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# PHBV microparticles in PHBV matrixes. Plastic production produced by extrusion and injection molding

How to do it?

Application

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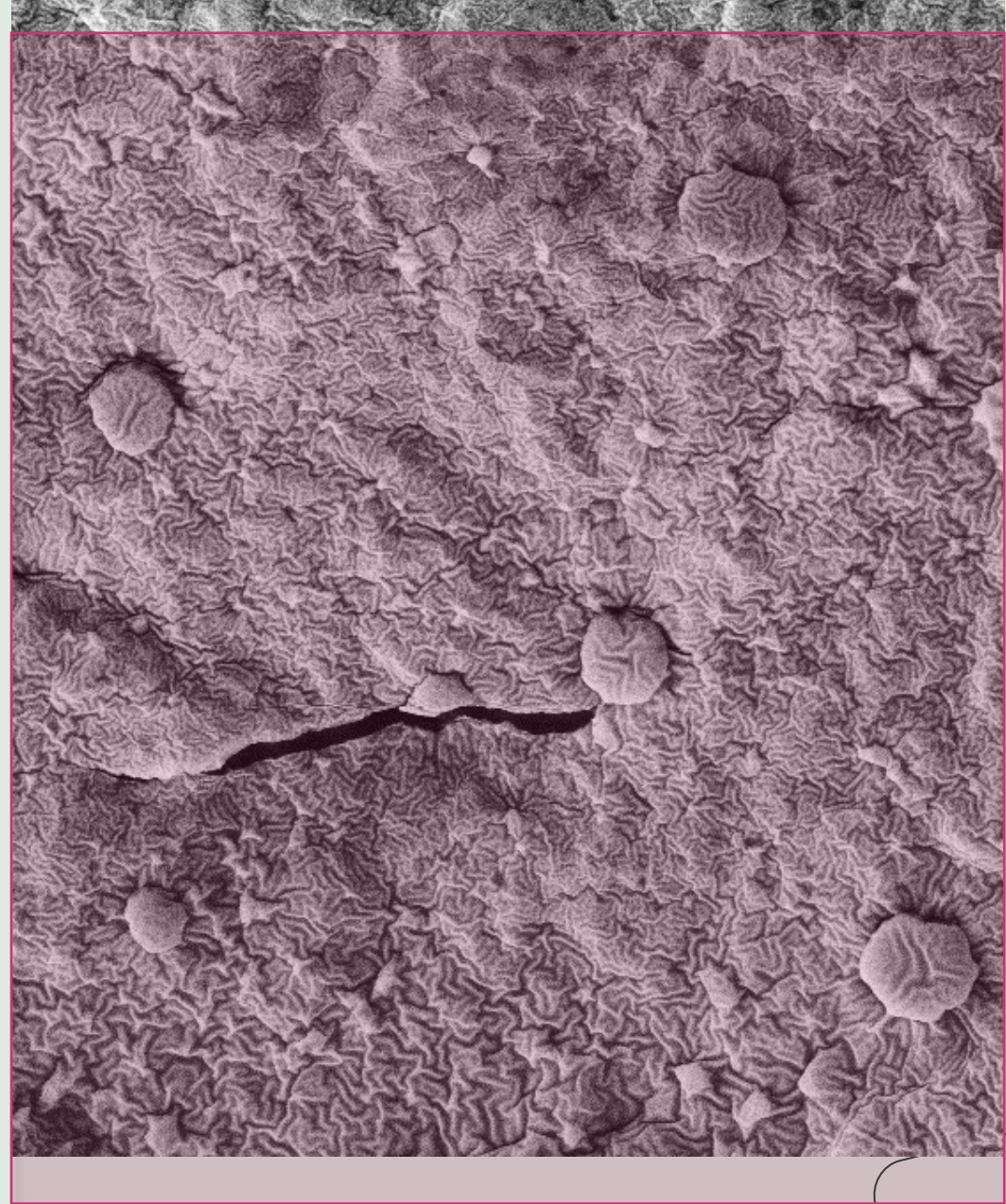


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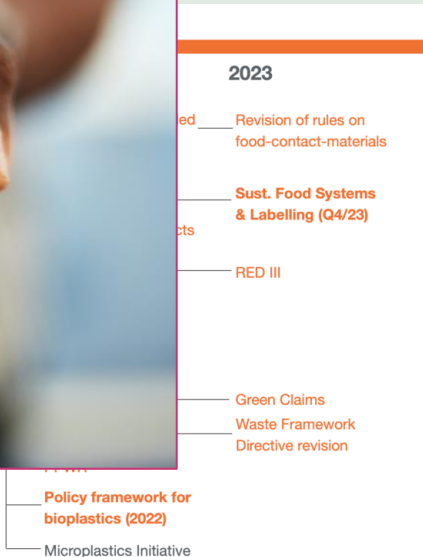




# Introduction

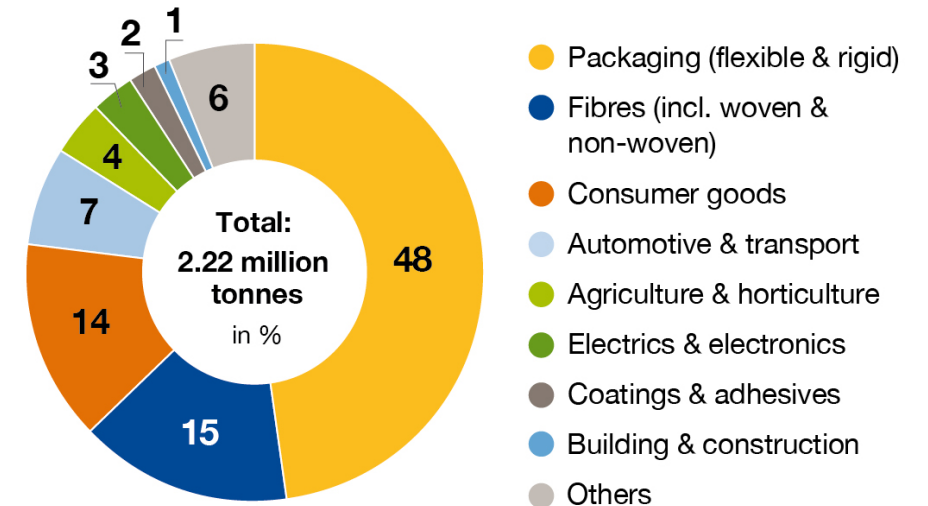


## Overview of relevant EU legislation for bioplastics



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## Global production capacities of bioplastics in 2022 (by market segment)



Source: European Bioplastics, nova-Institute (2022).

More information: [www.european-bioplastics.org/market](http://www.european-bioplastics.org/market) and [www.bio-based.eu/markets](http://www.bio-based.eu/markets)





# Motivation



## Objective



- completely biobased and biodegradable particle reinforced composite
- applications in the packaging industry

## Innovation

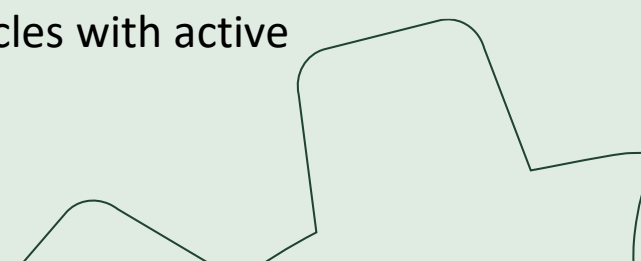


- by pre-industrial melt processing (before just laboratory scale solvent-evaporation)

## Future potential



- Possibility in future of loaded microparticles with active substances



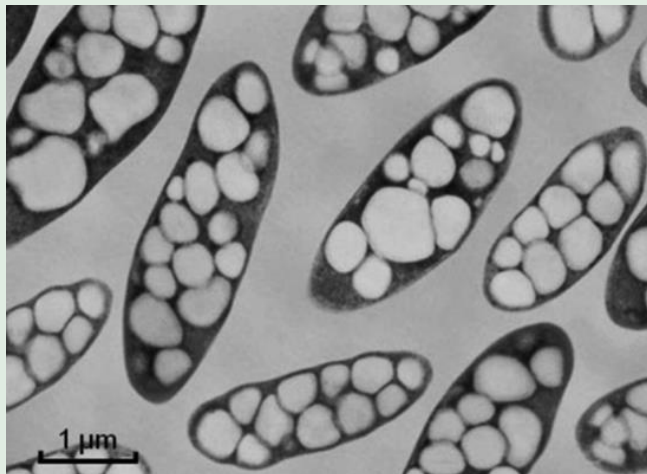


# Materials

## Polyhydroxybutyratevalerate ( PHBV)

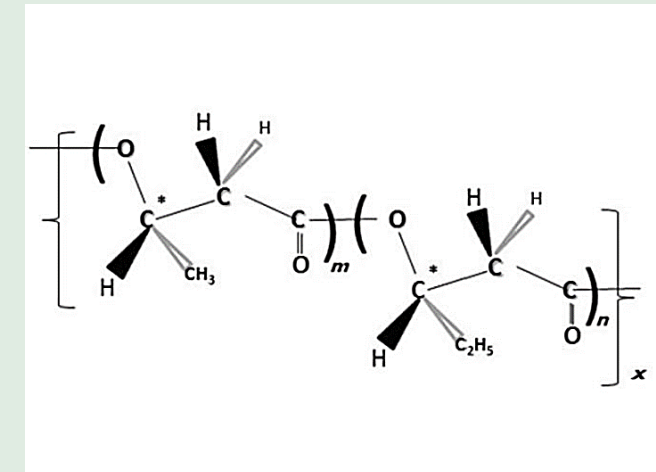
- Polyhydroxyalkanoate

- Biobased (by biosynthesis in microorganisms)
- Biodegradable (microbial fermentation)



- Properties

- Good processing properties
- Mechanical properties depending on hydroxyvalerate (HV) content
- Good barrier properties



- Applications

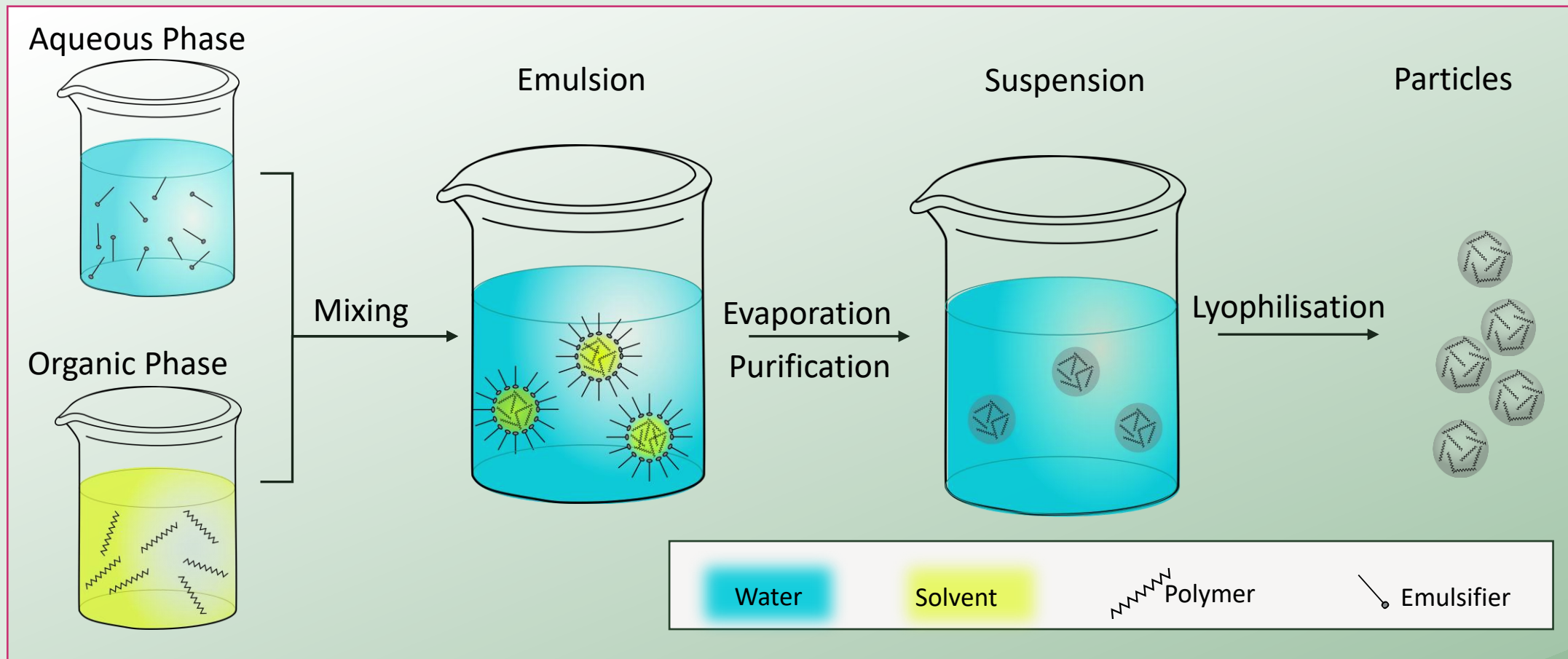
- Packaging e.g. shampoo bottles
- Agricultural (mulch films)
- Medical (skeleton tissue regeneration)





# Methods

## Microparticles via Miniemulsion-Evaporation-Technique







# Methods

Biocomposites via miniextrusion and miniinjection



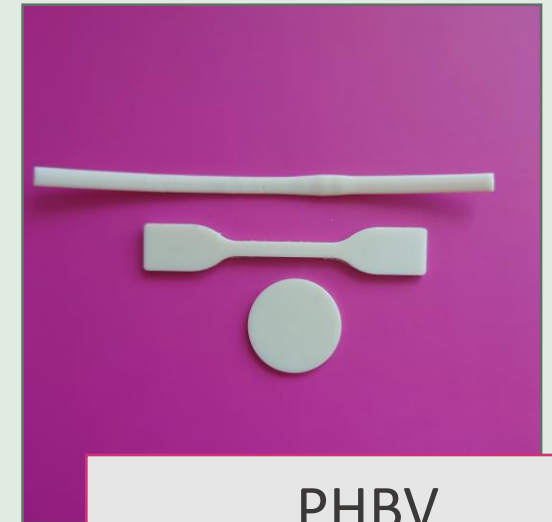
Haake Force Feeder  
Minilab II

- Distribution and Dispersion of the particles in the matrix



Thermo Scientific  
HAAKE MiniJet II

- Molding of tensile test specimens

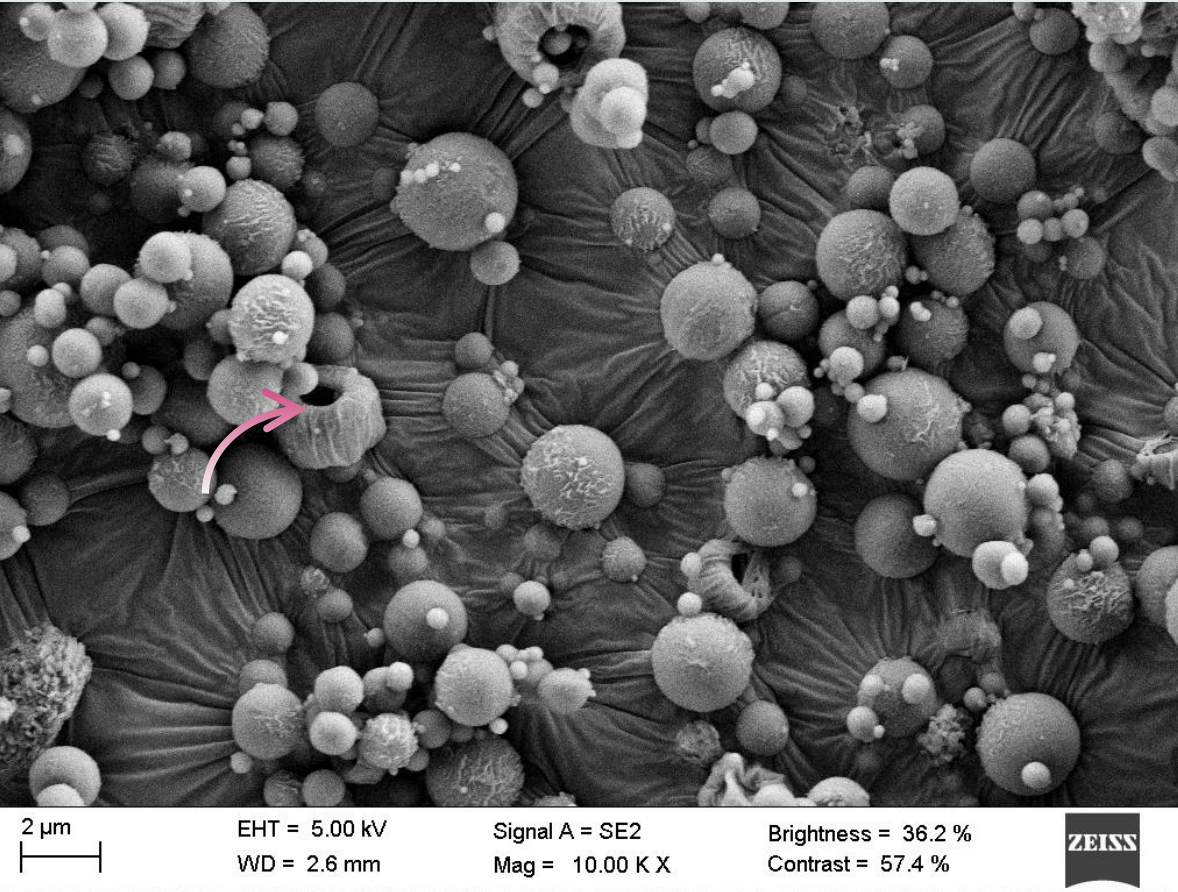


PHBV  
Biocomposites with  
1, 3, and 5wt.%  
PHBV  
Microparticles

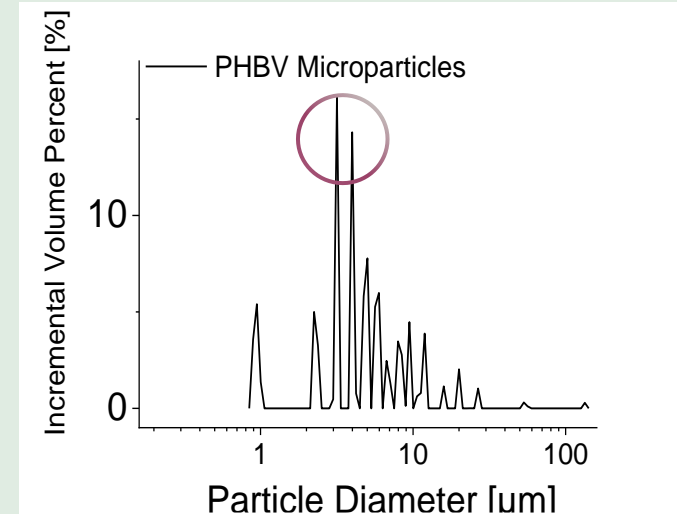


# Results

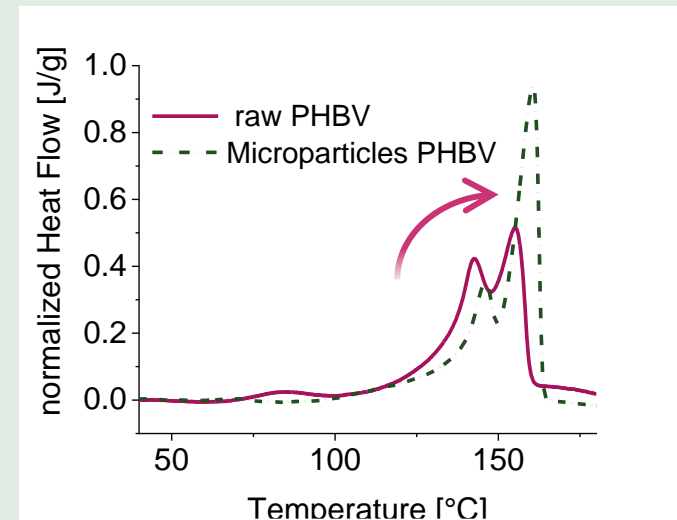
## Microparticles



SEM Images of PHBV Microparticles



Size distribution by SLD



Melting behaviour and crystallinity by 1. Heating DSC Scan

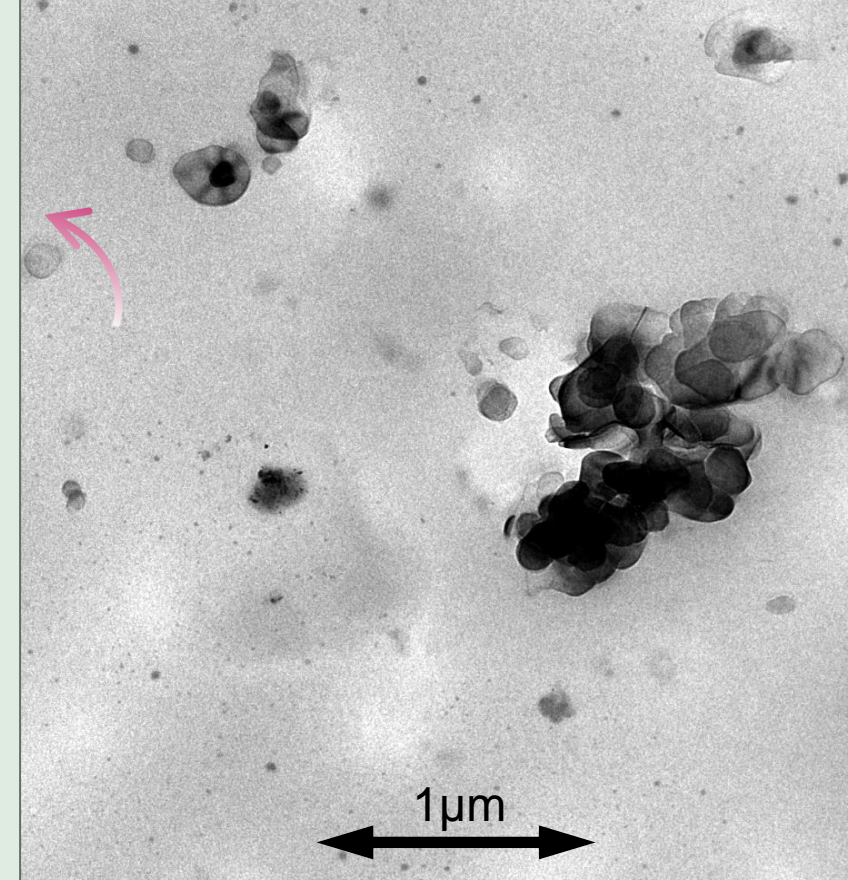
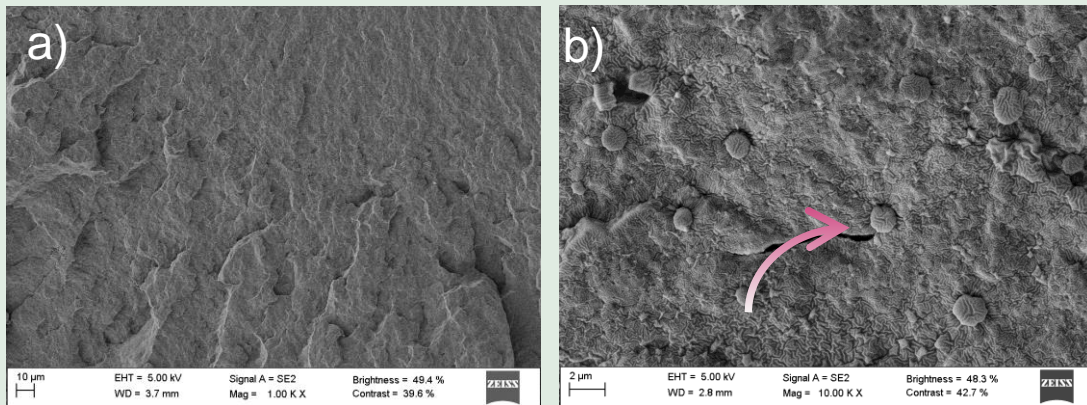


# Results

Particle self-reinforced Biocomposites

**Do the microparticles survive the melting process?**

SEM Images of a) PHBV and b) PHBV +5wt.% MP(PHBV)

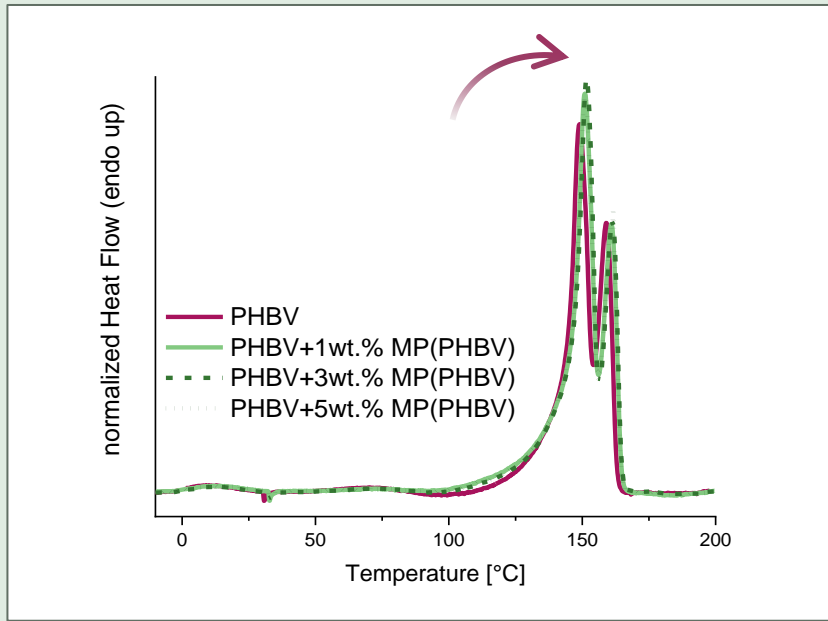


TEM Image of PHBV +5wt.% MP(PHBV)

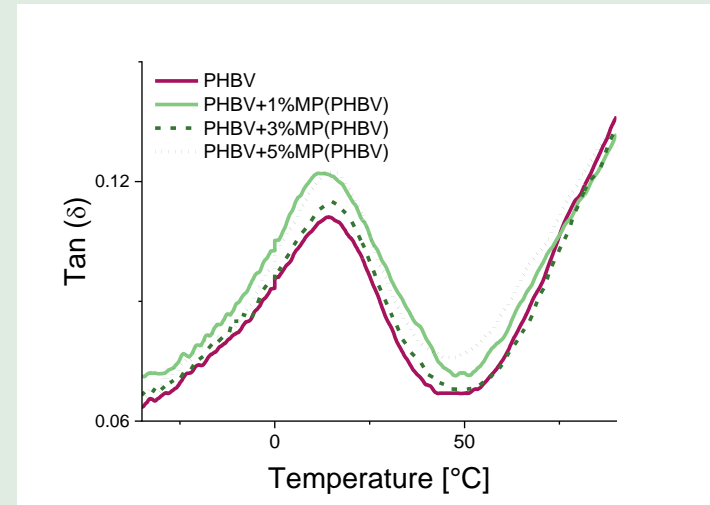




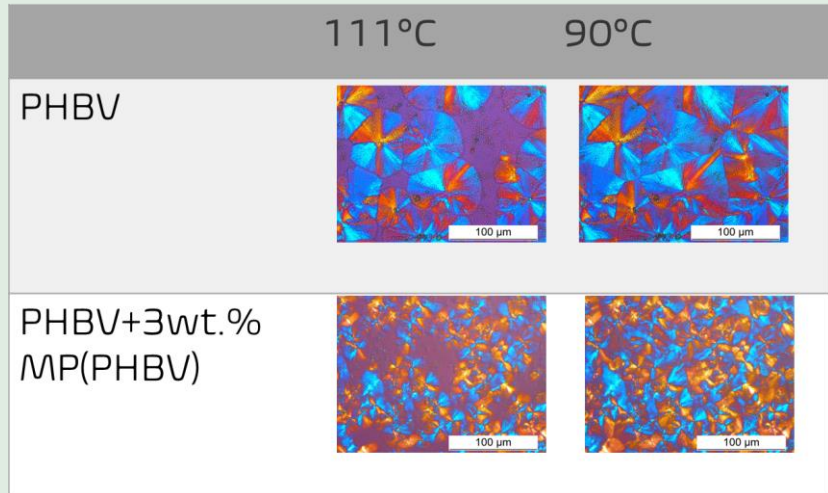
How does the microparticles influences the thermal properties?



Thermal properties: DSC Scan of 2.Heating



Graph of Tan( $\delta$ ) by Dynamical Mechanical Analysis

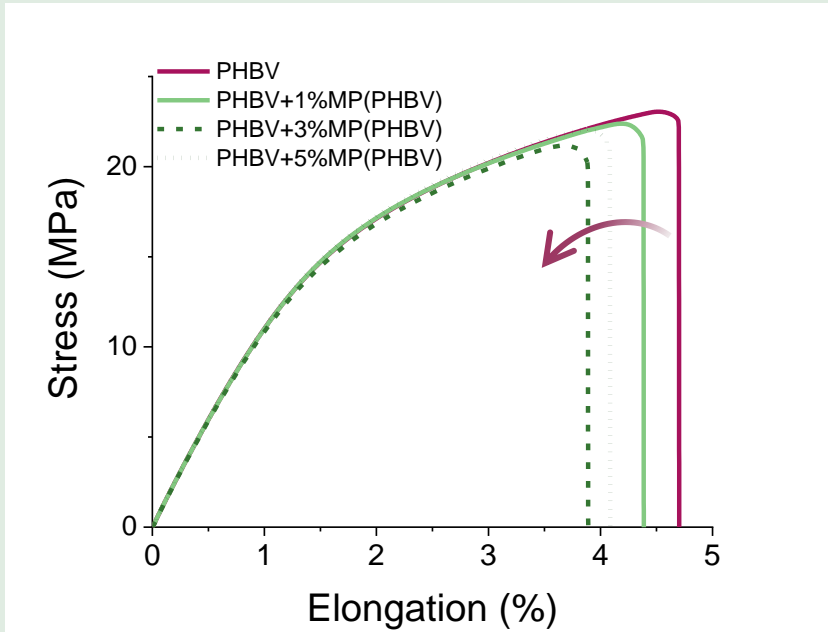


POM Images:from melt to crystallization

→ Microparticles as nucleating agent

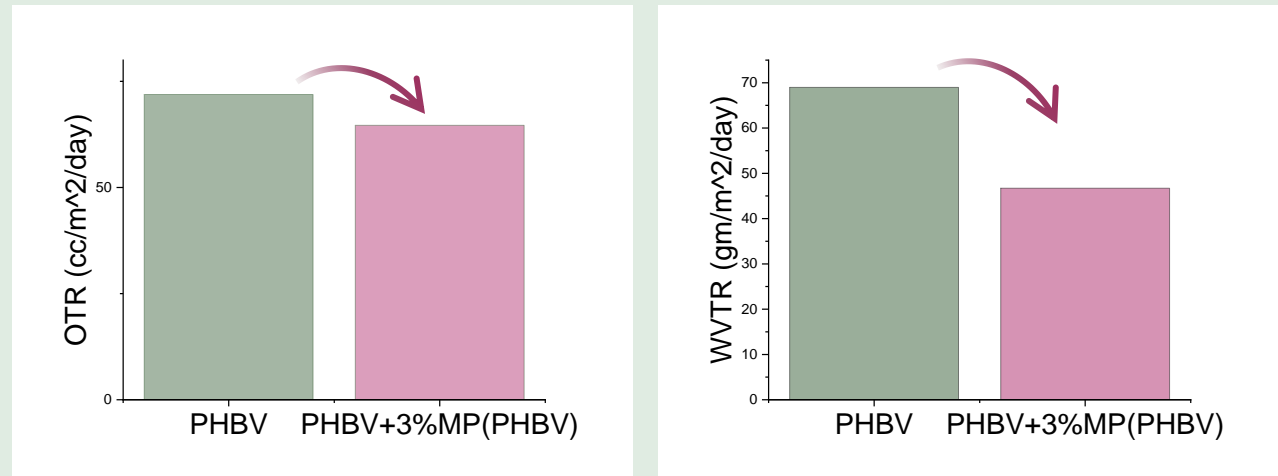


How does the microparticles influences the mechanical properties?



Stress-strain-diagramms of tensile test

Barrier properties to Oxygen and Water Vapor



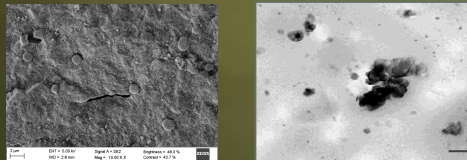
→ Changes in the application properties



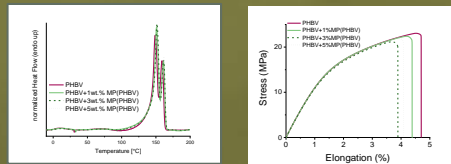


# Summary

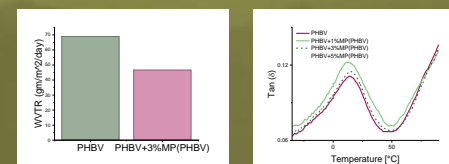
- ✓ Producing of Biocomposites by melt processing is possible
- ✓ Small microparticles survive the thermal and mechanical loads.



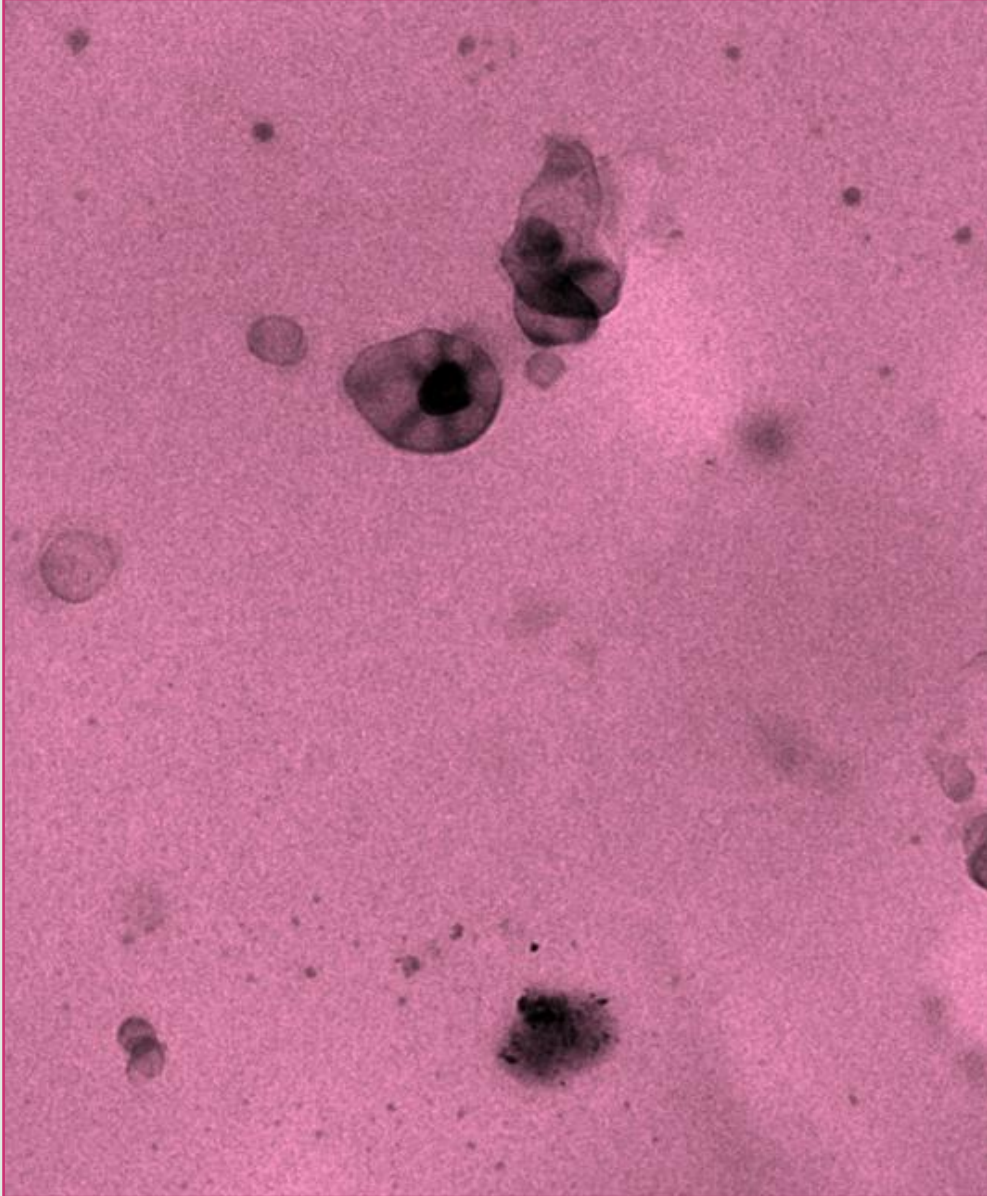
- ✓ Microparticles act as nucleating agent
- ✓ Biocomposites with 3wt.% PHBV microparticles show the biggest changes in their properties



- ✓ Biocomposites show higher crystallinity, changes in crystal structure, thus higher stiffness and lower permeability



Promising biocomposites which needs to be further investigated...



**Thank you for your attention!**

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