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Quantifying Mechanical Abrasion of AgNP Nanocomposites: Influence of AgNP content on
abrasion products and rate of microplastic production

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Artificial sea water composition:

Cl⁻=19.3, Na⁺=10.7, SO₄²⁻=2.6, Mg=1.3, K⁺=0.4, Ca²⁺=0.4 and CO₃²⁻=0.2 g/L

Moderately hard freshwater composition:

96 mg/L NaHCO₃ , 60 mg/L CaSO₄·2H₂O , 60 mg/L MgSO₄ , 4 mg/L KCl

Table S1: Standard deviations for abrasion rates

Sample	Low Power Slope of Regression	Standard Error of Slope	High Power Slope of Regression	Standard Error of Slope	p-value
PETG	0.0355	0.014	0.1179	0.1514	1.279e-06
0.5% Ag	0.0433	0.0296	0.1014	0.0615	2.2e-16
2% Ag	0.0341	0.0248	0.0965	0.1468	4.47e-16

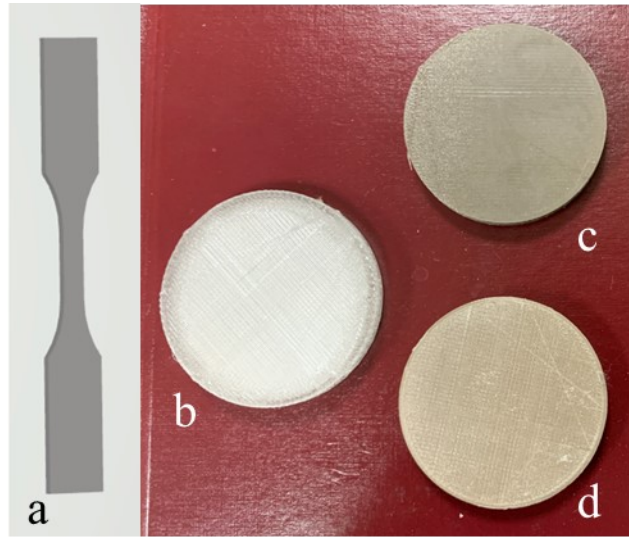


Figure S1: a) shape of an ASTM dogbone and the PETG (b), 2%Ag (c), and (d) 0.5%Ag pucks.

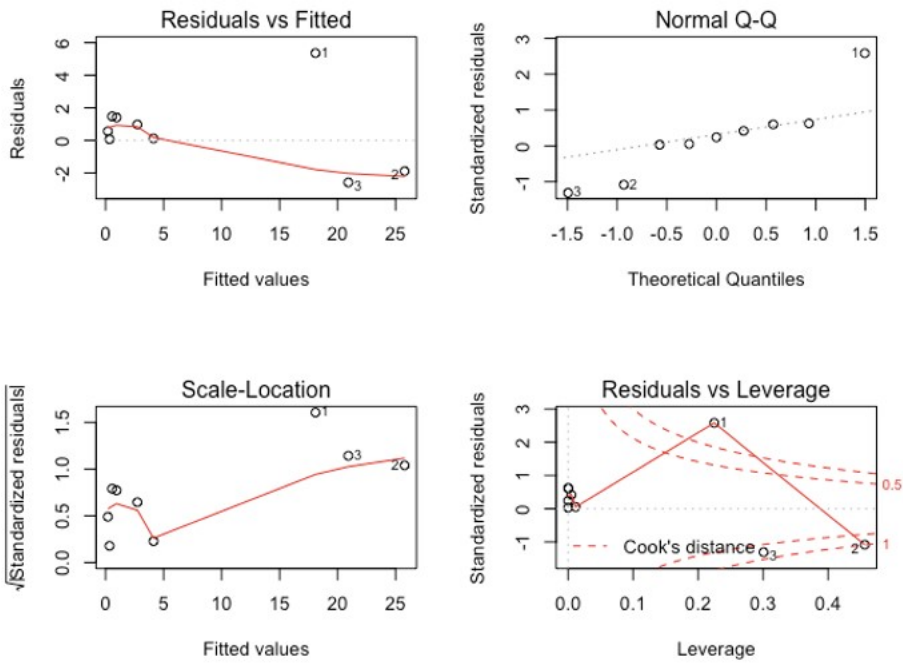
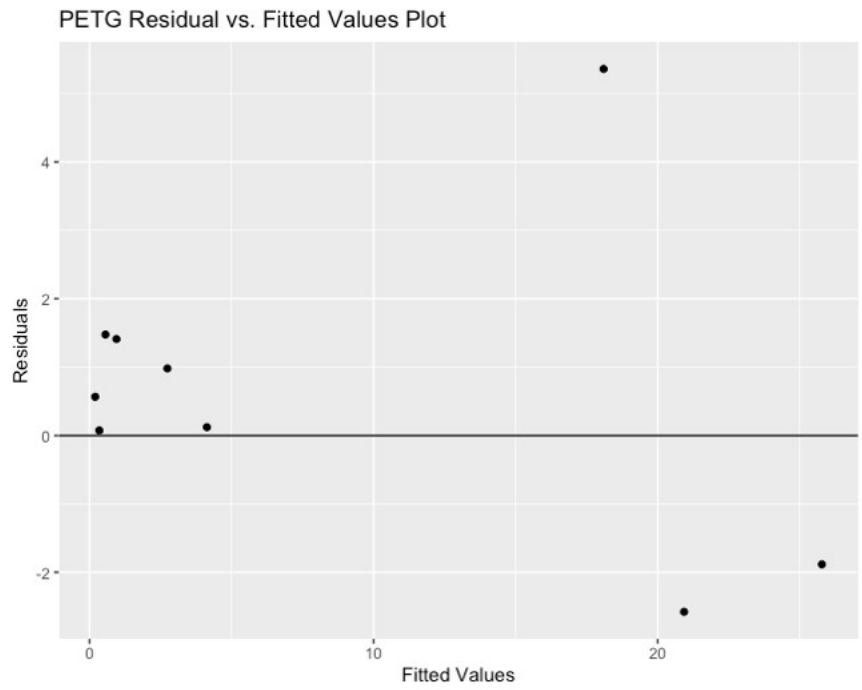


Figure S2: PETG Statistical Tests with Residual Plot

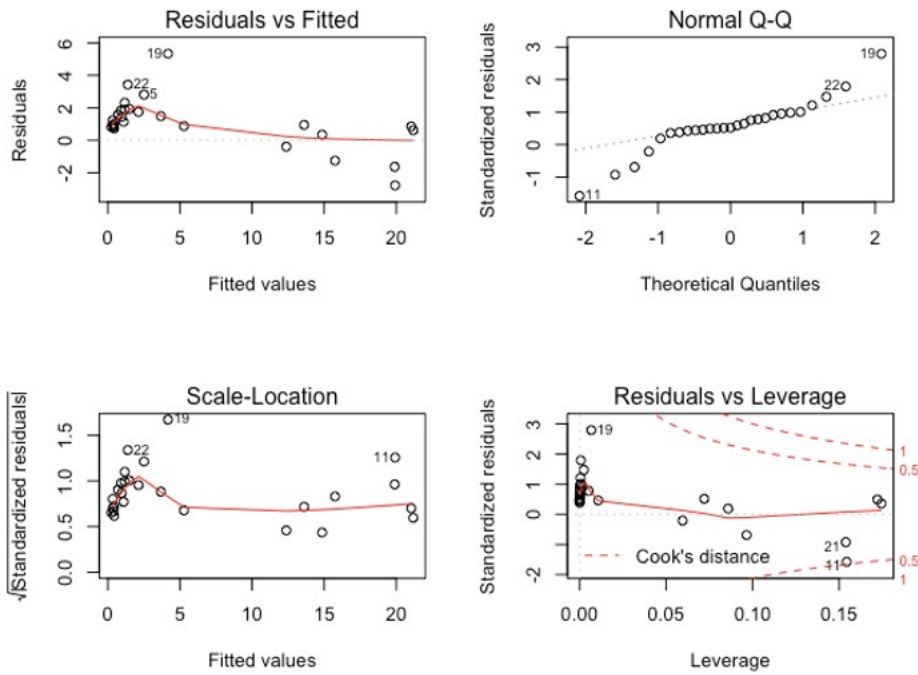
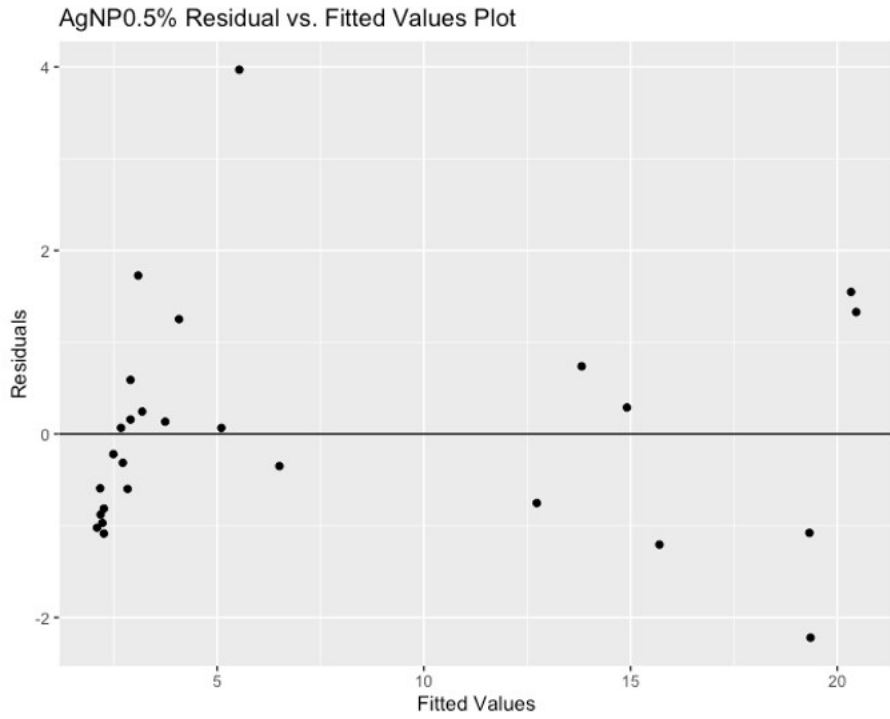


Figure S3: AgNP 0.5% Statistical Tests with Residual Plot

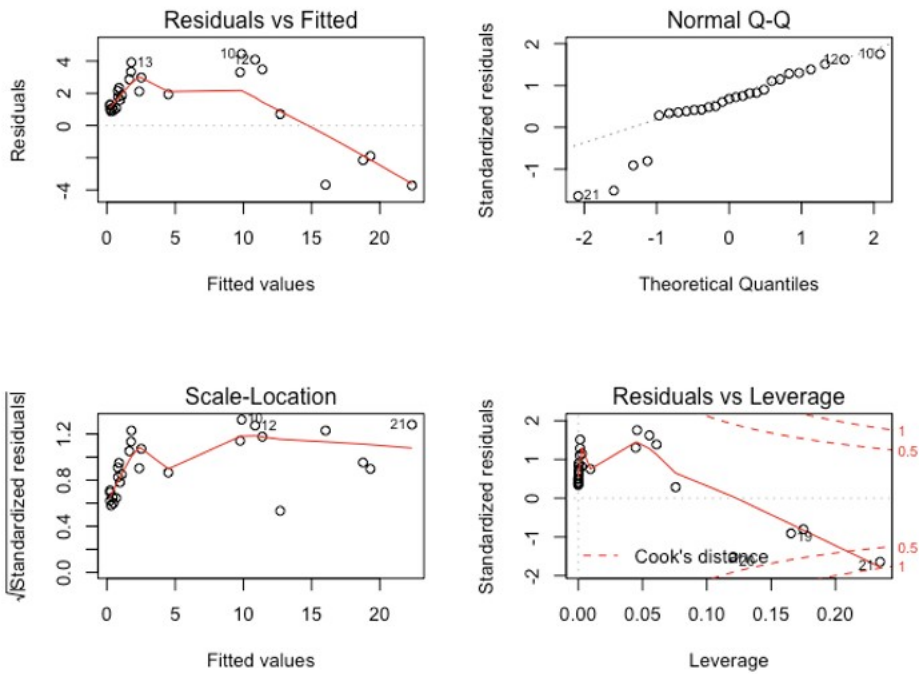
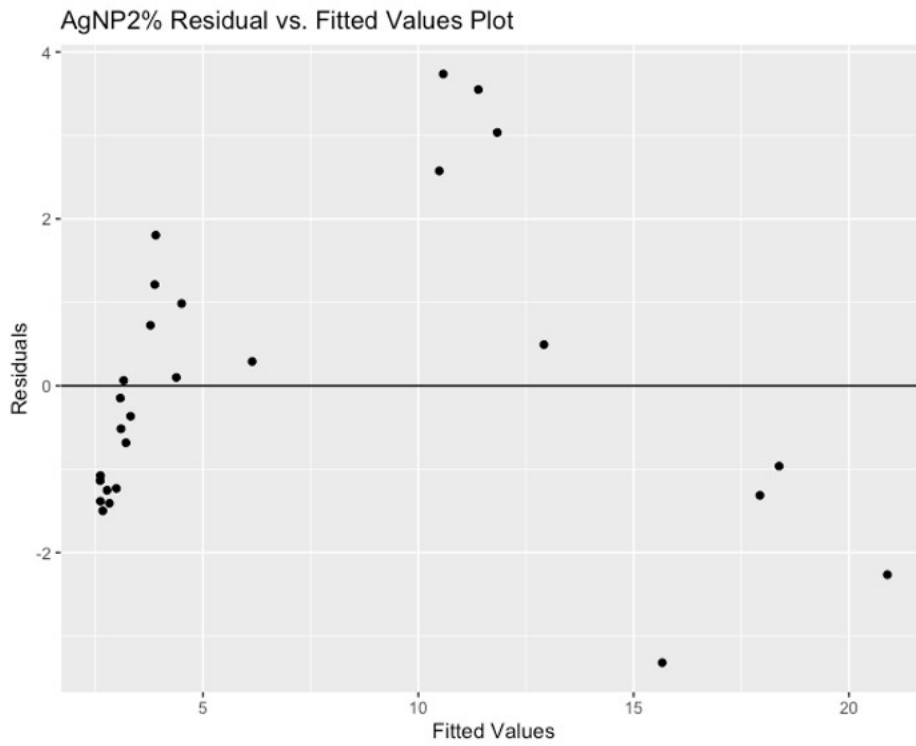


Figure S4: AgNP 2% Statistical Tests with Residual Plot

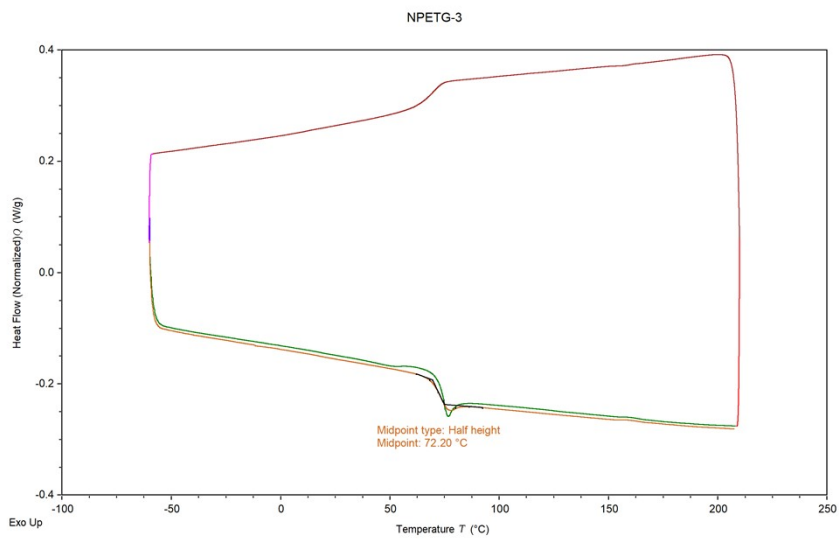
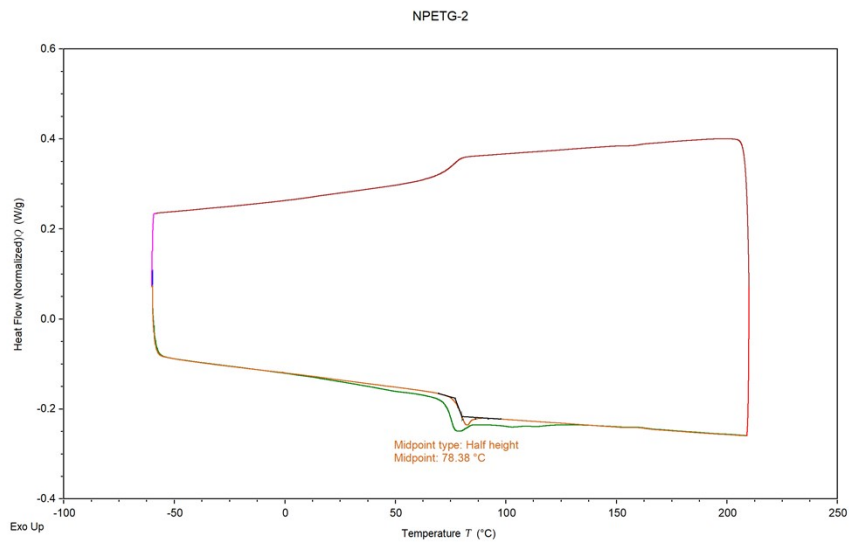
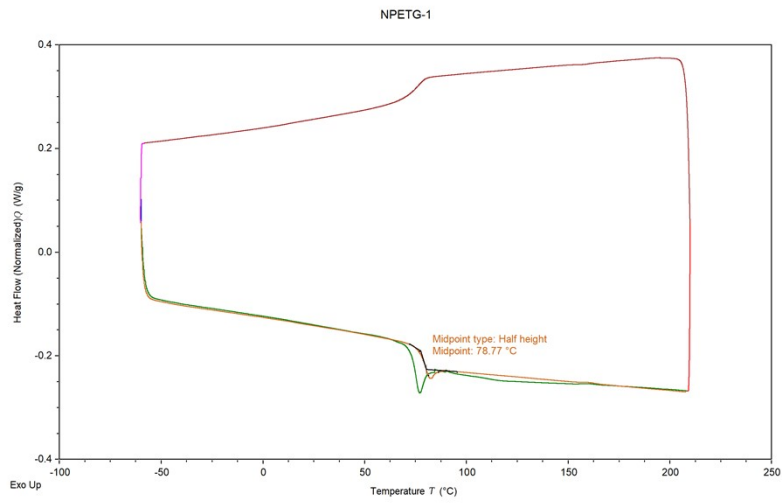


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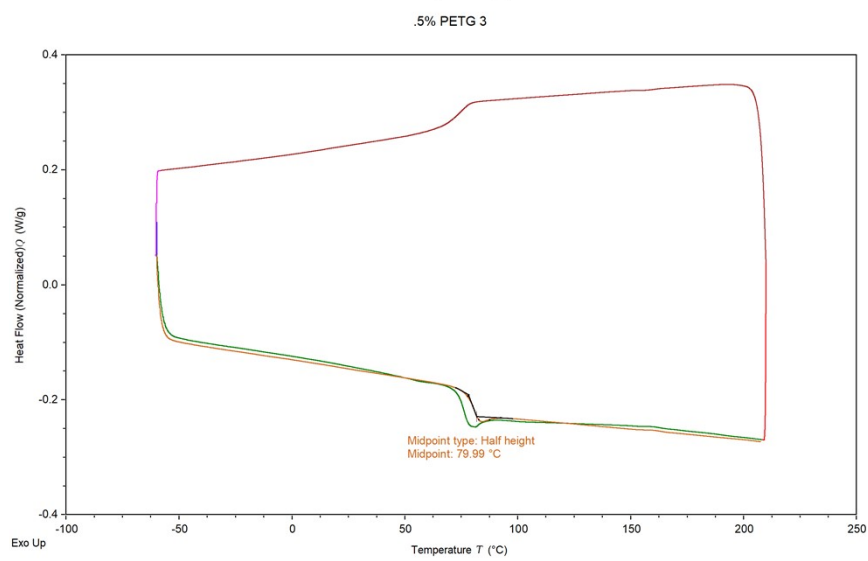
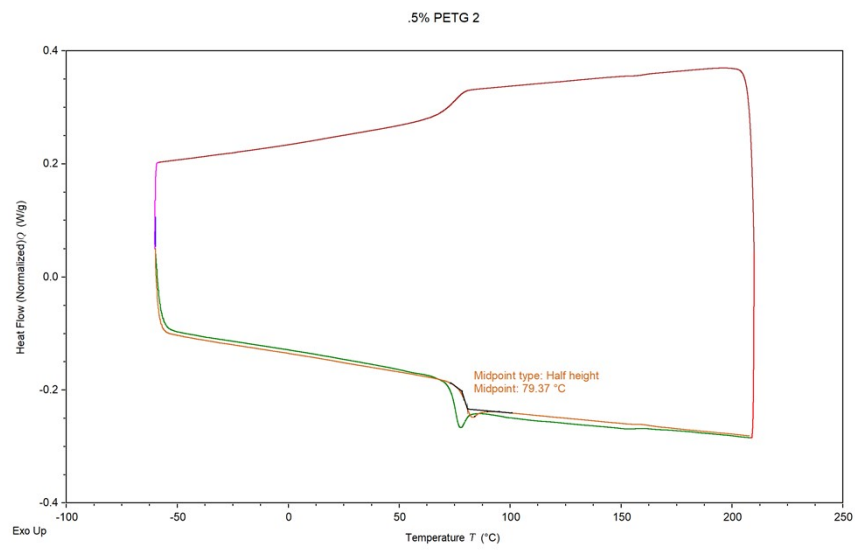
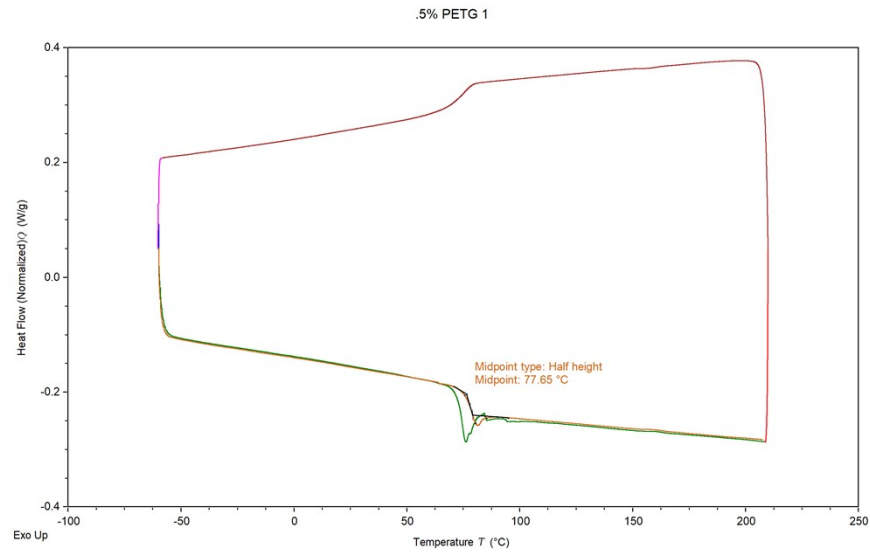


Figure S6) DSC Results for three 0.5%Ag Replicates

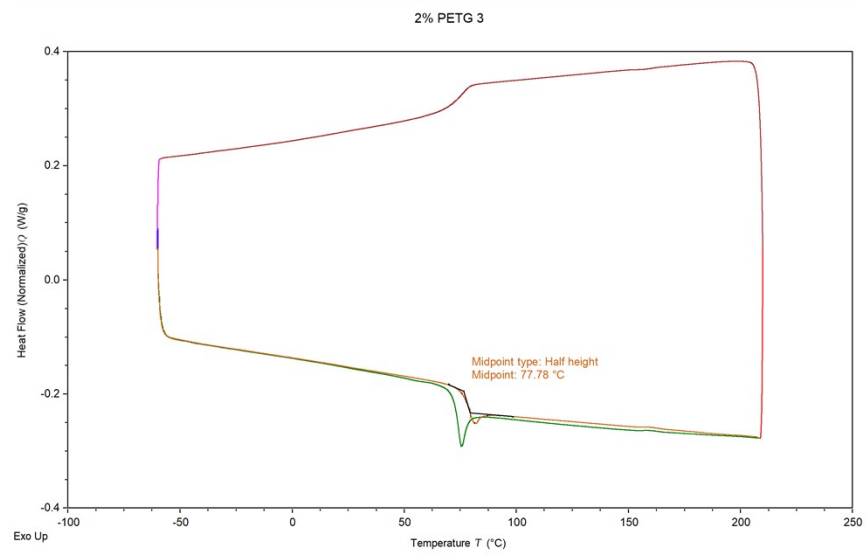
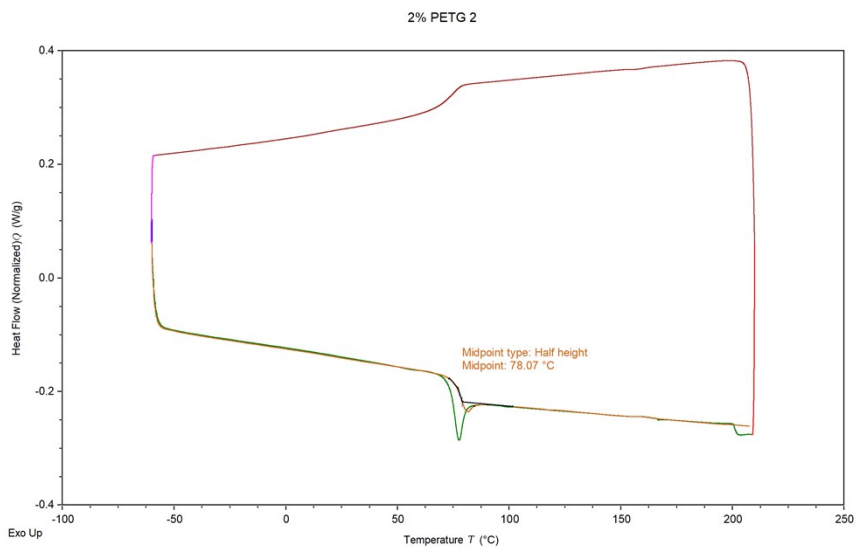
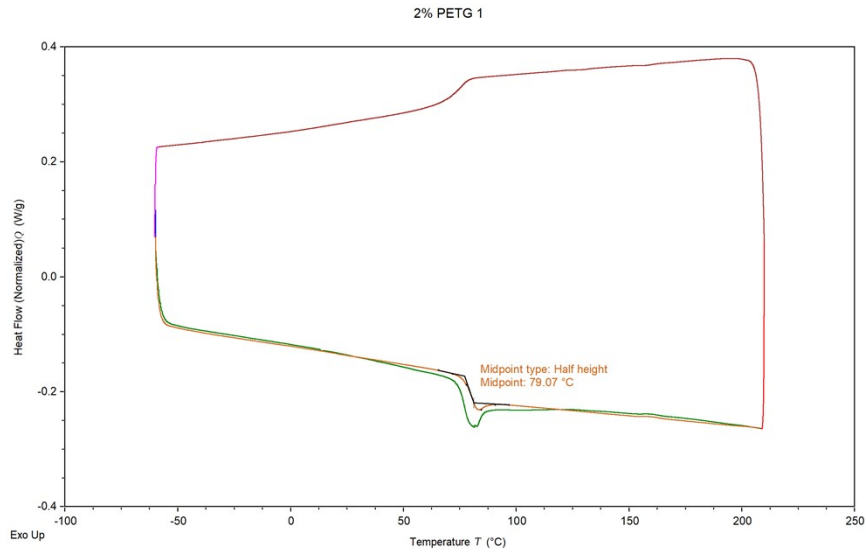


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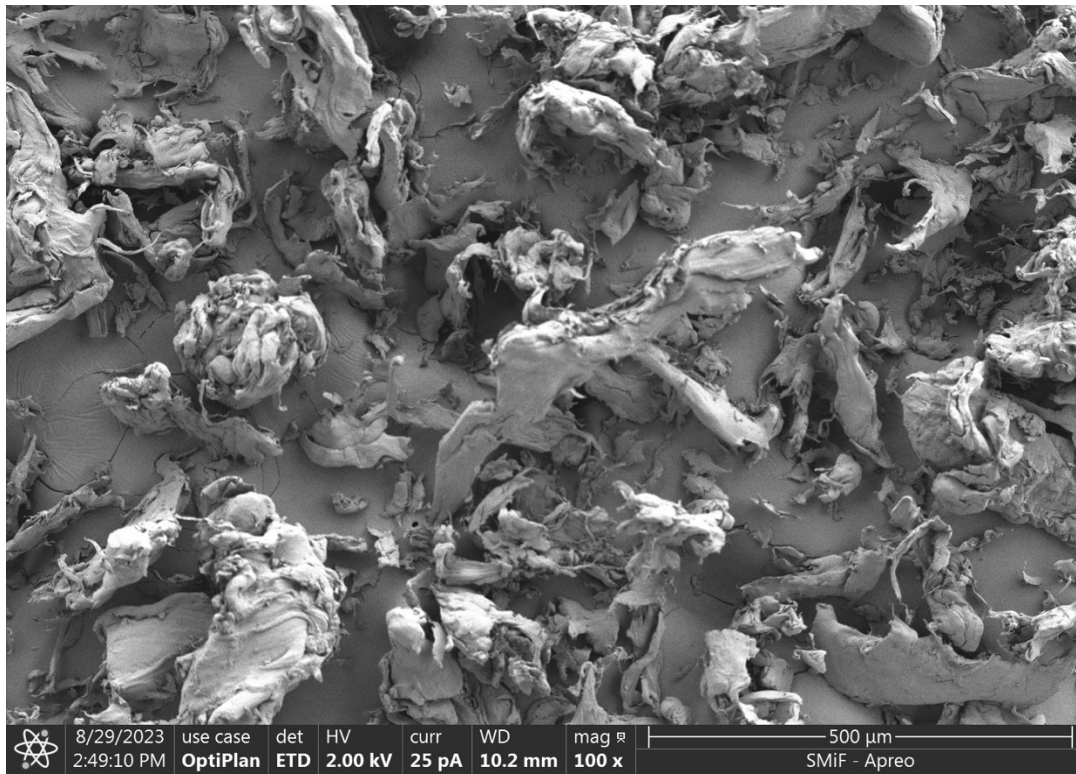


Figure S8: PETG SEM micrograph.

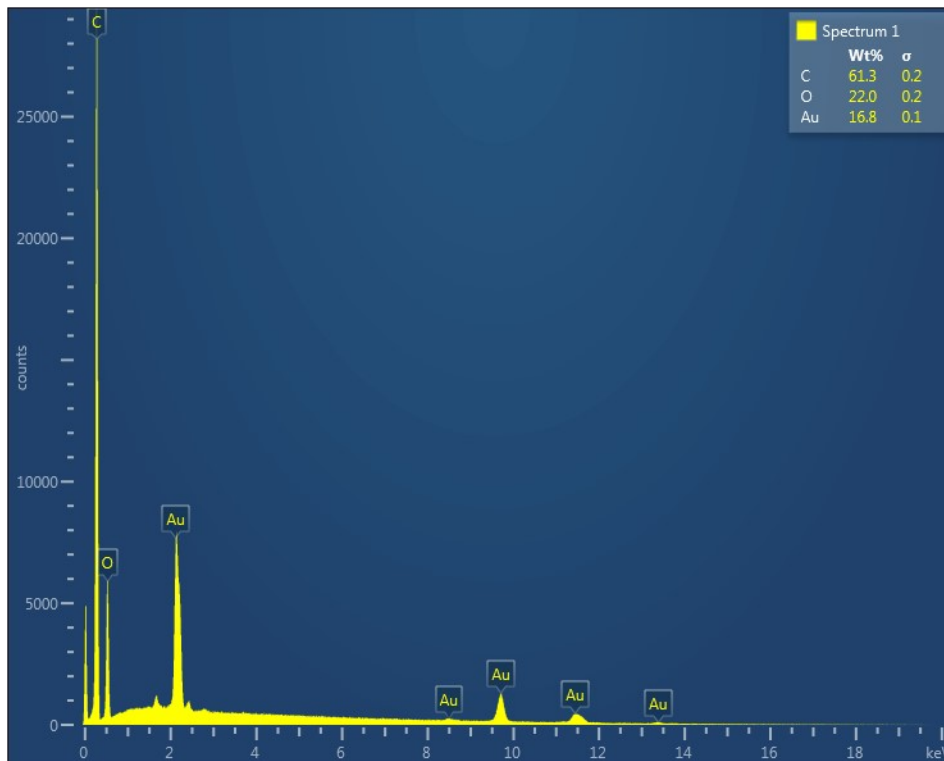


Figure S9: SEM EDS spectrum collected from a PETG particle. Au peaks are from the Au coating used to dissipate charging.

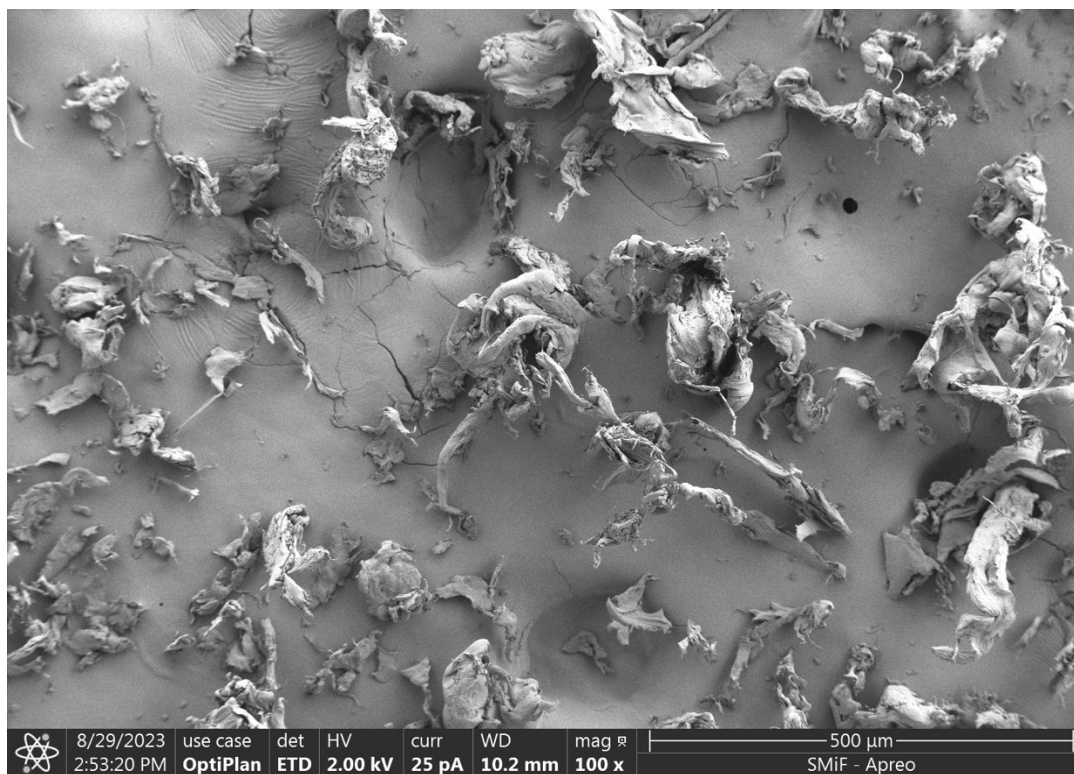


Figure S10: 0.5%Ag SEM micrograph.

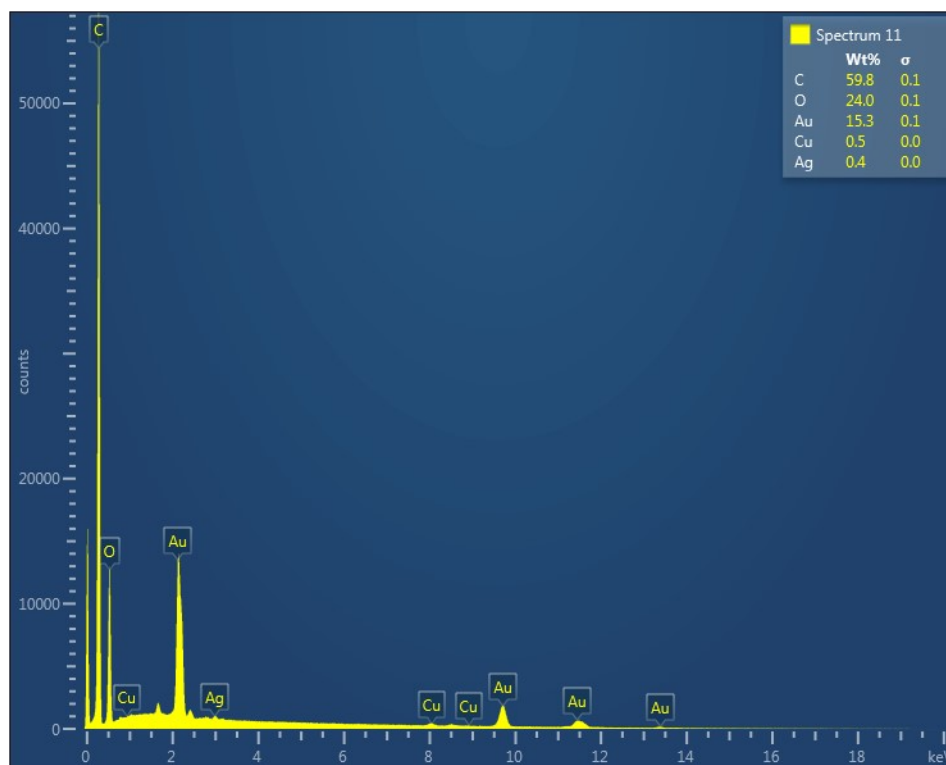


Figure S11: SEM EDS spectrum collected from a 0.5%Ag particle. Au peaks are from the Au coating used to dissipate charging.

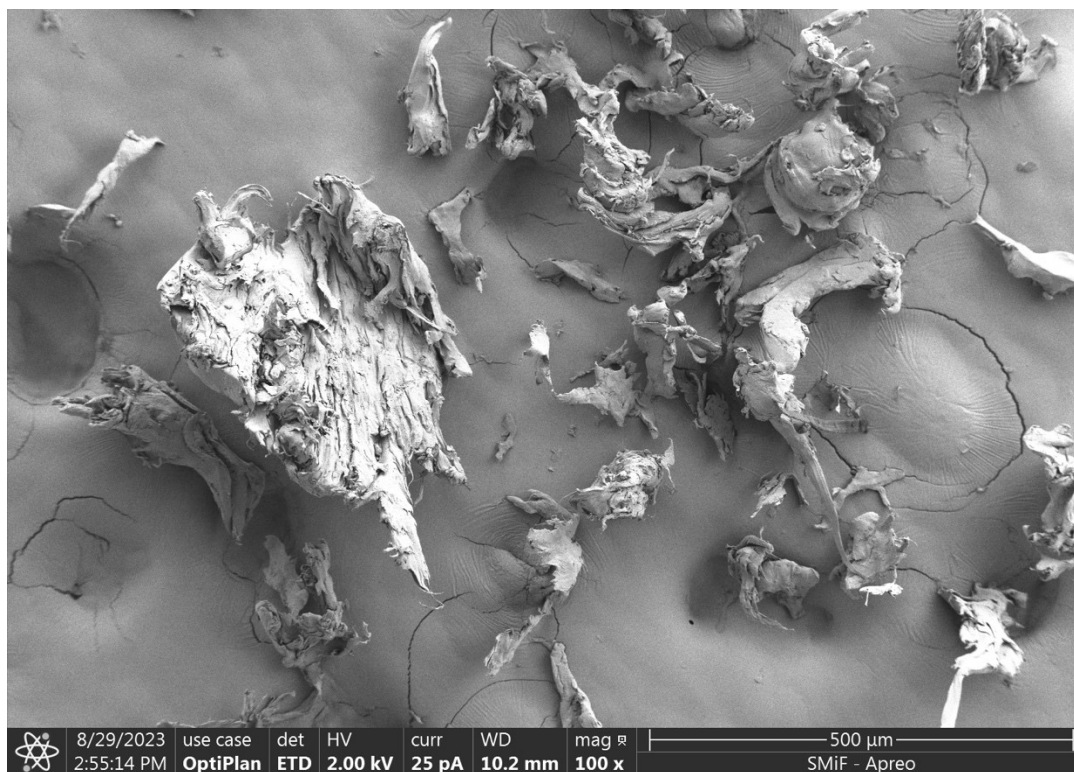


Figure S12: 2%Ag SEM micrograph.

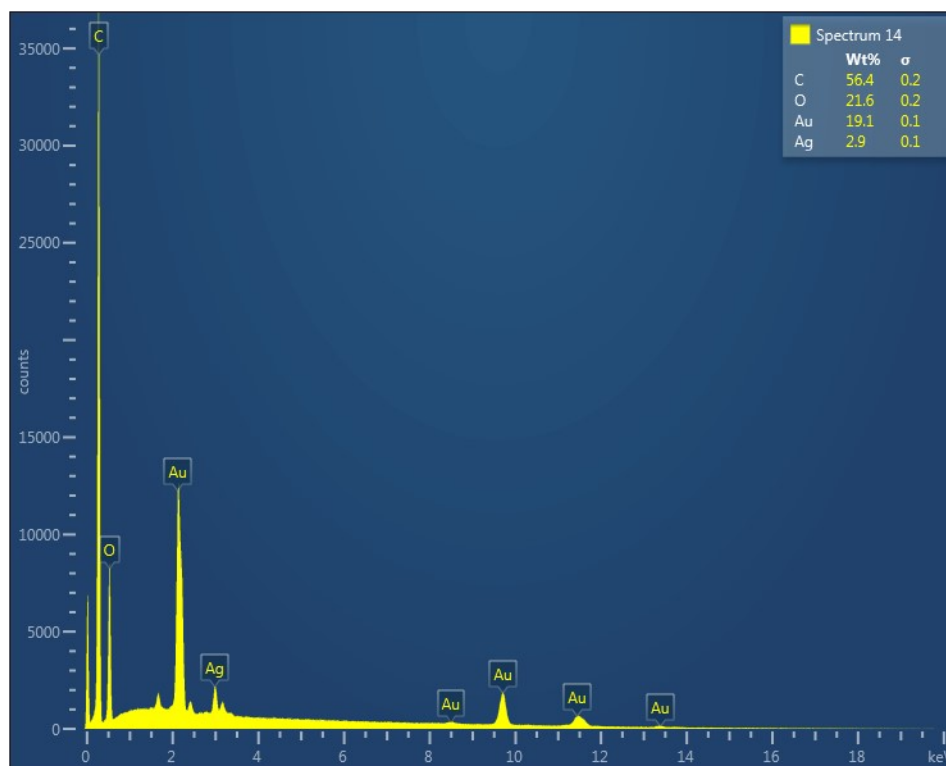


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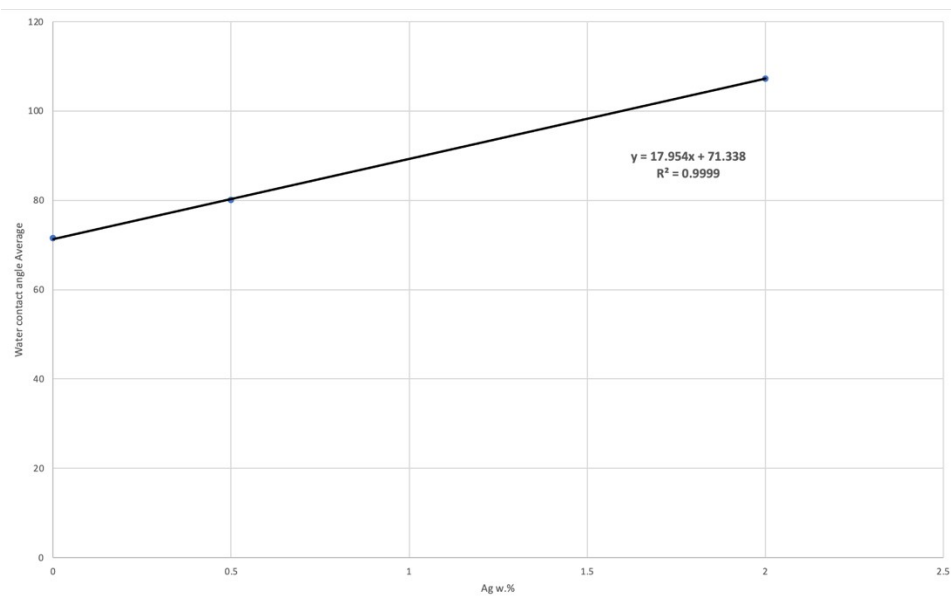


Figure S14: Linear relationship between contact angle and AgNP content in PETG

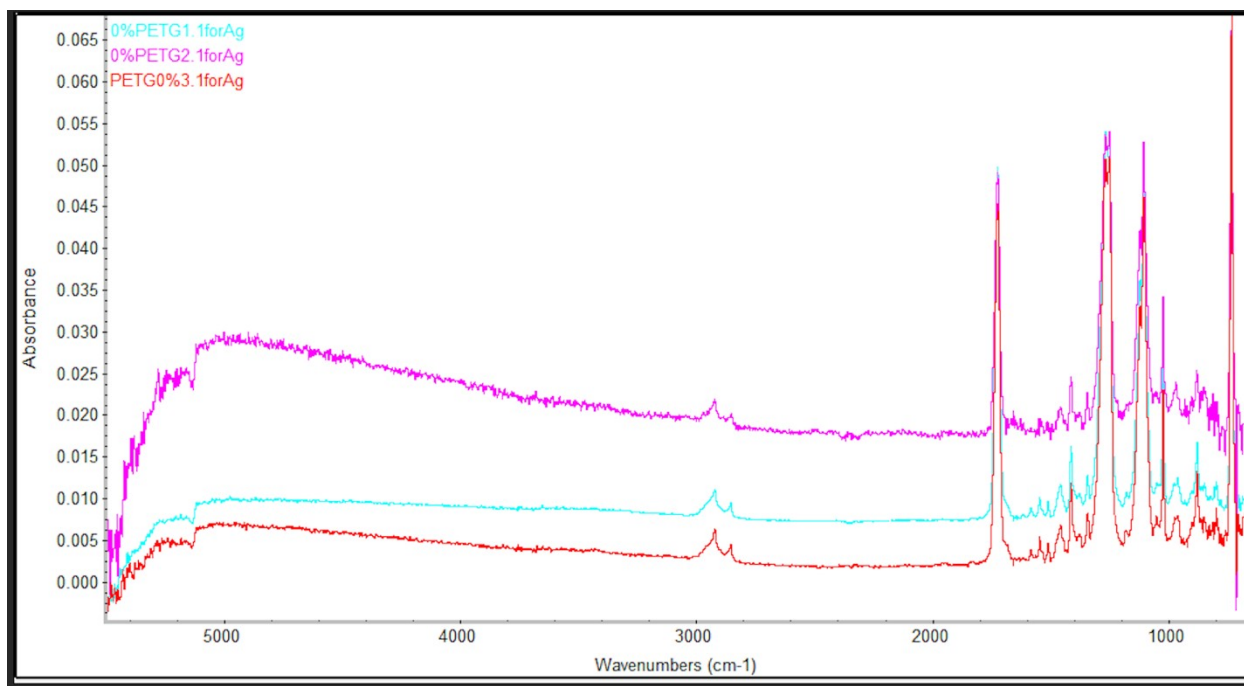


Figure S15: PETG FTIR spectra in triplicate

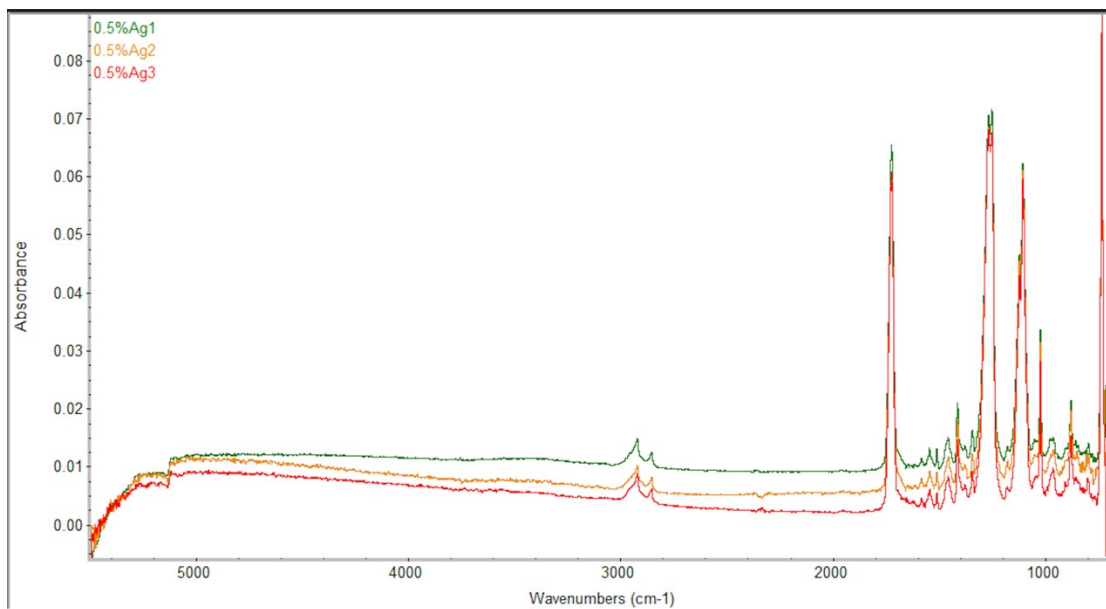


Figure S16: 0.5%Ag Composite FTIR spectra in triplicate

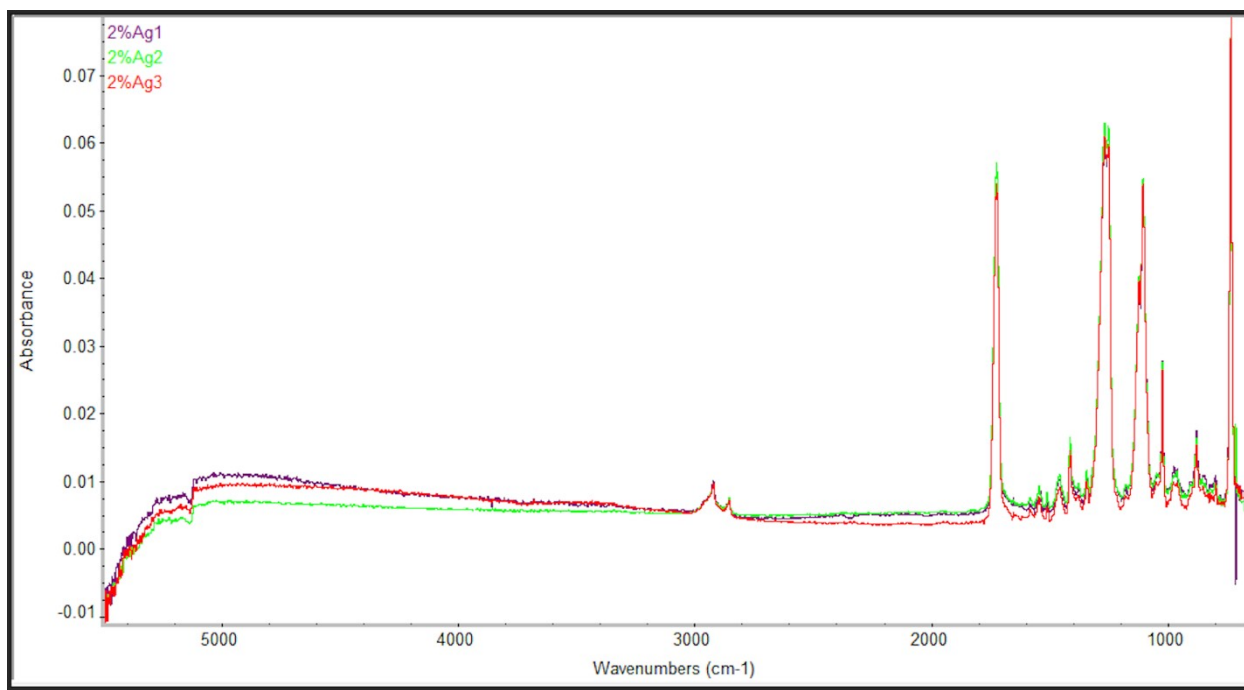


Figure S17: 2%Ag Composite FTIR spectra in triplicate

Sanding

1. Using Power Consumption Data at 1-3 J/s from (Loredana et al., 2015)
2. Using Power Consumption ideal point at 300 J/s from (Luo et al. 2014)

Quantity and (units)	For PETG	For Ag0.5%	For Ag2%
Model fit * low power input (W)	$y = (0.0355x)*1 \pm 0.0140$	$y = (0.0433x) * 1 \pm 0.0296$	$y = (0.0341x) * 1 \pm 0.024$
Model fit * high power input (W)	$y = (0.1179x) * 300 \pm 0.11$	$y = (0.1014x) * 300 \pm 0.06$	$y = (0.0965x) * 300 \pm 0.1$
Abrasion rate(g/m ² /s) time (s) surface area (m ²)	$0.0355 \pm 0.014 - 35.37 \pm 0.1514$ g/m ² /s *3600 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	$0.0433 \pm 0.0296 - 30.42 \pm 0.0615$ g/m ² /s *3600 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	$0.0341 \pm 0.0248 - 28.95 \pm 44.07$ g/m ² /s *3600 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²
Mass exposed to (g/hr)	$0.2198 \pm 0.0867 - 219.0 \pm 0.94$	$0.2681 \pm 0.1833 - 188.4 \pm 0.38$	$0.2111 \pm 0.1536 - 179.3 \pm 0.91$

Table S2. Calculations of Sanding using Power inputs

Chewing

1. Using molar force for baby jaw as 2.5 N from (Tadesse et al.)
2. Using average baby jaw length as 52.5 mm from (Schipper et al.)

$$\frac{2.5 \text{ N} \times 0.0525 \text{ m}}{0.75 \text{ s chew time}} = 0.175 \text{ J/s}$$

Quantity and (units)	For PETG	For Ag0.5%	For Ag2%
Model fit * power input (W)	$y = (0.0355x)*0.175 \pm 0.0140$	$y = (0.0433x) * 0.175 \pm$	$y = (0.0341x) * 0.175 \pm$
Abrasion rate(g/m ² /s) time (s) surface area (m ²)	0.0062 ± 0.0025 g/m ² /s *60 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.0076 ± 0.0052 g/m ² /s *60 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.006 ± 0.0043 g/m ² /s *60 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²
Mass exposed to (mg/min)	0.6411 ± 0.2528	0.7820 ± 0.5346	0.6158 ± 0.4479

Table S3. Calculations of Chewing using Power inputs

$$P = 3.162 \times 10^{-11} \text{ W from Sipe et al. 2022}$$

Quantity and (units)	For PETG	For Ag0.5%	For Ag2%
Model fit * power input (W)	$y = (0.0355x) * 3.162 \times 10^{-11} \pm 0.0140$	$y = (0.0433x) * 3.162$	$y = (0.0341x) * 3.162$
Abrasion rate(g/m ² /s) time (s) surface area (m ²)	$1.12251 \times 10^{-13} \pm 0.014$ g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	$1.3691 \times 10^{-12} \pm 9.35$ g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	$1.0782 \times 10^{-12} \pm 7.841$ g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²
Max mass released (g/day)	$1.6681 \times 10^{-11} \pm 6.5786$	$2.0347 \times 10^{-10} \pm 1.39$	$1.6024 \times 10^{-10} \pm 1.165$

Table S4. Calculations of Ocean Waves using Power inputs

$P \approx 2.5 W$ from Benumof et al.

Quantity and (units)	For PETG	For Ag0.5%	For Ag2%
Model fit * power input (W)	$y = (0.0132e^{(0.8606 * 2.5)}) \pm 0.0051$	$y = (0.0433x) * 2.5 \pm 0$	$y = (0.0341x) * 2.5 \pm 0$
Abrasion rate(g/m ² /s) time (s) surface area (m ²)	0.1135 ± 0.0051 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.1083 ± 0.074 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.2325 ± 0.062 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²
Mass exposed to (g/day)	17 ± 1	16 ± 11	13 ± 9

Table S5. Calculations of Ocean Shoreline using Power inputs

$P = 0.034 W$ from Sipe et al. 2022

Quantity and (units)	For PETG	For Ag0.5%	For Ag2%
Model fit * power	$y = (0.0355x) *$	$y = (0.0433x) * 0.034 \pm$	$y = (0.093x) * 0.034 \pm$

input (W)	0.0355 ± 0.01405		
Abrasion rate(g/m ² /s) time (s) surface area (m ²)	0.0016 ± 0.0002 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.0014 ± 0.0010 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²	0.0032 ± 0.0008 g/m ² /s *86400 s and surface area of 0.00172 m ²
Mass exposed to (g/day)	0.24 ± 0.04	0.20 ± 0.14	0.47 ± 0.12

Table S6. Calculations of Rivers using Power inputs

Power (J/time)	abrasion rate (g/m ² /t)	Power (J/s)	Abrasion Rate (g/s*m ²)
2% 1	PETG	17.41426205	2.013482762
2% 1	PETG	13.40992113	1.324199849
2% 1	PETG	13.06192557	1.017420412
2% 1	PETG	4.479858561	0.246588535
2% 1	PETG	4.50517657	0.170864497
2% 1	PETG	1.758713274	0.070869933
2% 1	PETG	2.580478093	0.084461427
2% 1	PETG	1.520750698	0.043686945
2% 1	PETG	1.543182654	0.024270525
2% 2	PETG	14.3155166	1.029070264
2% 2	PETG	14.86853677	1.187314088
2% 2	PETG	14.94432068	1.131977291
2% 2	PETG	5.708098839	0.186397633
2% 2	PETG	5.09382142	0.18348517
2% 2	PETG	3.22136982	0.092227995
2% 2	PETG	2.933240099	0.082519785
2% 2	PETG	1.474224878	0.023299704
2% 2	PETG	1.174174485	0.031066272
2% 3	PETG	16.61807739	1.957175144
2% 3	PETG	12.34346342	1.670782948
2% 3	PETG	18.62823292	2.33094123
2% 3	PETG	6.432560479	0.468906545
2% 3	PETG	5.489168748	0.262121671
2% 3	PETG	2.953771878	0.112615236
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2% 3	PETG	1.23492214	0.024270525
2% 3	PETG	1.418693864	0.050482692
0.5% 1	PETG	15.20026892	1.433902623
0.5% 1	PETG	14.55420918	1.313520818
0.5% 1	PETG	11.97777516	1.194109835
0.5% 1	PETG	3.492237602	0.113586057
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0.5% 2	PETG	17.13373371	1.92225588
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5	PETG	8.273186445	0
6	PETG	20.75593769	0
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C	PETG	13.83297927	0
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H	PETG	4.1204751	0
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J	PETG	15.3845198	0
K	PETG	5.58693847	0
L	PETG	0.852557555	0
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