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Favorable International Search Report indicating allowable claims.
- Derived from natural hexose sugars in a simple, single-step, dehydration reaction providing a sustainable, low cost, carbon-neutral route.
- Low porosity and platelet morphology with gentle, random, curvature that make the particles resistant to agglomeration and therefore readily dispersible in polymer and other host matrices.
- Can be prepared with a wide range of oxygen functionalization that allows for optimization of interfacial stability and functional properties (e.g., mechanical properties, thermal properties) in various polymer and other host matrices.
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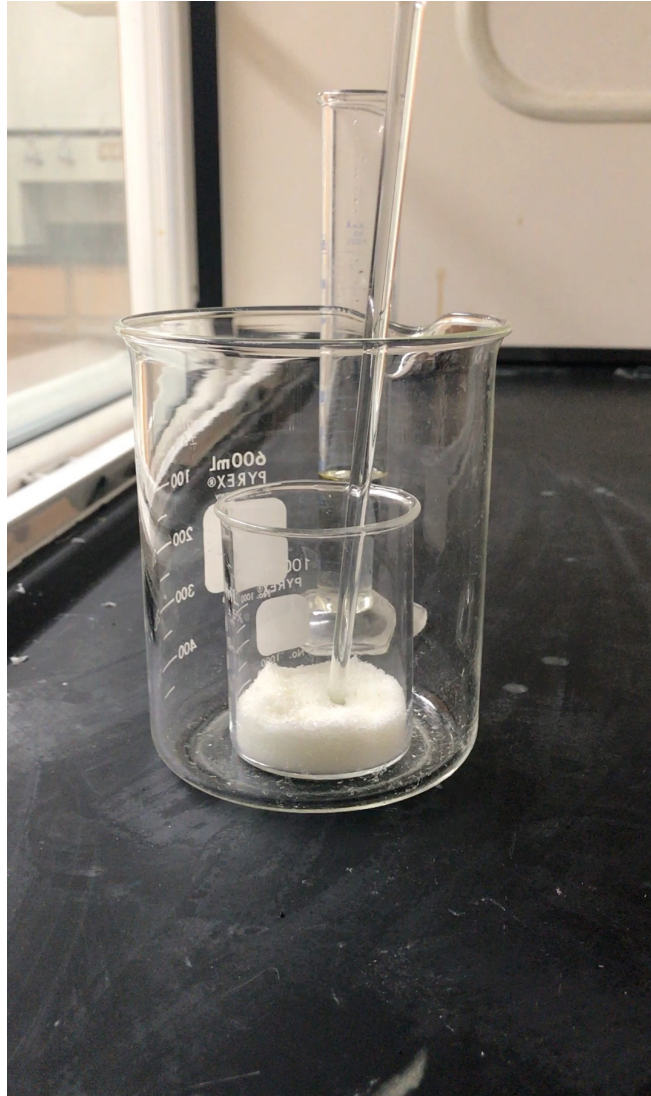


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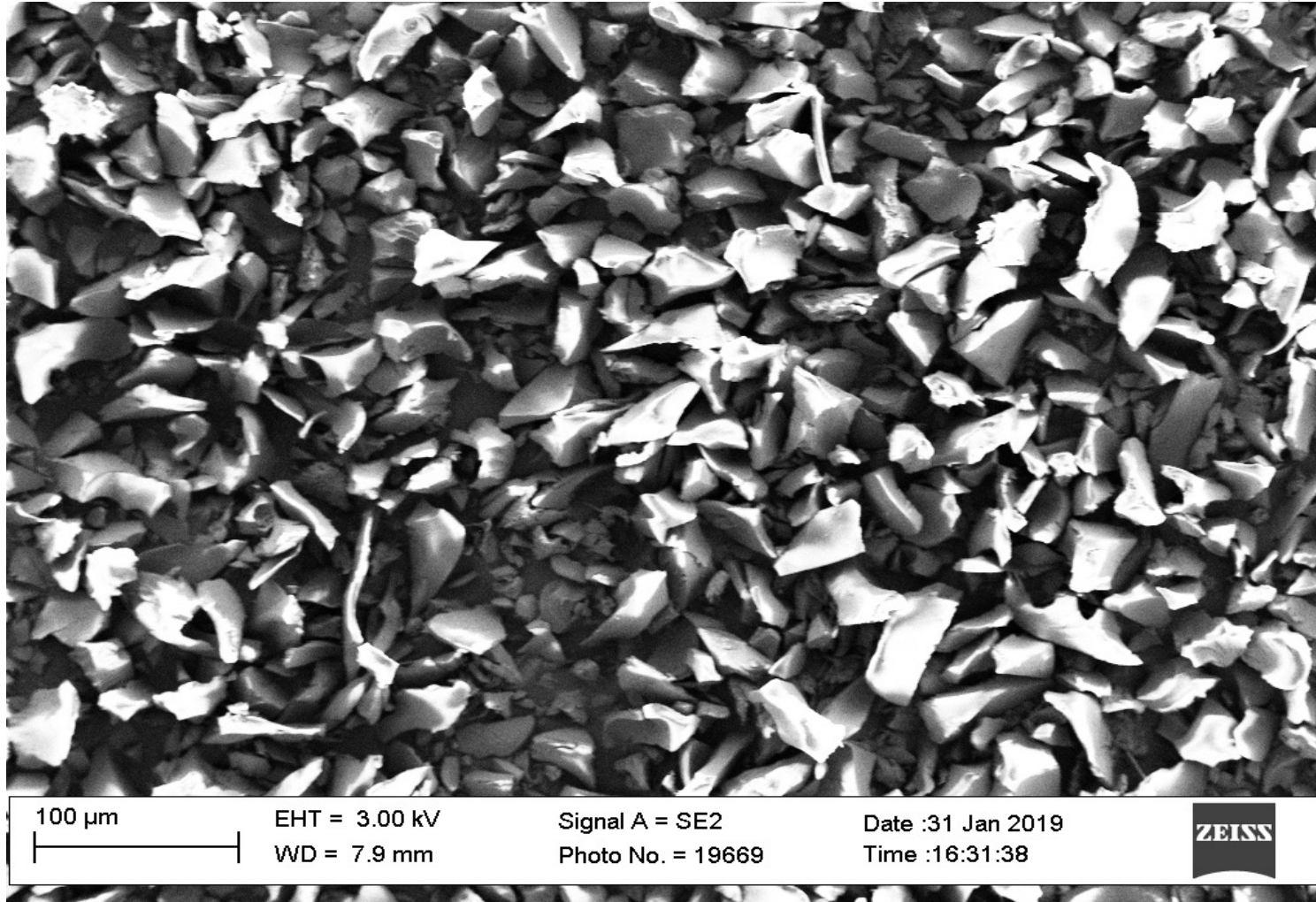
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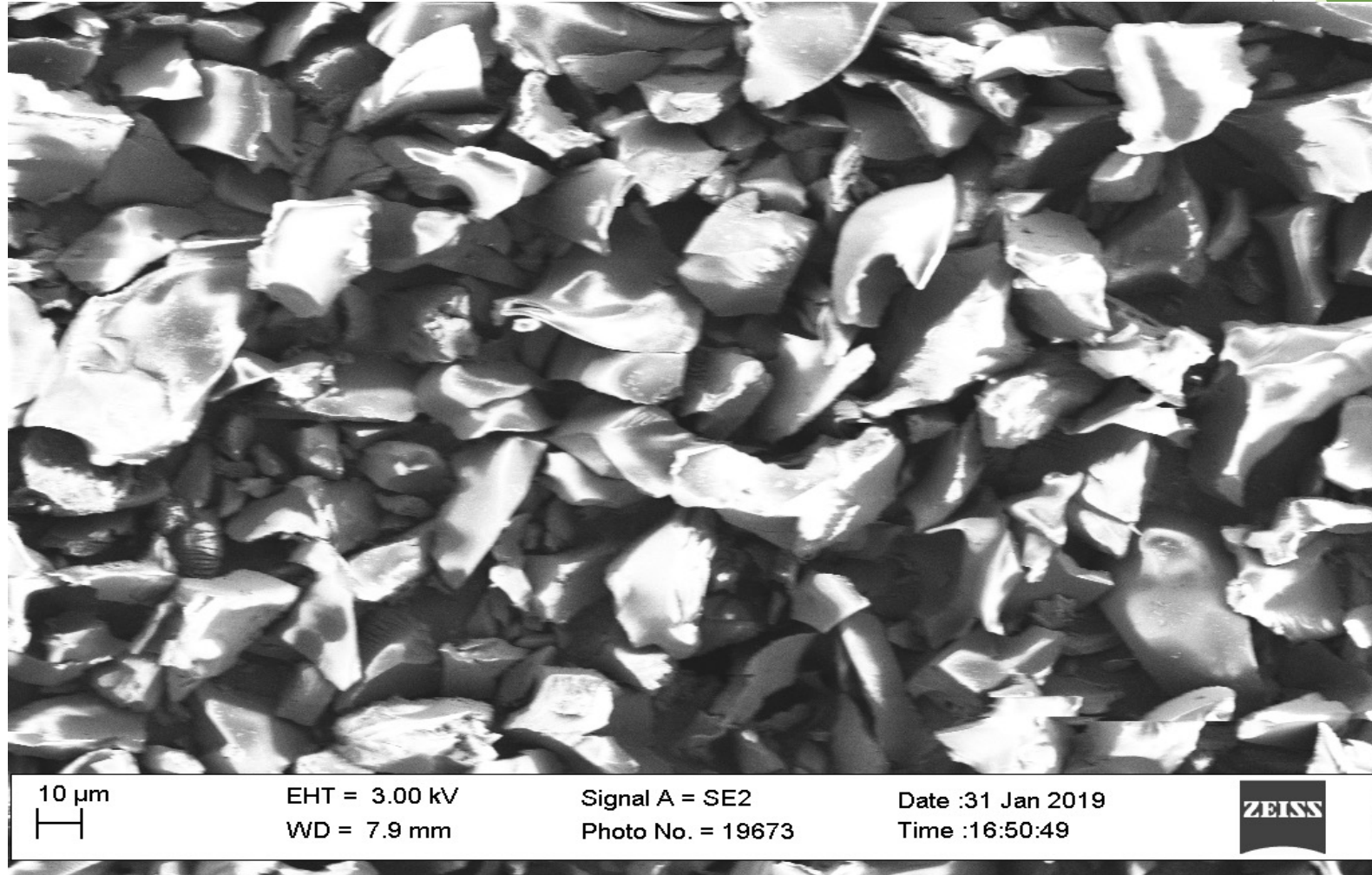
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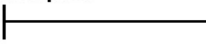



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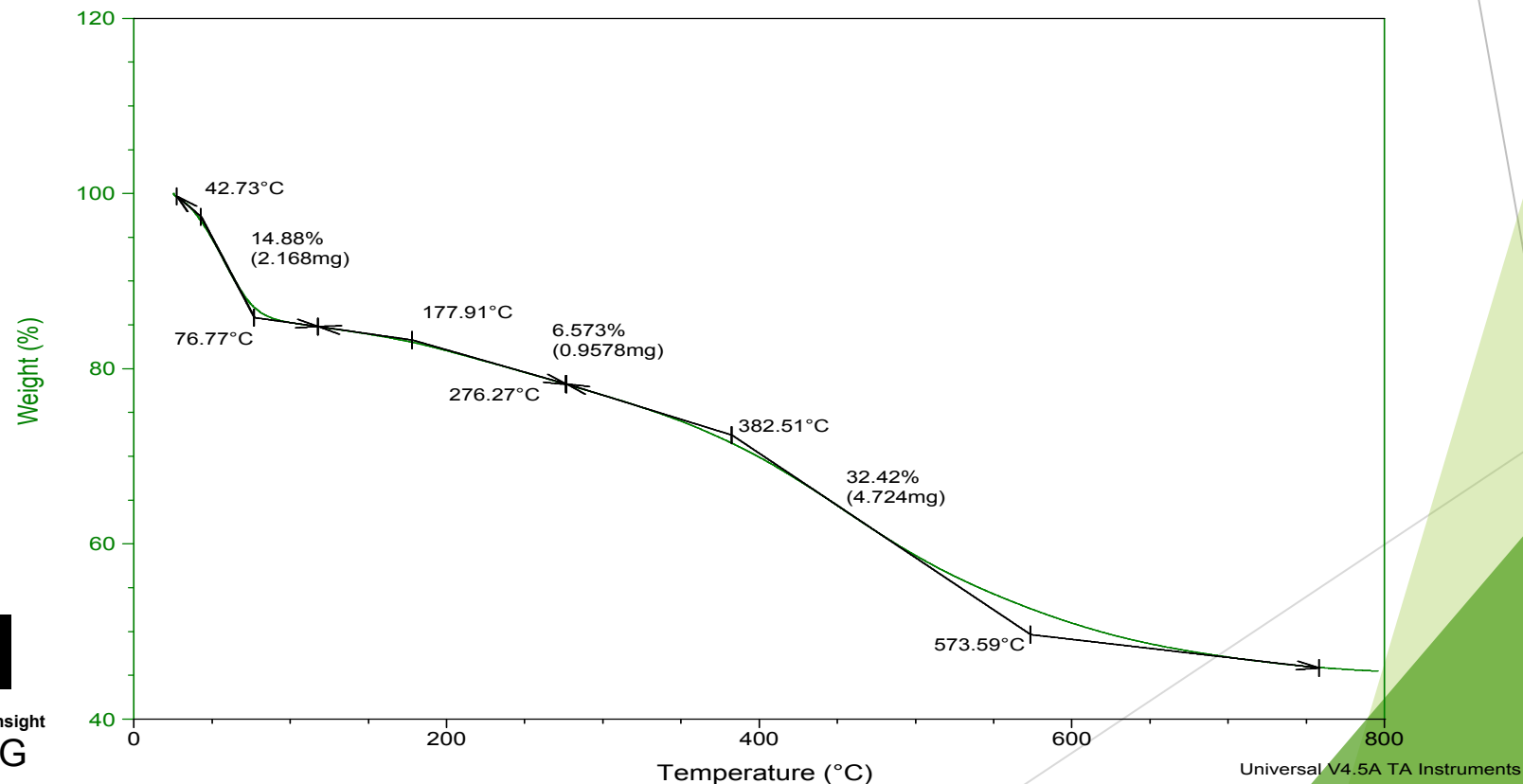
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Size: 14.5720 mg

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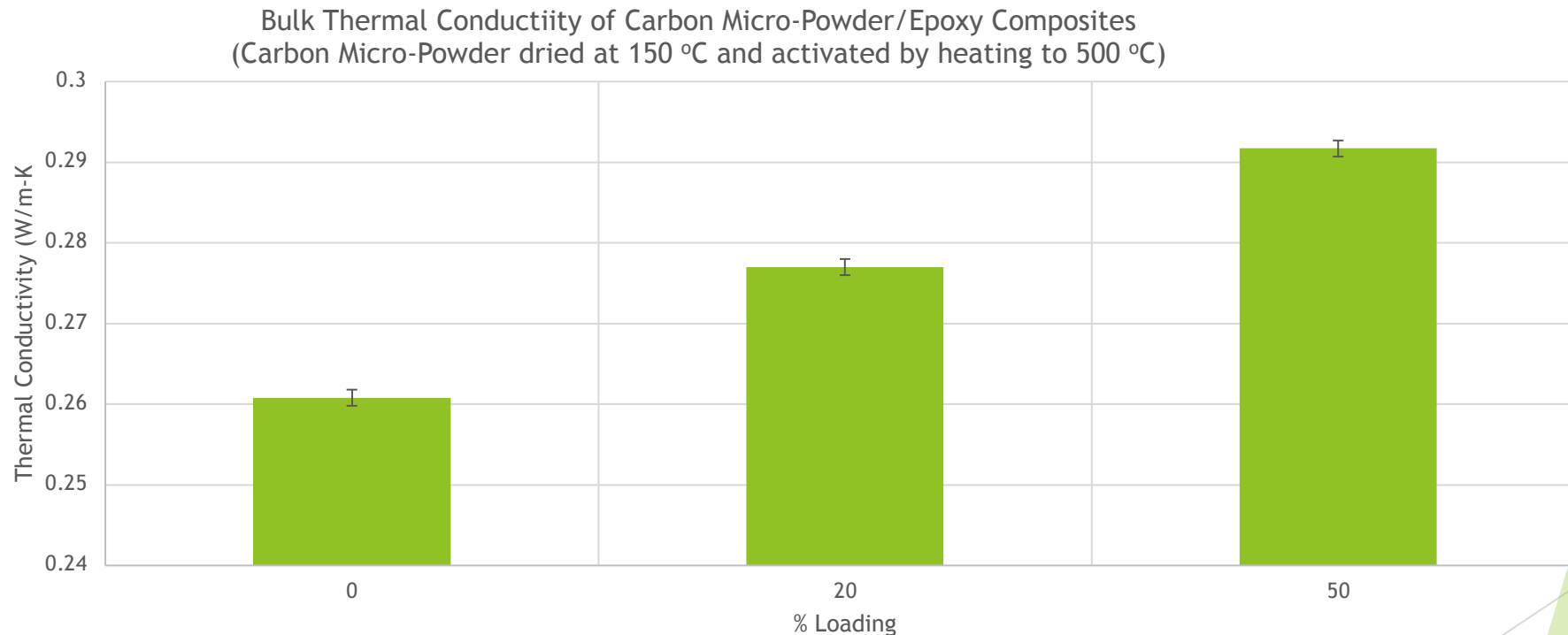
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150 °C (open atmosphere)	67.11	28.99	2.69	0.082
500 °C (open atmosphere)	73.65	22.69	2.68	
500 °C (nitrogen atmosphere)	75.57	19.66	2.42	
600 °C (nitrogen atmosphere)	86.62	8.81	2.55	

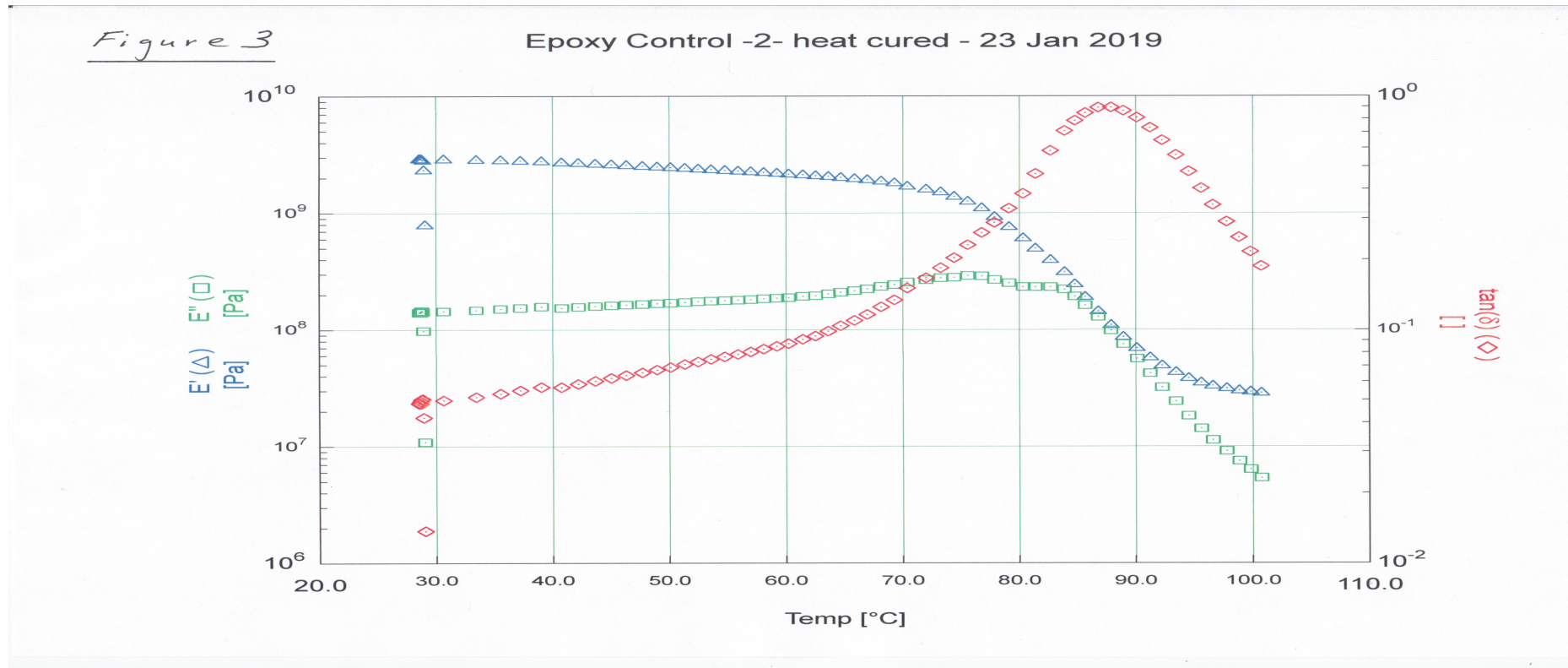
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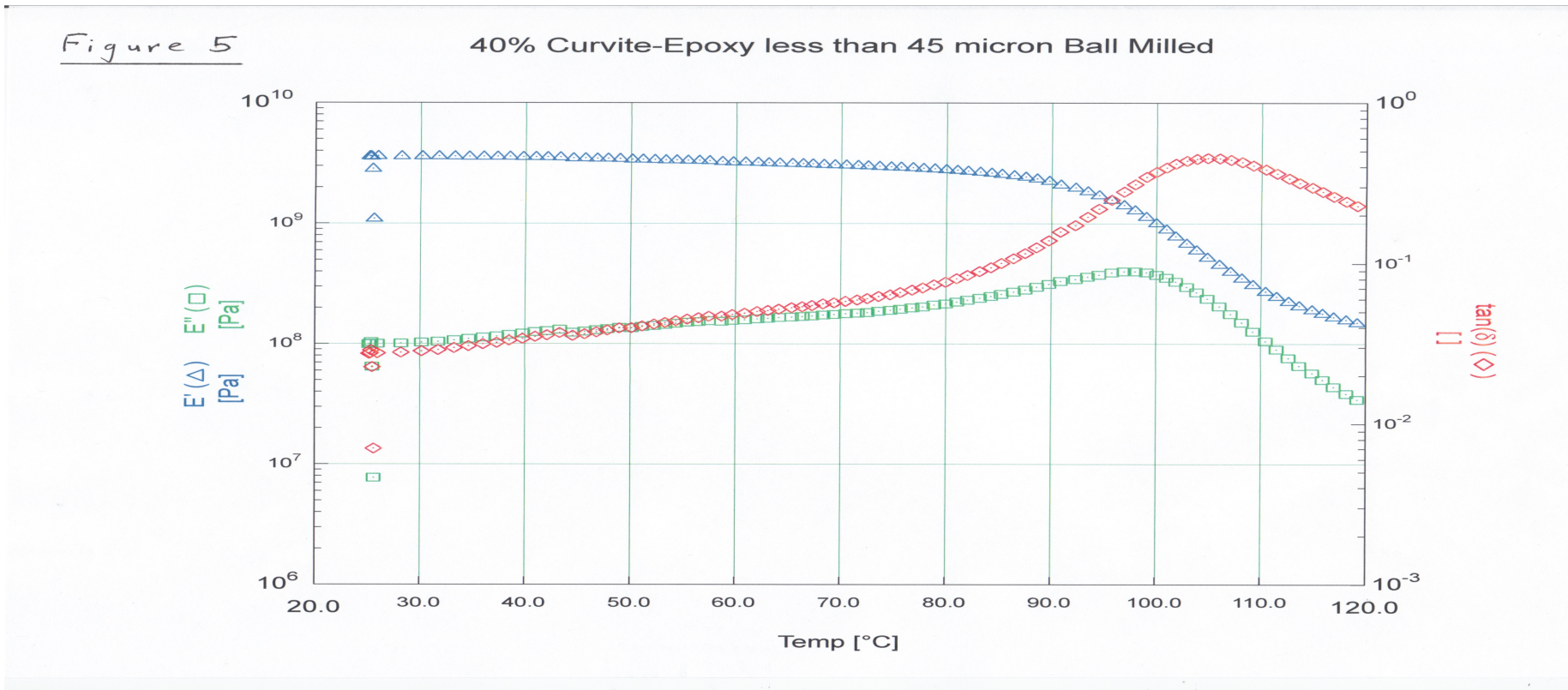


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## Potential Commercial Applications of Curvite™

- Partial or complete replacement of petroleum-based carbon black in elastomers providing a sustainable zero net carbon replacement with improved performance properties (e.g. improved wear resistance, high temperature stability)
  - Tires
  - Drive Belts
  - Seals and Gaskets
  - Many other Elastomers
  - Brake Linings
- Functional filler in petroleum-based thermosetting and thermoplastic polymer resins, replacing petroleum-derived carbon black and partially replacing carbon fiber, providing a zero net carbon replacement with improved performance properties
  - High Strength, Light Weight Epoxy/Carbon and Unsaturated Polyester/Carbon Composites
  - Polyamide/Carbon and ABS/Carbon Composites

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## Potential Commercial Applications of Curvite™

- Zero net carbon additive filler for readily biodegradable plant-based biopolymers providing improved mechanical and thermal properties comparable to petroleum-based polymers
  - Bio-polymers/Plastics (e.g. Polylactic Acid, Polyhydroxyalkanoate) as replacement for polypropylene, polyethylene, or PET in wide range of applications
  - Bio-paints and Coatings
  - Bio-rubber
  - Many other Bio-specialty Polymers

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