

## 33rd Cotton Conference



### Polyphosphazenes as halogen free flame retardants for textiles

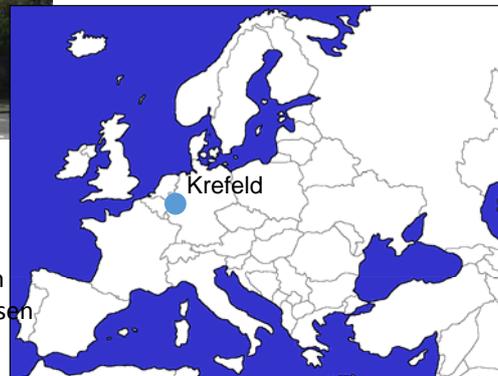


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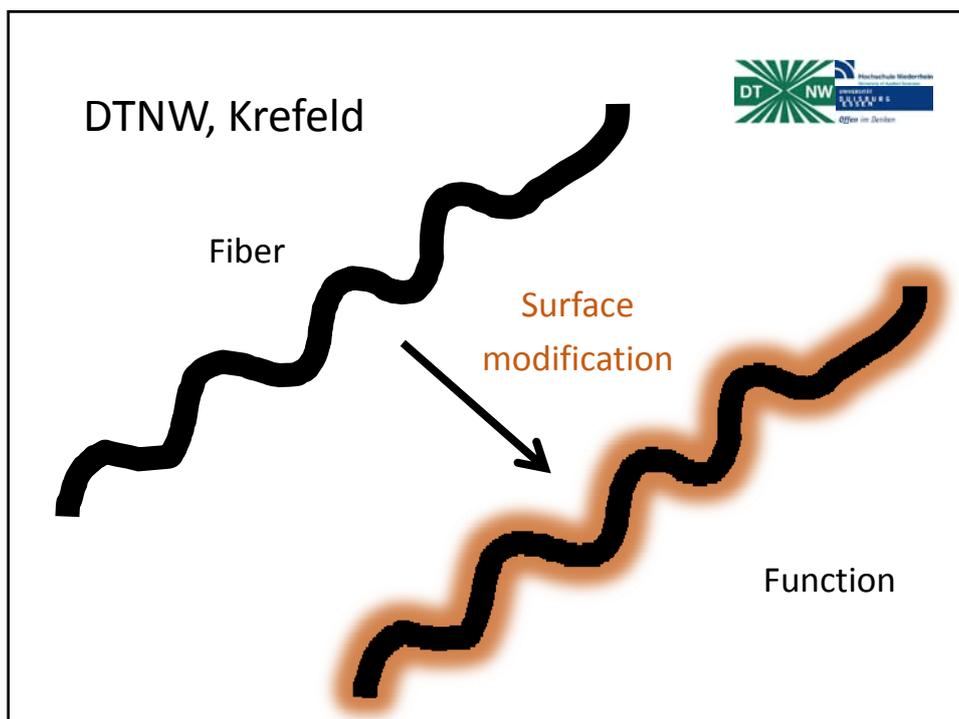
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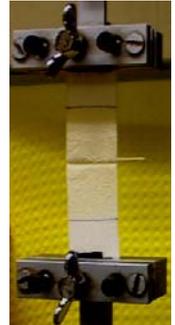


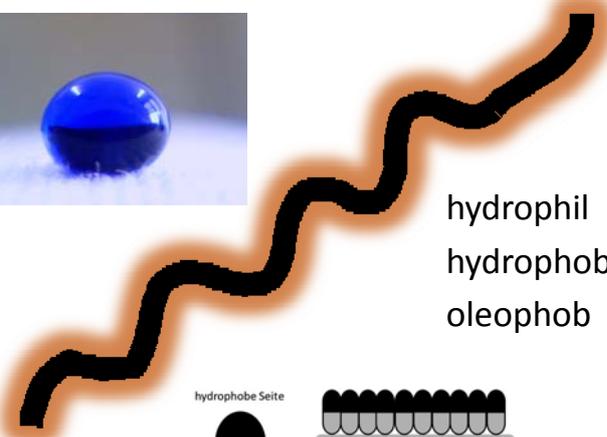
## Methods

- thermal
  - wet chemical
  - sol-gel process
  - super-critical fluids
  - physical
  - photo-chemical
  - laser
  - ...
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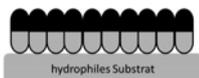
## Wettability, adhesion



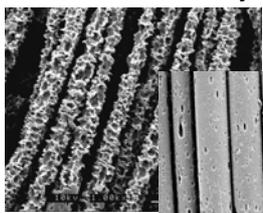
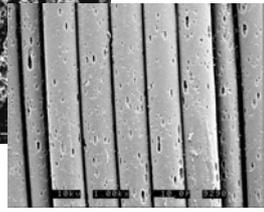
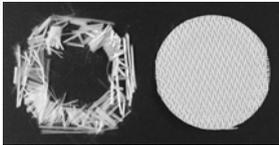


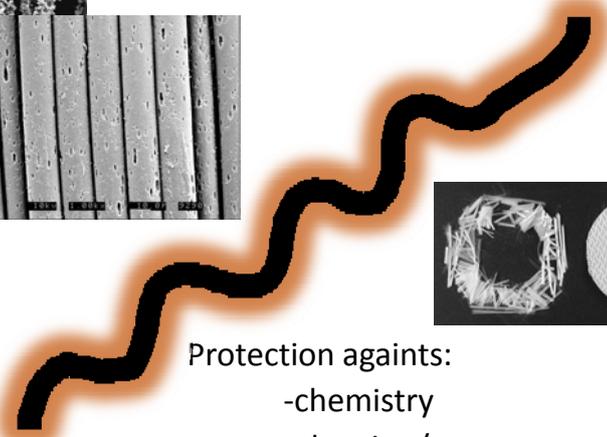
hydrophil  
hydrophob  
oleophob


## Barrier-layers





Protection againsts:

- chemistry
- abrasion/wear
- light (UV or IR)

## New green dyeing solvents

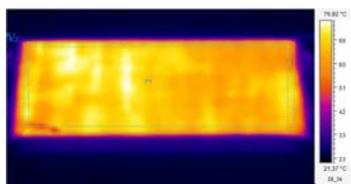


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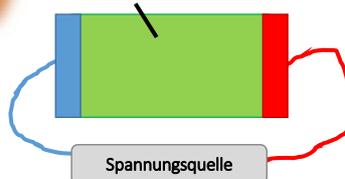
Ionic Liquids



## Conductive Textiles



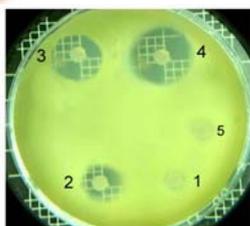
PEDOT:PTSA-Ausrüstung



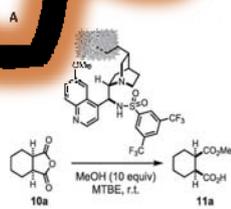
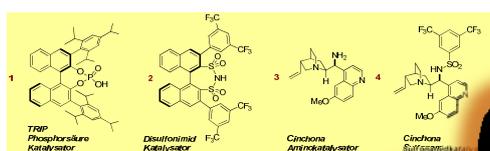
## Antimicrobial Textiles Antifouling Textiles



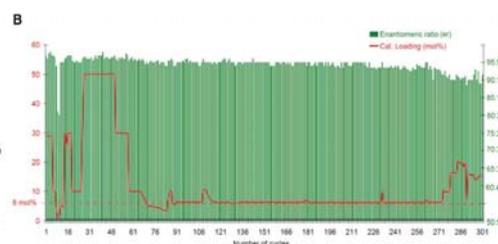
Silver, Copper, Zinc  
Biopolymere  
Photo-catalytic surfaces



## Organotextile Catalysis



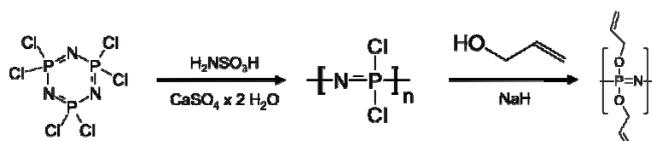
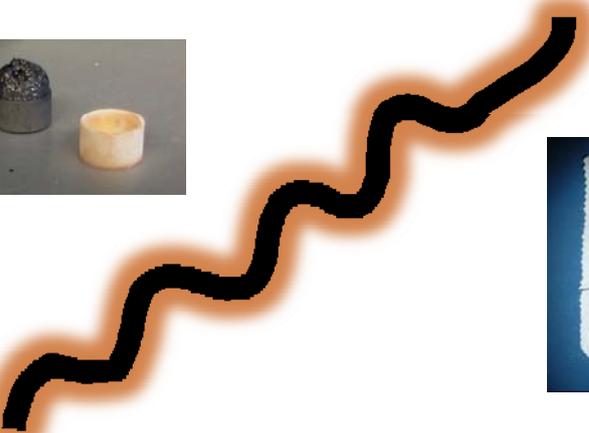
OrganoTexCat-3a (10 mol%): 99%, 96.5:3.5 er (14 h)  
Unsupported catalyst 3a (5 mol%): 99%, 97:3 er (2 h)



## Environmental Remediation - Urban-Mining



## Flammschutz



## Why flame retardants? Why halogene free?



- World: 300.000 dead by fire  
+ serious burns/deformation
- Europe: 25.000 dead at 2.5 million fire
- 1 % economical damage
- 80 % dead at house fire

### Why no halogens?

- Environmental problem
- Toxicity, persistent, bioaccumulation, cancerogenic
- REACH / Ban of use

## Why flame retardant textiles?



Cotton

Cotton/PET  
50:50

PET

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**Cotton**

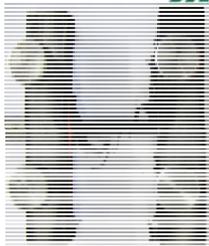




**PET**

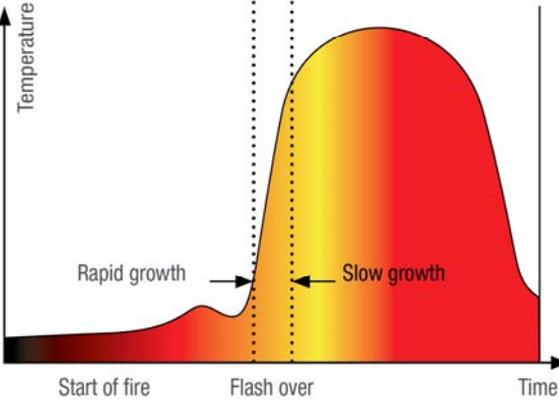


**Cotton/PET 50:50**




### Task of a flame retardant





The graph plots Temperature on the y-axis and Time on the x-axis. It shows a curve representing fire growth. Key points on the x-axis are 'Start of fire', 'Flash over', and 'Time'. The curve has a small initial peak, followed by a period of 'Rapid growth' leading to a large peak, and then a period of 'Slow growth' as the temperature begins to decrease. The area under the curve is shaded with a color gradient from red at the base to yellow at the peak.

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## Functions of Flame retardants



- Dilution of the gas phase by
  - Nitrogen
  - Water
- Radical Scavenger
  - Bromine or Chlorine compounds
- Formation of a barrier layer
  - Char formation (phosphor compounds/nanoclays)
  - Intumescent layer

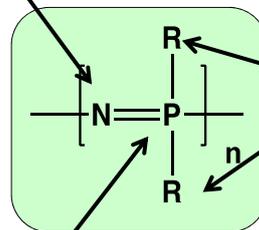


## Why polyphosphazenes?



Nitrogen:

- dilution of gas phase



Anchor Groups

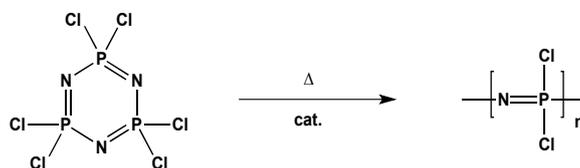
- properties modification
- further flame retardant function

Phosphor:

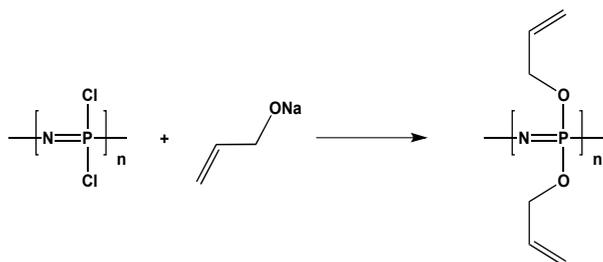
- Char and
- Barrier layer formation



## Solvent-based synthesis of polyphosphazenes



Linear Chloro-PPZ



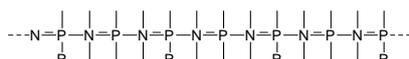
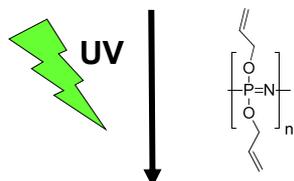
AllyPPZ

Mujumdar, A. N.; Young, S. G.; Merker, R. L.; Magill, J. H.  
Macromolecules 1990, 23, 14–21., DOI: 10.1021/ma00203a004

## Next step: Photo-induced immobilization

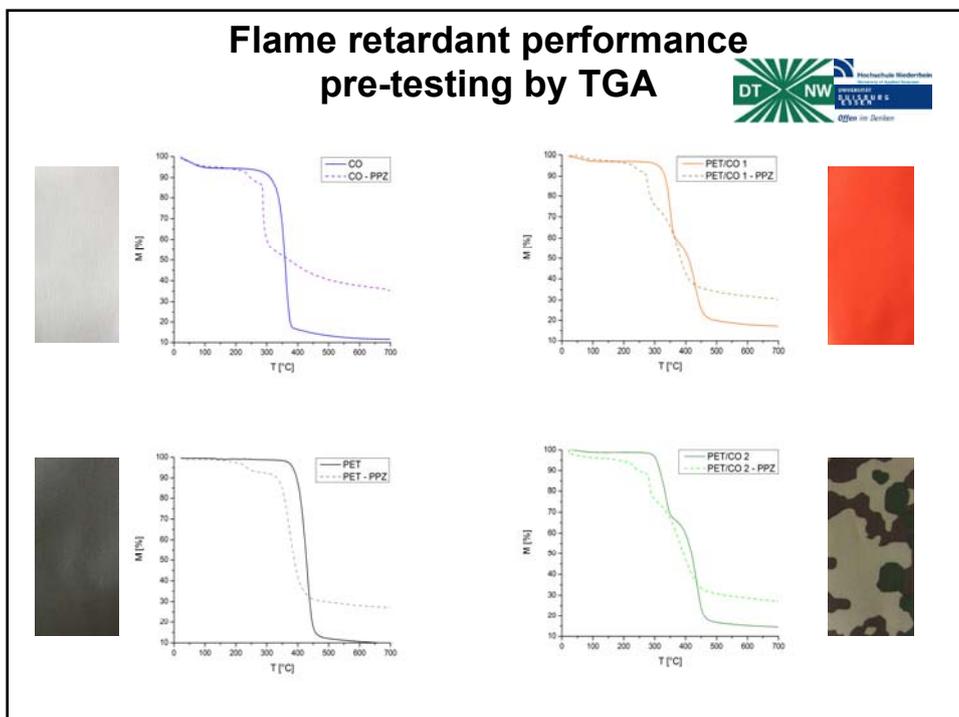
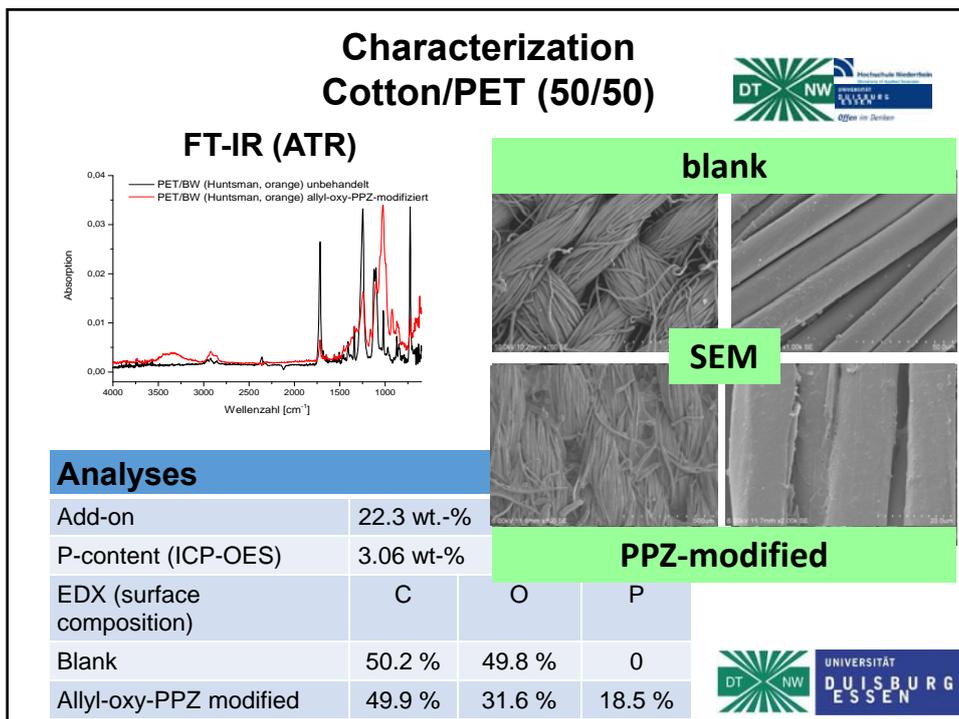


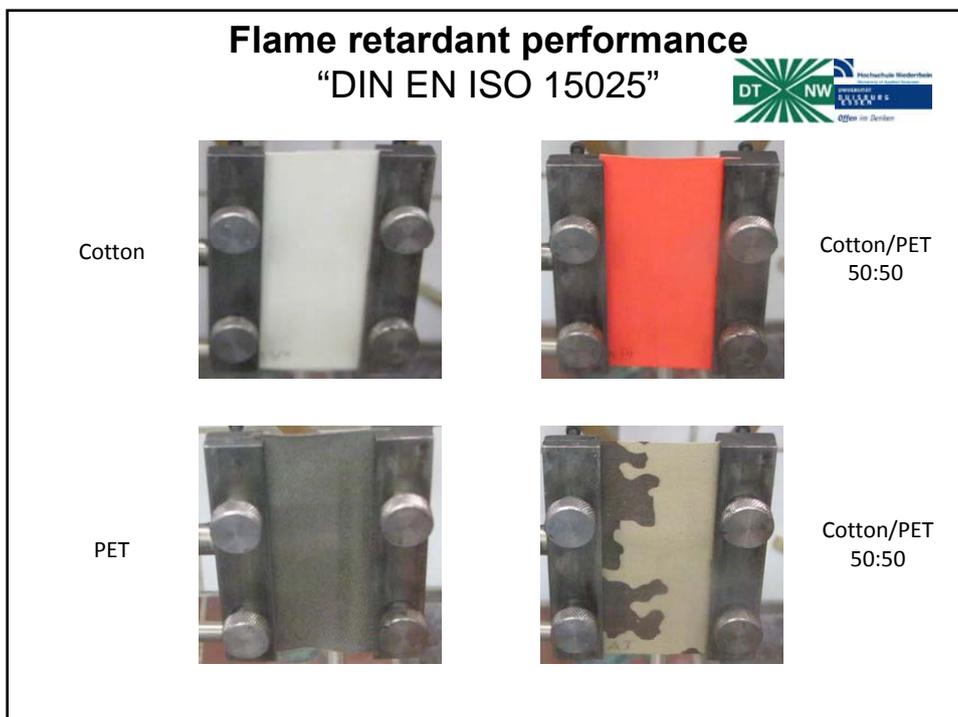
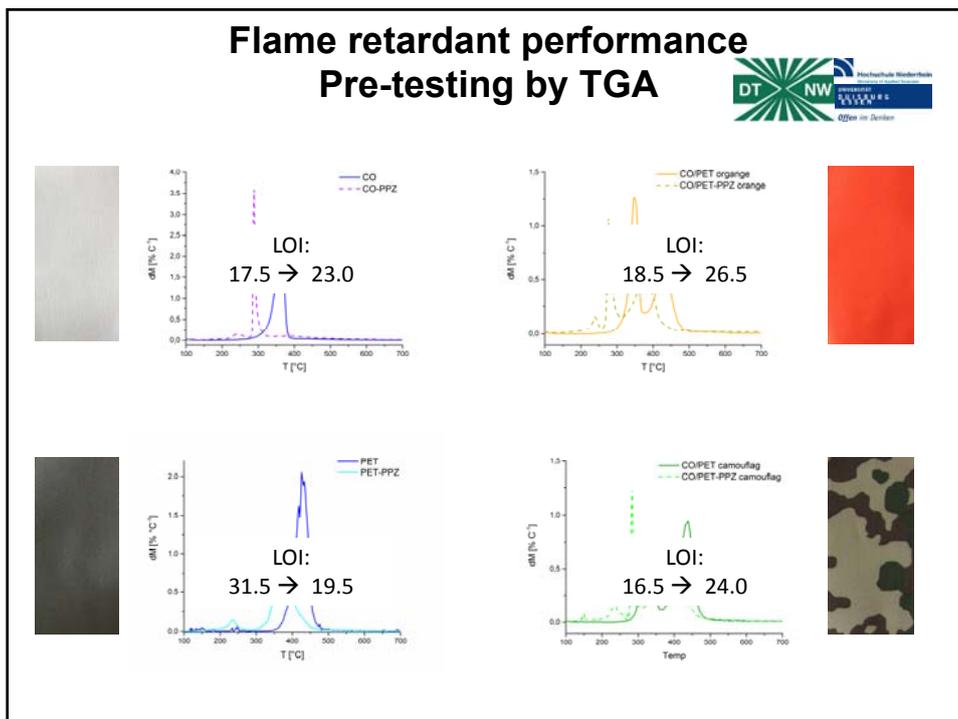
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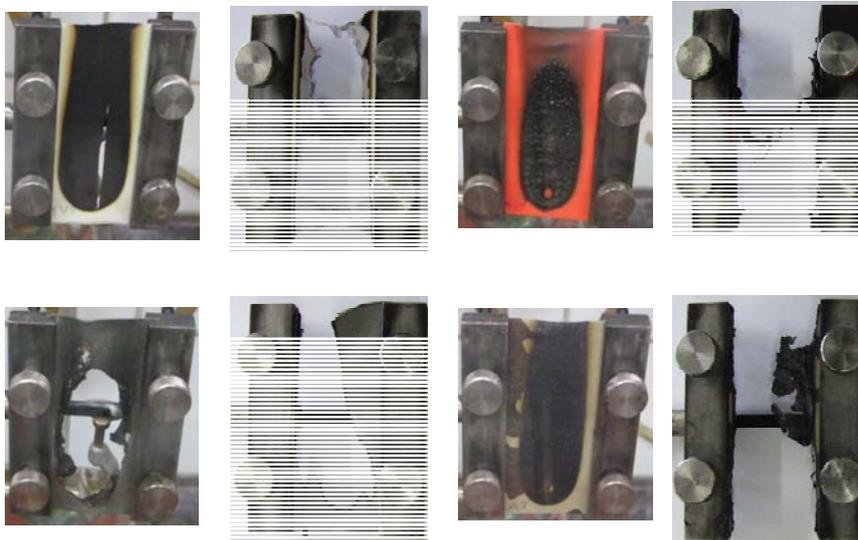
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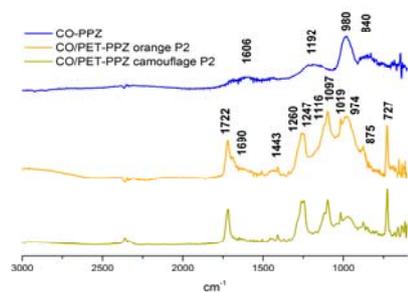
## Flame retardant performance "DIN EN ISO 15025"



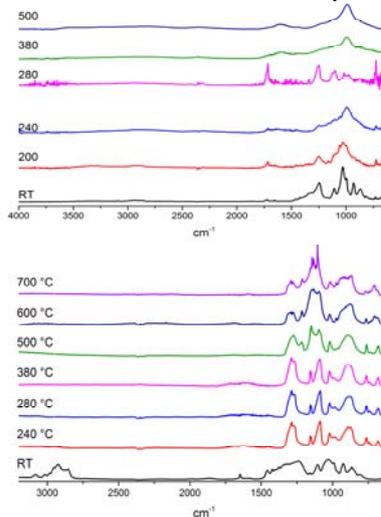
## Mechanism: Char Analysis - Thermal decomposition



IR - Char



IR – thermal decomp.



### Washing resistance

**Example: Cotton/PET Blend (50/50)**





untreated



1 Washing Cycle  
Add-on 26.7 %



2 Washing Cycles  
Add-on 26.7 %



6 Washing Cycles  
Add-on 25.8 %

**No significant loss of weight**  
**No significant loss of flame retardant performance**

### Abrasion resistance

**Example: Cotton/PET Blend (50/50)**





5 k rounds



10 k rounds



50 k rounds



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## Permanent Flame Retardant Finishing of Textiles by Allyl-Functionalized Polyphosphazenes

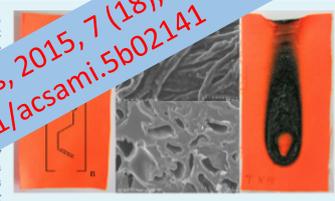
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**S** Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Despite their excellent flame retardant properties, polyphosphazenes are currently not used as flame retardant agents for textile finishing, because a permanent fixation on the substrate surface has failed so far. Here, we present the successful synthesis and characterization of a noncombustible allyl-forming polyphosphazene derivative, that can be fixed permanently on cotton and different cotton/polyester blends using photoinduced grafting reactions. The flame retardant properties are improved, a higher char yield is observed, and the modified textiles pass the UL 94 V-0 test. As flame retardant agents, the immobilized polyphosphazenes on the substrate were observed. The results show that the immobilized polyphosphazenes reduce mass loss in the decomposition of cotton and polyester blends. The decomposition composition of cotton and polyester leads to the formation of phosphorus oxynitride, which is fixed on the fiber surface. In addition, the permanence of the flame retardant finishing was proven by washing tests.

**Keywords:** cotton, polyester/cotton blends, textiles, polyphosphazenes, permanent flame retardant finishing, photoinduced grafting, immobilization



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