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Recycling of fibre composites

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Disposition

- Sustainable use of fibre composites
- Recycling processes
- Future developments

Sustainable use of composites



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Problems with recycling

- Costly
- Degradation of the fibres
- Degradation of the matrix
- Deteriorated bonding between fibre and matrix
- Uneven quality

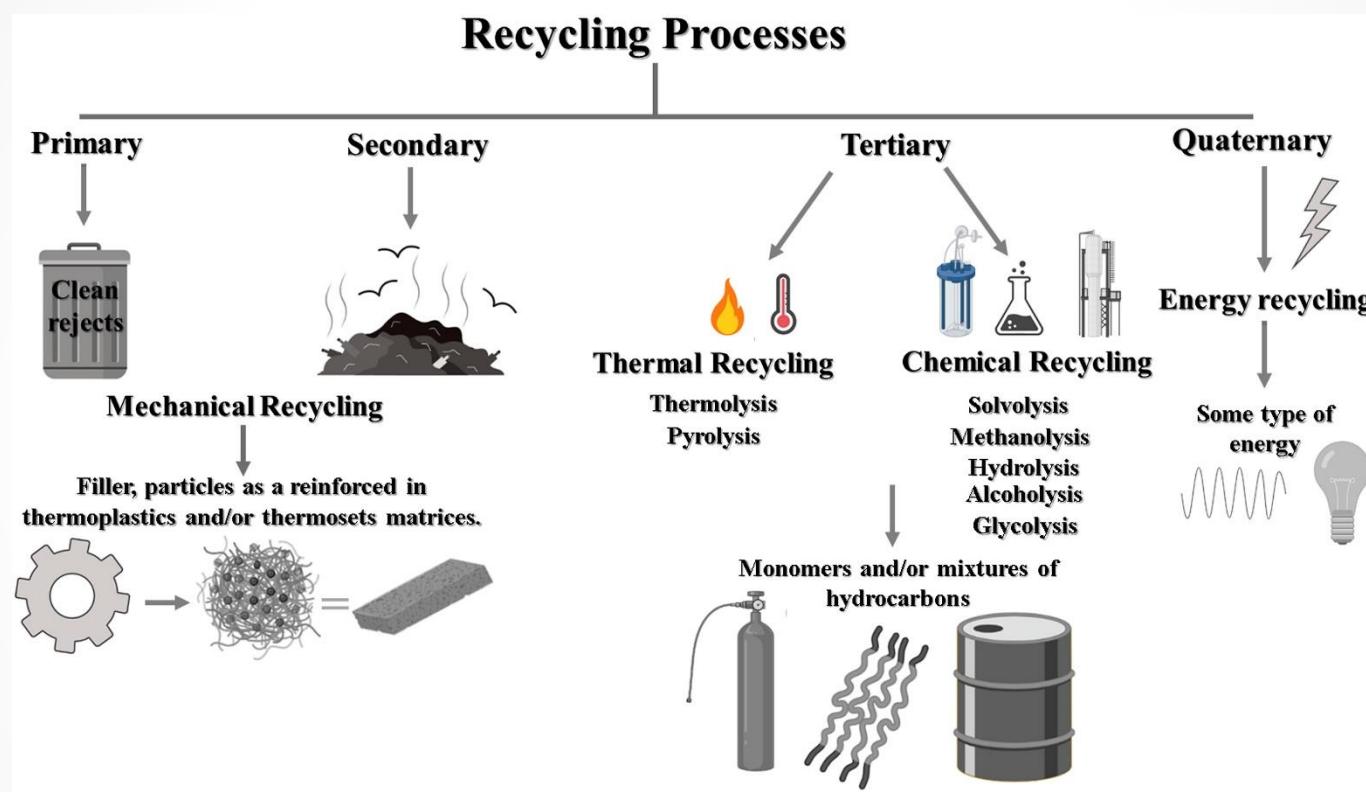


Recycling processes

- Mechanical recycling
- Physical recycling
- Chemical recycling
- Thermal recycling
- Energy recycling
- Biological degradation



Recycling processes



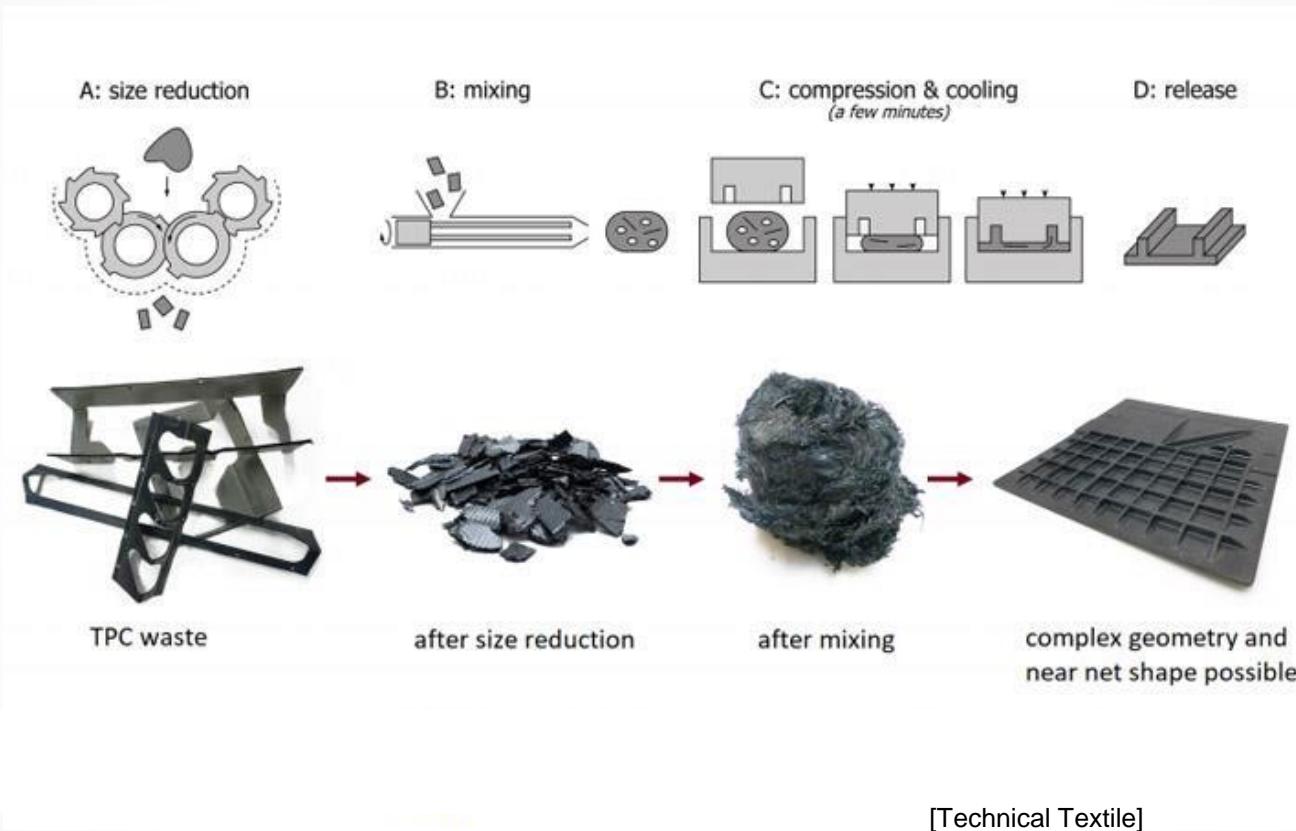
Recycling of carbon fiber-reinforced thermoplastic and thermoset composites:
A review, L.S. Montagna et al., Journal of thermoplastic composite materials, 2022.

Choice of process

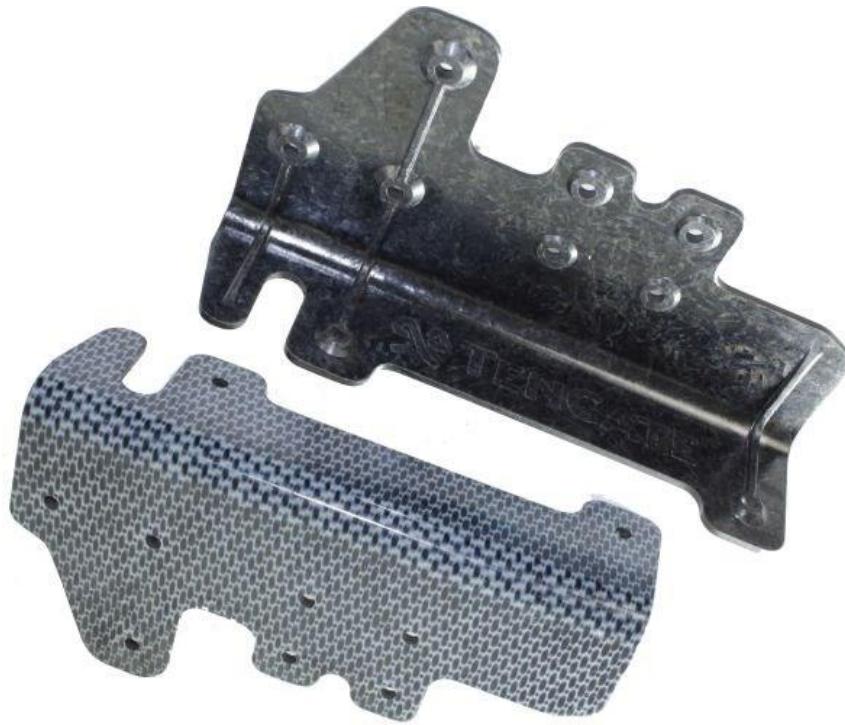
- Type of material
- Volume of waste
- Area of use for the recycled material



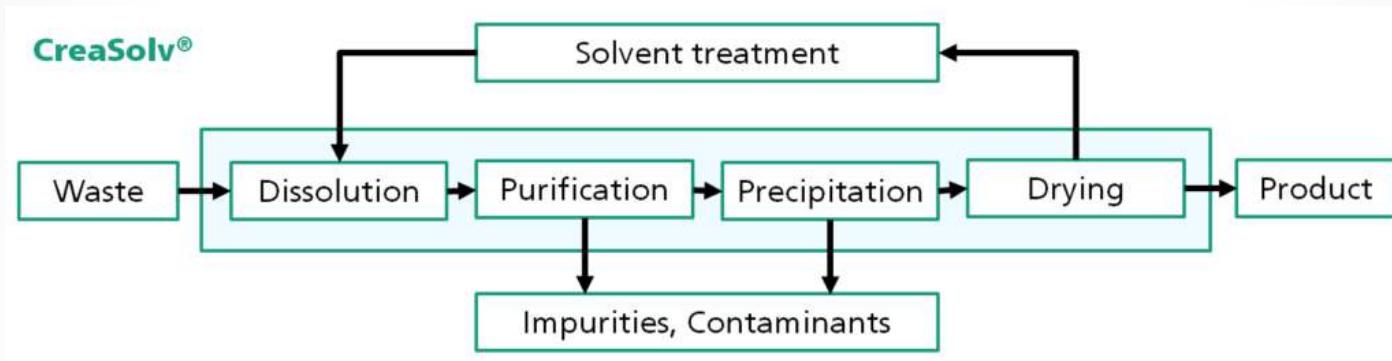
Mechanical recycling



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Physical recycling

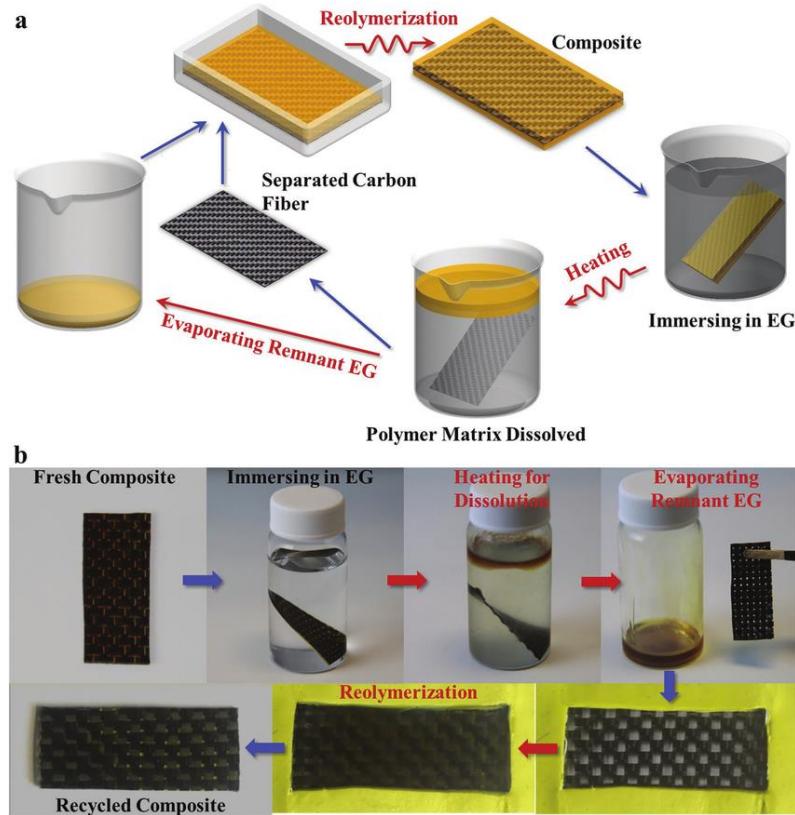


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Chemical recycling

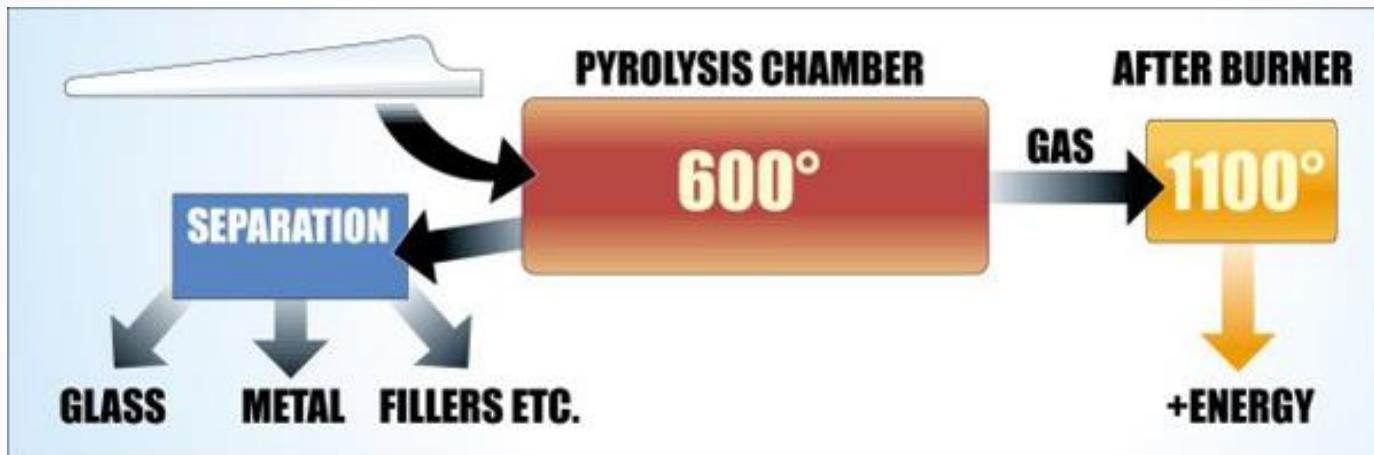


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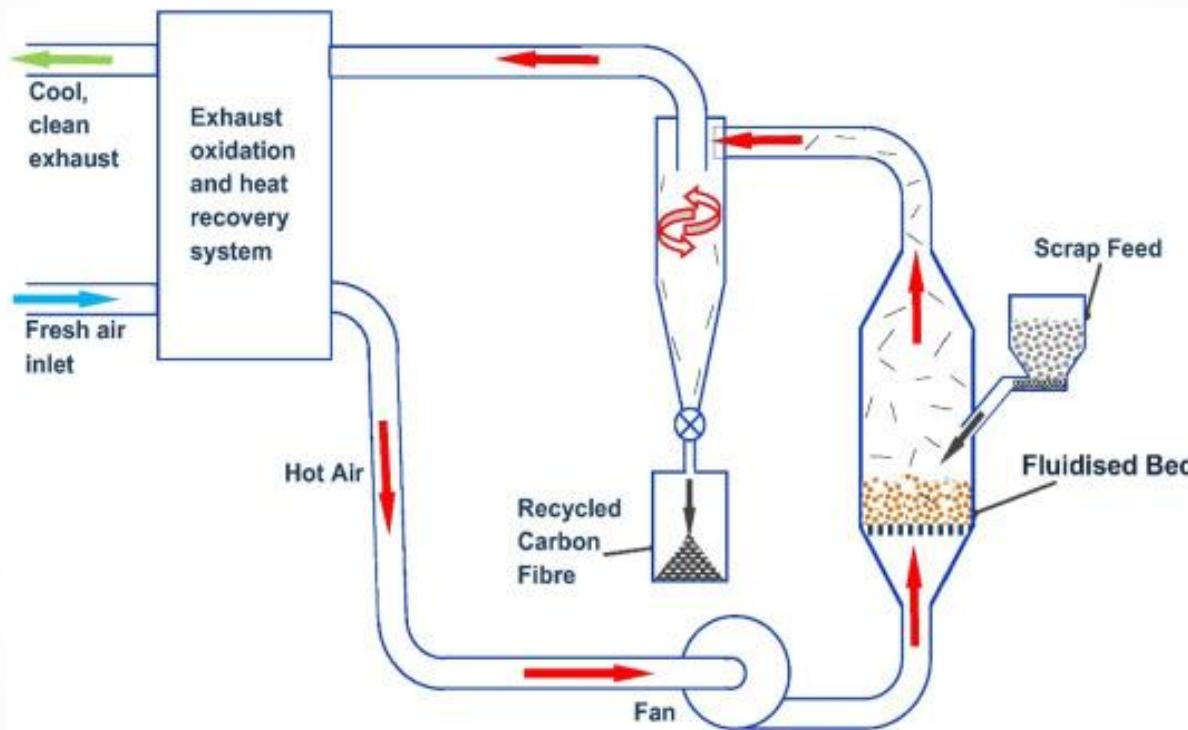


Thermal recycling



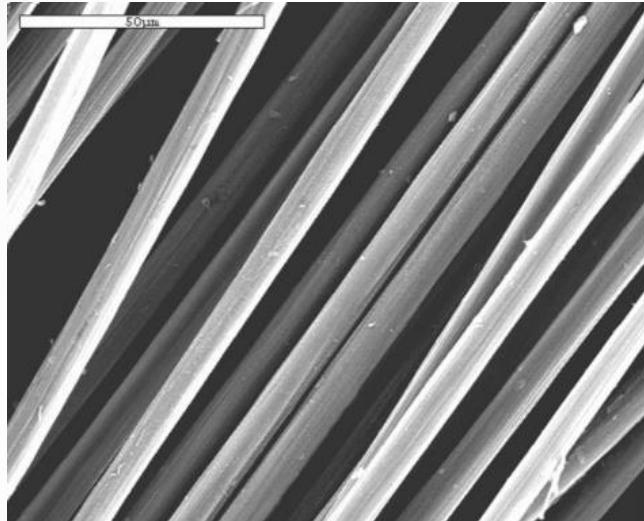
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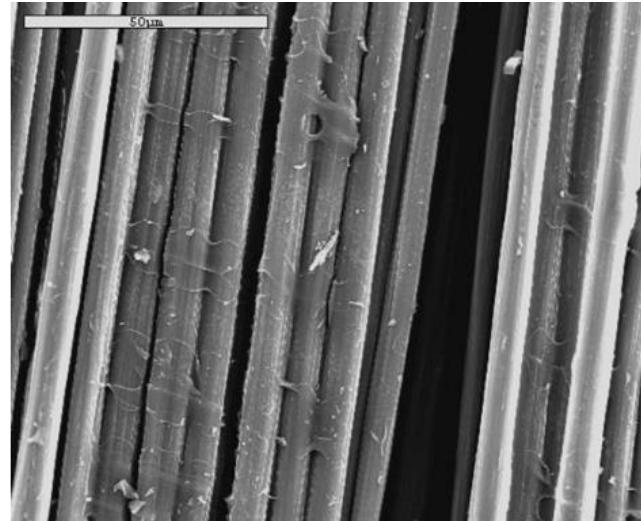


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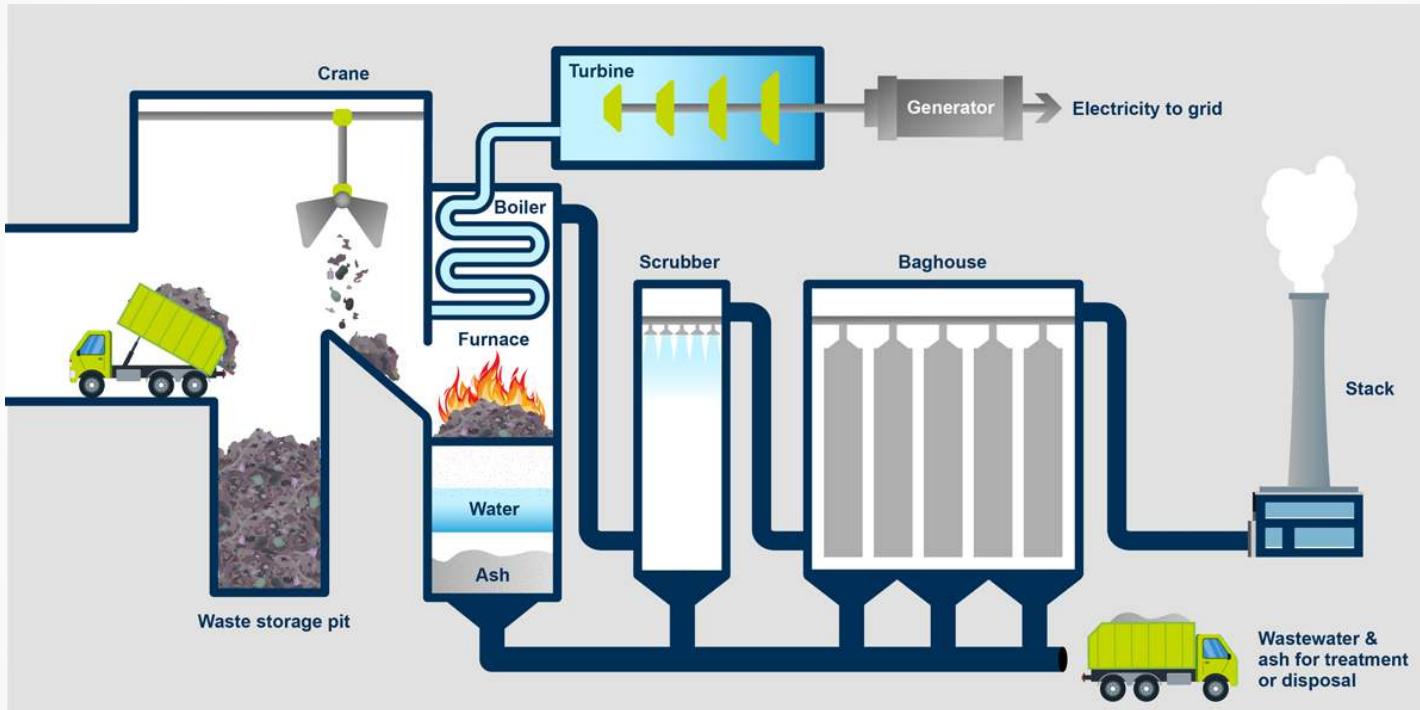
(a) Clean recycled fibres.



(b) Recycled fibres with char residue.

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S.Pimenta, S.Pinho; waste Management, 2011

Energy recycling



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Energy recycling



Biological degradation



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Recycling of GFRP into concrete



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R.T. Selvan et al., Journal of composite materials, 2021.

Future developments





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