

Real World Applications In Graphene, Taking The Greatest Discovery From Manchester Into The Real World

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A spin out of the University of Manchester.
Patented process for producing high quality graphene.
Development of graphene into new materials
e.g. nanocomposites



VERSARIEN ADVANCED COMPOSITES

New division
Address real world applications of graphene



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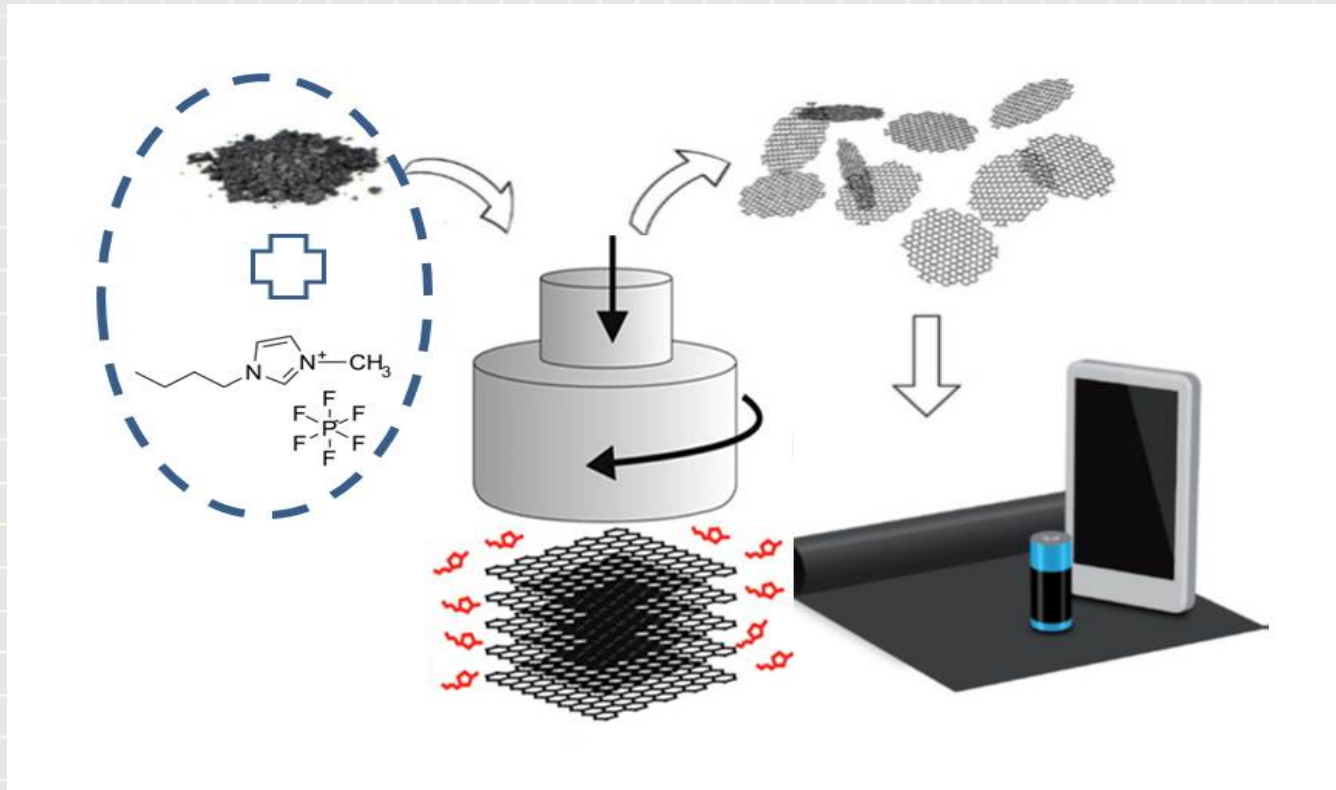
Where and how we do this?

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2-DTech Graphene

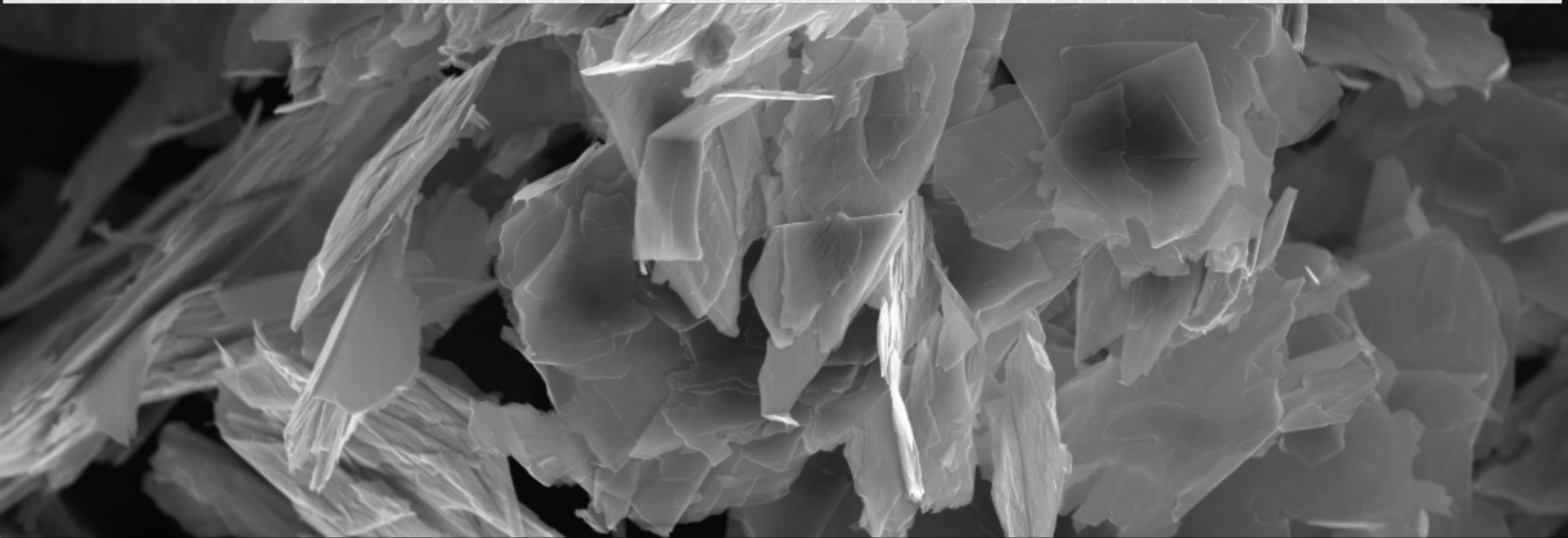


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- Proprietary licenced processes using standard industrial equipment
Graphene nanosheets by ionic liquid assisted grinding
- High quality graphene
- Competitive product quality and cost
- Platelets, CVD graphene, graphene oxide

Creating graphene

- 1-5 layers
- 2-3microns in diameter
- 98%+ purity
- Dry, in solution or compounded in master batch



2 μ m

EHT = 5.00 kV

Signal A = InLens

ESB Grid = 500 V

WD = 4.9 mm

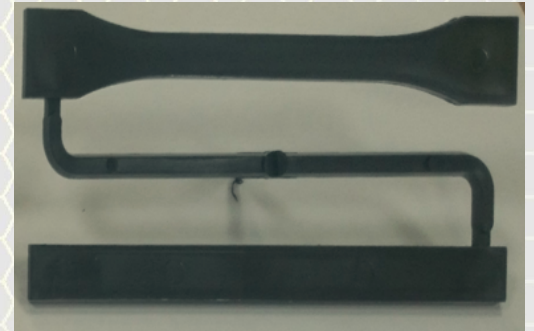
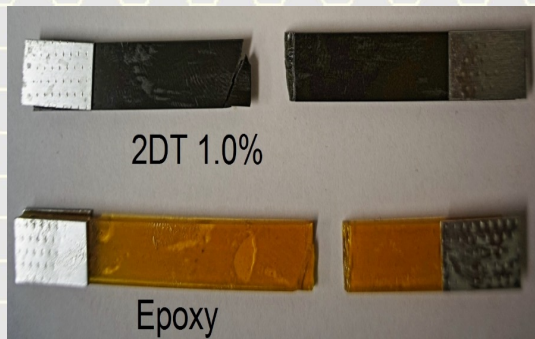
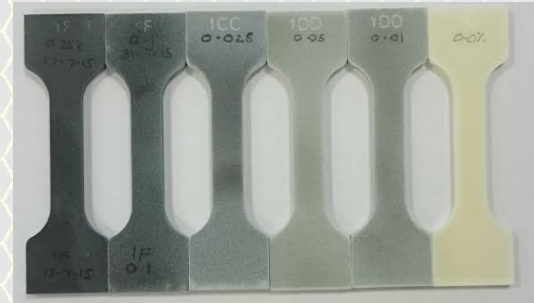
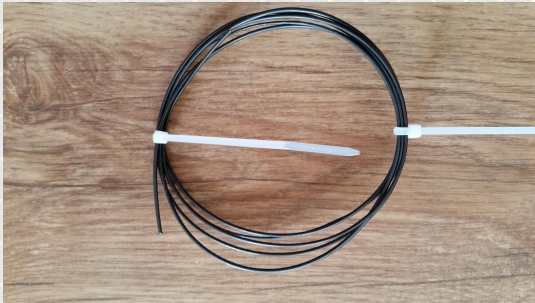
Mag = 22.39 K X

Market pressure

Automotive
Aerospace
Marine
High Performance Sports goods
Defence
Luxury Consumer goods

Examples of work

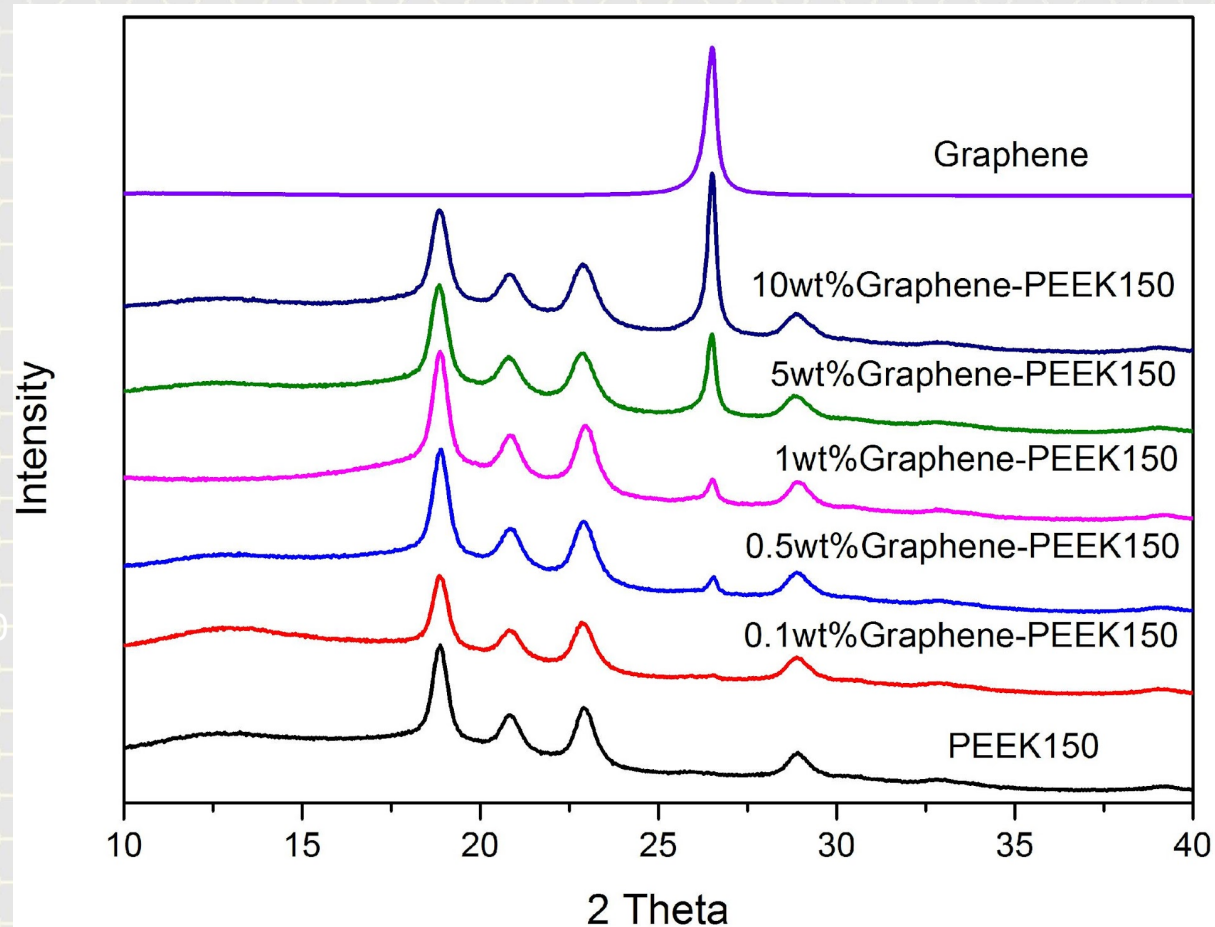
- PEEK 150 graphene reinforced
- Carbon Fibre Composite
- Others to follow Silicone, Nylon, ABS, Rubbers, glass and Metallics



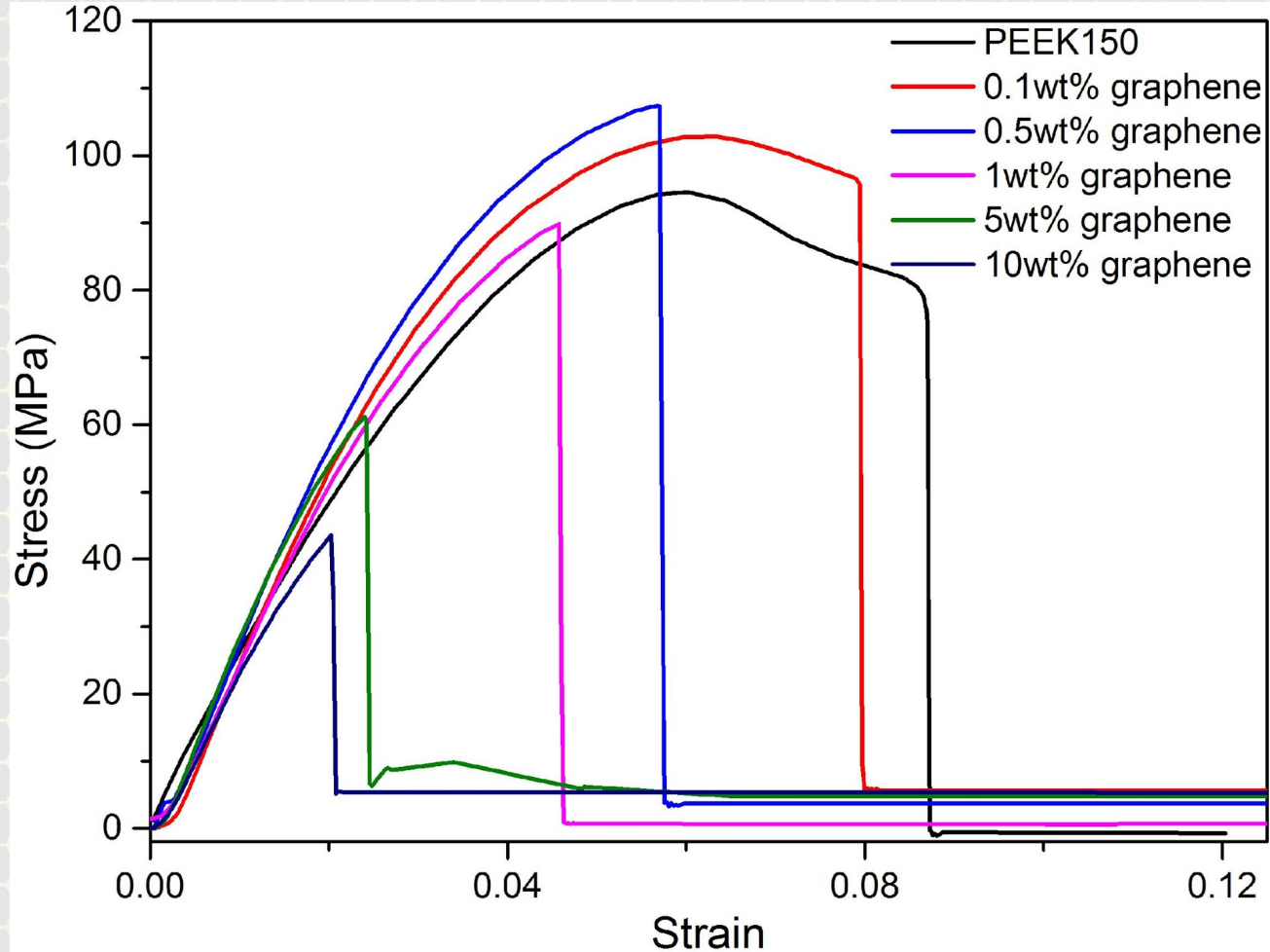
Feasibility study into graphene-PEEK nanocomposites

To bridge the gap that currently exists between graphene's potential and its commercial applications

XRD of films



Tensile testing – stress-strain curves

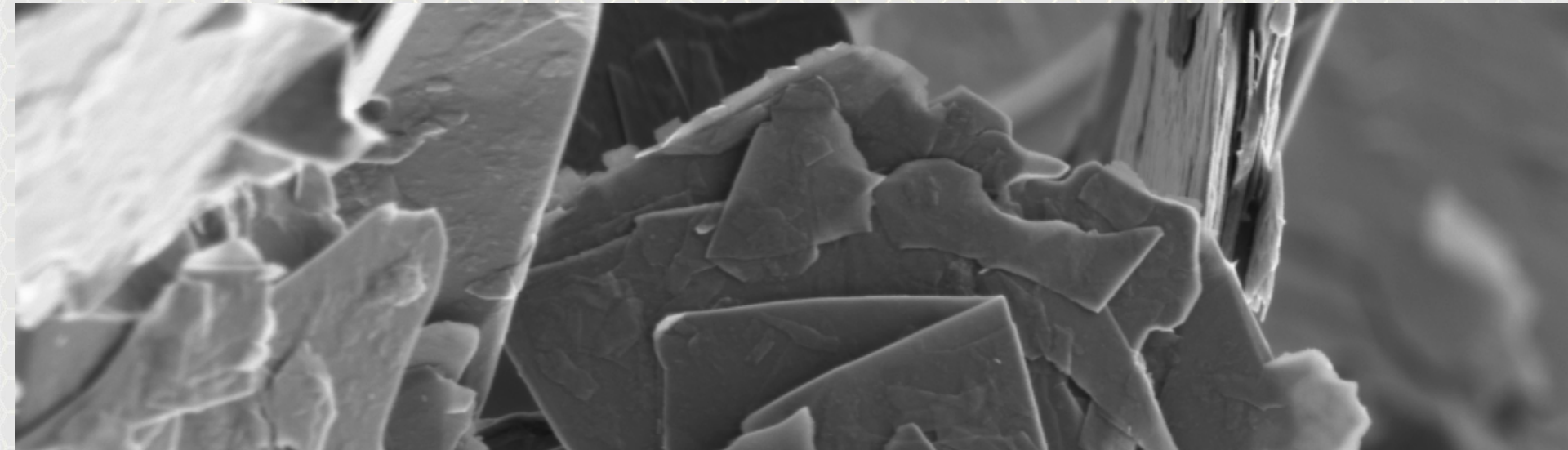


Graphene reinforced SLS Powders

32% improvement in modulus at 3wt% loading

21% improvement in UTS of the polymer matrix at 0.5wt% loading

17% improvement in elongation to break PEEK matrix at 3wt% loading



Additional benefits observed

Graphene incorporated into powders by standard mixing methods

Mechanical properties of films enhanced by low graphene loadings

Efficiency of melting of nanocomposites increased by graphene

Manufacturing methods achieved

Additive manufacturing

- Fused deposition modelling
- Selective laser sintering
- Injection moulding



Feasibility study into Carbon Fibre Composites

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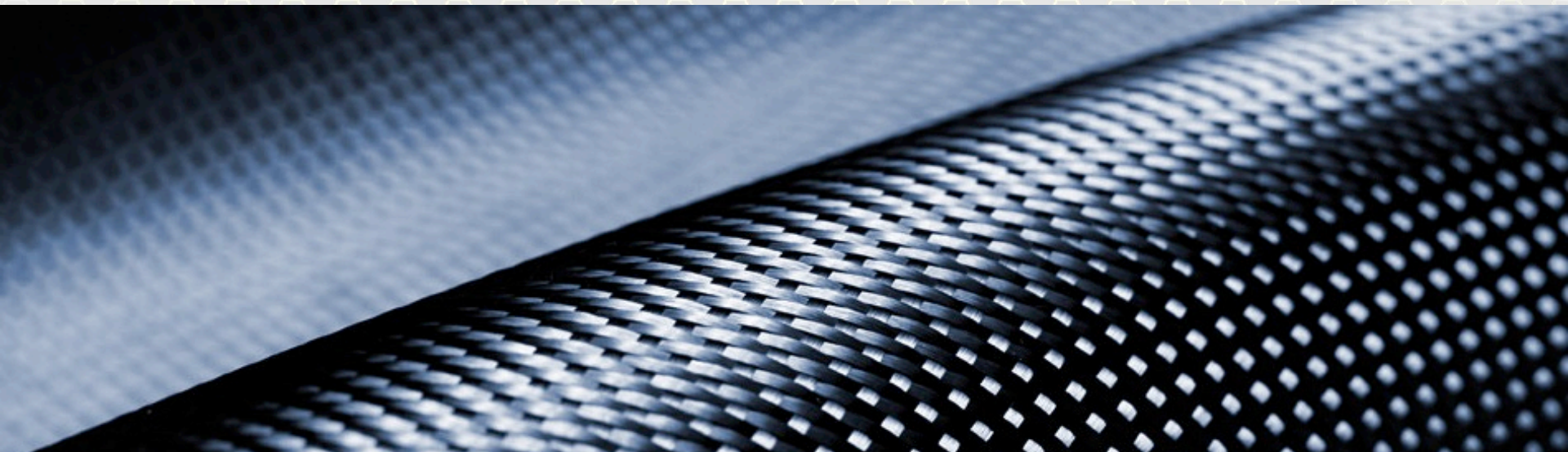
25% improvement in modulus of the Epoxy matrix

30% improvement in longitudinal modulus of CFRP

36% improvement in UTS of the epoxy matrix

23% improvement in transverse UTS of CFRP

52% improvement in transverse sheer strength of CFRP



Additional properties

Improved performance
Better resin/fibre adhesion
Blunt crack propagation
Enhance thermal dissipation
Induced electrical conductivity



Real world applications

