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**ORGANIC CARBON IN INDUSTRIAL  
WASTEWATERS**

**STUDY OF SULPHUR EMISSIONS TO RESOLVE  
CERAMIC DEFECTS**

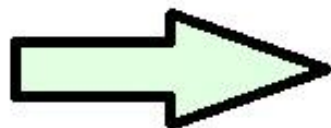
**STUDY OF COMPOSITES FOR ADITIVE  
MANUFACTURING**

# WORKING LINE

Development of a methodology to control in real time the organic carbon content in industrial wastewaters and sewages

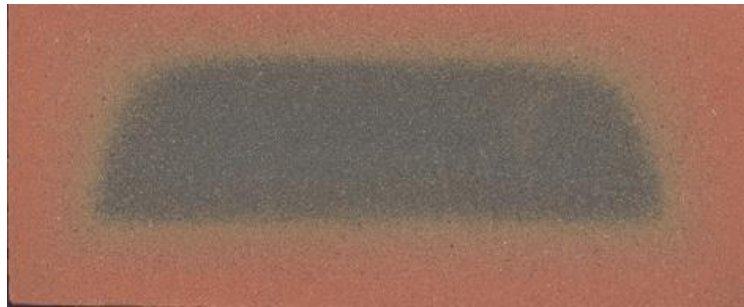


Organic carbon content



## 1. Problems

### Black core



GAZULLA, M.F.; ORTS, M.J.; GOZALBO, A.; AMORÓS, J.L. Determinación del contenido en materia orgánica en arcillas por culombimetría. *XVII REUNION CIENTIFICA DE LA SOCIEDAD ESPAÑOLA DE ARCILLAS (SEA 2002)*. Elche y Castellon, 27 - 30 Noviembre, 2002.

## 2. Objective

- Find a parameter easy and fast to determine, related with the amount of organic matter present in industrial wastewaters and sewages
- Studied parameters:
  - Conductivity
  - Chemical oxygen demand (COD)



## 4. Experimental

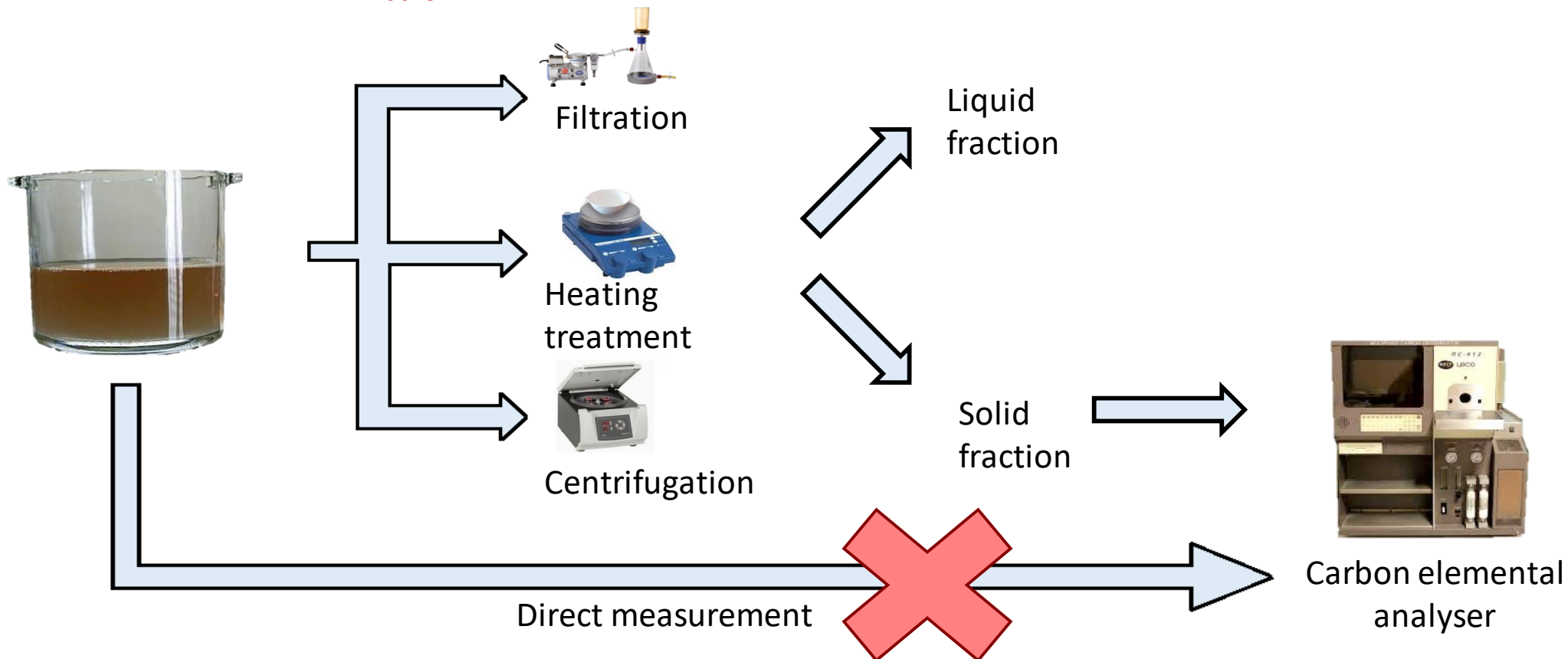
### Tests conducted

- Solid content
- Conductivity
- COD
- Carbon at 490°C
- Chloride content



## 4. Experimental

### Organic Carbon ( $C_{490^{\circ}C}$ )



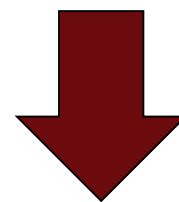
## 4. Experimental



How can  $C_{org}$  ( $C_{490^{\circ}C}$ ) be fast determined?

*A relationship between the organic carbon content and COD value was found for different type of waters<sup>[1]</sup>:*

$$COD = n \cdot (1,87 \cdot C_{org} - 17) \quad n = 2-3$$



**COD** ?????

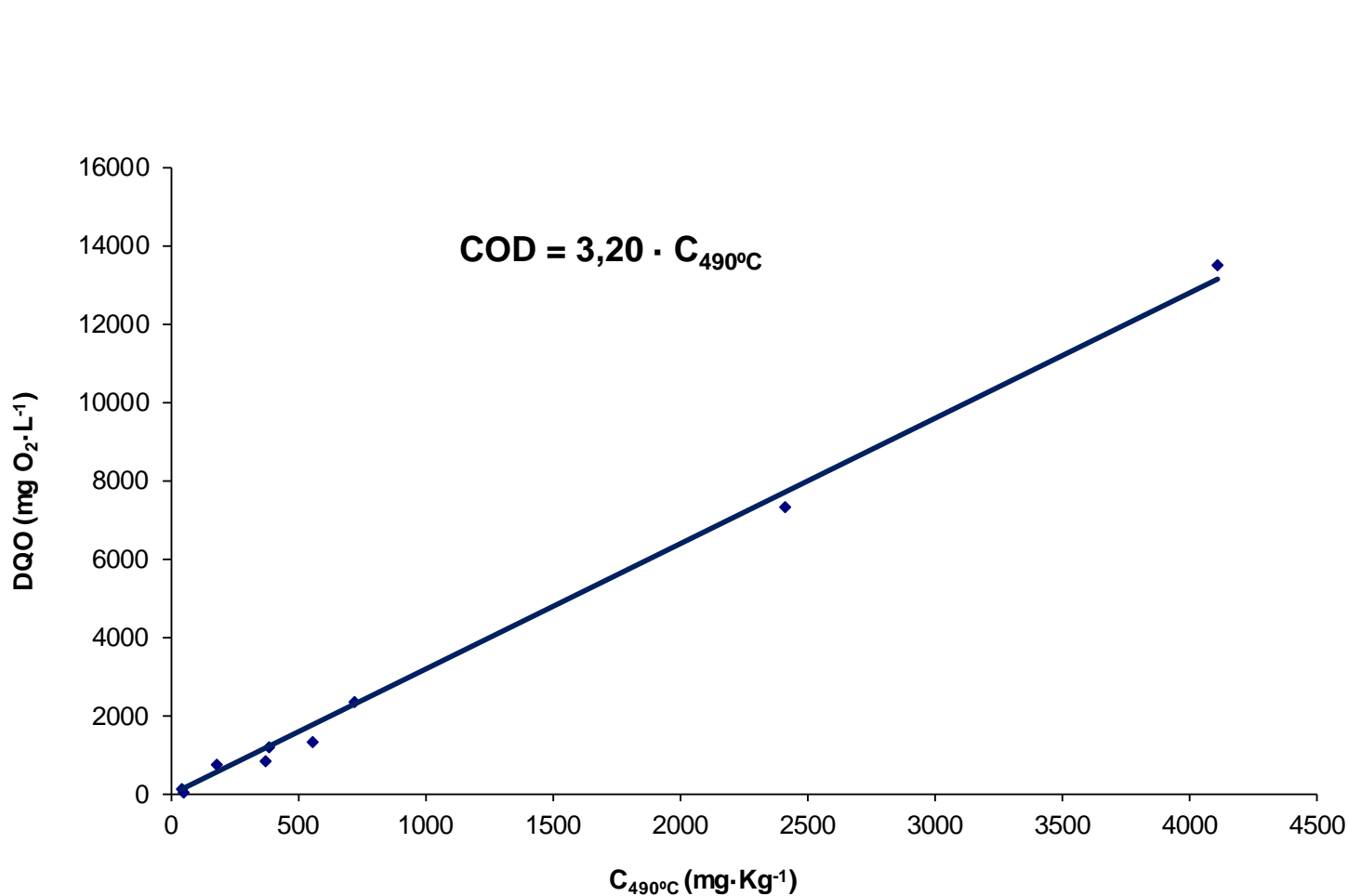
[1] *Medida de la Contaminación Orgánica.*

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## 5. Results

### Relationship $C_{490^{\circ}\text{C}}$ - COD



$C_{490^{\circ}\text{C}}$ (mg · Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	COD (mg O <sub>2</sub> · L <sup>-1</sup> )
383	1200
41	114
50	60
4110	13485
720	2368
370	829
180	742
2415	7328
560	1348

## 5. Results

*Relationship found in the literature<sup>[1]</sup>:*

$$COD = n \cdot (1,87 \cdot C_{org} - 17) \quad n = 2-3$$

*Relationship obtained in ITC with industrial wastewaters:*

$$DQO = 3,20 \cdot C_{490^{\circ}C}$$

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## 6. Conclusions

1. There is a direct relationship between COD value and the organic matter, therefore the determination of COD can be used as real-time control method for the determination of organic carbon in industrial wastewaters.
2. The time of the assay has been reduced to 30 minutes of digestion plus the time necessary for the titration.
3. There is no need to use neither  $\text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_4$  nor  $\text{HgSO}_4$  in COD determination in residual wastewaters and sewages.
4. There is not a direct relationship between the conductivity and the organic carbon.

# STUDY OF SULPHUR EMISSIONS TO RESOLVE CERAMIC DEFECTS

## OBJECTIVE

- Study of the kinetics of oxidation and decomposition of sulphides in raw materials for the improvement of production processes associated to ceramic defects  
(**Evolved Gas Analysis Technique**).



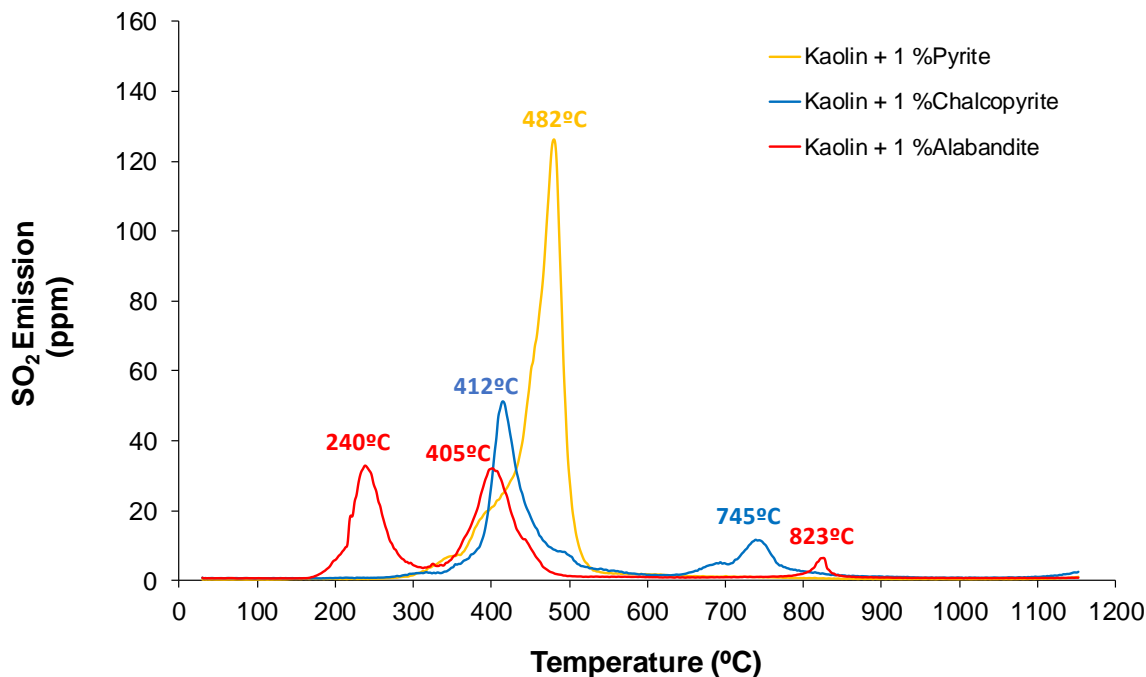
**PYRITE**



**CHALCOPYRITE**



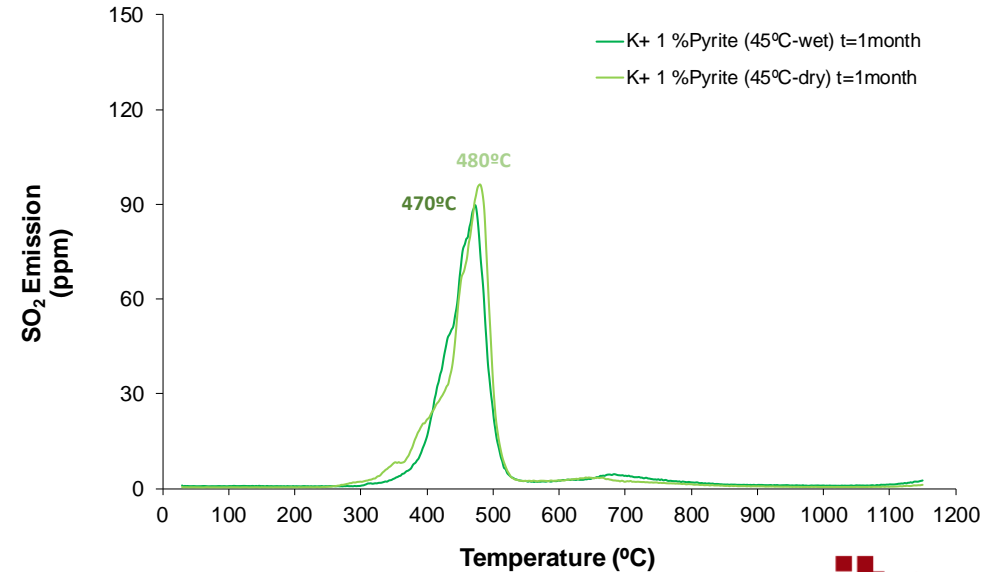
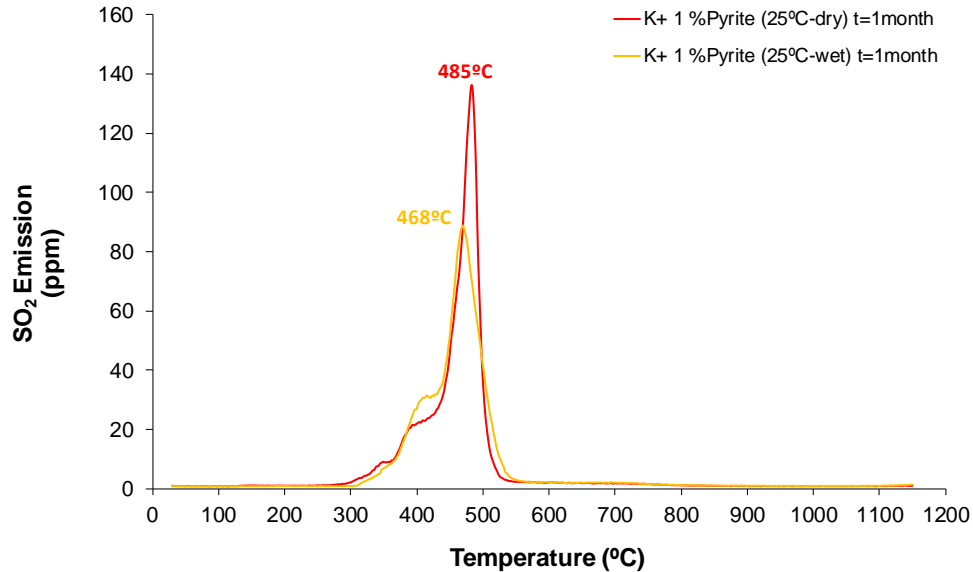
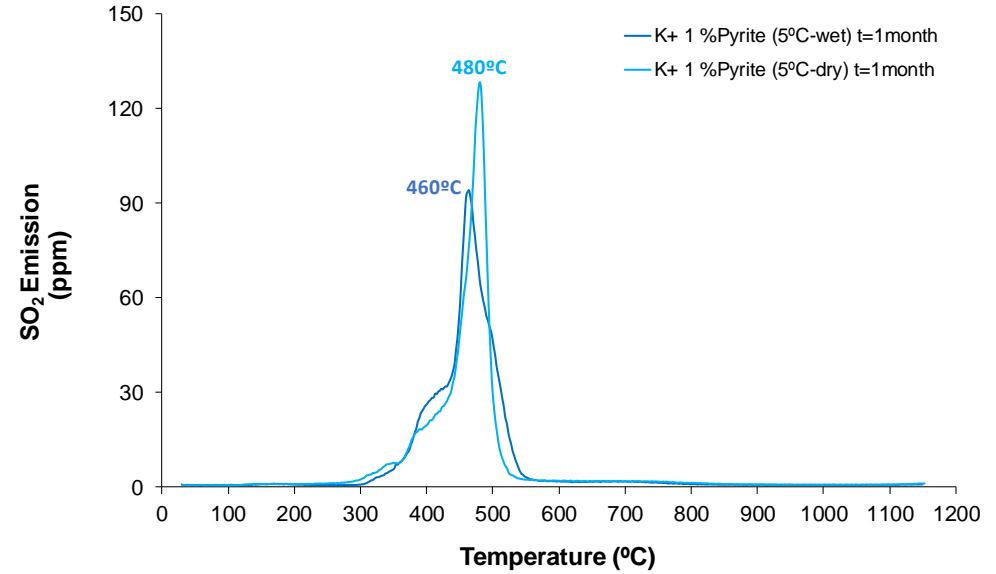
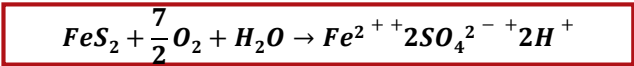
**ALABANDITE**



Temperature (25°C)	• Dry environment • Wet environment
Temperature (45°C)	• Dry environment • Wet environment
Temperature (5°C)	• Dry environment • Wet environment

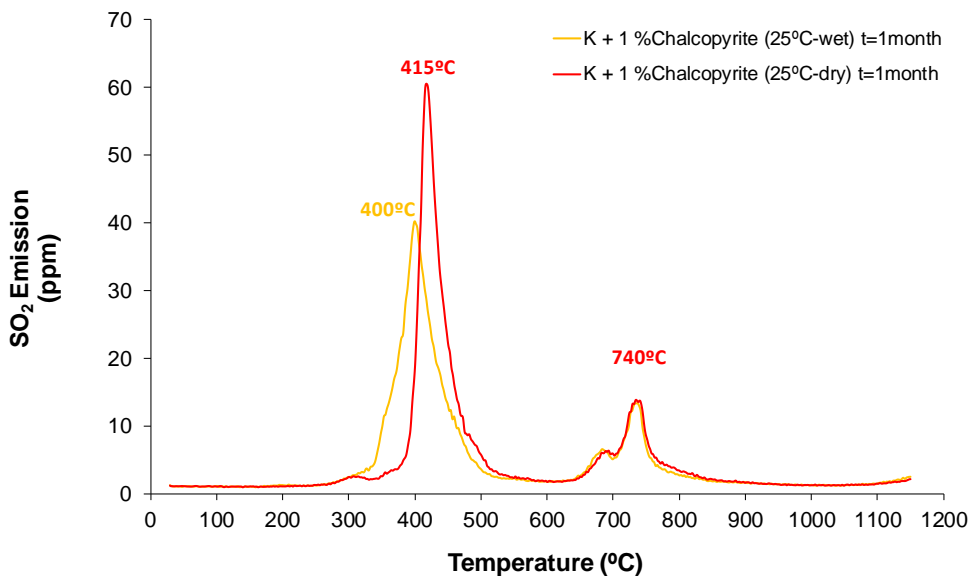
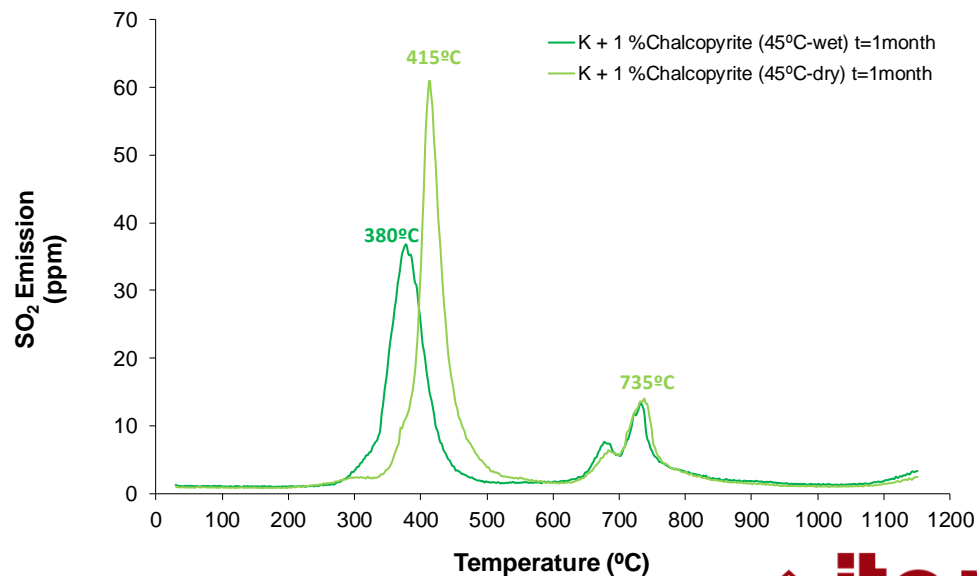
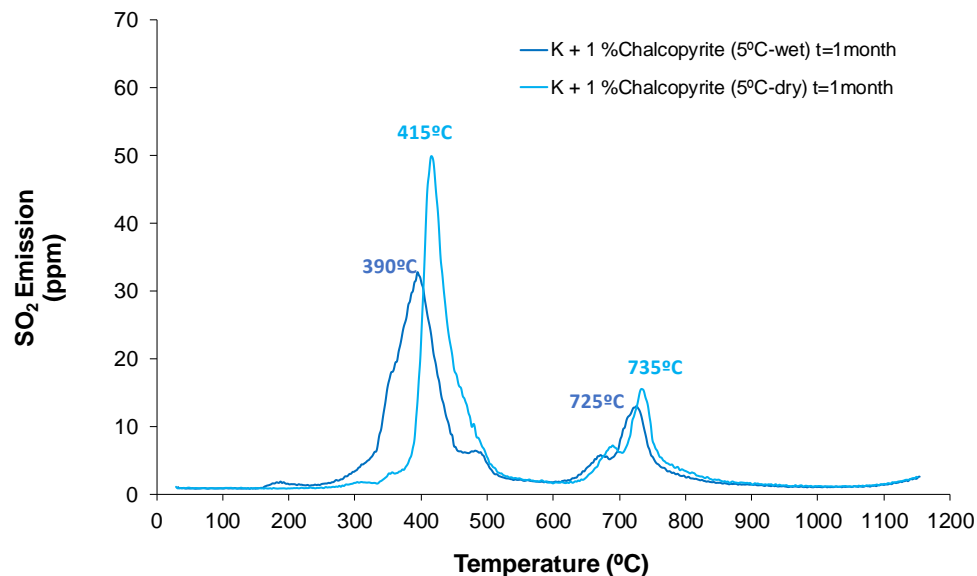
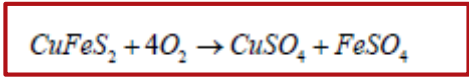
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## RESULTS: 1 MONTH PYRITE



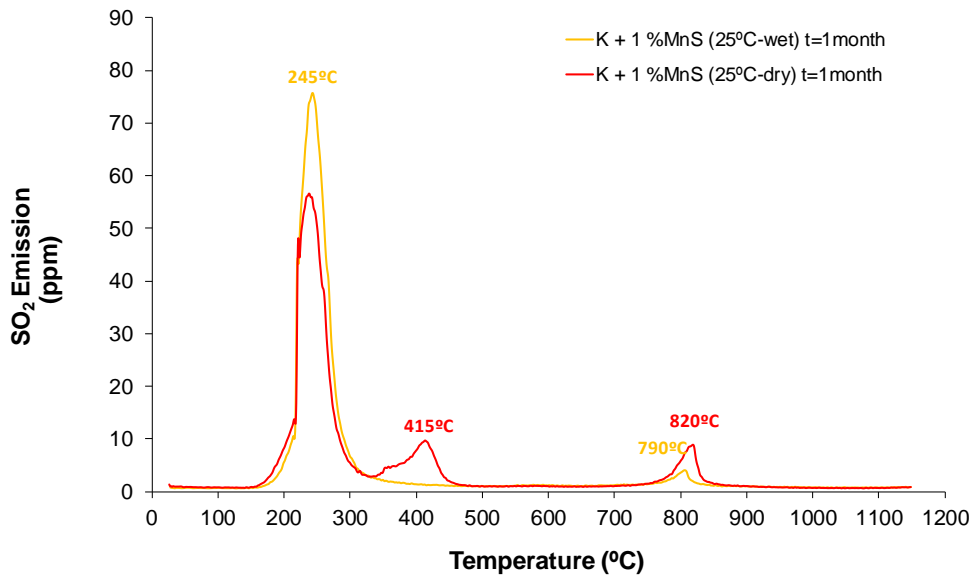
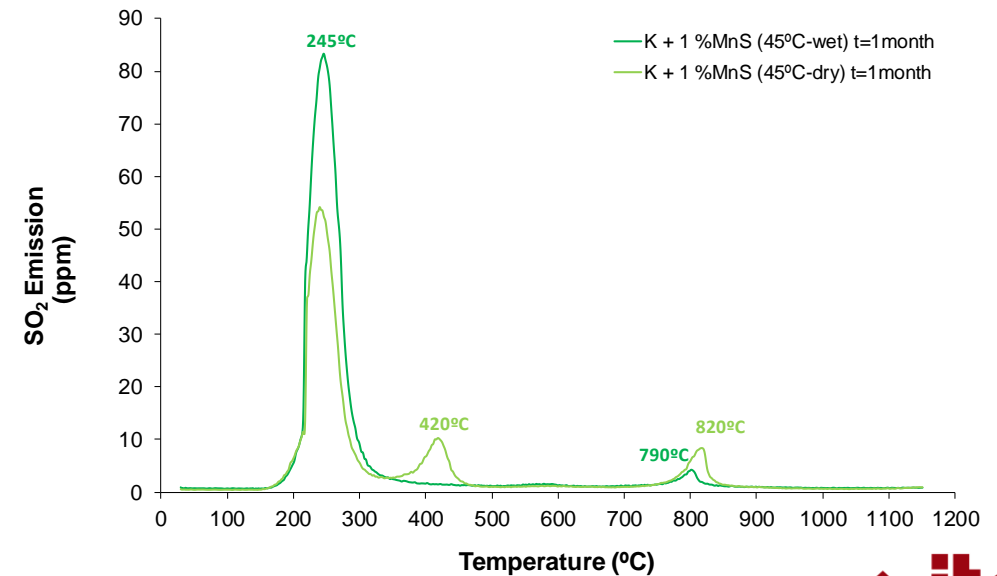
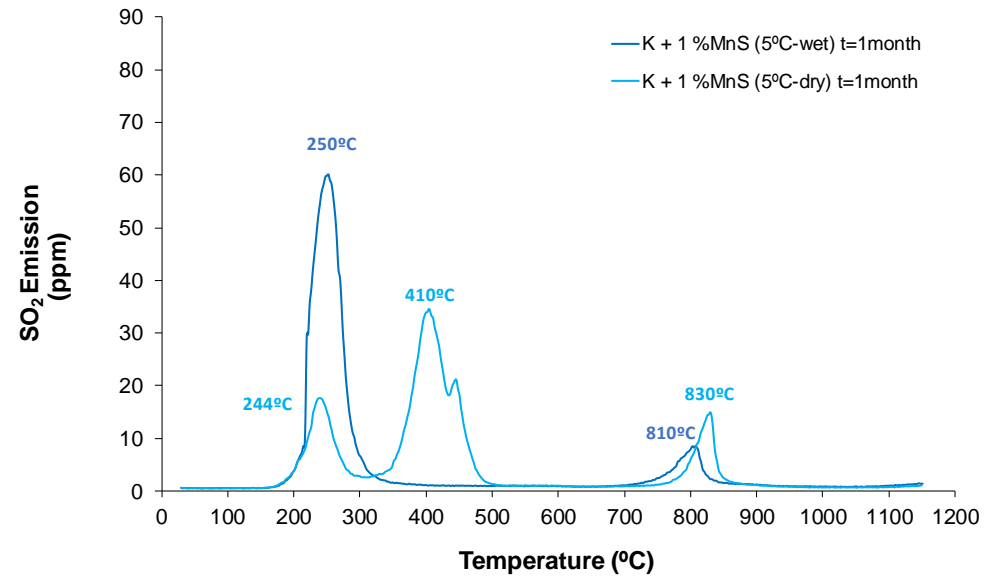
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## RESULTS: 1 MONTH CHALCOPYRITE



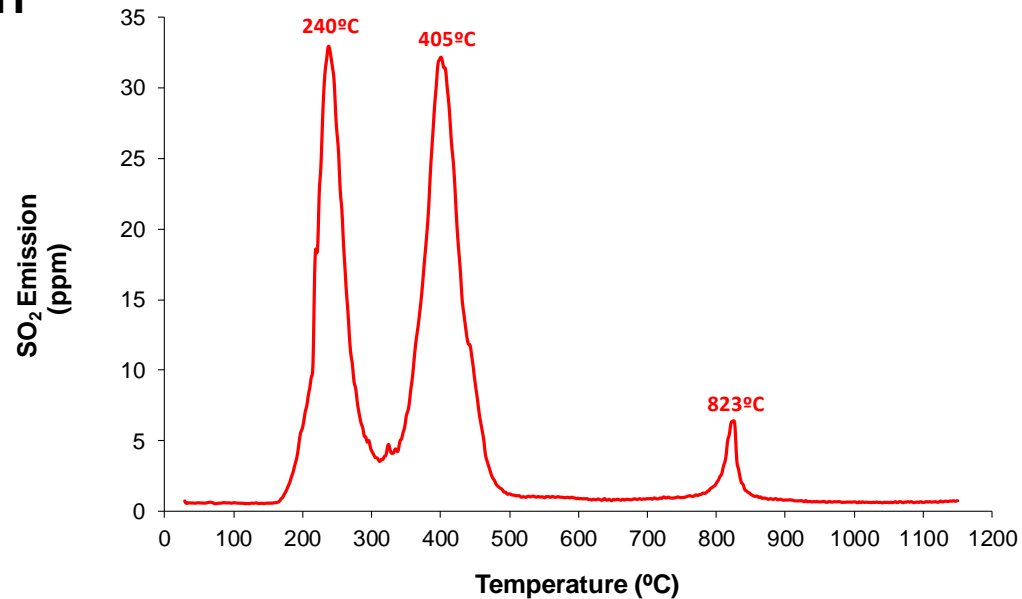
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## RESULTS: 1 MONTH ALABANDITE



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## RESULTS: 1 MONTH ALABANDITE



As is corroborated by thermal analysis:

- First reaction in alabandite is explained by the oxidation of MnS partly into MnO and SO<sub>2</sub>.
- Second exothermic reaction represents oxidation of MnO (or partly MnS) into Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and partial formation of MnSO<sub>4</sub>.
- Third reaction is caused by the transformation of Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> into Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and decomposition of MnSO<sub>4</sub>.

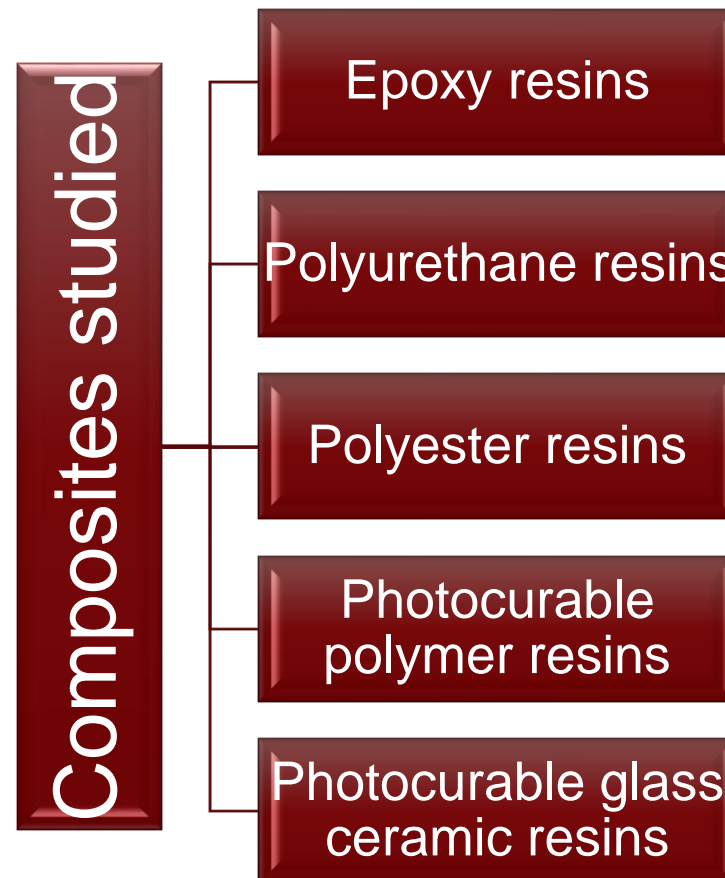


## CONCLUSIONS

1. Significant differences have been observed in the decomposition of sulphides stored in humid environments for a month, causing changes in the emission of SO<sub>2</sub>. This fact is not observed in dry environment.
2. The EGA technique is suitable for the study of impurities of sulphurous nature. It allows study of decompositions and oxidations with temperature with a very low detection limit.
3. In this work, the technique makes it possible to distinguish sulphurous impurities presents in a raw material: pyrite, chalcopyrite and alabandite.

## OBJECTIVE

- Obtaining a characterization method to efficiently control and manage the use of composites in 3D printing.





## Characterization techniques

IR spectroscopy

Elemental Analysis (C,H,N,S)

DSC (Differential Scanning Calorimetry)

TGA (Thermogravimetric Analysis)



# STUDY OF COMPOSITES FOR ADITIVE MANUFACTURING

## EXPERIMENTAL

Selection of  
composites



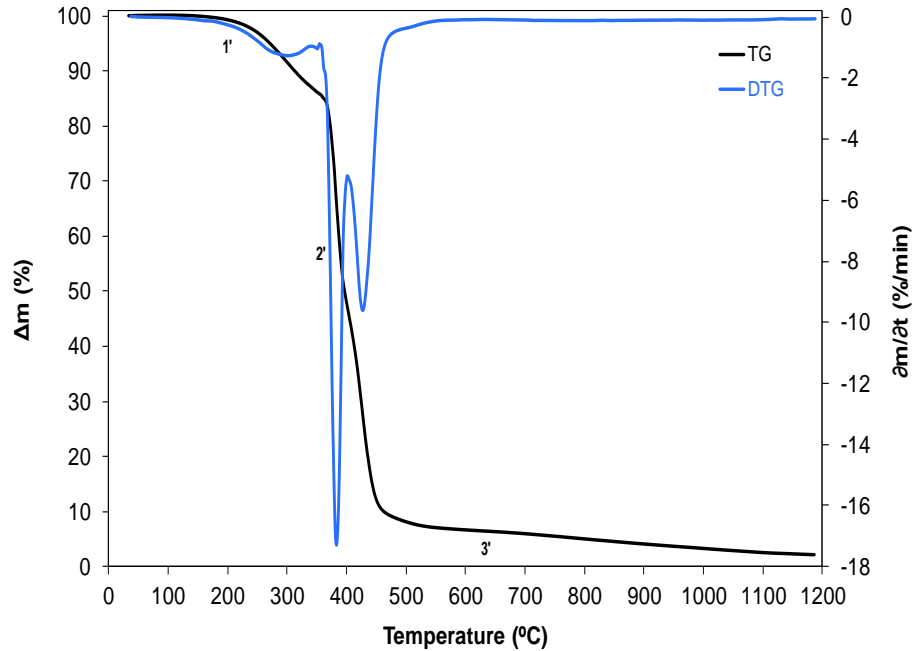
Characterization of  
composites

- IR spectroscopy, Elemental Analysis, DSC, TGA

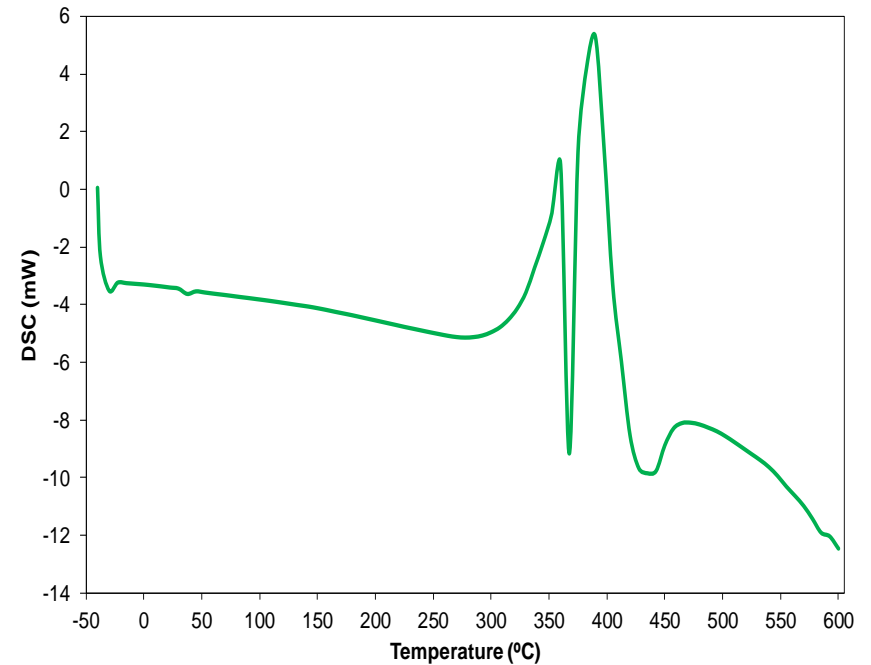
Study of composites  
curing process

- Study of the behavior of composites during the curing process in function of time and temperature

## RESULTS: CHARACTERIZATION OF AN EPOXY RESIN

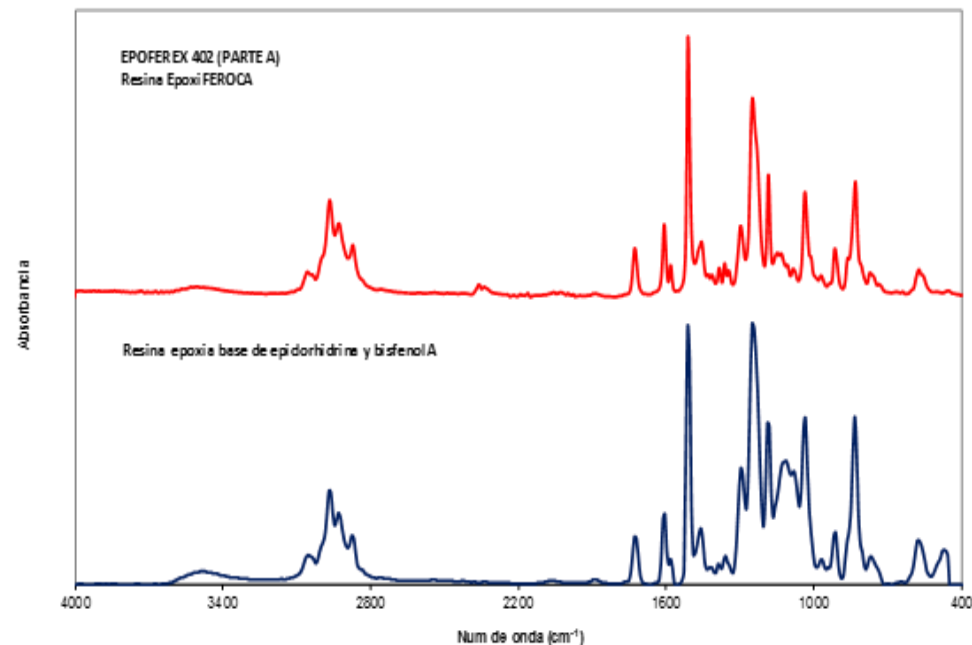
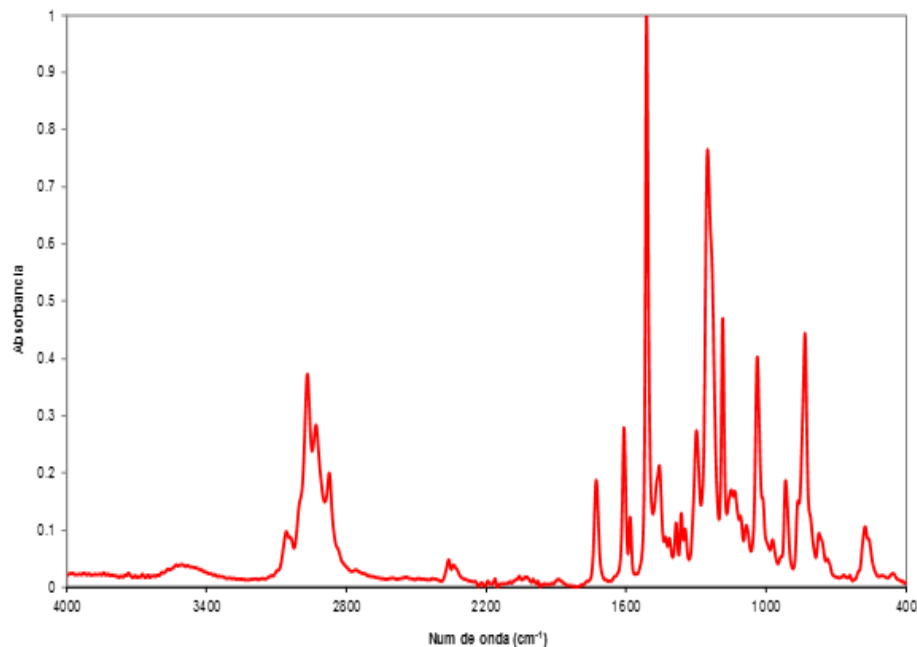


TGA → Information about the compositional analysis of the material and its stability.



DSC → Information about “Glass Transition” ( $T_g$ ) and the curing process.

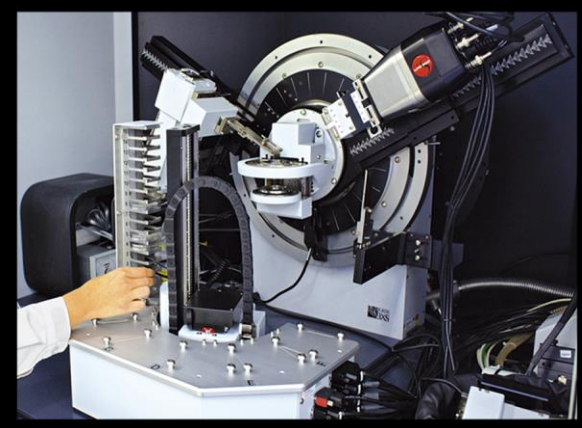
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IR → Quantitative and qualitative information about composition of the material → Epichlorohydrin + Bisphenol A

## CONCLUSIONS

1. TGA analysis provide information about compositional analysis and thermal and oxidative stabilities of studied materials.
2. DSC provides information about “Glass Transition” ( $T_g$ ), onset and completion of cure, maximum rate of cure and percent of cure.
3. IR spectroscopy provides qualitative and quantitative information about the composition of the materials and allows the monitoring of curing reaction.
4. All of these characterization techniques will allow us to optimize the composites curing process, and, in turn, manage them in a more efficient way.



**Thank you for your attention**

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