

*Ionic Liquids: versatility and potential as  
interfacial agents  
for designing physicochemical  
interactions and tailoring morphology  
and properties of nanofilled polymers*

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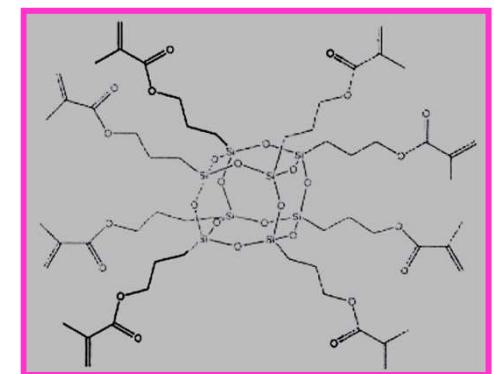
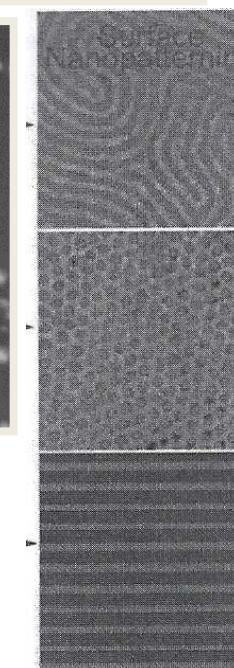
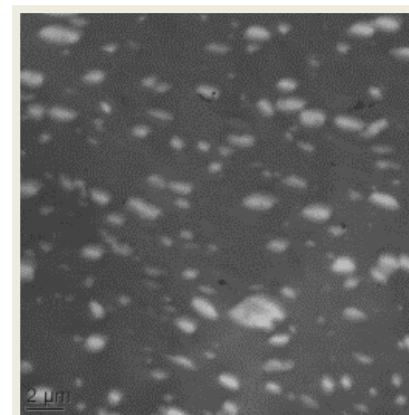
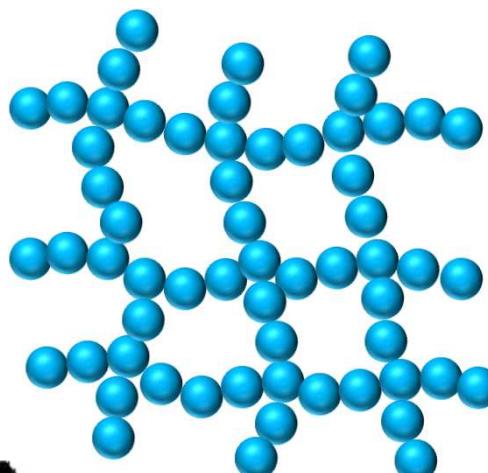
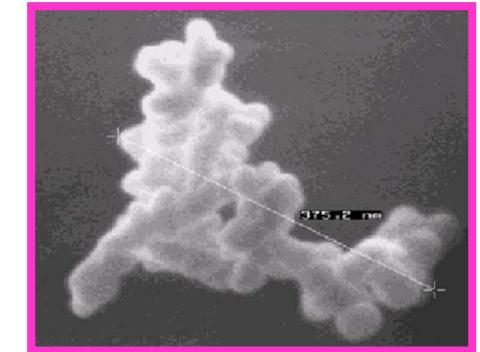
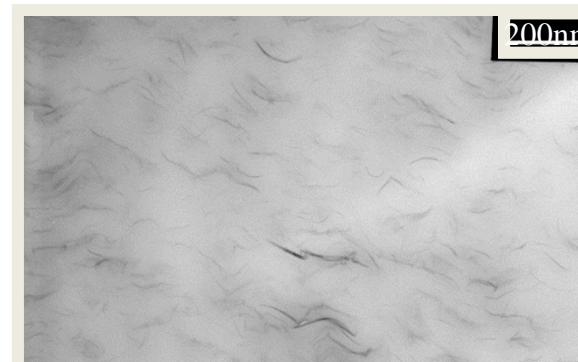
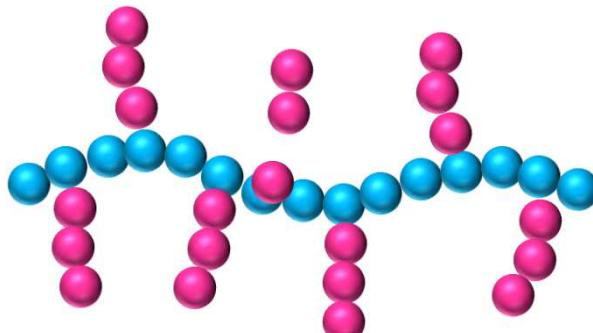
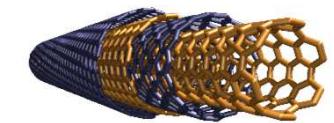
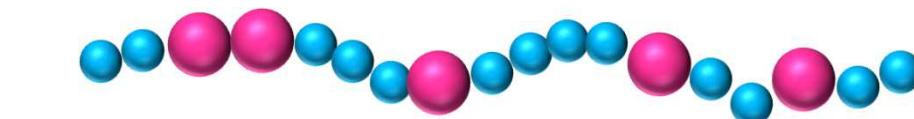
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# Introduction





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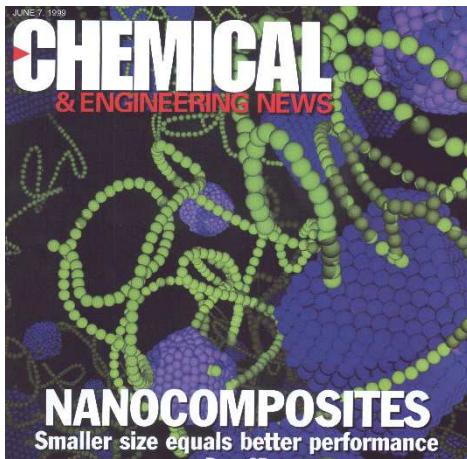
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# Introduction – Nano Effect



## Nanomaterials – Nanocomposites What are fundamental mechanisms? **Introduction of organic or inorganic nanofillers in polymers**



Synergy due to the nanometric objects  
(particles, platelets, whiskers, ...):

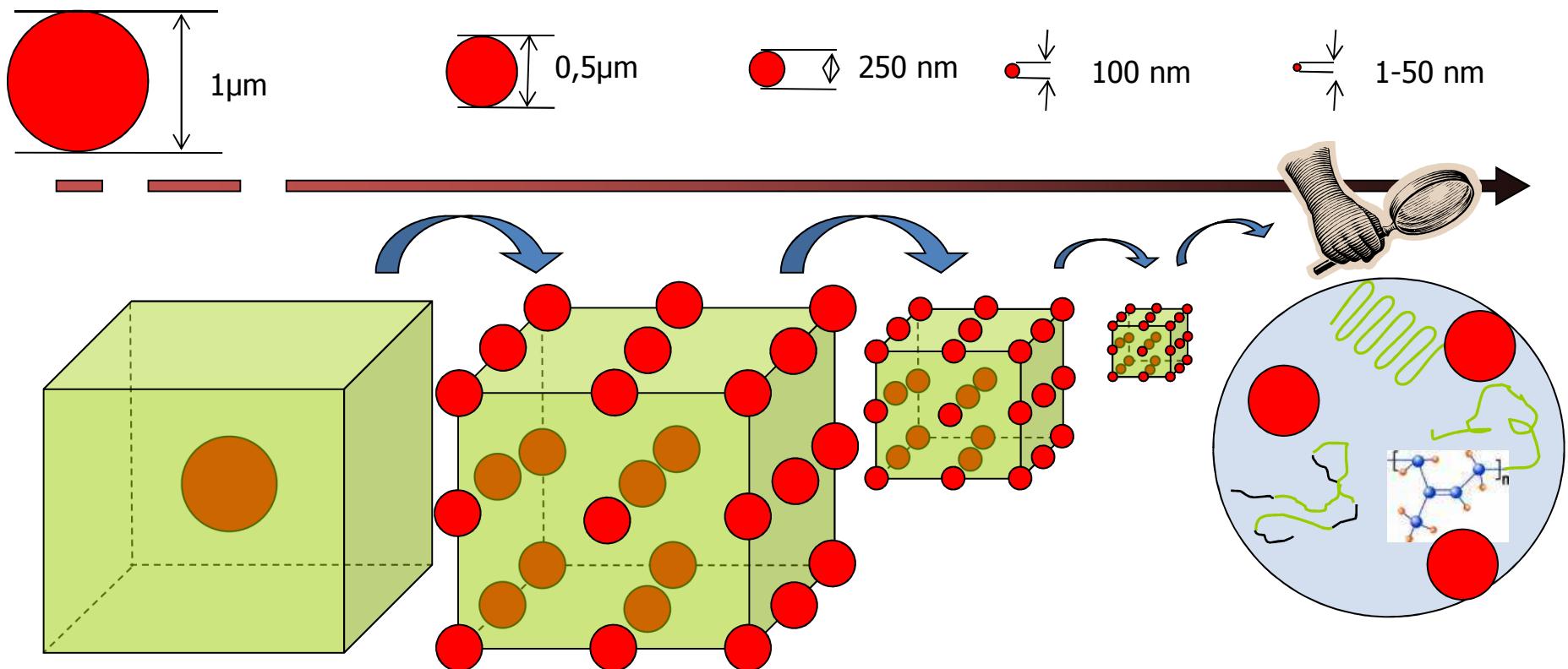
- Size of nano-objects compared to dimensions of polymer chains
- High contact surface/ interfacial areas ('All is interface !')

Changes in polymer chain dynamics from *interfacial interactions*  
That must be controlled by the surface treatment (chemistry of interface)

- Spatial Structuration of nano-objects

# Introduction – Nano Effect

- Size of nanofillers compared to polymer chain dimensions



Large surface-to-volume ratio

→ sensitivity increased in respect to molecular parameters of matrix

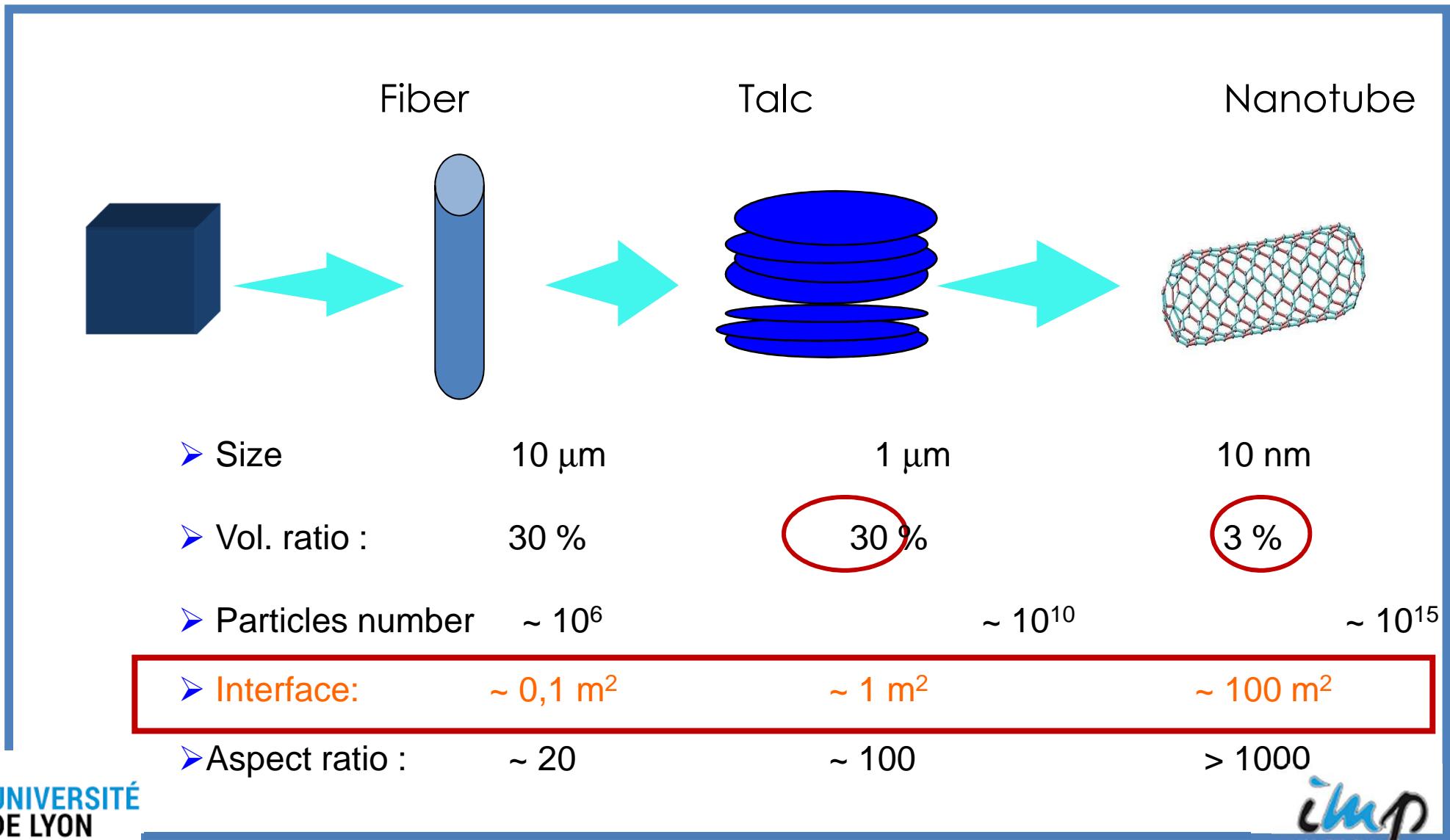
Decrease of particle-particle distance

→ increasing of inter-particles interactions

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- High contact surface / interfacial areas

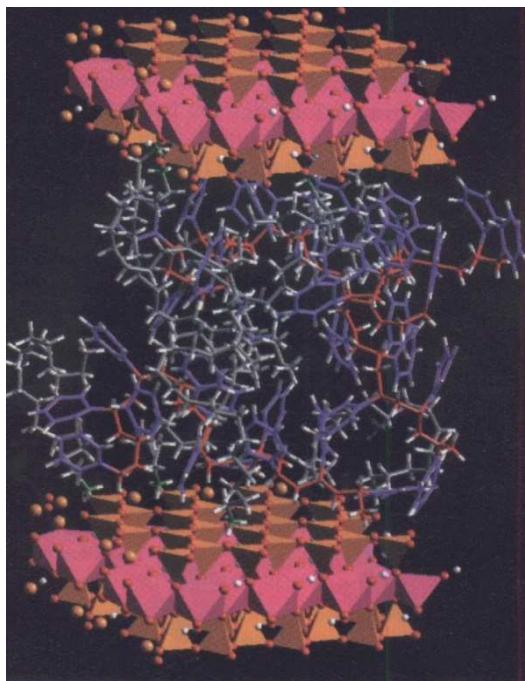
Unexpected behaviours from increase of the interfacial areas



# Introduction –Nano Effect

- High contact surface / interfacial areas

Creation of a high quantity of interfacial areas between polymer and inorganic surface of nanofillers



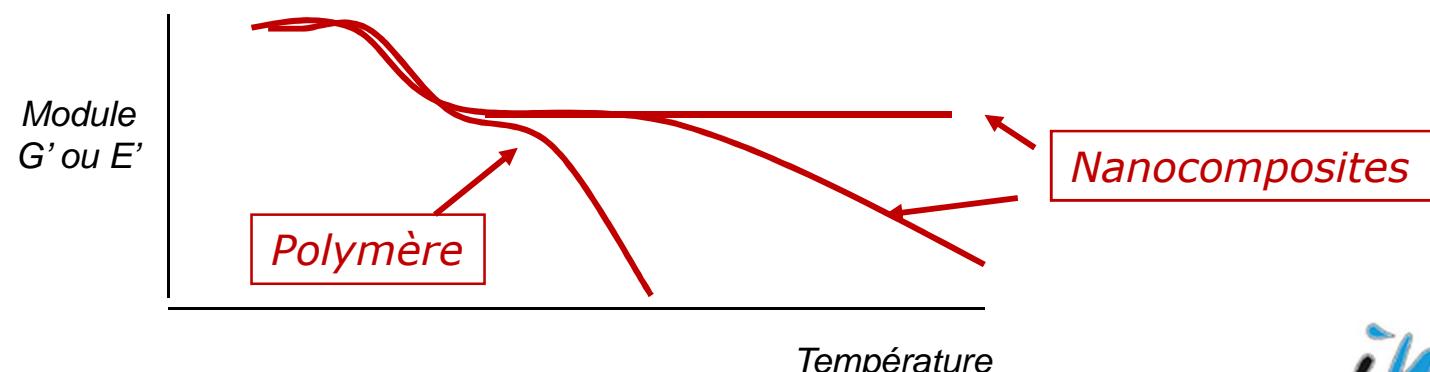
E. Giannelis (2000)

- Modification of molecular mobility (relaxation time)

Glass transition temperature,  $T_g$   
'Bound polymer'

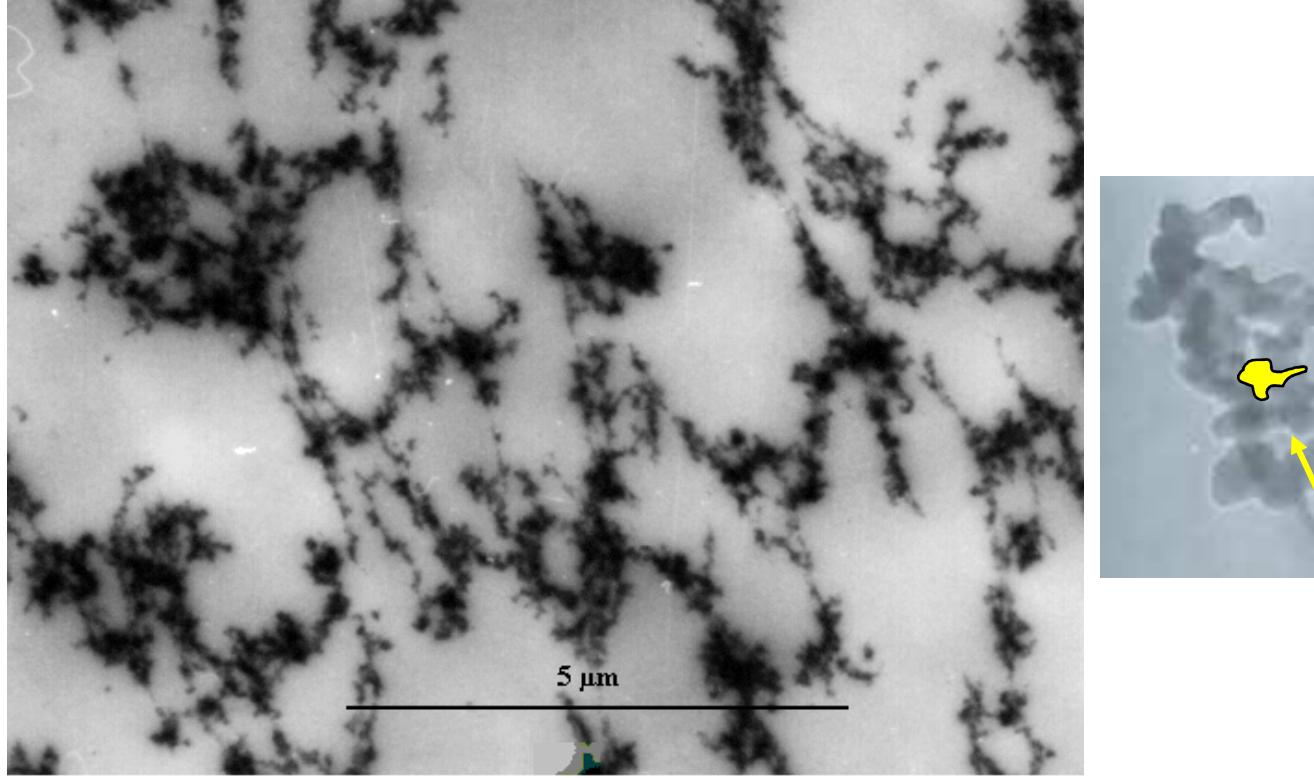
strong or weak interactions at interface

- ➔ Range of mechanical strength *résistance in temperature (HDT)*
- ➔ *TMS behaviour at high temperature*  
*flowing area beyond glass transition*  
(rubbery flow, liquid flow)



# Introduction – Nano effect

- Spatial structuration of nano-objects

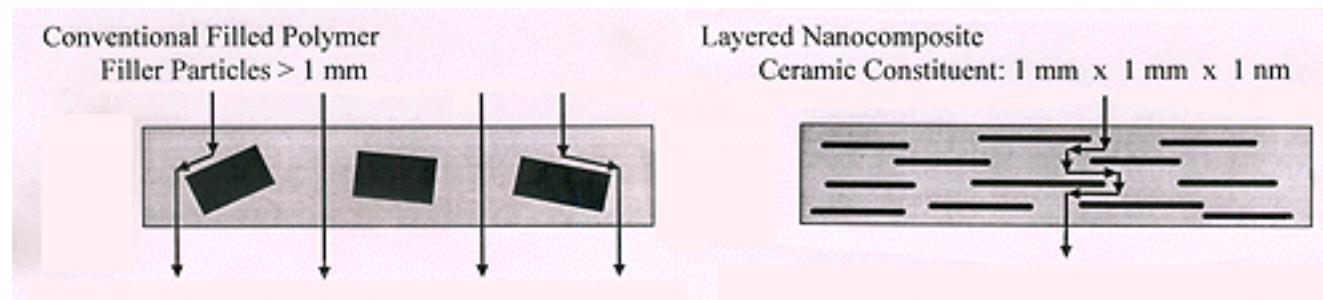


- \* Possibility of nanofillers network formation interactions particule/particule (percolating network)
- \* Occlusive volume – apparent volume ratio higher than real introduced ratio

# Introduction – Nano effect

- Spatial structuration of nano-objects

Structuration/assembling of 3D nanofillers



Tortuosity of medium in order to deviate nanofillers

→ Propagation of a crack

Surface Creation  $\Rightarrow K_{IC}, G_{IC}$ : Fracture Energy  
Mechanical Properties

→ Diffusion of small organic molecules (gaz, solvents)  
Permeability / membranes

→ Diffusion of electrical charges  
Conductivity / dielectrical properties

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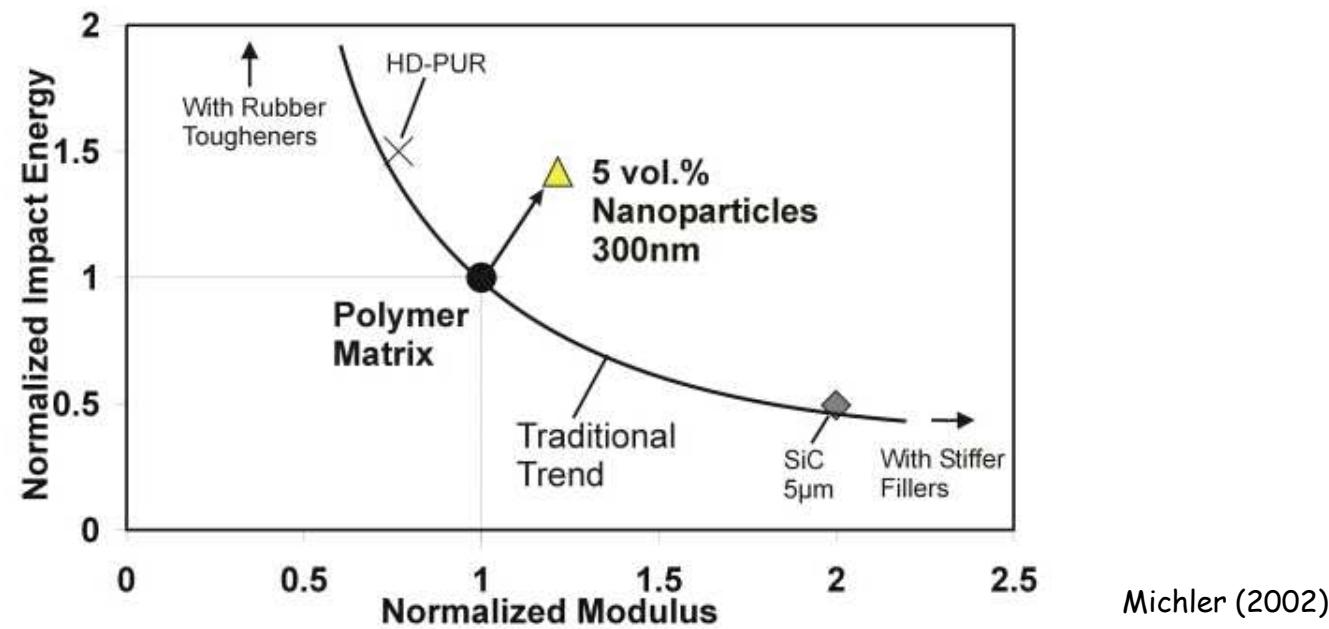
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Compromise between paradoxical properties?

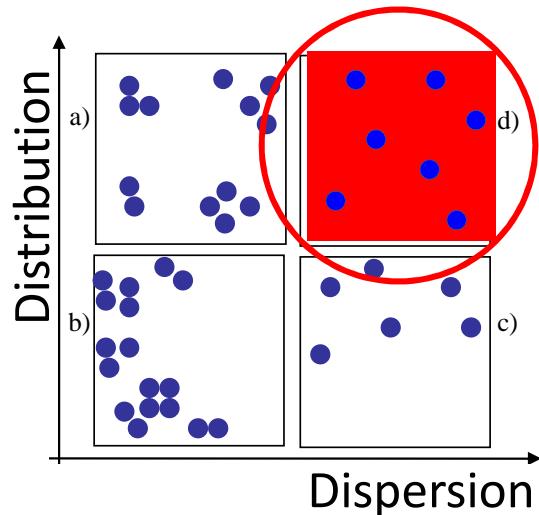
Example / mechanical properties

Compromise 'Toughness-Stiffness' – An answer ?

Exemple: Nanocomposites vs. Microcomposites



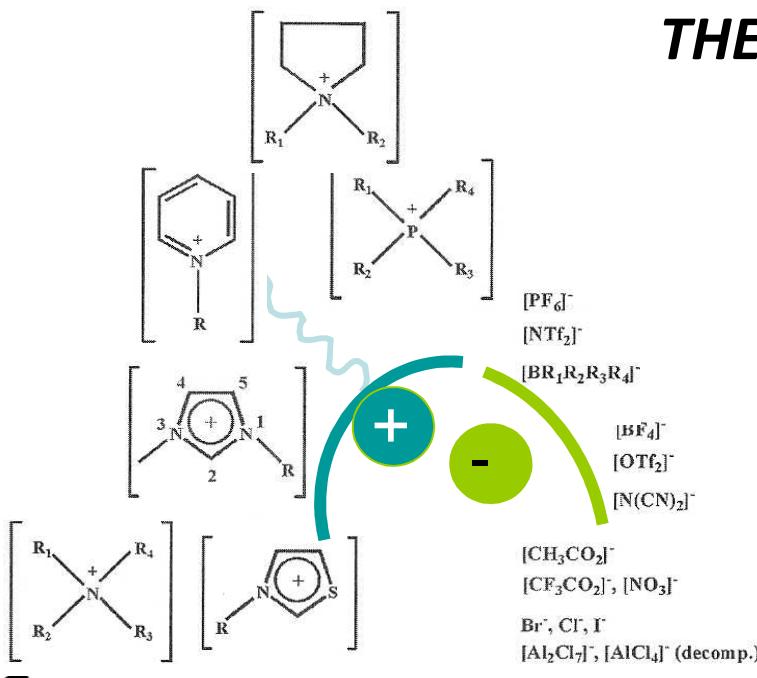
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If dispersion is succeeded,  
1 hectare of interface can be generated !



Tailoring of physicochemistry interactions  
at interfaces required



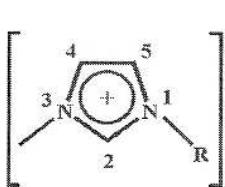
## ***THERMOSTABLE IONIC LIQUIDS : NEW ALTERNATIVE***

*Organic Salts with  $T_m < 100^\circ C$*

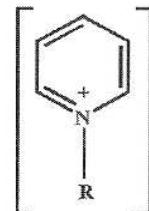
- Low vapor pressure
- Not explosive
- Great chemical stability
- Great thermal stability (up to  $300^\circ C$ )
- High ionic conductivity
- Large electrochemical range
- Liquid state on a large temperature range

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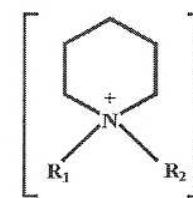
Most commonly used cations:



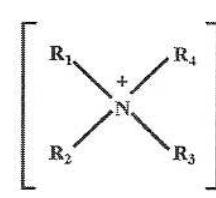
1-alkyl-3-methyl-imidazolium



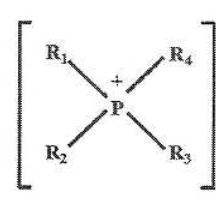
N-alkyl-pyridinium



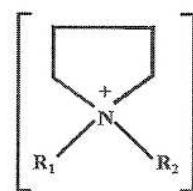
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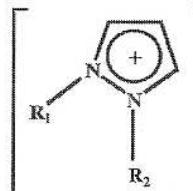
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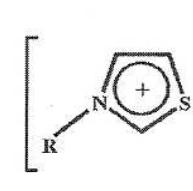
Tetraalkyl-phosphonium



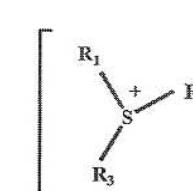
N-alkyl-N-methyl-pyrrolidinium



1,2-dialkyl-pyrazolium



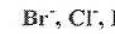
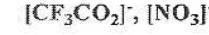
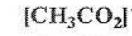
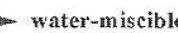
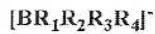
N-alkyl-thiazolium



Trialkyl-sulfonium

$R_{1,2,3,4} = CH_3(CH_2)_n$  ( $n = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9$ ); aryl; etc.

Some possible anions:



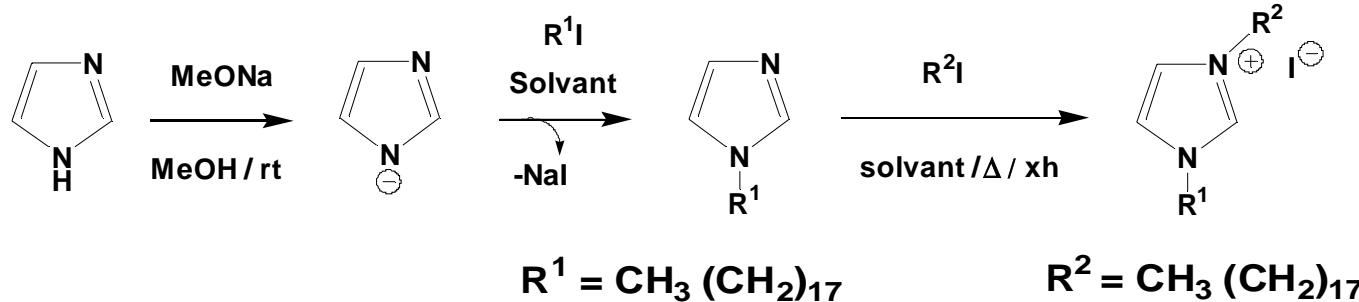
Combinaison Cation/Anion

Relevant synthesis

Specific Properties of ILs

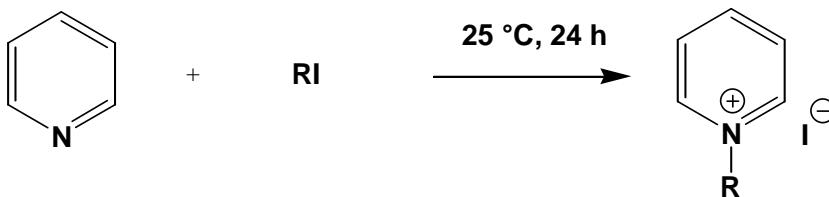
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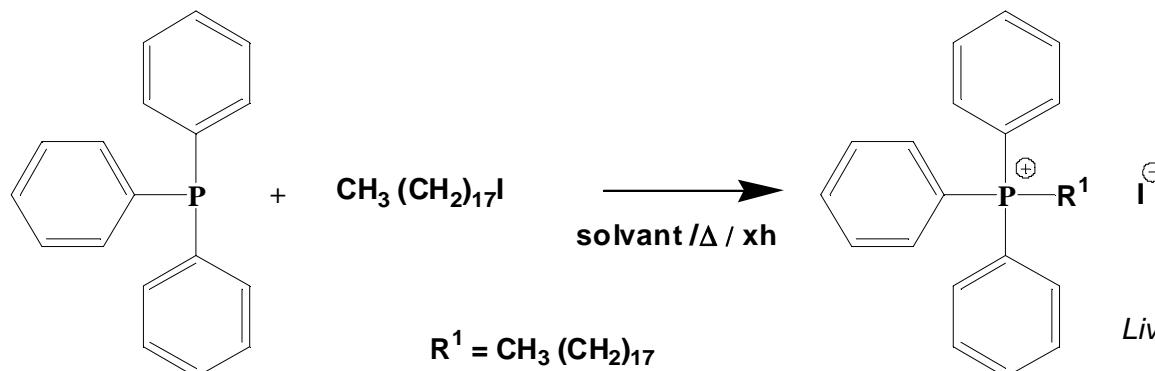
$C_{18}C_{18}\text{Im}$

- Synthesis of octadecylpyridinium iodide



$C_{18}\text{Py}$

- Synthesis of triphenyloctadecylphosphonium iodide



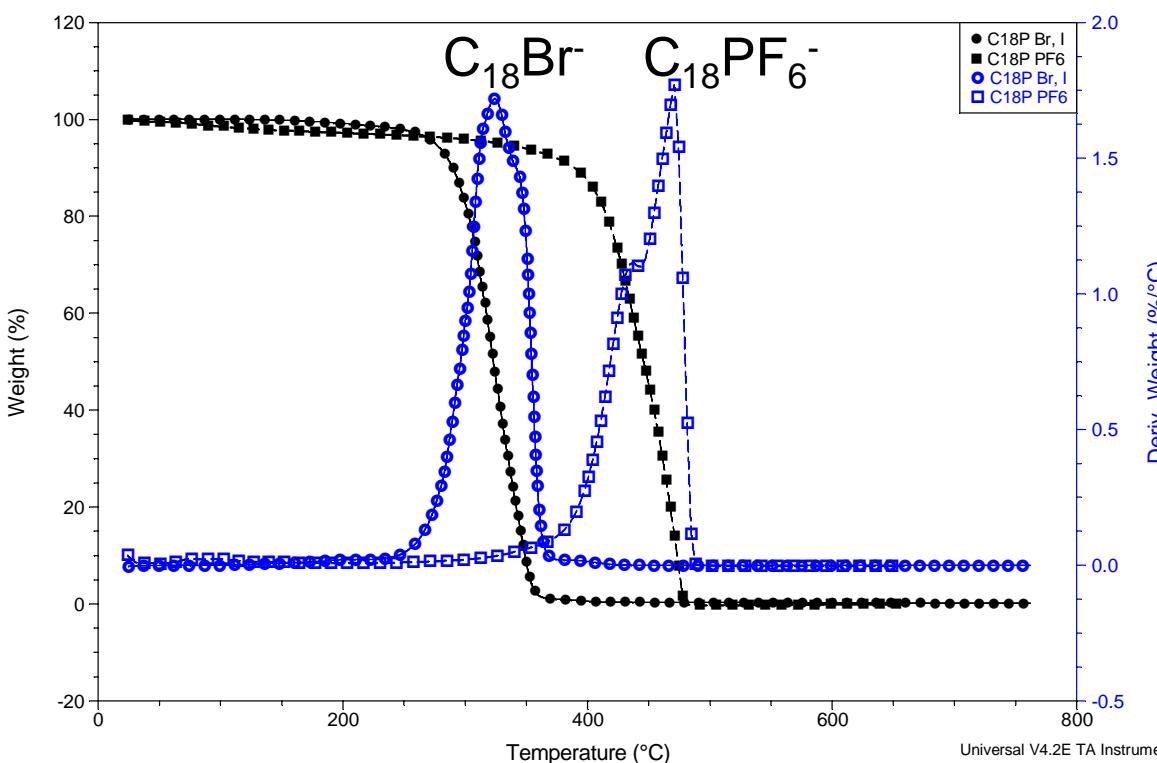
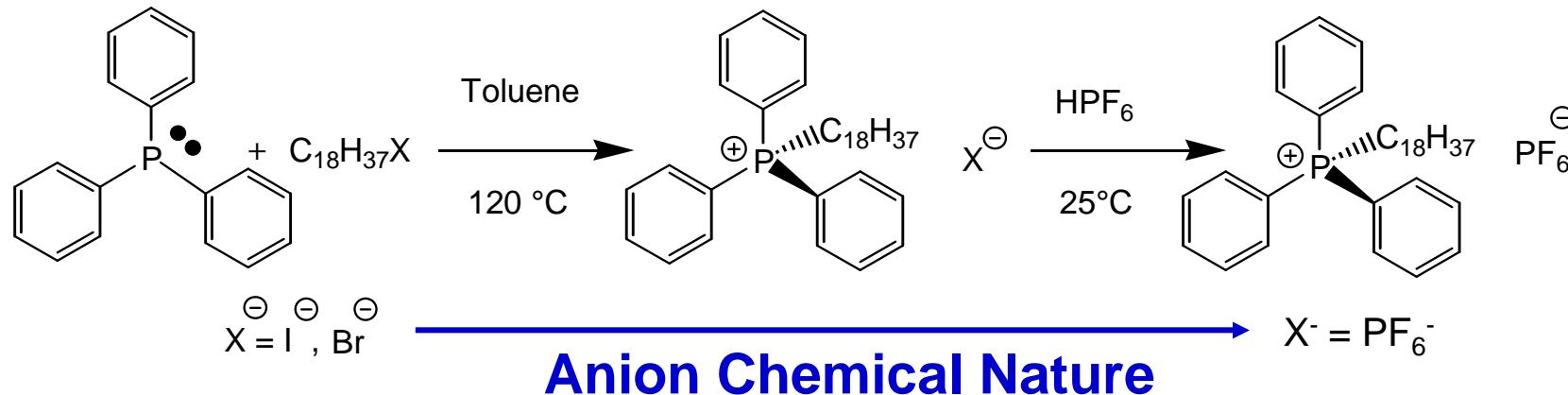
$C_{18}\text{P}$

Cation Chemical Nature

Livi, Gérard, Duchet. Chemical Communications, 47 3589 (2011).

Many cation/anion combinations make its tunable for specific applications

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Fluoride Anion improves  
the thermal stability of phosphonium  
Ionic Liquid

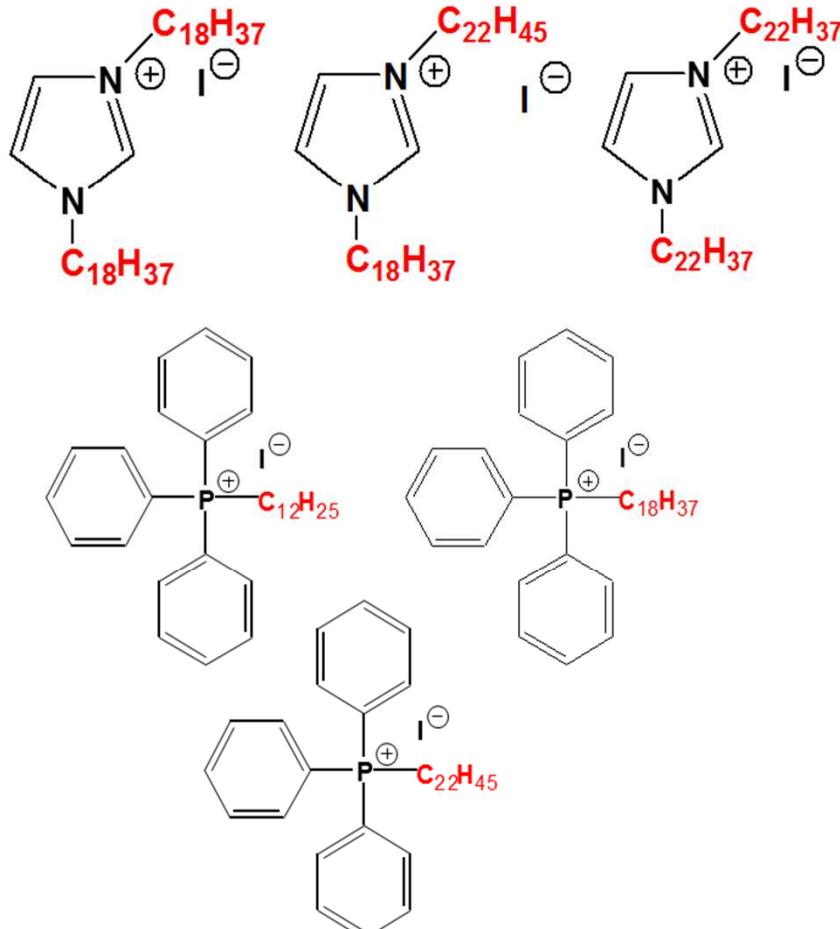
+  $140\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  between  $Br^-$  or  $I^-$   
and  $PF_6^-$

Livi, Duchet, Gérard. J.Coll. Interf. Sci. 354, 556-562 (2011).

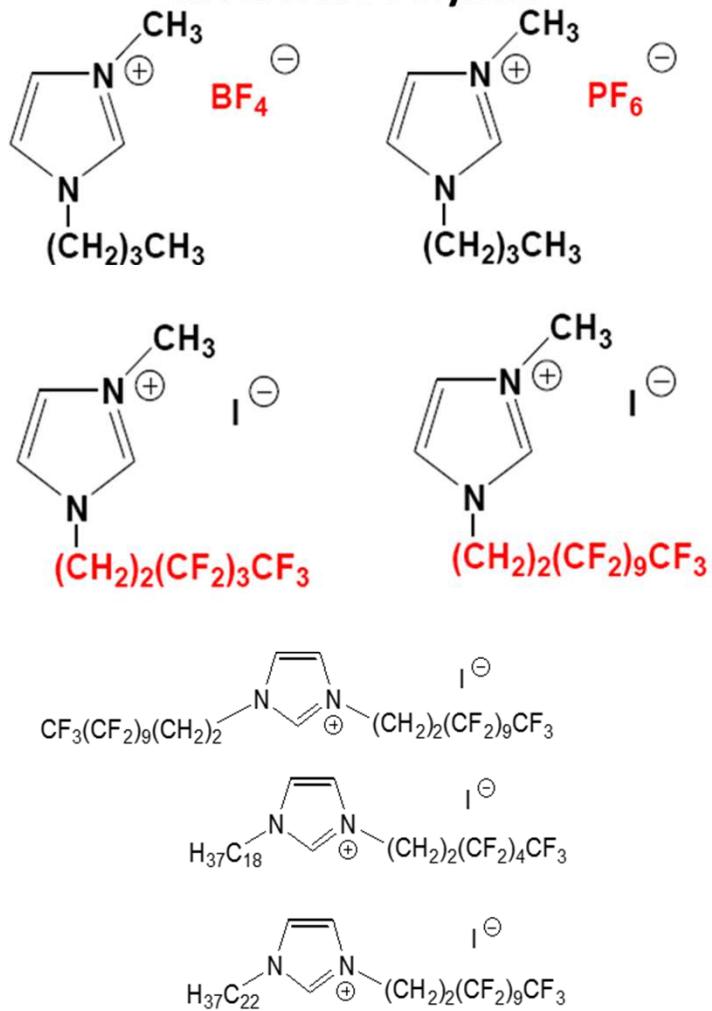
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*Tunability of IIs towards the matrix*

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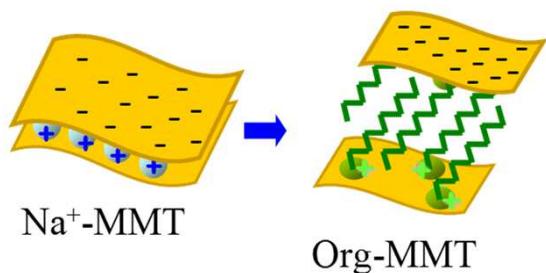


## 2. Fluoride Polymer



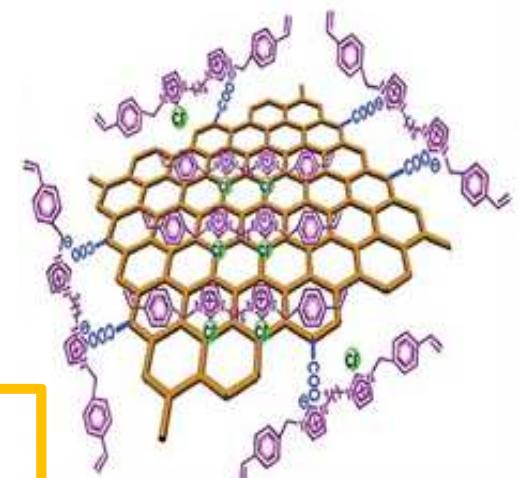
## *IONIC LIQUIDS as Interfacial agents able to establish different types of interactions*

### **IONIC INTERACTIONS**



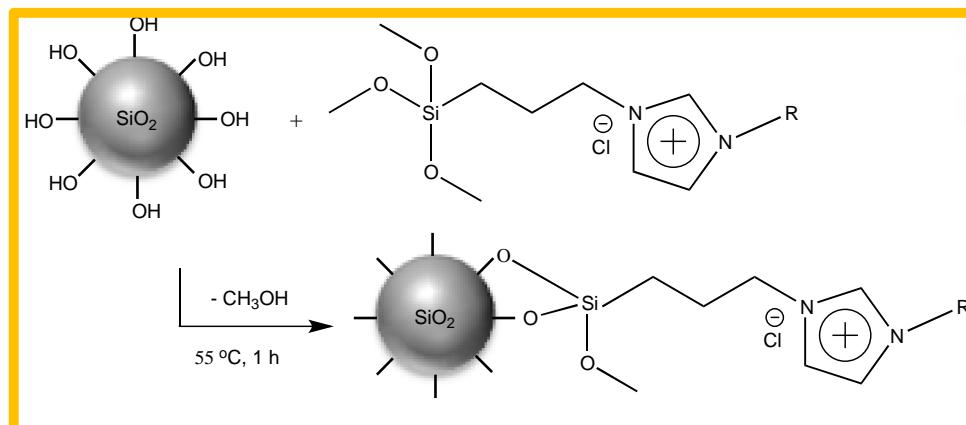
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### **$\pi-\pi$ INTERACTIONS**



Yang et al,  
J. Mater. Chem. 2012, 22, 5666-5675

### **COVALENT INTERACTIONS**



Kango, S.; Kalia, S.; Celli, A.; Njuguna, J.; Habibi, Y.; Kumar, R. *Prog. Polym. Sci.* 2013.  
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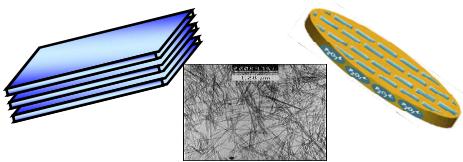
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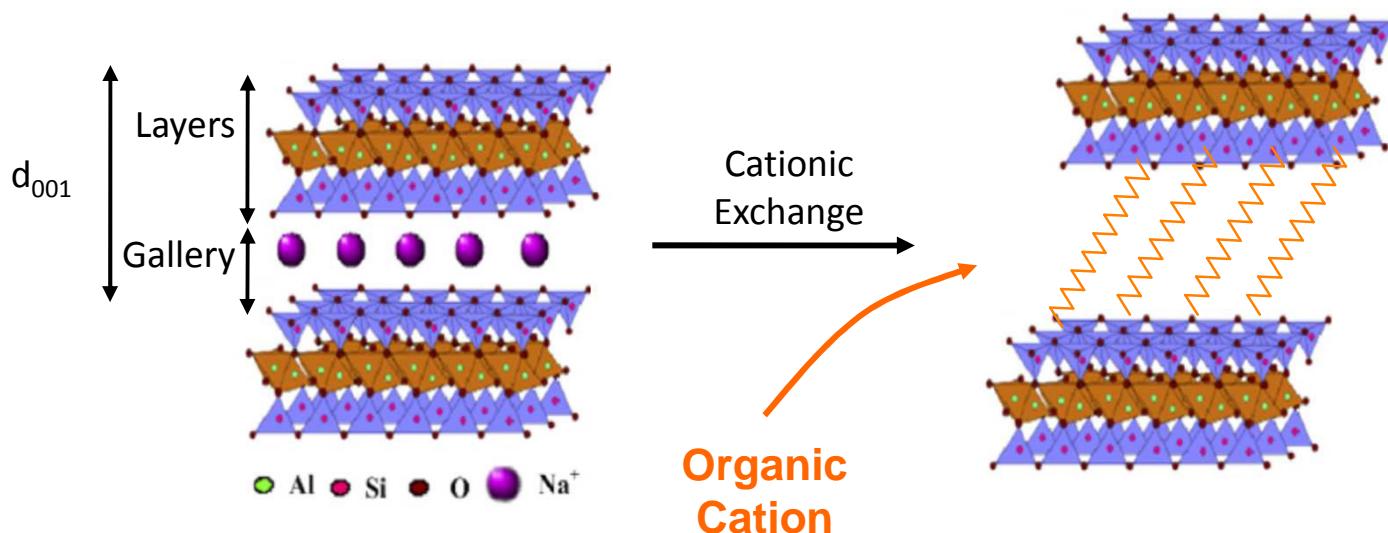
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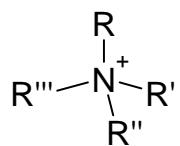


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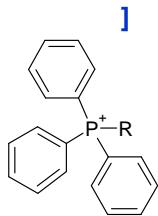
*Layered Silicates  
(montmorillonite, hectorite, laponite...)*



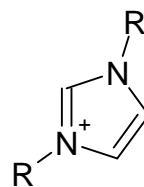
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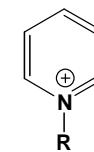
### Phosphonium<sup>[2,3]</sup>



### Imidazolium<sup>[2,3]</sup>



### Pyridinium



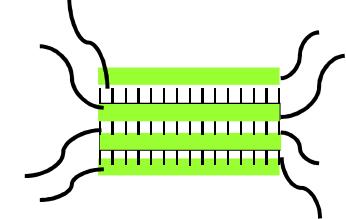
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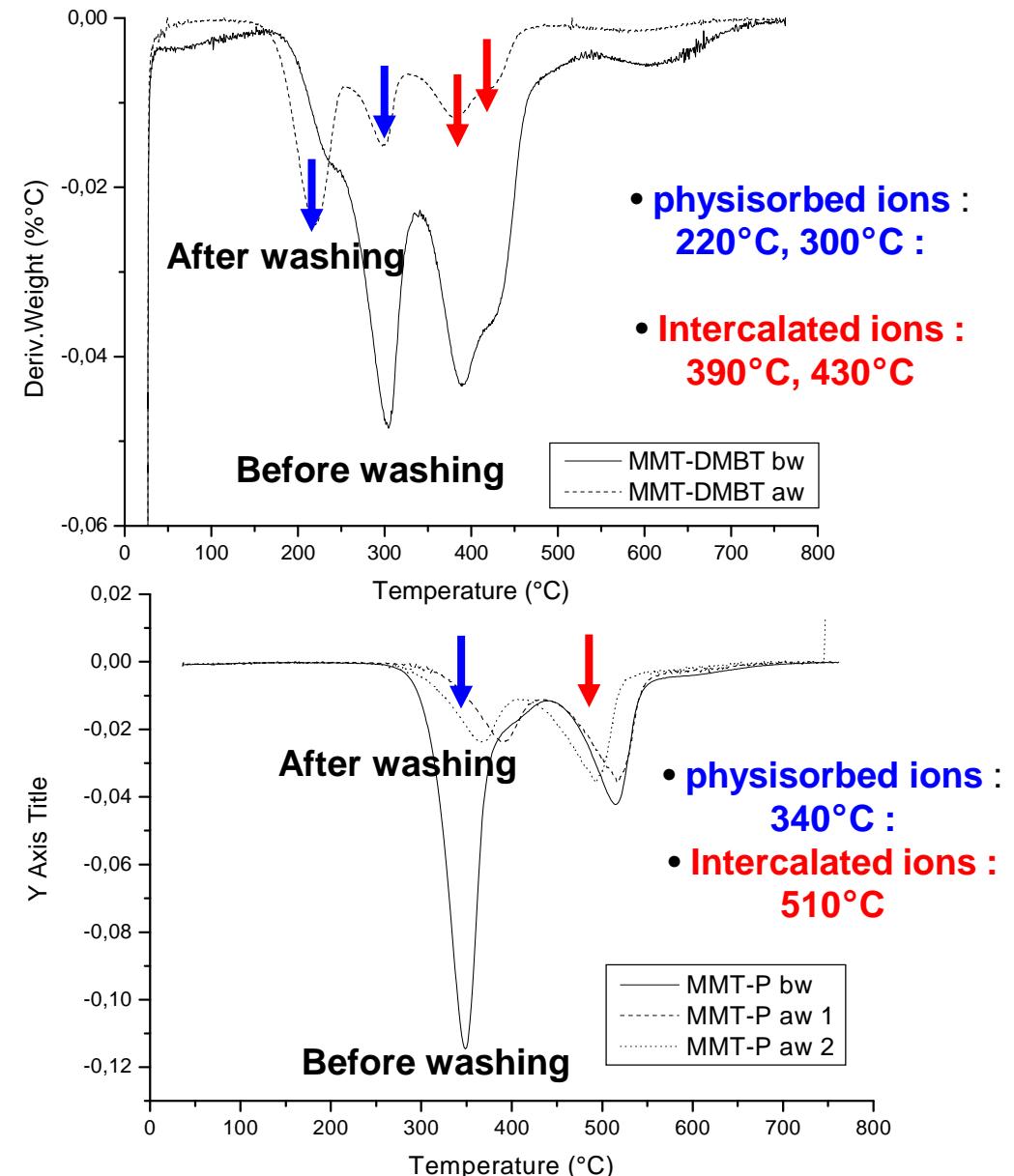
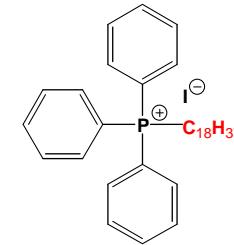
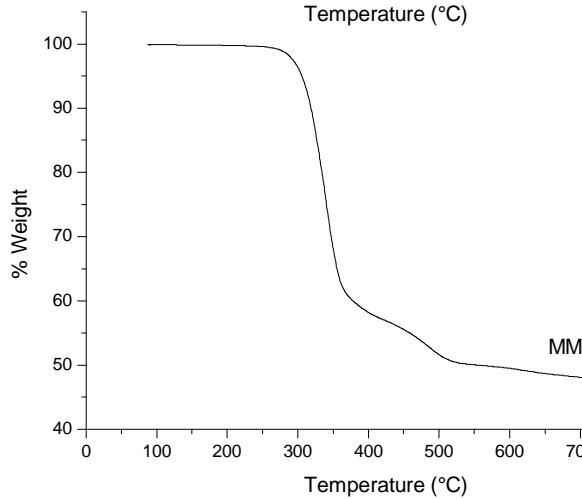
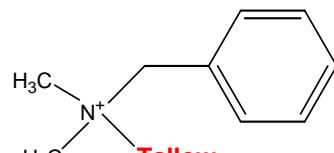
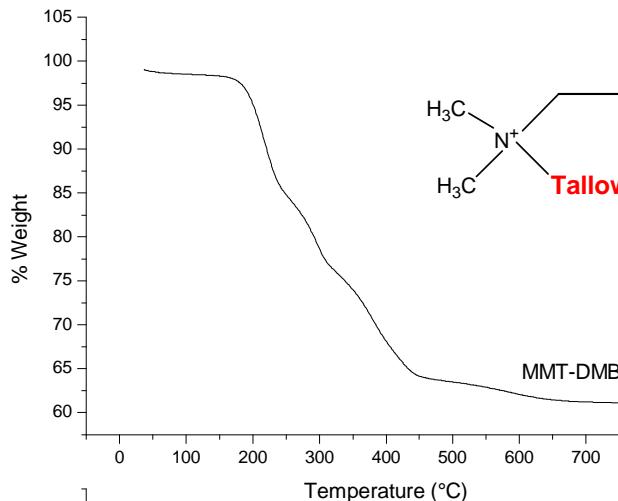
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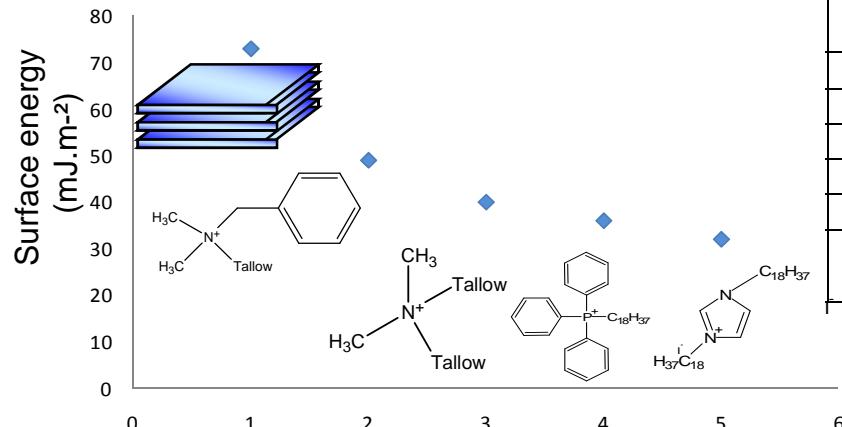
Thermal stability tuned by chemical nature of cation



# Ils : Interfacial agents for layered silicates



*Rendering inorganic filler organophilic i.e. compatible with the matrix*



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MMT-Na <sup>+</sup>	30	73
MMT-DMDT	9	40
MMT-DMBT	14	49
MMT-P	2	37
MMT-I	1	32
Polyethylene [28]	0	34

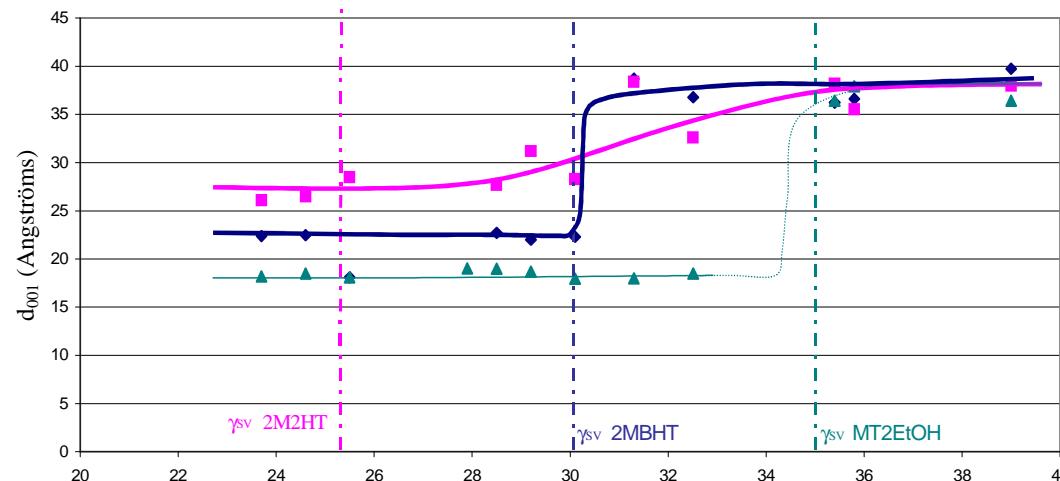
## Modification of surface energy by LIs

- Decrease of surface energy
- Very low non dispersive component
- Very hydrophobic lamellar fillers

Surface energy similar to polyethylene one : better compatibility of IL-modified MMT ?



*A key parameter : Surface Energy*



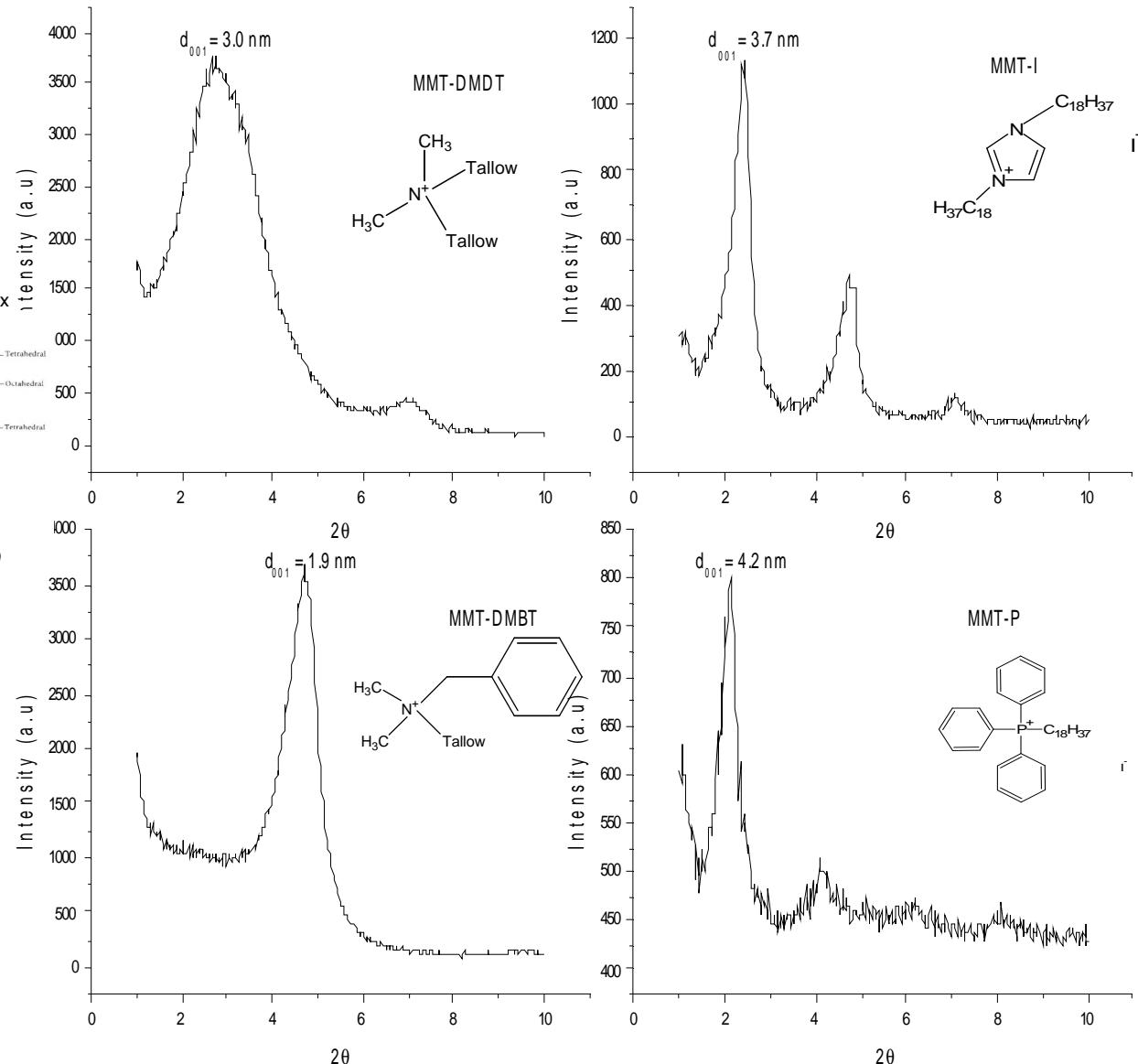
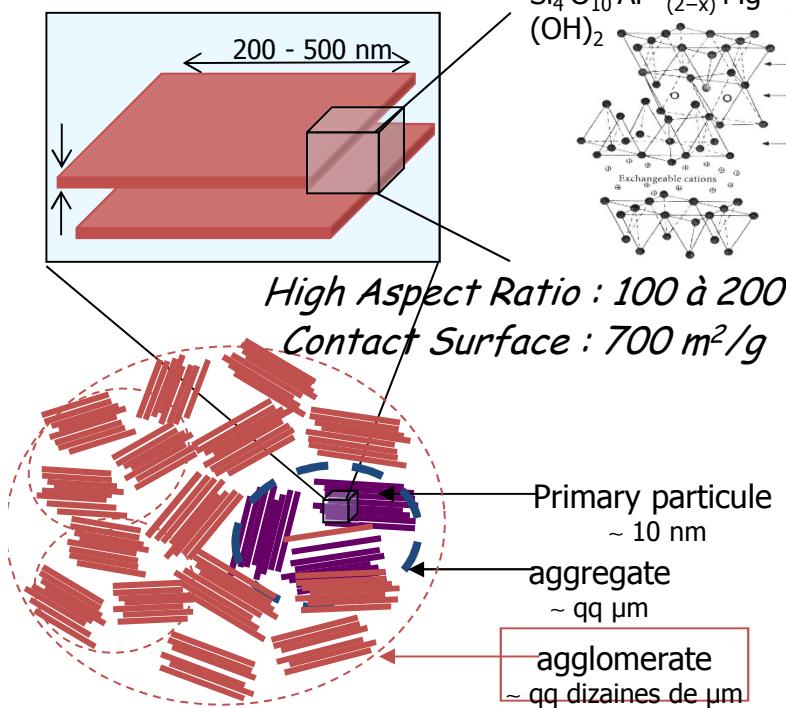
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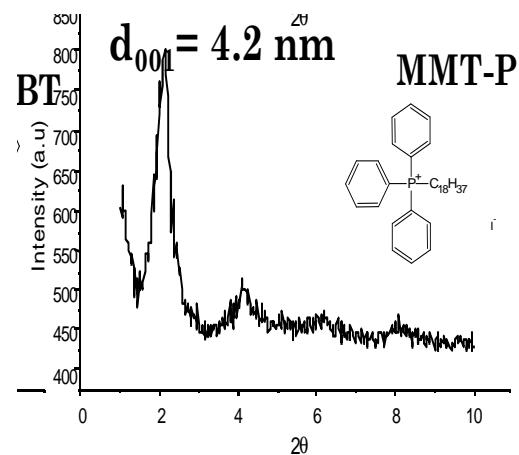
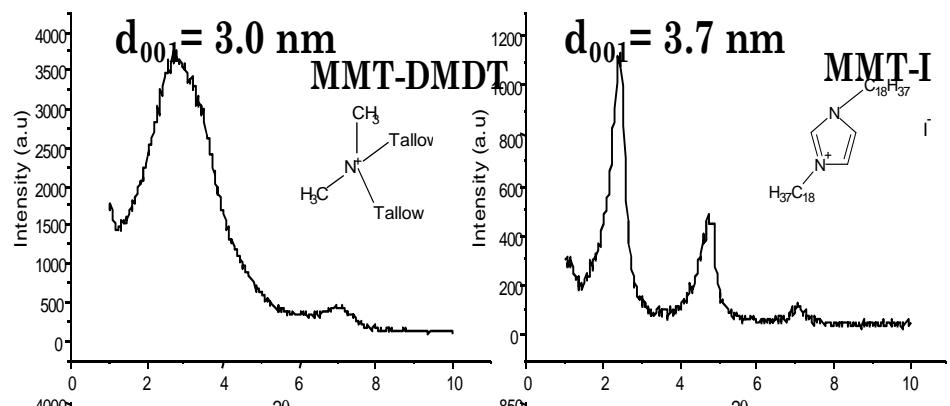
*Significant increase of interlayers distances relevant to polymer chains intercalation*

# 4-Is as interfacial agents

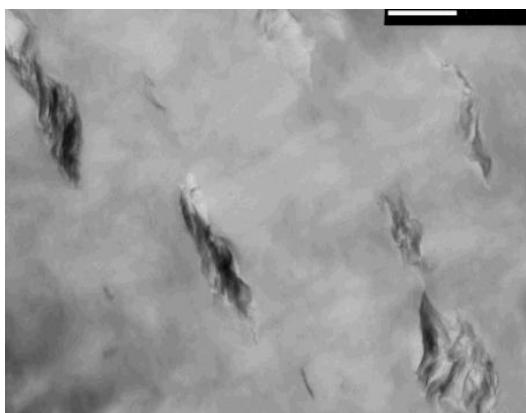
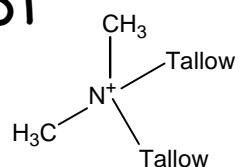
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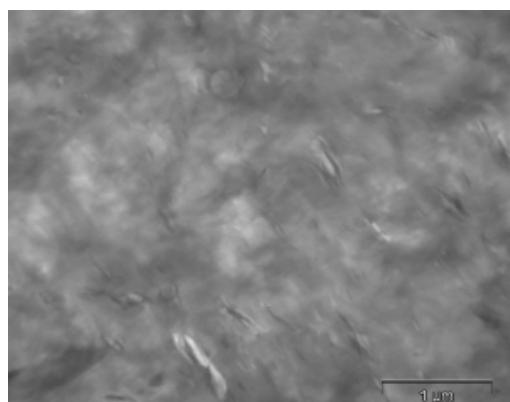
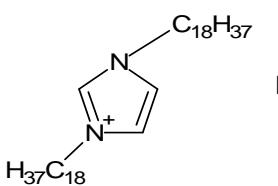
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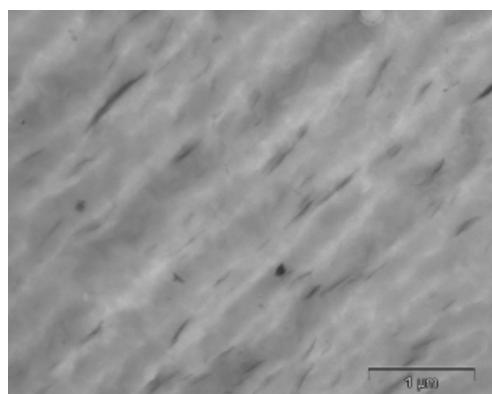
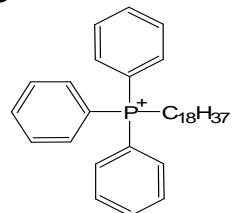
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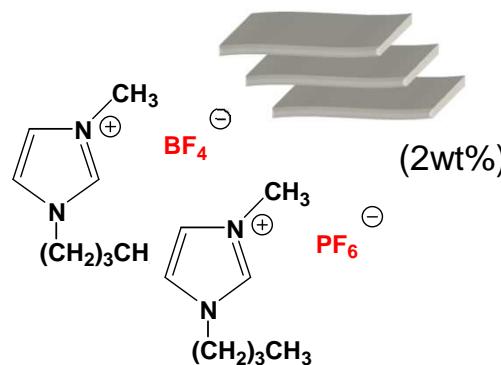
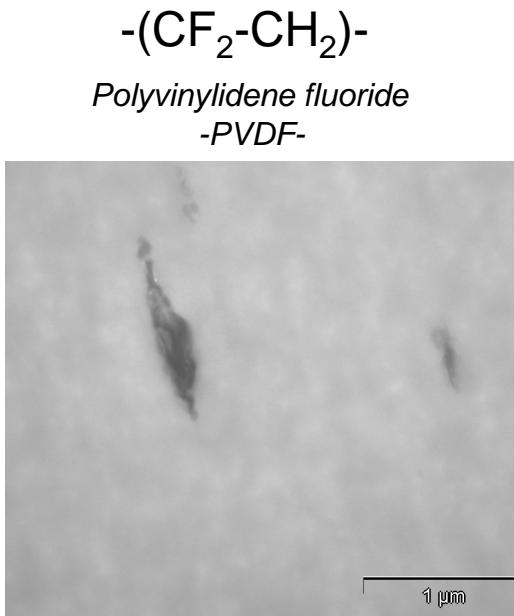


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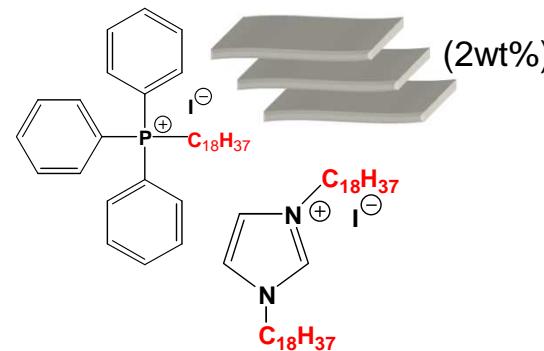
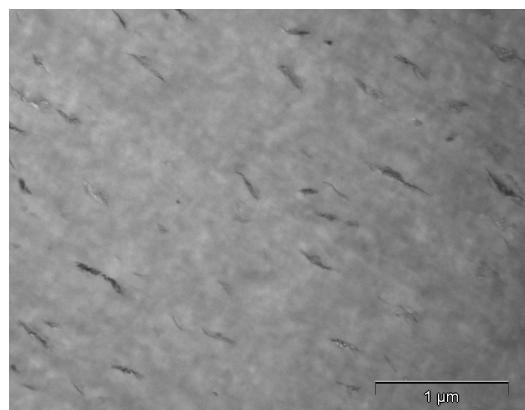
# Ils : Interfacial agents for layered silicates

## Melt Processing of Imidazolium modified lamellar silicates within PVDF matrix



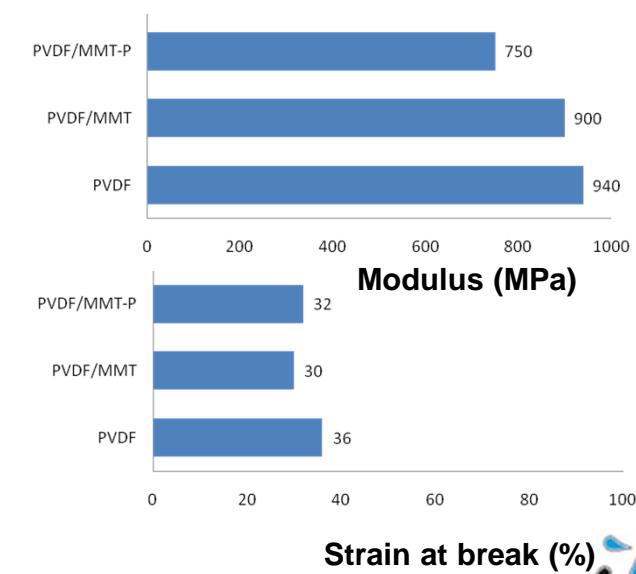
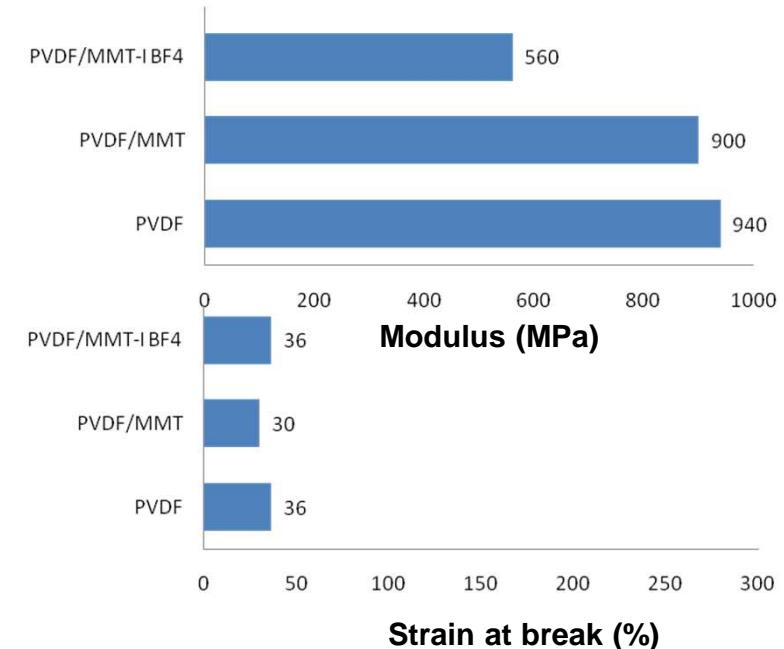
Decrease of modulus : - 40%  
No change of Strain at Break : 0%

Microcomposite

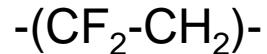


Decrease of modulus : - 20%  
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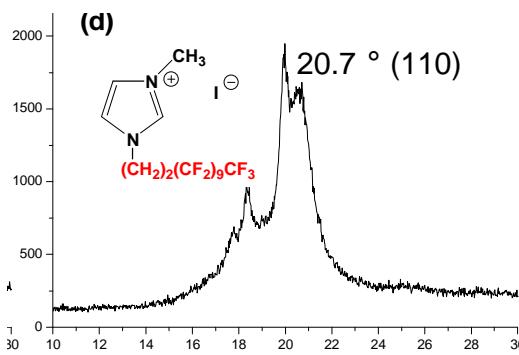
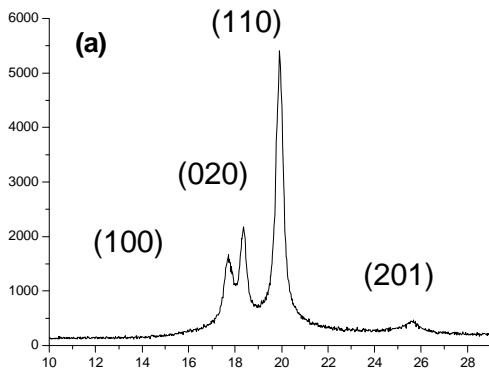
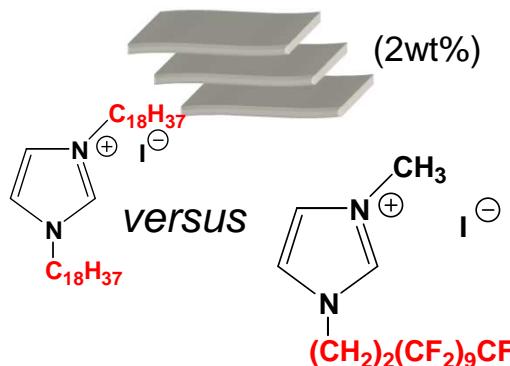
Intercalated  
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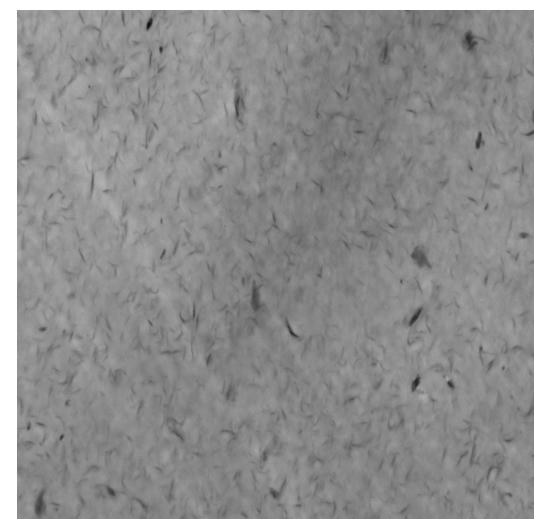
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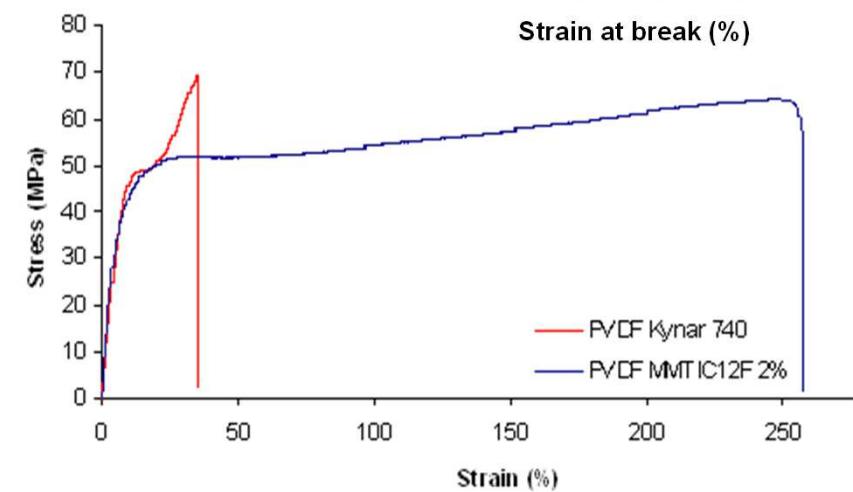
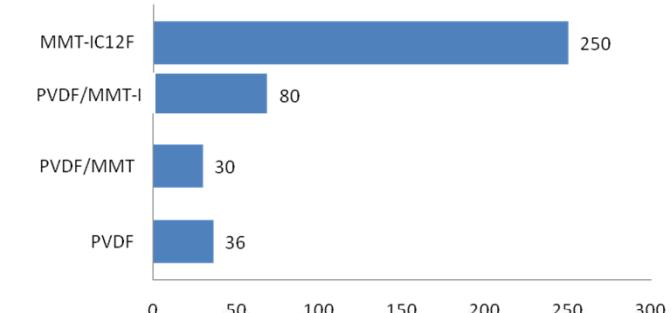
Polyvinylidene fluoride  
-PVDF-



$\beta$  crystalline form  
Ideal for dielectrical properties

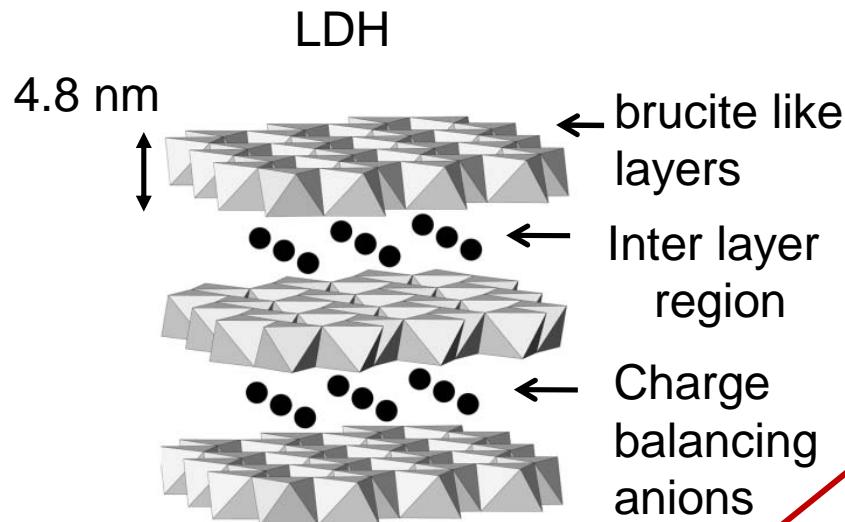


**Exfoliated  
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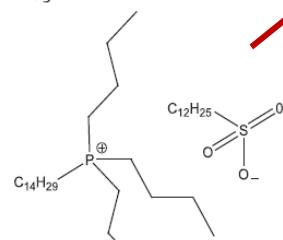


Plasticization of the PVDF matrix  
upon addition of  
treated MMT by perfluorinated imidazolium

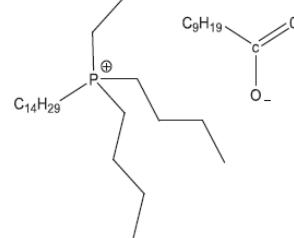
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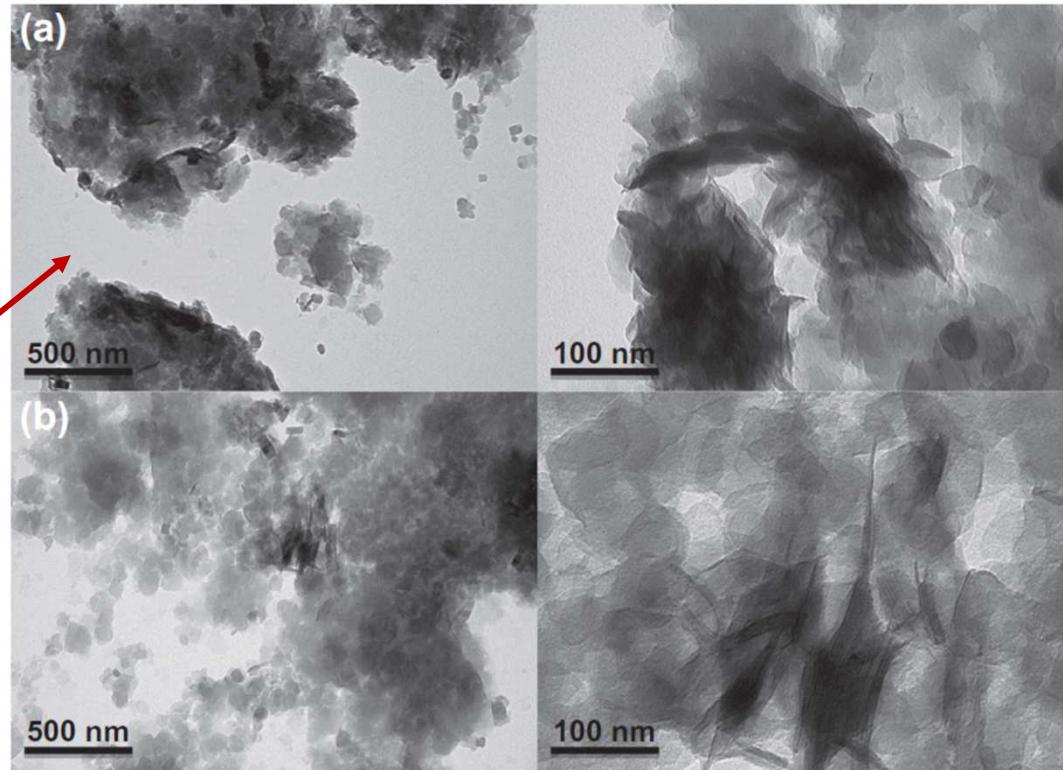
Trade name	Intercalant	Designation
IL201	NO <sub>3</sub>	LDH-NO <sub>3</sub> LDH-P1



Trade name	Intercalant	Designation
IL103	NO <sub>3</sub>	LDH-P2



## Layered double hydroxides modified with ionic liquids in polylactic acid matrix



Sample	Tensile modulus (MPa)	Strain at break (%)	Glass transition (°C)	Xc
PLA	2215	3.7	62	53
PLA/LDH-NO <sub>3</sub>	2200	2.8	61	53
PLA/LDH-P1	2116	3.6	59	52
PLA/LDH-P2	2147	9.5	53	48



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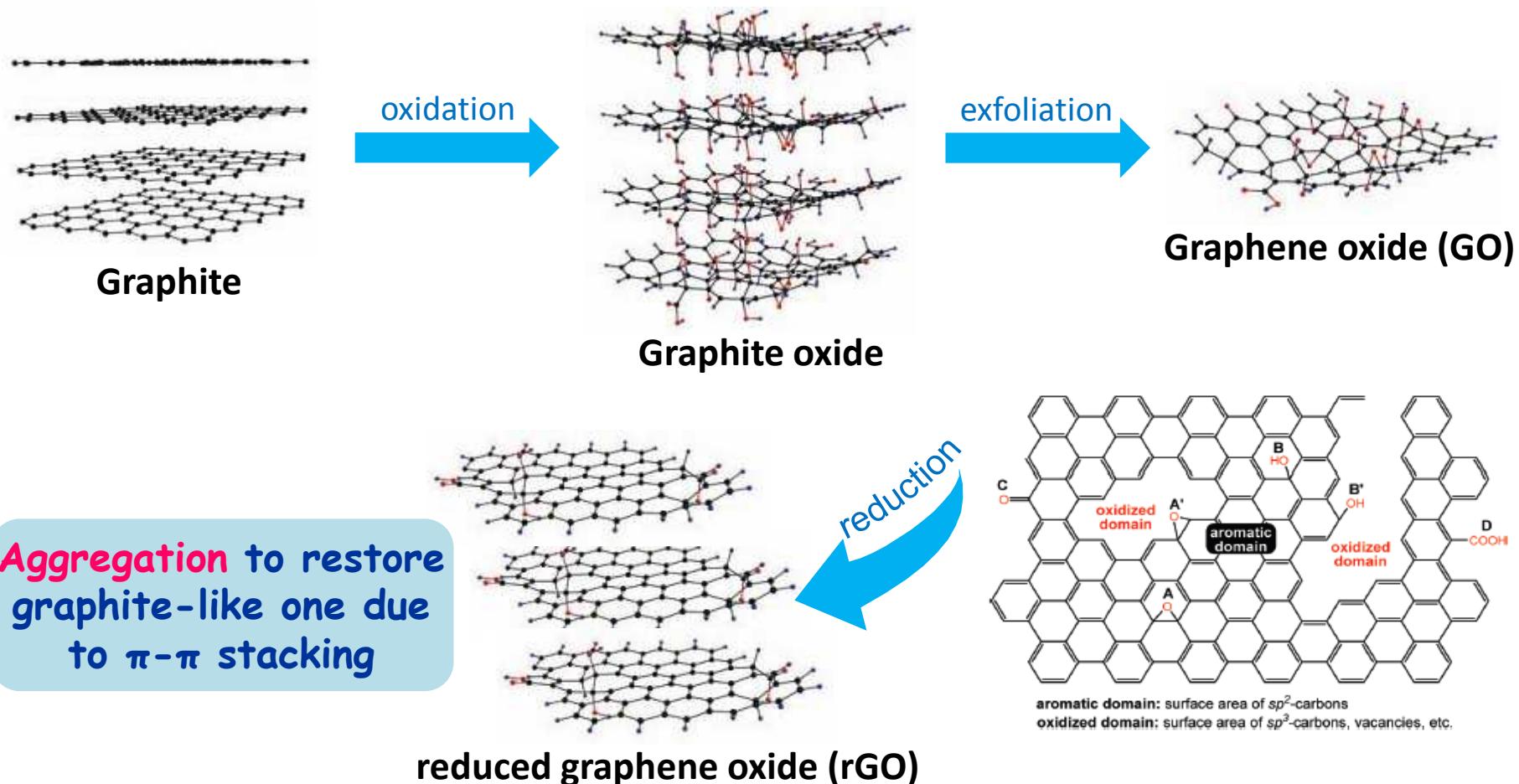
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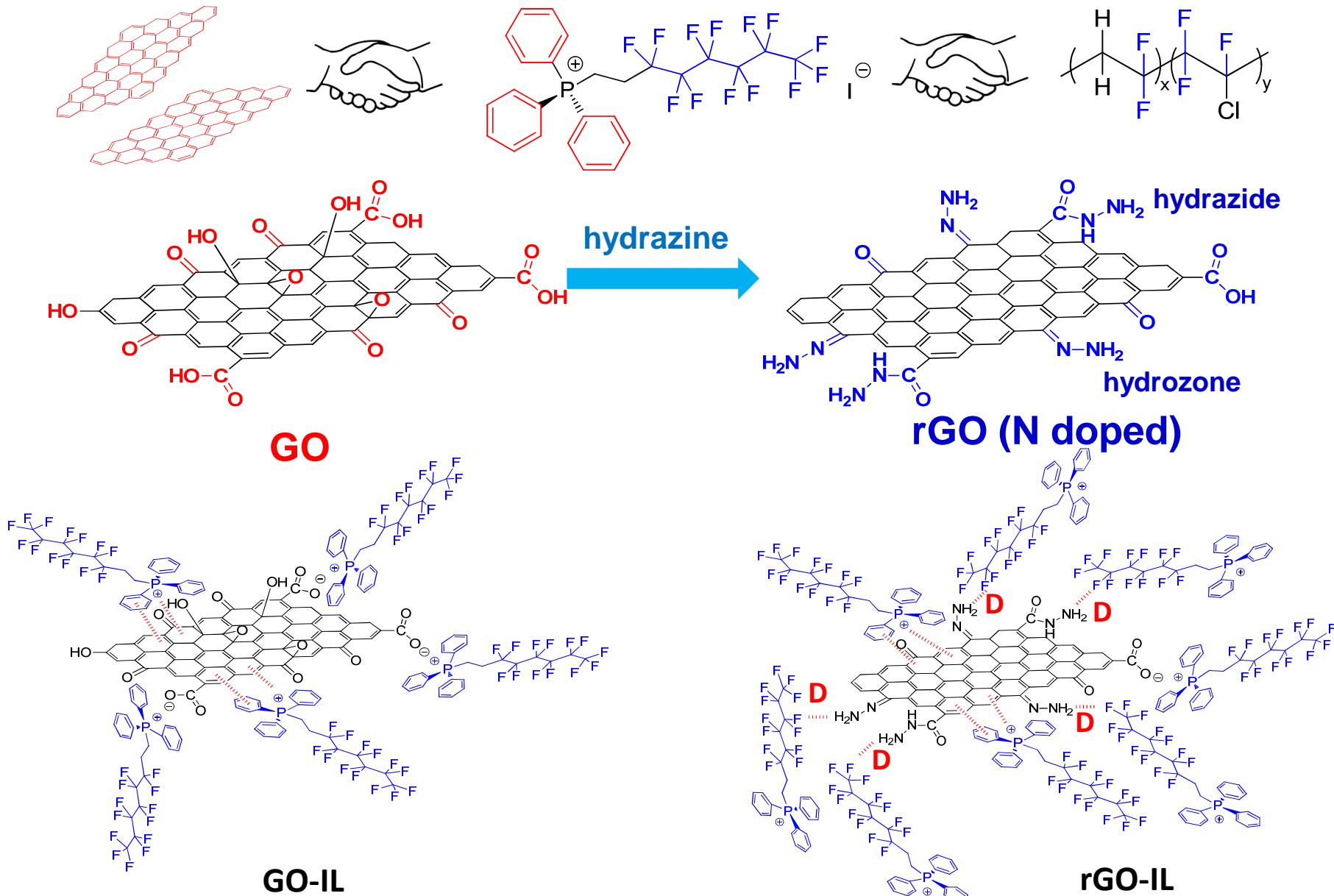
A routine way to prepare and utilize graphene as nanofillers



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# 3-IIs as interfacial agents

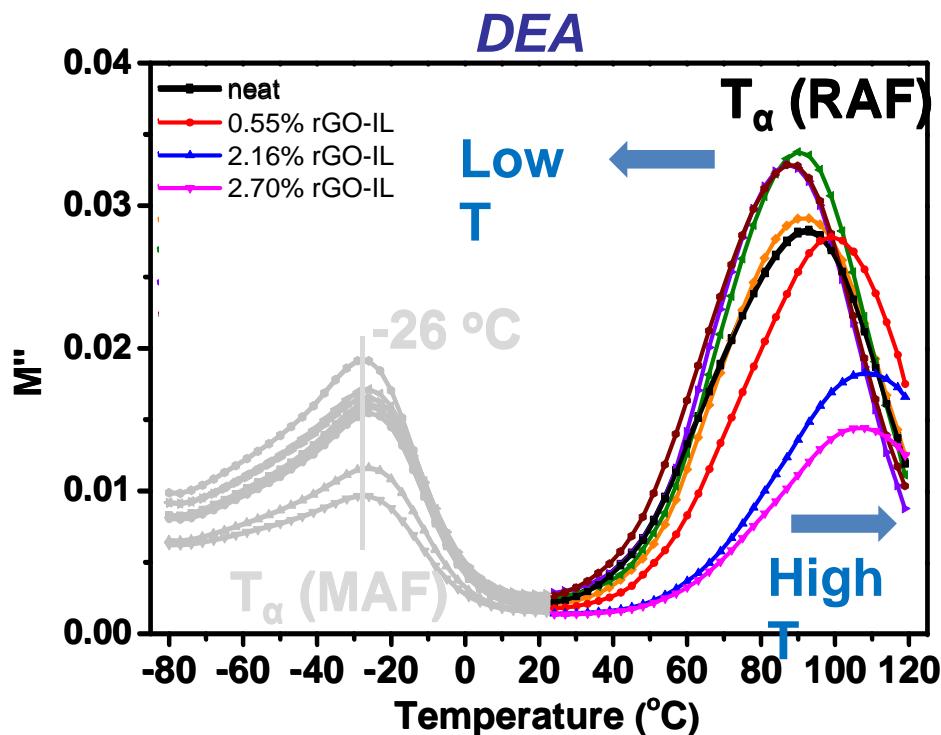
## Solution Intercalation of Phosphonium modified graphene within PVDF-CTFE matrix



A: ionic interaction

B: cation-π interaction

C: π-π interaction D: H-bond interaction

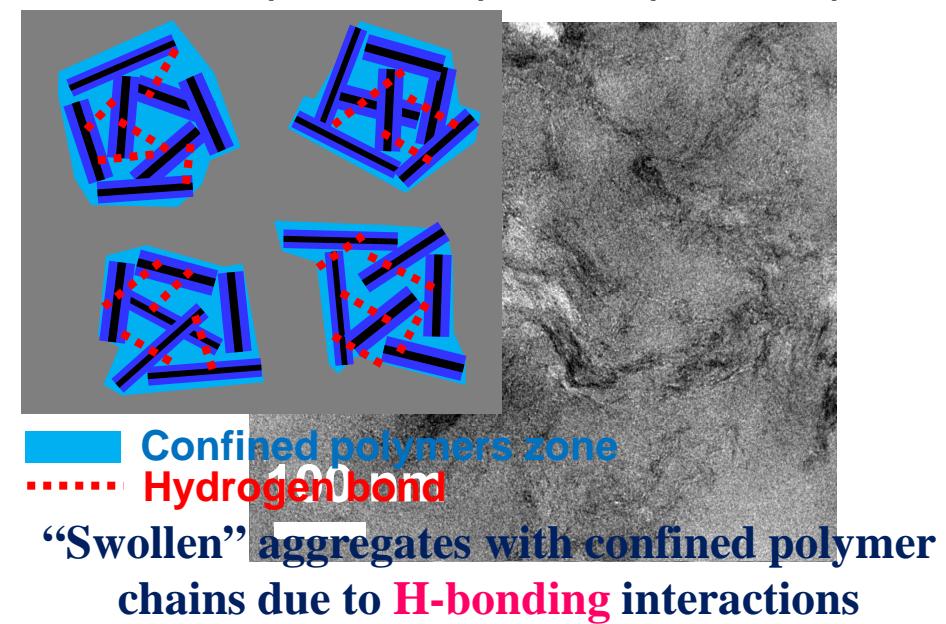
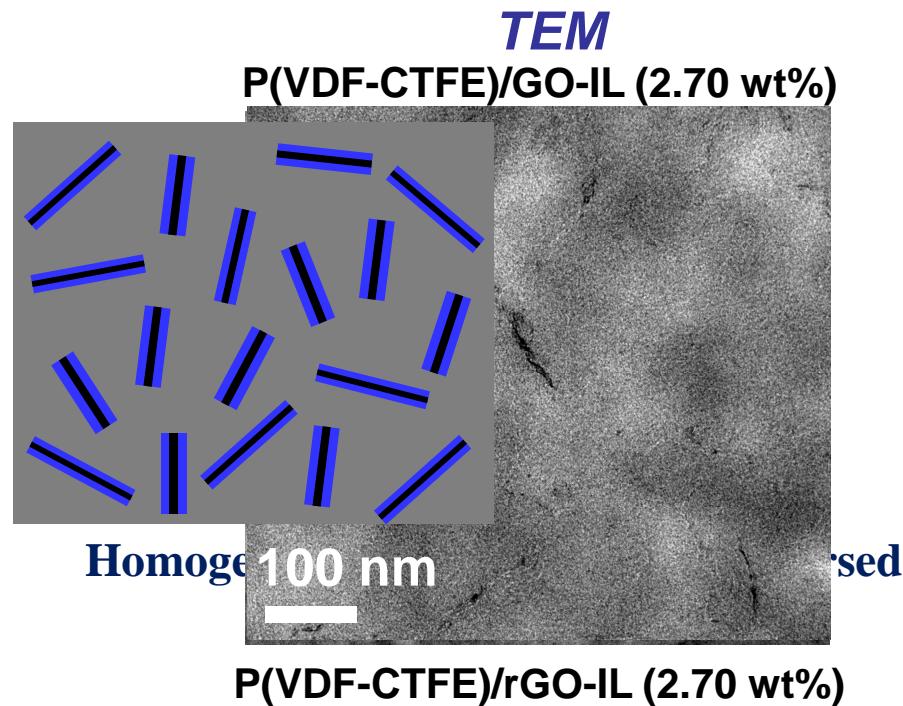


- No changed  $T_a$  (MAF): no plasticization effect

- $T_a$  (RAF):

GO-IL ↘ : Interchain affinity was **weakened**

rGO-IL ↗ : Chain movement was **constrained**





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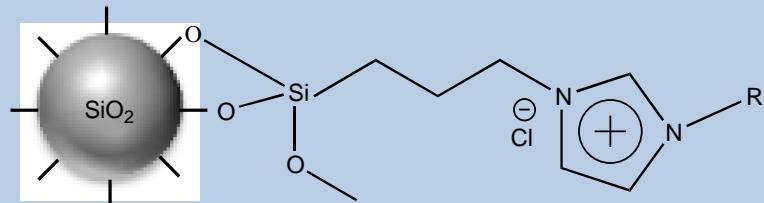
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## Surface modification of silica nanoparticles under scCO<sub>2</sub>

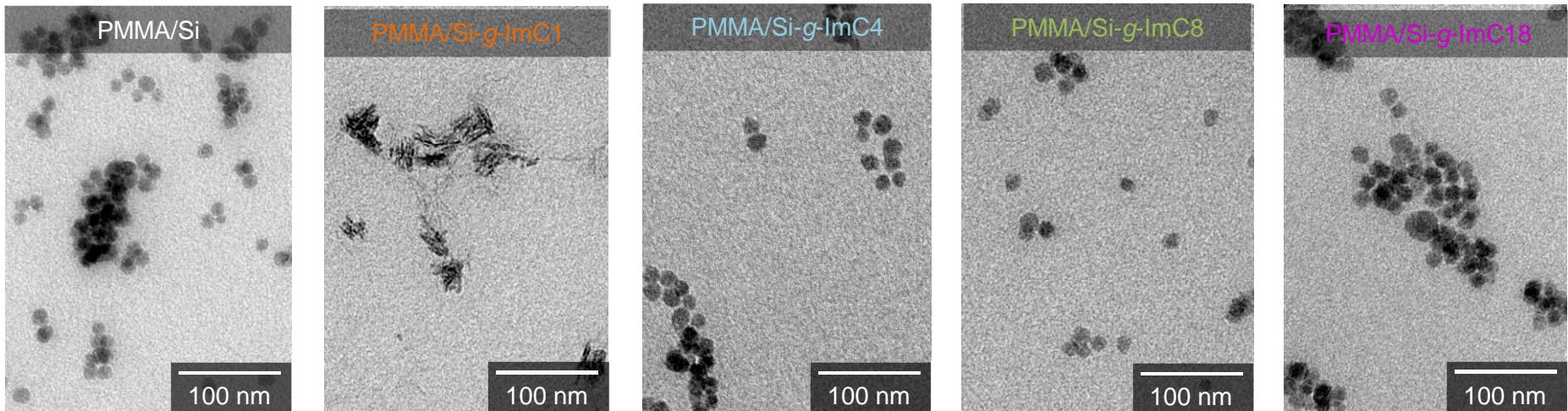
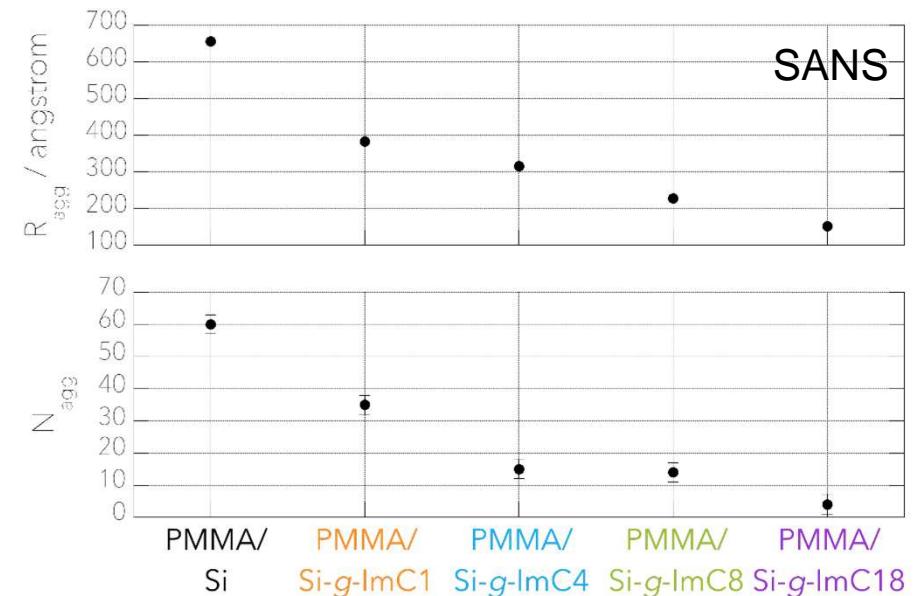


R:  $\text{CH}_3$        $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$        $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}$        $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{37}$

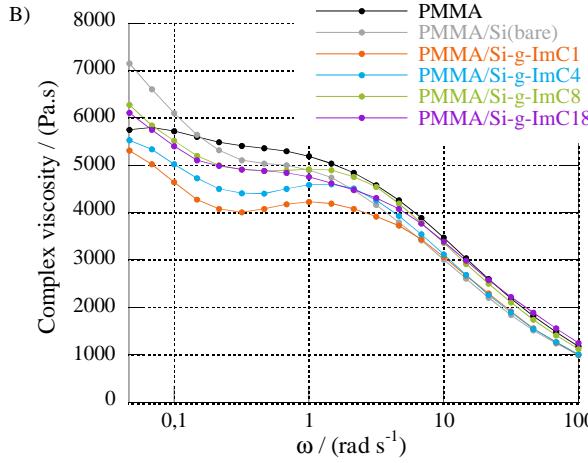
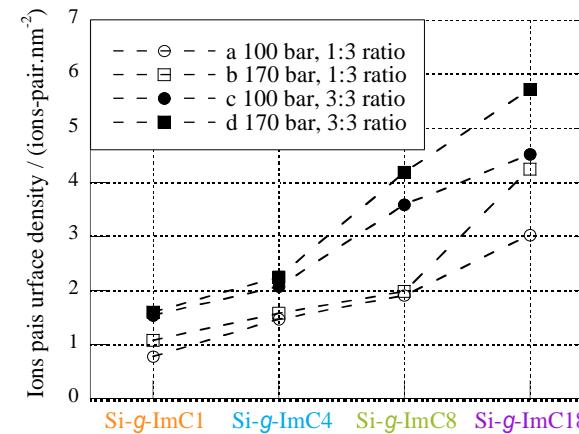
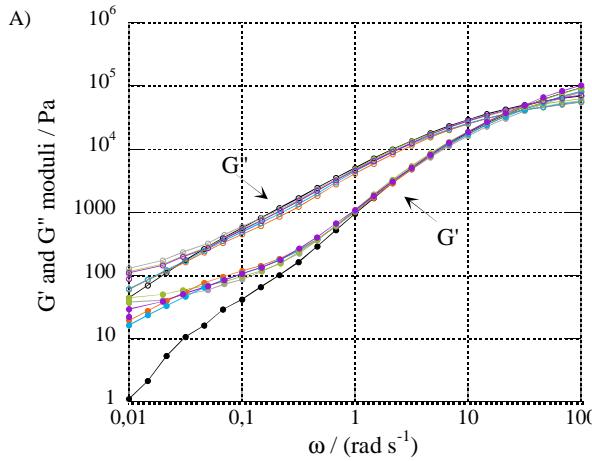
**Si-g-ImC1**    **Si-g-ImC4**    **Si-g-ImC8**    **Si-g-ImC18**

Better state of dispersion

Better interfacial interactions  
between Si-g-ImCx and PMMA

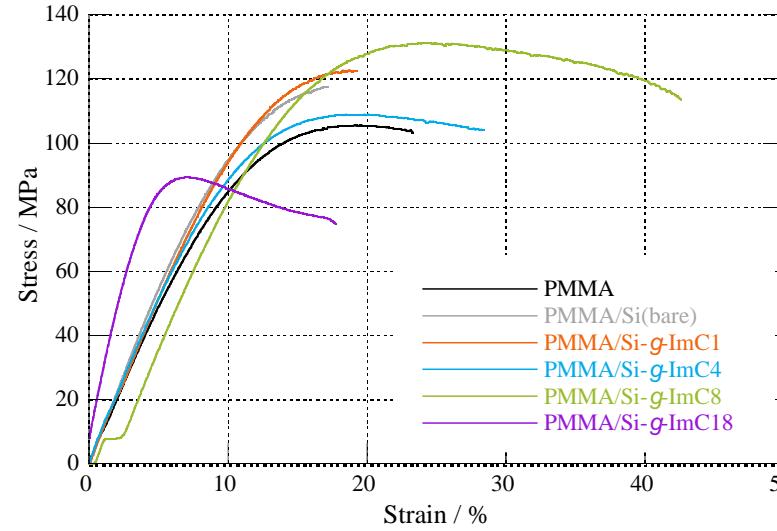


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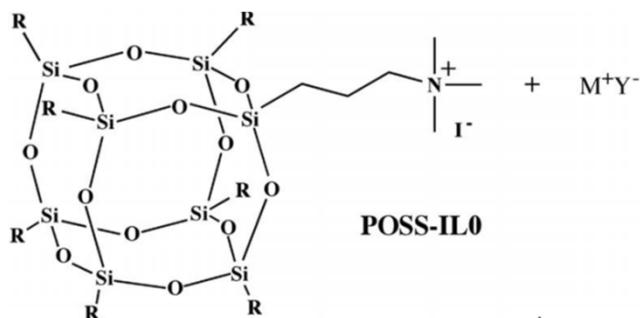
*Higher  $G'$  moduli in the low  $\omega$  range : sign of a gel like behavior related to the formation of a percolated network of siica*

*Longer the alkyl chain length, higher the surface density*



*interfacial reinforcement of long alkyl chains  
Plasticizer effect of shorter chains*

# 4-ILs as interfacial agents



## Synthesis of POSS-ILs based on the trimethylpropylammonium hepta(isooctyl)octasilsesquioxane cation and a variety of anions

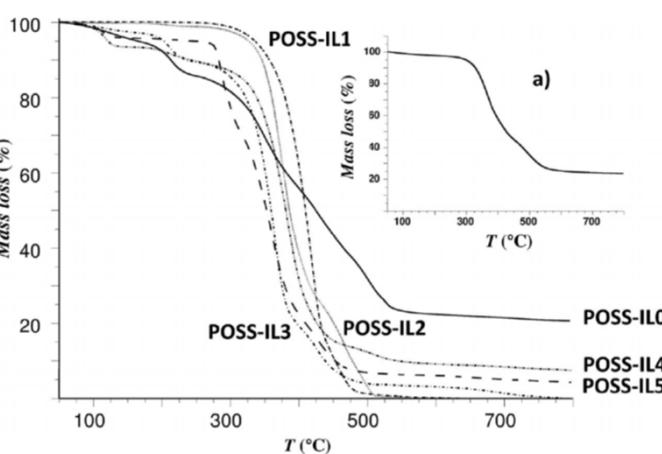
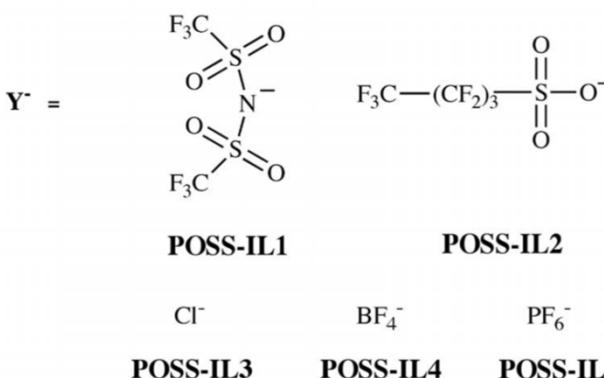


Table 3. Conductivity and dielectric constant of POSS-ILs at 1 MHz and 20 °C.

	$\varepsilon_r$	$\sigma [\Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}]$
POSS-IL0	2.13	$1.65 \times 10^{-6}$
POSS-IL1	3.43	$1.17 \times 10^{-5}$
POSS-IL2	2.59	$3.65 \times 10^{-6}$
POSS-IL3	2.30	$7.30 \times 10^{-6}$
POSS-IL4	2.75	$3.36 \times 10^{-6}$
POSS-IL5	1.43	$5.99 \times 10^{-7}$

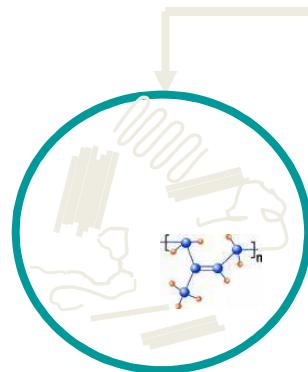
### Presence of the POSS moiety :

- Improved thermal properties,
- Control of low room-temperature conductivity dielectric constants  
(slight differences originating from the nature of the anions)
- Long alkyl-chain substituents on the POSS core infer hydrophobic character and solution properties comparable to those of classic cationic surfactants

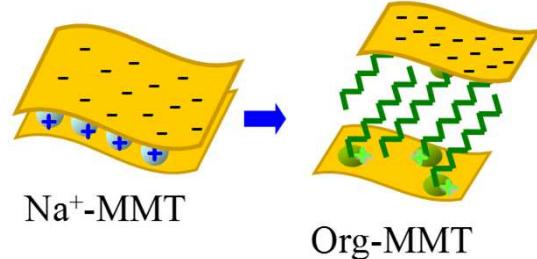
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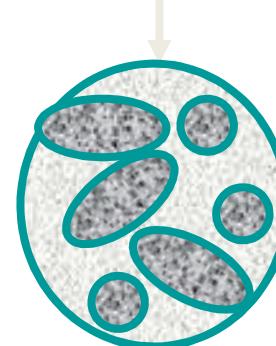
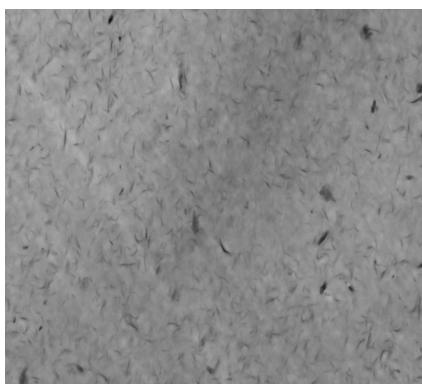
## *ILs : multifunctional additives for structured and functionalized materials*



**Nanocomposites**

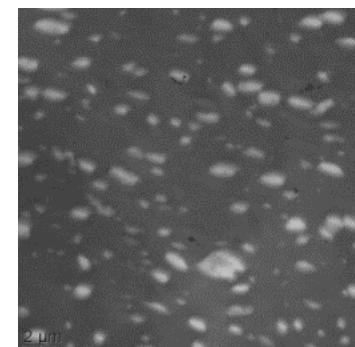


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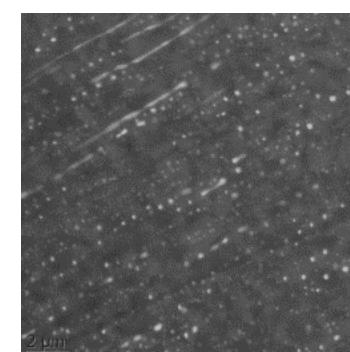


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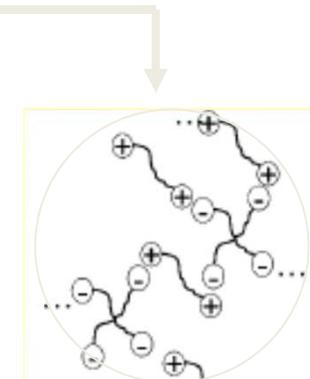
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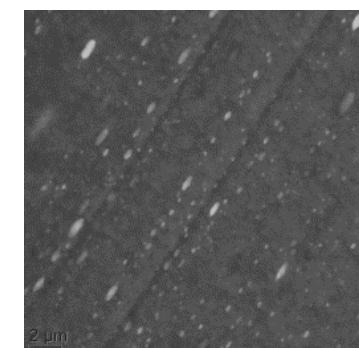


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**Nanostructured Materials**

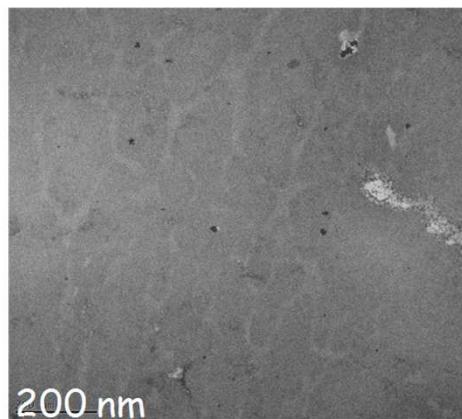
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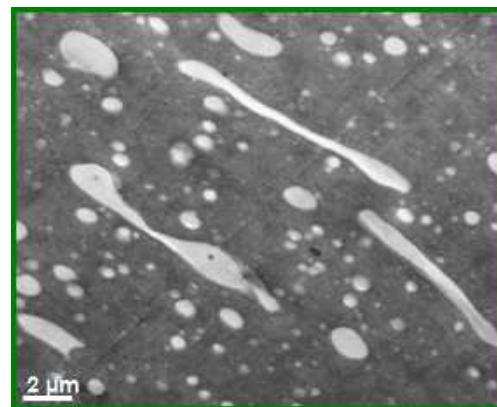
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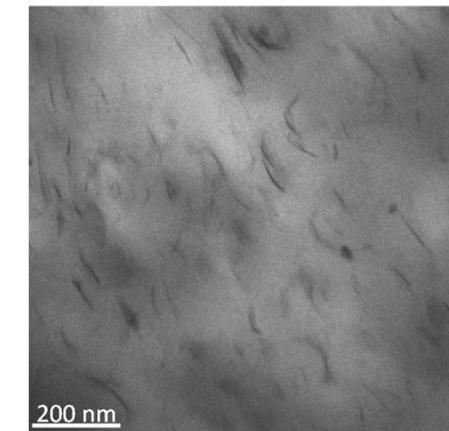
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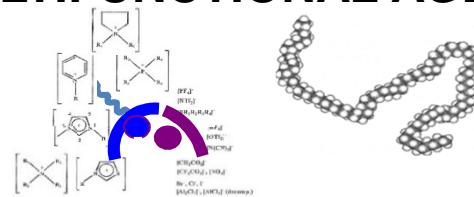
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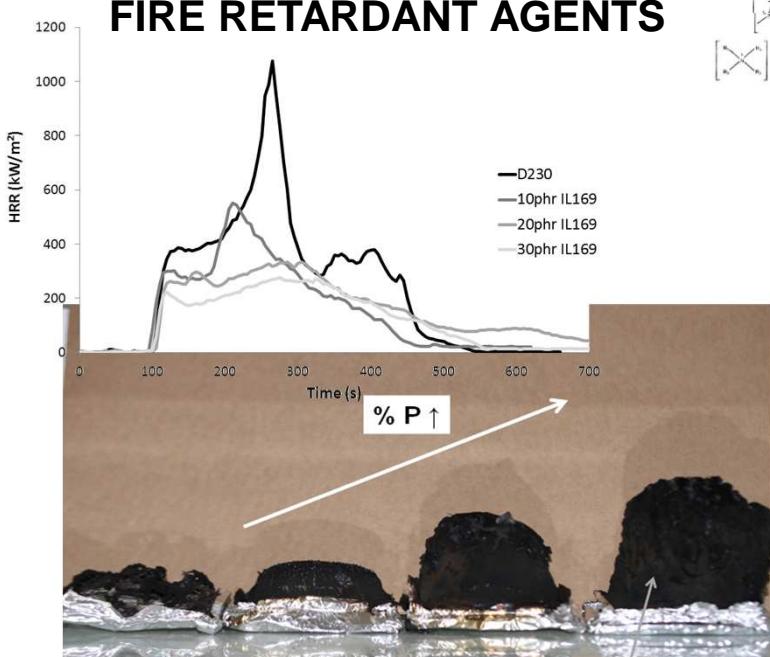
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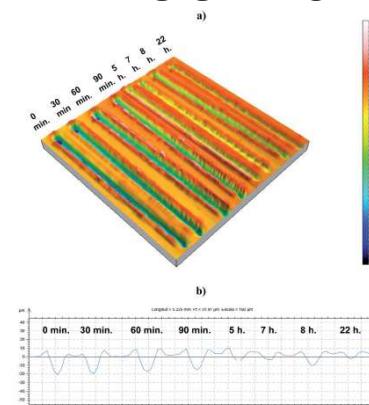
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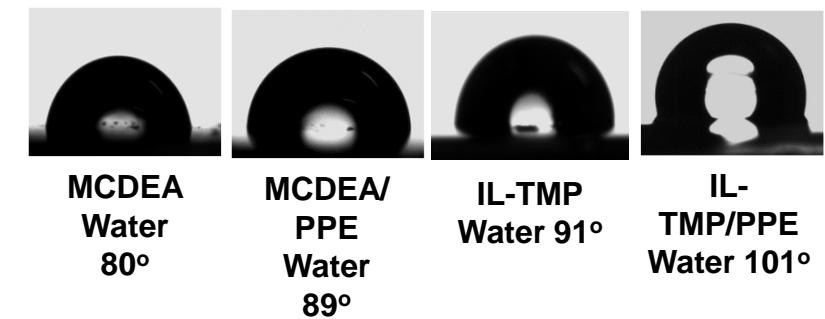


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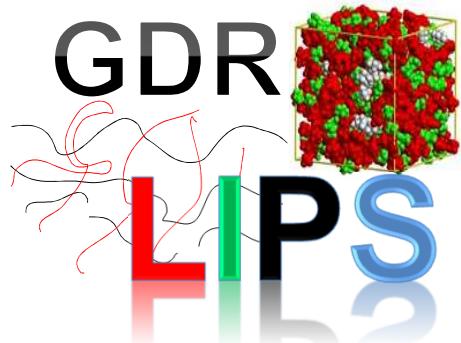
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