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## HYDROTHERMAL SYNTHESIS OF ZIRCONIUM SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYAPATITE

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Aim of work is to investigate an efficiency of hydrothermal treatment on formation of zirconium substituted hydroxyapatite  $Ca_{5-x}Zr_x(PO_4)_3OH$ . A set of trial was conducted to optimize process and find substitution limit. Molar ratio of Zr/(Ca+Zr) in precursor suspension was varied from 0 to 0.2 with step of 0.05. Powders were analyzed by means of techniques such as XRD, Fourier transform IR spectroscopy, ICP, laser - diffraction granulometry and SEM.

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#### COLD PLASMA TREATMENT OF POLYMERIC MATRIX COMPOSITES

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Atmospheric pressure plasma is a fast, clean surface treatment. It does not generate any environmental waste, and it is highly effective to improve adhesion properties through surface energy increase. This work studies the effect of plasma treatment on a glass fibre reinforced epoxy used in construction applications, as well as in the plain epoxy matrix.

Two plasma torch speeds were selected: 1 and 10 m/min. Contact angle measurements were carried out with water, glycerol and diiodomethane, both immediately after surface treatment and after 30 days. Data were analyzed using Owens-Wendt-Rabel-Kaelble (OWRK) method to calculate surface energies. A big effect on the polar part of the energy was found. A pull-off test is used to evaluate changes on adhesion.

Keywords: Composites, plasma treatment, surface energy, contact angle.