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## Fibre functionalization by plasma treatment

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Carbon fibres (CFs) are well-known for their light weight, high strength, heat resistance, anticorrosion properties, and conductivity. Owing to these inherent properties, the combination of CFs with polymers has attracted the interest of many researchers. To develop high-strength composites fibers, it is important to design interfacial chemical bonds. Simultaneously seeking cost-effective production processes and final products is important. Different surface enhancing and modification techniques on CF based materials show different behaviour. Here we report a study of plasma functionalization of CFs in the framework of the EU MODCOMP project (contract 685844), aimed to develop novel fibre-based materials for technical, high value, high performance products for nonclothing applications. In particular, we show the effect of vacuum and air plasma functionalization on CF. XPS, Raman and

FESEM investigation will highlight the difference between these two types of plasma treatments. The impact of these differences on the final products will be discussed.

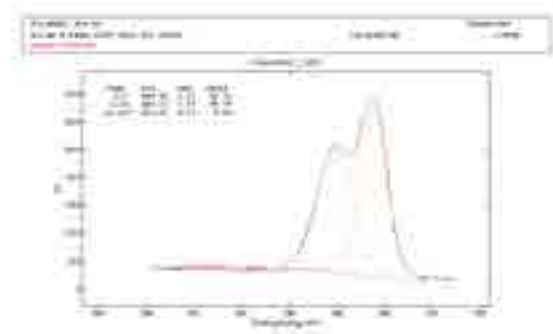


Figure 1: Example of XPS characterization of C1s peak for carbon fiber before functionalization

## Biography

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