

# THERMAL PROPERTIES OF BAMBOO/KENAF FIBER REINFORCED EPOXY HYBRID COMPOSITES AND NANOCOMPOSITES

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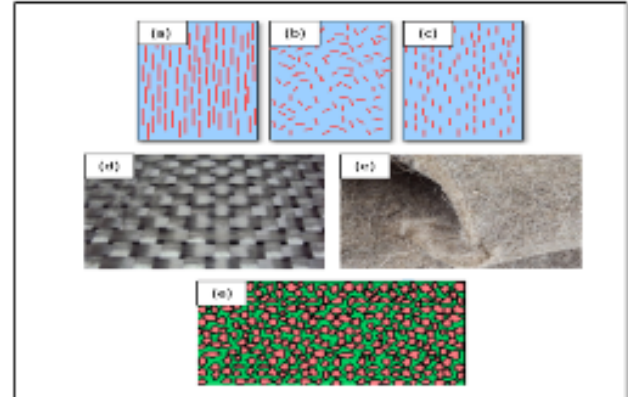
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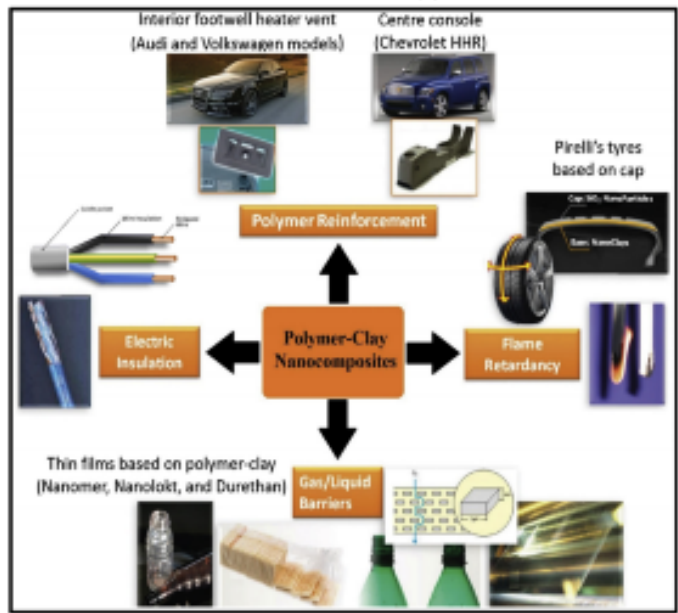
# Introduction

عمادة البحث

- **Natural fiber polymer composites (NFPCs)** are a class of composite material comprising a polymer matrix reinforced with high-strength natural fibers. (*Atiqah et al., 2019*).
- **Kenaf** and **bamboo** fibers reinforced polymer composites have many well-established applications in various segments such as automotive, construction, packaging material etc.
- Natural fibers can be incorporated into a polymer composites in different forms, such as **long align fibers, short random fibers, short align fibers, woven or non-woven mat form** and as **filler particulate**.
- **Woven/non-woven mat form** provide excellent integrity and **conformability** for advanced structural applications (*Singh et al., 2015*).
- **Polymer nanocomposites (PNCs)** where nano size fillers were dispersed in polymer matrix (*Wang et al., 2019*).
- **Polymer-Clay Nanocomposites** show enhanced properties in several perspective such as **mechanical properties, barrier properties, heat and fire performance**. (*Suoware, Ezema, & Edelugo, 2017; Zabihi et al., 2018*)
- **Thermal analysis** provide valuable insight on the thermal properties of a composites such as:
  - Thermal expansion / shrinkage behaviour
  - Mechanical properties / viscous elastic behaviour
  - Thermal stability and oxidation stability



(a) long align fibers; (b) short random fibers; (c) short align fibers; (d) woven mat fibers; (e) non-woven mat fibers; (f) filler



**Recent reported work on kenaf based, bamboo based, natural fiber/ nanoclay base hybrid composites**

No	Fiber	Matrix	Characterization	Reference
1	Non-woven kenaf /Oil palm EFB mat	Epoxy	Tensile, flexural and impact properties	(F. Hanan, Jawaid & Paridah, 2018)
2	Interwoven Kenaf/jute; Interwoven Kenaf/hemp	Epoxy	Water-resistant, tensile and flexural properties	(Maslinda et al., 2017)
6	Bamboo/PALF/Coir (powder form)	Polyester	Tensile and flexural	(Rihayat et al., 2018)
7	Bamboo/Salacca zalacca fruit skin	Epoxy	Density, water absorption, thickness swelling and flexural properties	(Yvonne et al., 2018)
9	Chopped kenaf fiber / OMMT (Nanomer 1.31PS)	polylactic acid	1% OMMT clay included PLA/treated kenaf fiber composites demonstrate superior tensile and flexural properties.	(Ramesh, Prasad, & Narayana 2019)
10	Bamboo yarn (unidirectional)/ OMMT (Closite 20A)/	Unsaturated Polyester	1 wt.% nanoclay addition exhibited the optimized tensile and flexural strength.	(Patel et al., 2018)
11	Flax plain weave textile/ carbon fiber plain weave textile/ MMT (Closite Na <sup>+</sup> ) /	Phenolic	Nanoclay addition improved overall fire behaviour. Peak heat release rate improved around 23% with addition of 4% nanoclay. Nanoclay addition also slow down mass loss rate and smoke generation.	(Monteriro et al., 2018)
12	Non-woven kenaf mat/ OPEFB/ MMT/ OMMT	Epoxy	Kenaf/Epoxy nanocomposites were prepared by adding 3 % of OPEFB, MMT and OMMT into epoxy, respectively. All hybrid nanocomposites reveal satisfactory flame retardancy in terms of LOI and UL 94.	(N. Saba et al., 2019)

## *Literature Gap and Summary*

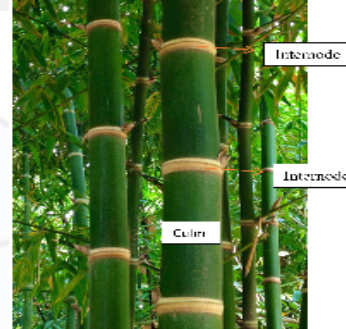
- Natural fibers/nanofiller hybrid composites is a new raised engineering material with potential usage in various sector.
- Lack of work on hybridizing bamboo and kenaf fibers in mat forms.
- Lack of work on the study of thermal properties of bamboo/kenaf hybrid composites.
- Up to date there is still no work reported on bamboo/kenaf/nanoclay hybrid nanocomposites.

# Literature Survey

## Kenaf



## Bamboo



.Kenaf fall under **bast fiber** while **bamboo falls** under **grass family**

The chemical composition of kenaf and bamboo fibers mainly comprised of **cellulose**, **hemicellulose** and **lignin**

**Cellulose** is the main constituent which **determine the strength** of the fibers and **supports the stem plant** wall stability

.**Bamboo fibers** contain **high lignin** content which may contribute to **high thermal stability**

Fibers	Chemical Composition			Reference
	(%)Cellulose	(%)Hemicellulose	(%)Lignin	
Kenaf	72	20	9	Faruk et al., 2012
Bamboo	26-43	30	21-31	

Fibers	Mechanical Properties		Reference
	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Tensile Modulus (GPa)	
Kenaf	930	53	Faruk et al., 2012
Bamboo	230 - 140	17 - 11	

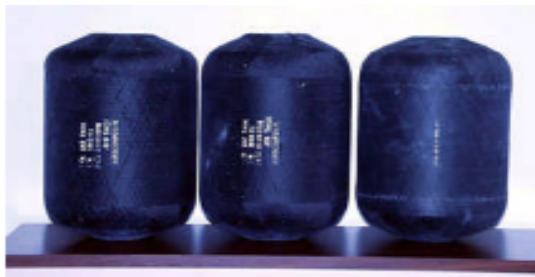
  

Fibers	Thermal properties			Reference
	Initial degradation temperature (°C)	Final degradation temperature (°C)	(%)Char Residue	
Kenaf	247	455	11.4	Khalil & Suraya, 2011
Bamboo	292	370	21.6	Zakikhani et al., 2015

## Epoxy/clay nanocomposites

Epoxy-based layered silicate (clay) nanocomposites have been widely reported, due to the ease of processing as well as its versatile applications in various fields.

:Commonly used nanoclay  
Kaolinite (1:1): Halloysite  
Smectite (2:1): Montmorillonite



Cryogenic tank fabrication with filament wound carbon fibers reinforced with epoxy/organically modified layered silicate nanocomposites. *(Adapted from Campbell & Johnston (2004))*

## Applications of epoxy nanoclay / epoxy nanoclay fibers composites.

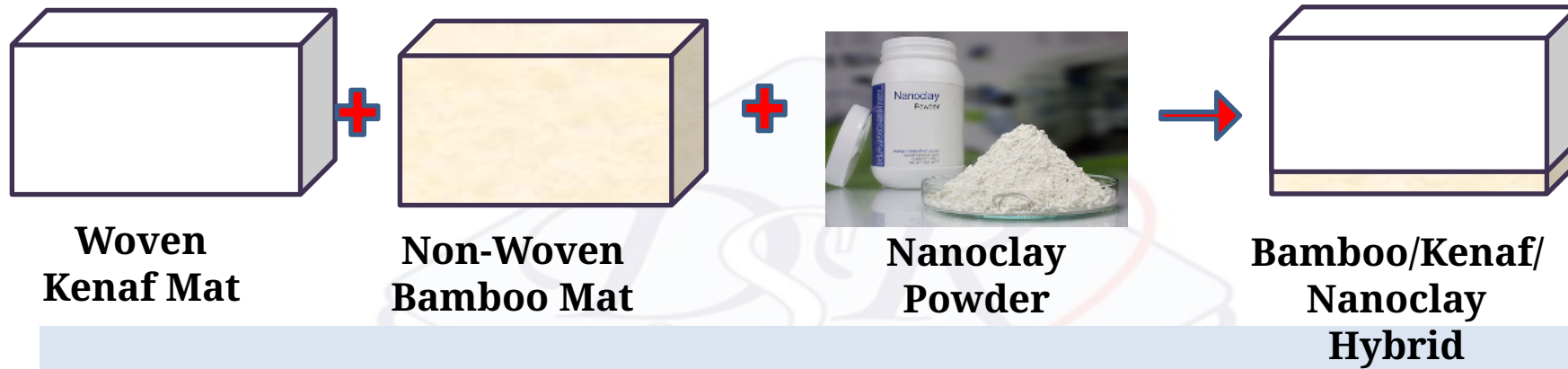
Reinforcement	Application	Enhanced Properties	References
OMMT )Cloisite 30B(	Adhesives	Toughness, stress whitening	Sancaktar & Kuznicki (2011)
OMMT )Cloisite 30B(	Adhesives	Adhesion strength, thermal stability	Aradhana et al., 2019
Halloysite	Coating	Anti-corrosion, mechanical properties	Shi et al., 2009
Vermiculite	Coating	Improved resistant to oxygen and water vapor permeation	Mittal (2008)
Halloysite	Coating	Thermal stability, flame retardancy	Vahabi et al., 2018
Filament wound carbon fiber / nanoclay	Cryogenic tank	Mechanical, thermal, reduced gas permeability	Campbell & Johnston (2004)
OMMT )Cloisite 30B(	Neutron beam shielding	Thermal neutron shielding	Kiani et al., 2017

Polymer composites reinforced with **synthetic fibers** are widely used and displays enhanced mechanical and thermal stability performance.

Usage of synthetic fibers lead to severe problems such as **non-biodegradable, difficult to dispose, high manufacturing cost and unhealthy working environment**.

The inherent properties of **natural fibers polymer composites** are **low thermal stability, high flammability and release of toxic gasses** during the combustion process.

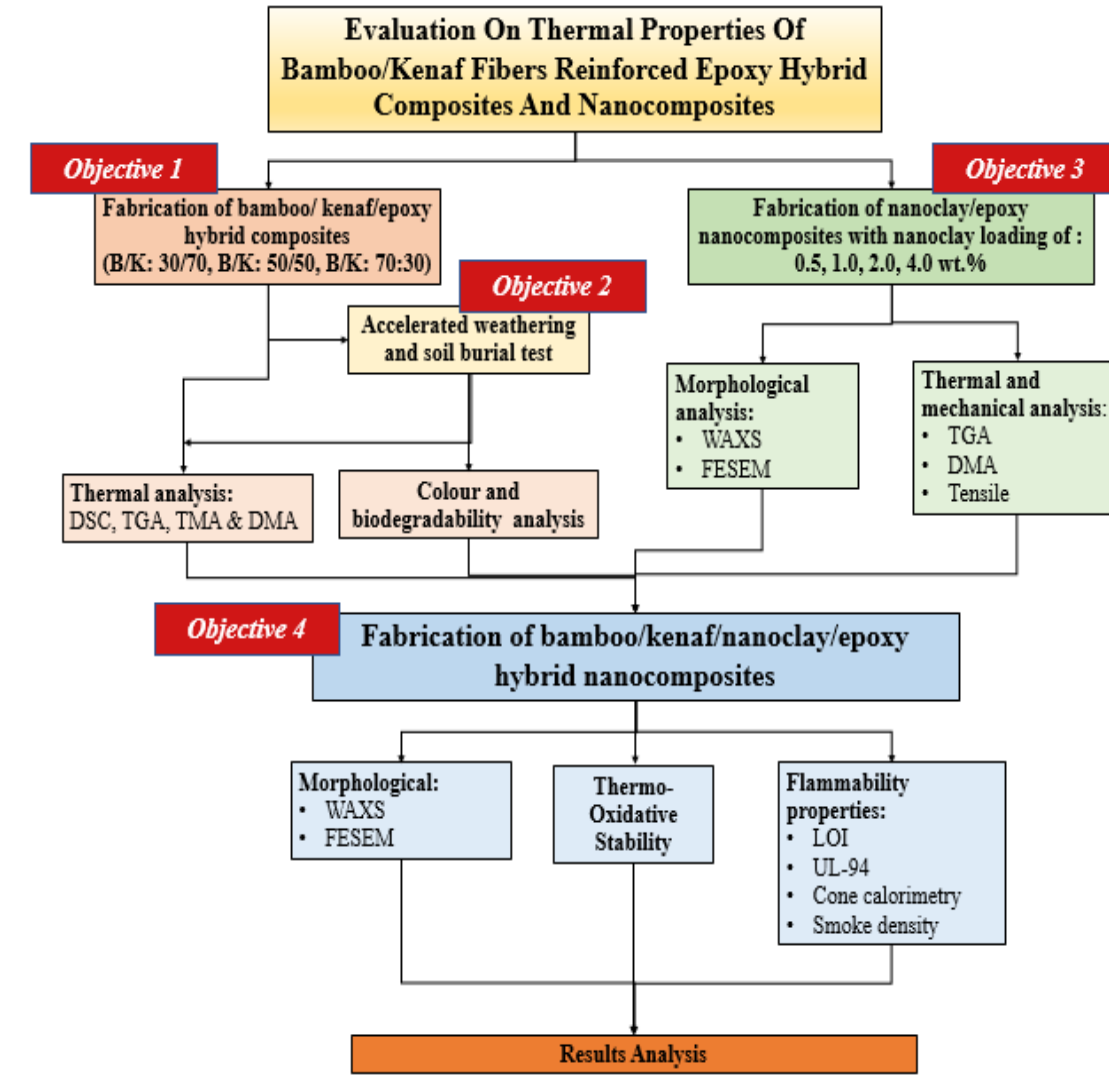
Hence, it is anticipated that **hybridisation of natural fiber with nanoclay modified epoxy matrix** will provide enhanced properties which cannot be obtained from either natural fiber composites or nanoclay/epoxy nanocomposites.



- This study will help us to gain insight on the thermal properties of a natural fiber base epoxy hybrid composites reinforced with **woven kenaf fiber mat** and **non-woven bamboo fiber mat**
- It is anticipated that the **woven kenaf mat** would **render better dimensional stability** to the composite due to the **longitudinal fiber arrangement on both horizontal and vertical direction**
- In addition, the **thermal stability** of the kenaf fiber composites is **improved with addition of bamboo fiber due to its high lignin content**
- To further enhance the **thermal stability and flammability** of the natural fiber-based hybrid composites, **nanoclay** was added to modify the epoxy matrix to prepare a **novel hybrid nanocomposites – Bamboo/Kenaf/Nanoclay/Epoxy Hybrid Nanocomposites**

- To explore the effect of hybridizing bamboo and kenaf fibers on the thermal properties of bamboo/kenaf fibers reinforced epoxy hybrid composites
- To evaluate the morphology, thermal stability, viscous elastic behavior and tensile properties of nanoclay modified epoxy nanocomposites
- To investigate the effect of nanoclay on the morphological, thermo-oxidative stability and flammability properties of the bamboo/kenaf fibers reinforced epoxy hybrid composites

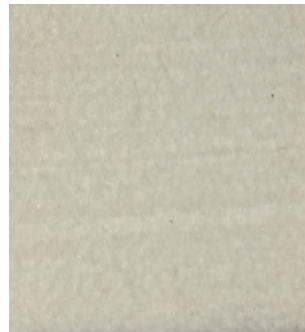




TESTING	STANDARDS
Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) Analysis	ASTM D 2009-02
Thermogravimetry (TGA) Analysis	ASTM E 1131-03
Thermomechanical (TMA) Analysis	ASTM E 831-03
Dynamic Mechanical (DMA) Analysis	ASTM D 5023-01
Accelerated Weathering Test	ASTM G 154-00
Tensile Testing	ASTM D 3039
UL-94HB	ASTM D 653
Limiting Oxygen Index (LOI)	ASTM D 2863
Cone Calorimetry	ISO 5660
Smoke Density	ASTM E 662

**Research Methodology Flow Chart**

Non-woven bamboo mat  
Woven kenaf mat  
Epoxy resin (Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A )  
, Nanoclay: Montmorillonite (MMT), Halloysite nanotube (HNT)  
Organically modified MMT (OMMT)



**Non-woven bamboo mat**



**Woven kenaf mat**

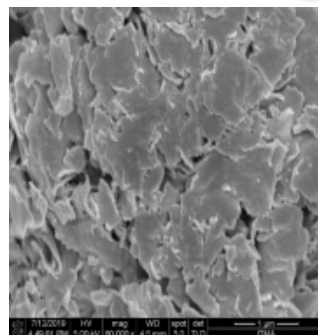
### Chemical composition of kenaf and bamboo fiber mats

Chemical Composition	Kenaf fiber mat	Bamboo fiber mat
Cellulose Content (%)	65.7	72.6
Hemicellulose Content (%)	17.8	11.1
Lignin Content (%)	6.0	9.5

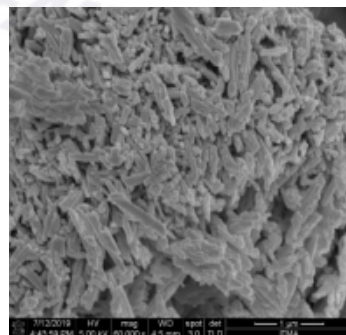
.The test is carried out by MARDI according to NDF, ADF and lignin method\*

### Specifications of MMT, HNT and OMMT used in this study

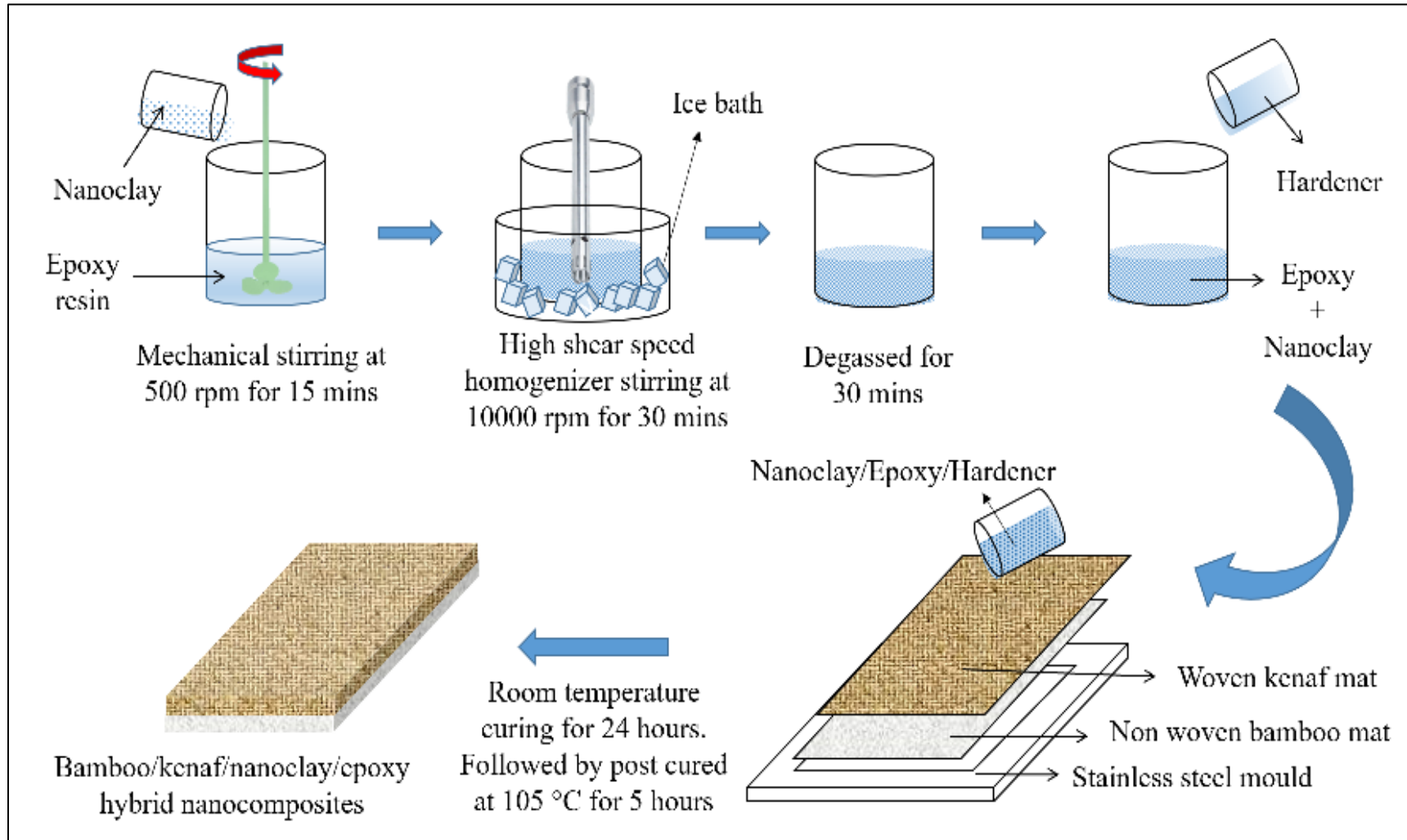
	MMT	HNT	OMMT
Mean particle size (µm)	≤ 25	-	14 – 18
Diameter (nm)	-	30 -70	-
Length (µm)	-	1 – 3	-
Surface Modifier (%):			
- Octadecyl ammonium	-	-	15 – 35
- 3-aminopropyltriethoxy silane	-	-	0.5 – 5



**FESEM image of MMT**



**FESEM image of HNT**



**Schematic illustration on the preparation of bamboo/kenaf/nanoclay .reinforced epoxy hybrid nanocomposites**

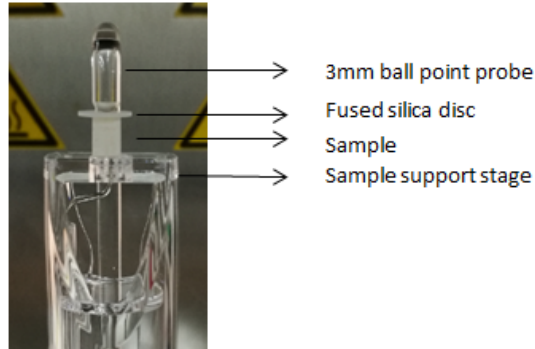
Formulation of kenaf, bamboo, hybrid and epoxy composites			
Composites	(%Weight Ratio		
	Bamboo fiber mat	Kenaf fiber mat	Epoxy
B:K:70:30	28	12	60
B:K:50:50	20	20	60
B:K:30:70	12	28	60
Kenaf/epoxy	0	40	60
Bamboo/epoxy	40	0	60
Pure epoxy	0	0	100

Formulation of bamboo/kenaf/epoxy hybrid composites and bamboo/ kenaf / nanoclay / epoxy hybrid nanocomposites				
Hybrid Composites	Bamboo fibers (wt. %)	Kenaf fibers (wt. %)	Epoxy matrix .%)wt(	Nanoclay .%)wt(
B/K/Epoxy	20	20	60	0
B/K/MMT	20	20	59	1
B/K/HNT	20	20	59	1
B/K/OMMT	20	20	59	1

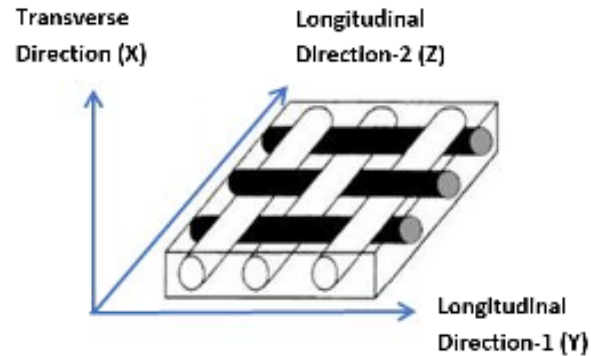
# Results and Discussion



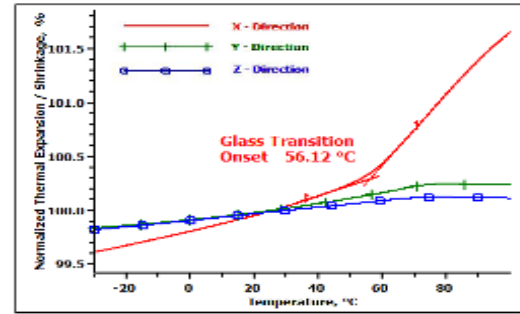
# Objective 1: Thermal Expansion of Bamboo/Kenaf/Epoxy Hybrid Composites



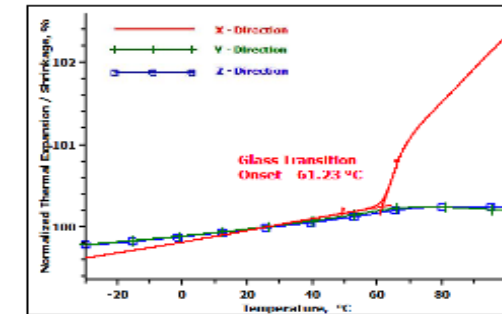
Measurement with dilatometric mode on TMA



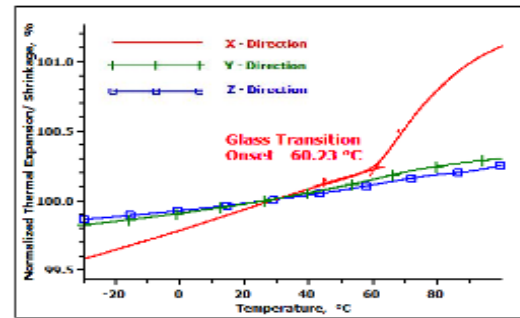
Thermal expansion of a woven fiber reinforced composite in longitudinal fibers direction (Y and Z) and transversal fibers direction (X)



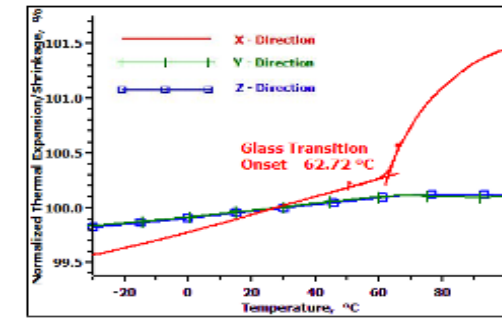
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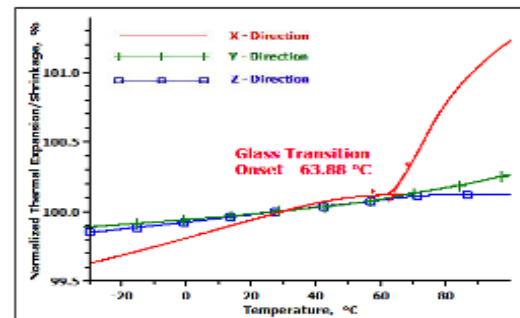
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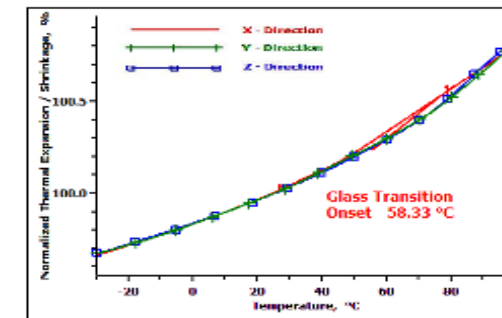
(b)



(e)



(c)



(f)

TMA graph in normalized thermal expansion / shrinkage (%) versus temperature (°C) for composites (a) B:K:70:30; (b) B:K:50:50; (c) B:K:30:70; (d) Bamboo/epoxy; (e) Kenaf/epoxy; (f) Pure Epoxy

## Objective 1: Thermal Expansion of Bamboo/Kenaf/Epoxy Hybrid Composites

Composites	Total Shrinkage from 25 °C to -30°C, %			Total Expansion from 25 °C to 100°C, %			Mean CTE from -30°C to 100 °C, ppm/°C		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
Pure epoxy	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.80	0.81	0.85	87.39	87.82	90.11
Bamboo/epoxy	0.41	0.21	0.21	2.33	0.20	0.25	208.9	31.92	35.36
Kenaf/epoxy	0.36	0.15	0.16	1.47	0.11	0.13	145.5	20.24	17.48
<b>B:K:70:30</b>	0.37	0.16	0.16	<b>1.66</b>	0.24	0.13	<b>162.7</b>	30.99	22.44
<b>B:K:50:50</b>	0.39	0.17	0.13	<b>1.14</b>	0.31	0.26	<b>118.2</b>	30.94	36.78
<b>B:K:30:70</b>	0.34	0.10	0.14	<b>1.26</b>	0.27	0.13	<b>123.2</b>	30.06	20.78

**Mean CTE** of woven kenaf/epoxy is lower compare to non-woven bamboo/epoxy

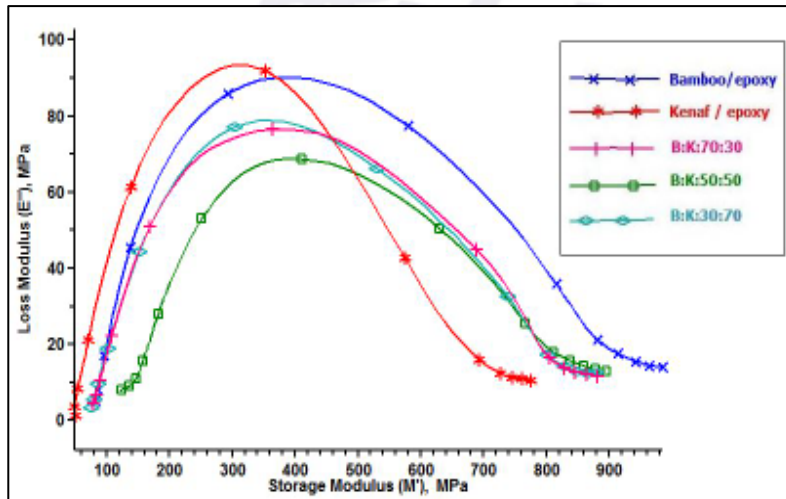
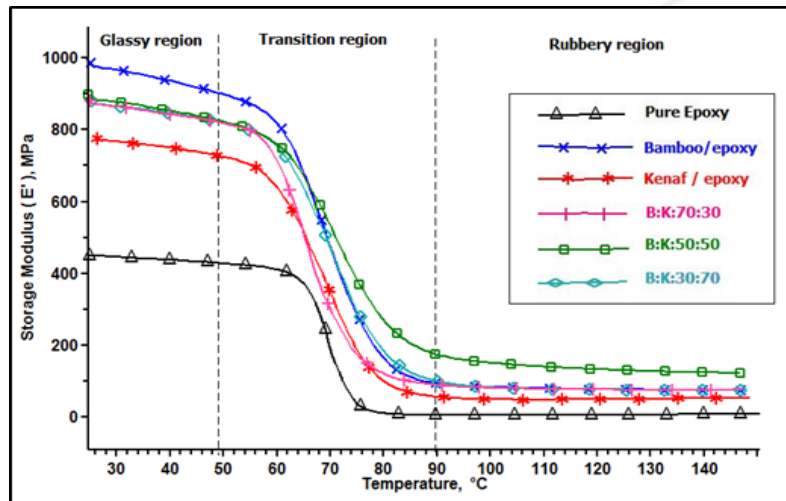
The decrease in CTE correspond to the decreased of polymeric segmental motion due to the interlocking mechanism between the fibers and epoxy matrix (*N. Saba et al., 2016c*)

**B:K:70:30** shows the **highest CTE** among all the 3 hybrid composites with .CTE of 162.7 ppm/°C and total expansion of 1.66% from 25 to 100 °C

This follow by **B:K:30:70** with **CTE of 123 ppm/°C** and total expansion of .1.26%

# Objective 1: Dynamic Mechanical Properties of Bamboo/Kenaf/Epoxy Hybrid Composites

Viscous elastic behaviour from 25 °C to 150 °C



Cole-cole plot

**Storage modulus (E')** represents the elastic portion of a viscous elastic material and is the most significant property to evaluate the load bearing capacity of a composite (*Anand et al., 2017*)

The storage modulus of the composites follow the sequence series of bamboo/epoxy > B: K: 50:50 > B: K: .70:30 > B: K: 30:70 > kenaf/epoxy > pure epoxy

**The effective coefficient (C)** is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the interfacial adhesion strength (*Idicula et al., 2005; Senturk, Senturk, & Palabiyik, .2018*)

$$C = \frac{(E'_G/E'_R)_{composite}}{(E'_G/E'_R)_{matrix}}$$

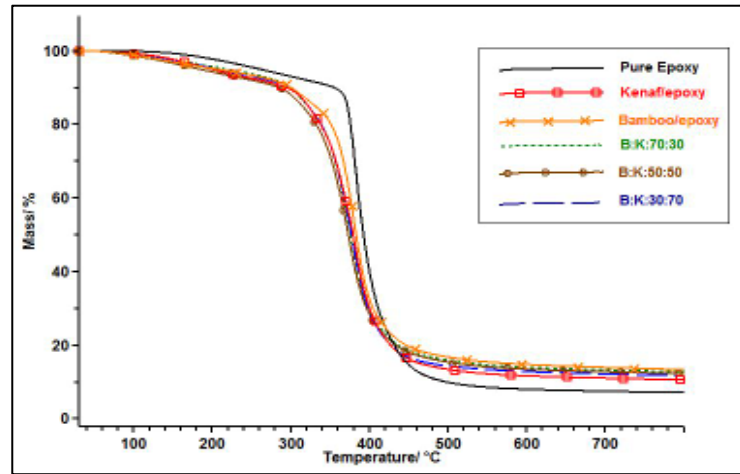
The lower the value of effectiveness coefficient indicates the higher interfacial adhesion strength

Coefficient Effectiveness	Bamboo /Epoxy	/Kenaf Epoxy	:B:K 70:30	:B:K 50:50	:B:K 30:70
	0.17	0.21	0.15	0.09	0.15

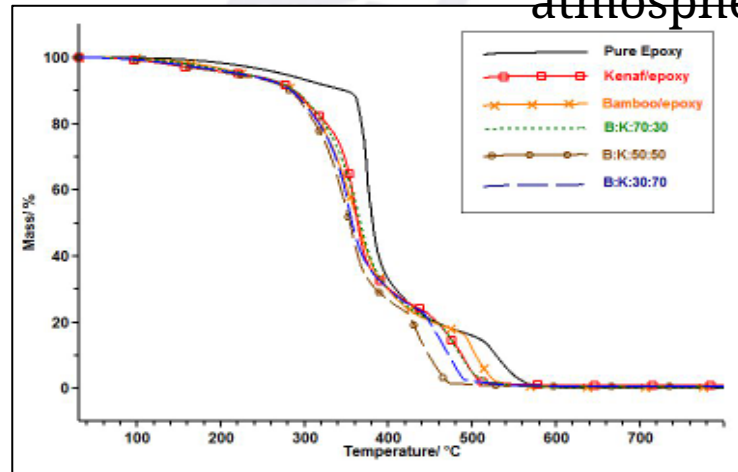
The cole-cole plot also shows evidence of positive hybridization effects whereby the hybrid composites shows relatively more perfect semi-circular peak



# Objective 1: Thermal and Thermo-oxidative (TOD) Stability of Bamboo/Kenaf/Epoxy Hybrid Composites



Decomposition under nitrogen atmosphere



Decomposition under oxygen atmosphere

Thermal stability was study with TGA under nitrogen atmosphere while TOD stability was study under .oxygen atmosphere

Decomposition under nitrogen atmosphere reveal in a single step while decomposition under oxygen atmosphere follow a 2 steps .decomposition

Presence of oxygen can cause changes in the chemical decomposition process in natural fibers (*Rachini et al., 2009*) as well as epoxy polymer (*L.Beyler, 2002; X. Zhang et al., 2018*)

According to *Dorez et al. (2014)*, the second mass loss in oxidative

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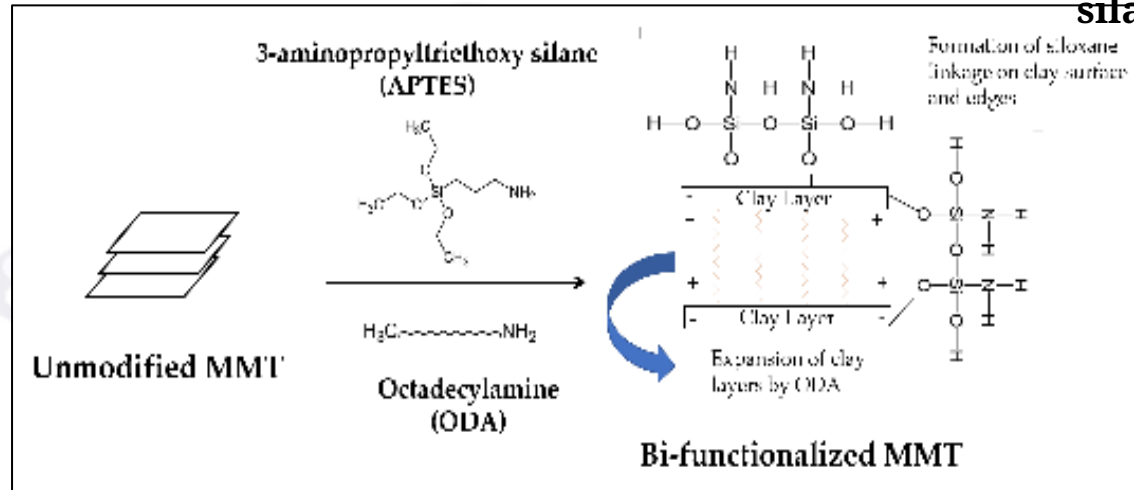
Composites	$T_O/ ^\circ\text{C}$		$T_M/ ^\circ\text{C}$		$T_E/ ^\circ\text{C}$	
	$\text{N}_2$	$\text{O}_2$	$\text{N}_2$	$\text{O}_2$	$\text{N}_2$	$\text{O}_2$
Pure epoxy	365.2	356.0	382.9	378.2	459.8	395.8
Kenaf/epoxy	274.1	261.8	380.2	363.3	447.7	382.1
Bamboo/epoxy	294.1	273.3	384.3	365.3	453.7	388.1
B:K:70:30	285.1	271.5	379.9	365.7	450.6	386.7
B:K:50:50	278.7	268.1	372.8	359.2	445.3	375.9
B:K:30:70	276.7	265.6	371.0	354.1	442.3	379.9

**Oxidative atmosphere fastened the decomposition process** shifting the decomposition temperature to lower in comparison to those measured in nitrogen atmosphere.

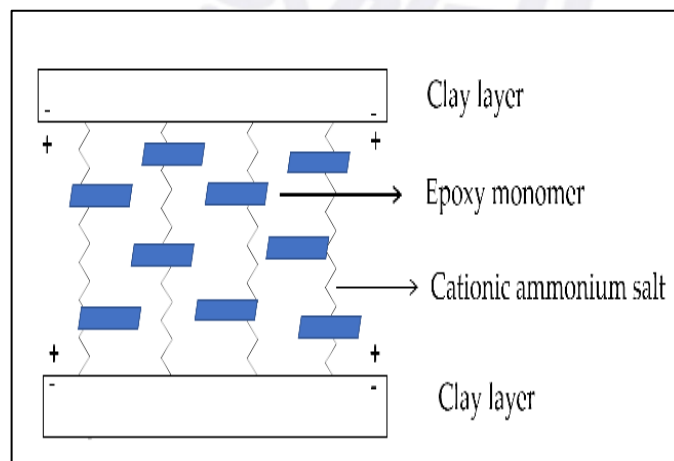
- **Bamboo/epoxy shows higher thermal stability** compare to kenaf/epoxy due to **higher cellulose and lignin content in bamboo fiber**.

- With increasing bamboo fiber content, increase thermal and TOD stability. Thermal and TOD stability of the hybrid composites following sequence: **B:K:70:30 > B:K:50:50 > B:K:30:70**

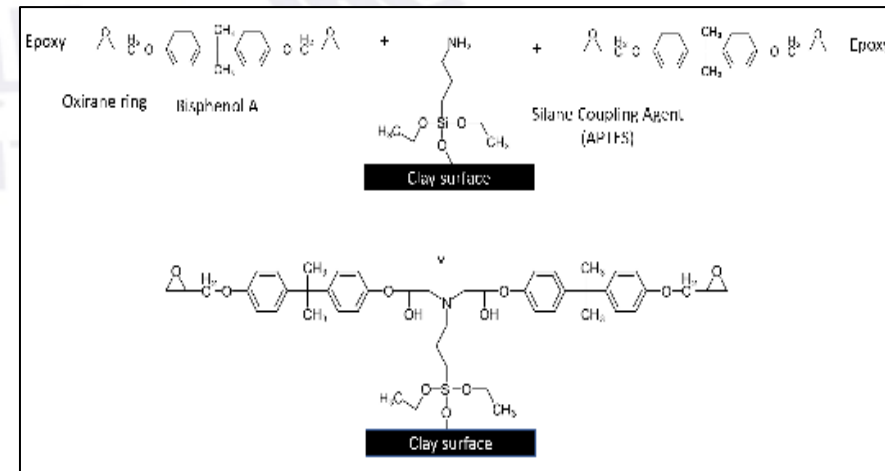
### Interaction between unmodified Montmorillonite (MMT) with cationic ammonium salt and silane coupling agent



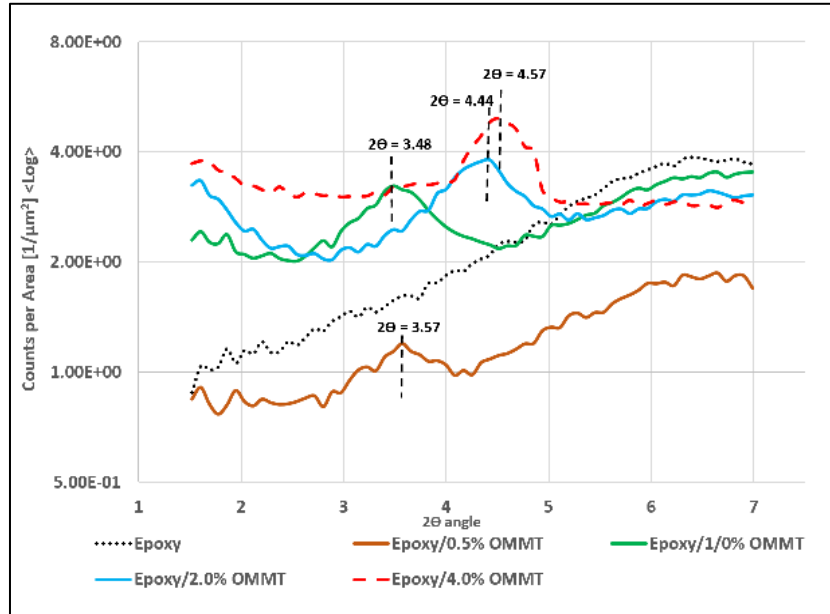
### Interaction between bi-functionalized MMT with epoxy resin



Diffusion of epoxy monomer into the clay galleries



Chemical reaction between clay layer, silane coupling agent and epoxy monomer



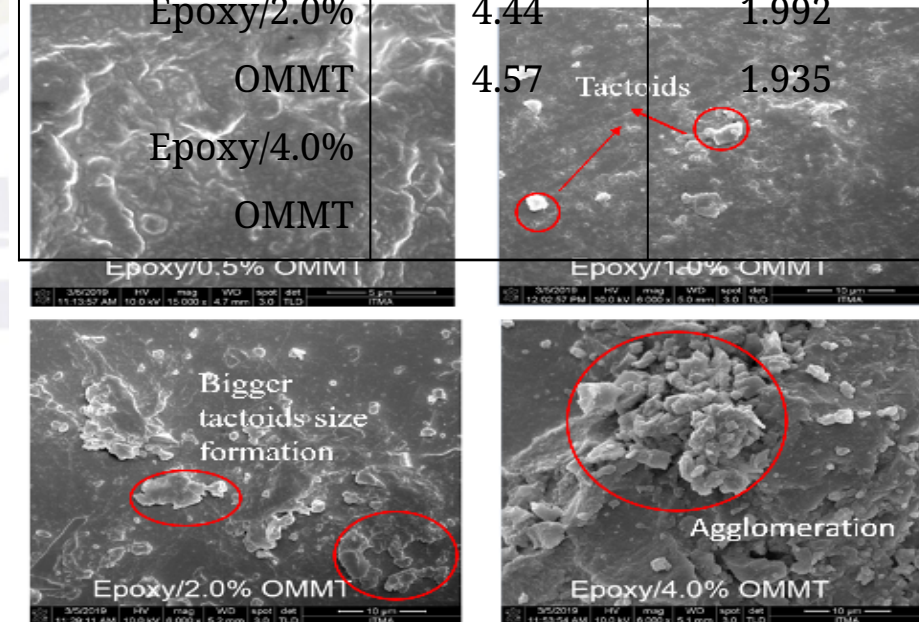
WAXS pattern of epoxy/OMMT nanocomposites with different concentration of OMMT

Bragg's Law:

$$d \text{ spacing } (d_{001}) = \frac{n\lambda}{\sin 2\theta}$$

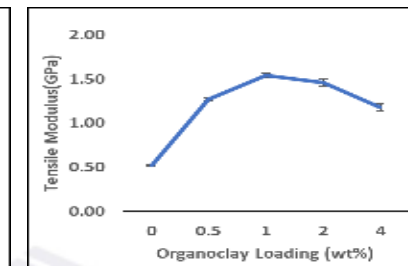
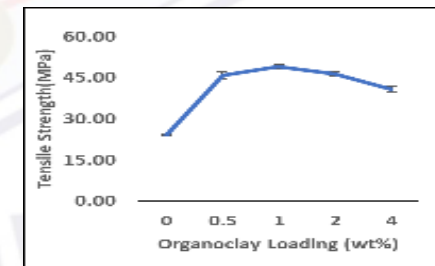
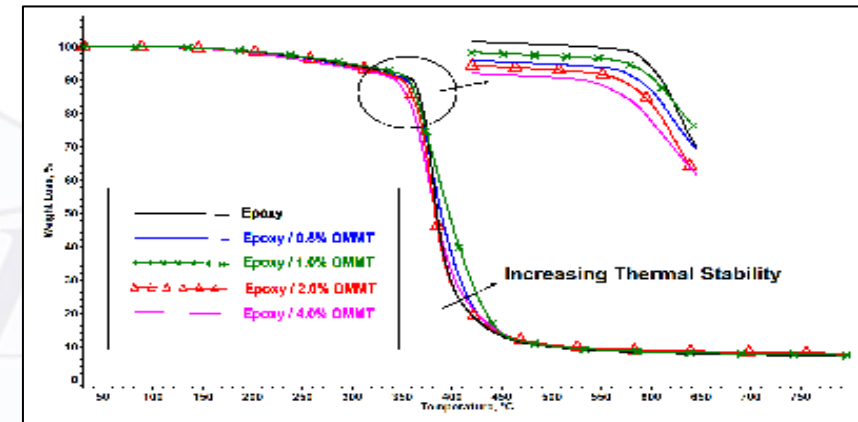
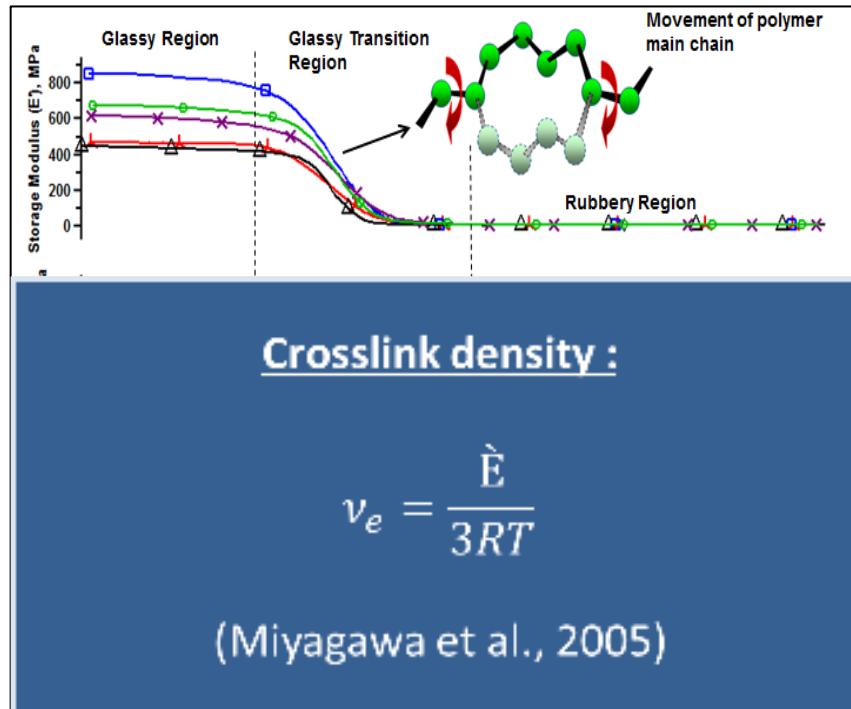
*Fu et al., 2019; Junior et al., 2015; (Poletto et al., 2014)*

Specimens		d Spacing (nm)
OMMT		
Epoxy/0.5%		
OMMT	4.34	2.038
Epoxy/1.0%	3.57	2.476
OMMT	3.48	2.540
Epoxy/2.0%	4.44	1.992
OMMT	4.57	1.935
Epoxy/4.0%		
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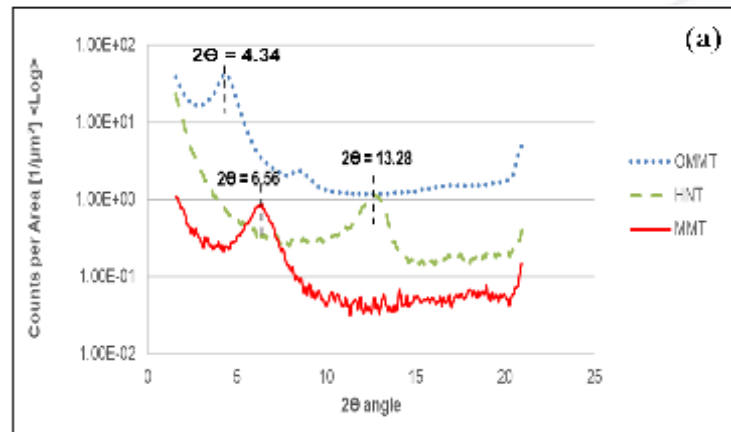
FESEM images of epoxy/OMMT nanocomposites showing tactoids and agglomeration.

FESEM images of epoxy/OMMT nanocomposites



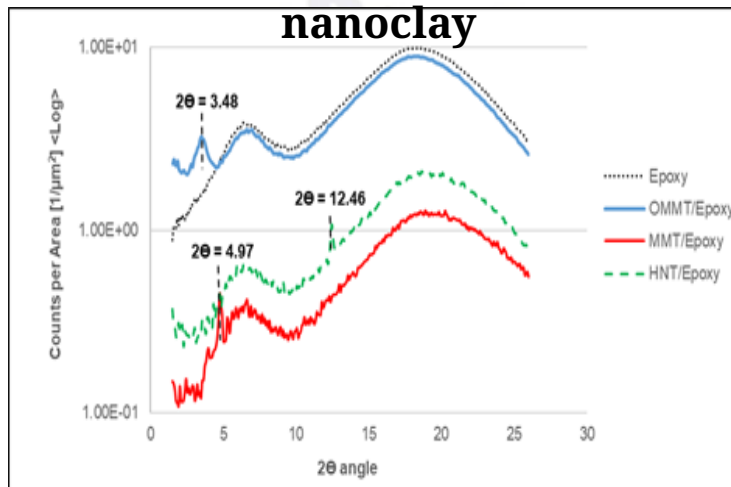
Composites	Storage Modulus (E') at 25 °C (MPa)	Storage Modulus (E') at T <sub>g</sub> + 30 °C (MPa)	Crosslink Density (× 10 <sup>23</sup> mol/m <sup>3</sup> )	T <sub>g</sub> by peak of Tan delta (°C)	T <sub>DTT</sub> /°C	T <sub>MAX</sub> /°C	T <sub>TDT</sub> /°C
Epoxy	449	6.0	6.1	77.8	365	383	425
Epoxy/0.5% OMMT	675	9.0	9.2	81.0	353	387	449
Epoxy/1.0% OMMT	850	10.0	10.2	82.6	356	394	461
Epoxy/2.0% OMMT	615	8.1	8.6	78.1	347	381	416
Epoxy/4.0% OMMT	466	7.8	8.0	76.6	336	381	458

## Structural and Morphological Study on Nanoclay/Epoxy Composites

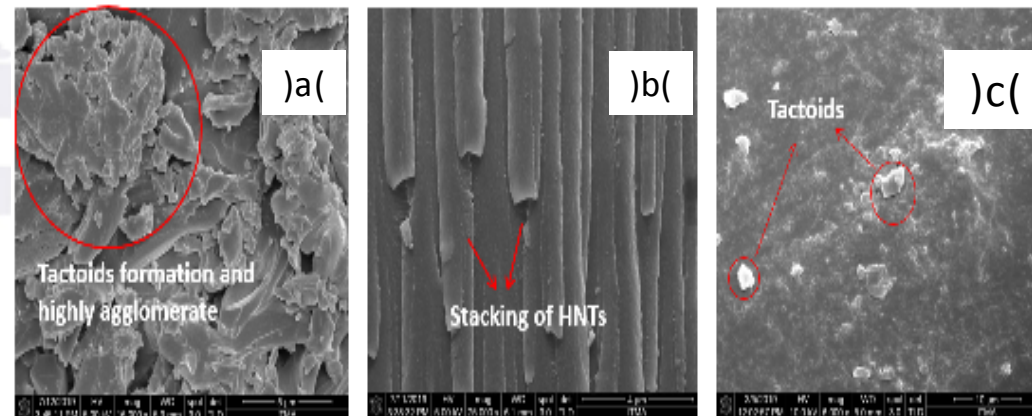


Specimens	Peak in $2\theta$ (°)	d spacing (nm)
MMT	6.56	1.35
HNT	13.28	0.67
OMMT	4.34	2.04
MMT/Epoxy	4.97	1.78
HNT/Epoxy	12.46	0.72
OMMT/Epoxy	3.48	2.54

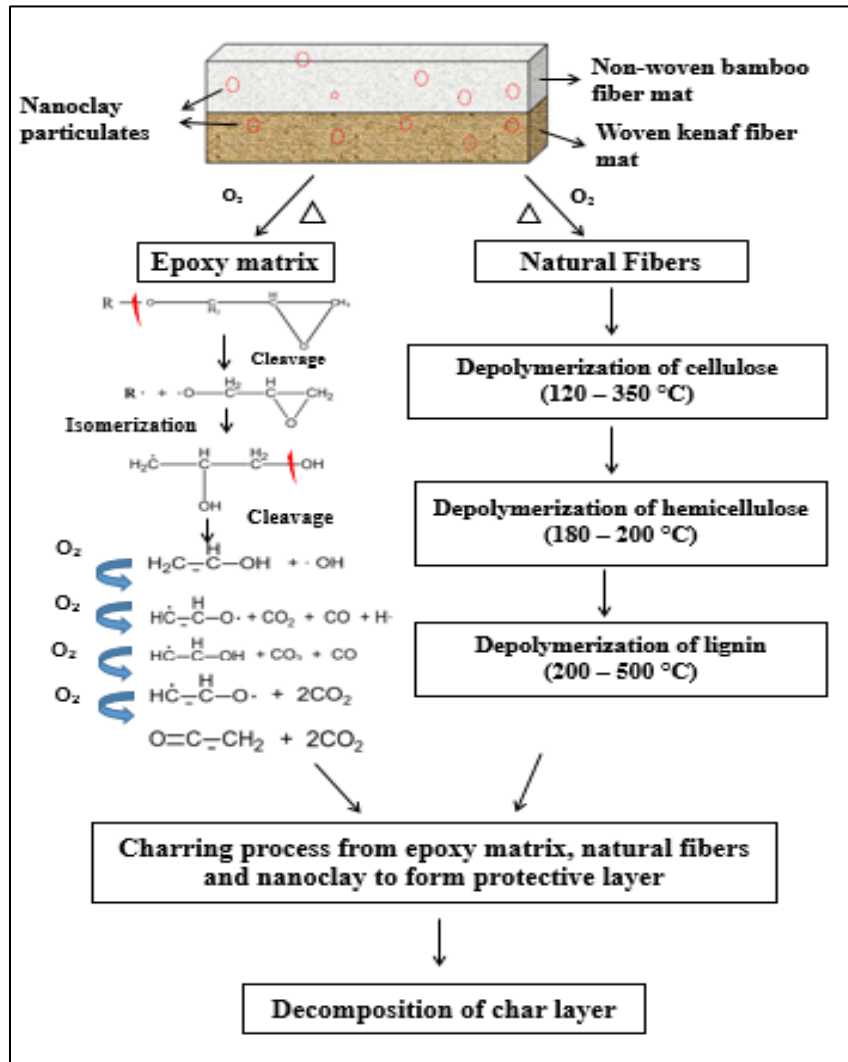
### WAXS analysis on pristine nanoclay



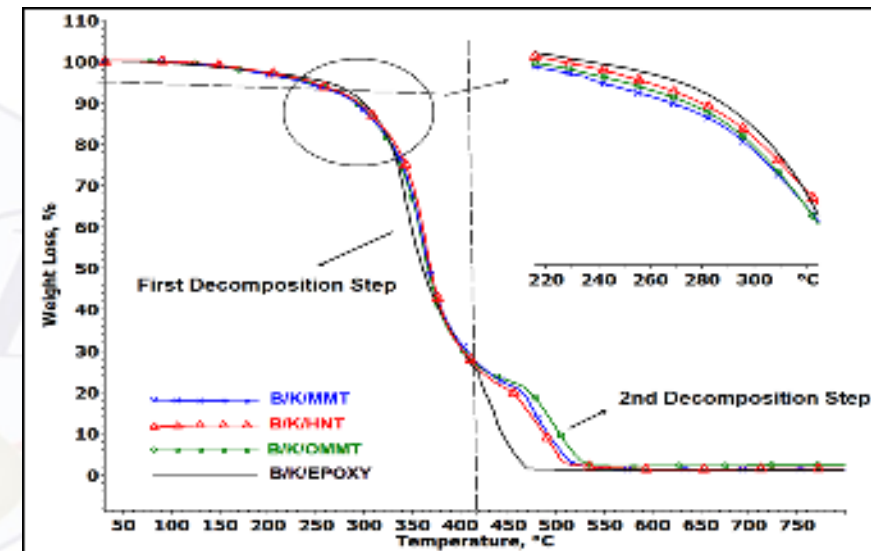
### WAXS analysis on epoxy/nanoclay



### FESEM images of (a) MMT/Epoxy; (b) HNT/Epoxy; (c) OMMT/Epoxy



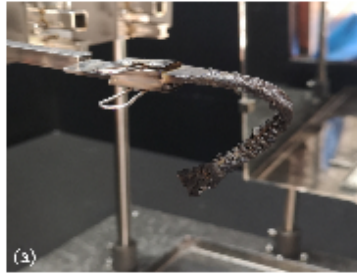
Schematic presentation on the decomposition process of bamboo/kenaf reinforced epoxy/nanoclay hybrid nanocomposite



TGA curve of hybrid nanocomposites under oxygen atmosphere

Hybrid Composites	T <sub>10%</sub> (°C)	T <sub>max1</sub> (°C)	T <sub>max2</sub> (°C)	Residue @ 800 °C (%)
B/K/MMT	289	356	485	1.54
B/K/HNT	297	365	483	1.43
B/K/OMMT	292	360	495	1.92
B/K/Epoxy	299	346	434	0.52

### UL-94 Horizontal Burning Test

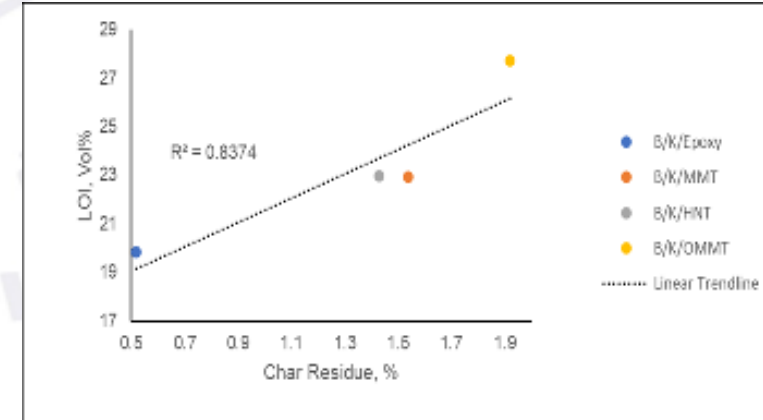


Hybrid composites after horizontal UL-94 a)  
burning test  
; Estimated flame height produce by B/K/Epoxy) b(  
Estimated flame height produce by B/K/OMMT) c)

Composites	Flame pass 1 <sup>st</sup> gauge mark (25mm)	Flame pass 2 <sup>nd</sup> gauge mark (100mm)	Dripping	Time from 1 <sup>st</sup> gauge mark to 2 <sup>nd</sup> gauge mark (s)	Linear burning rate (mm/min)	Rating
B/K/Epoxy	Yes	Yes	No	353.0 – 3.9	12.7	I (B40)
B/K/MMT	Yes	Yes	No	382.2 – 6.2	11.8	I (B40)
B/K/HNT	Yes	Yes	No	372.2 – 3.0	12.1	I (B40)
B/K/OMMT	Yes	Yes	No	455.0 – 4.2	9.89	HB40

### Limiting Oxygen Index (LOI)

Composites	C <sub>1</sub> (°C)	k	d (°C)	LOI (%)	Standard Deviation
B/K/Epoxy	19.4	2	0.2	19.80	0.24
B/K/MMT	22.8	0.61	0.2	22.02	0.42
B/K/HNT	22.8	0.68	0.2	22.94	0.12
B/K/OMMT	27.8	-0.45	0.2	27.71	0.13

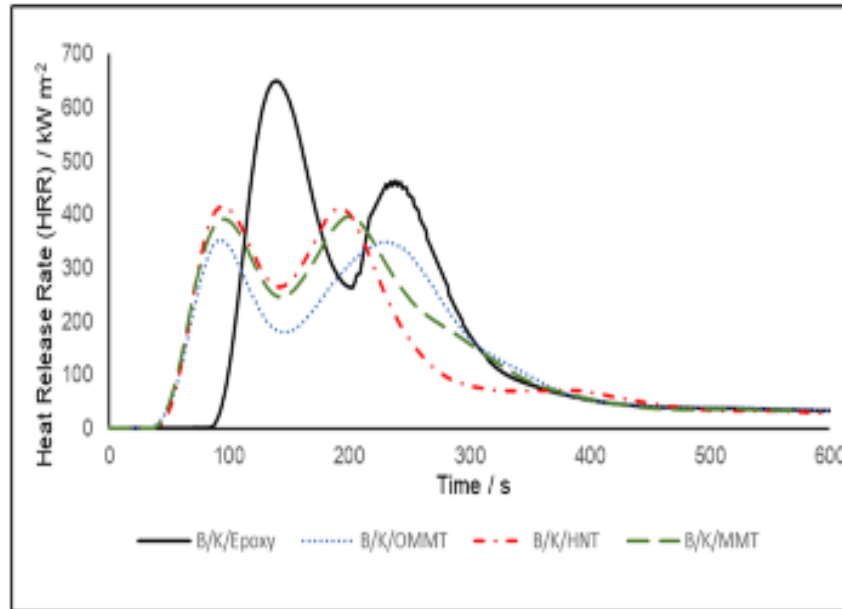


**Correlation between LOI value and char residue content at 800 °C of the hybrid nanocomposites**

**Van Krevelen (1975) reported on the linear correlation between char residue and LOI**



### Cone Calorimetry Test



Heat release rate curves as a function of time for filled and unfilled bamboo/kenaf reinforced epoxy hybrid composites at 35 kW/m<sup>2</sup> heat flux.

Composites	Time to ignition (s)	pHRR (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Total heat release (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
B/K/Epoxy	95 (4.9)	680 (40)	103 (4)
B/K/MMT	38 (2.2)	414 (21)	92 (5)
B/K/HNT	46 (4.0)	432 (20)	101 (6)
B/K/OMMT	45 (1.7)	388 (35)	83 (7)

- TTI: Time required for ignition
- TTI of all nanoclay filled hybrid nanocomposites are shorter compare to control sample.
- HRR: Quantity of heat release per unit area of a material.
- pHRR: Highest amount of heat emitted during combustion.
- Reduction of total heat release and pHRR between 36-43% on nanoclay filled hybrid nanocomposites.

### Smoke Density

Composite	Cone Calorimeter			Smoke Density
	Total smoke production/ TSP (m <sup>2</sup> )	SMOGRA )m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> (	Average Specific Extinction Area/ SEA <sub>AVG</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)	VOF4
B/K/Epoxy	)284 (2827	)1.46 (10.5	)41 (305	573
B/K/MMT	)102 (2289	)0.05 (9.17	)42 (168	180
B/K/HNT	)137 (2620	)0.19 (9.64	)13 (280	256
B/K/OMMT	)156 (1833	)0.05 (8.91	)6 (86	35.6

Total smoke production (TSP), smoke growth rate index (SMOGRA) and average .specific extinction area (SEA<sub>AVG</sub>) were obtained from cone calorimetry analysis

SEA<sub>AVG</sub> refer to the light absorption by the surface of smoke particles under a dynamic .gas flow

Smoke density tester provides information on the change of optical density of smoke .accumulation under a closed chamber

Nanoclay filled hybrid nanocomposites all show better smoke properties compare to .unfilled hybrid composites

.Excel smoke properties observed on B/K/OMMT hybrid nanocomposites

**Objective 1:** To explore the effect of hybridizing bamboo and kenaf fibers on the thermal properties of bamboo/kenaf fibers reinforced epoxy hybrid composites

B/K:70/30 hybrid composites shows the best thermal and thermo-oxidative stability. B/K:50/50 hybrid composites exhibit the best thermal expansion property and viscoelastic behaviour

**Objective 2:** To evaluate the morphology, thermal stability, viscous elastic behavior and tensile properties of nanoclay modified epoxy nanocomposites

Addition of nanoclay improve the thermal stability, viscoelastic behaviour and tensile properties of nanoclay/epoxy nanocomposites  
nanoclay loading display the best performance due to the better 1% dispersion of the nanoclay which induce strong interfacial adhesion strength between the difference phases

**Objective 3:** To investigate the effect of nanoclay on the morphological, thermo-oxidative stability and flammability properties of the bamboo/kenaf fibers reinforced epoxy hybrid composites

Nanoclay filled bamboo/kenaf fibers reinforced epoxy hybrid nanocomposites exhibits improved thermo-oxidative and flammability properties compare to unfilled hybrid composites  
Hybrid composites filled with organo modified nanoclay exhibit better performance compare to unmodified nanoclay due to the better interaction between nanoclay and polymer matrix and achieved a better dispersion level with less agglomeration

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