

# ***Tribological properties of In-Situ $Si_2N_2O-Si_3N_4$ composites***

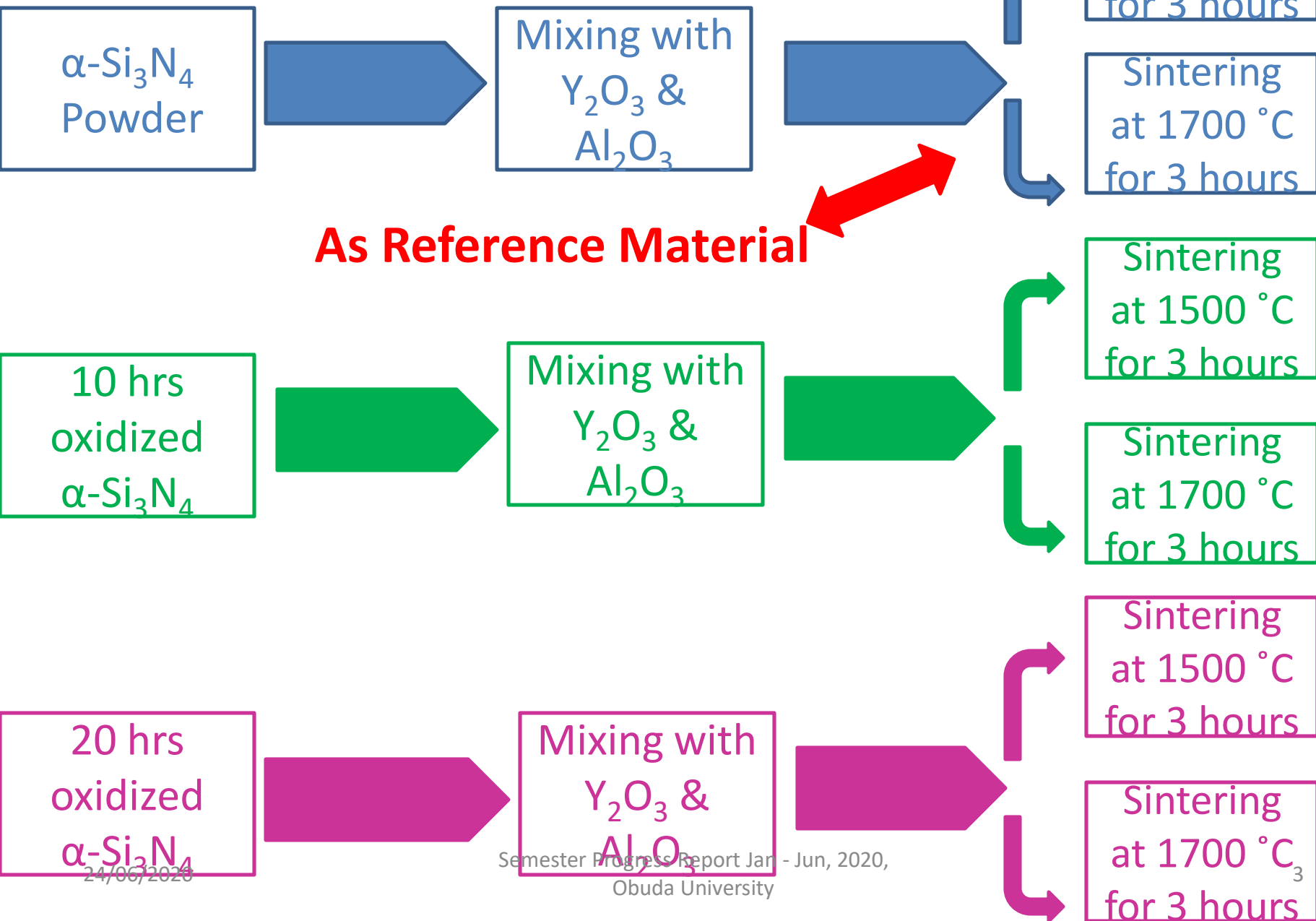
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# Aim of the work

- To study the tribological behaviour of in-situ grown  $\text{Si}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  composites.
- Following parameters were studied:
  - Wear Mechanism
  - Coefficient of friction

# Materials Preparation



As Reference Material

# Samples Details

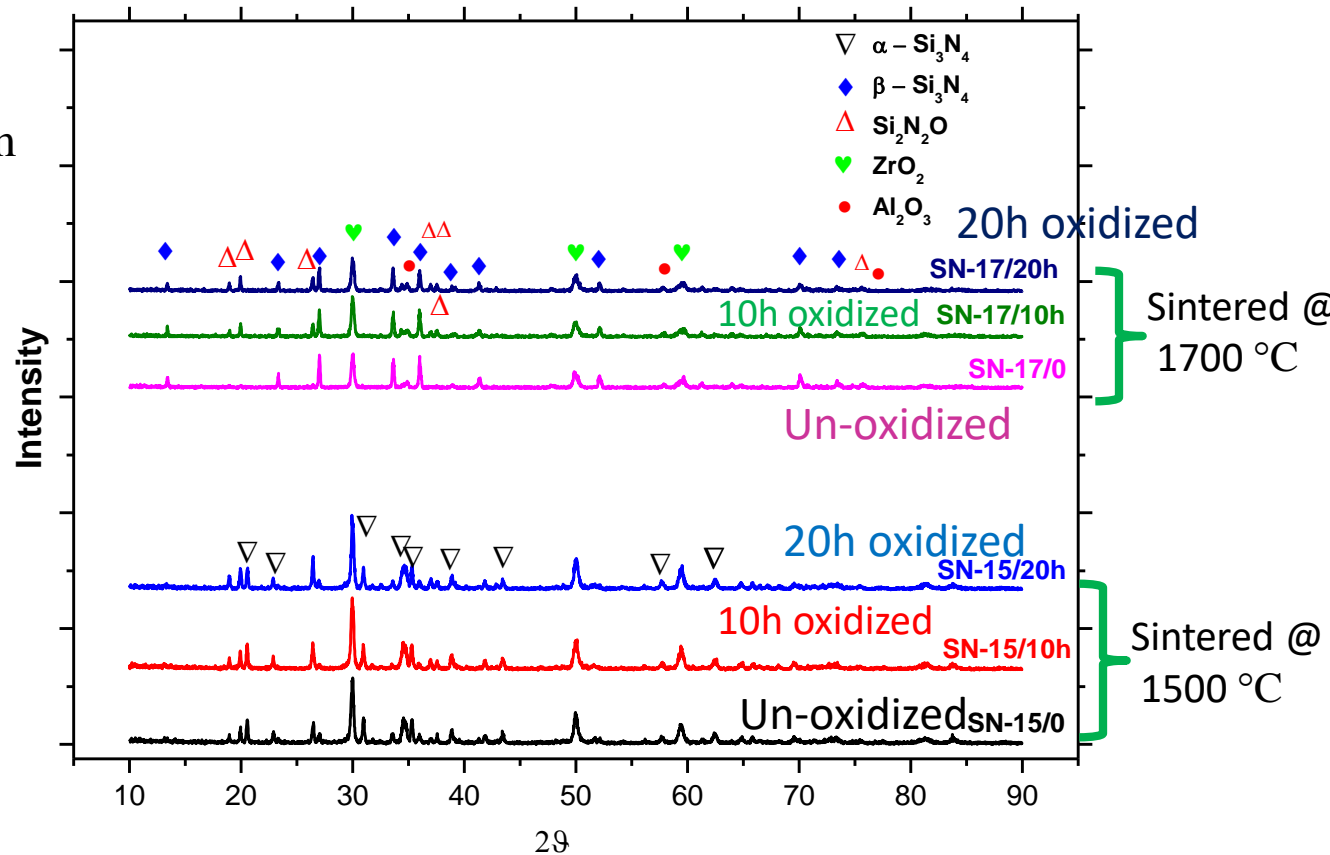
		Oxidation Time (h)	$\alpha$ -Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (wt. %)	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt. %)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt. %)
Un-oxidized	SN-15/0	0	90	6	4
10h oxidized	SN-15/10h	10	90	6	4
20h oxidized	SN-15/20h	20	90	6	4
Un-oxidized	SN-17/0	0	90	6	4
10h oxidized	SN-17/10h	10	90	6	4
20h oxidized	SN-17/20h	20	90	6	4

Complete  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  transformation happened in case of sample sintered at 1700 °C.

# XRD Analysis

Phase  $\text{Si}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  appeared in samples which processed from the oxidized powders.

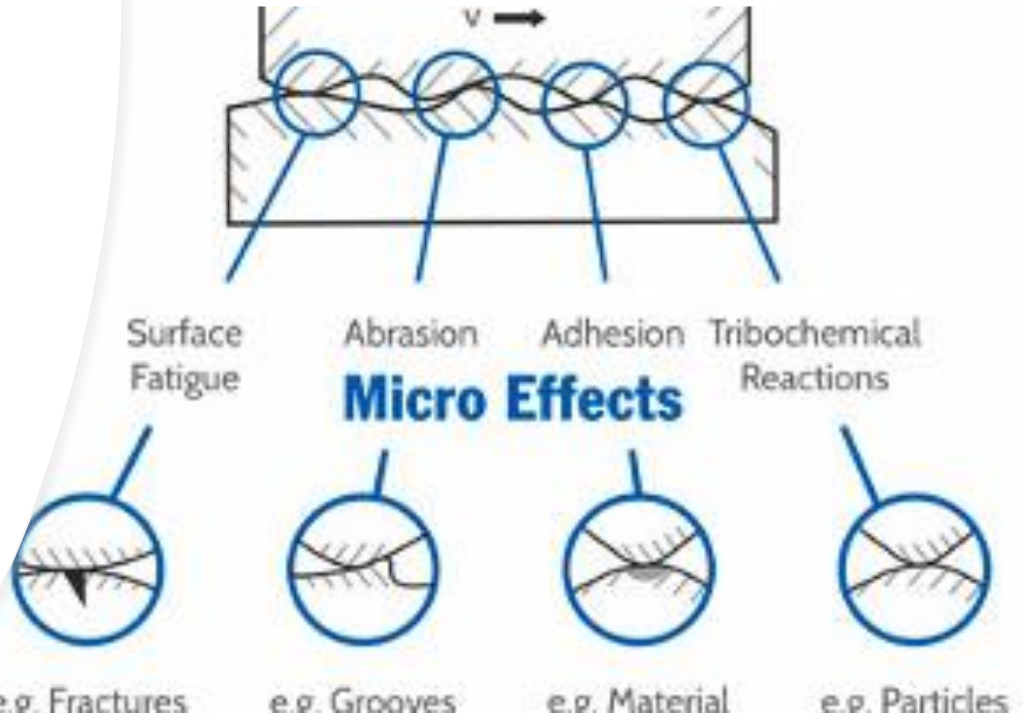
The amount of  $\text{Si}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  increasing with the oxidation time or amount oxides in starting powders.



# What is Tribology



- Tribology = Greek word “Tribos”  
Tribos = “Rubbing and Sliding”
- Tribology is a scientific study which deals with friction, lubrication and wear of contacting bodies.
- Tribological knowledge helps to improve service life, safety and reliability of interacting machine components and yields in economic benefits.



# What is Tribology and its importance?

Examples of tribosystems in various technology areas

• Machinery

• Production

• Transportation

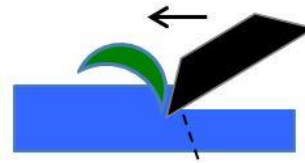
• Medical technology



Bearing



Gear drive



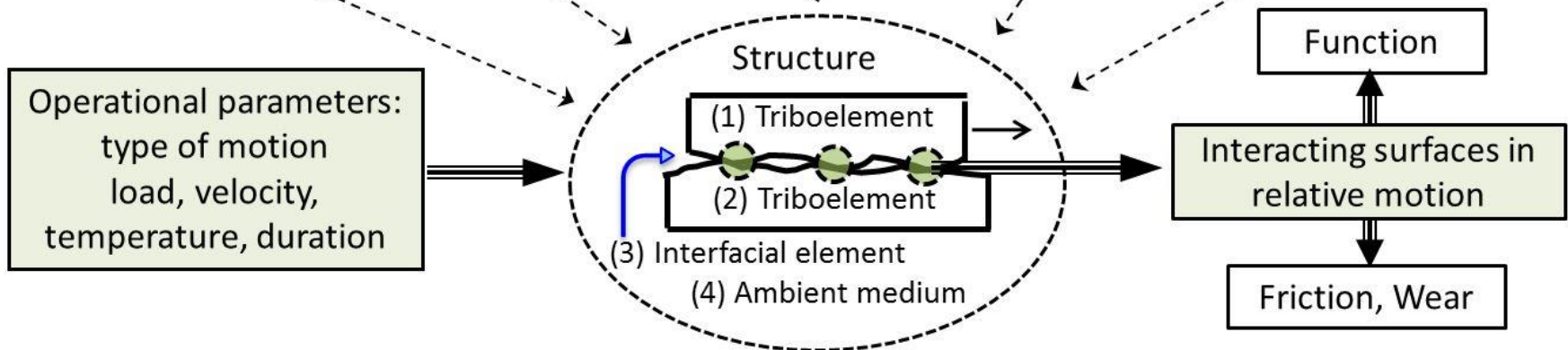
Machining



Tire/road



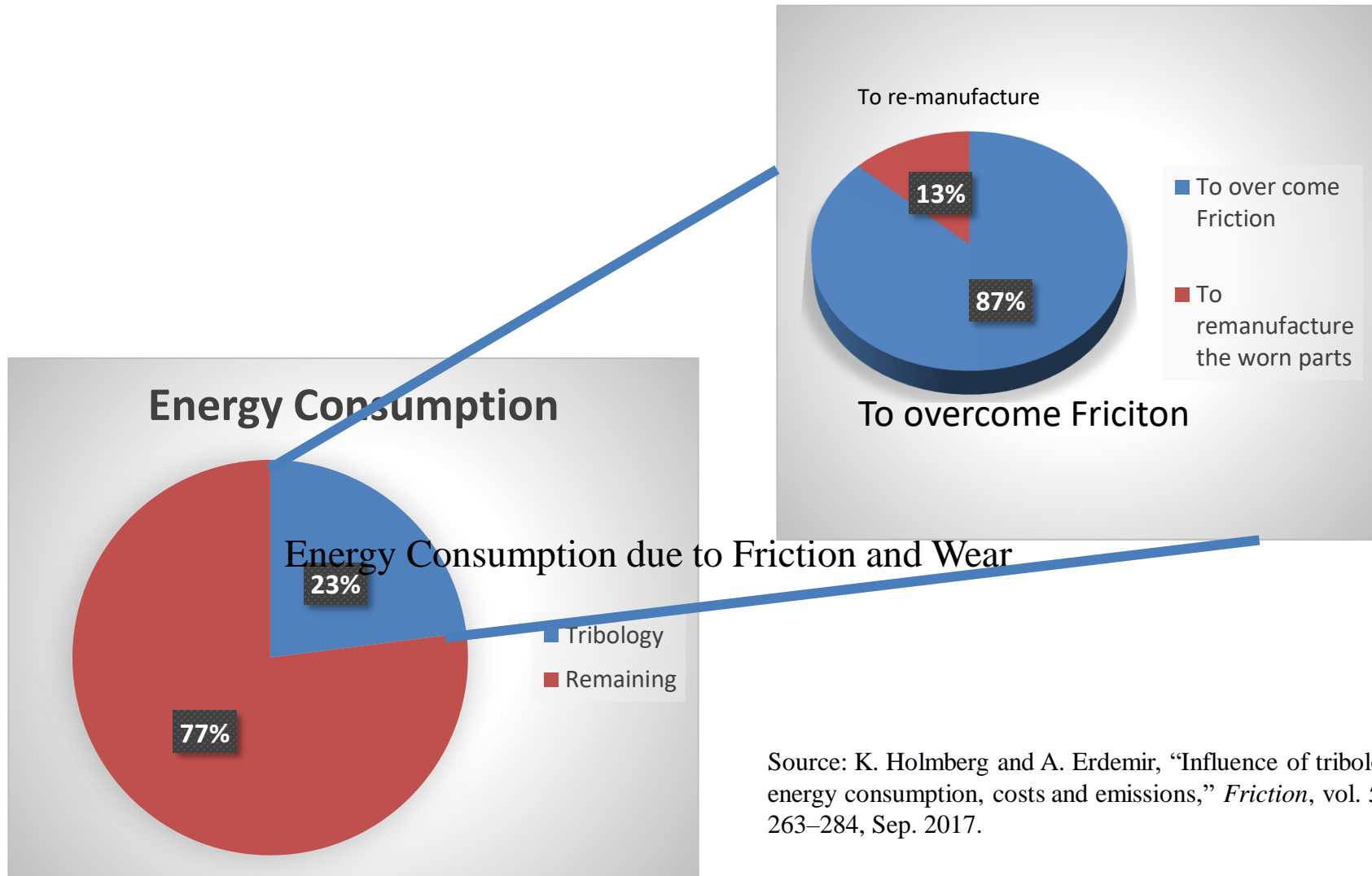
Hip joint



The objective of tribology is to optimise technical systems with interacting surfaces in relative motion

Source: H. Czichos and M. Woydt: Introduction to Tribology and Tribological Parameters.  
ASM handbook, Vol. 18, Friction, Lubrication and Wear Technology, 2017

# Impact of Tribological Issues on Global Economy



Source: K. Holmberg and A. Erdemir, "Influence of tribology on global energy consumption, costs and emissions," *Friction*, vol. 5, no. 3, pp. 263–284, Sep. 2017.



# Tribological Testing of our samples

Ball-on-disk technique

Counter part =  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  ball (D=5 mm)

Condition = Dry sliding condition

Temperature = Room temperature (25 C)

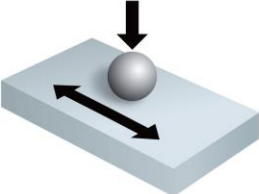
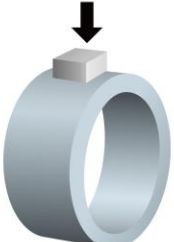
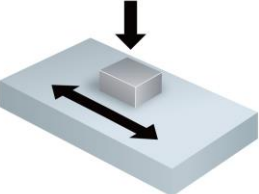
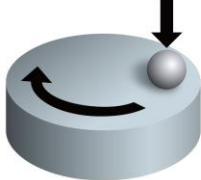
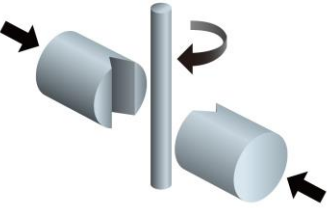
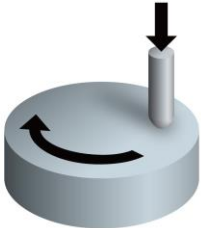
Humidity = 51%

Normal applied load = 5 N

Sliding speed = 0.05 m/s

Sliding distance = 1000 m.

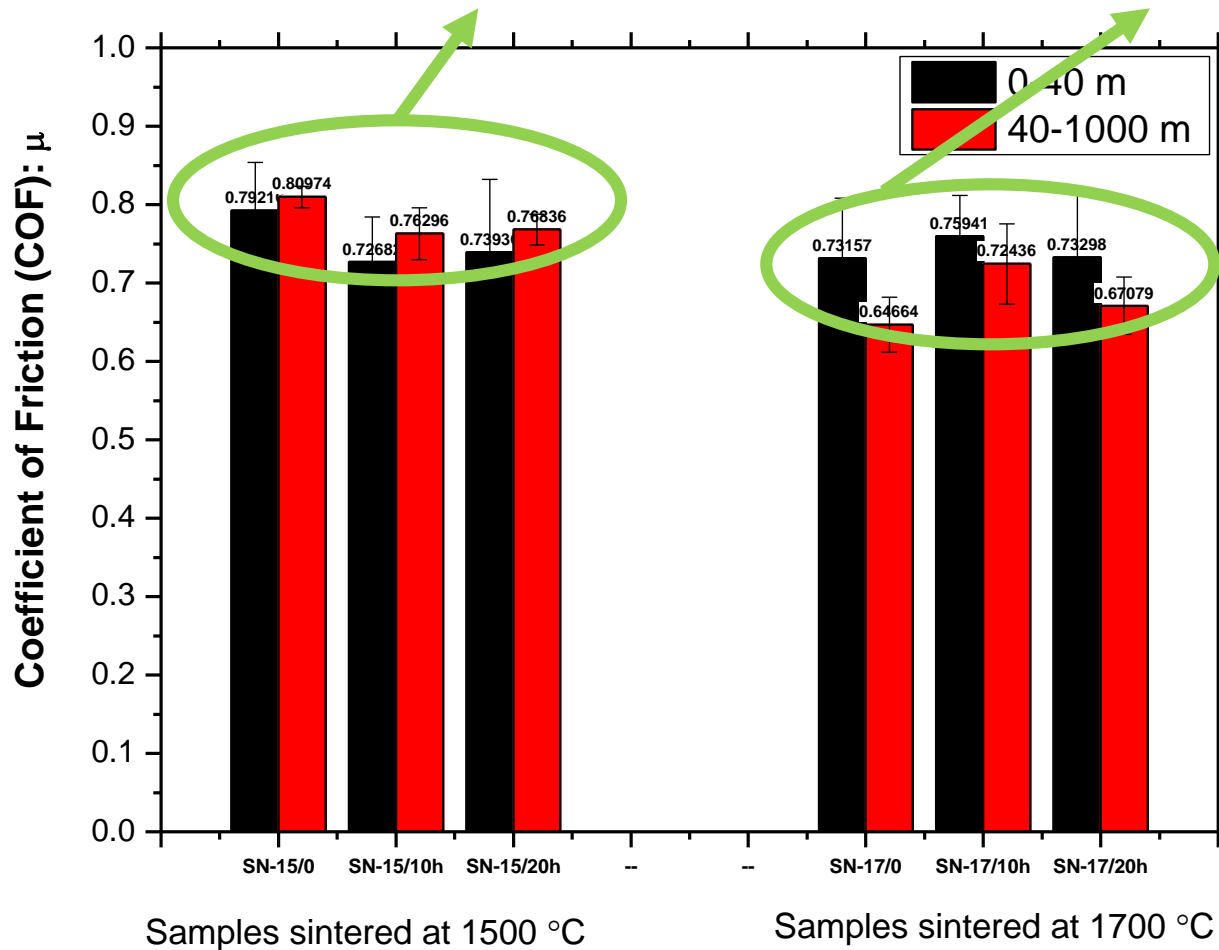
Different types of testing techniques

Point Contact	Linear Contact	Plane Contact
 Ball on Plate	 Block on Ring	 Block on Plate
 Ball on Disk	 Pair v-blocks on Pin	 Pin on Disk

Source: [https://www.face-kyowa.co.jp/english/en\\_science/en\\_what\\_friction.html](https://www.face-kyowa.co.jp/english/en_science/en_what_friction.html)

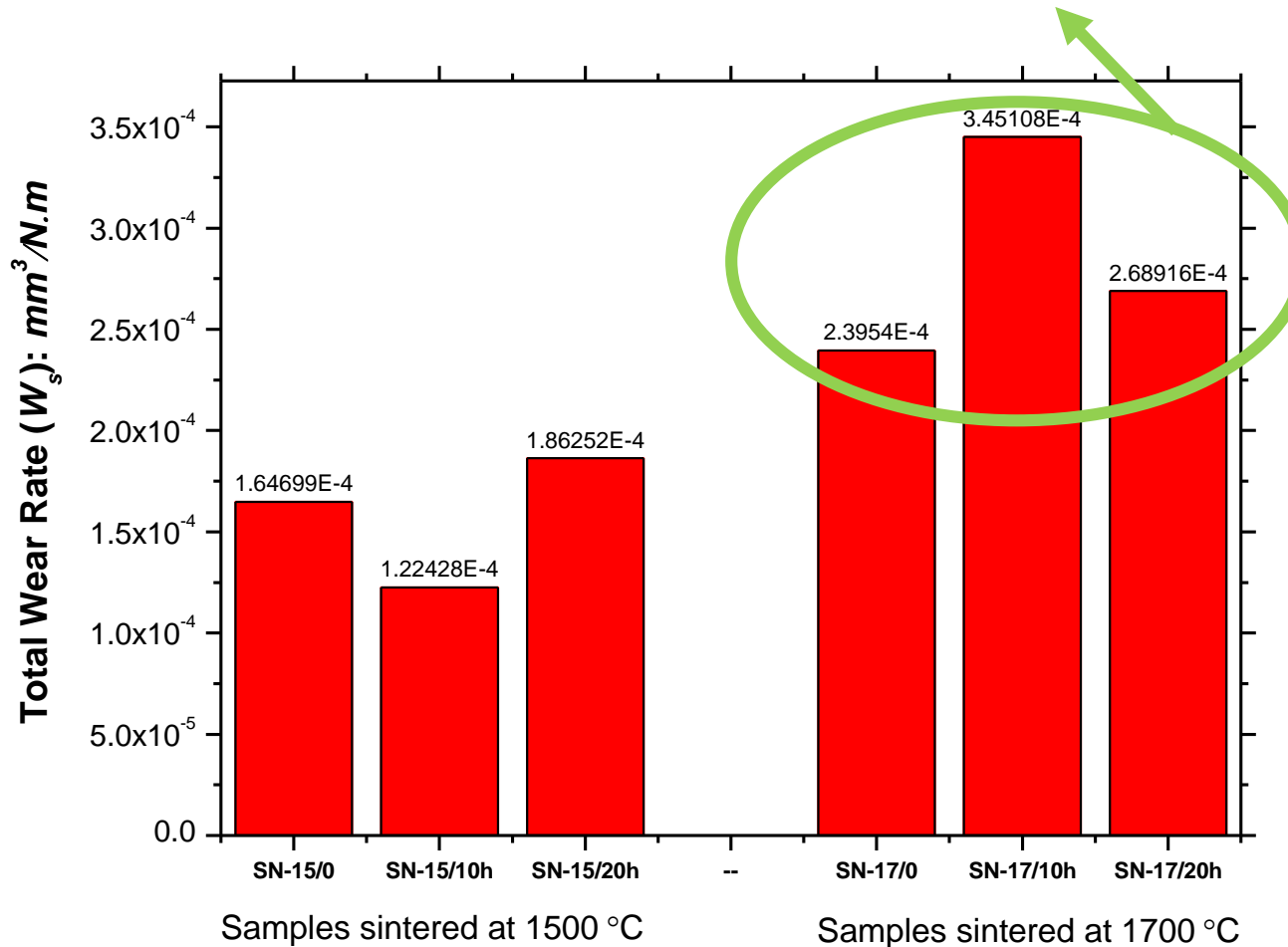
# Coefficient of Friction

Overall, COF of samples sintered at 1500 C was higher than that of 1700 C



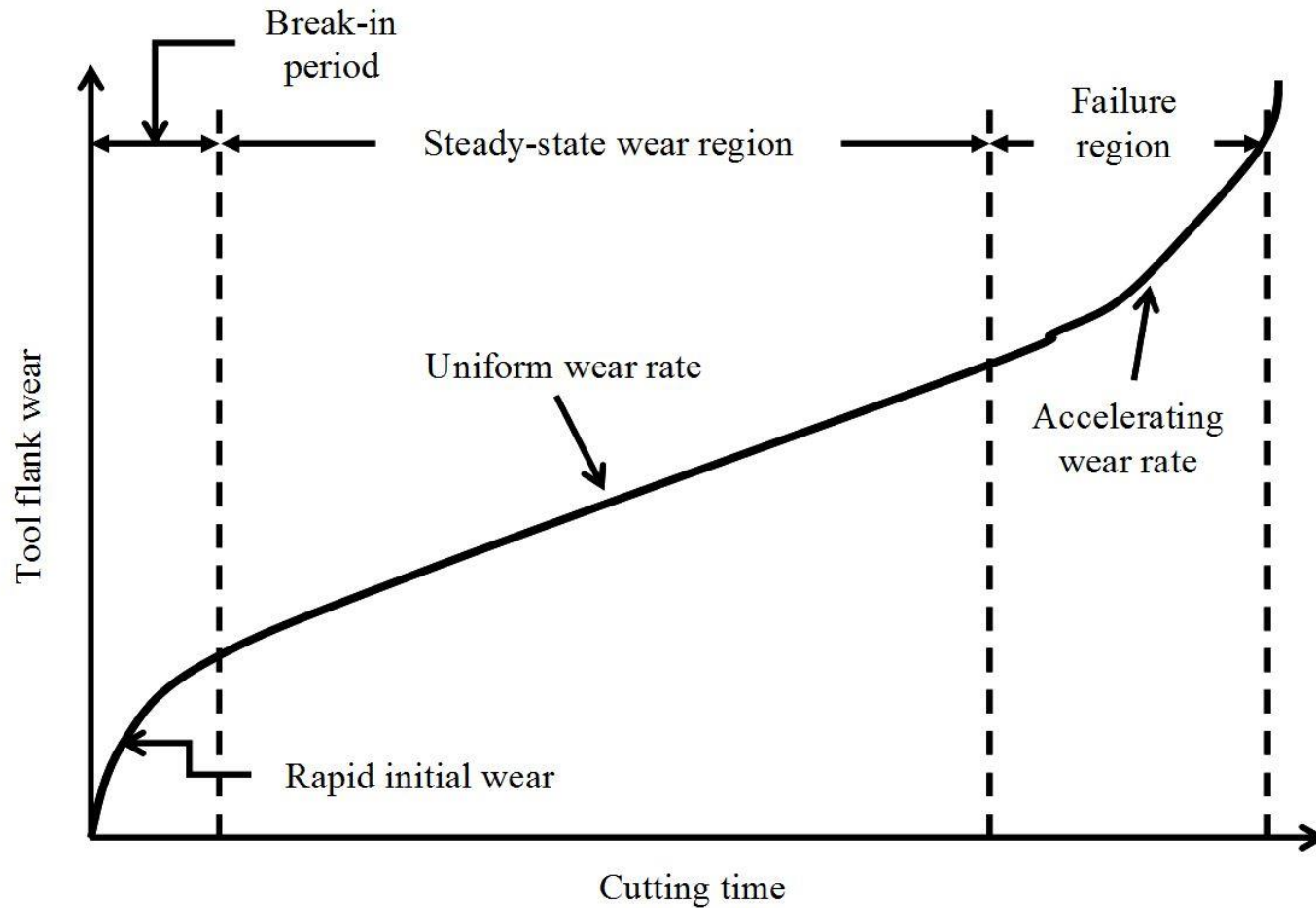
# Wear Rate

Wear Rate of samples sintered at 1700 °C was higher than that of 1500 °C



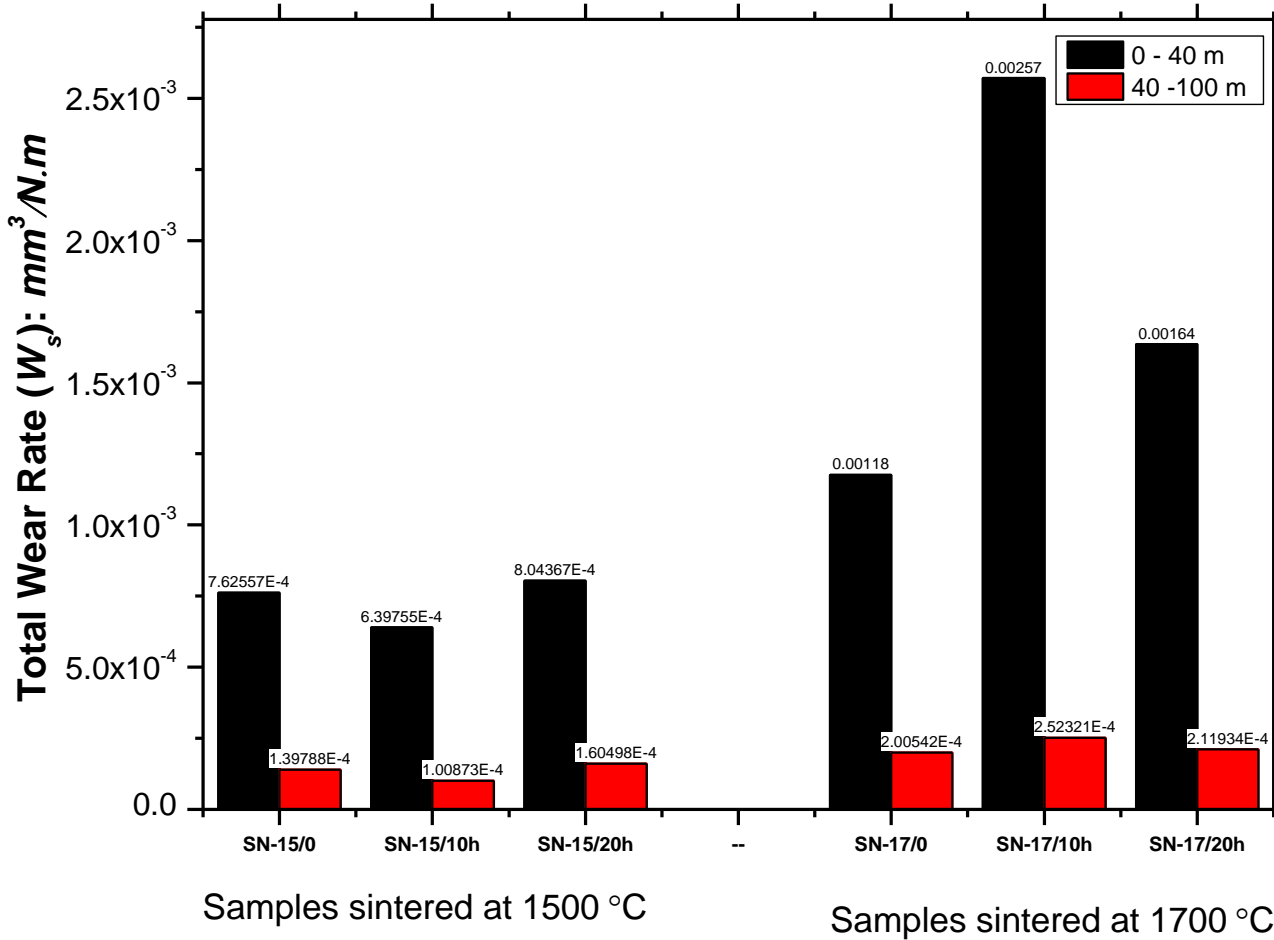
Low wear rate can be attributed to the present amount alpha phase, Alpha phase is harder and robust than beta phase.

# Stages of Wear Rate



Source: Machinability of Titanium Alloys in Drilling  
By Safian Sharif, Erween Abd Rahim and Hiroyuki Sasahara  
Submitted: May 17th 2011 | Reviewed: October 12th 2011 | Published: March 16th 2012  
DOI: 10.5772/35948

# Wear rate in Different Stages

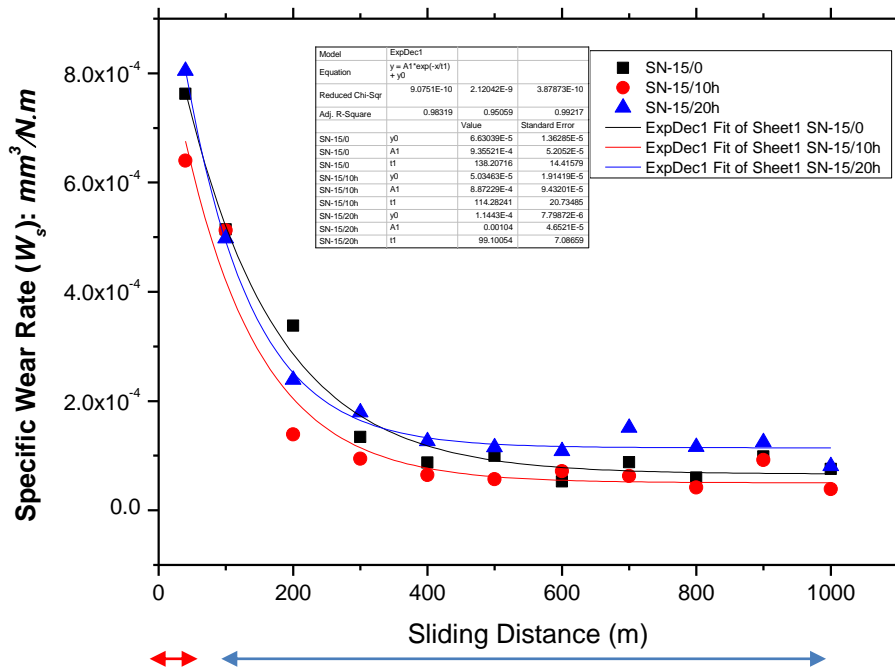


For our samples, the first 40 m of sliding is a *run-in stage*

In first 0-40 m (*run-in stage*), the wear rate was almost time higher than the overall wear rate.

# Wear rate at every 100 m

## Sintered at 1500 °C

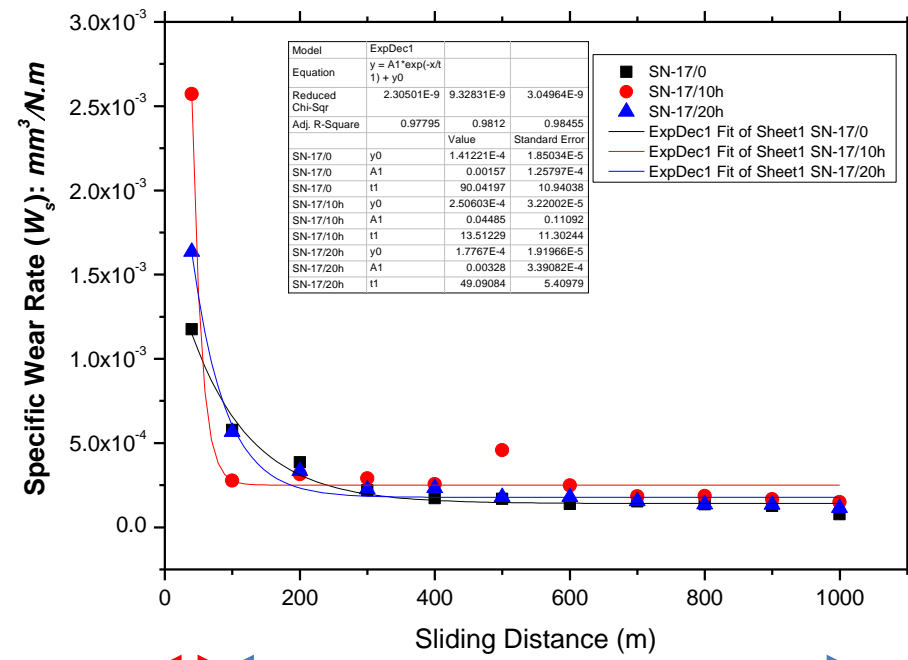


*Run-in*  
*0-40 m*

*Steady State*  
*40-1000 m*

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## Sintered at 1700 °C

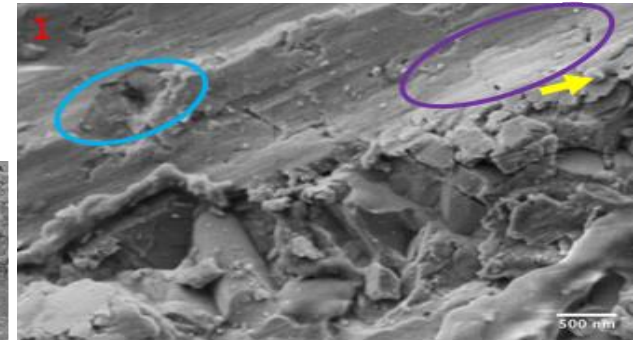
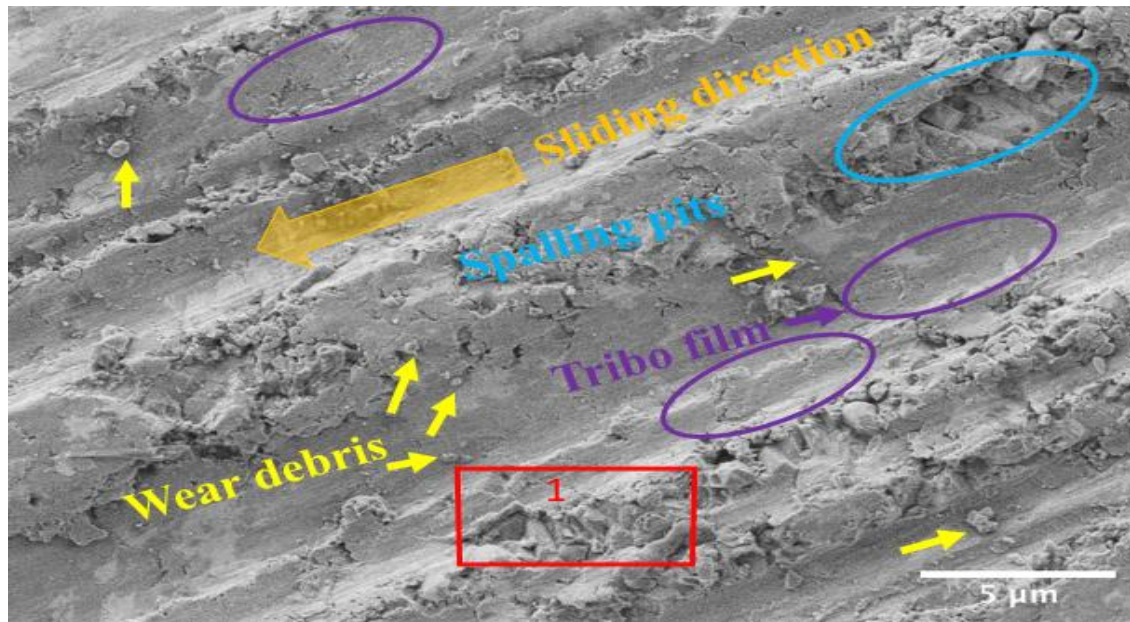


*Run-in*  
*0-40 m*

*Steady State*  
*40-1000 m*

# Wear Mechanism

SEM Image of wear track



# Conclusion

- Oxidizing the starting powders of  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  is successful in order to grow *in-situ*  $\text{Si}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in sintered  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ .
- The wear rate in *run-in stage* is much higher than that of *steady-state* stage. 1000 m sliding distance is still a steady state, no catastrophic failure was observed.
- The COF is higher for the composites sintered at 1500 °C and lower wear rates due to the presence of higher amount of  $\alpha$  -  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  in the composite.



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