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graphene oxide in bio-derived polyurethane for improved mechanical properties

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Introduction

- The synthesis of most polymers is highly dependent on petroleum sources
- This fast depletion impacts the environment
- Scientists are presently working on bio-based alternatives especially for polyurethane
- Polyurethanes have vast applications in medical devices, sports, automobiles and in homes

Solutions in Our Work

- A replacement of petroleum-based oil with sunflower oil in the production of polyurethane
- Synthesis of a bio-based polyol with epoxidation followed by ring-opening reaction
- The addition of graphene to improve the mechanical properties of the sample

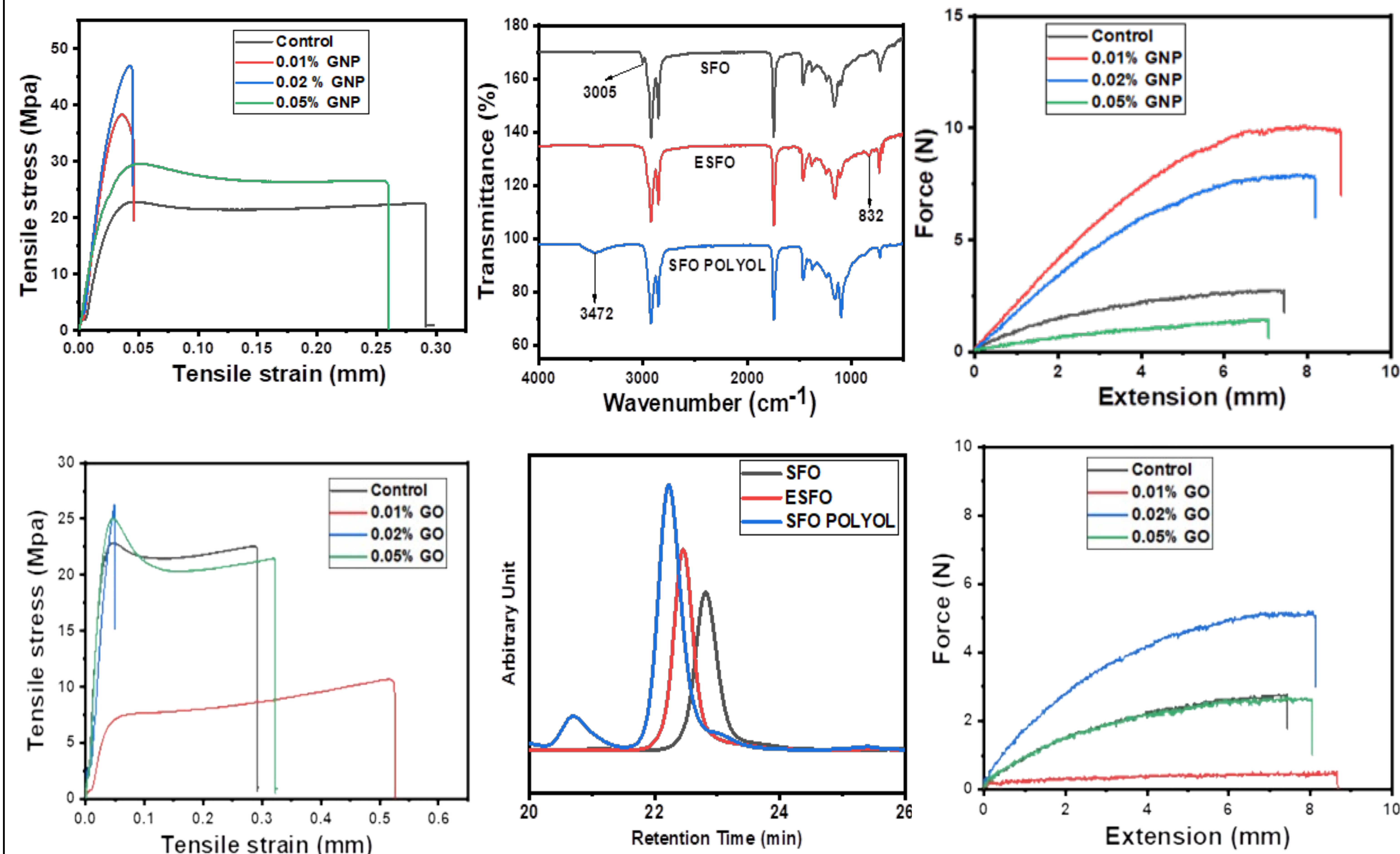
Method and materials



One-step reaction
with
graphene &
isocyanate



Results and discussion



Summary

- The sunflower-based polyurethane was more flexible with the addition of graphene oxide
- Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) showed that the synthesized bio-based polyurethane composite with graphene had improved
- The highest tensile strength and elastic modulus were attempted 47 MPa and 450 MPa respectively

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