

# Processing of polymers and microprocessing @ UGent

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#### **Education**

- Engineering Chemistry & ElectroMechanics
- BSc & MSc courses
- Specialization polymers (1955)







#### **Research (1970)**











- Physical and physical-chemical analyses of polymers-textiles-materials/metals
- Polymer processing composites
- Mould making hybrid moulds
- Flow simulation (Moldex3D)
- Biobased polymers & biomedical applications
- Re-processing of polymers & composites
- Additive manufacturing 3D Printing FabLab UGent

#### Research @ CPMT



#### Equipment @ CPMT: processing

4 injection machines (Engel 80T, Engel 28T, Boy 22T, Klockner 70T)









## Equipment @ CPMT: processing

3 single screw extruders (2 Brabender lab extruders, 1 axson compounder)

2 twin screw extruders (Coperion 18D & 1 reactive





- extrusion slit die 2\*20mm
- extrusion blow film die diameter 150mm
- co-extrusion 2 layer plate die 120 mm



#### Equipment @ CPMT: processing

extrusion blow moulder Bekum co-injection/intrusion Main Thermoforming





extrusion blow moulding bottle 1L thermoforming mould for packaging applications



#### Equipment @ CPMT: AM processing

BioScaffolder: 3D plotting of scaffolds for tissue engineering





Material & machine development for Fusion and Extrusion Based 3DPrinting



# Equipment @ CPMT: Micro processing



#### Equipment:

- Battenfeld micro injection @ clean room @ CMST
- Engel 28T injection screw 15mm







#### Equipment @ CPMT: Mould making







#### Available moulds:

- ISO & ASTM
- Hybrid moulds
- Several test moulds







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### Equipment @ CPMT: characterization

#### Physico-chemical:

- DSC, TGA, FTIR
- MFI
- density













### Equipment @ CPMT: characterization

#### Mechanical:

- tensile/bending  ${}^{\bullet}$
- Impact (Charpy/Izod)









 $\sigma - \epsilon$  to 10% strain



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# Equipment @ CPMT: characterization

#### Microscopy:

- Dimensional control
- Inspection of fracture surfaces
- Keyence 3D microscope
  - Up to 1000x
- SEM (associated)











## Equipment @ CPMT: near future

- Filament extrusion caliper for 3DPrinting
- Micro-extrusion for material testing
- FLAMINCO co-extrusion modular unit





### Coming up @CPMT: FLAMINCO

Co-extrusion and lamination equipment for integration of functional components in advanced multilayer materials

Configuration for plate production



# Hercules type 1 AUGE/13/015 FLAMINCO

- Co-extruder unit, consisting of one conical double screw extruder and two single screw side extruders
- Plate extrusion unit, comprising of a 5-layer co-extrusion collector and related die with a maximum plate width of 500mm
- Foil extrusion unit, comprising of a 3 layer co-extrusion collector and related film blow installation
- Calander unit + stretch unit, comprising of three cylinders for sheets of max. 500mm width, integrated with an automated lamination unit and a stretch unit

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