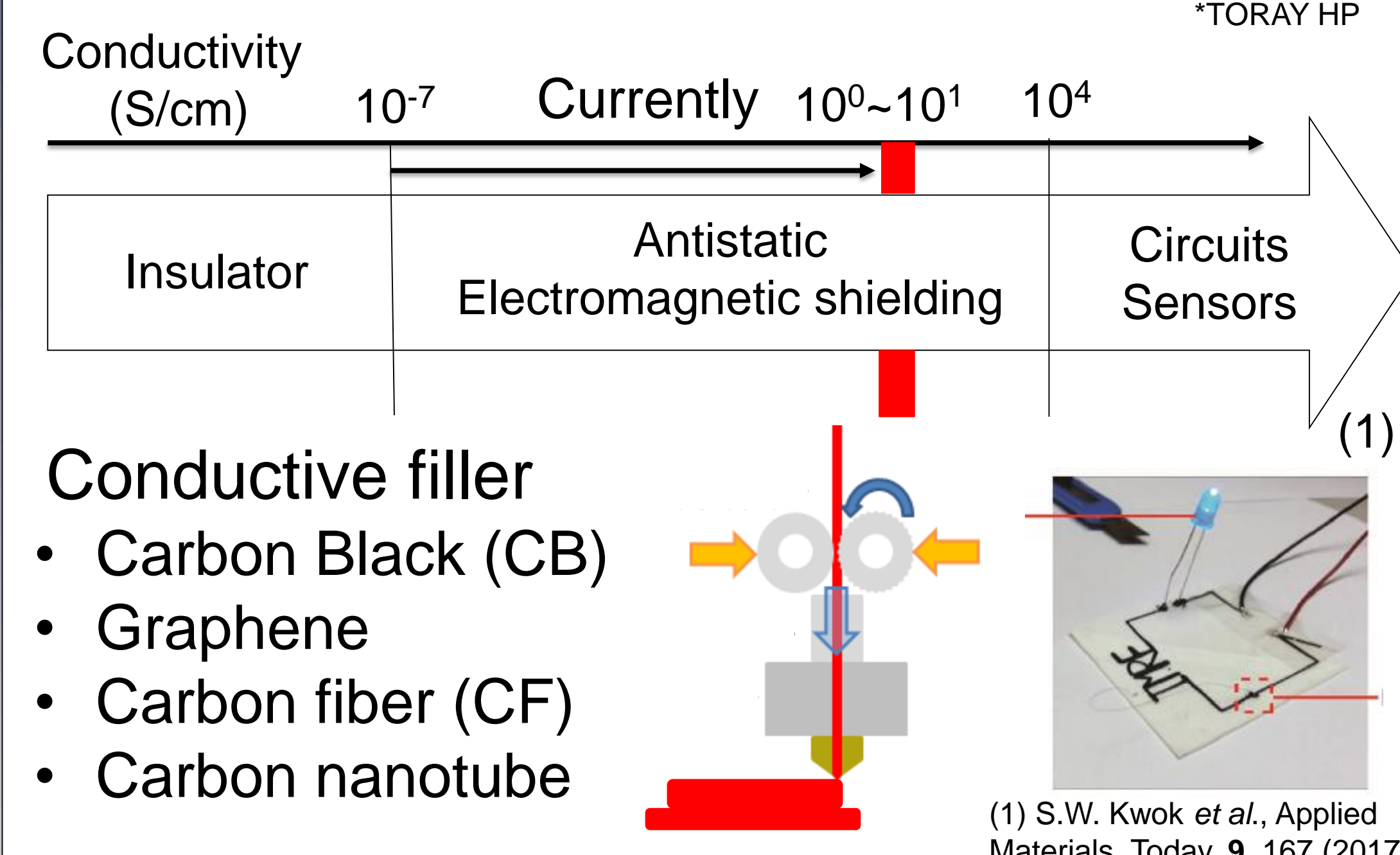


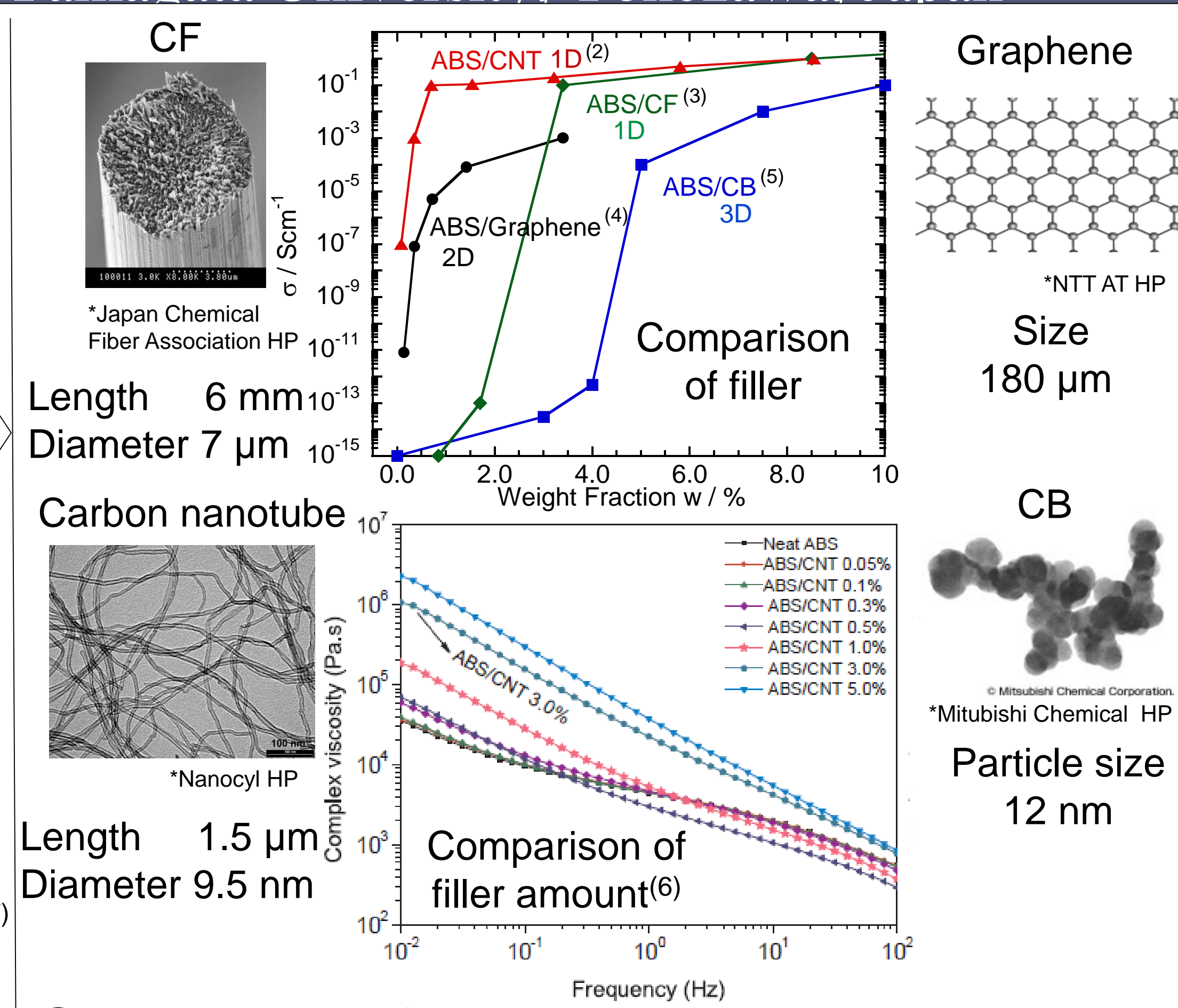
Introduction

Conductive polymer composite*

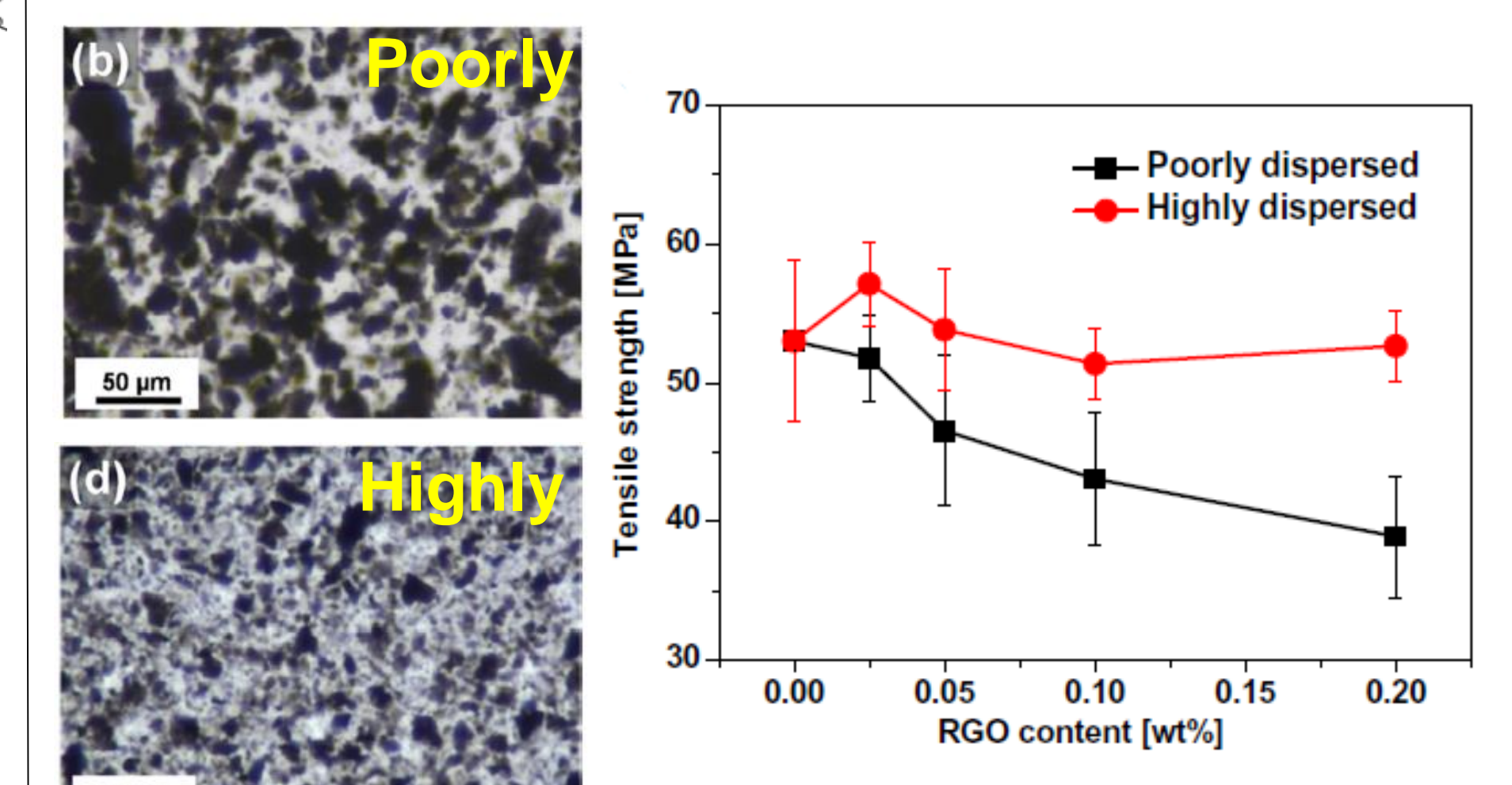


Ultimate goal: For 3D printing

High conductivity: for printing a wide variety of electrical and functional components, devices etc.
High processability: for printing using commercially available conventional 3D printers.



Effect of dispersion on physical properties (7)



	Advantage	Disadvantage
Melt Mixing	Fast, Scalable	Poor dispersion (?)
Solution Casting	Good dispersion	Solvent disposal

Conductive filler with high aspect ratio Multi-walled carbon nanotubes

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Melt mixing vs Solution casting

Electrical Conductivity: 4 point probe
Linear Rheology: oscillatory shear

(7) L-C Tang et al., CARBON, 60, 16 (2013)

(1) Sample

ABS (Beijing Tiertime Technology Co., Ltd.)

MWCNT (Nanocyl NC7000™)
Average length 1.5 μm
Average diameter 9.5 nm

(2) Sample preparation

Melt mixing
Twin screw melt mixer (Toyo seiki seisaku-sho Co.)
200 °C 50 rpm 10 min

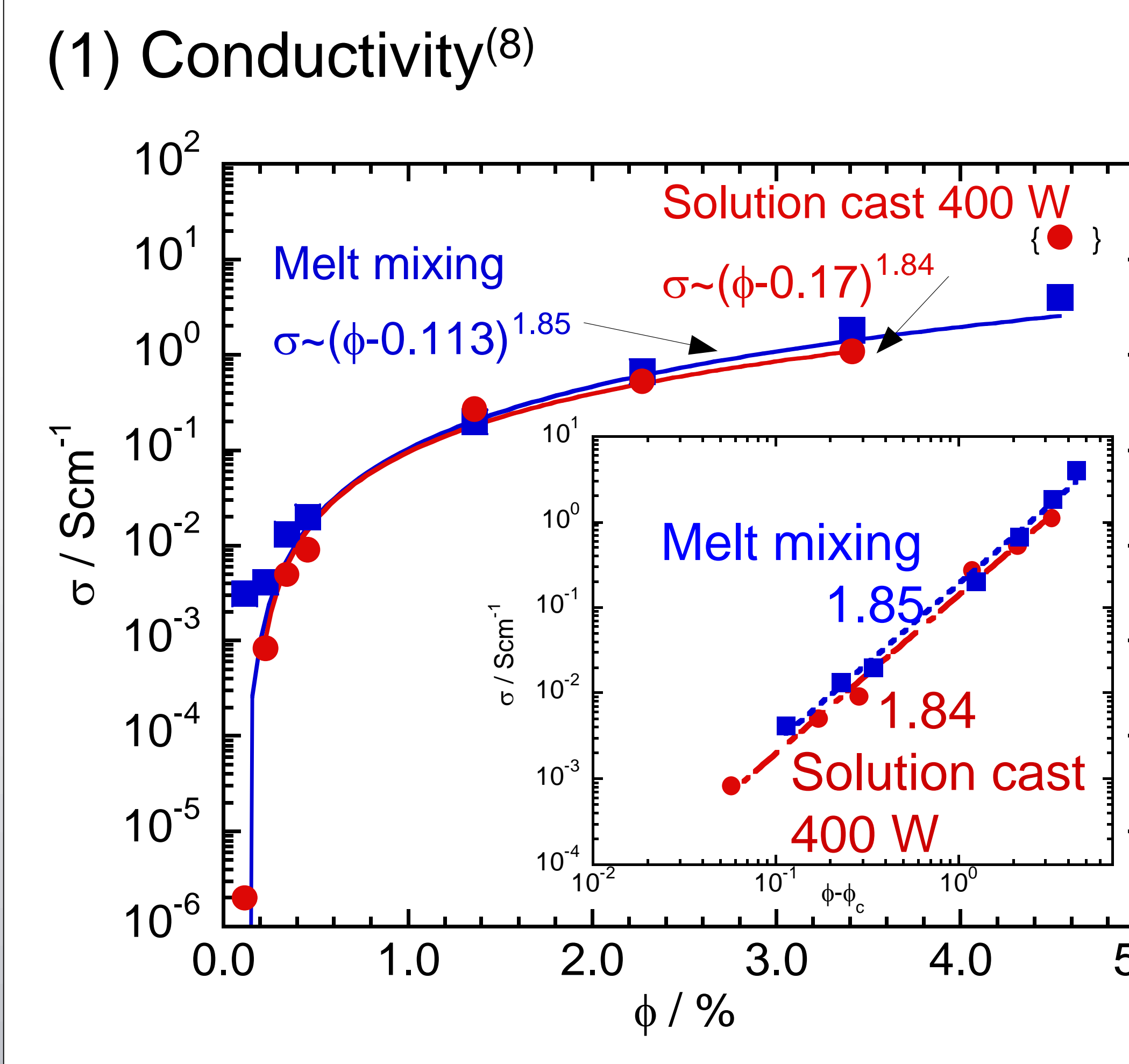
Solution casting
Ultrasonic homogenizer (BRANSON Ultrasonics Co.)
MWCNT Chloroform
Sonication 10 min
ABS dissolved in dichloromethane
Drying about 12 hours
Sonication 10 min

(3) Measurement

1. Conductivity
Digital multimeter 2110 (Keithley)

2. Linear rheology
MCR 301 (Anton Paar)
Frequency sweep 10⁻² ~ 10² rad*s⁻¹
γ = 1

Results and Discussion



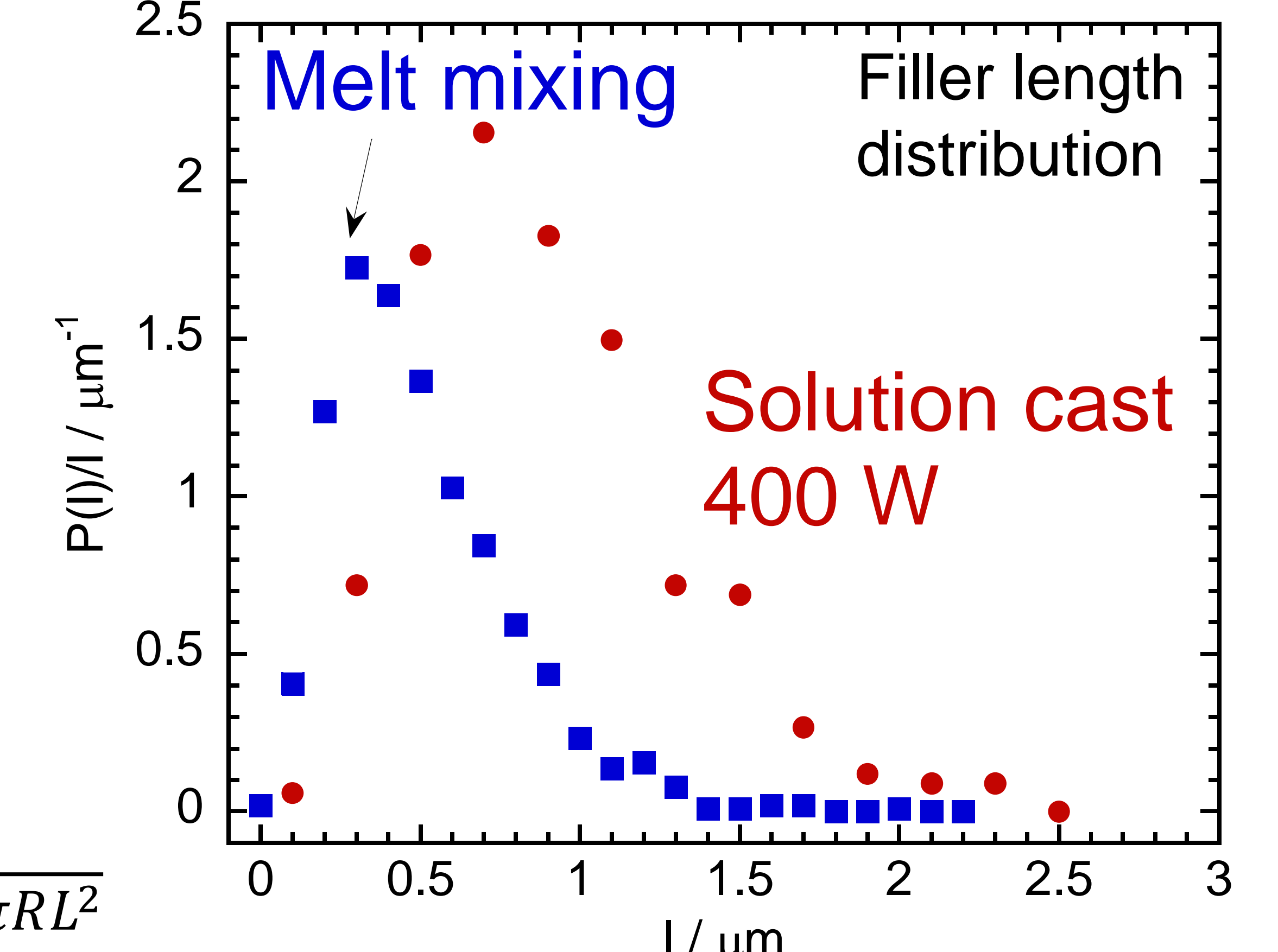
Conductivity percolation

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (\phi - \phi_{c\sigma})^{t_\sigma}$$

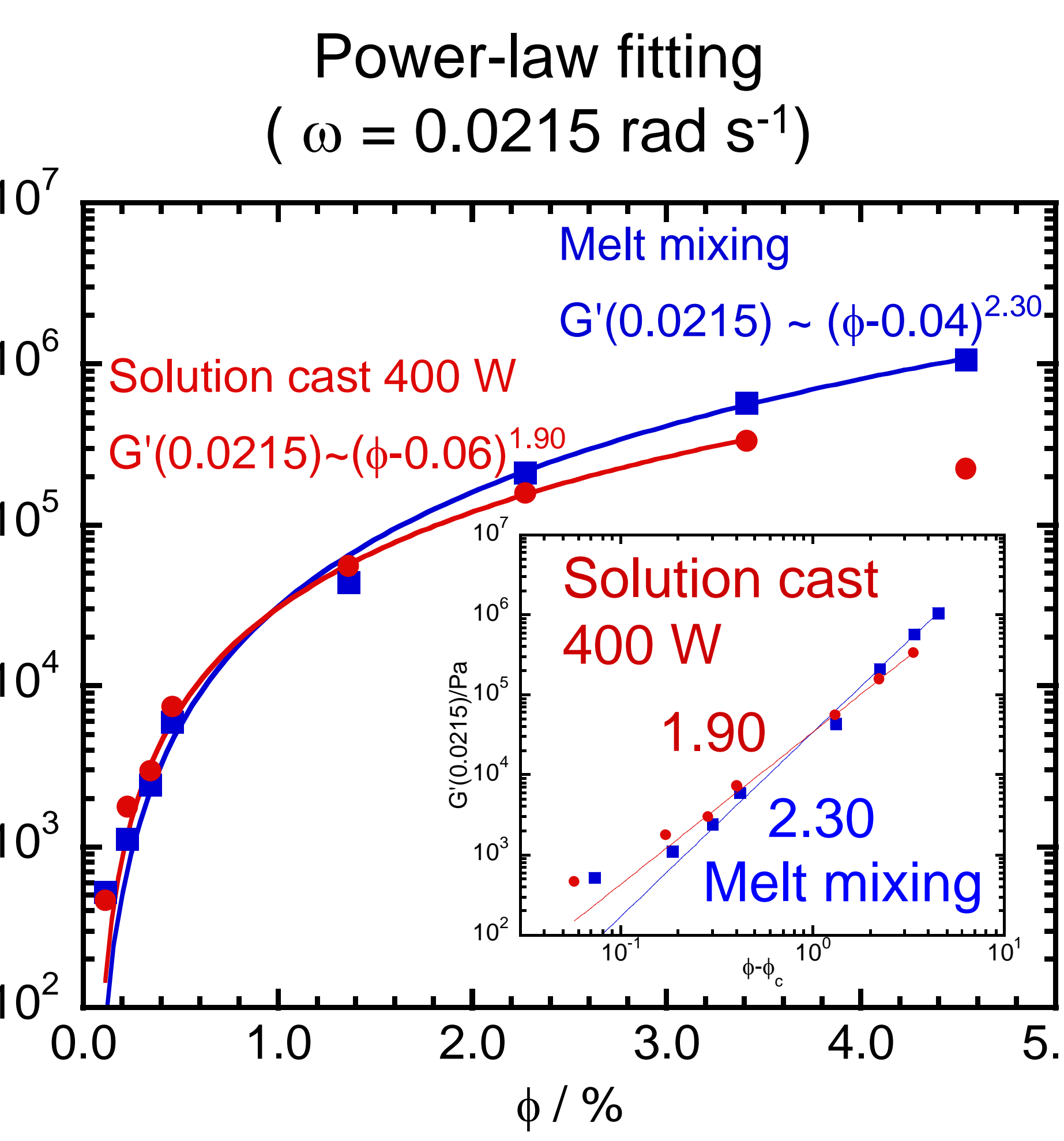
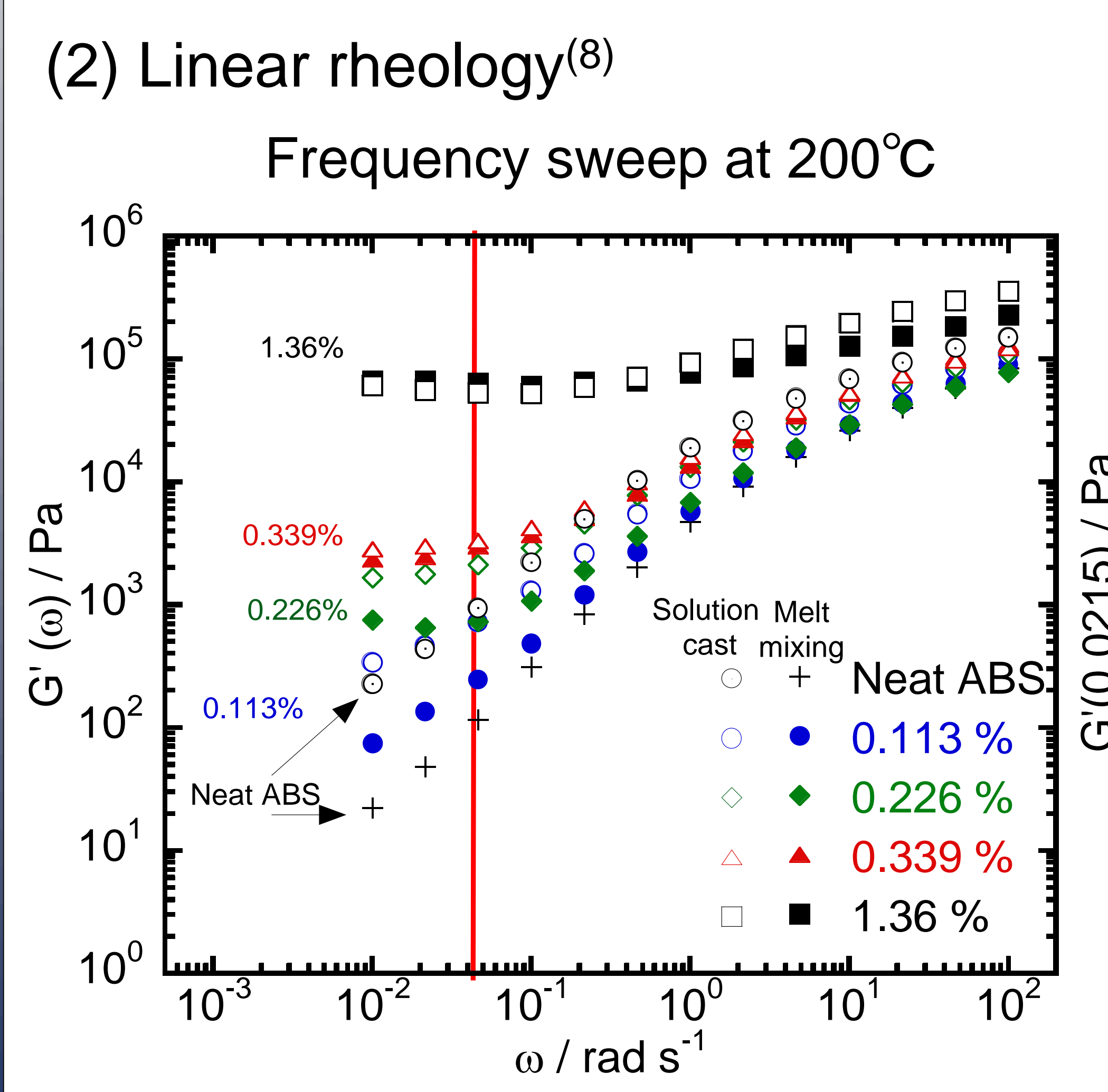
σ : Conductivity
φ : Filler volume fraction
φ_{cσ} : Percolation threshold
t_σ : Critical exponent

R : 4.8 nm

$$\phi_{ct} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 + \pi R^2 L}{16\pi R^3 + 8\pi R^2 L + \pi R L^2}$$



	φ _{cσ} / %	L _{ave} / μm	φ _{ct} / %	s	CV ≡ s/L _{ave}
Melt mixing	0.113	0.4	1.1	0.27	0.50
Solution casting	0.170	0.9	0.60	0.40	0.45



Electrical Conductivity: Melt mixing using an internal batch mixer is at least as good as solution casting!
→ No special mixing processes or protocols are required.
The obtained conductivity values are close to the highest values reported in the literature.
→ No modification or treatment of the filler surface is required.

Percolation: The dependence of the electrical conductivity and the storage modulus on the filler content can be described by power-laws.
→ The conductivity exponent is close to theory (assuming random filler distribution).

(8) S. K. Sukumaran et al., Journal of The Electrochemical Society, 166 (9), B3091 (2019).