

Heat-Resistant Composite Materials

Carbon/Carbon Composite, CMC Composite

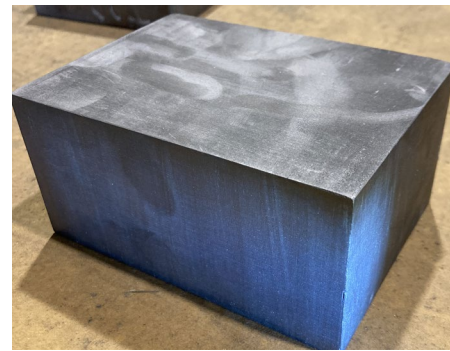
- C/C (Carbon/Carbon) : CF + Carbon
- CMC (Ceramic Matrix Composite) : CF + SiC
- Phenolic CFRP , SMC : CF + phenolic resin

【 Characters 】

- **Light weight** : 1/3-1/5 density of steel (7.9g/cm^3)
- **High stiffness** : Higher than Steel, **Thin design possible** by High strength
- **High heat resistance** : C/C, C/SiC : $800^\circ\text{C} \leq$ 、phenolic CFRP : $300^\circ\text{C} \leq$
- **High flame retardance** : phenolic CFRP (shot CF) **EN45545-2 R1/R6 HL3 passed**

【 Product example 】

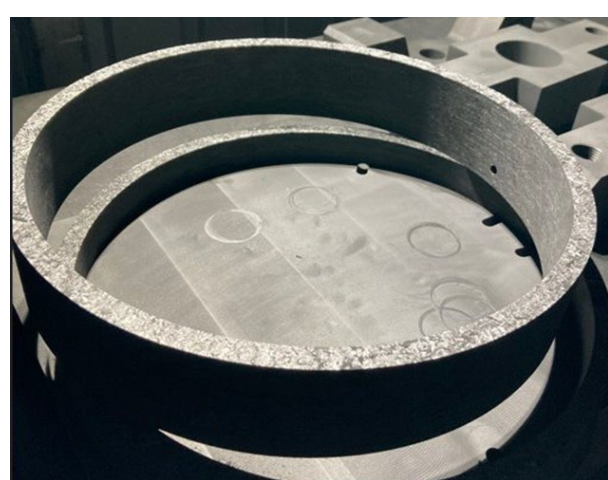
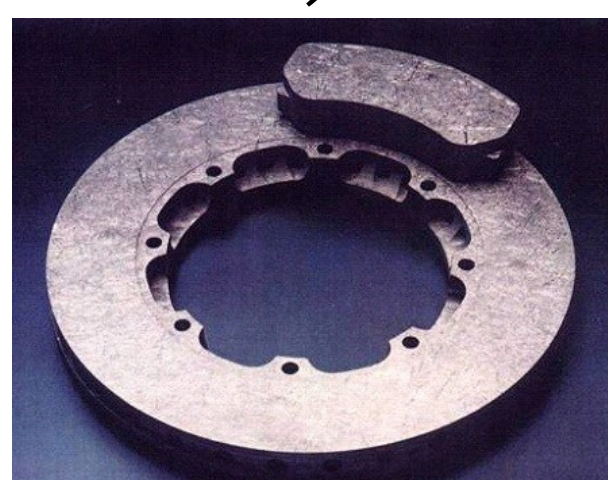
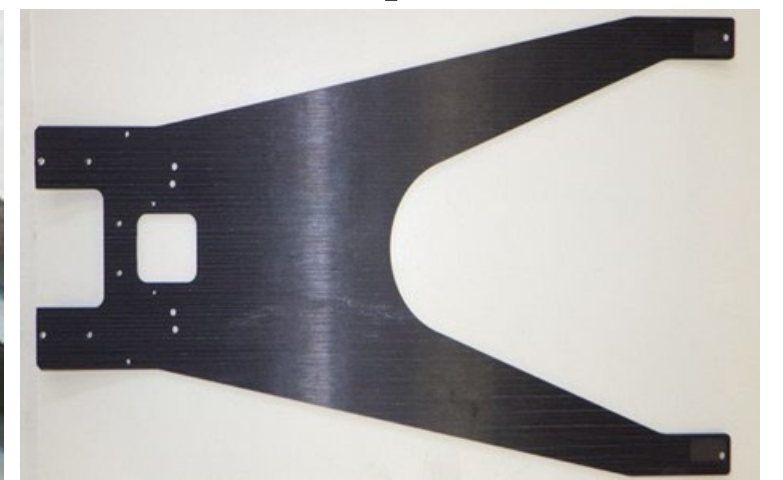
C/C brake & Molding (short CF)



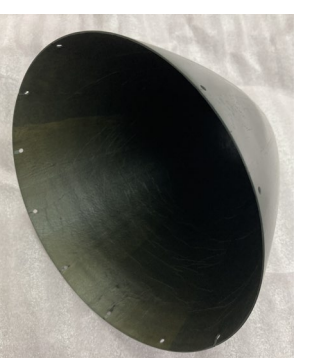
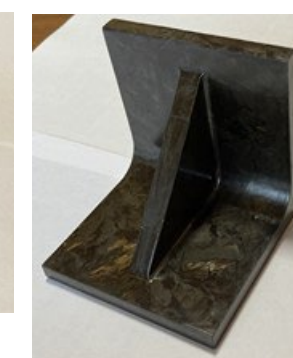
C/SiC brake (development)



C/C, C/SiC hand (long CF / development)



Phenolic CFRP hand & Molding (long CF • short CF / development)

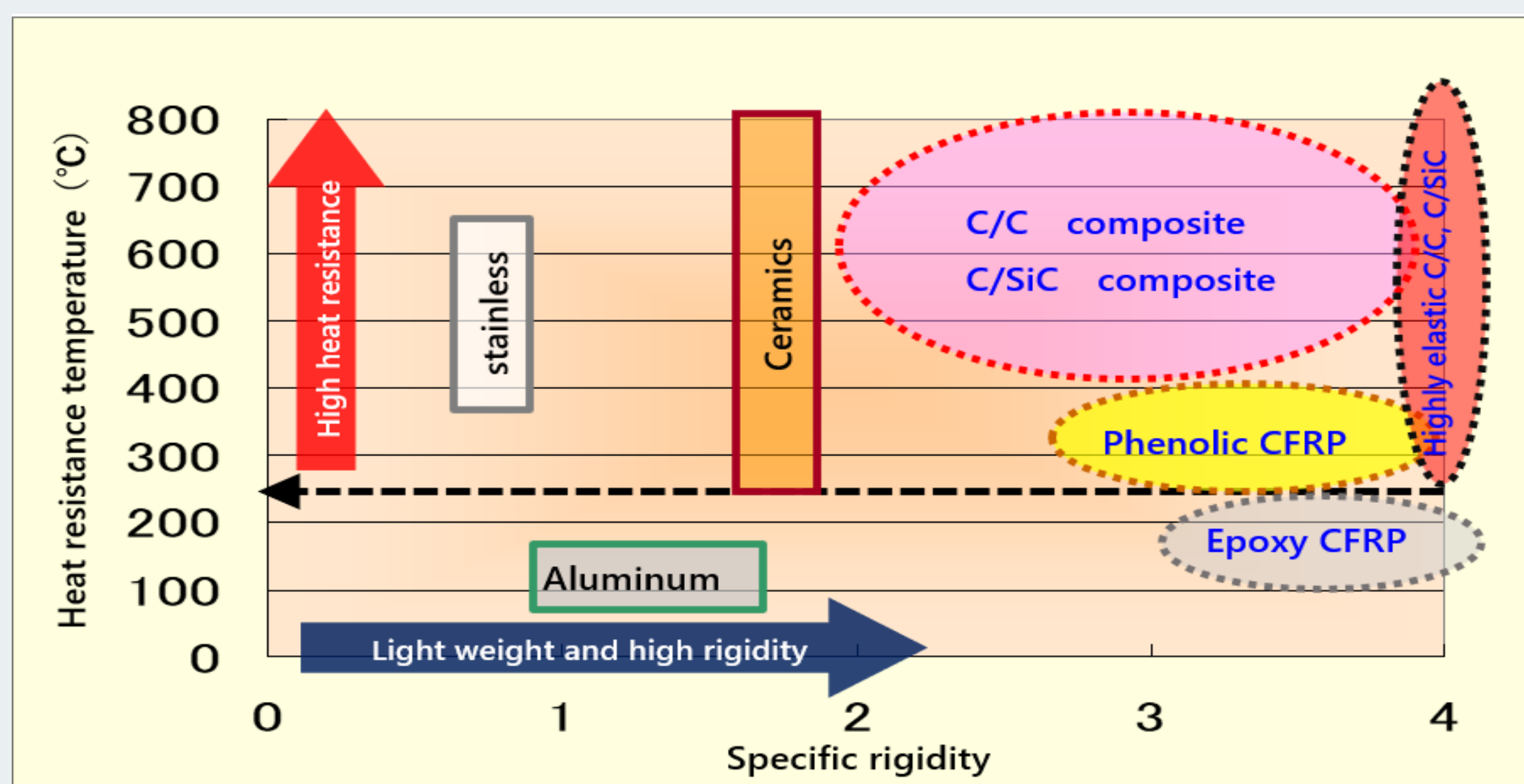


【 Typical properties 】

Materials	Direction	Bulk density g/cm ³	Bending strength (⊥) MPa	Bending modulus (⊥) GPa	Tensile strength (⊥) MPa	Compressive strength (⊥) MPa
C/C	Isotropic	1.9	180	70	110	170
	Unidirectional	1.7	440	290	300	300
C/SiC	Isotropic	2.4	150	100	100	500
	Unidirectional	2.1	410	310	300	450
Phenolic CFRP	Isotropic	1.6	100	20	50	170
	Unidirectional	1.7	630	390	1,710	300

The listed values are typical and can vary depending on the laminated structure and the amounts of substances contained.

【 Comparison with other materials 】



High Thermal Conductivity C/C Composite

Application : Fusion rocket engine, Divertor of Fusion reactor

Thermal Conductivity

C/C Type		High Thermal Conductivity				Standard	Low
Carbon Fiber		Uni Direction		Felt		Felt	Felt
Product Name		MFC-1	MFC-1N (Development)	MCI-felt type2H	MFC-2 (Development)		
Bulk density [g/cm ³]		> 1.9	> 1.9	> 1.9	> 1.9	> 1.9	> 0.2
Thermal Conductivity [W/mK]	CF direction	550	520	340	370	70	10
	Transverse direction	40	30	60	60	12	0.7

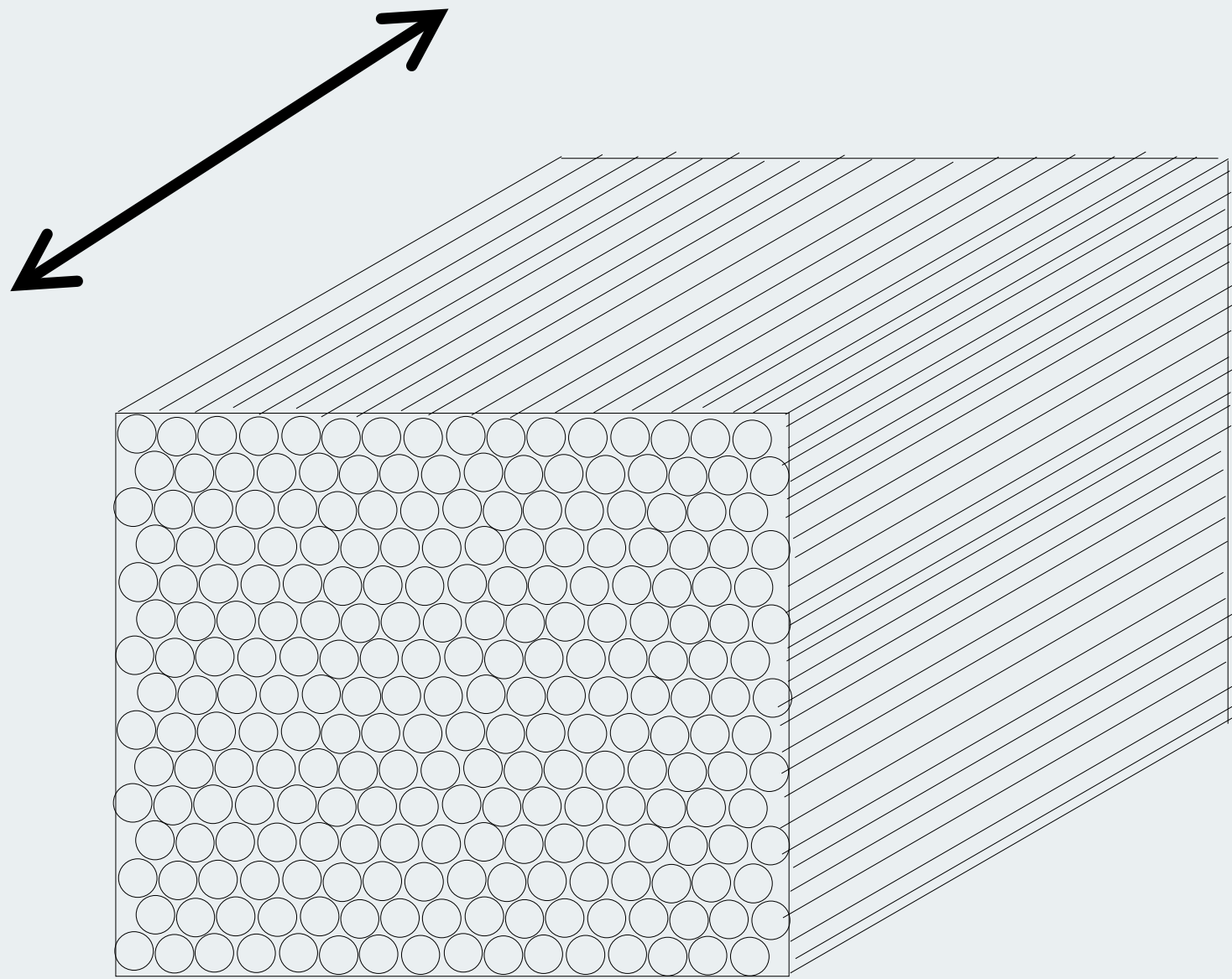
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※MCI-felt type2H has been used in Naka Research Institute's JT60U divertor.

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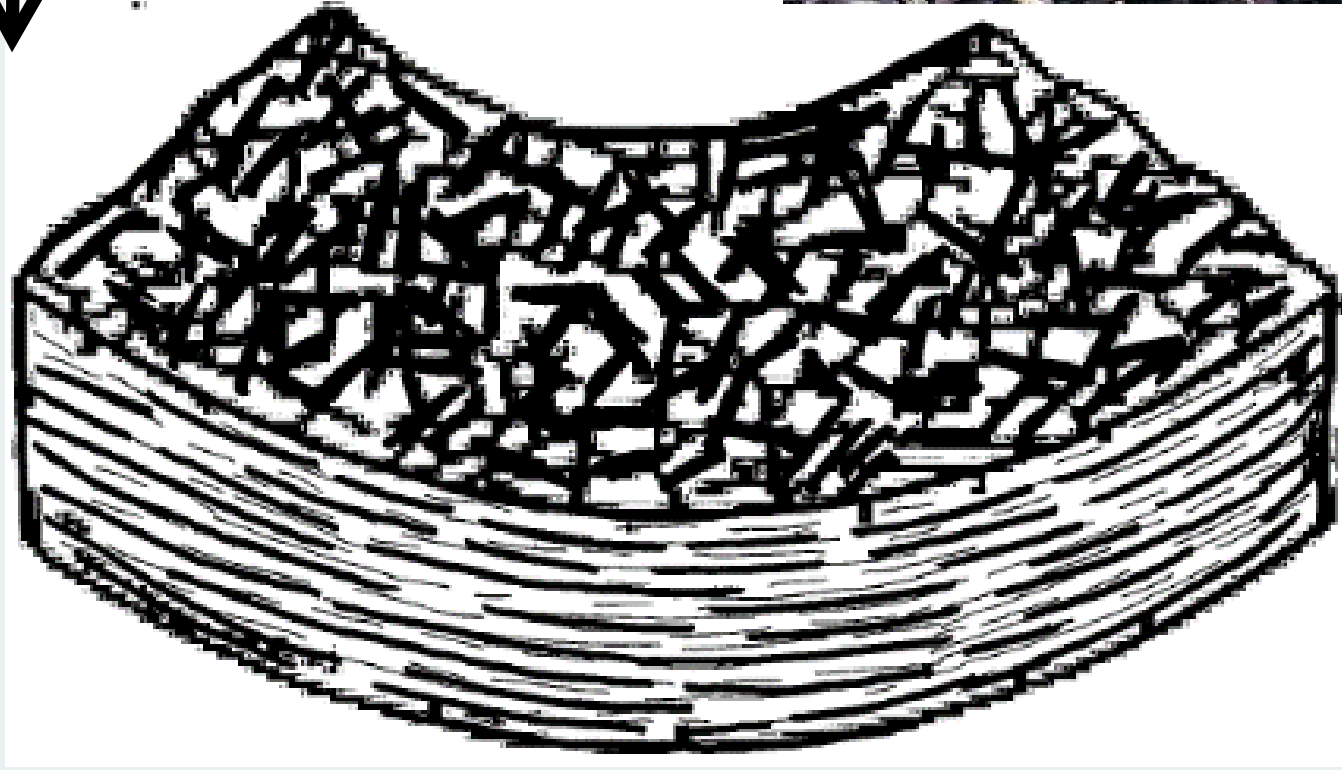
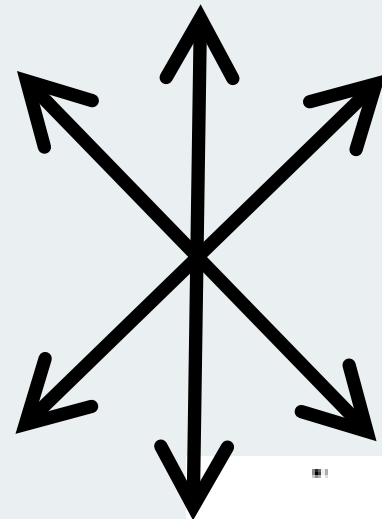
Uni Direction

CF direction



Felt

CF direction

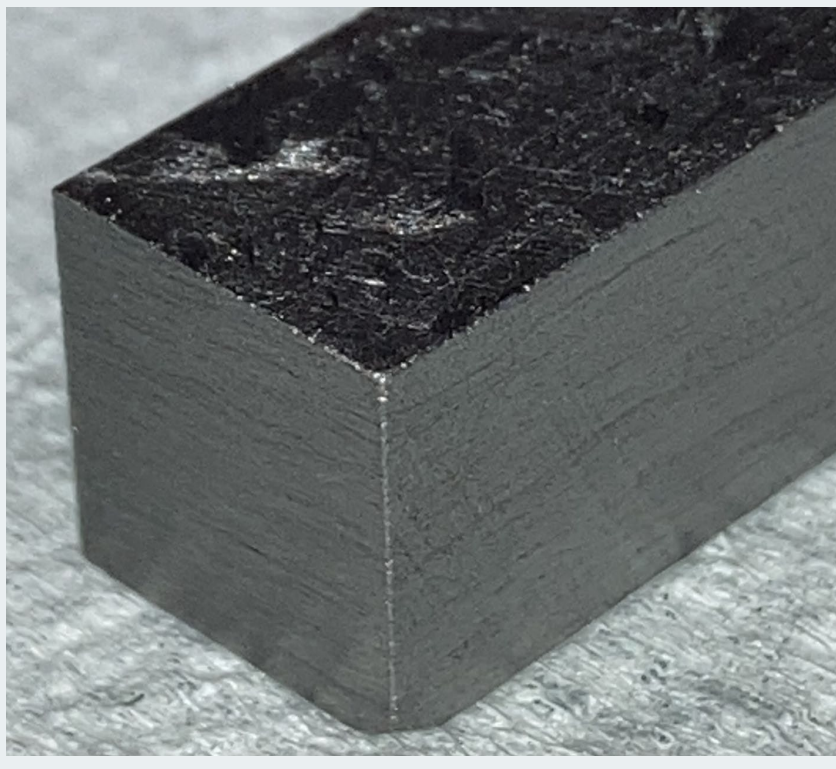
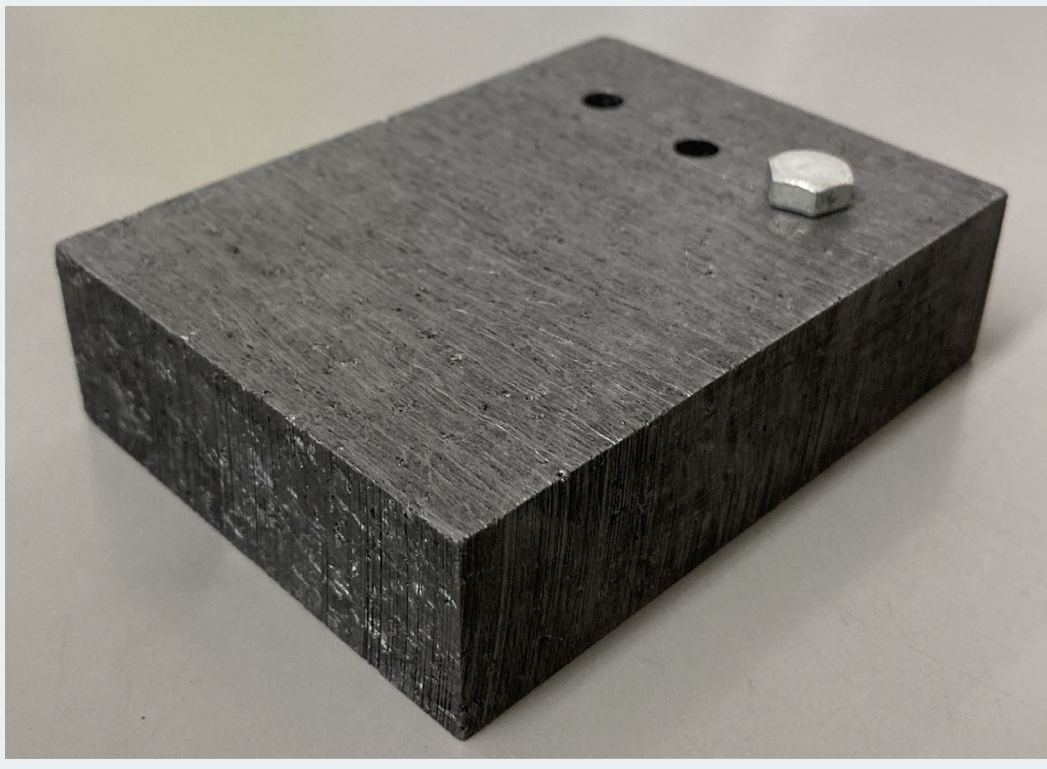
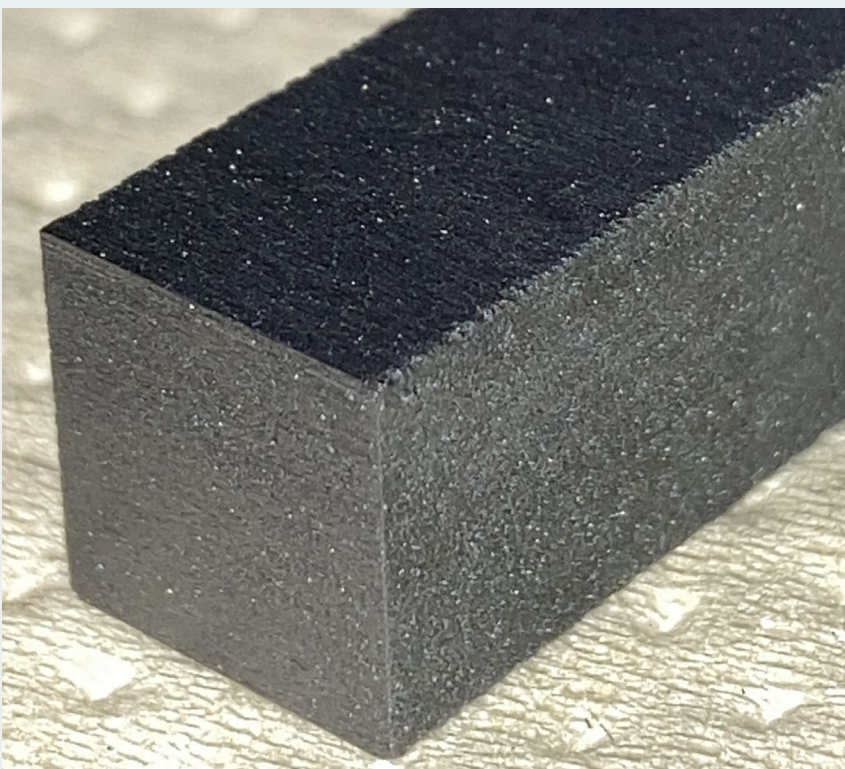
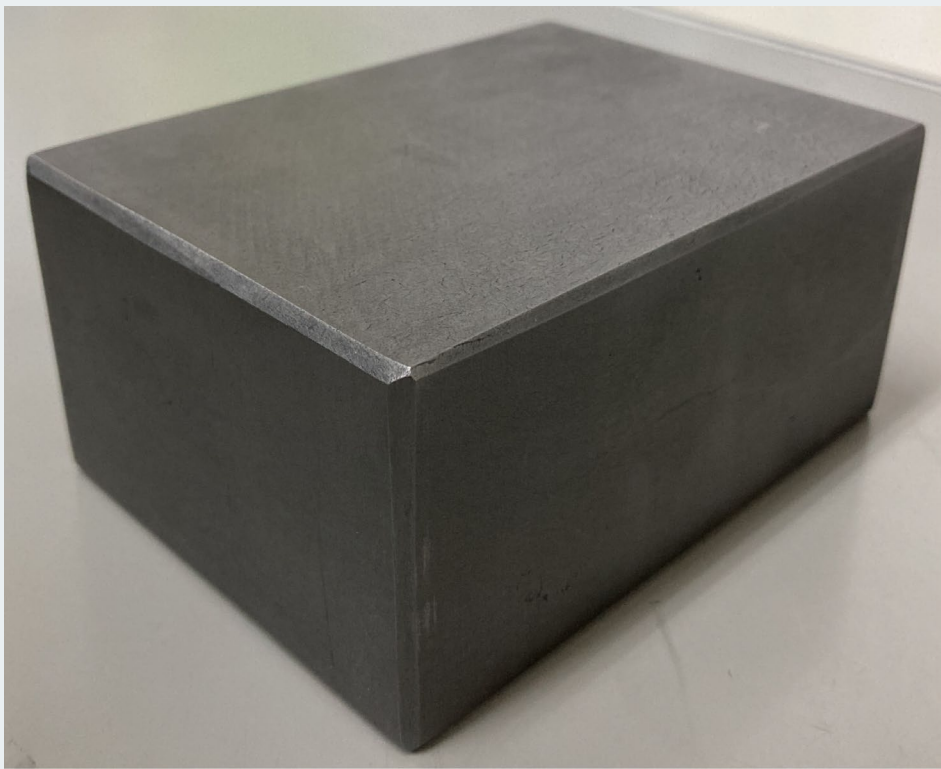


MFC-1

MFC-1N
(Development)

MCI-felt
type2H

MFC-2
(Development)



【Manufacturable size】 Negotiable
210*×150×110mm *CF direction

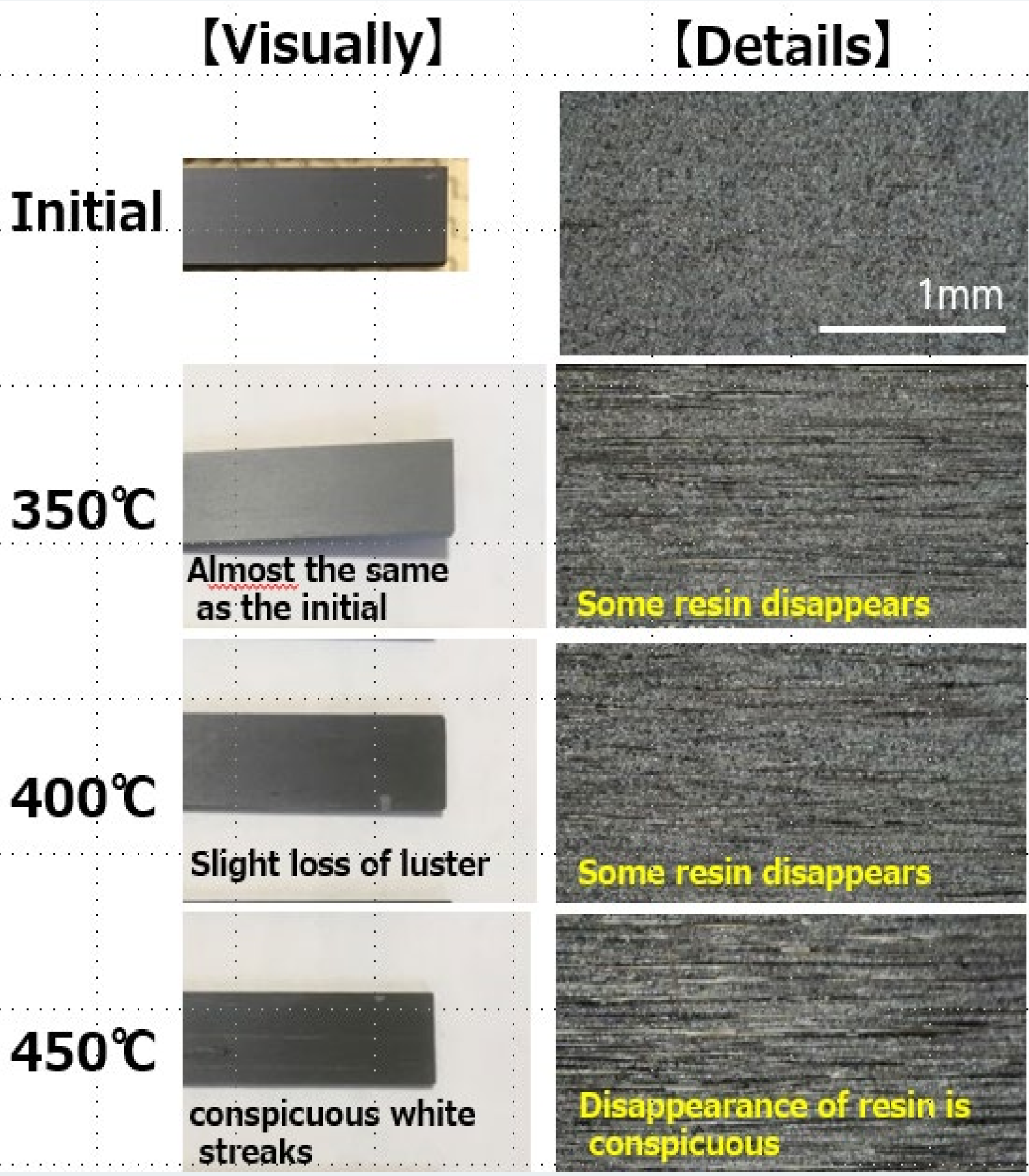
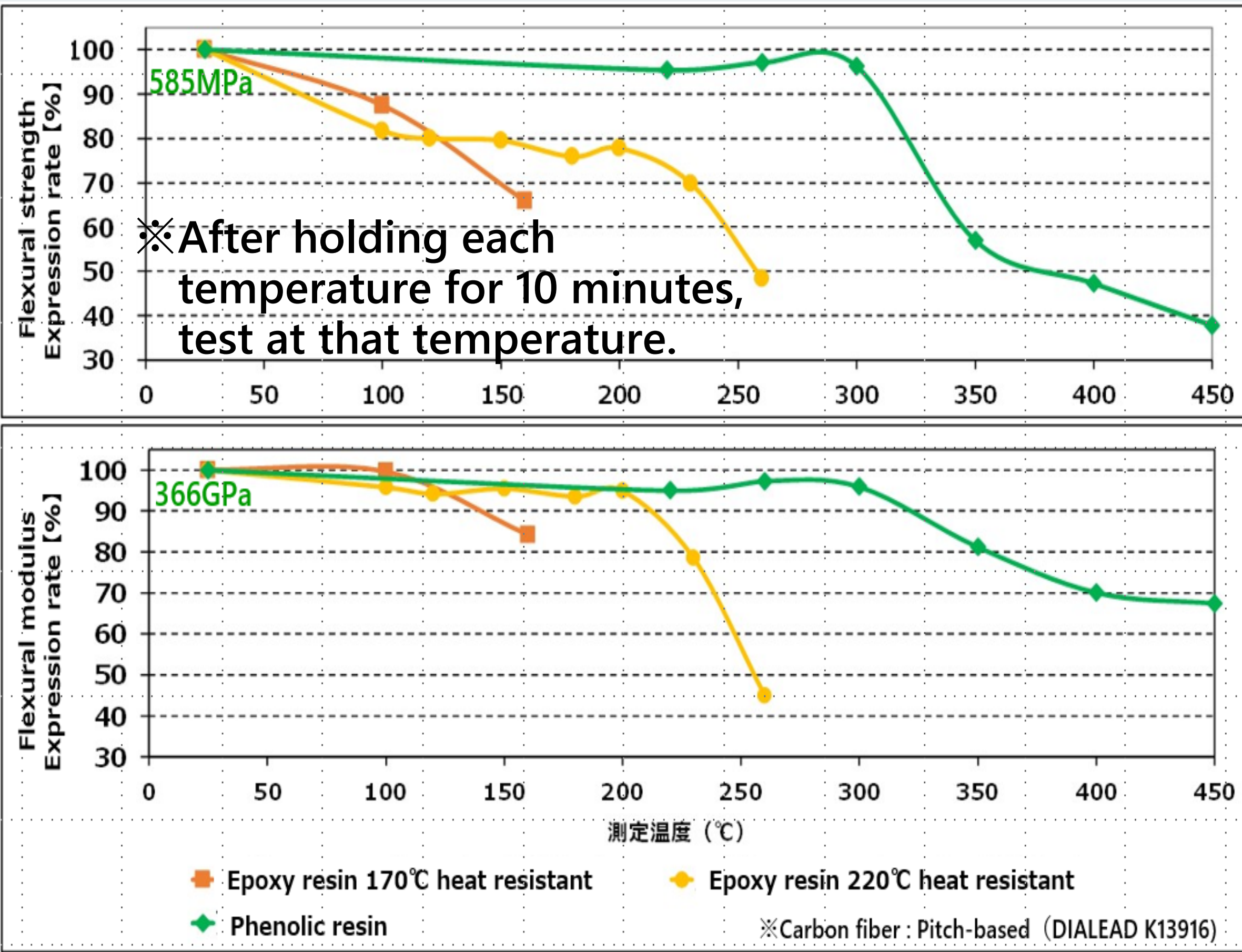
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300°C Heat Resistant Phenolic CFRP

【 Characters 】

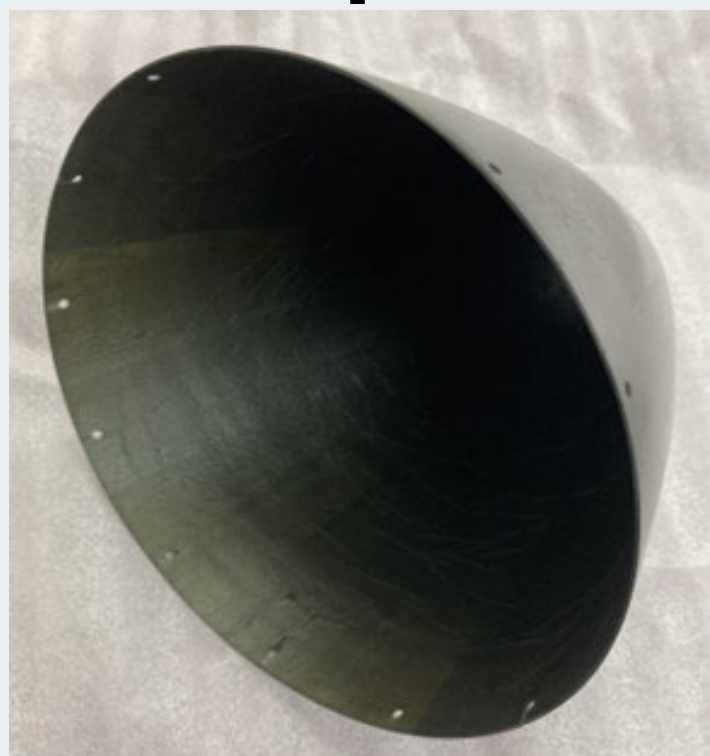
- **Light weight** : 1/4 or less density of steel (1.7 g/cm³)
- High stiffness : **Higher than Steel**, Thin design possible by High strength (long CF)
- **High heat resistance** : 300°C ≦
- Material type : Long CF, Short CF

【Temperature dependence of flexural properties and appearances】 ※long CF



【 Product example 】

Cone shape
(back side)



Pipe shape



【Other mechanical properties (Ref. epoxy CFRP)】

Carbon fiber type			Pitch-based K13916 (760GPa)	Pitch-based K63712 (640GPa)	PAN-based TR50S (230GPa)	Pitch-based K13916 (760GPa)
Rsin type			Phenol	Phenol	Phenol	Heat resistant epoxy
Density	g/cm ³		1.7	1.7	1.5	1.75
	vol%		8	8	8	≦3
Tensile	Strength	MPa	1470	1400	1470	1700
	Modulus	GPa	430	340	150	460
Bending	Strength	MPa	590	610	1640	630
	Modulus	GPa	370	270	120	380
Compression	Strength	MPa	350	410	1420	360
	Modulus	GPa	520	340	130	460
ILSS (Shear)	Strength	MPa	32	47	59	60
IZOD (Impact)	Strength	kg·cm/cm	33	40	120	—



Phenolic SMC
(short CF)
CFRP→C/C composite



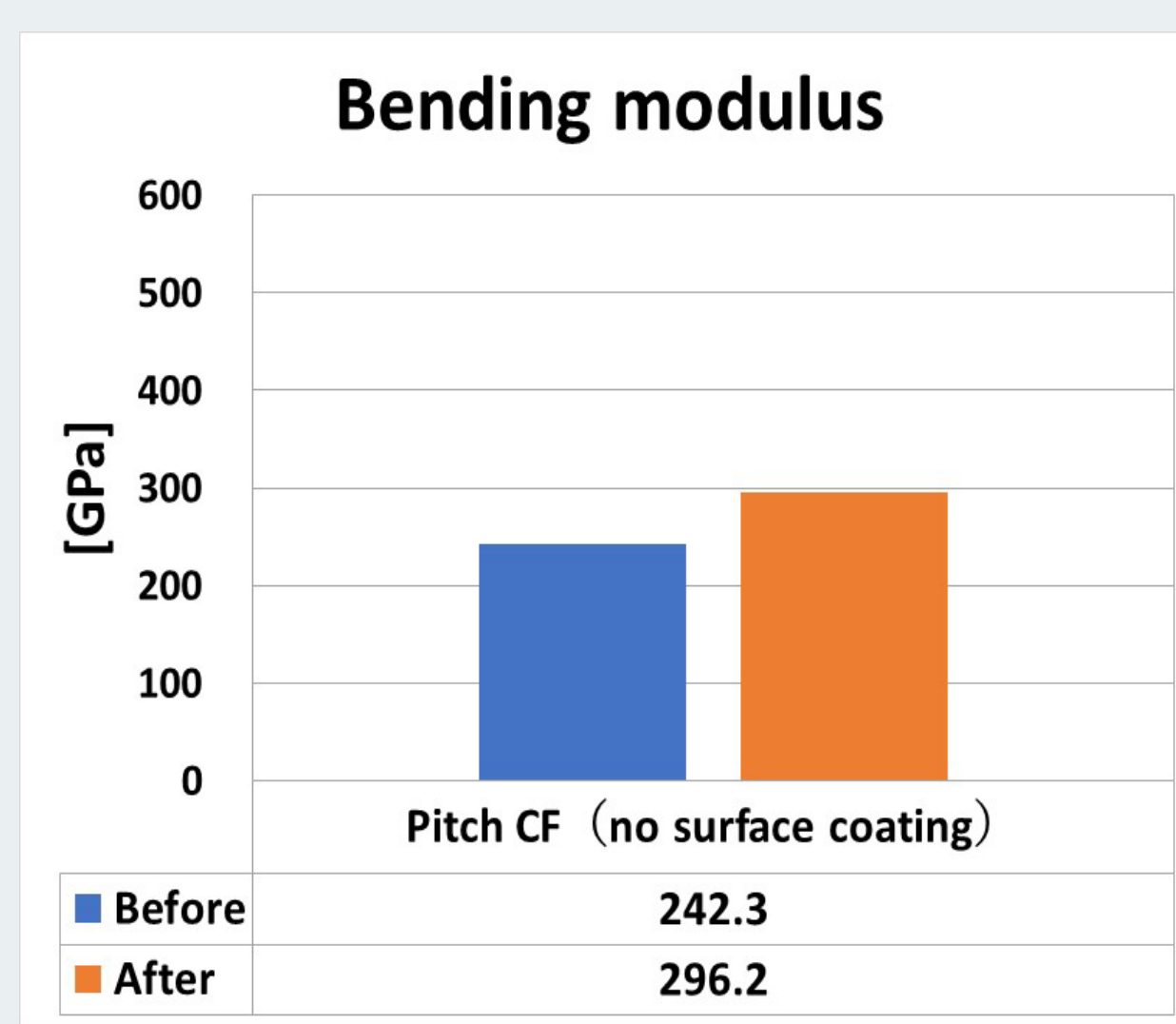
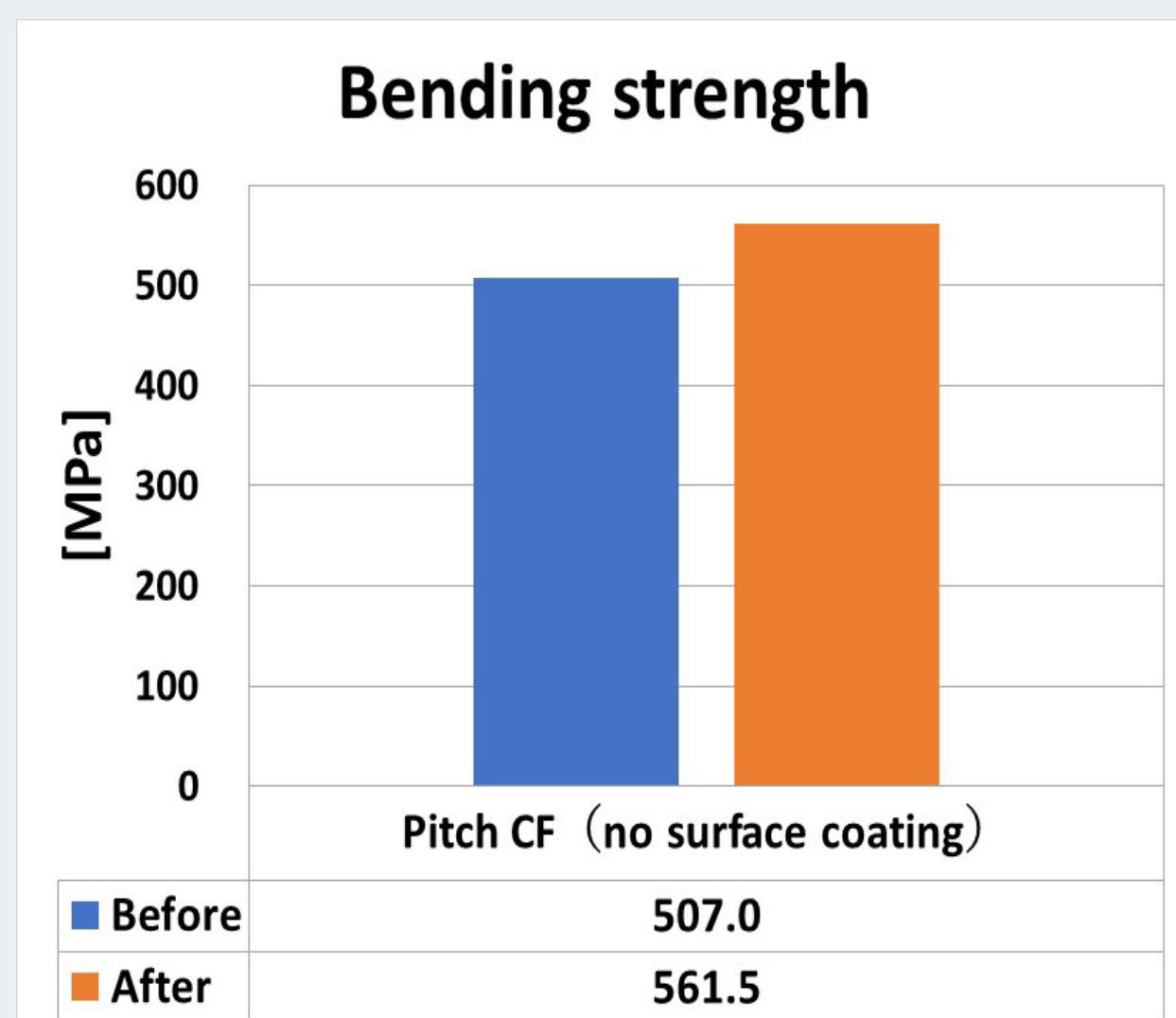
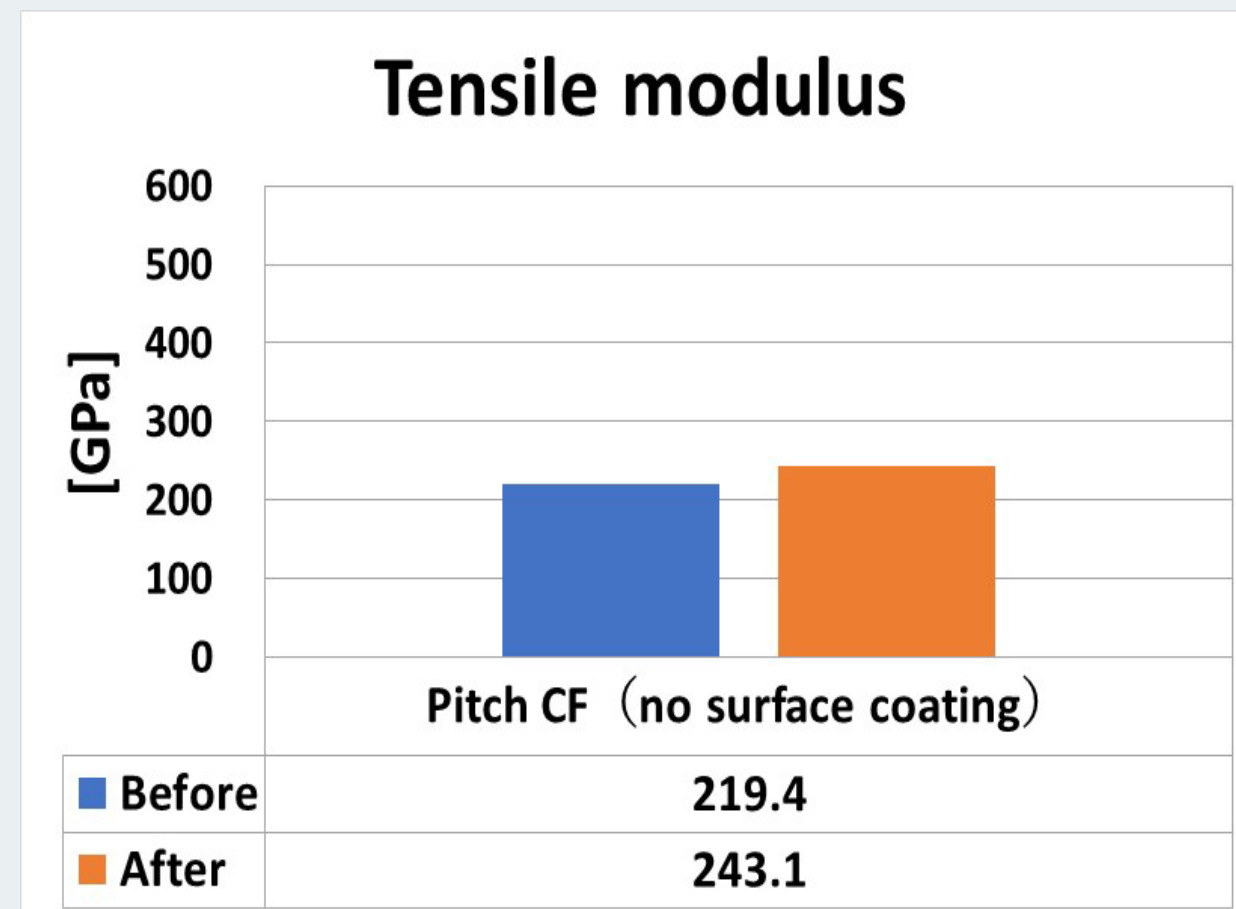
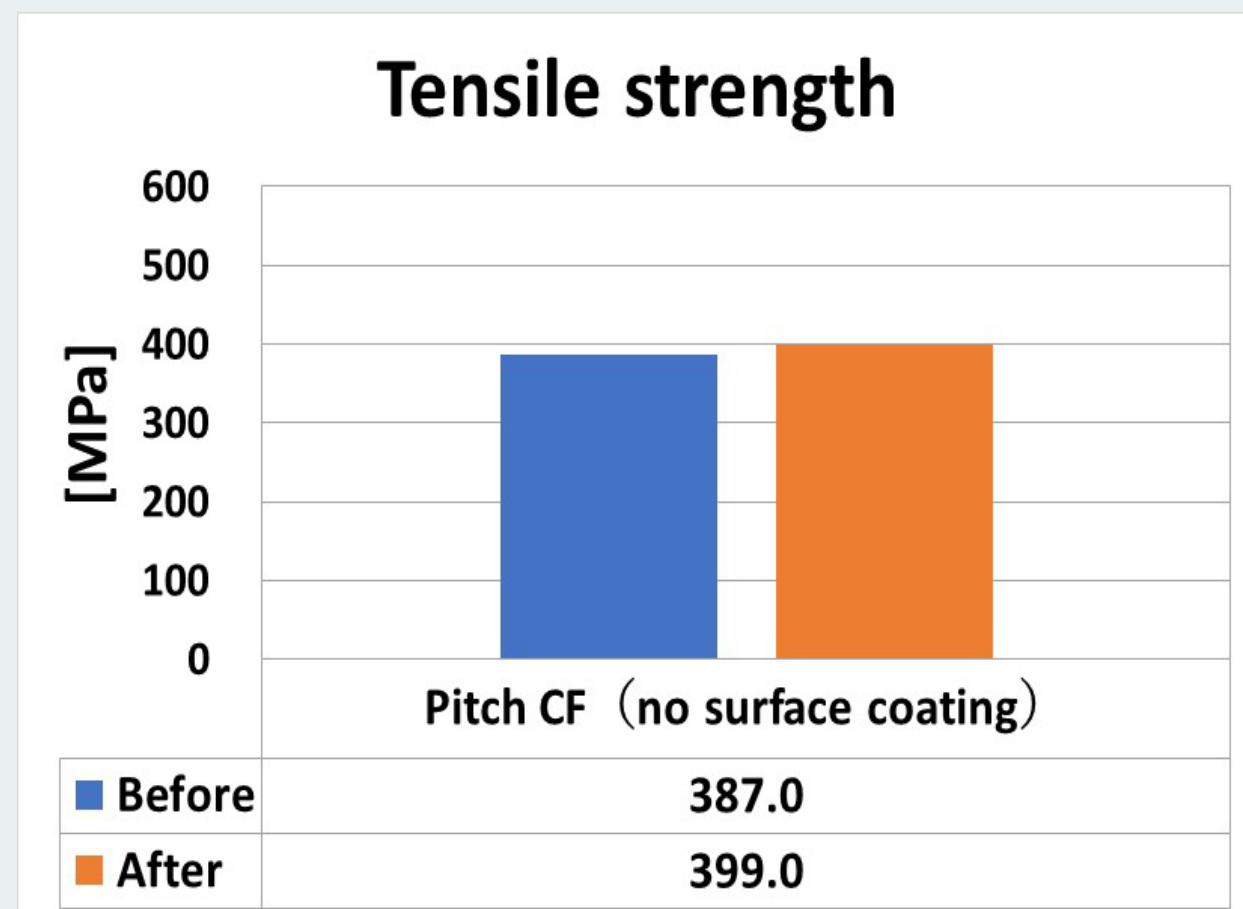
【 Application (carbonization) 】

- Almost the same after carbonization

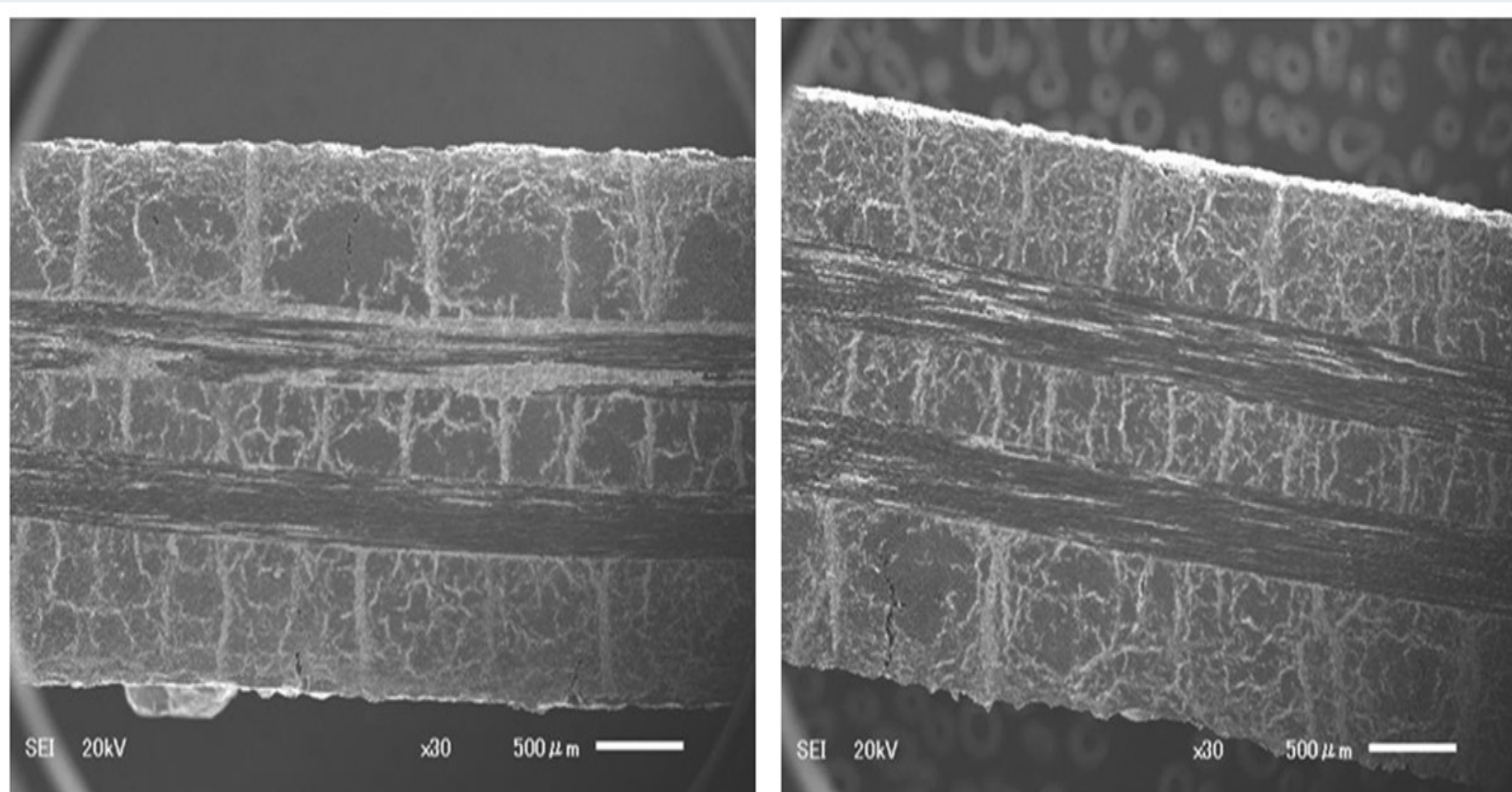
1500°C Heat Resistant CMC (Pitch-based C/SiC Composite)

Application: Heat-resistant material for spacecraft heat shield tiles

Before vs after at 1,500°C×1 hour (in Air)



- No degradation of strength and modulus before and after heat treatment in air at 1,500°C for 1 hour, 375MPa after exposure to 1500°C for 1 hour
- JAXA innovative future space transportation system target: 1600°C-800 seconds resistance

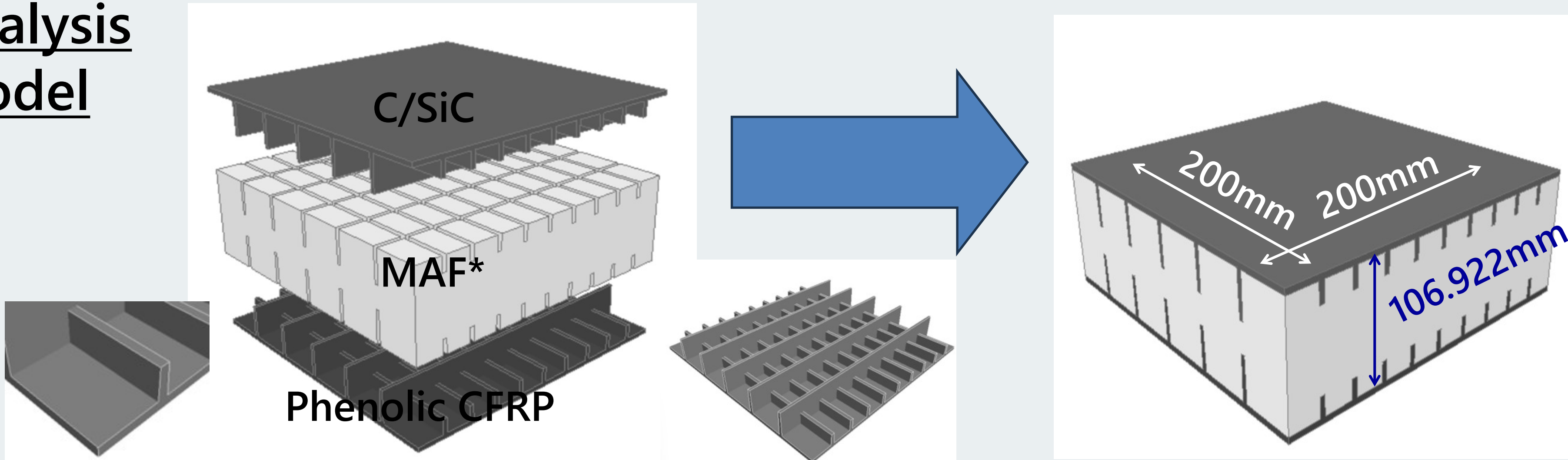


- The cross-sectional observation photographs (SEM images) before and after heat treatment are shown below (left: before, right: after). No major changes in appearance (deterioration) were observed.
- Plan to perform ~ 2000°C heating test in future

Thermal Protection System (Analysis)

Application : Heat-resistant material for spacecraft heat shield tiles

Analysis Model

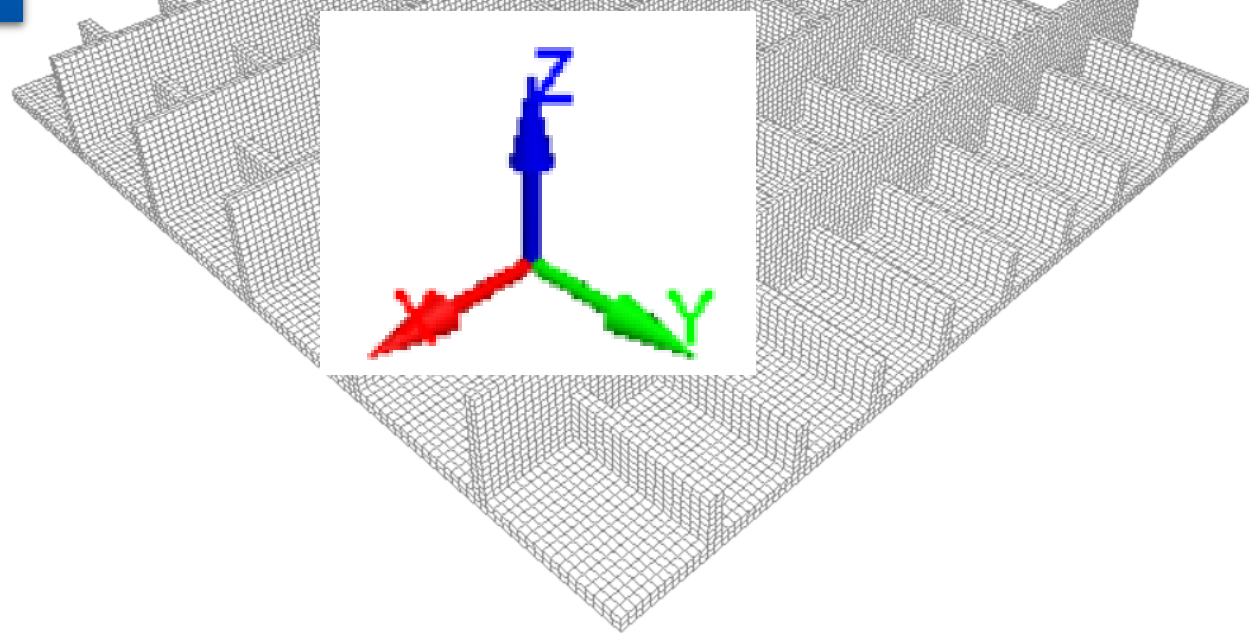


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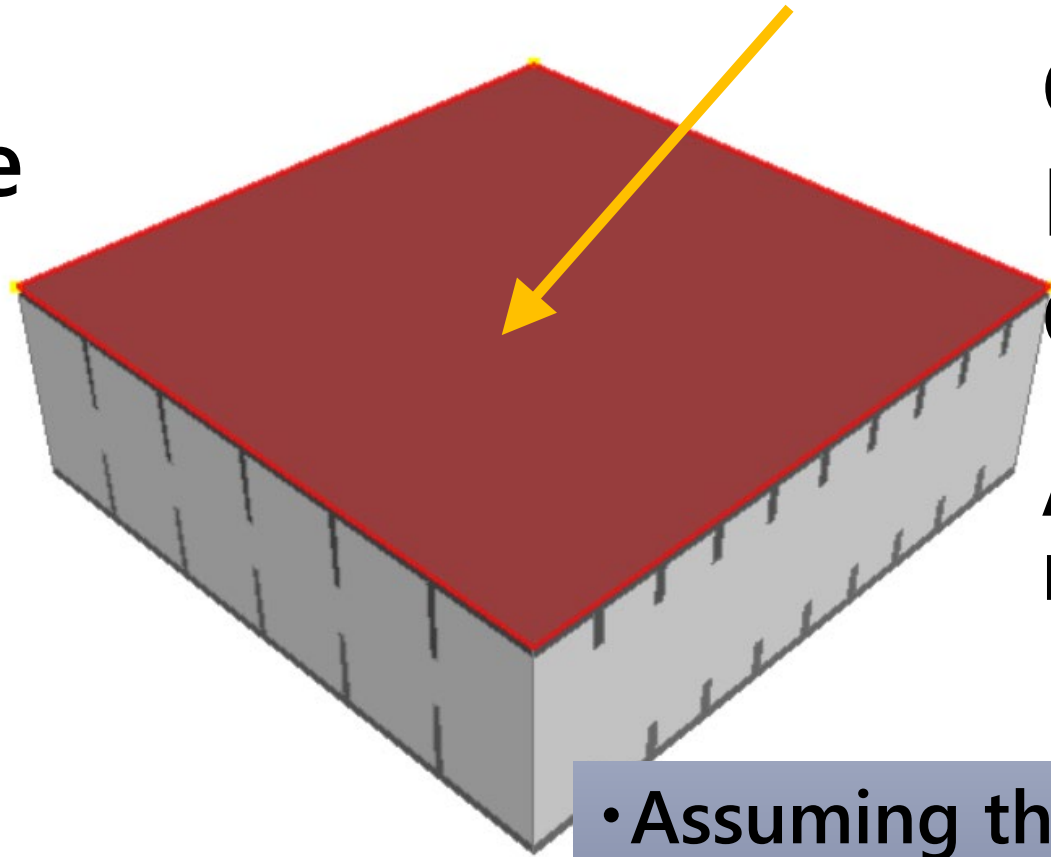
Analysis Conditions

Anisotropy

XY-direction : In-plane
Z-direction : Out-of-plane



Boundary conditions : Upper surface 1,650°C



C/Sic Initial temp. : 0 °C
MAF Initial temp. : 23°C
CFRP Initial temp. : 23°C

Around parts : Insulation
No heat exchange with surroundings

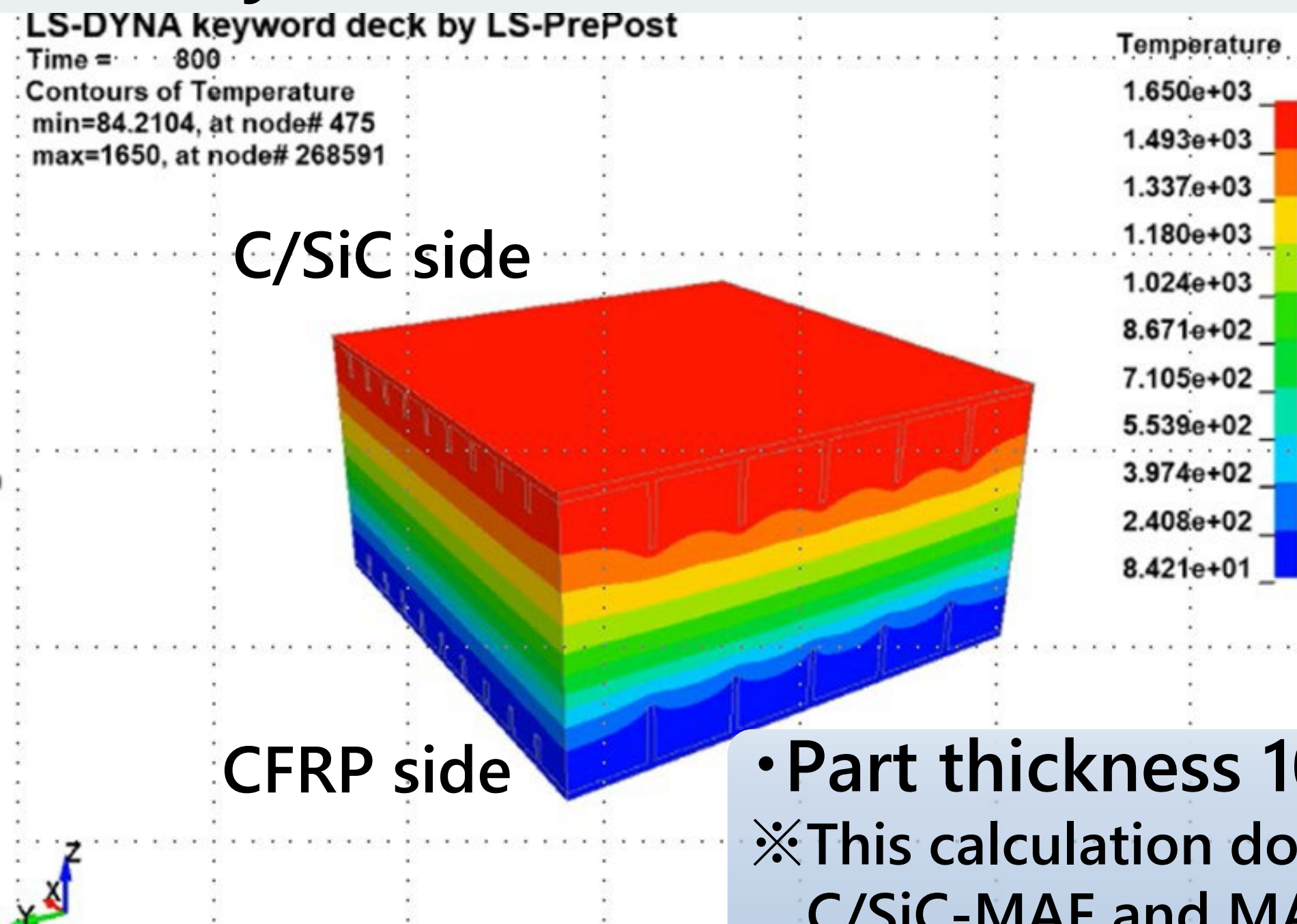
- Assuming that each part is in close contact
- Unsteady heat conduction analysis

Physical property

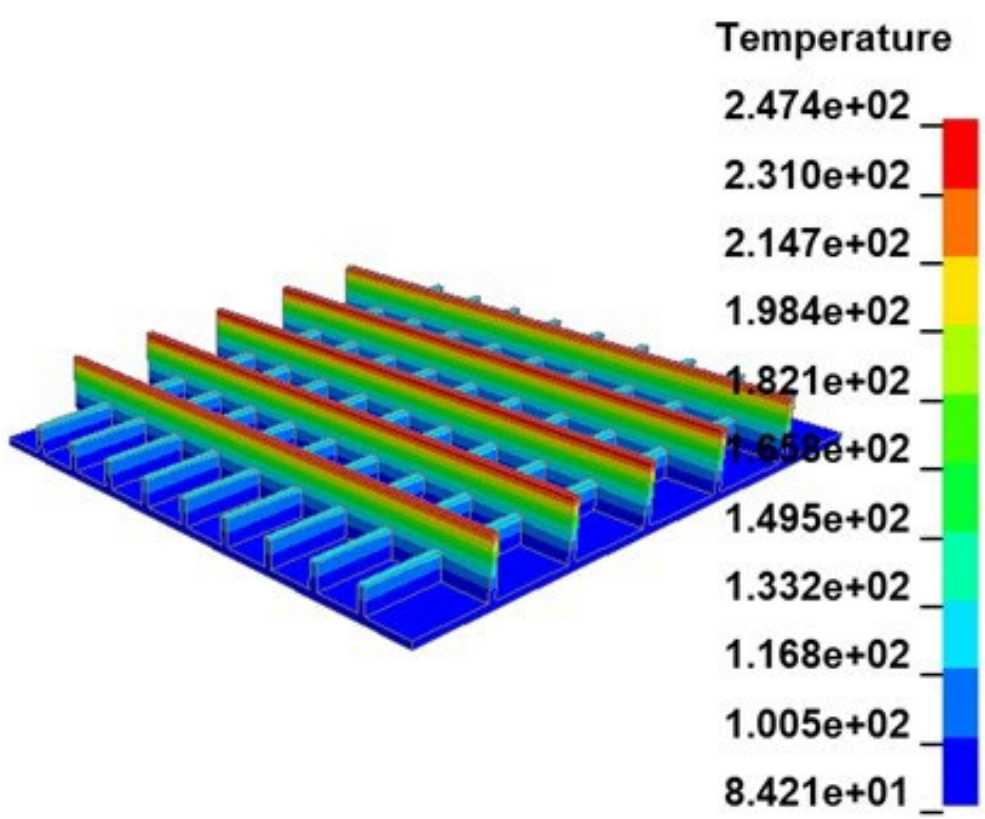
Properties	Unit	Phenolic CFRP	C/SiC	MAF
Thermal Conductivity (In-plane)	W/mK	55	Depends on temp. (Right table)	Depends on temp. (Right table)
Thermal Conductivity (Out-of-plane)	W/mK	1.5	Depends on temp. (Right table)	Depends on temp. (Right table)
Density	kg/m ³	1,600	2,400	130(Bulk)
specific heat	J/kgK	900	700	1200

	Temp.	C/Sic	Temp.	MAF
Thermal Conductivity (In-plane) W/mk	25°C	78	25°C	0.15
	500°C	65	600°C	0.15
	1,000°C	55	1000°C	0.32
	1,200°C	55	1200°C	0.46
Thermal Conductivity (Out-of-plane) W/mk	2,000°C	55	2000°C	0.46
	25°C	32	25°C	0.15
	500°C	28	600°C	0.15
	1,000°C	23	1000°C	0.32
	1,200°C	23	1200°C	0.46
	2,000°C	23	2000°C	0.46

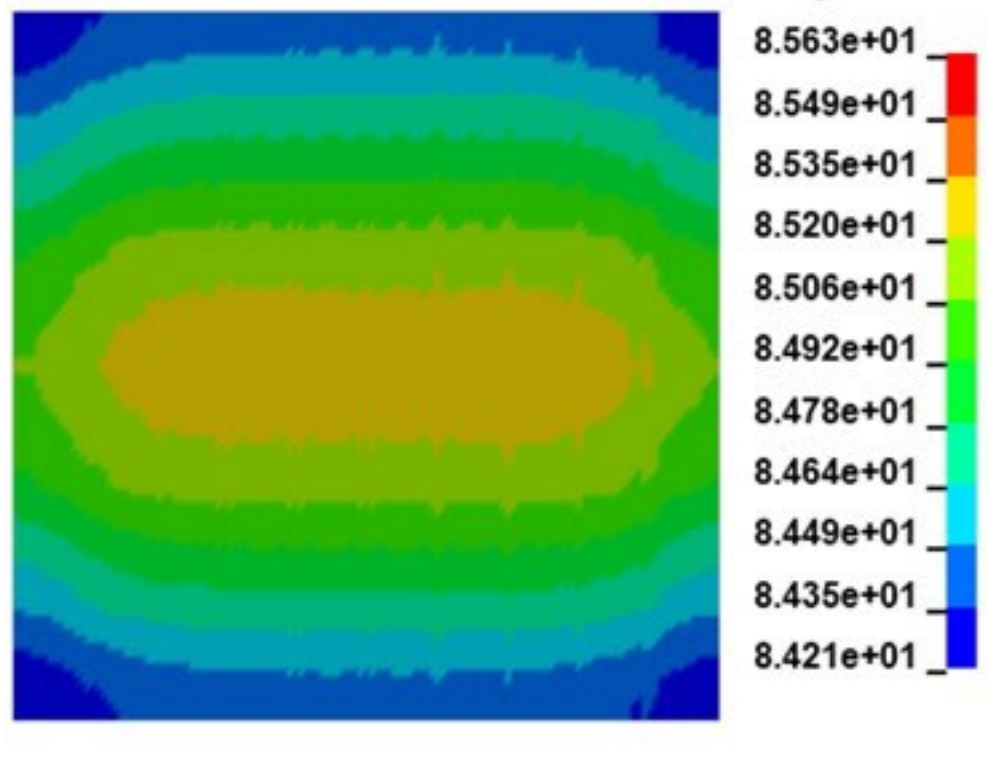
Analysis Results



Temperature distribution of CFRP



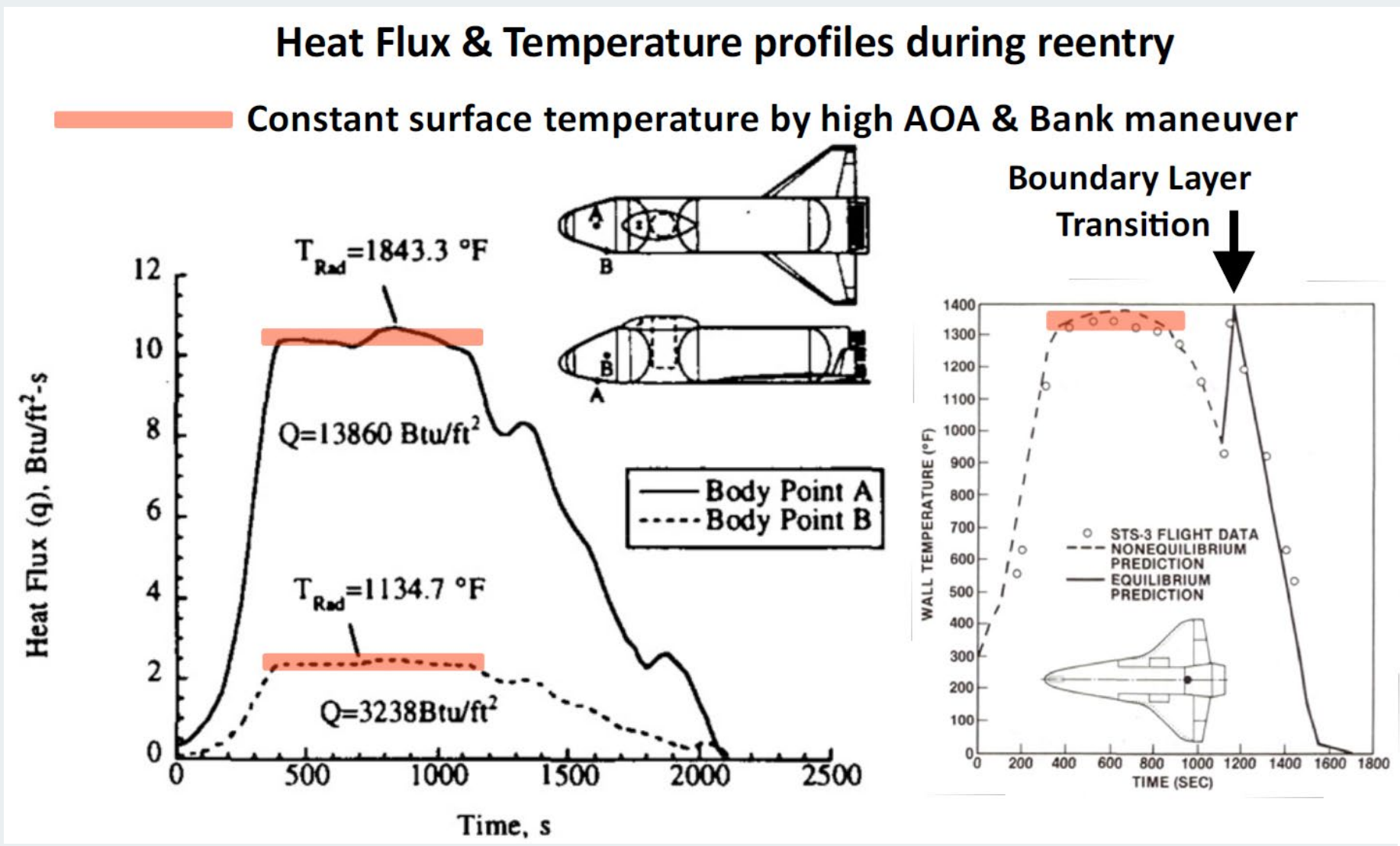
Temperature distribution on the contact surface with the bottom of CFRP



- Part thickness 107mm : Contact surface 86°C after 800 sec.
- ※ This calculation does not take into account the contact resistance of C/SiC-MAF and MAF-CFRP, so we guess that the temperature in the actual will be lower than the predicted temperature.

Thermal analysis applying Space Shuttle heating energy

Space Shuttle Heating Energy

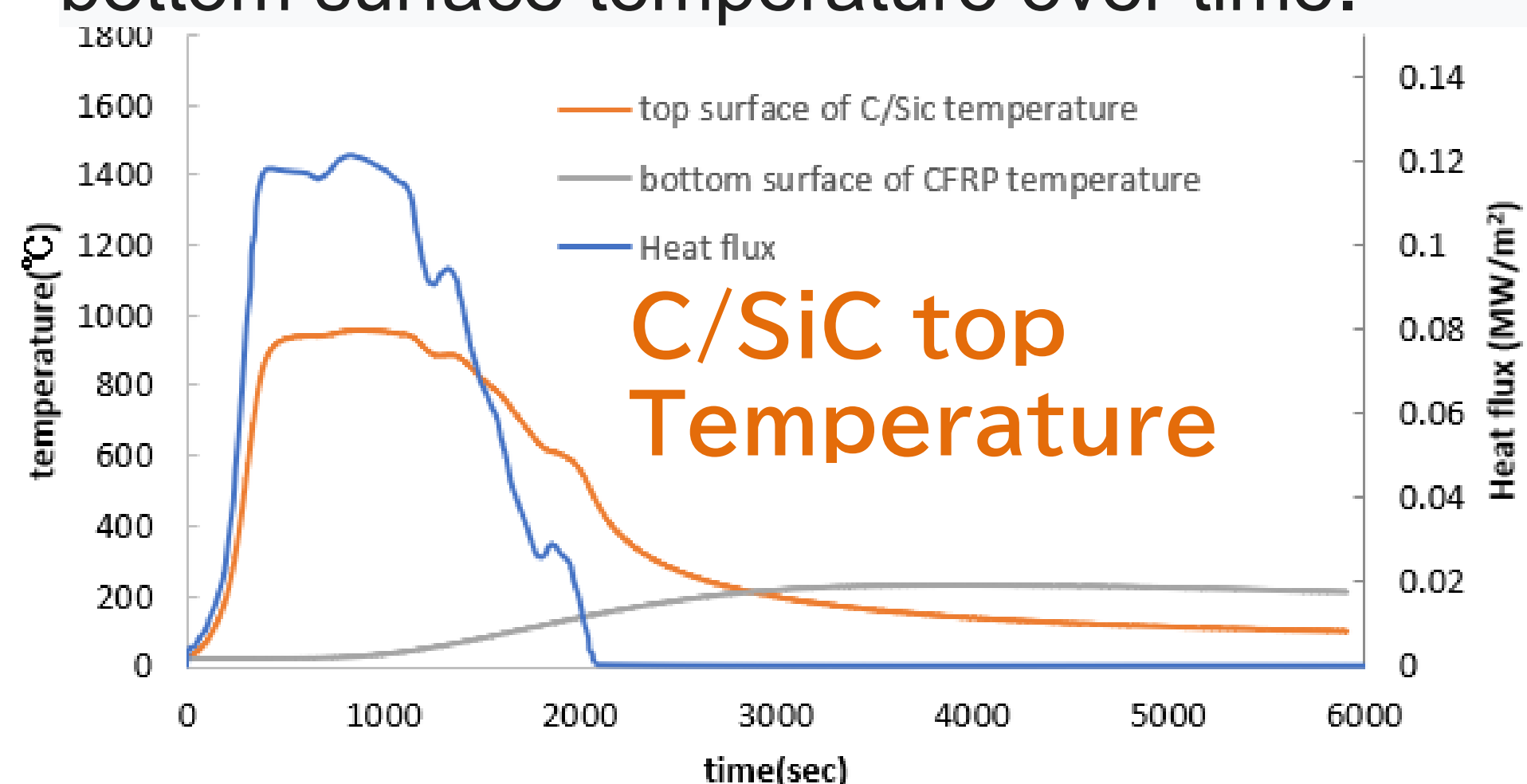
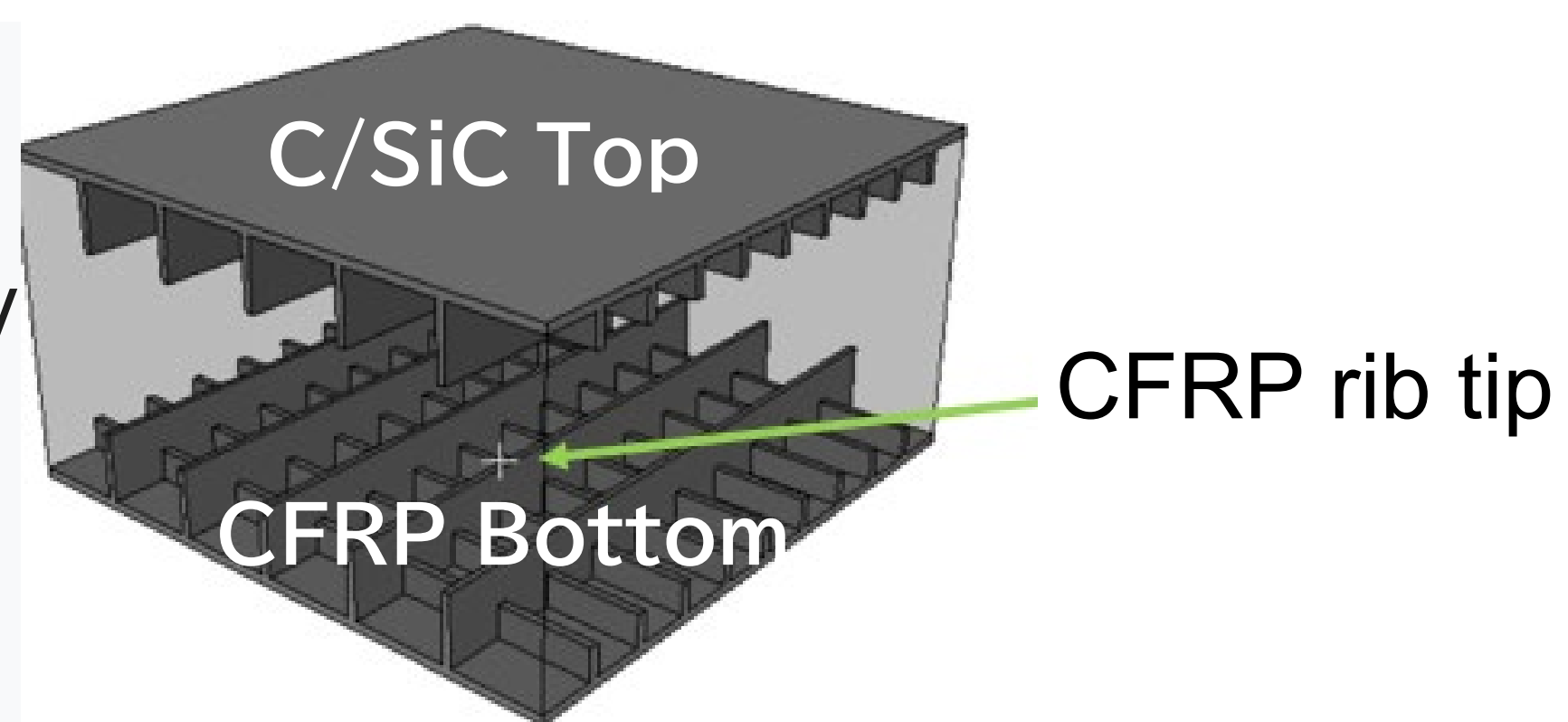


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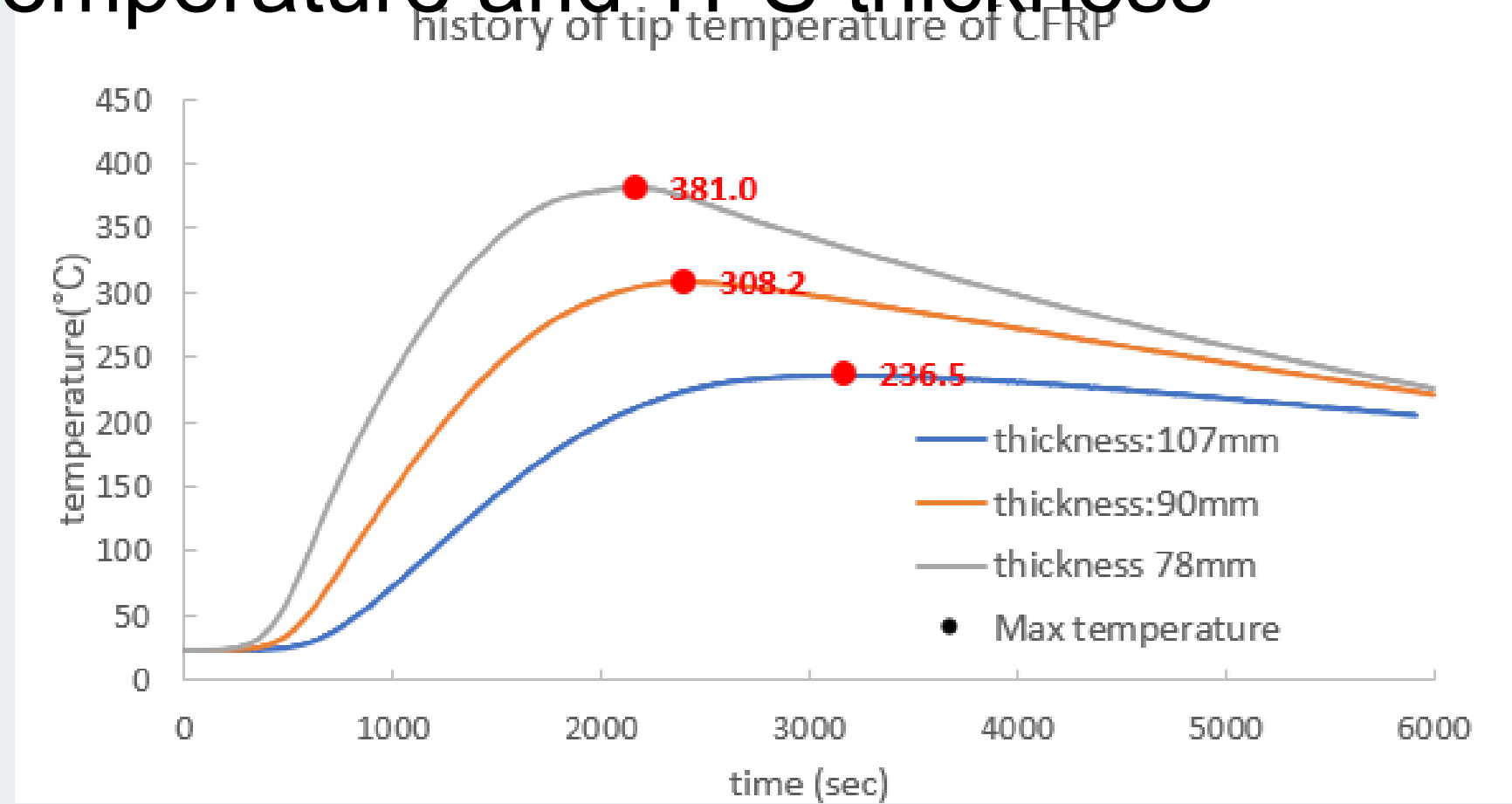
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TPS thermal analysis results

Analyzing the conditions under which the CFRP rib tip temperature is 300°C or less by changing the thickness of the Thermal Protection System For a case with a thickness of 107 mm, plot the change in C/SiC top surface temperature and CFRP bottom surface temperature over time.

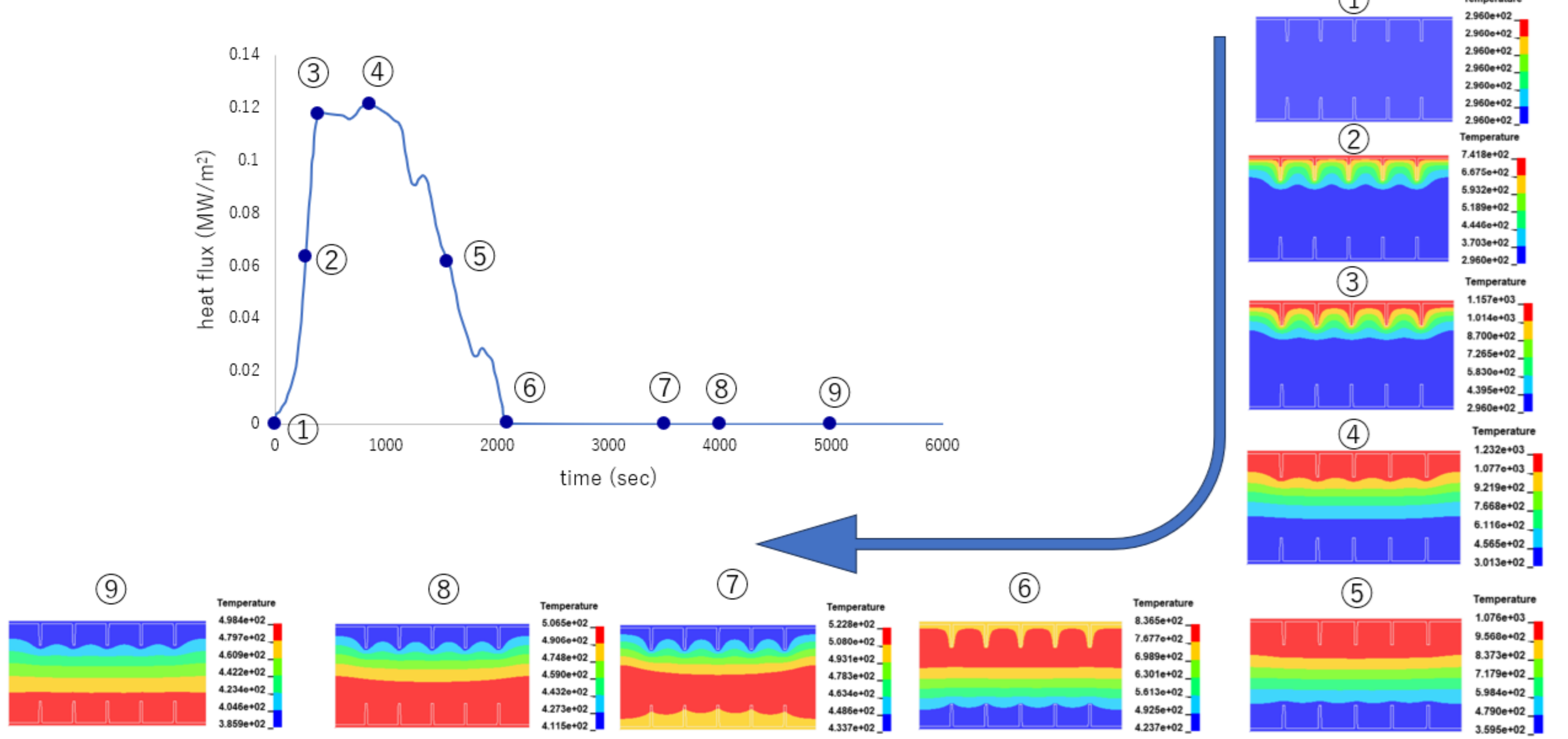


Relationship between CFRP rib tip temperature and TPS thickness



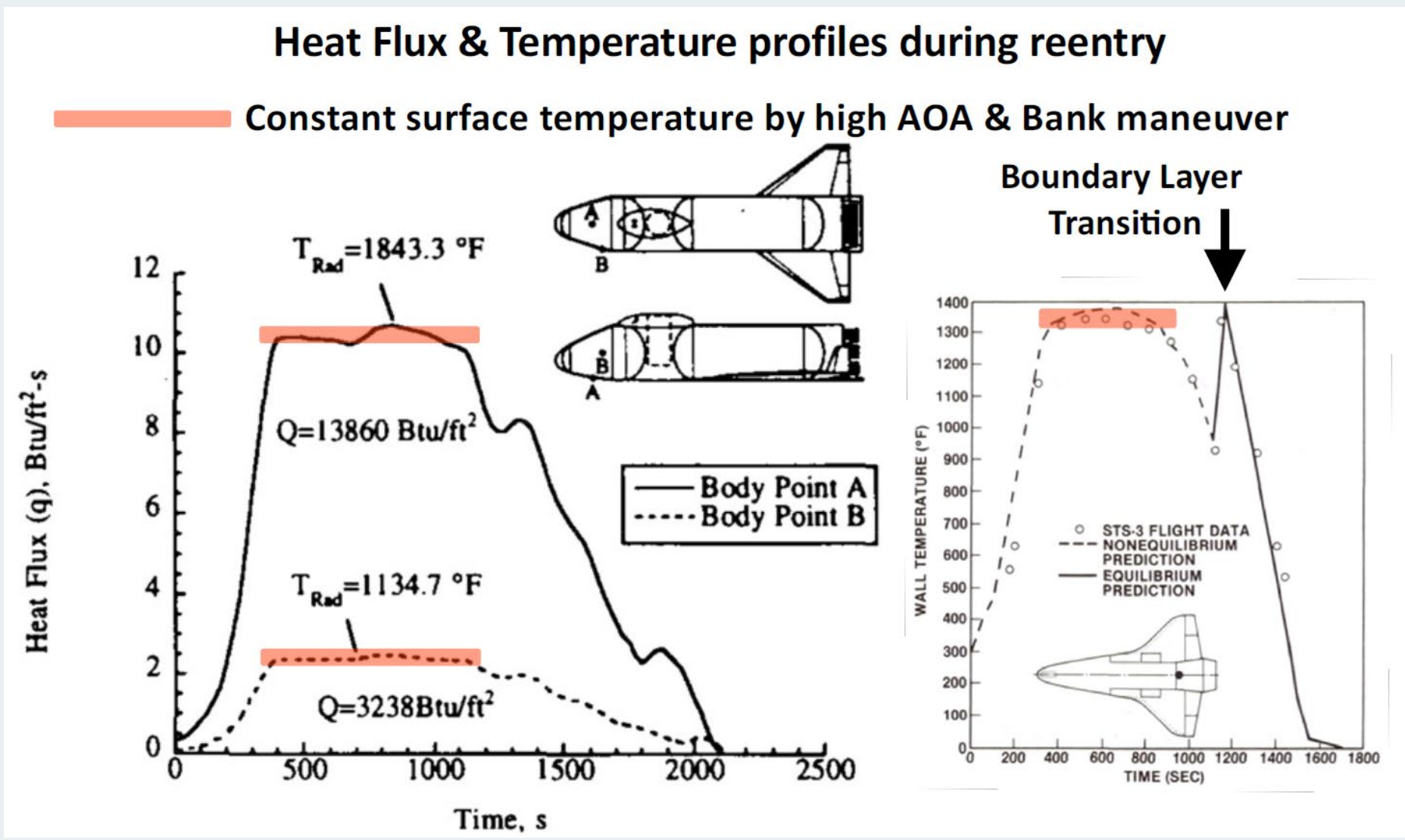
TPS internal temperature over time

Temperature change in TPS (107mm)



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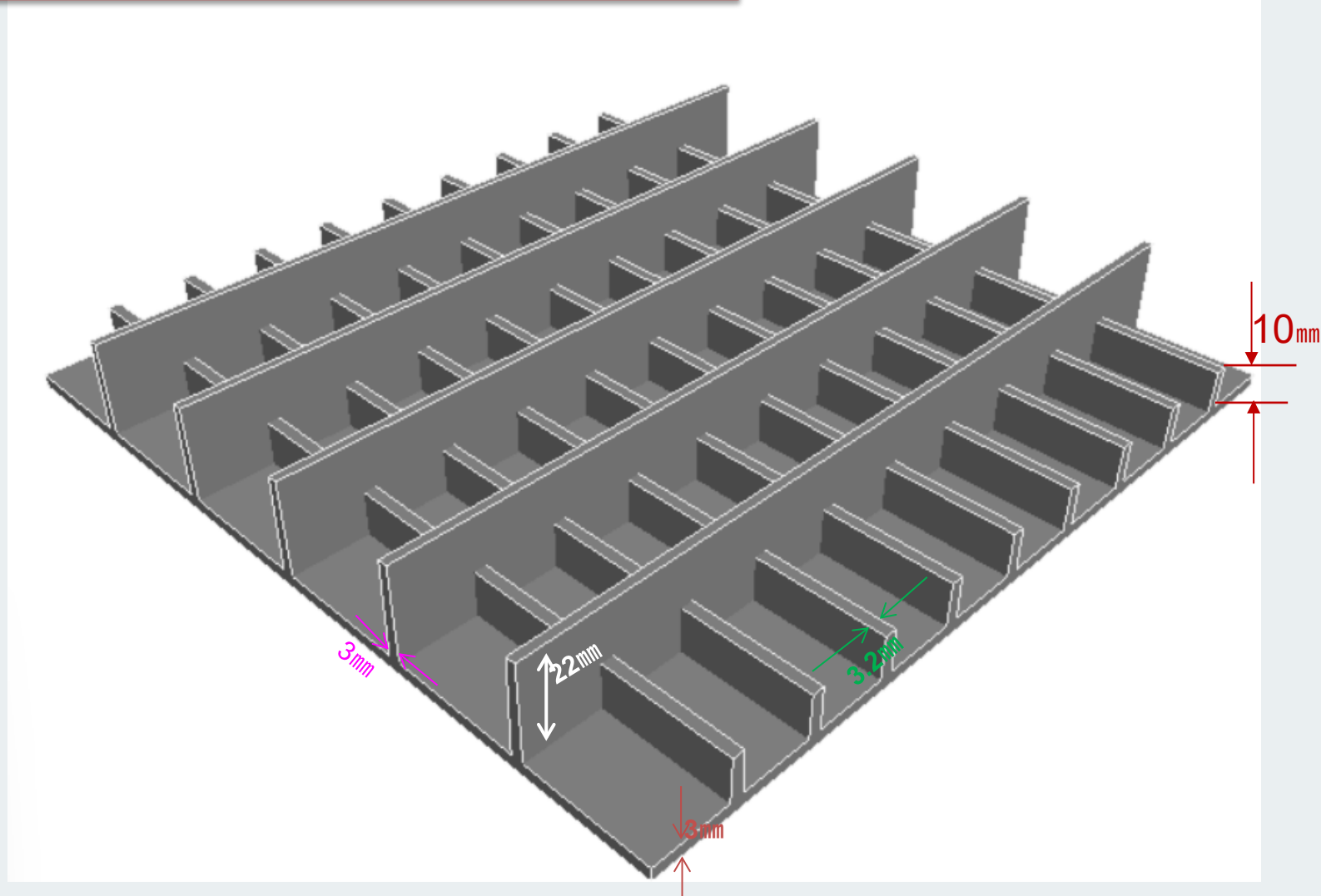
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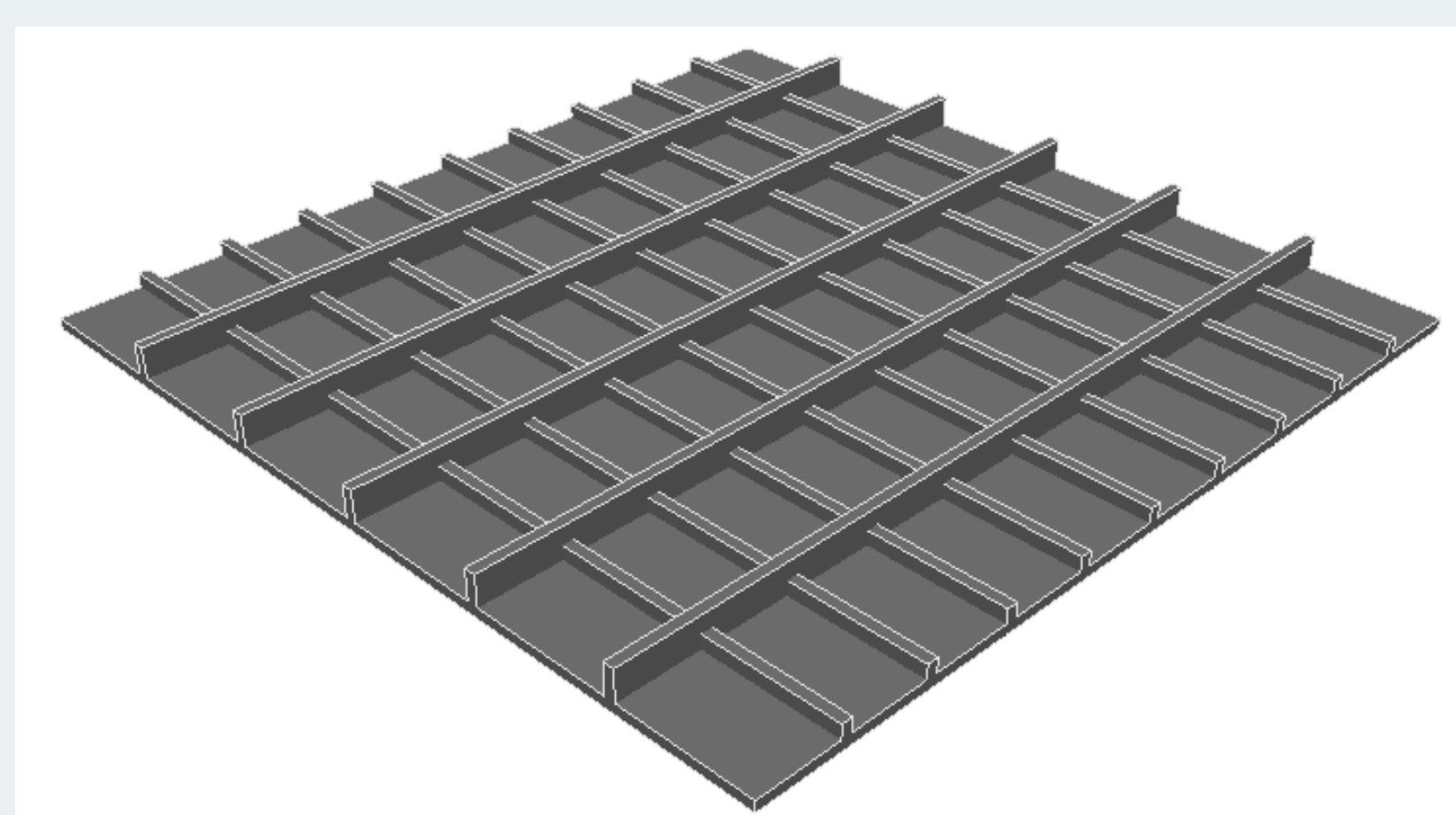
STD model



C/SiC density: 2.2 Wt 12.5Kg/m²
MAF density: 0.13 Wt 10.2kg/m²
CFRP density: 1.6 Wt 9.1Kg/m²
TPS90mm Weight 32kg/m²

CFRP rib Tip temp: 297°C

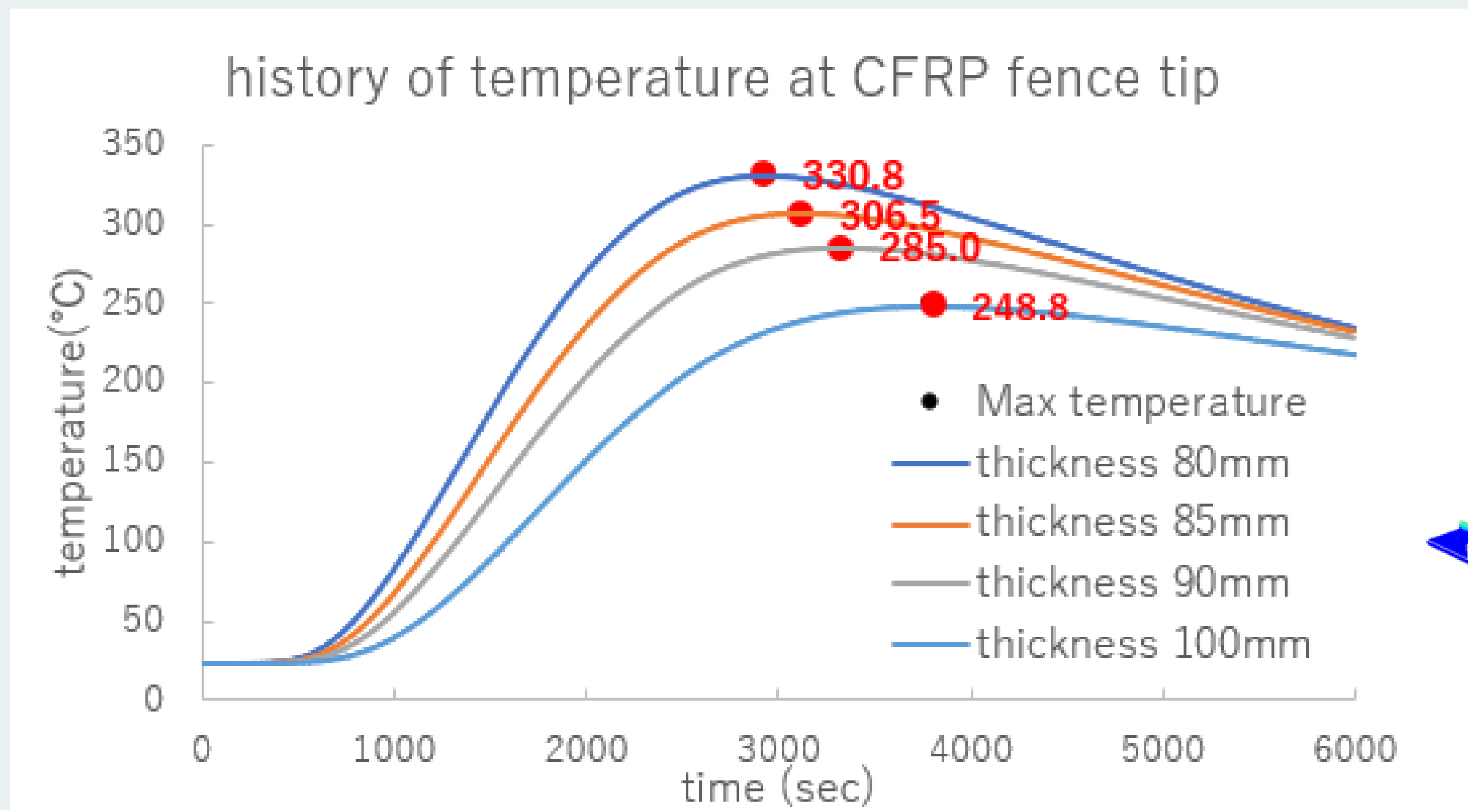
Light Weight model



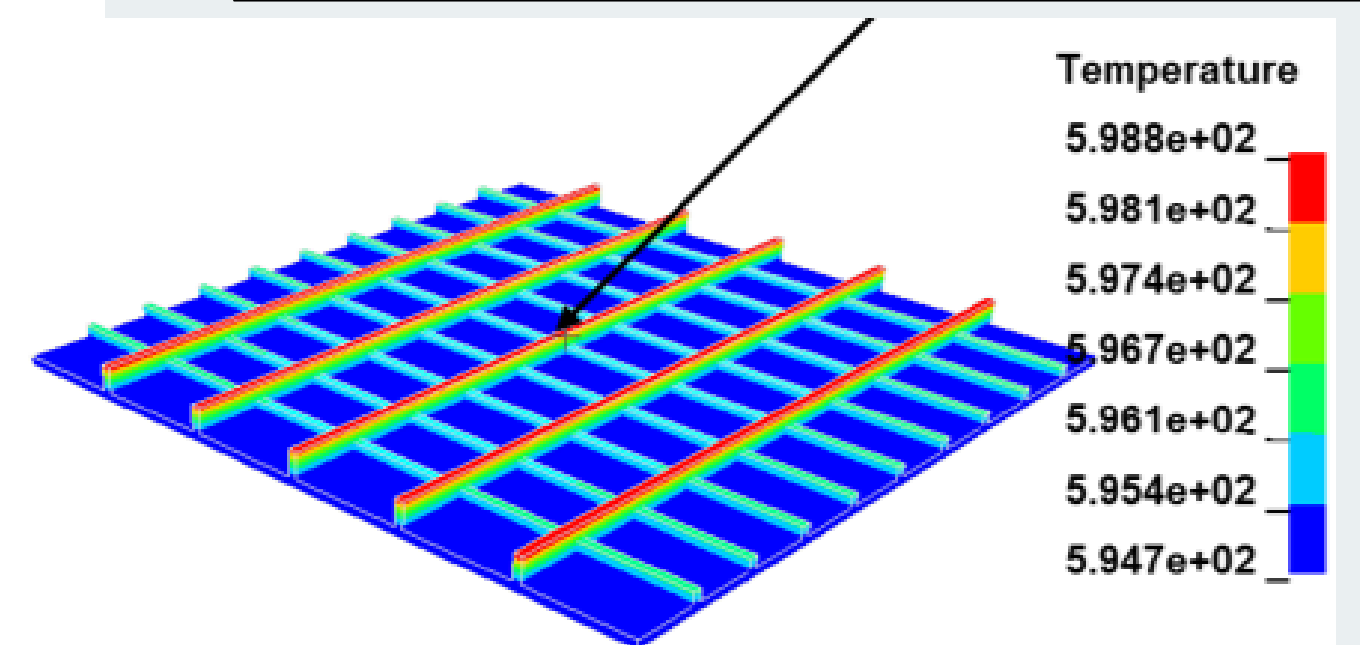
C/SiC density: 2.2 Wt 7.2Kg/m²
MAF density: 0.13 Wt 10.8kg/m²
CFRP density: 1.6 Wt 5.2Kg/m²
TPS90mm Weight 23kg/m²

CFRP rib Tip temp: 285°C

CFRP rib Tip temperature



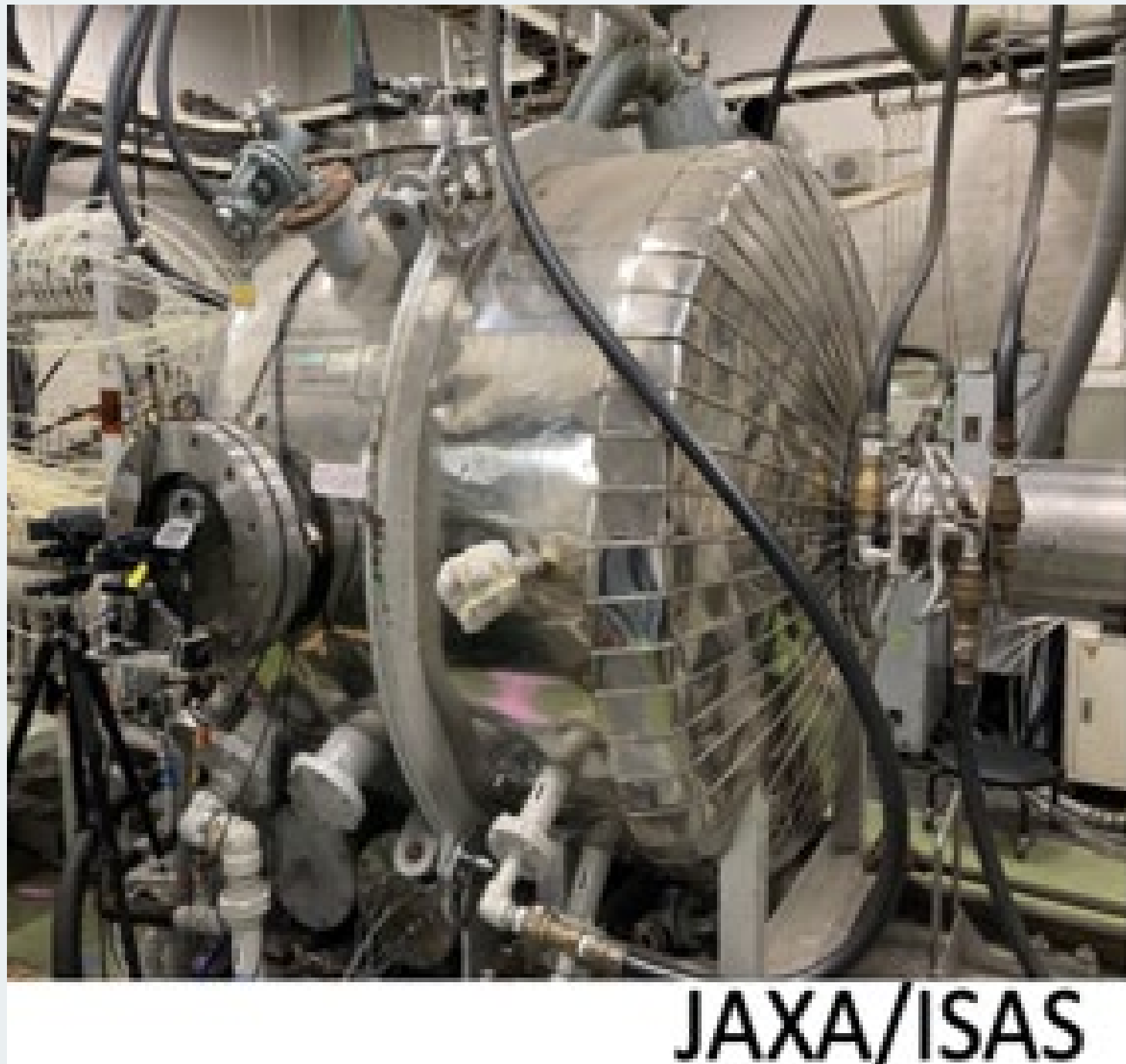
CFRP rib Tip Temp



2200°C Heat Resistant Pitch-based C/C Composite

Application: Heat-resistant material for rocket nozzles and satellite attitude control thruster nozzles

JAXA arc heating wind tunnel test facility

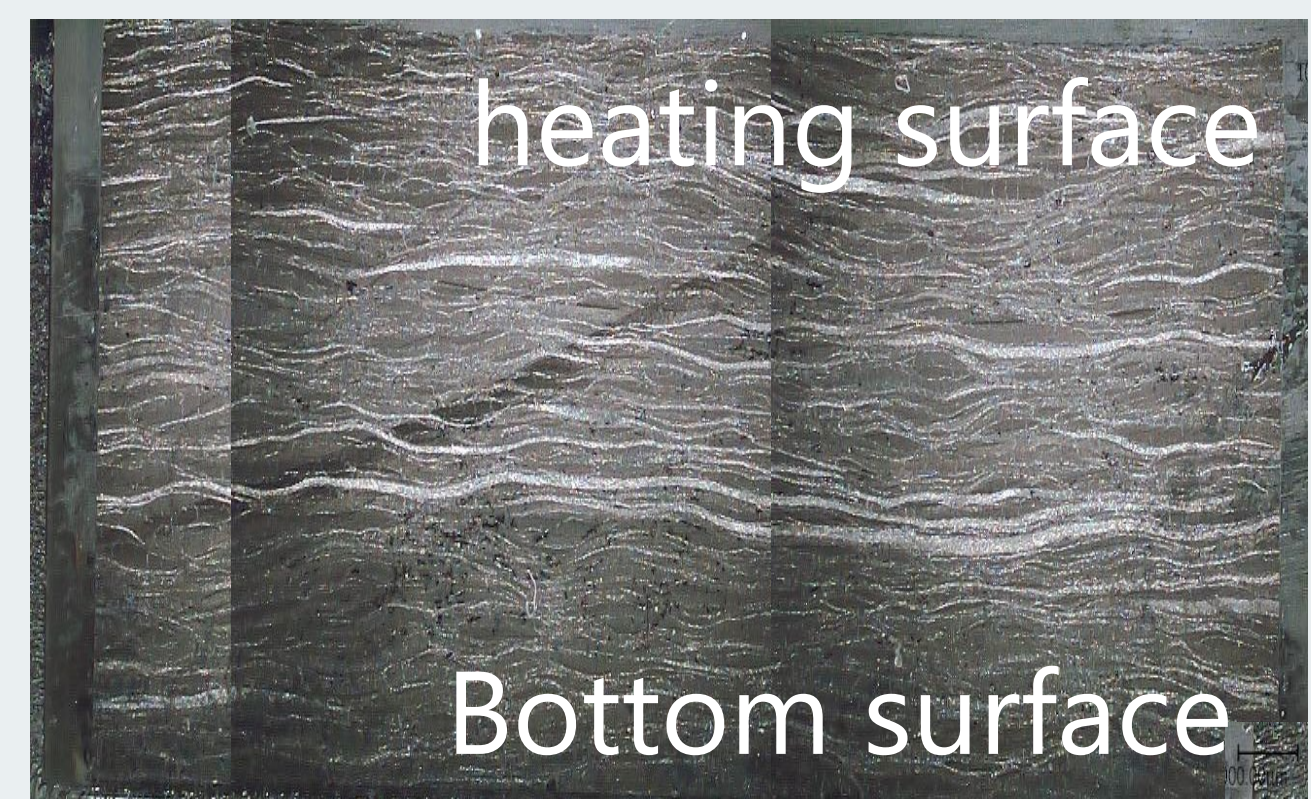


Surface after heating test



Thickness reduction rate: 10%

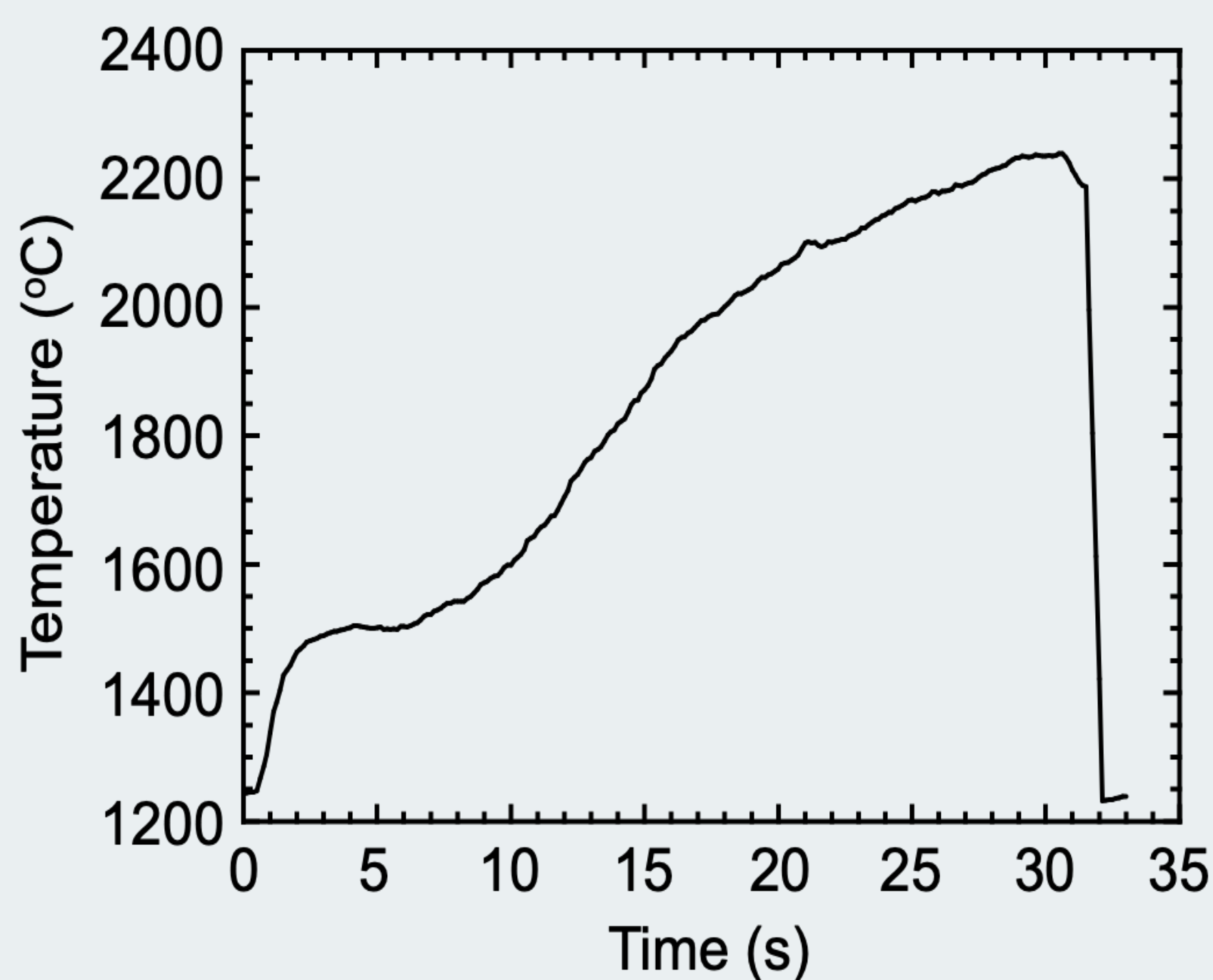
Cross section after heating test



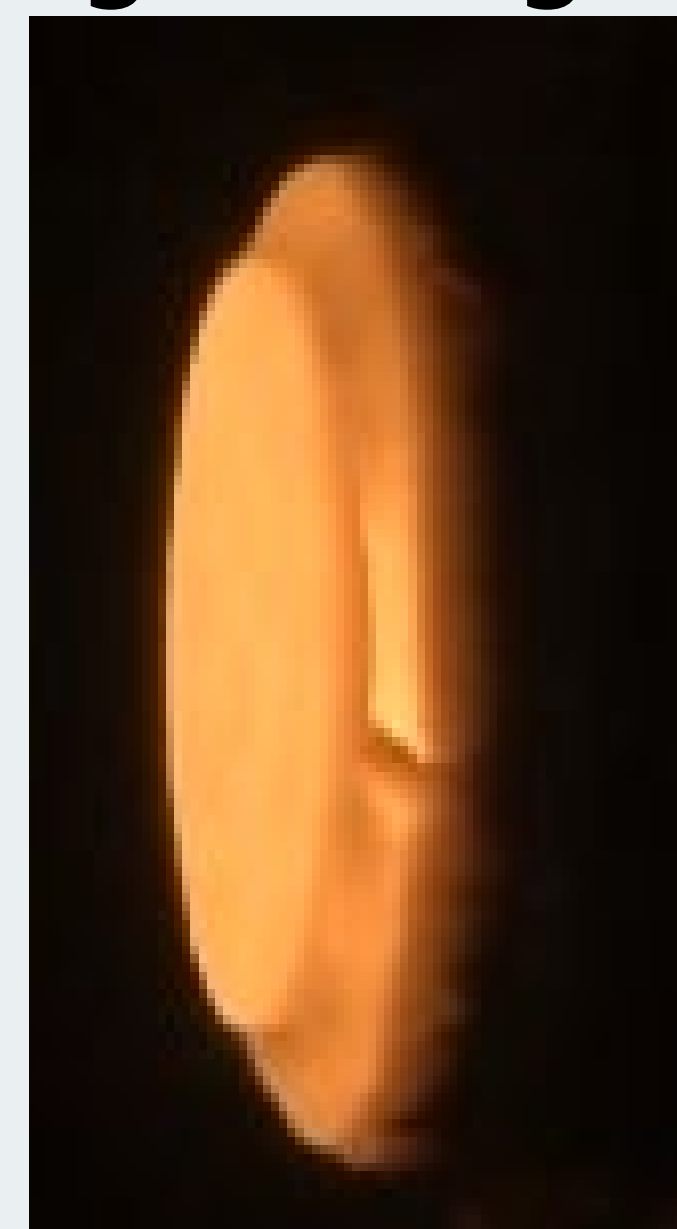
Heating condition

Heating rate: 4.83 MW/m²

Dynamic pressure: 13~14 kPa



Surface during heating at 2200°C

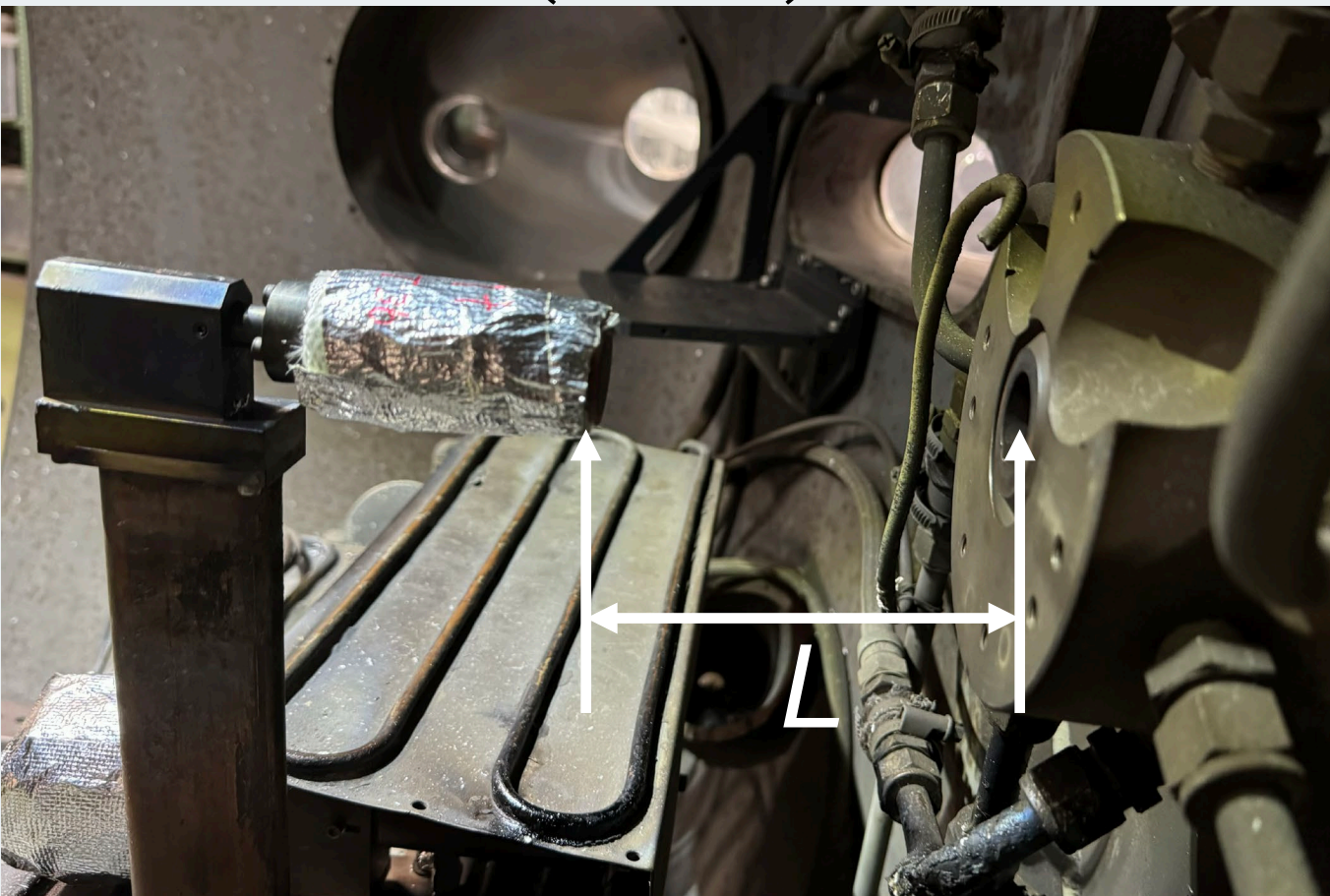


- Joint development of CMC heat-resistant materials is underway with Tokyo University of Science.
- As a result of arc heating wind tunnel testing of the base material, the amount of wear was approximately 10% (0.8mm) for pitch-based C/C composite with a thickness of 8mm, .Plans for impregnating with alloys such as Zr-Ti to improve the heat resistance performance.

2,500°C Heat Resistant Pitch-based CMC composite

Application : Rocket nozzle, Heat-resistant materials for fusion reactors

Arc heating wind tunnel test machine (JAXA)



L: Distance between an arc nozzle and the specimen

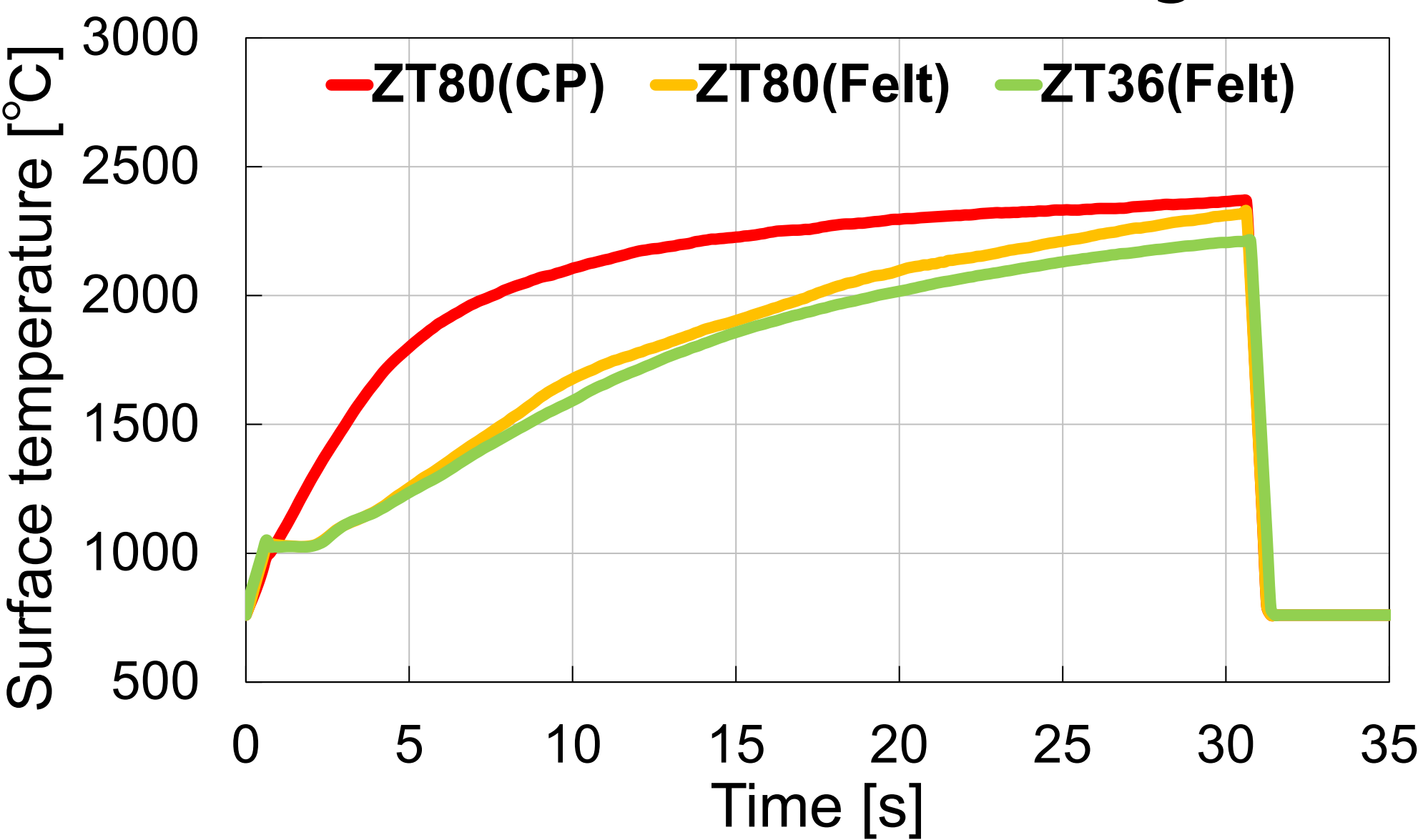
Sample / Test condition

Sample	Details	L [mm]	Heating time [s]	Heating rate [MW/m2]	Dynamic pressure [kPa]
A	ZT80 (CP)	100	30	4.8	13.5
B	ZT80 (Felt)				
C	ZT36 (Felt)				
D	ZT80 (CP)	80	30	7.3	21.4
E	ZT80 (Felt)				
F	C/C (Felt)				

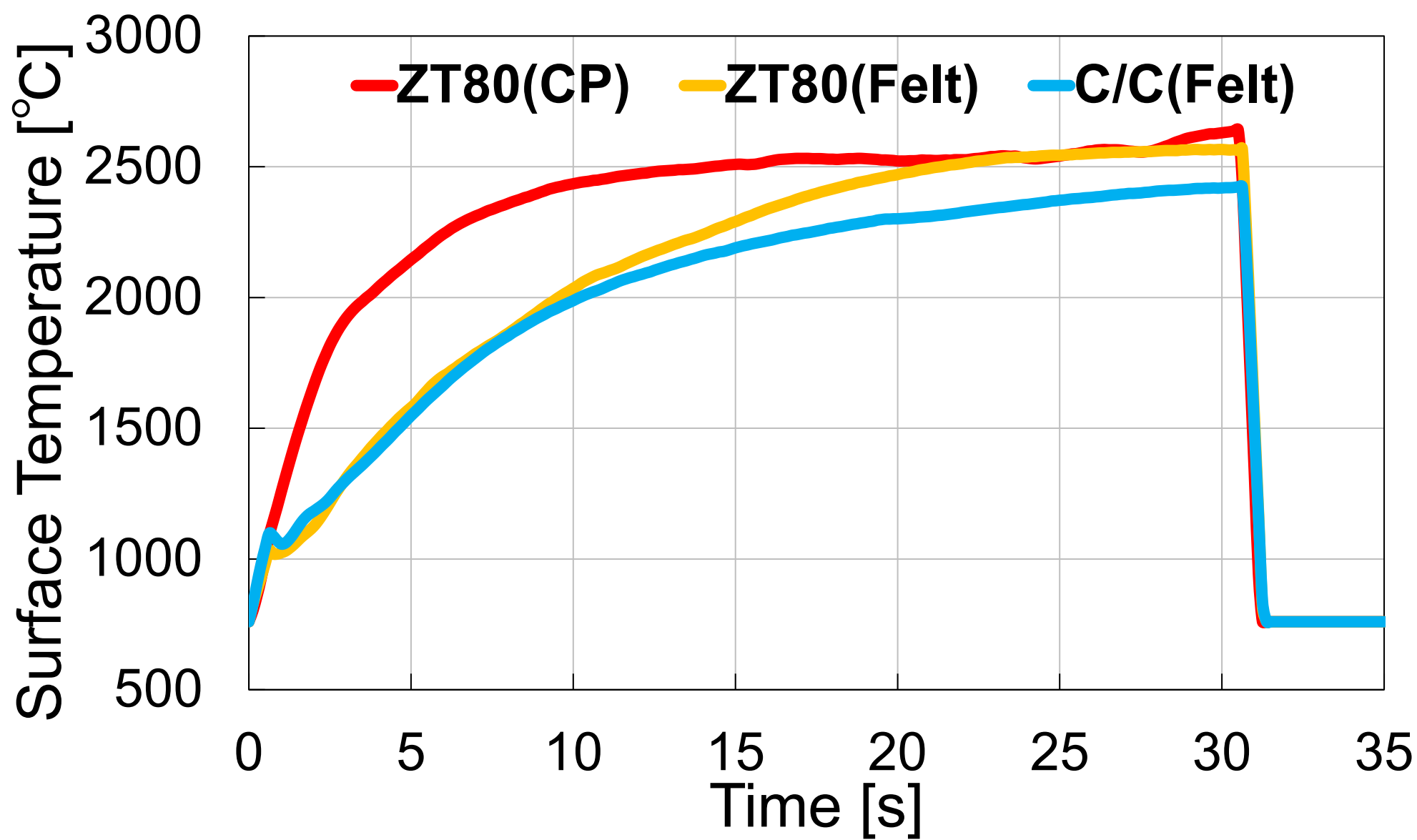
CP: Cross Ply (0/90°), ZT80: Zr/Ti=80/20、ZT36: Zr/Ti=36/64

Surface temperature change during test

L=100mm (medium heating rate)



L=80mm (high heating rate)



Appearance after test

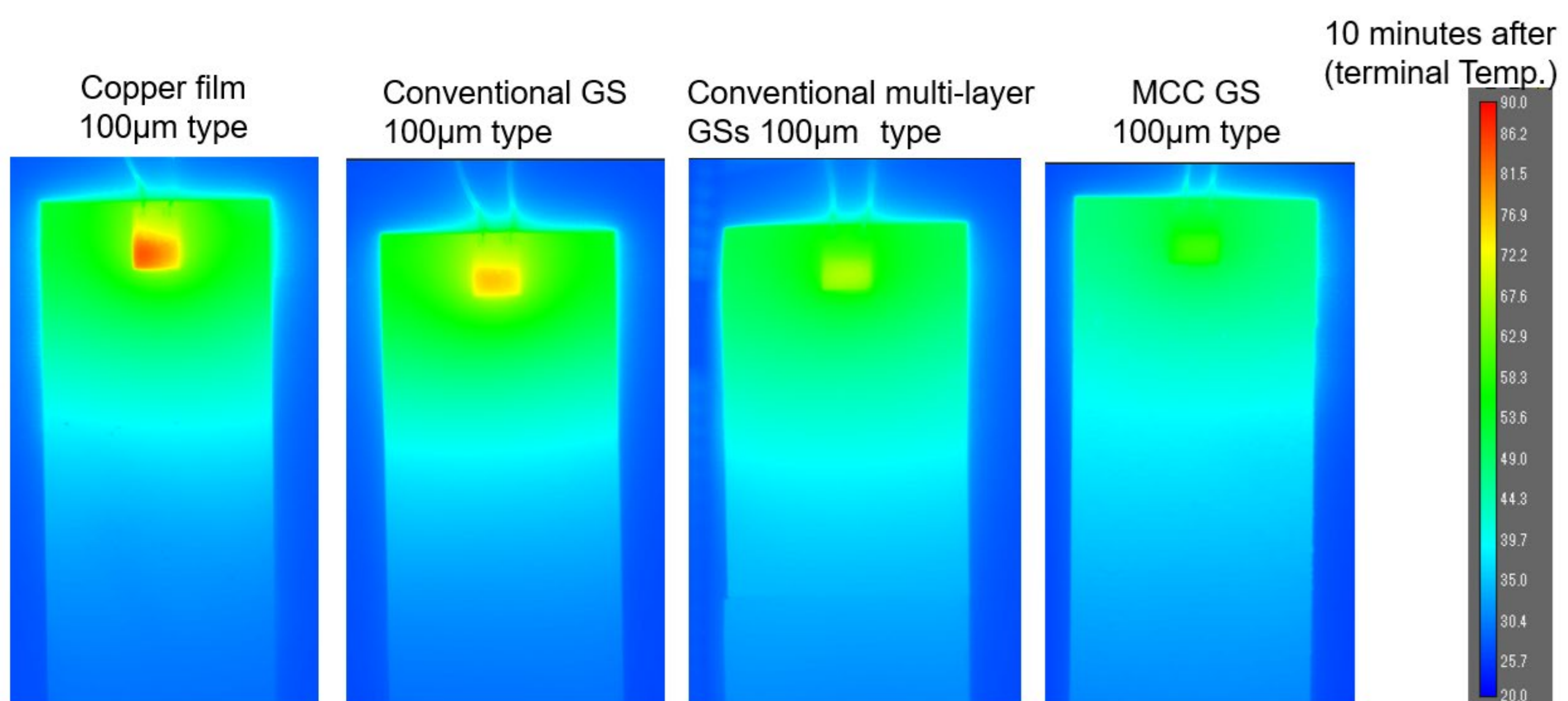
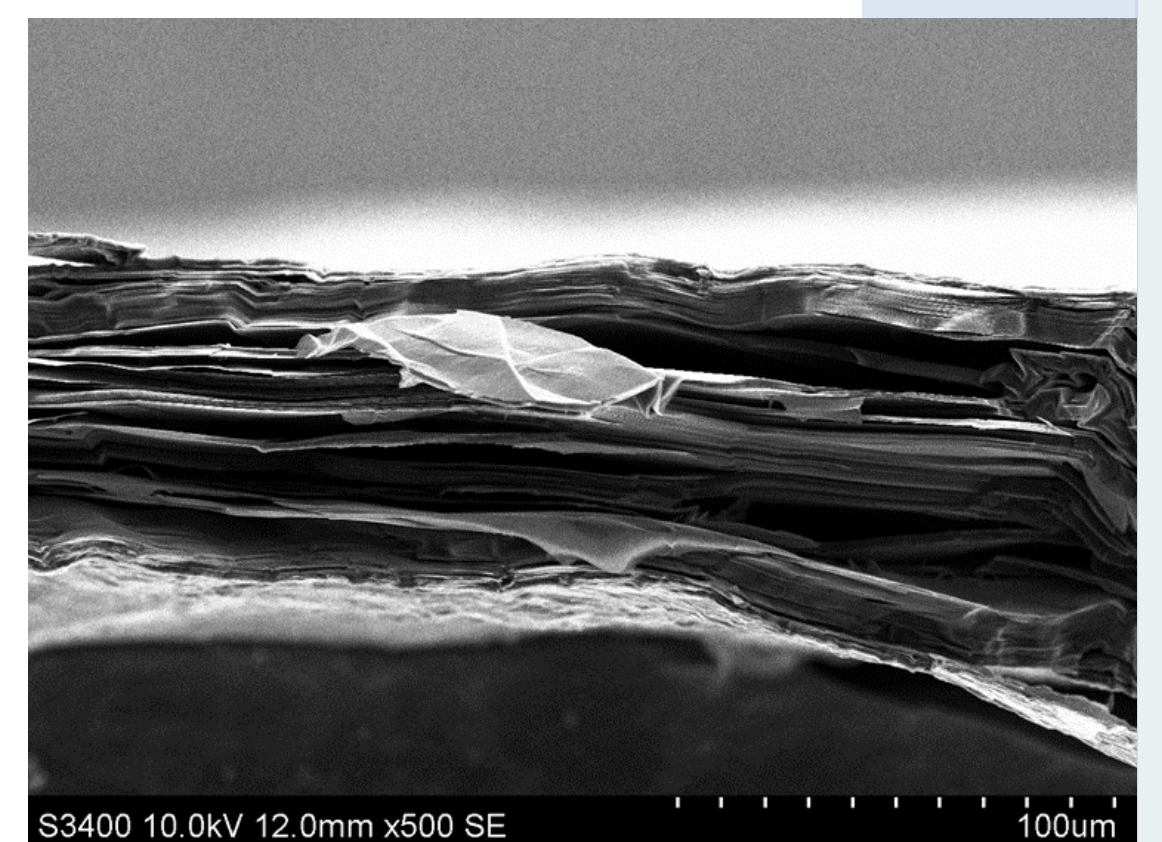
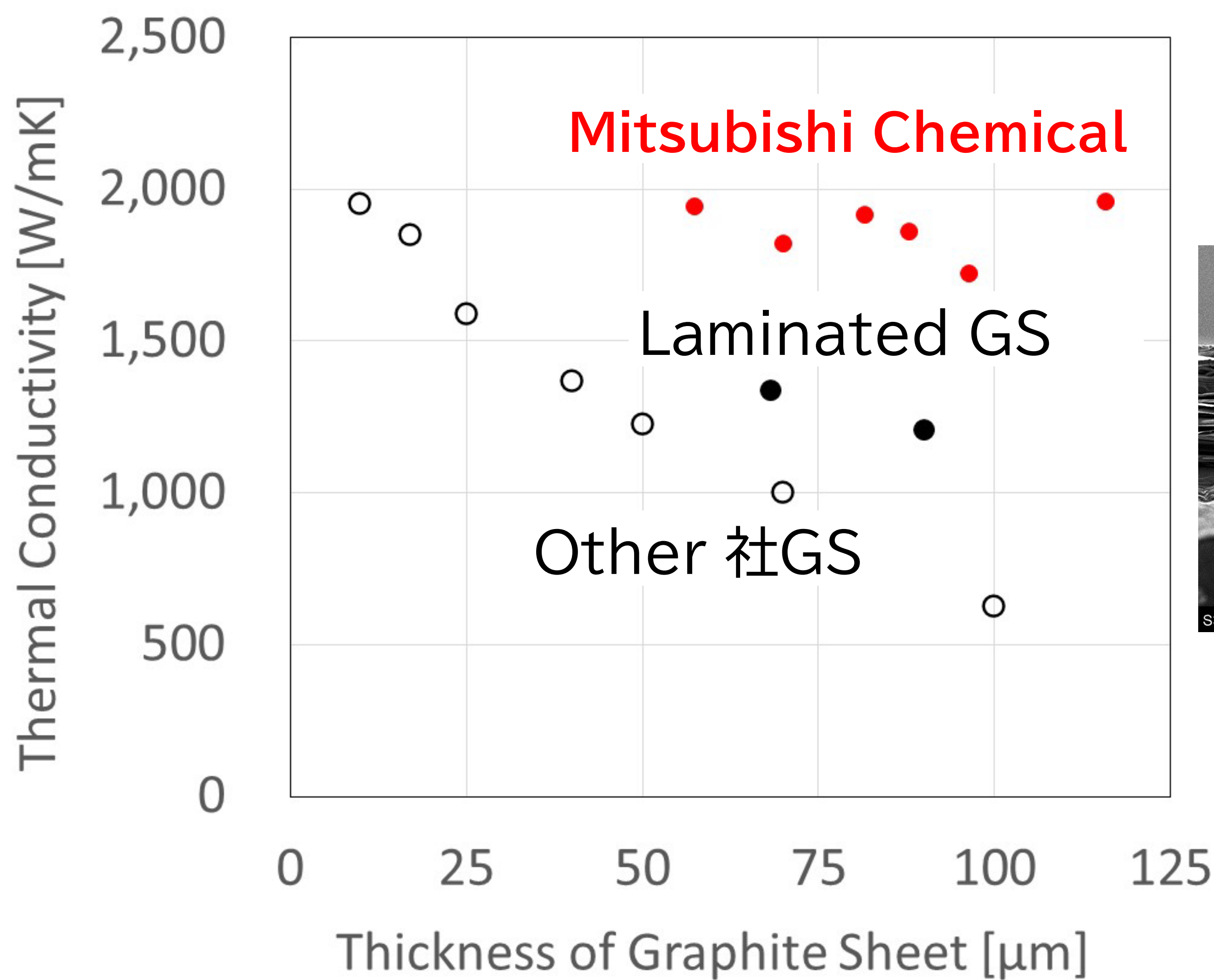
	ZT80(cross ply)	ZT80(felt)	ZT36(felt)
L=100mm (medium)			
	ZT80(cross ply)	ZT80(felt)	C/C(felt)
L=80mm (high)			

- Under joint development with Tokyo University of Science.
- As a result of arc heating wind tunnel tests on a pitch-based C/C composite as a base material and a material impregnated with Zr-Ti alloy, There were no cases of detachment.
- We plan to measure thermal and mechanical properties.

Innovative graphite sheet business development project

Space communication antenna, Optical laser, High TC C/C

Thinner than 100 μ m with High Thermal conductivity



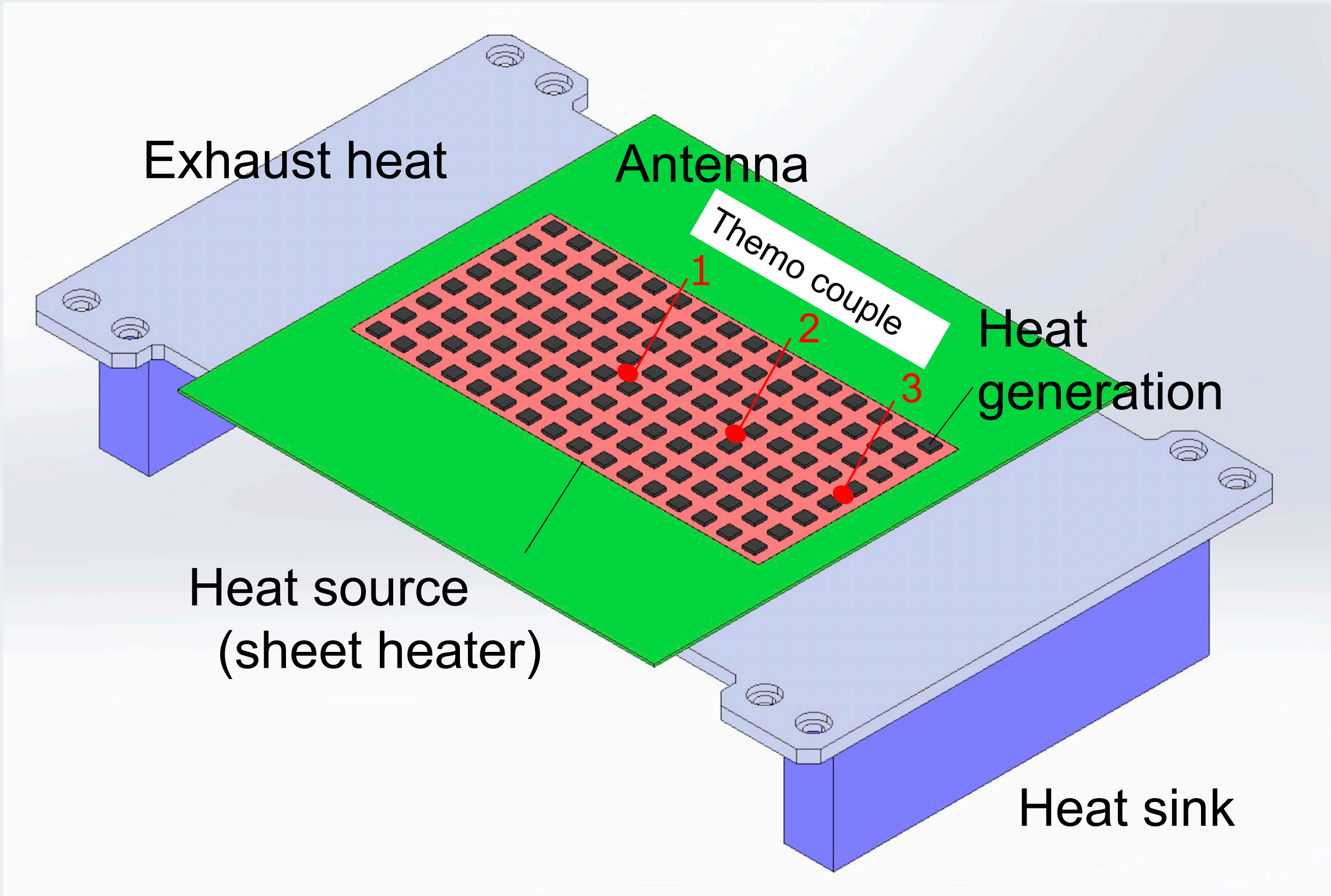
MCC GS shows the best performance to lower the temp.

Innovative graphite sheet (GS) business development project

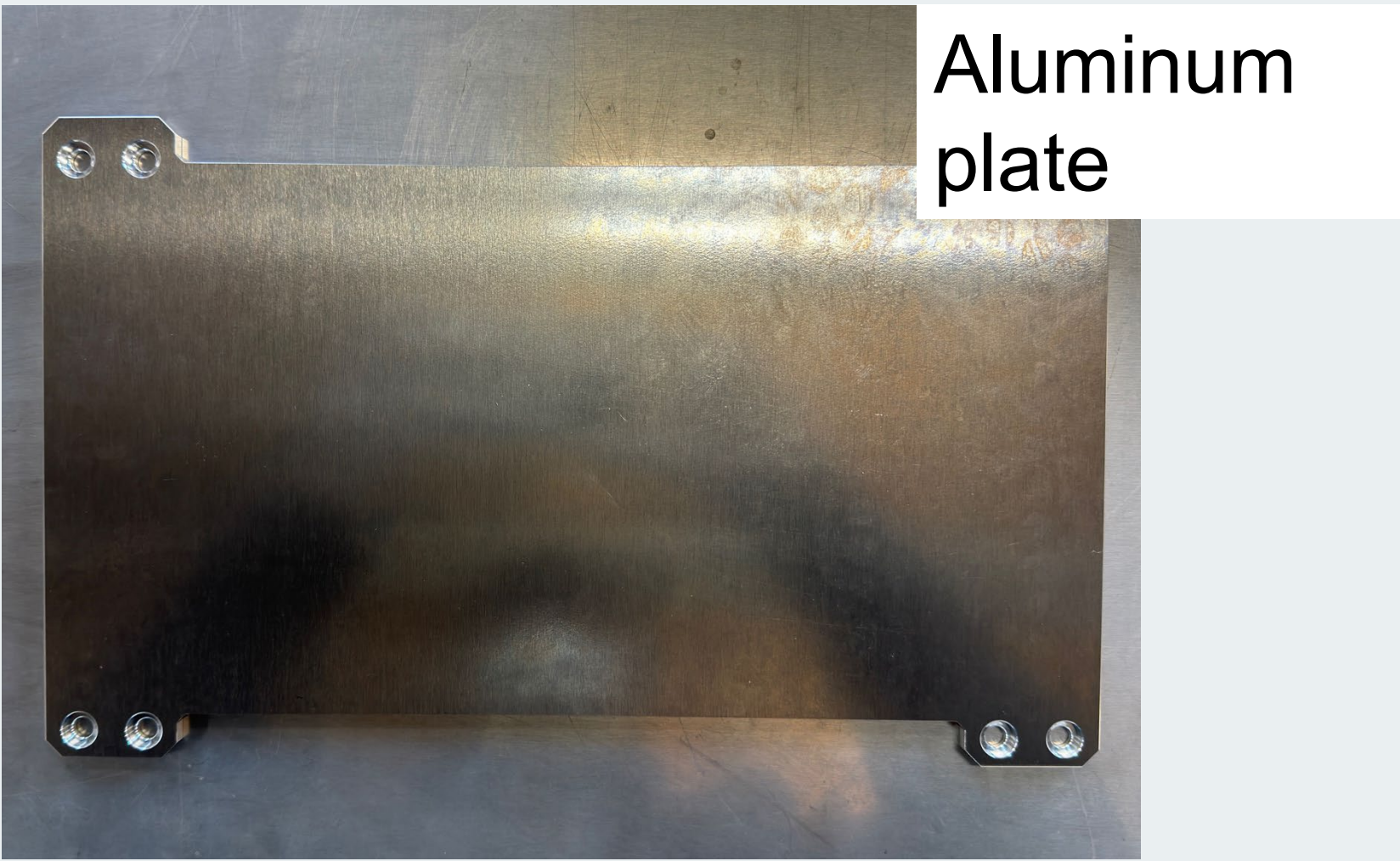
Heat exhaust plate of flat antenna for space communication: NICT/Tech Lab

Exhibit and space communication demo at NICT event

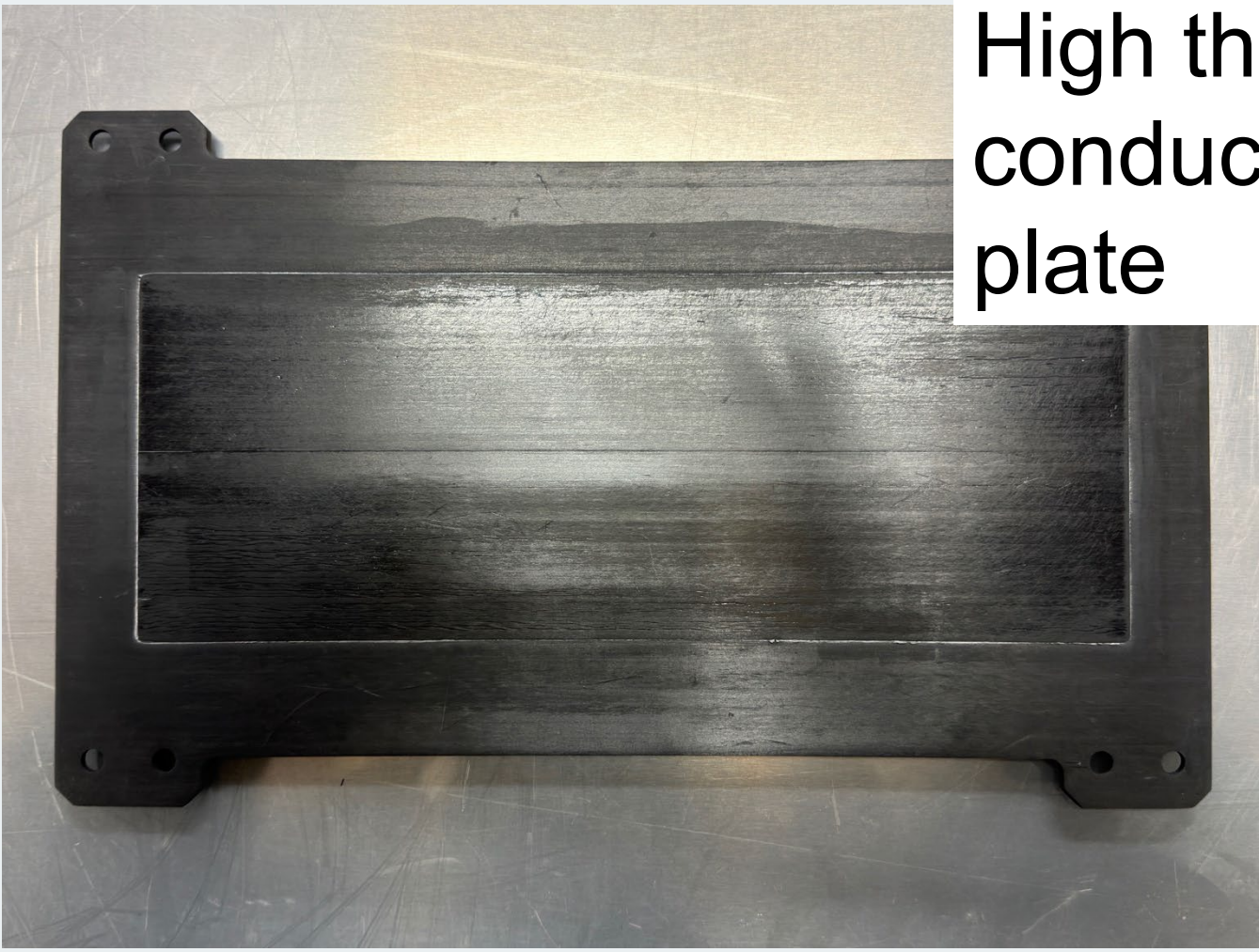
Verification of high thermal conductivity performance through heat generation/exhaust heat model experiments of flat antennas



The effectiveness of suppressing heat generation in antenna elements using a heat exhaust plate that takes advantage of the high thermal conductivity of graphite sheets has been experimentally verified.



Aluminum plate



Graphite sheet/ High thermal conductivity CFRP plate

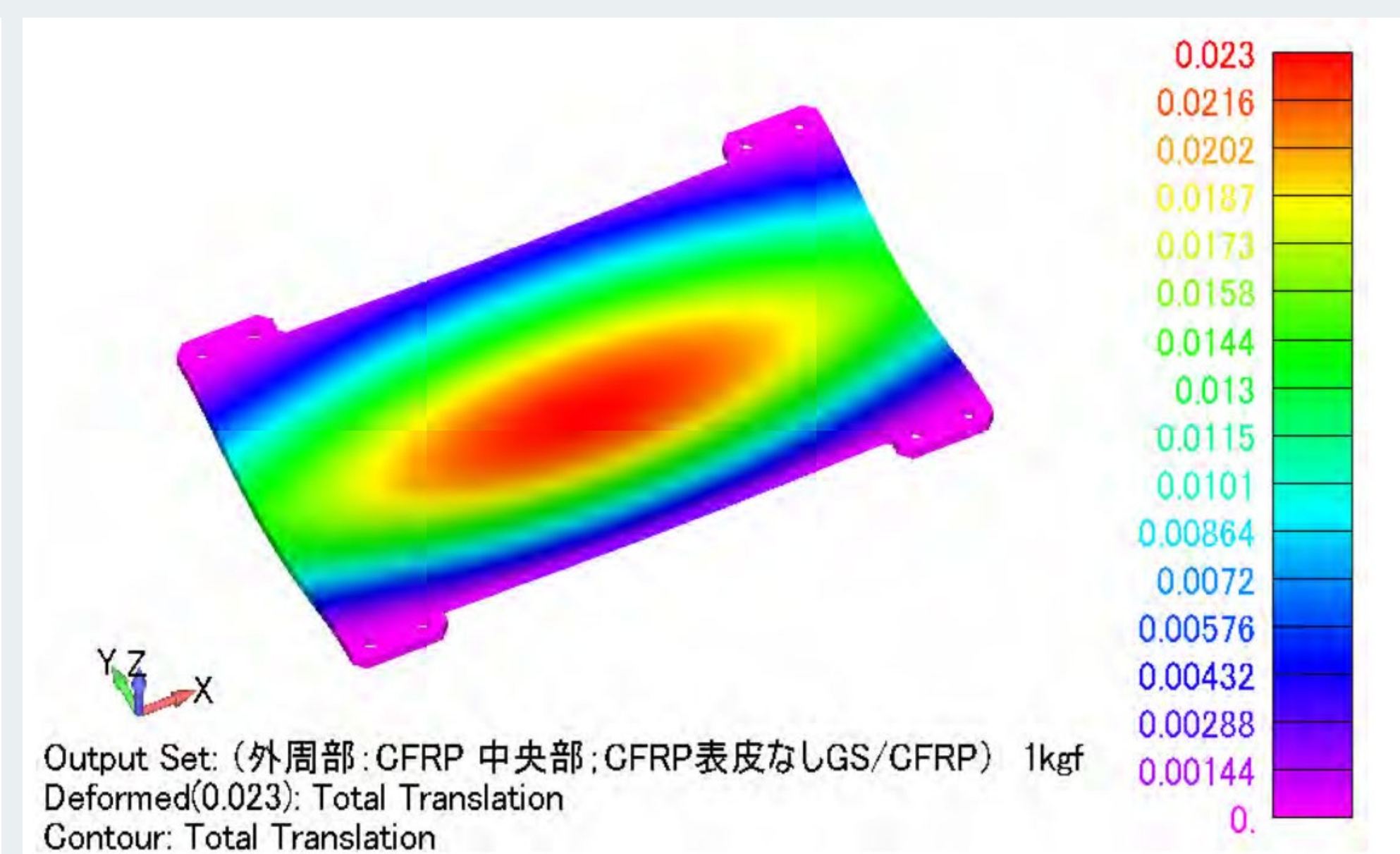
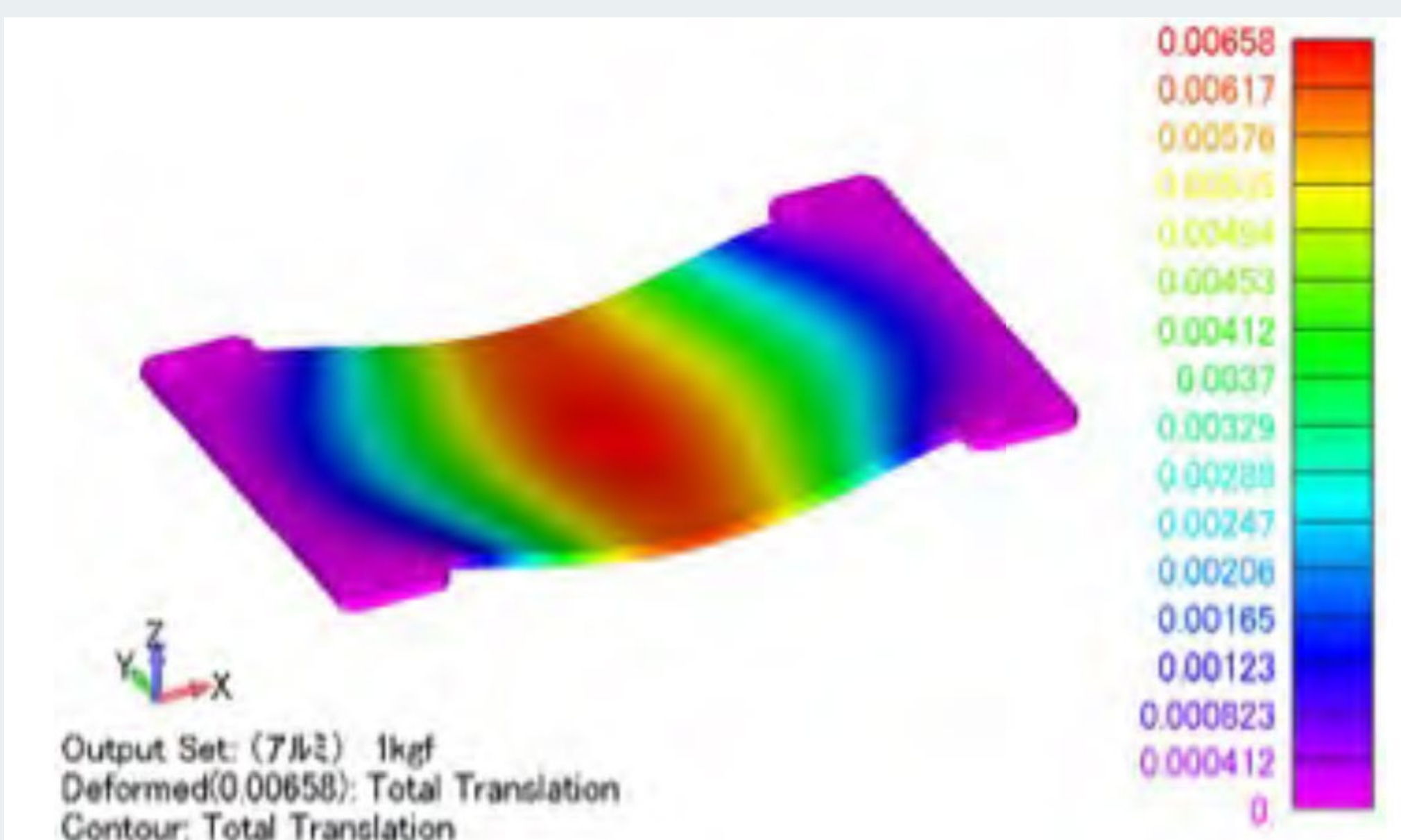
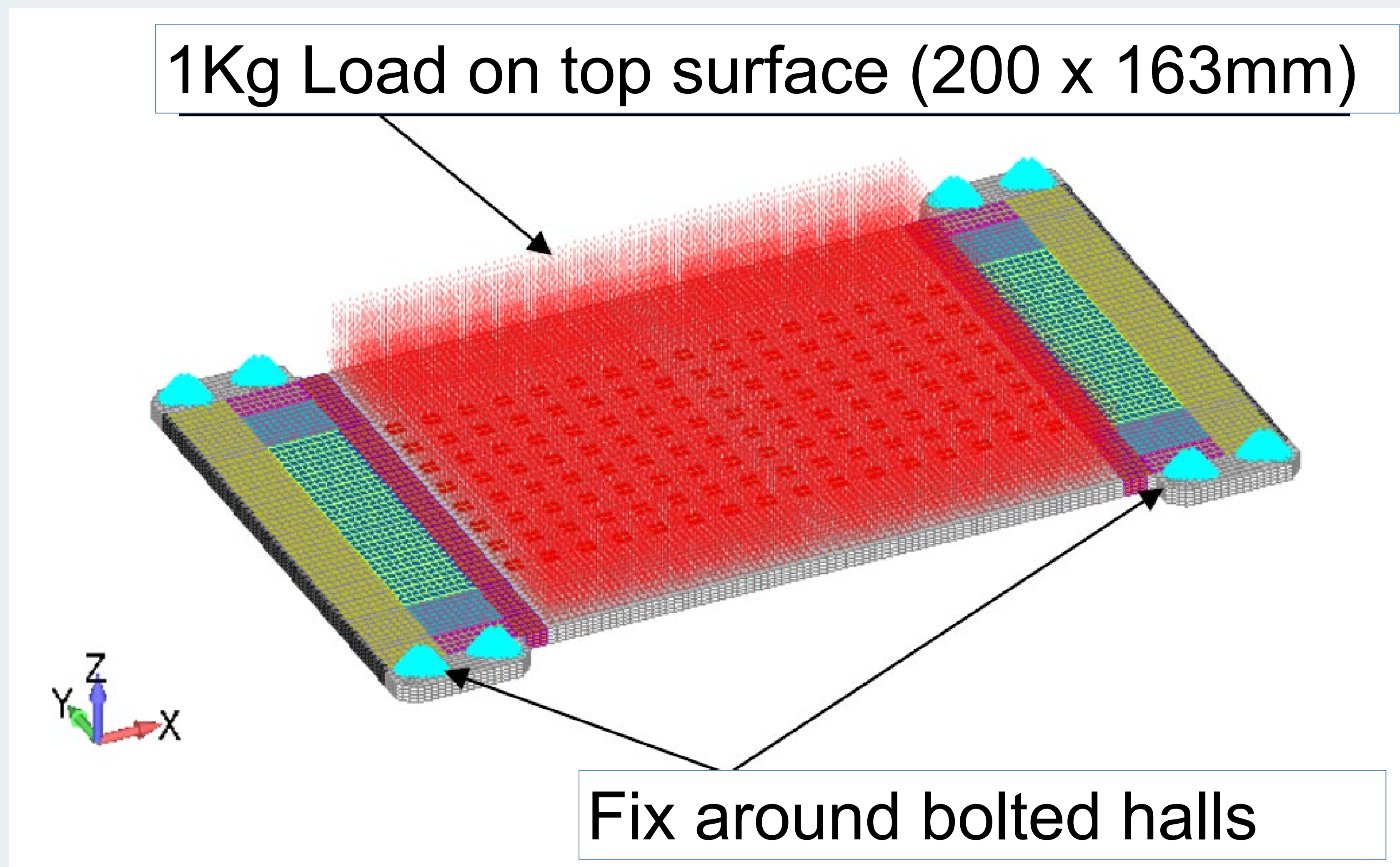
		Material of plate		
		Aluminum	CFRP	GS/CFRP
Density		2.7	1.7	1.8
Themo couple	1	61.4°C	57.9°C	39.4°C
	2	60.1°C	55.6°C	36.5°C
	3	50.5°C	48.4°C	26.5°C

Aluminum heat exhaust plate weighing over 20 kg can be reduced to less than 4 kg. (Thinner due to lighter material x high heat transfer performance)

Innovative graphite sheet (GS) business development project

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Deformation amount when loaded with 9.8N (1kg equivalent weight)



Aluminum heat exhaust plate Weight: 7.2kg
Maximum displacement: 7 μ m

Graphite sheet/high thermal conductivity CFRP heat exhaust plate Weight: 4.5kg
Maximum displacement: 23 μ m

Moon Robot YAOKI

Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporate strategy meeting Vision & Strategy



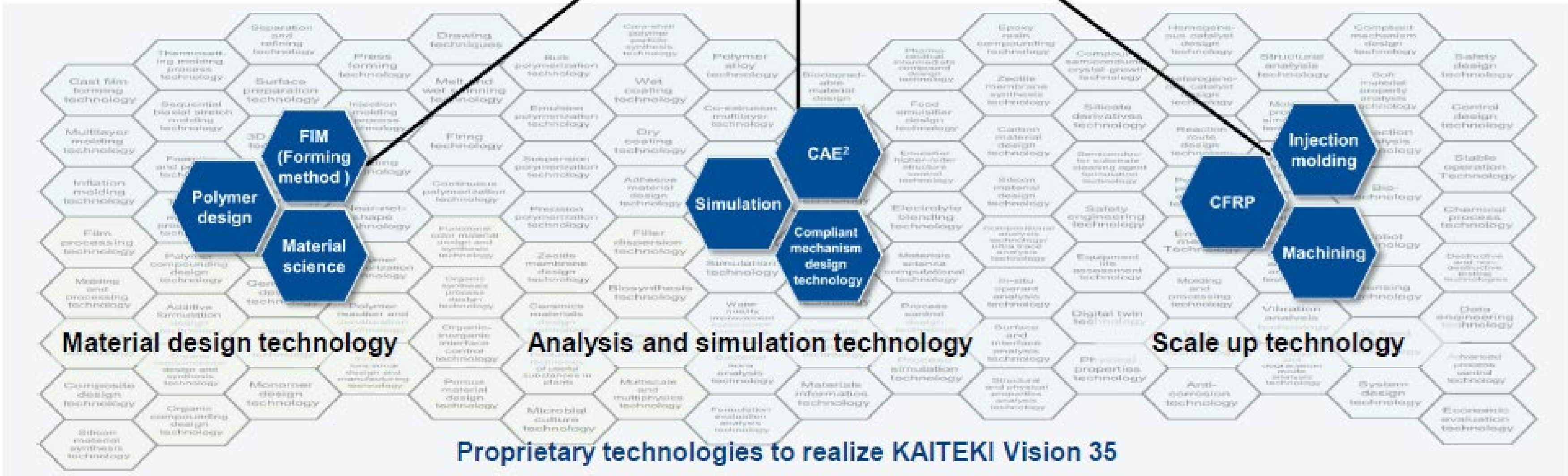
Successful examples of solutions: connecting our technologies

High-rigidity, lightweight materials for aerospace

- Lunar rover¹ “YAOKI” of Dymon Co., Ltd. combines various technologies and products in its structure, tires, sliders, and lens sections to achieve both lightweight and improved shock resistance

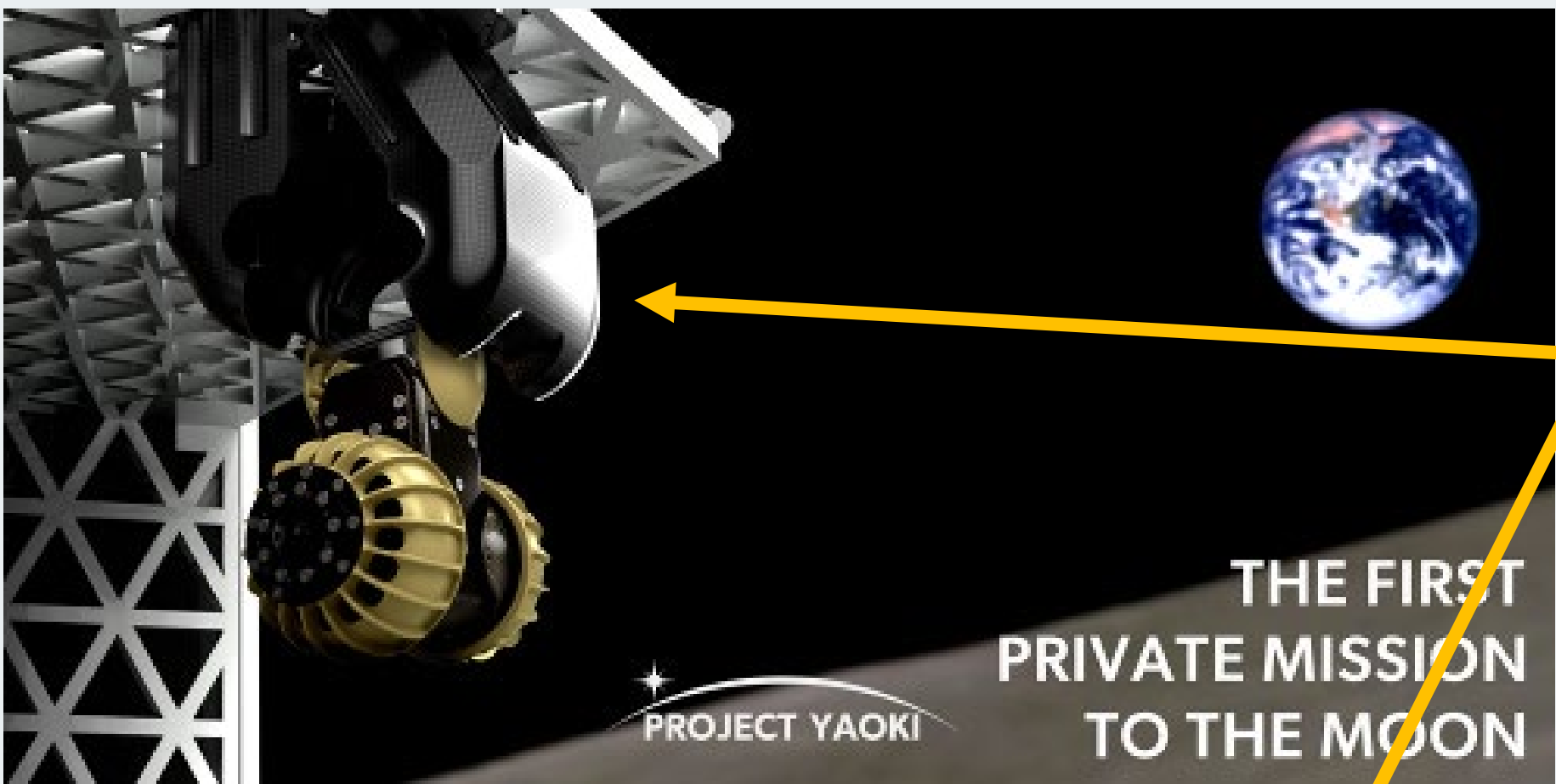


Lunar rover “YAOKI”



Proprietary technologies to realize KAITEKI Vision 35

1. Missions can be carried out on the moon without deterioration in physical properties, even in environments with temperatures ranging from -170° C to 110° C and exposure to cosmic radiation
2. Computer Aided Engineering



「YAOKI” body, deployer (case)Cyanate ester resin CFRP(Carbon fiber reinforced plastic) applied



"YAOKI" tires PAI material (super engineering plastic/polyamideimide) applied

"YAOKI" lens Suppression of regolith adhesion Apply coating agent

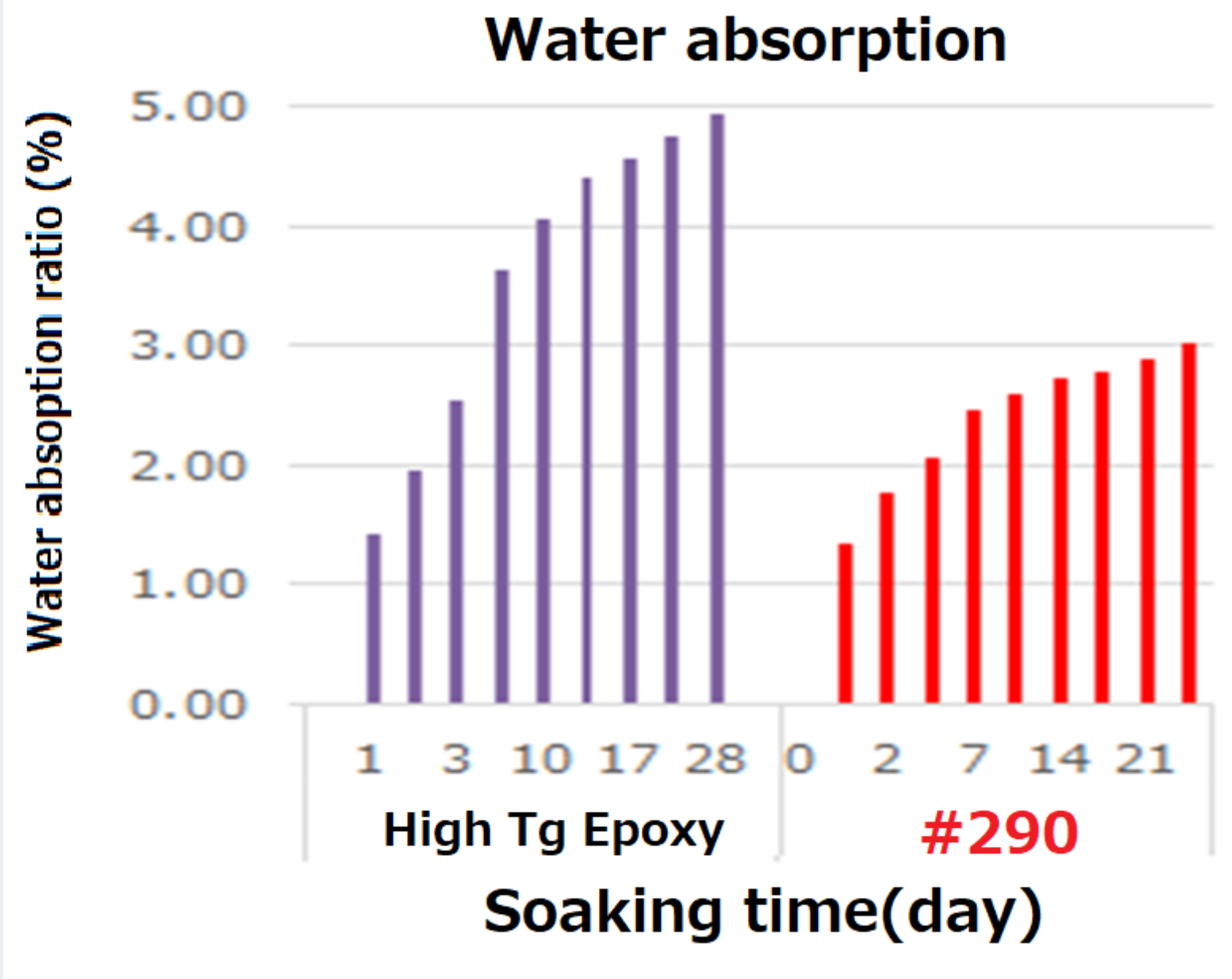
Cyanate ester resin CFRP

Characteristics of cyanate resin CFRP

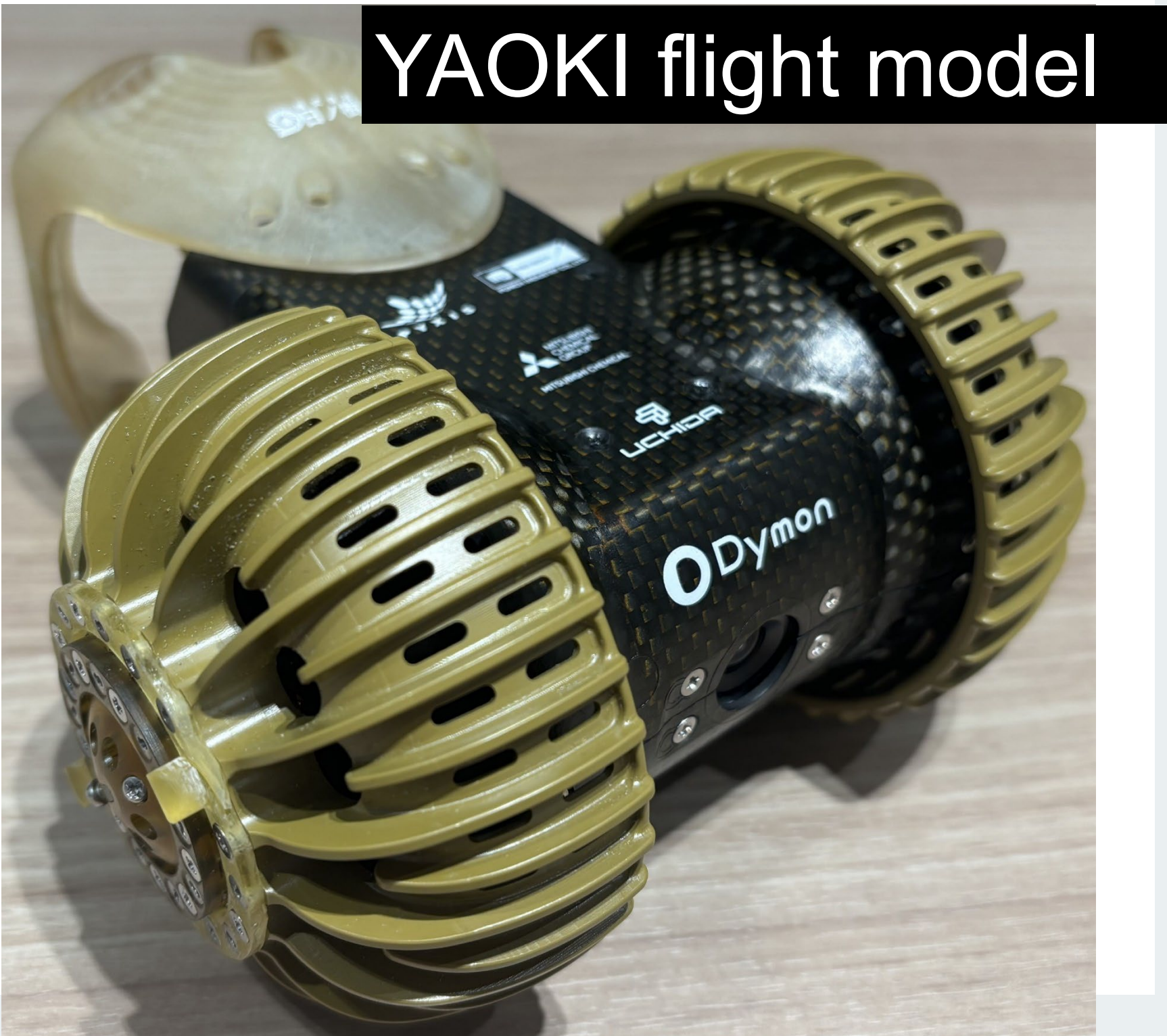
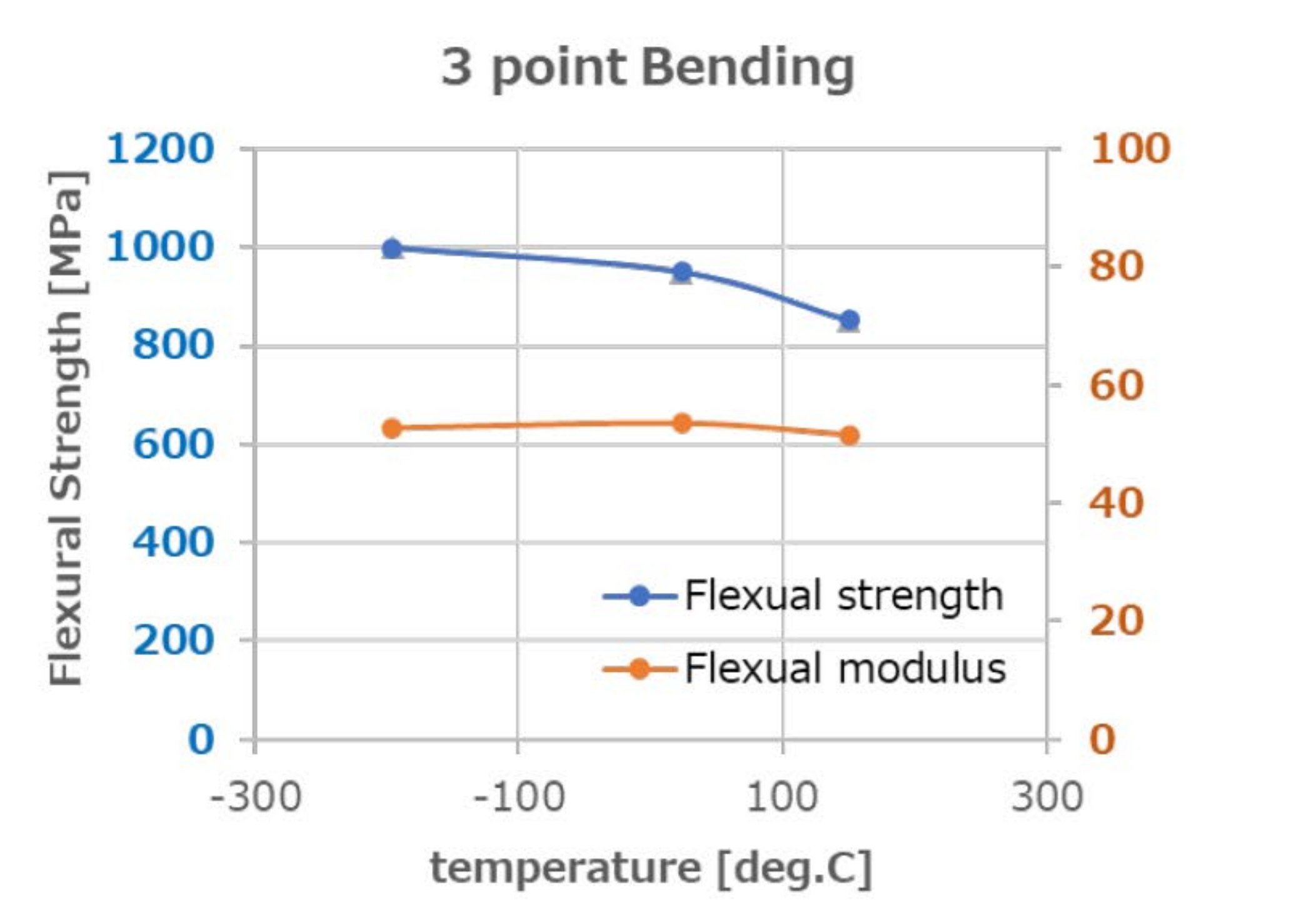
- Low moisture absorption → Small Coefficient of Moisture Expansion (CME)
- Less cryogenic micro-cracks → No loss of strength at cryogenic temperatures
- Low dielectric constant → Low electromagnetic wave loss

【Characteristic of Cyanate ester resin “#290”】

Resin type	Tg	toughness	Moldability	Life
#290 Cyanate ester	270℃	◎	◎	◎
High Tg epoxy	180 ~ 220℃	○	○	○
BMI	300℃	x	x	○



TR3110 290GMP (FAW 196g/m2, RC 40wt%)



Composite Mechanical properties of Cyanate ester resin “#290”

Type	Carbon Fiber	0° Ts [MPa]	0° Tm [GPa]	0° Cs [MPa]	0° Cm [GPa]	ILSS [MPa]	G'-Tg [°C]
UD	TR50S	2920	140	1690	126	107	271
UD	K13916	1560	430	400	340	63	257
Woven	TR3110	719	57	625	52	69	272

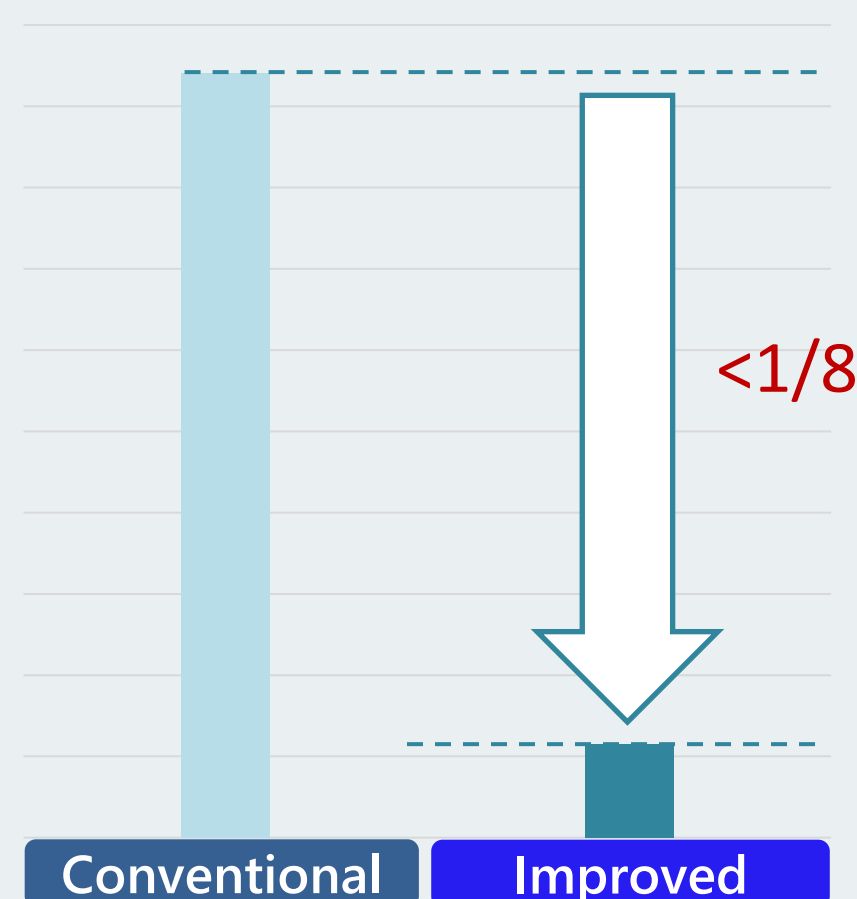
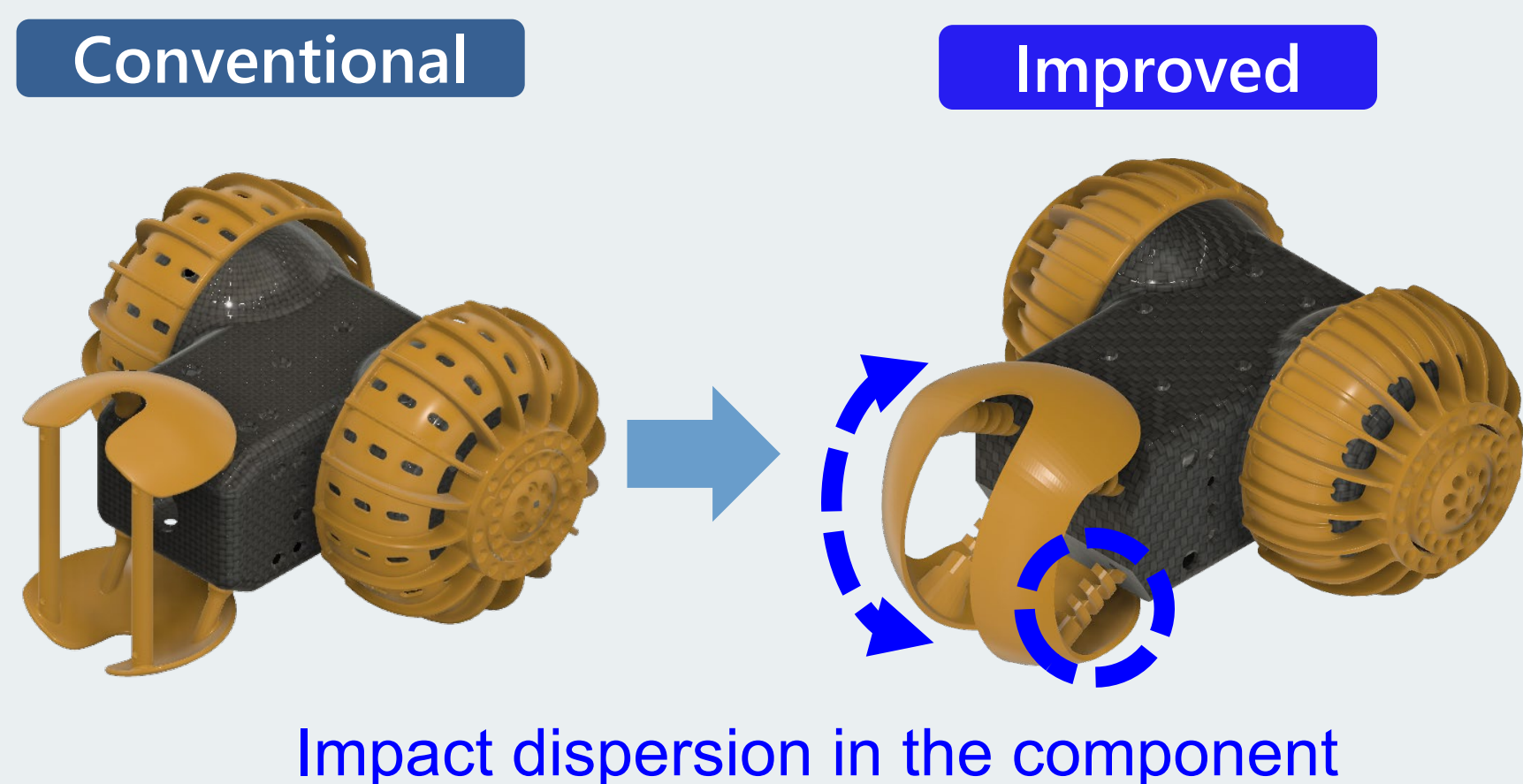
Compliant Mechanism Design

Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation is helping to create new products by incorporating design technology into our strengths in materials and molding expertise.

The compliant mechanism is a design concept in which movement is achieved by the suppleness of the material. By replacing conventionally assembled and fabricated products with supple one-piece resin products, various advantages such as improved performance and weight reduction can be created.

Example of space application: "YAOKI" slider improvement

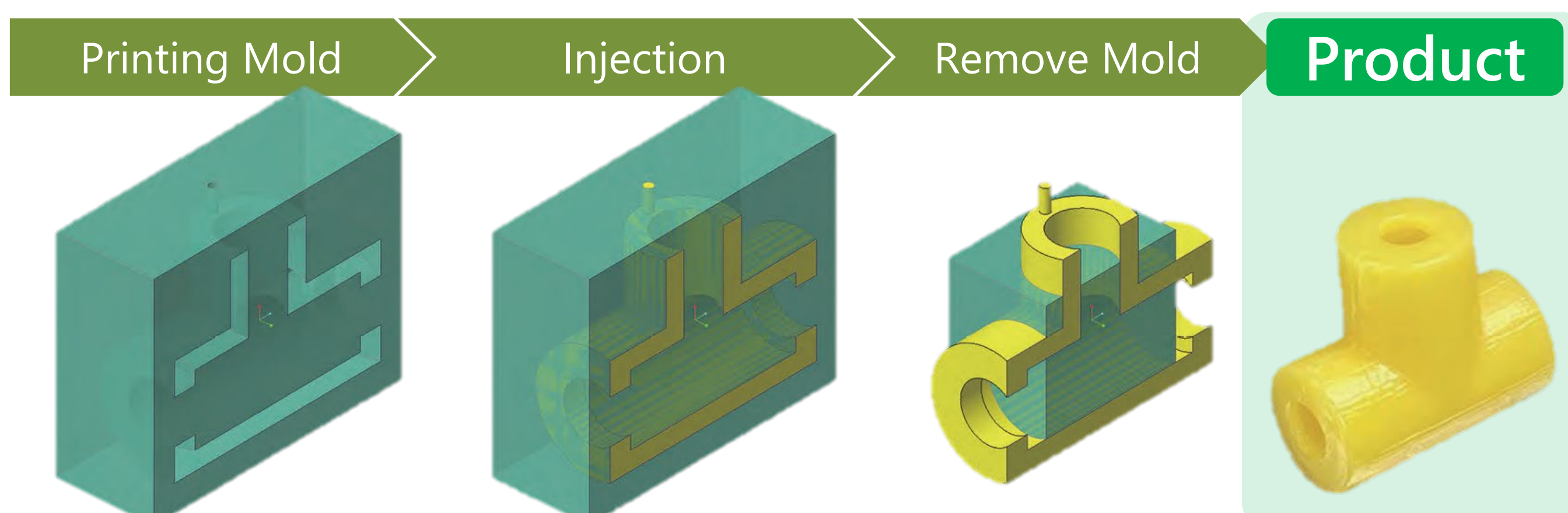
Usually, to improve impact resistance, designs that increase wall thickness to make them sturdier or that use high-strength metals are used. However, in space applications, where strict weight reduction is required in terms of transportation costs, supple design techniques using resins may be effective.



In an example of application to a small lunar exploration vehicle under development, the maximum stress applied to a component in the event of a collision was successfully reduced to 1/8 or less, while minimizing the weight increase. The vehicle was adopted as a lunar surface transportation model.

Free-form Injection Molding

Free-form injection molding (FIM) is a novel injection molding technology that uses a special 3D printer. Complex shapes that cannot be removed from a mold can be produced from a single piece with the same strength as injection molding.



Improved "YAOKI" Slider Example



Our group companies (*) possess this technology, which enables us to develop products from compliant mechanism design to modeling in a single integrated process.

* MCC Advanced Moldings Co., Ltd.

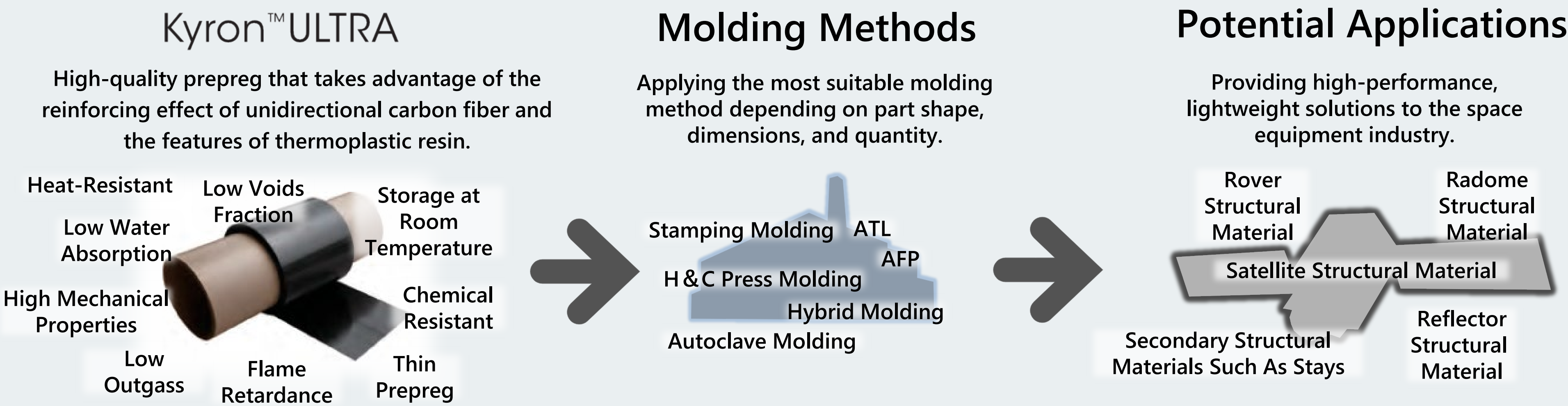
Kyron™ ULTRA

(UD CF-Thermoplastic Composite
Prepreg -Development Product-)

What is Kyron™ ULTRA ?

Thermoplastic resin matrix-unidirectional carbon fiber reinforced composite prepreg with high mechanical properties, low outgassing, heat resistance and flame retardancy.

【Potential Applications in Space Equipment】



PYROFIL™ CFP/GDL (Gas Diffusion Layer)

What is GDL (Gas Diffusion Layer) ?

Pyrofil™ GDL is a multi-functional electrode material that has been optimized for Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cell (PEFC) and Redox Flow Battery (RFB).

【Advantages】

- Carbon paper type / Superior surface smoothness
- Enhanced water management ability by distinctive porous structure
- Excellent process ability in roll-to-roll process

【Packaging specification】

- Cut sheet (300mm × 200mm)
- Small roll sample (W300mm x L10m)
- *Long rolls are also available
(width and length negotiable)



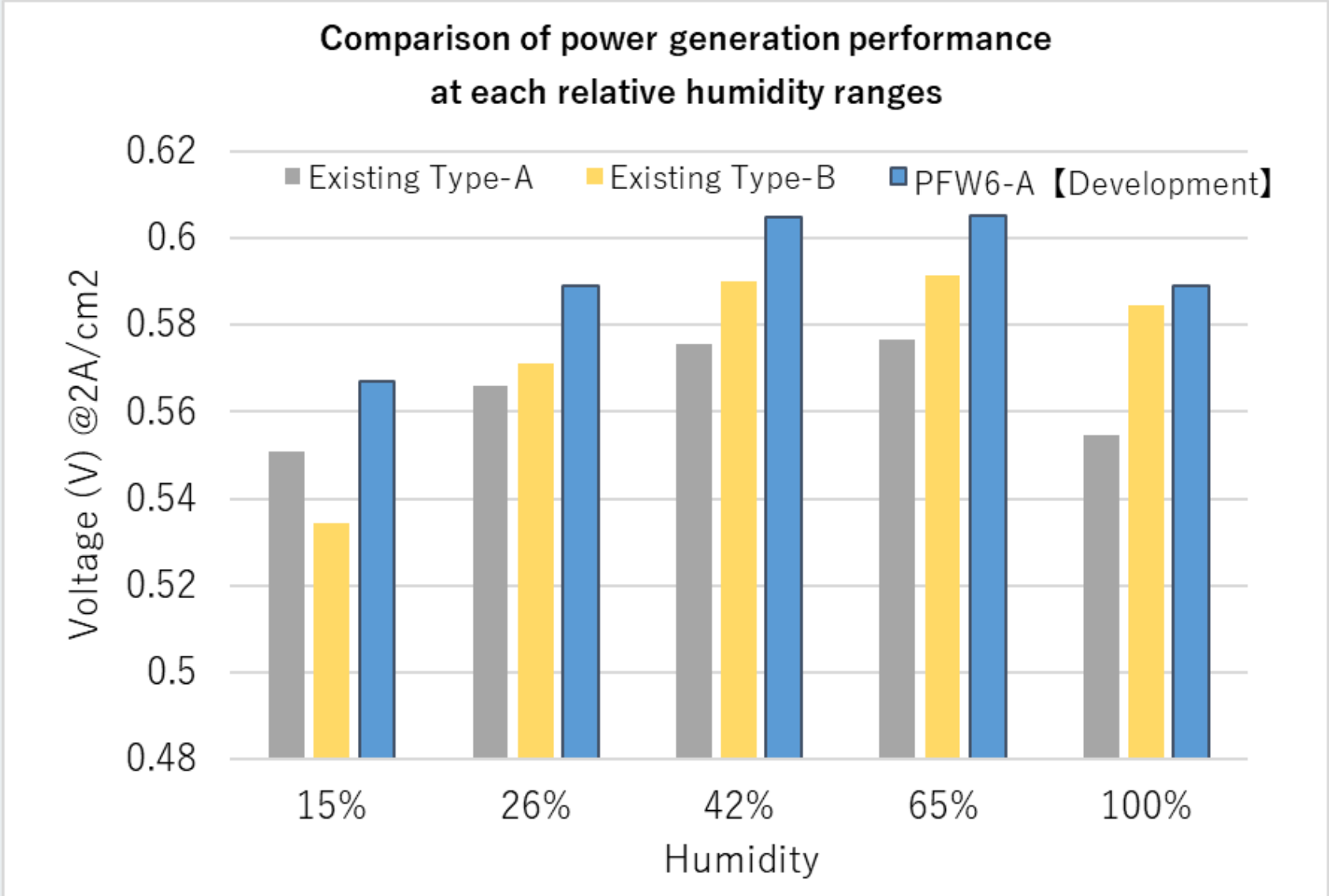
【Product Line-up】

Item	Unit	MFK	MFX	MFL	Development	Development	MFK-A	MFX-A	MFL-A	Development	Development
					MFKTN	PFW6				MFKTN-A	PFW6-A
Surface Treatment	-	Non	Non	Non	Non	Non	MPL	MPL	MPL	MPL	MPL
Thickness	[mm]	0.205	0.170	0.125	0.160	0.120	0.220	0.190	0.150	0.173	0.137
Compressed Thickness	[mm] @1MPa	0.180	0.140	0.110	0.129	0.089	0.200	0.160	0.120	0.145	0.104
Area Weight	[%]@1MPa	12	18	12	19	26	9	16	20	16	24
Bulk Density	[g/cm ³]	63	57	39	45	40	79	73	55	59	54
Gas Permeability	[g/cm ³]	0.31	0.34	0.31	0.28	0.34	0.36	0.38	0.37	0.34	0.39
TP Electrical Resistance	[mL/cm ² /hr/Pa]	200	950	700	260	600	10	40	30	10	10
Compression Ratio	[mΩ・cm ²] @1MPa	5.7	5.7	4.5	5.0	4.1	7.6	7.0	6.5	5.5	5.5
MD Flexural Strength	[MPa]	39	33	34	-	-	35	31	31	-	-
TD Flexural Strength	[MPa]	27	43	19	-	-	25	41	17	-	-
Porosity	[%]	83	80	83	84	81	80	79	80	81	78

*Above values represent typical properties, not guaranteed values. *The gas permeability of MPL products are just for the reference.

【New Development “PFW6”】

“Highest performance compared to conventional products in each power generation condition”

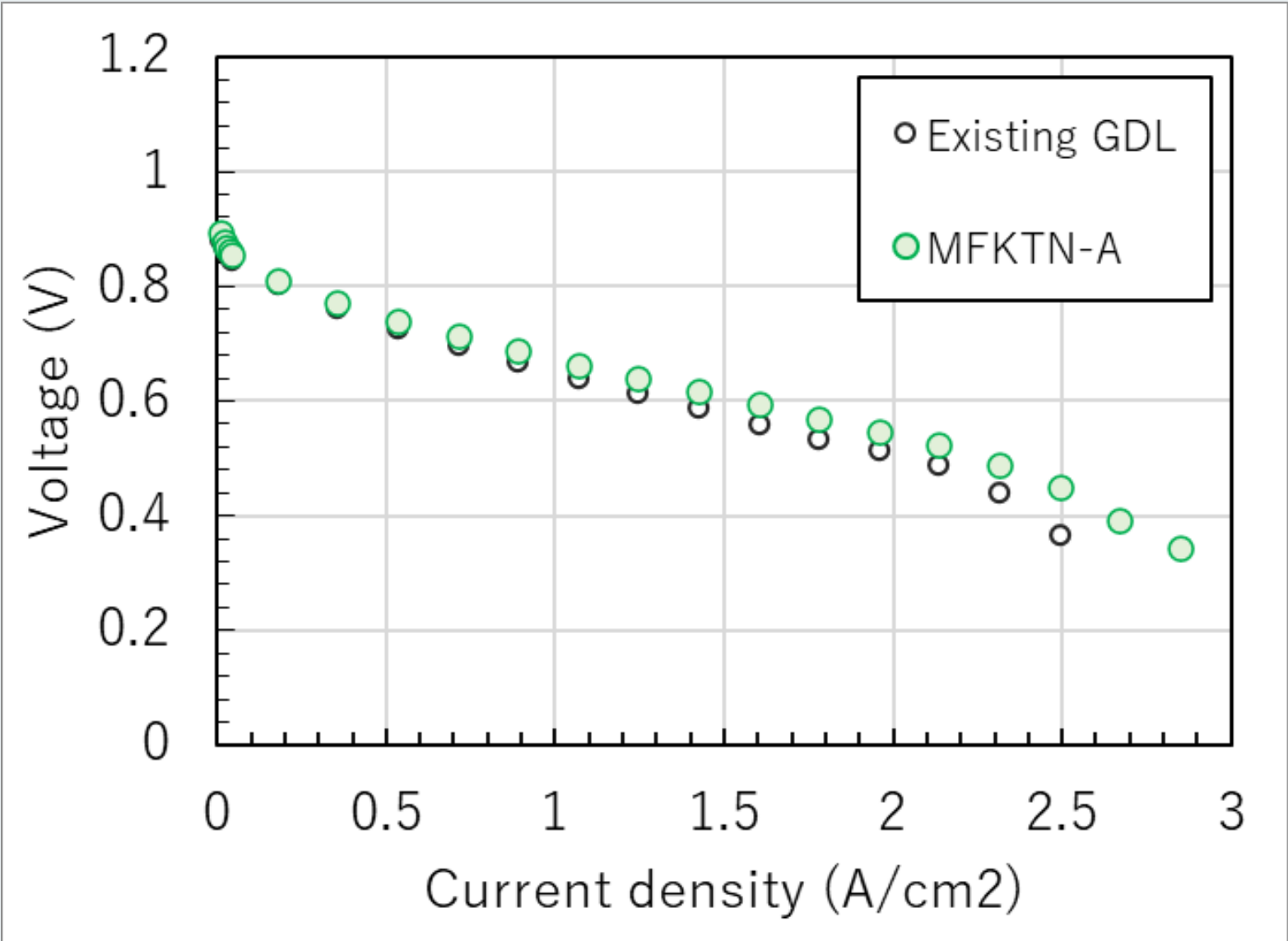


(※All data are based on our own comparison and under our standard test conditions, and these results are not guaranteed but just for the reference.)

【New Development “MFKTN”】

“Enhanced power generation performance in dry conditions required for HDVs.”

(※HDV=Heavy Duty Vehicle)



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Anti-Soil Coating

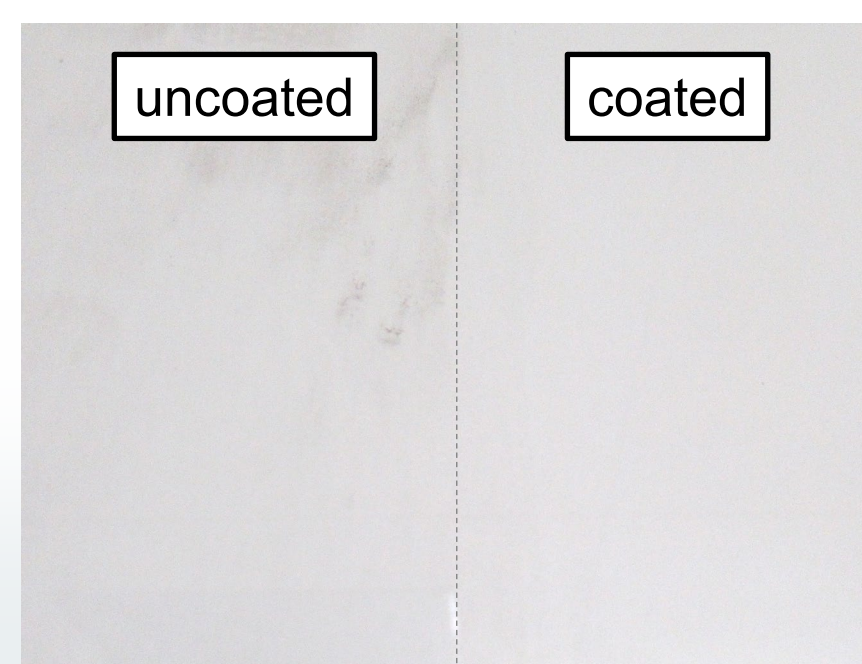
The film formed by wet coating has dust resistance. Its performance was also demonstrated to lunar sand regolith. At Mitsubishi Chemical, we not only provide coatings, but also propose optimal solutions tailored to your coating process.

Suitability for space applications

- Prevents regolith adhering to the surface of the coating.
- There is almost no change in weight because it is coated with a thin film.
- Strong weather resistance and good outgassing properties.

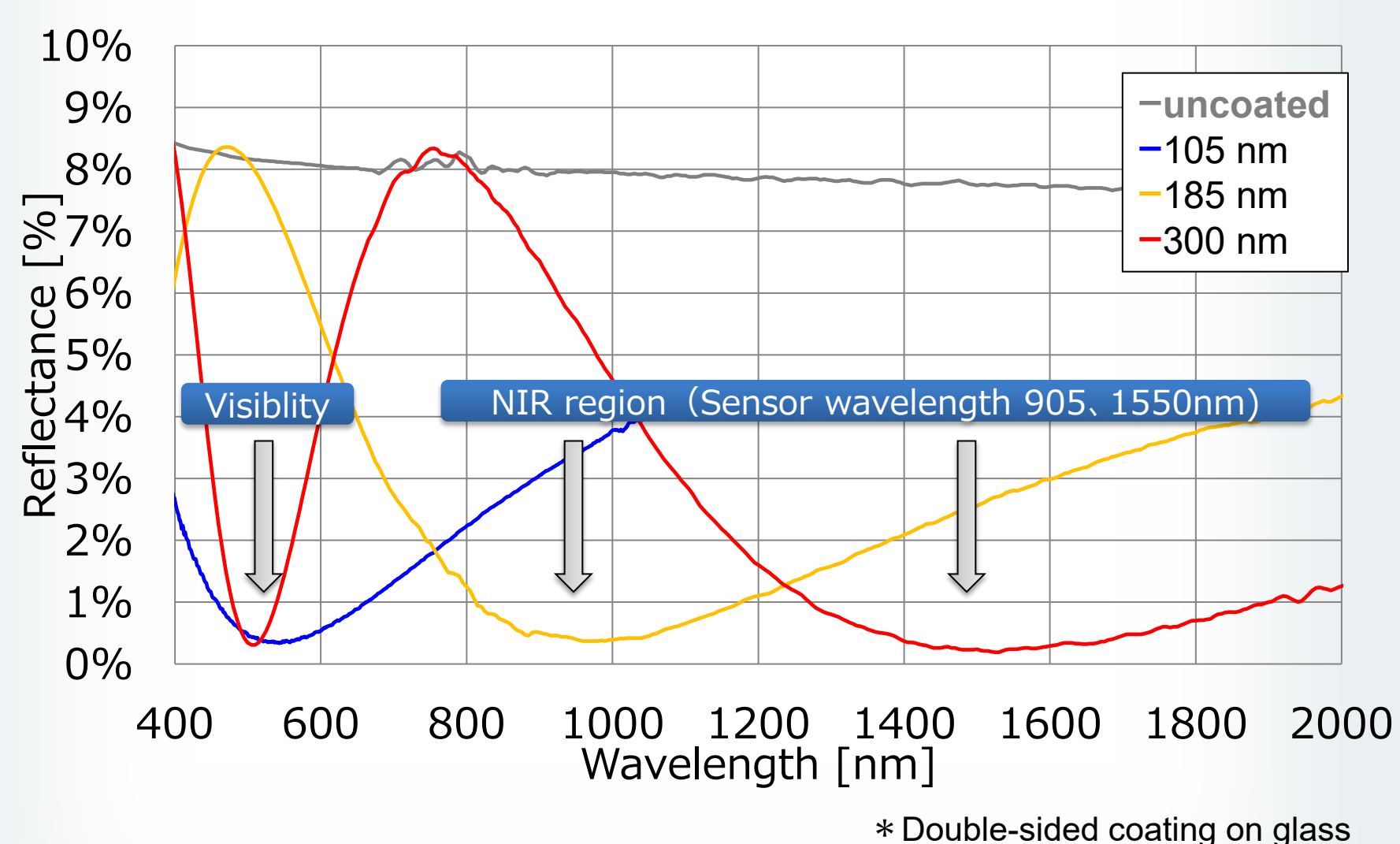
«Adhesion test using lunar soil simulator "FJS-1"»

		initial	After regolith adhesion test
Coated glass	Hz (%)	0.11	0.96
	T.T. (%)	94.24	94.24
Uncoated glass	Hz (%)	0.15	20.66
	T.T. (%)	90.77	85.63



Main characteristics of coating

«Relationship between thickness and antireflection »



- A thin porous silica film with a low refractive index.

- By adjusting the film thickness, it is possible to prevent reflections from the visible region to the near-infrared region.

- The refractive index can be controlled from 1.18 to 1.35.

- Applicable to various coating methods with wet coating.

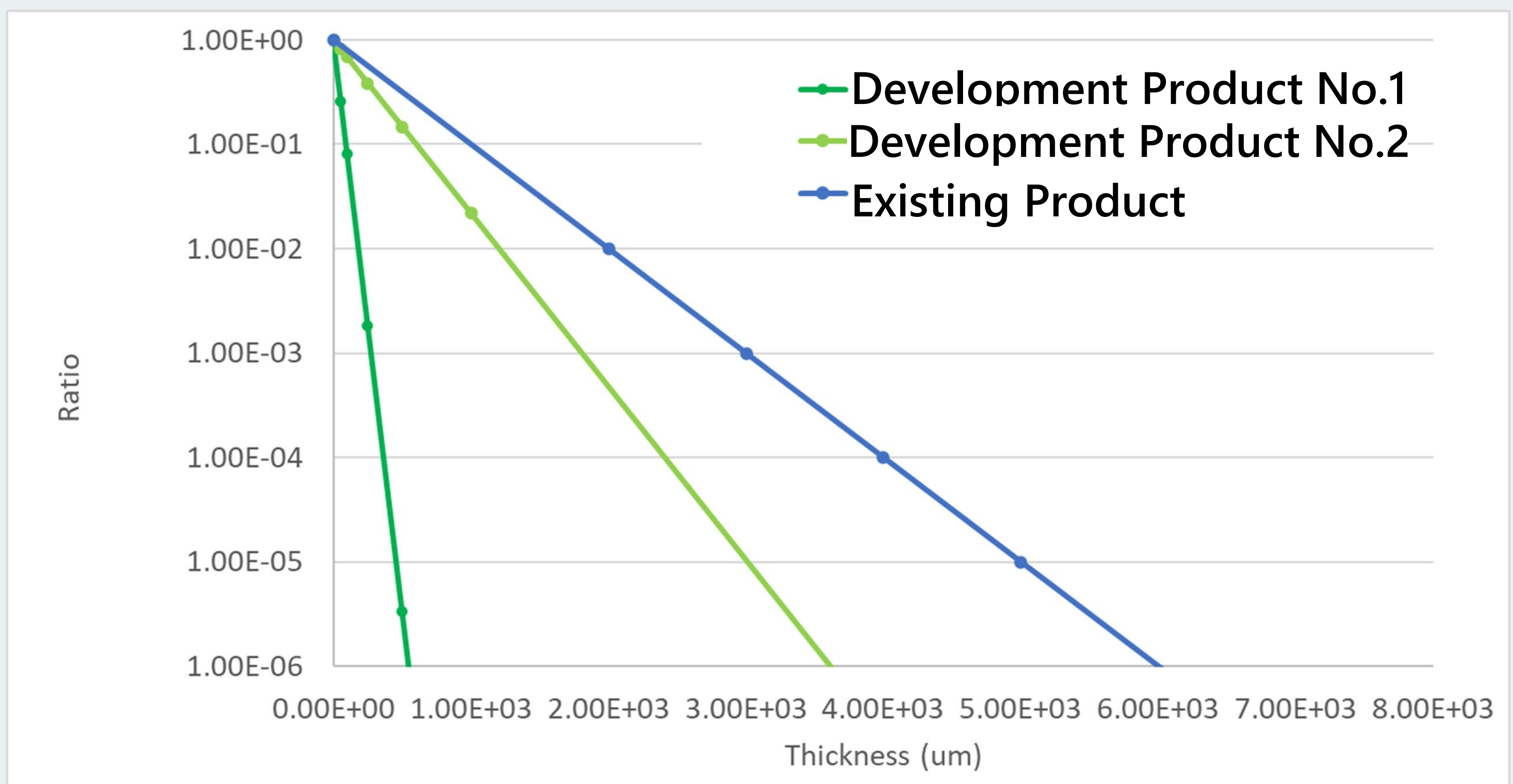
Neutron Shielding Coating (Development Product)

【Characters】

- By blending our developed polymer, we developed a shielding material (water-based coating) with a high concentration of dispersed filler that mainly captures thermal neutrons.
- Due to its high shielding performance, it is possible to reduce the thickness.
- There are wide variety of substrate.
Aluminum substrate : No peeling in cellophane tape test



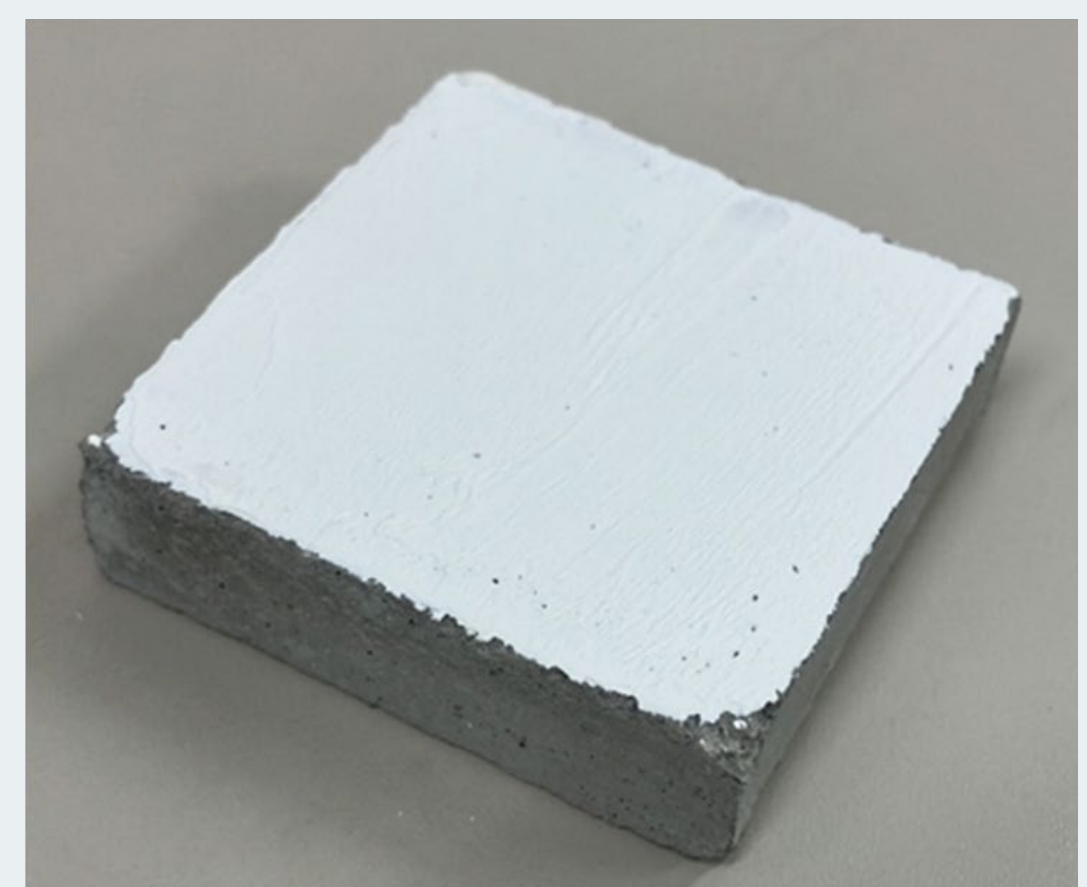
50μm coating sample
on PET film
Flexible and no crack



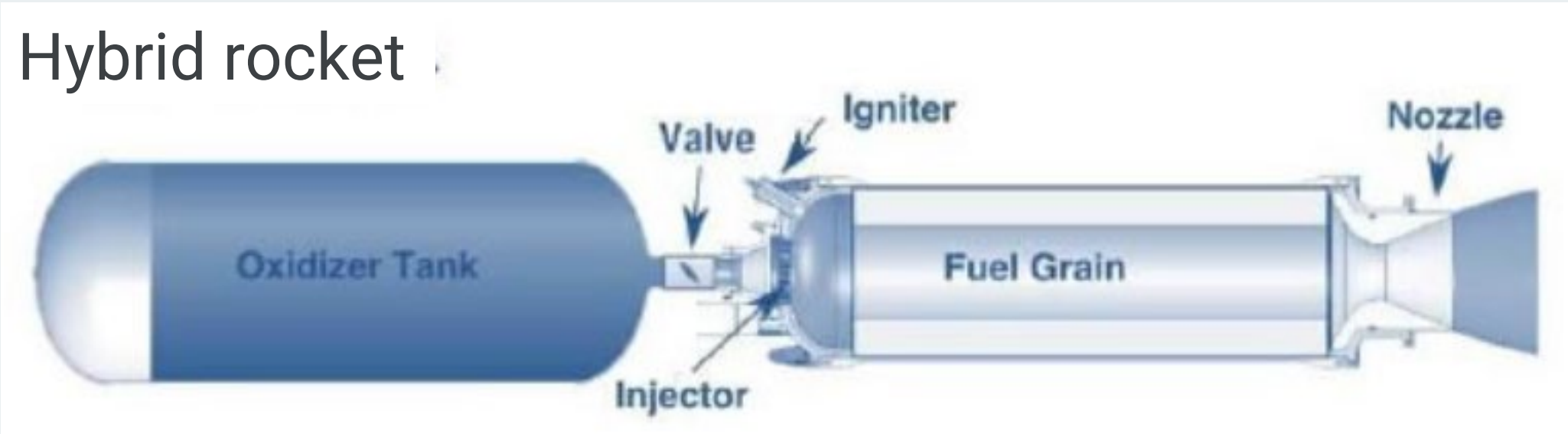
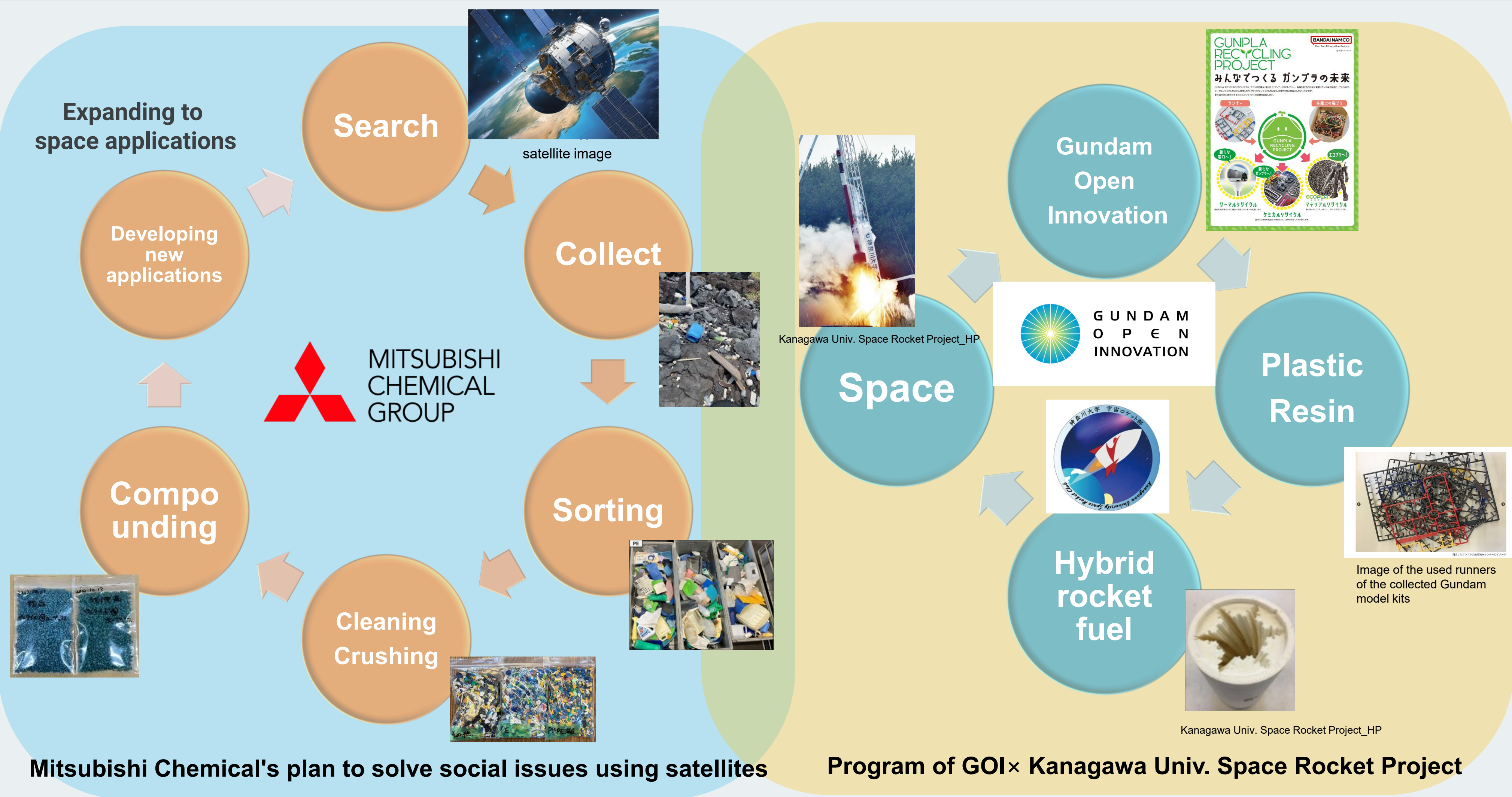
The coating can keep the dispersion after leaving for 24 hours.



Can be applied to aluminum and concrete substrates



Considering the use of Oceanic plastics for hybrid rocket fuel

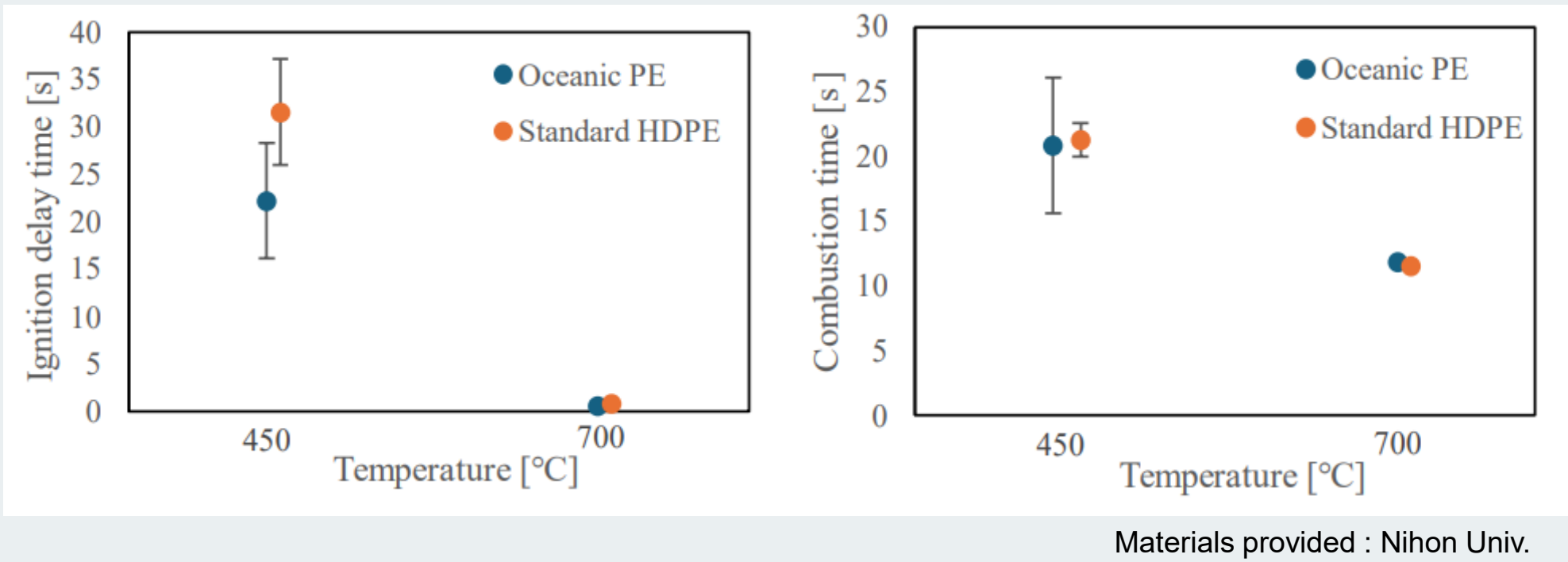


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Structure of a hybrid rocket



Oceanic plastic (PE) molded for fuel
(Provided by: Shinshu University Nakayama Laboratory)



Ignition and combustion performance of oceanic plastic (PE)

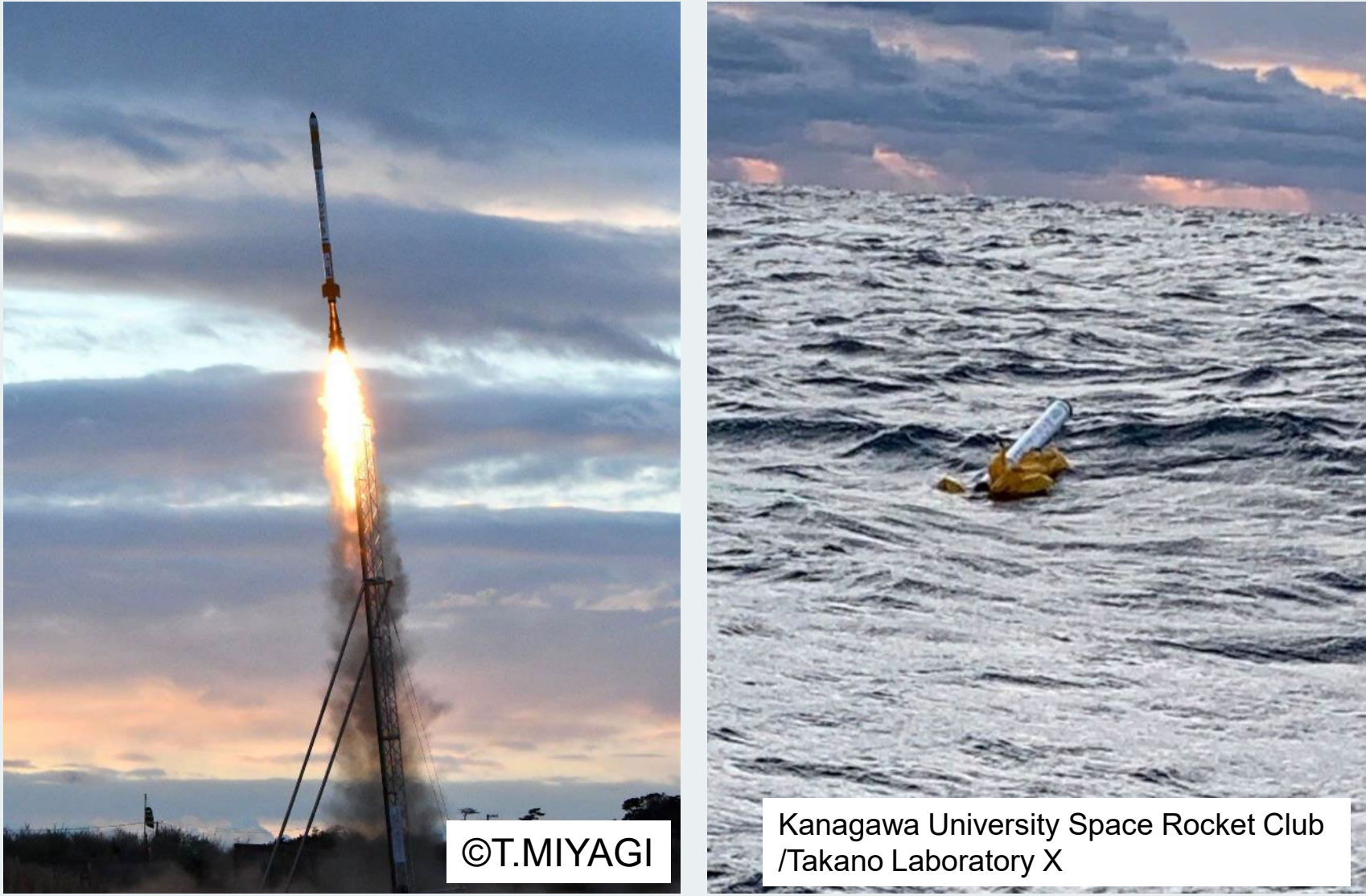
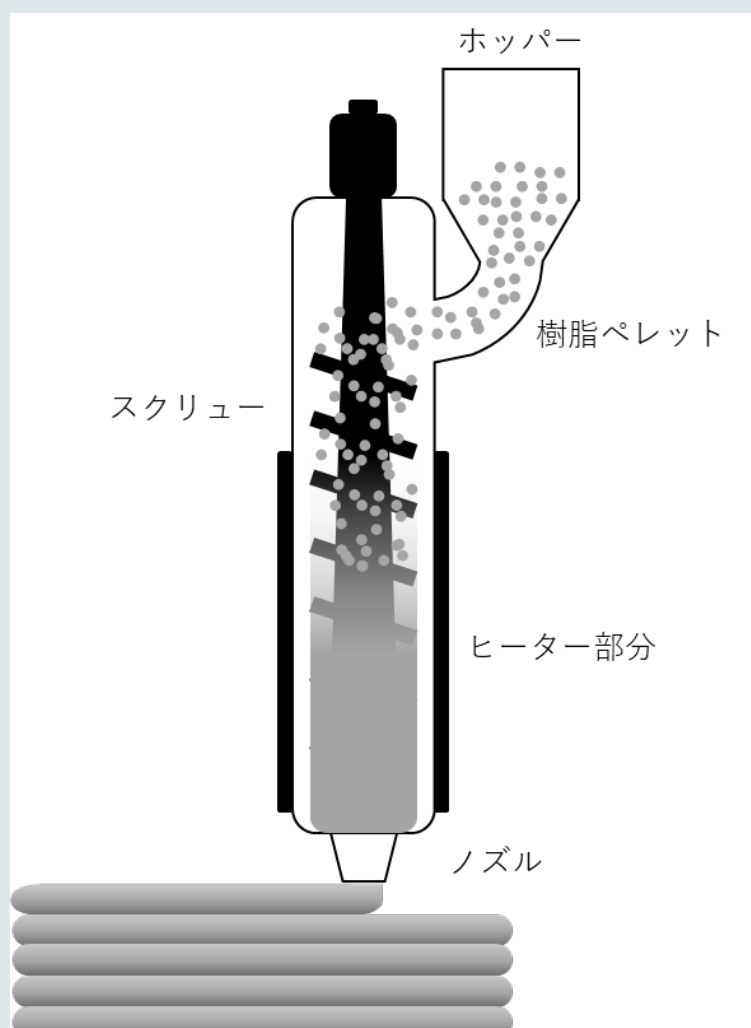


Photo of rocket launch (12/14/2024 @ Minamisoma City)

3D Printing materials for space

Material for Fused Granular Fabrication (FGF) printer



What is Fused Granular Fabrication (FGF) ?

- ✓ One of the Material Extrusion type 3DP.
 - ✓ Can 3D print directly from pellets.
 - ✓ Can print big object with large extrusion amount.
- (Also called as LFAM / LSAM)

Regolith-containing material

“Production on moon, Consumption on moon”



* Using regolith simulant

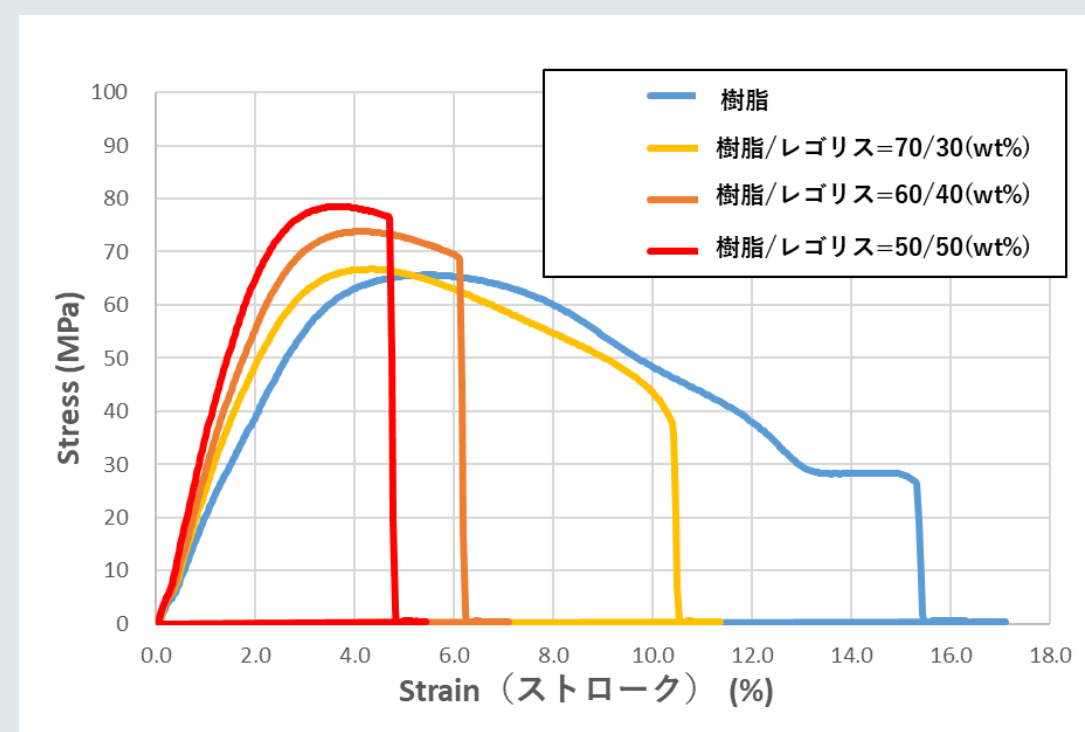


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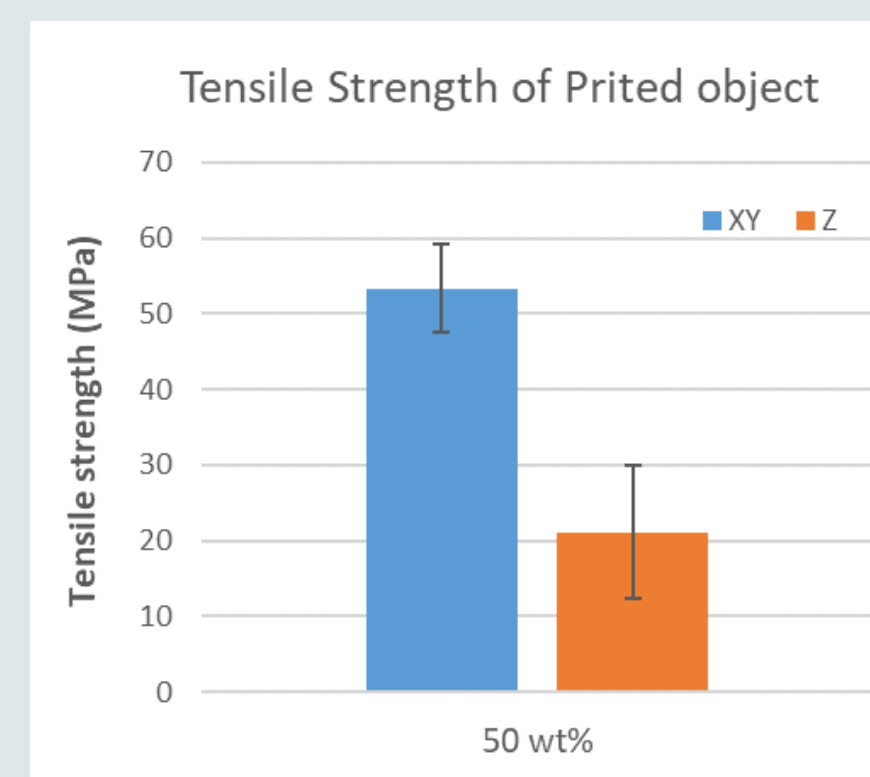
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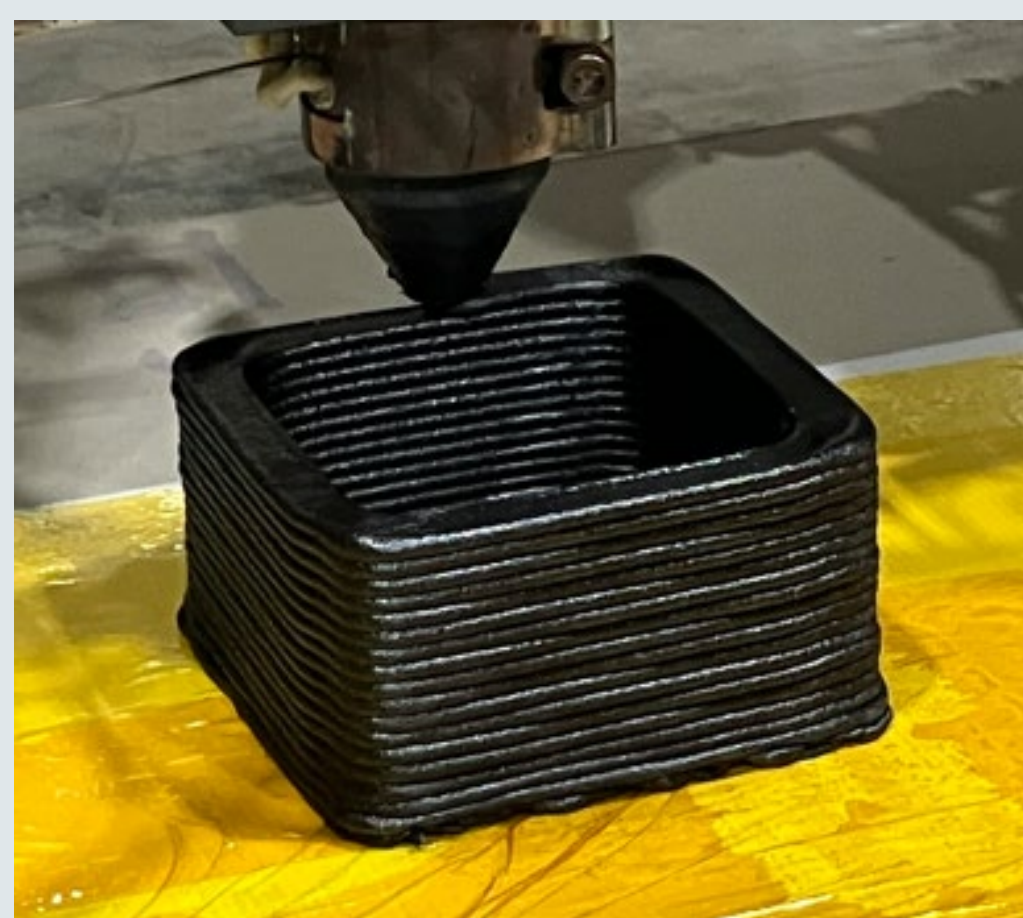
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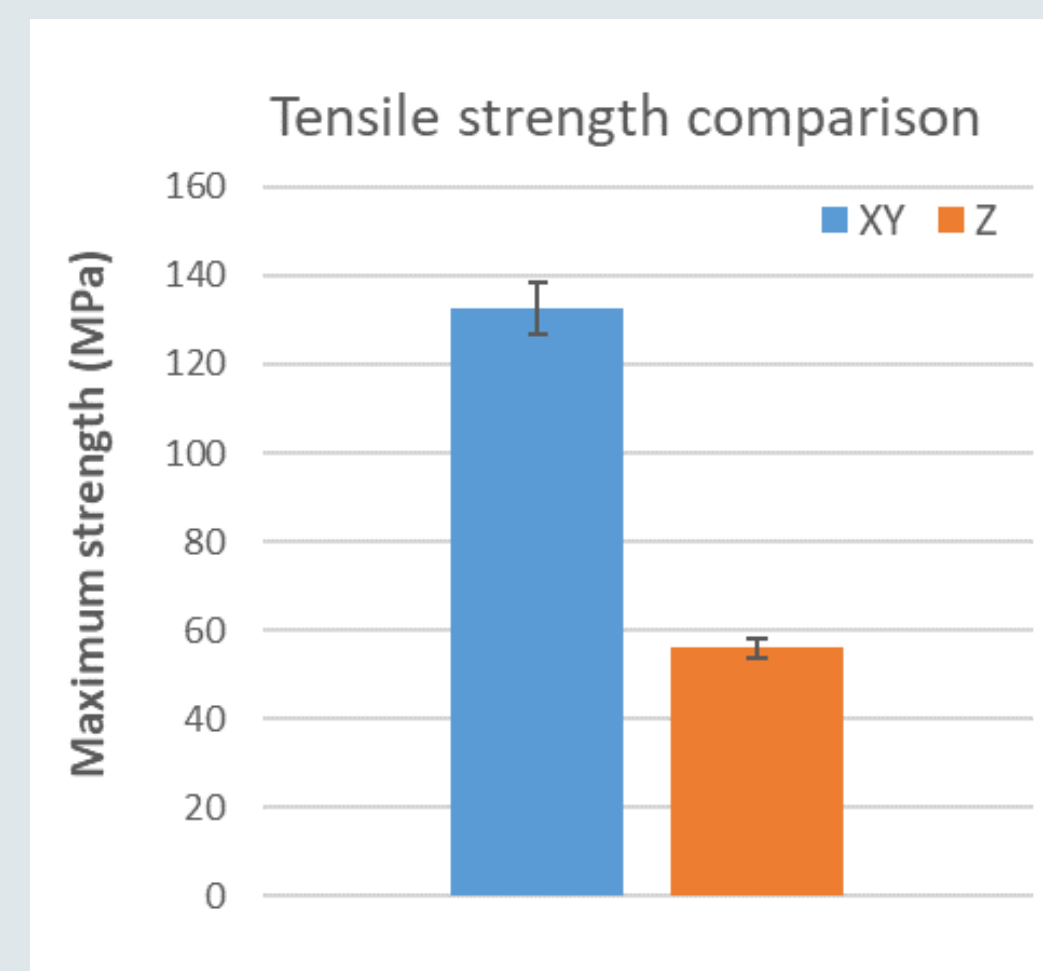
High heat-resistant (PEI/CF) material



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