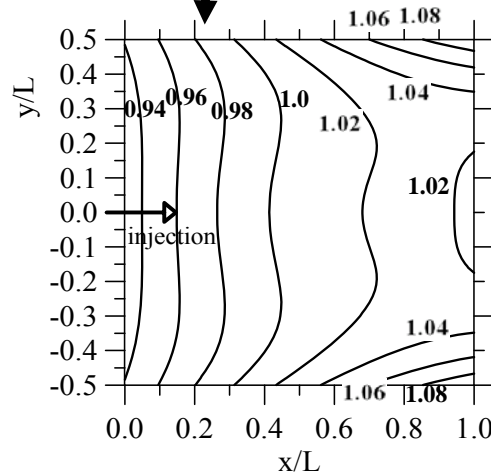


$\lambda_{t,moy} = 0,9 Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$

$S_{\lambda t} = 0,46$

**•Fibres AL  
diam. 90μm  
34,8% vol.:**

$\phi_{moy} = 0,348$   
 $S_{\phi} = 0,013$



$\lambda_{t,moy} = 1,1 Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$

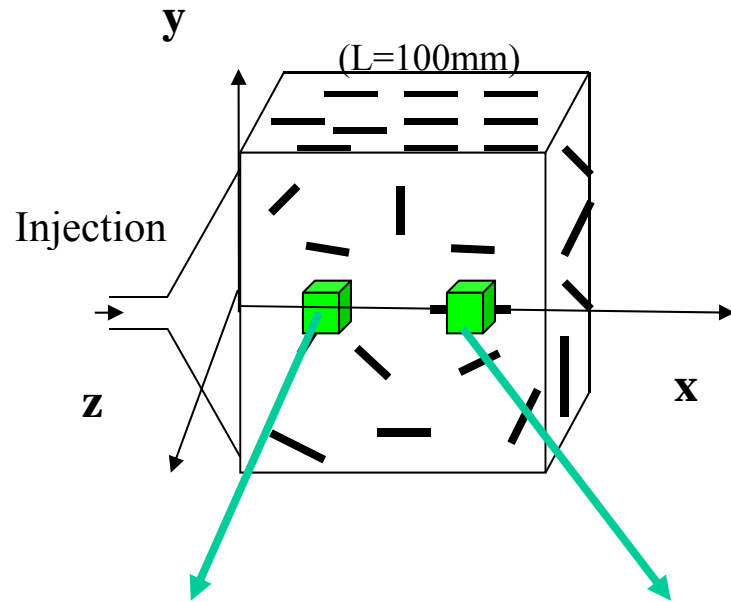
$S_{\lambda t} = 0,23$

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s: écart standard des mesures locales / moyenne de la pièce

## *Orientation des fibres et anisotropie des pièces*



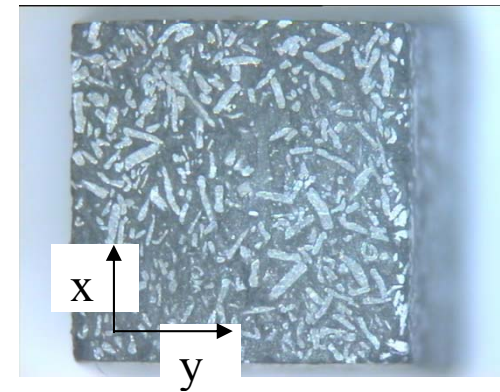
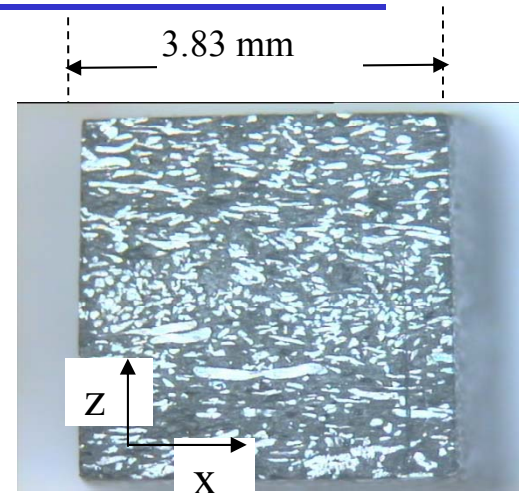
En  $x/L=0,175$  et  $y/L=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_x &= 7,0 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ \lambda_y &= 4,3 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ \lambda_z &= 1,6 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

En  $x/L=0,825$  et  $y/L=0$ :

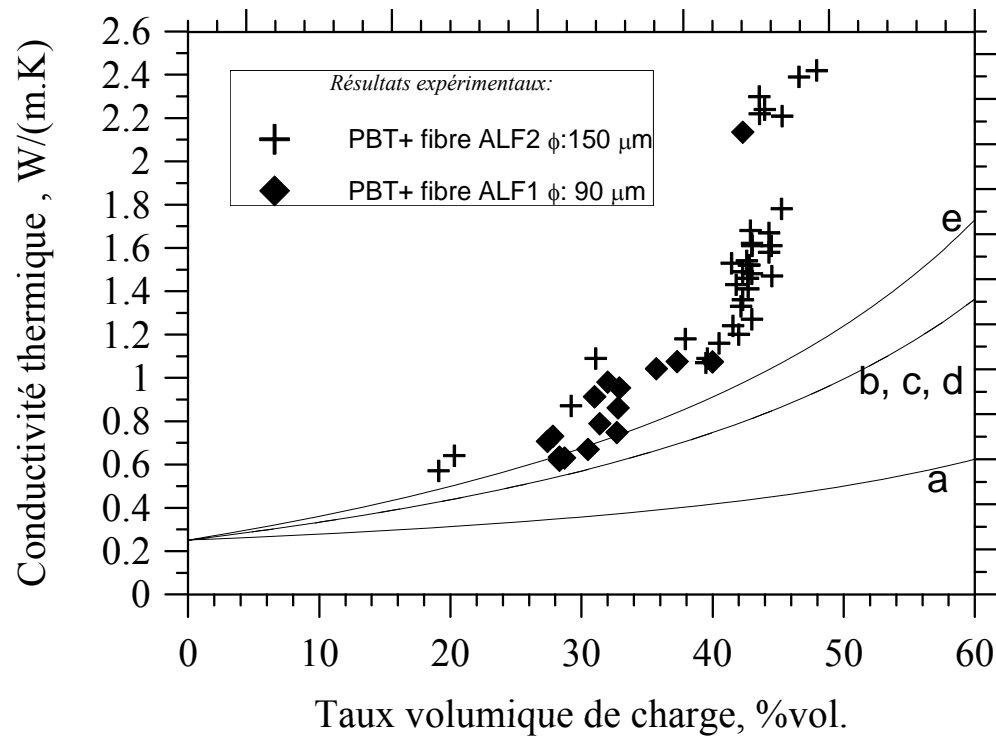
$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_x &= 7,6 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ \lambda_y &= 5,0 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ \lambda_z &= 2,1 \text{ W.m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_z \ll \lambda_y < \lambda_x$$



## 2- Modélisation de la conductivité thermique effective

- Les modèles physiques macroscopiques actuels (empiriques, *semi empiriques*) sous estiment  $\lambda_t$  pour  $\lambda_t/\lambda_{matrice} > 3$



Modèles (bornes inférieures):

- a: Wiener 1912
- b: Hatta et Taya 1985
- c: Maxwell-Eucken 1932
- d: Nielsen 1974
- e: Hashin et Shtrikman 1962

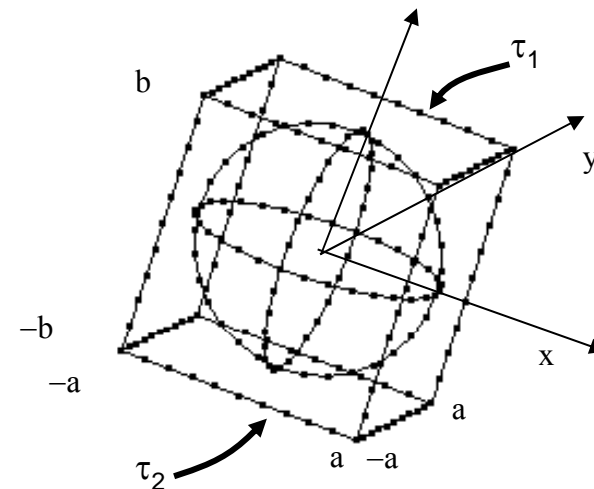
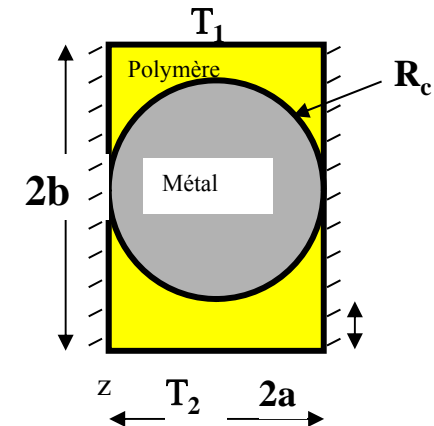
## Modélisation numérique (Eléments finis)

For the 3D finite element study of the effective thermal conductivity, we considered:

- the stationary heat conduction equation
- a tetragonal lattice of spherical inclusions of equal size
- a thermal contact resistance between inclusion and matrix
- adiabatic conditions for all faces except the top and bottom ones (i.e. for  $z=-b$  and  $z=b$ )

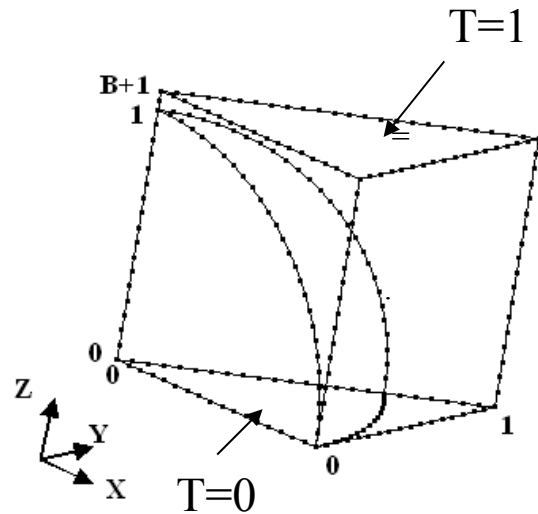
Elementary cell:

sphere of radius  $a$  centered in  
a tetragonal cell of dimensions:  $2a \times 2a \times 2b$



## Main features of the adopted model

- Using dimensionless physical quantities, this results in :  $E = E(B, C, D)$



with:  $E = \frac{\lambda_{eff}}{\lambda_m}$  and

$\lambda$  : thermal conductivity  
 $r_c$  : thermal contact resistance  
 $a$  : radius of the inclusion  
 $b$  : half height of the tetragonal cell  
 $m$  : matrix  
 $f$  : filler  
 $eff$  : effective (composite),

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_f} \\ C = \frac{r_c \lambda_m}{a} \\ B = \frac{b - a}{a} \end{array} \right.$$

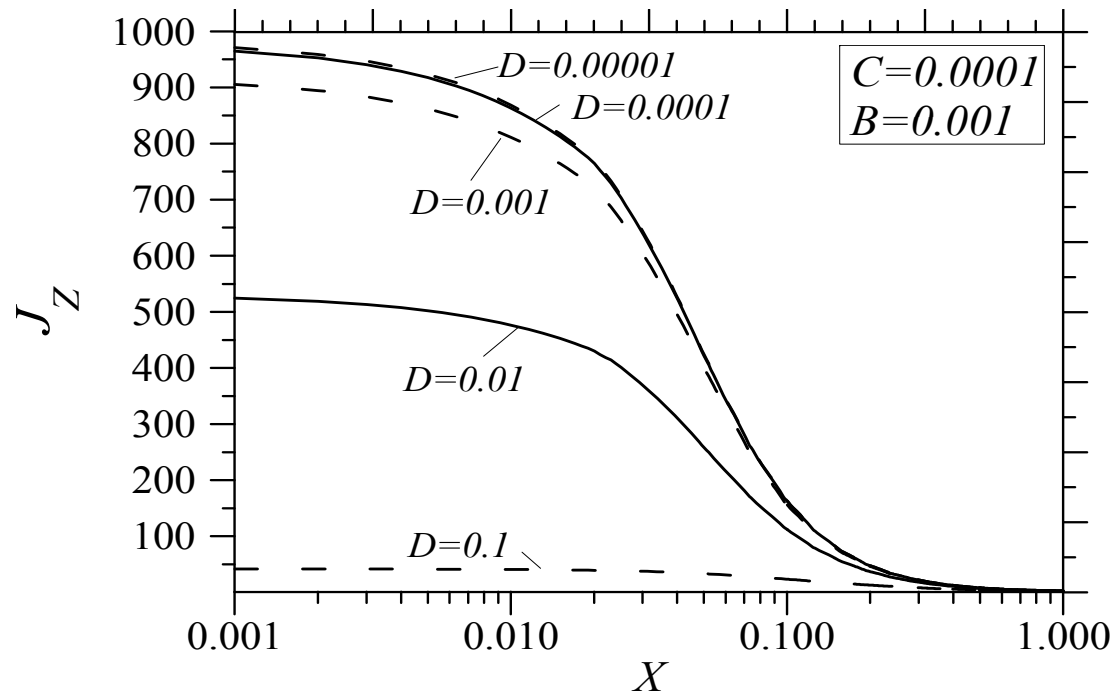
The filler amount  $\varphi$  is correlated (tetragonal cell) to  $B$  by:  $\varphi = \frac{\text{sphere volume}}{\text{cell volume}} = \frac{\pi}{6(1+B)}$

Finite element (Comsol Multiphysics, 48000 to 58000 tetrahedra, Lagrange multipliers)

## Distribution of longitudinal heat flux

The dimensionless heat flux  $J_Z$  crossing the elementary cell is calculated by:

$$J_Z = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0}$$



$$B = \frac{b-a}{a} \quad C = \frac{r_c \lambda_m}{a} \quad D = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_f}$$

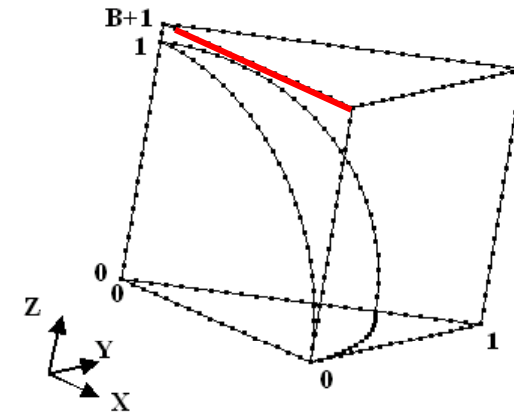


Fig. 2 : Reduced heat flux  $J_Z$  vs  $D$  on the line  $(X=0, Y=0, Z=1.001)$  and  $(X=1, Y=0, Z=1.001)$

## *Validation of the numerical results*

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#	Parameters			Computed entity	Bibliographic source			This work	Discrepancy %
	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>		author	Computing	value		
1	0	0	0	$\partial E / \partial \ln B$	[30]	analytic local	-1.571	-1.560	<b>.8</b>
2	0	0	.1	<i>E</i>	[27]	analytic global	3.47	3.473	<b>.1</b>
3	0	0	70000	<i>E</i>	[27]	analytic global	.344	.344	<b>0</b>
4	.7	0	0	<i>E</i>	[32]	finite elements	.48	.47	<b>2.1</b>
5	0	.5	.00001	<i>E</i>	[18]	analytic global	1.4478	1.44820	<b>.04</b>
6	0	.5	.1	<i>E</i>	[18]	analytic global	1.3135	1.31363	<b>.01</b>
7	0	2	.00001	<i>E</i>	[18]	analytic global	.7174	.71077	<b>.05</b>
8	0	3	.1	<i>E</i>	[18]	analytic global	.5910	.59183	<b>.13</b>

[18]: Cheng H.1997 ; [27]: Sangani A. 1982; [30]: Batchelor G.1977; [32]: Filip C. 2004

→ One can infer that the discrepancy is within 0.1% for *E* and within 1% for the slopes of *E* .vs. the logarithm of factors.



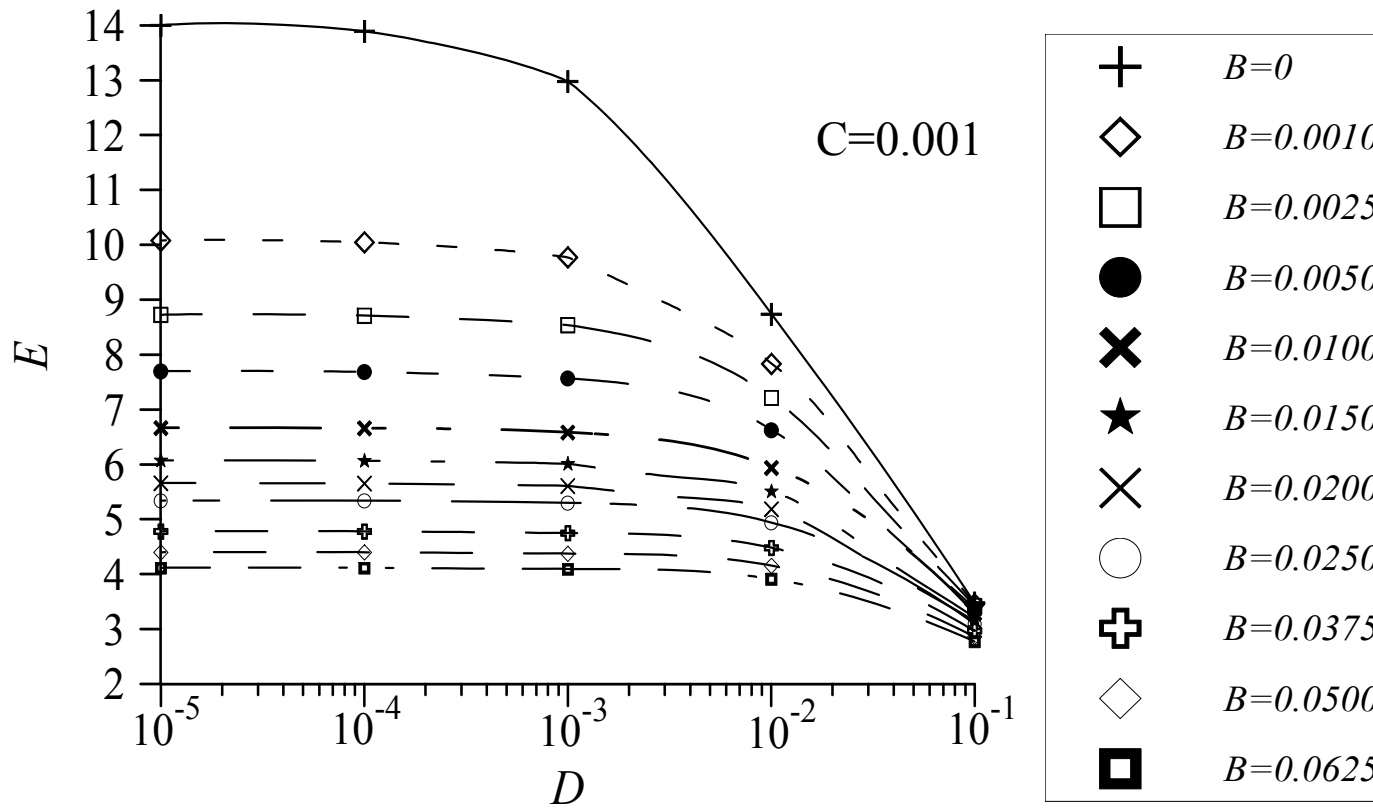
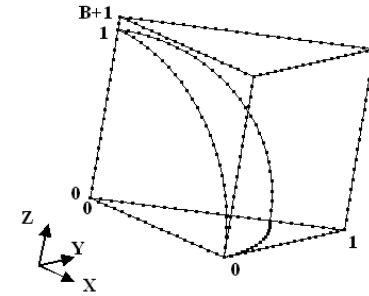
## Effect of varied factors on E

$$E = \frac{\lambda_{eff}}{\lambda_m}$$

$$Q = J_z = \int_0^l \left( \int_0^X \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z} \Big|_{Z=0} dY \right) dX$$

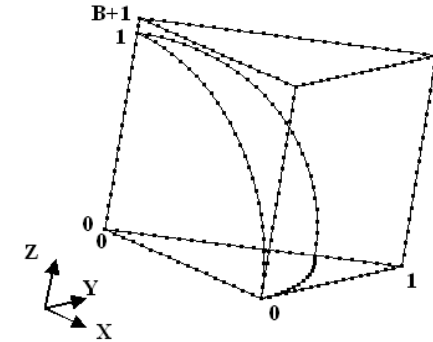
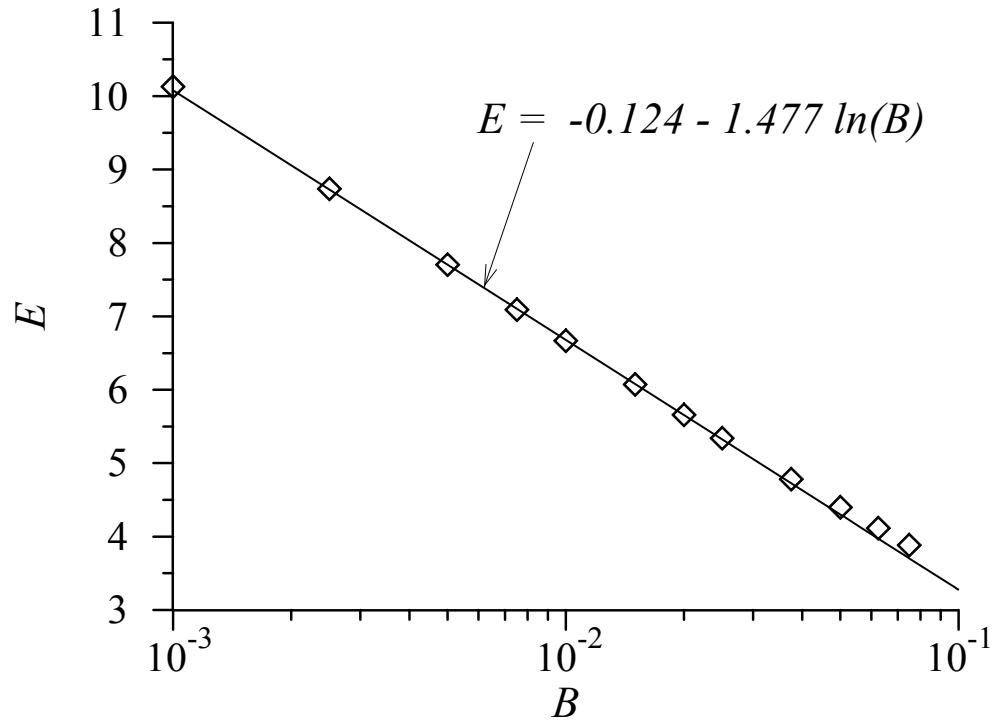
$$E = 2 Q(1+B)$$

$$B = \frac{b-a}{a} \quad C = \frac{r_c \lambda_m}{a} \quad D = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_f}$$



## *Magnitude effects*

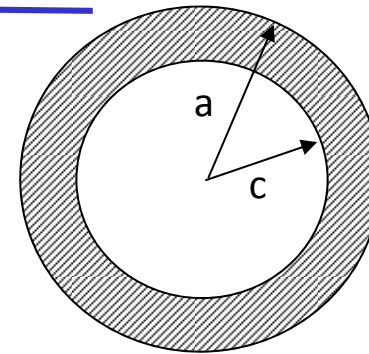
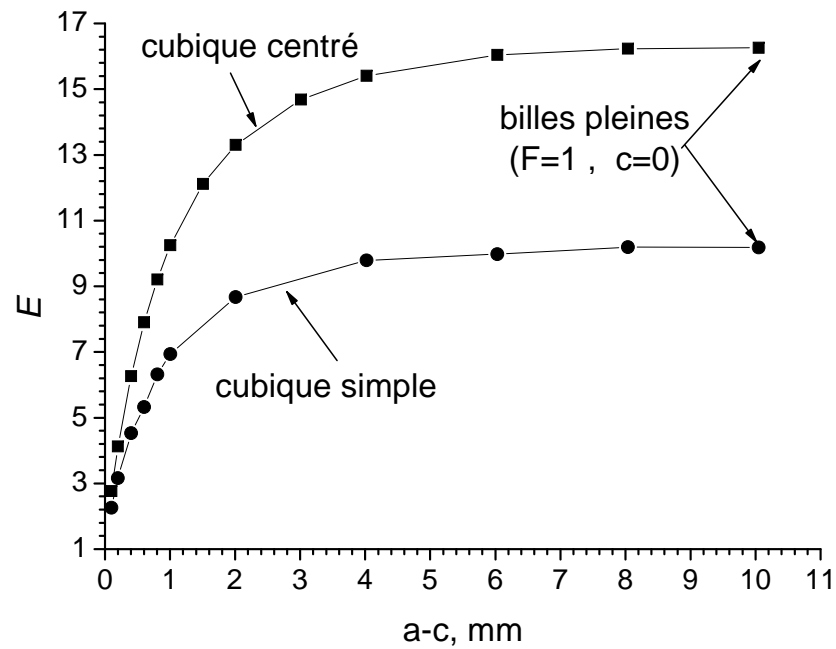
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$$B = \frac{b-a}{a} \quad C = \frac{r_c \lambda_m}{a} \quad D = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_f}$$

Fig. 4: Effective conductivity  $E$  vs.  $B$  with  $B \gg \{C, D\}$

## Effet de l'épaisseur de la paroi des billes creuses en aluminium (paramètre F)



$a-c = 1.17\text{mm}$        $a = 10.05\text{mm}$

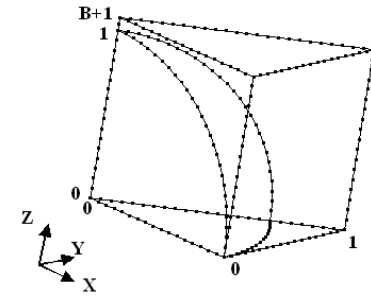
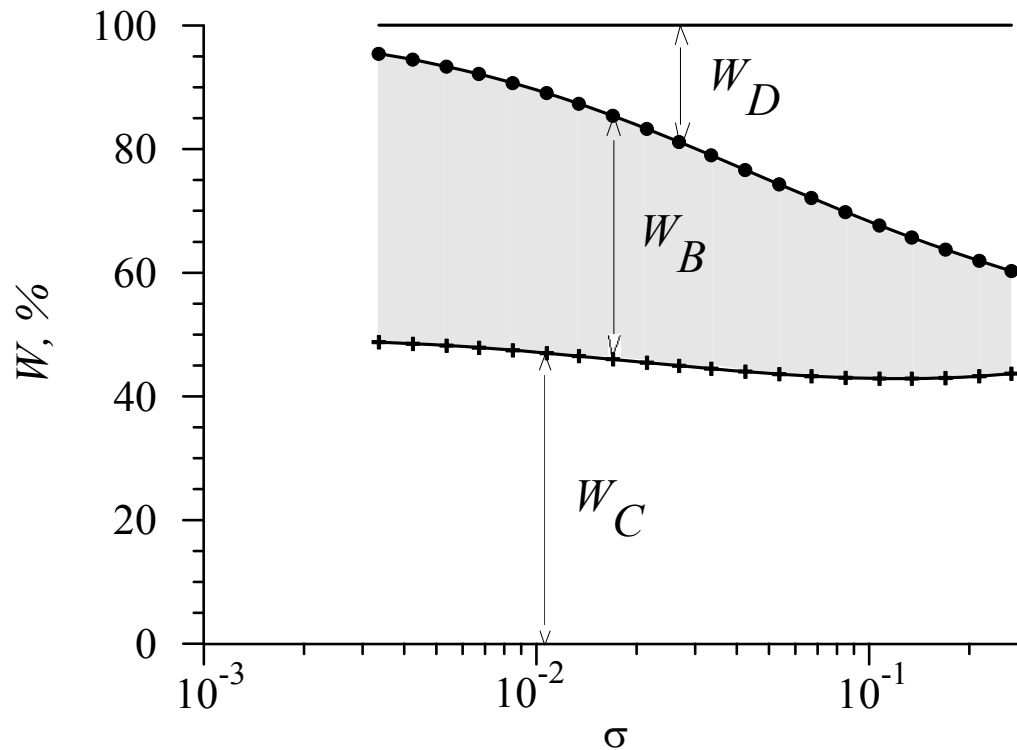
Fig. 7 : Effet de l'épaisseur de la paroi des billes creuses

Rq :  $F=1$  correspond au cas des billes pleines

## Quantitative comparison of the effects of factors

### 21 factorial experiment plans $2^3$

$$B = \frac{b-a}{a} \quad C = \frac{r_c \lambda_m}{a} \quad D = \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda_f}$$



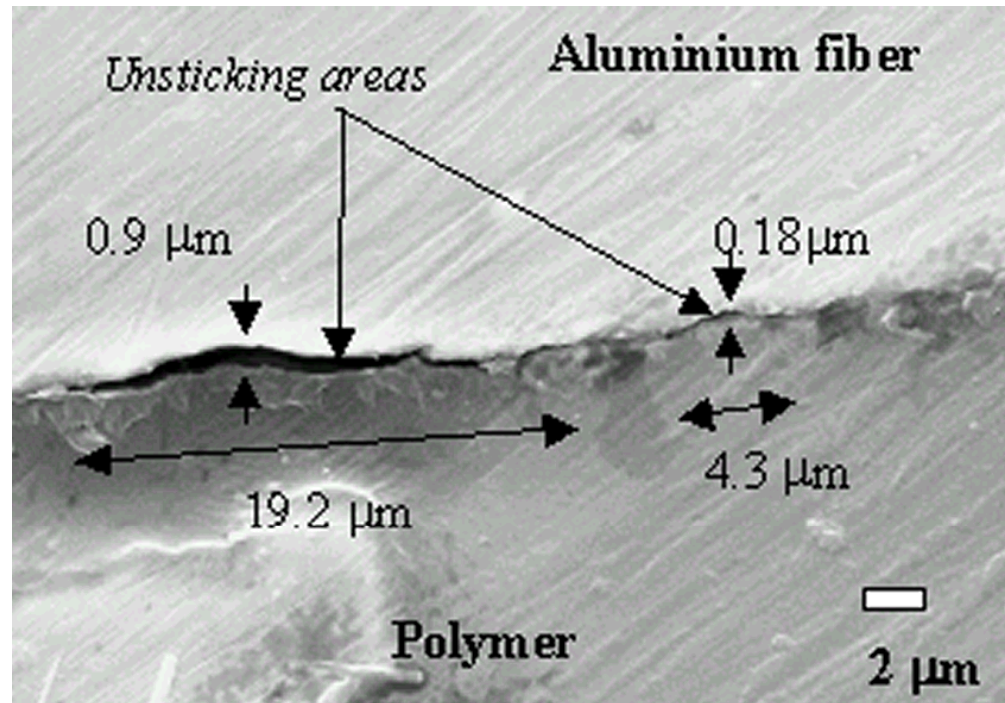
$0.001 < \text{each factor} < 0.1$

$$\sigma = B + C + D$$

Fig. 5: Weights of pure factors  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  within the total variation of the effective longitudinal conductivity  $E$ , at nearby equal values of the three factors

### 3- Résistance thermique de contact (RTC) inclusion/matrice

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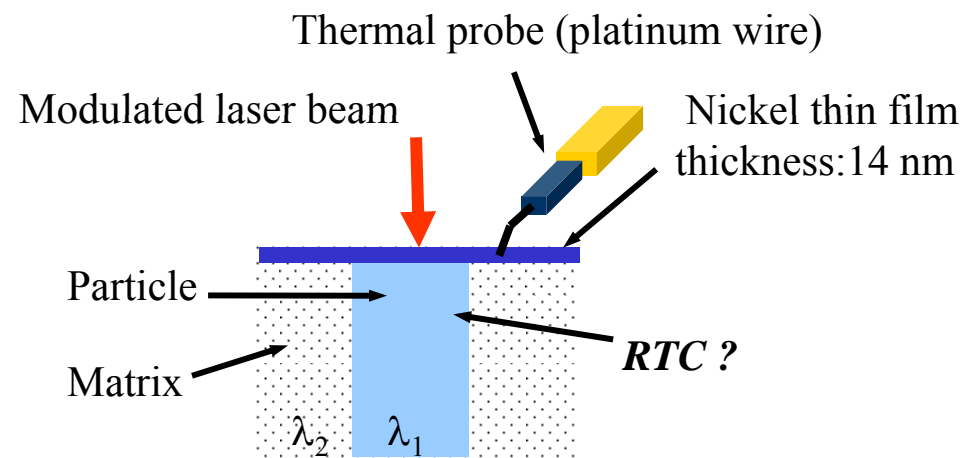
SEM analysis of the Aluminium/ PBT polymer interface

→ Comment mesurer localement la RTC particules d'aluminium / matrice polymère ?

**Literature review on microscale methods for particle/ matrix thermal contact resistance measurement:**

- methods with contact: the probe sample TCR does not appear to be much lower than the particle/matrix TCR under investigation
- modulated thermoreflectance: some order of magnitude for TCR at grain boundaries in aluminum nitride ( Pelissonnier 1996)

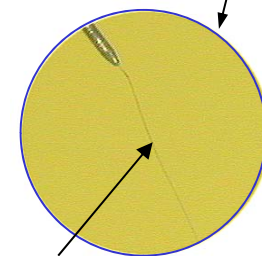
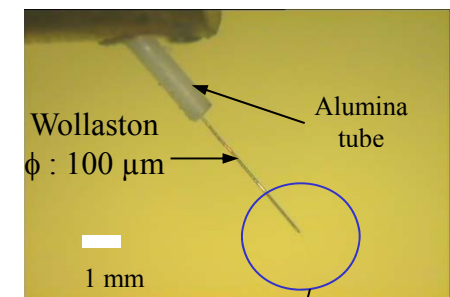
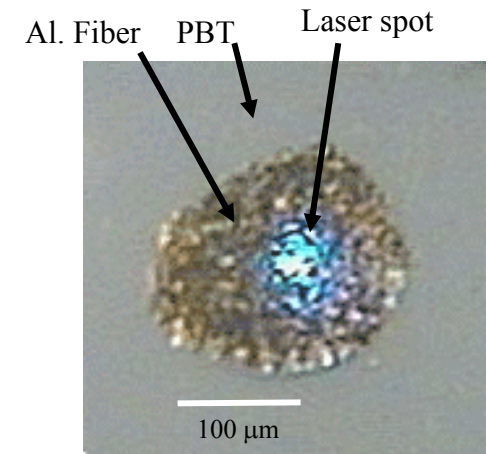
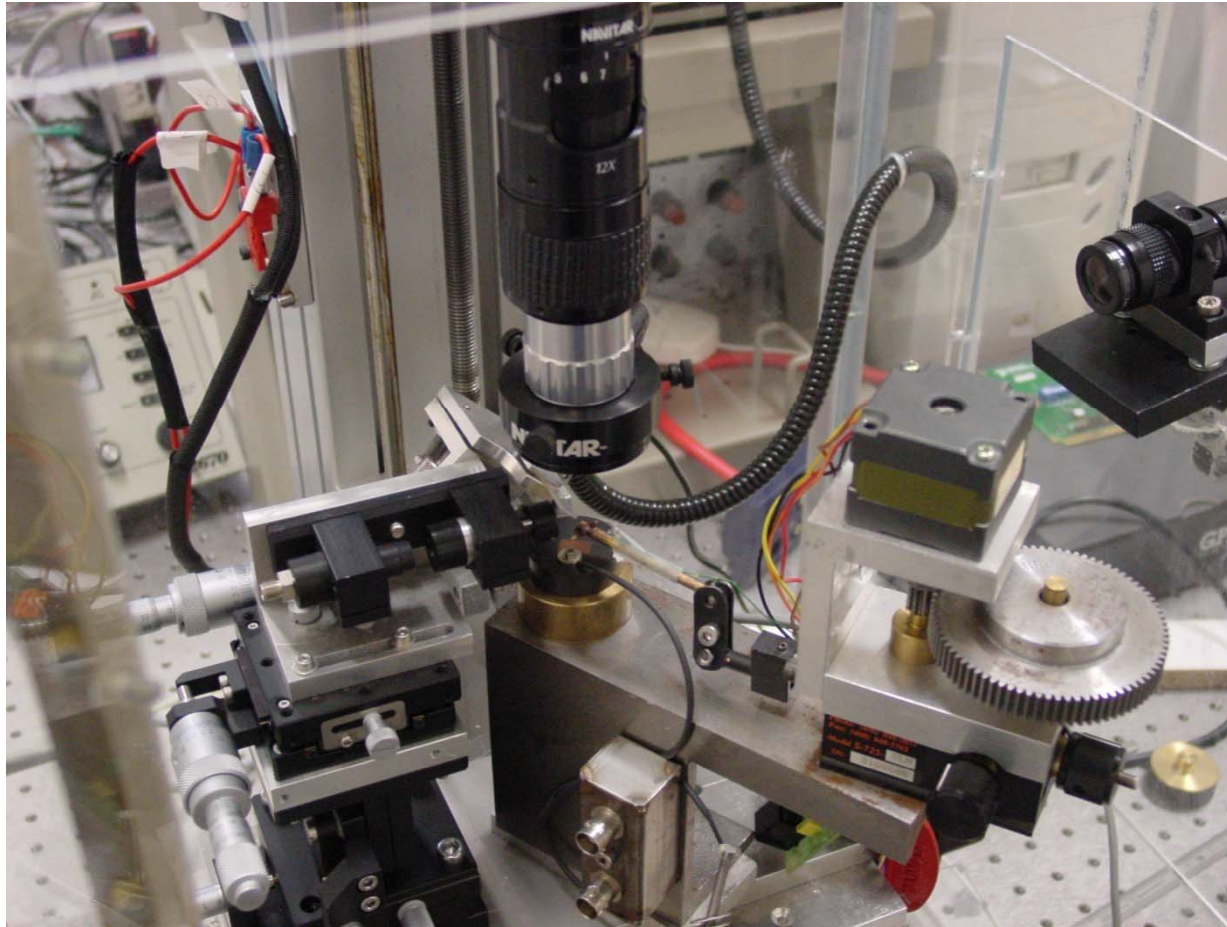
→Not much TCR values between constituents were measured locally in polymer matrix composites



**Fig. 1 :** *TCR measurement procedure*

- **Heating:** modulated laser pump beam
- **Phase lag temperature measurement:** thermocouple with a nickel thin film (14nm thick) and a platinum wire (2  $\mu\text{m}$  dia.)

## *Experimental setup*



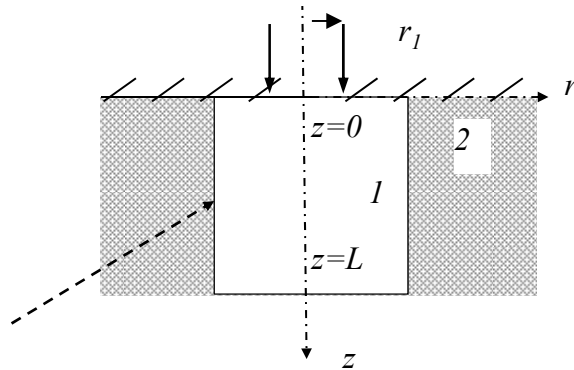
Platinum wire 2 μm dia.



## Heat transfer model

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Disk source of radius  $r_0$



2D cylindrical  $\psi(r,z)$

- $T(r, z, t) = \text{real}(\theta(r, z) e^{j2\pi f t})$
- Integral transform  $\theta_i(r, 0) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L [A_{i,k} I_0(\sigma_{i,k} r) + B_{i,k} K_0(\sigma_{i,k} r)]$   
with  $\delta_i = \sqrt{a_i / (\pi f)}$  and  $\sigma_{i,k}^2 = (k\pi)^2 L^{-2} + 2j\delta_i^{-2}$
- $A_{i,k}$  and  $B_{i,k}$  are solutions of :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -K_0(\sigma_{1,k} r_0) & I_0^l(\sigma_{1,k} r_0) & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & K_1(\sigma_{1,k} r_0) & I_1^l(\sigma_{1,k} r_0) & 0 \\ 0 & I_0(\sigma_{1,k} r_1) & K_0(\sigma_{1,k} r_1) & -[K_0(\sigma_{2,k} r_1) + R_c \lambda_2 \sigma_{2,k} K_1(\sigma_{2,k} r_1)] \\ 0 & I_1(\sigma_{1,k} r_1) & -K_1(\sigma_{1,k} r_1) & \lambda_2 \sigma_{2,k} \lambda_1^{-1} \sigma_{1,k}^{-1} K_1(\sigma_{2,k} r_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} A_{0,k} \\ A_{1,k} \\ B_{1,k} \\ B_{2,k} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -\lambda_1^{-1} \sigma_{1,k}^2 I_0^l(\sigma_{1,k} r_0) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

→ Temperature phase lag  $\psi$  :  $\psi = \arg(\theta)$ .

## Results

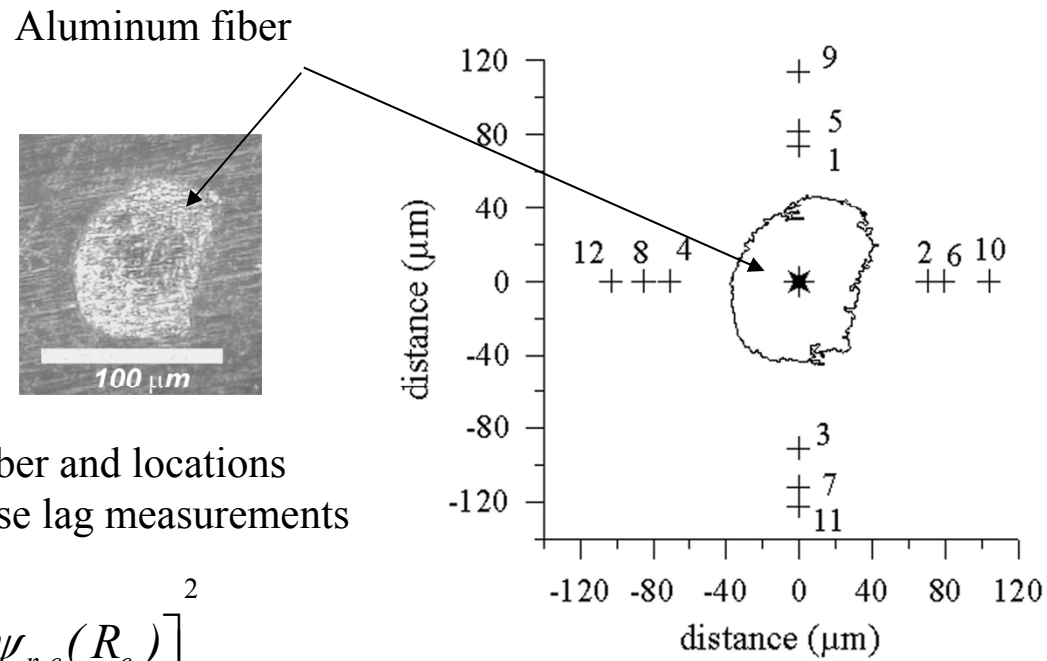


Figure 3. Aluminum fiber and locations of the temperature phase lag measurements

$$S(R) = \sum_{n=1}^{12} \left[ \psi_{n,m} - \psi_{n,c}(R_c) \right]^2$$

TABLE I: ESTIMATED PARTICLE/MATRIX THERMAL CONTACT RESISTANCE

$f$ , Hz	0.1	0.2	0.5	1	2
$R_c$ , $10^{-5}$ m <sup>2</sup> K/W	3.6	3.0	3.3	5.2	5.4

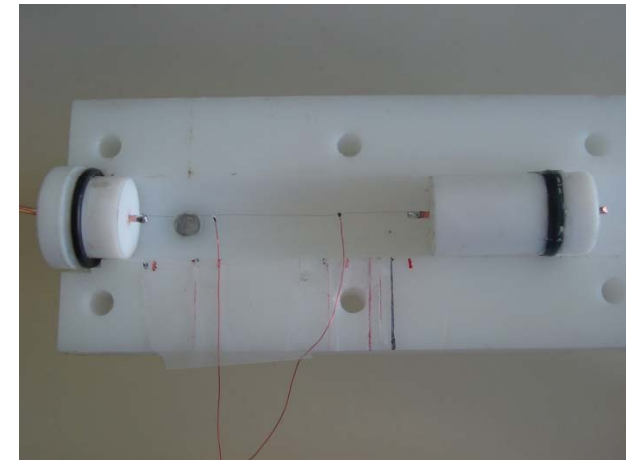
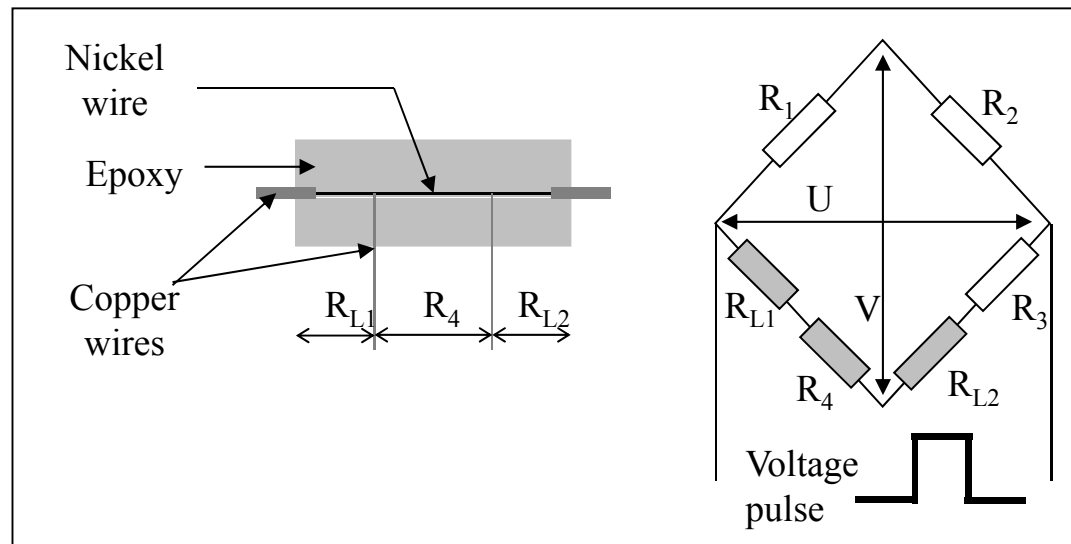
Average TCR value for PBT/alum. fiber:

$$\overline{R_c} = (3.81 \pm 0.59) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{W}^{-1}$$

## *Macroscopic technique for TCR measurement between a wire and the surrounding matrix*

### EXPERIMENTAL SETUPS:

Three experimental setups with nickel wires of  
 $\phi = 25, 50$  and  $125 \mu\text{m}$



## Heat transfer model

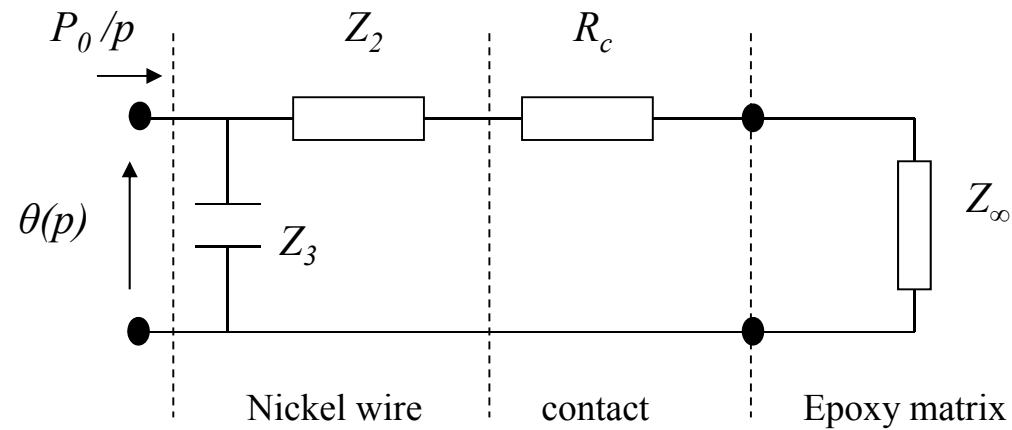


Figure 5. Equivalent impedance network

Laplace transform+ thermal quadrupoles (Maillet et al.2000):

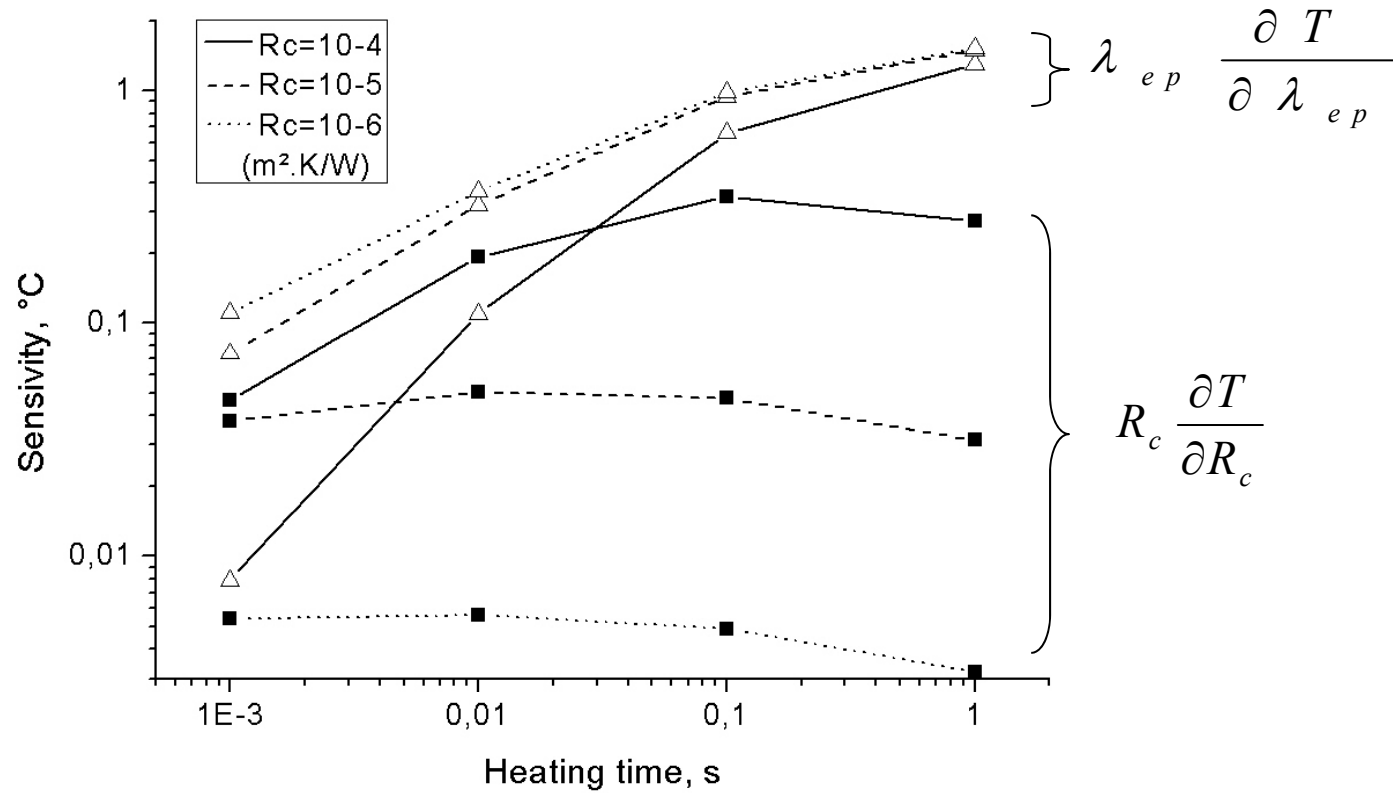
$$\theta(p, R_c) = \frac{P_0}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{Z_3} + \frac{1}{Z_2 + \frac{R_c}{2\pi Lr} + Z_\infty}}$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{I_0(s)}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \lambda_{Ni} \cdot L \cdot s \cdot I_1(s)} - \frac{1}{\rho_{Ni} \cdot c_{Ni} \cdot \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot L \cdot p}$$

$$Z_3 = \frac{1}{\rho_{Ni} \cdot c_{Ni} \cdot \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot L \cdot p} \quad s = r \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_{Ni}}}$$

$$Z_\infty = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \lambda_{ep} \cdot L} \frac{K_0(s')}{s' \cdot K_1(s')} \quad s' = r \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_{ep}}}$$

## *Sensitivity analysis*



→ For  $R_c \cong 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \text{K/W}$  : the best heating time is 10ms

## Results

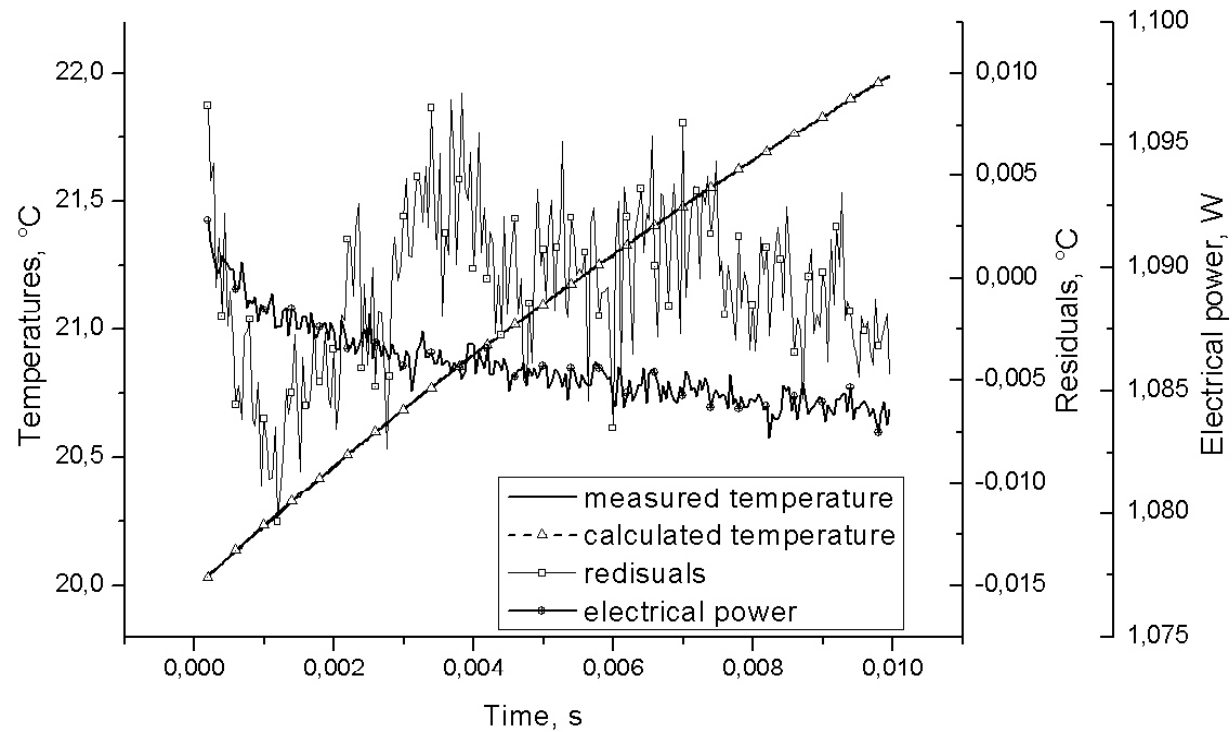
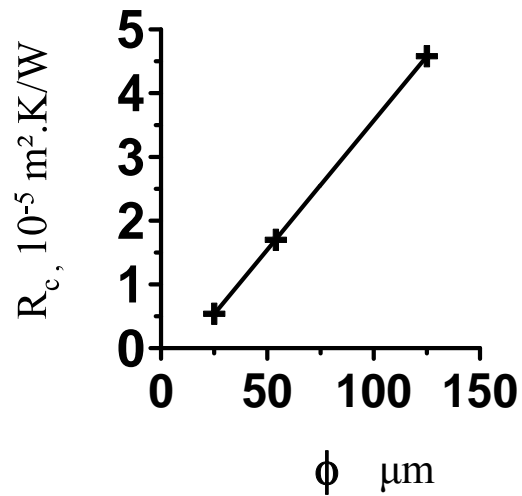


Figure 6. Measured and calculated temperatures, electrical power and residuals (wire with a 125 $\mu$ m diameter- test #1).

## Results

TABLE II. MEASURED THERMAL CONTACT RESISTANCES BETWEEN NICKEL WIRES AND EPOXY RESIN

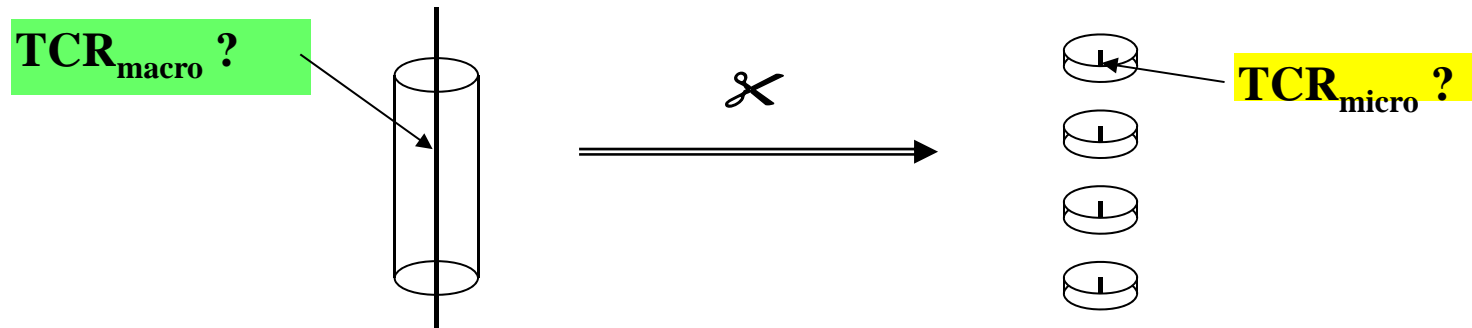
Test	1	2	3	4	5	Averaged $R_c$
$R_c, 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2.\text{K}/\text{W}$ ( 25 $\mu\text{m}$ wire dia.),	0.427	0.638	0.469	0.628	0.534	0.54
$R_c, 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2.\text{K}/\text{W}$ ( 50 $\mu\text{m}$ wire dia.),	1.28	1.66	1.63	1.83	2.08	1.70
$R_c, 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2.\text{K}/\text{W}$ (125 $\mu\text{m}$ wire dia.)	4.51	4.42	4.30	5.73	3.92	4.58



$\phi = 25, 50$  and  $125 \mu\text{m}$

Future work :

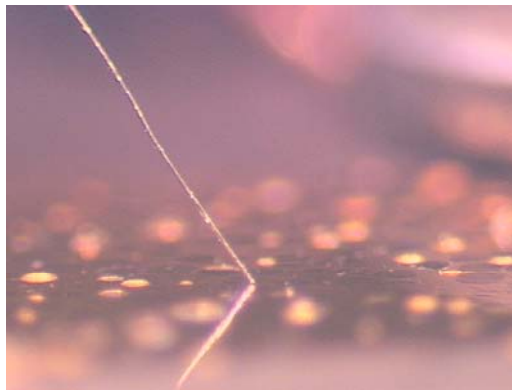
1)  $\text{TCR}_{\text{macro}}^? = \text{TCR}_{\text{micro}}$



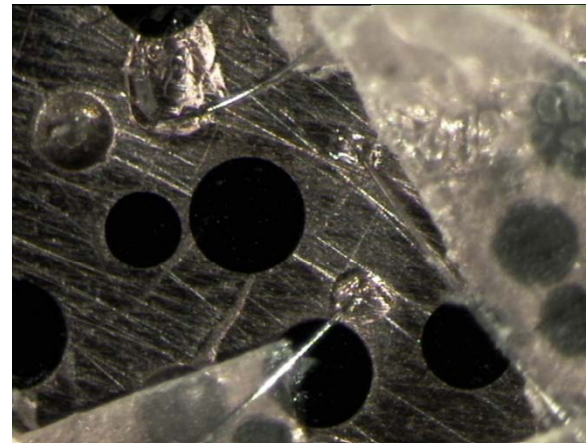


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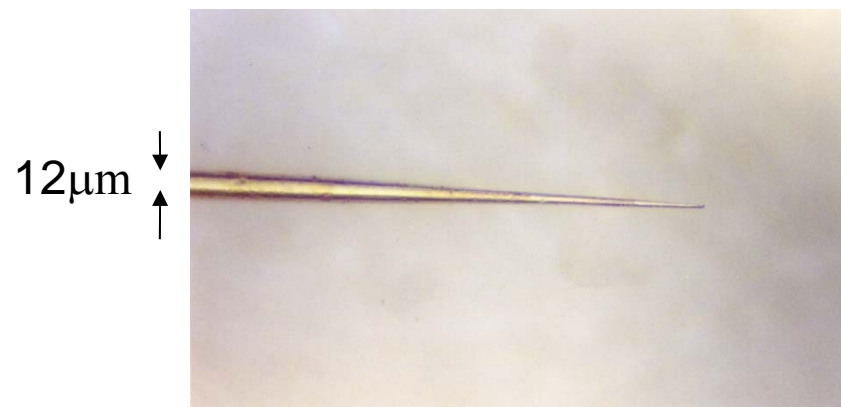
2) Thermal contact resistance between 300  $\mu\text{m}$  carbon particle and copper matrix ?



Nickel wire diam 20 $\mu\text{m}$



Ultrasonic welding  
(Nickel wire diam 20 $\mu\text{m}$ )



Chromel wire, diam. 12 $\mu\text{m}$

## Conclusion

- The greatest transversal thermal conductivity obtained here is  
**2.2 W/ m K**  
(PBT + 43% vol. aluminum fiber – av. length 1.1 mm and av. diameter 0.09mm-)
- Further improvements (higher  $\lambda$  , better uniformity) could come from:
  1. Polymer blend
  2. Foam like metallic filler
  3. Surfactant (?)
  4. Further decrease of the filler size