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Comparison of the Dielectric Properties of Ecoflex[®] with L,D-Poly(Lactic Acid) or Polycaprolactone in the Presence of SWCN or 5CB

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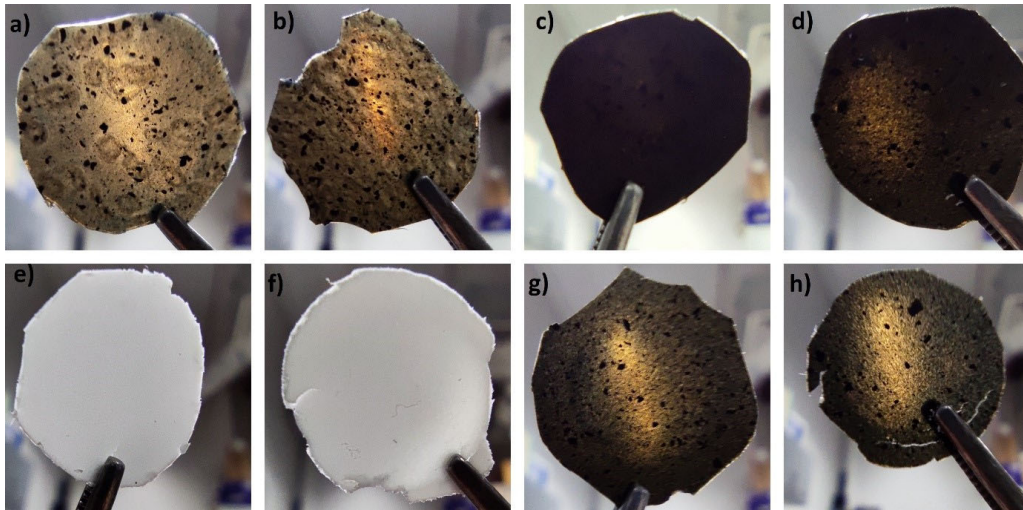


Figure S1. Photos of created hybrid layers: Ecoflex®:SWCN (10:0.02) (a), Ecoflex®:SWCN (10:0.03) (b), Ecoflex®:SWCN (10:0.06) (c), Ecoflex®:5CB:SWCN (10:1:0.03) (d), Ecoflex®:Oleic Acid (10:0.3) (e), Ecoflex®:5CB:Oleic Acid (10:1:0.3) (f), Ecoflex®:SWCN:Oleic Acid (10:0.03:0.3) (g), Ecoflex®:5CB:SWCN:Oleic Acid (10:1:0.03:0.3) (h).

AFM images were done at room temperature by using the Agilent 5500 microscope working in non-contact mode. Parameters such as setpoint, proportional gain, integral gain and speed were adjusted to each measurement to obtain the best possible images. Topography images were collected at several randomly chosen areas for each sample and for different magnification to make sure that presented results are reliable. Image processing was done using the Gwyddion programme.

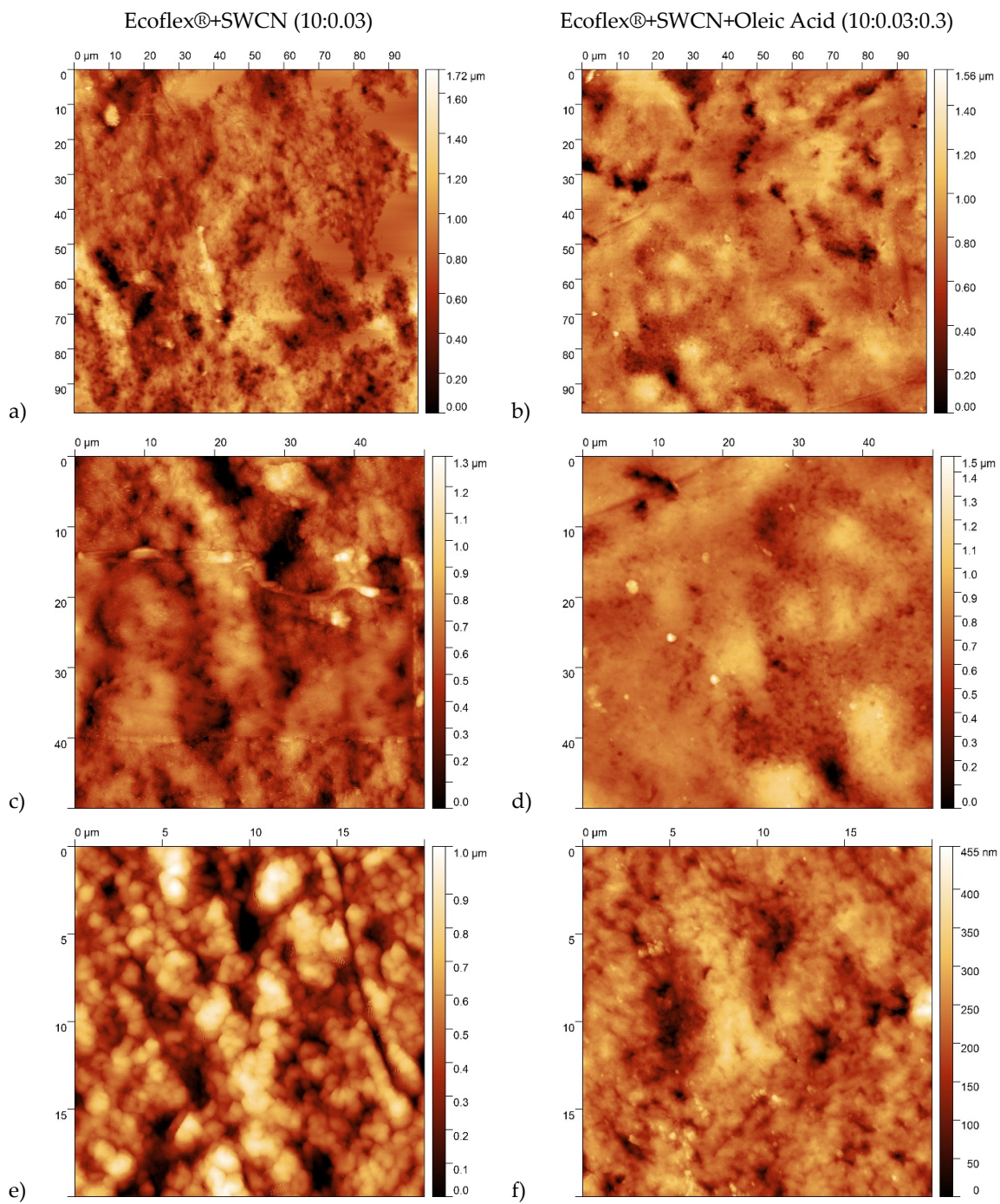
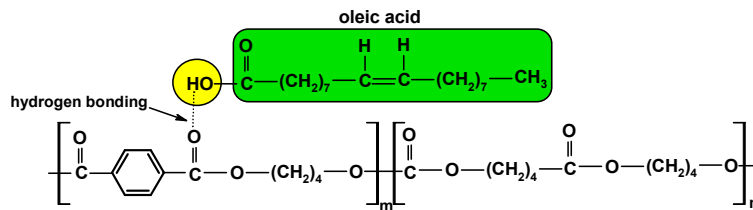


Figure S2. AFM images for Ecoflex®+SWCN (10:0.03) (a,c,e) and Ecoflex®+SWCN+Oleic Acid (10:0.03:0.3) (b,d,f) layers at different scales.

Table 1. Statistics parameter of AFM images presented in Figure S2.

Created Layer	Ecoflex®+SWCN (10:0.03)			Ecoflex®+SWCN+Oleic Acid (10:0.03:0.3)		
	Image size [μm]	100 × 100	50 × 50	20 × 20	100 × 100	50 × 50
Average value [nm]	738.07	503.44	460.19	771.84	709.96	210.92
RMS roughness (Sq) [nm]	209.76	175.89	191.41	170.28	143.42	54.97
Mean roughness (Sa) [nm]	162.65	136.48	151.78	125.20	105.99	42.24
Skew (Ssk)	-0.20	-0.16	0.05	-0.94	-0.36	-0.35
Excess kurtosis	0.56	0.59	-0.13	2.21	2.22	0.83
Minimum [μm]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maximum [μm]	1.72	1.31	1.04	1.56	1.46	0.46
Median [μm]	0.75	0.51	0.46	0.79	0.71	0.21
Maximum peak height (Sp) [μm]	0.98	0.81	0.58	0.79	0.75	0.24
Maximum pit depth (Sv) [μm]	0.74	0.50	0.46	0.77	0.71	0.21
Maximum height (Sz) [μm]	1.72	1.31	1.04	1.56	1.46	0.46

**Figure S3.** Scheme of possible hydrogen bonds interactions between Ecoflex® and oleic acid. In our study, however, the amount of oleic acid (ca. 3% mass) in the investigated systems did not cause such interactions – the chemical structure of Ecoflex® was not affected.