

*Final project report on UGC Major Research Project entitled*

**FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NANO  
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  REINFORCED MAGNESIUM METAL MATRIX  
COMPOSITES**

**UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR)**

**Dated: 19-02-2014**



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Submitted to

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI – 110 002**

Submitted by

**Dr. K. Ravindra,**  
Professor, M. E. Dept.,



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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI - 110 002.

***FINAL REPORT OF THE WORK DONE ON THE  
MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT***

**FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NANO  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$   
REINFORCED MAGNESIUM METAL MATRIX COMPOSITES**

**1. Name and address of the principal investigator**

Dr.K.Ravindra  
Professor & Head, M. E. Dept.,  
Department of Mechanical Engineering,  
R.V.R. & J.C. College of Engineering,  
Chowdavarm,  
Guntur-19

**2. Name and address of the Institution**

R.V.R. & J.C. College of Engineering,  
Chowdavarm,  
Guntur-19

**3. UGC approval No. and date**

UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR)

**4. Date of implementation**

01-04-2014

**5. Tenure of the project**

3 Years

**6. Total grant allocated**

Rs. 4, 36, 000/-

**7. Total grant received**

NIL

**8. Final expenditure**

Rs. 1,33,910.88/-



9. Title of the project

**FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION  
OF NANO  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  REINFORCED MAGNESIUM  
METAL MATRIX COMPOSITES**

10. Objectives of the project

Attached as Enclosure-I

11. Whether objectives were achieved

Yes (Details Attached as Enclosure-II)

12. Achievements from the project

Attached as Enclosure-III

13. Summary of the findings

Attached as Enclosure-IV

14. Contribution to the society

Attached as Enclosure-V

15. Whether any Ph.D. enrolled/Produced  
out of the project

one PhD Completed and one ongoing

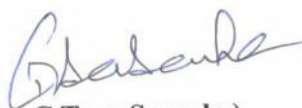
16. No. Of publications out of the project 5



(Dr.K.RAVINDRA)  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR



(D. Sameer Kumar)  
CO- INVESTIGATOR



(Dr. C.Tara Sasanka)  
CO- INVESTIGATOR



(Dr.N.V.SRINIVASA RAO)  
REGISTRAR



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PRINCIPAL

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**ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE**

It is certified that the proposal entitled” **Fabrication and Characterization of Nano  $Al_2O_3$  Reinforced Magnesium Metal Matrix Composites**” by Dr. K. Ravindra Department of Mechanical Engineering, R.V.R & J.C College of engineering has been assessed by the Research and Development cell committee consisting the following members for submission to the University Grants Commission, New Delhi for financial support under the scheme of Major Research Projects:

**Details of Expert Committee:**

Name of Expert	Name of Department	Signature with Date
Dr. K. Srinivasu, Chairman	PRINCIPAL	<i>K. Srinivasu</i>
Dr.A.Sudhakar, Director	Dept. ECE	<i>A. Sudhakar</i>
Dr.K.S.Sai Ram, Member	Dept. CE	<i>Kee Ram</i>
Dr.K. Chandrasekhar, Member	Dept. EEE	<i>C. Chandrasekhar</i>
Dr. Ch.V.Subramanyam, Member	Dept. ChE	<i>Ch. V. Subramanyam</i>
Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao, Member	Dept. ME	<i>G. Srinivasa Rao</i>
Dr.Ch.Aparna, Member	Dept. CSE	<i>Ch. Aparna</i>
Dr. M. Ramesh, Member	Dept. IT	<i>M. Ramesh</i>
Dr.R.Srinivasa Rao, Member	Dept. M & H	<i>R. Srinivasa Rao</i>
Sri.N.V.Srinivasa Rao, Member	Registrar	<i>N.V. Srinivasa Rao</i>

The proposal is as per the guidelines.

*K. Srinivasu*  
(PRINCIPAL)

(Seal)

Annexure – XI

**Final Report Assessment / Evaluation Certificate**

*(Two Members Expert Committee Not Belonging to the Institute of Principal Investigator)*

It is certified that the proposal entitled” **Fabrication and Characterization of Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Reinforced Magnesium Metal Matrix Composites**” by Dr. K. Ravindra Department of Mechanical Engineering, R.V.R & J.C College of engineering has been assessed by the committee consisting the following members for final submission of the report to the UGC, New Delhi under the scheme of Major Research Project.

**Comments/Suggestions of the Expert Committee:-**

- Considerable amount of work is done and the work is carried according to the proposal
- This work is benefitted the coinvestigator to obtain his Ph.D Degree and also provided an opportunity for another scholar to extend.
- Sufficient publications arised from the investigation and are published in referred journals.

**Name & Signatures of Experts with Date:-**

S. No	Name of Expert	University/ College Name	Signature with Date
1	Dr. J. Apparao	Principal, Malineni Lakshmaiah Women's Engineering College, Guntur	 20/12/17 PRINCIPAL MALINENI LAKSHMAIAH WOMEN'S ENGINEERING COLLEGE PULLADIGUNTA, GUNTUR-17
2	Dr. M. Gopi Krishna	HOD, Mechanical Engineering Department, ANU college of Engineering & Technology, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur	 Dr. M. GOPI KRISHNA, M.E., M.I.S.T.E., Ph.D. ASST. PROFESSOR DEPT. OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING University College of Engineering & Technology Acharya Nagarjuna University

It is also certified that final report, Executive summary of the report, Research documents, monograph academic papers provided under Major Research Project have been posted on the website of the University/College.

  
Principal  
Seal



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NEW DELHI – 110 002

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT

1. Name of Principal Investigator : Dr.K Ravindra
2. Name of the Co- Investigators : C.Tarasasanka, D.Sameer Kumar
3. Dept. of Principal Investigator : Mechanical Engineering Department
- University/College : R.V.R. & J.C. College of Engineering
4. UGC approval Letter No. and Date : UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR)
- Dated 19-02-2014
5. Title of the Research Project : FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION  
OF NANO  $Al_2O_3$  REINFORCED  
MAGNESIUM METAL MATRIX  
COMPOSITES
6. Effective date of starting the project : 01-04-2014
7. a. Period of Expenditure : From 01-04-2014 to Till date
- b. Details of Expenditure : Funds not released

S.No.	Item	Expenditure Incurred (Rs.)
i.	Books & Journals	5000.00
ii.	Equipment	
iii.	Contingency	5,000.00
iv.	Field Work/Travel (Give details in the proforma at Annexure- IV).	22,873.88
v.	Hiring Services**	74,037.00
vi.	Chemicals & Glassware	27000.00
vii.	Overhead	
viii.	Any other items (Please specify)	
Total		1,33,910.88


\*\* Enclosed as Enclosure-I.

c . Staff **NOT APPLICABLE**

Date of Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

S.No	Items	From	To	Amount Approved (Rs.)	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
1.	Honorarium to PI (Retired Teachers) @ Rs. 18,000/-p.m.				
2.	<b><u>Project fellow:</u></b>  i) <b>NET/GATE qualified</b> -Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 18,000/- p.m. for the third year.  ii) <b>Non-GATE/Non-NET</b> - Rs. 14,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for the third year.				

1. It is certified that the appointment(s) have been made in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Commission.
2. If as a result of check or audit objection some irregularly is noticed at later date, action will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the objected amounts.
3. Payment @ revised rates shall be made with arrears on the availability of additional funds.
4. It is certified that the grant of **Rs. 4,36,000/-** (Rupees Four lakh thirty six thousand only) was **sanctioned but not received** from the University Grants Commission under the scheme of support for Major Research Project entitled **Fabrication and Characterization of Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Reinforced Magnesium Metal Matrix Composites** vide UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR) dated 19-02-2014 **has been done by own expenses** for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the University Grants Commission.

  
(Dr.K.RAVINDRA)

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

  
(D. Sameer Kumar)  
CO- INVESTIGATOR

  
(Dr. C.Tara Sasanka)  
CO- INVESTIGATOR

  
(Dr.N.V.SRINIVASA RAO)  
REGISTRAR

  
(Dr. K.SRINIVASU)  
PRINCIPAL

**Enclosure-I****Hiring Services:**

S.No	Item	Bill Details	Amount
1	Preparation of composites	NML, Jamshedpur, dt:7/5/15	25,281.00
2	Preparation of specimens for SEM and Mechanical Testing	M.A Engineering Works Dt: 14/5/15	8000.00
3	SEM, XRD, EDAX	Satyabhama University Dt: 3/6/15	9930.00
4	SEM, Polishing	Satyabhama University Dt:27/7/15	4460.00
5	Mechanical Testing	Hyderabad Engineering Labs Dt:26/6/15	7000.00
6	SEM, TEM & XRD	STIC, Cochin University Dt:8/3/16	14,766.00
7	Preparation of composites	NML, Jamshedpur, Dt:3/08/16	4,600.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,037.00</b>



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**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON FIELD WORK**

**Name of the Principal Investigator: Dr K. Ravindra**

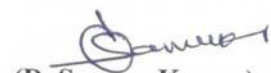
**Name of the Co- Investigators : C.Tarasasanka, D.Sameer Kumar**

Name of the Place visited	Duration of the Visit		Mode of Journey	Expenditure Incurred (Rs.)
	From	To		
NML, Jamshedpur	Vishakapatnam	Tatanagar	TRAIN	2314.94
	Tatanagar	Vishakapatnam	TRAIN	2314.94
Project Review meeting	RVR & JC, Guntur	UGC, Delhi	Flight	18,224.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>22853.88</b>

Certified that the above expenditure is in accordance with the UGC norms for Major Research Projects.



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**Utilization certificate**

Name of the Institute : R.V.R. & J. C. College of Engineering, Chowdavarm, Guntur-19 (AP)  
Sanction Letter : UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR) Dated 19-02 2014


Certified that the grant of **Rs.4,36,000/-** (Rupees four lakh thirty six thousand only) was sanctioned by the University Grants Commission during the year 2013-2014 under the scheme of support for Major Research Project entitled "**Fabrication and Characterization of Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Reinforced Magnesium Metal Matrix Composites**" vide UGC File No: 42-878/2013(SR) Dated 19.02.2014

As the grants were not received the project is completed by the Principal and Co-investigators with their own expenses.

However the project report is being submitted and the statement of expenditure is also submitted for release of the grants.

Financial Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs)	Un Spent balance at the beginning of the financial year	Amount Released (Rs)	Interest Earned (Rs)	Amount Spent (Rs)	Interest Utilized (Rs)	Total (Rs)	Unspent balance at the end of the financial year (Rs)
2014-15	4,36,000.00	-	Nil	Nil	32000.00	Nil	32,000.00	---
2015-16	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	97310.88		97310.88	----
2016-17	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4600.00		4600.00	----

  
**(Dr.K.RAVINDRA)**  
**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

  
**(D. Sameer Kumar)**  
**CO- INVESTIGATOR**

  
**(Dr. C.Tara Sasanka)**  
**CO- INVESTIGATOR**

  
**(Dr.N.V.SRINIVASA RAO)**  
**REGISTRAR**

  
**(Dr. K.SRINIVASU)**  
**PRINCIPAL**



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From: TATANAGAR JN(TATA)	Date Of Journey: 08-May-2015	To: VISHAKAPATNAM(VSKP)
From: TATANAGAR JN(TATA)	Date Of Boarding: 08-May-2015	Scheduled Departure: 08-May-2015 13:00 *
To: VISHAKAPATNAM(VSKP)	Scheduled Arrival: 09-May-2015 04:40 *	Adult: 2 Child: 0
Passenger Mobile No: 9966431000		Distance: 864 KM
Passenger Address:	2-12-15/2, stambalagaruvu., Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522006	

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2	SAMEER KUMAR	29	Male	CNF/B1/56/SIDE UPPER	CNF/B1/56/SIDE UPPER

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In case of Partial confirmed/RAC/Wait listed ticket, TDR should be filed online within prescribed time in case NO PASSENGER is travelling for





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3. Valid IDs to be presented during train journey by one of the passenger booked on an e-ticket :- Voter Identity Card / Passport / PAN Card / Driving License / Photo ID card issued by Central / State Govt / Public Sector Undertakings of State / Central Government, District Administrations, Municipal bodies and Panchayat Administrations which are having serial number / Student Identity Card with photograph issued by recognized School or College for their students / Nationalized Bank Passbook with photograph / Credit Cards issued by Banks with laminated photograph/Unique Identification Card "Aadhaar".
4. General rules/ Information for e-ticket passenger have to be studied by the customer for cancellation & refund.



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From:	VIC HAKAPATNAM(VSKP)	Date Of Journey:	03-May-2015	To:	TATNAGAR JN(TATA)
Boarding At:	VISHAKAPATNAM(VSKP)	Date Of Boarding:	03-May-2015	Scheduled Departure:	03-May-2015 17:45 *
Resv. U-Id:	TATNAGAR JN(TATA)	Scheduled Arrival:	04-May-2015 10:45 *	Adult:	2 Child:0
Passenger Mobile No:	9966431000			Distance:	864 KM
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Total Fare (all inclusive)	₹ 2314.94	Rupees Two Thousand Three Hundred and Fourteen and Nine Four Paise Only	

\*\* Inclusive of Service Tax - ₹ 82 Only

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1	C TARASASANKA	32	Male	WL/15	WL/4
2	D SAMEER KUMAR	29	Male	WL/16	WL/5

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DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
R.V.R. & J.C. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, CHOWDAVARAM, GUNTUR-522 019  
(Autonomous)

DT: 03.02.2015

NOTE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL:

Sub: Request for reimbursement of Travelling Expenses – Project Review  
Meeting – UGC – Reg.

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With your kind permission, I, Dr.K.Ravindra has attended UGC funded Major Research Project Review Meeting held at UGC, New Delhi on 09-01-2015 at 10.00 a.m. In this connection, the following are the details of expenditure incurred towards T.A. & Boarding.

S. No.	Description	Amount (Rs.)
1.	To Gannavaram Airport on 08.01.2015	250.00
2.	Flight charges from Gannavaram to New Delhi (Rs.13198 / 2)	6,599.00
3.	Lodging charges (2219/- per day x 2 days) 4438 /2	2,219.00
4.	Local transport at New Delhi	250.00
5.	Flight charges from New Delhi to Hyderabad (14682 / 2)	7,341.00
6.	Train charges from Hyderabad to Guntur PNR No.4403386652 (920 / 2)	460.00
7.	Meals (for 3 days @ Rs.375/- per day)	1,125.00
	Total	18,244.00
	Amount to be sanctioned by the College as per college rules	15,000.00

Hence, I request you to kindly sanction and reimburse the said sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only).



(Dr.K.Ravindra)  
Prof., & HOD, ME

Submitted

may be reimbursed.

03/02/2015

<b>PAID THROUGH</b>
Cheque No. 226507
Dated 06/02/2015

Date...3/2/2012

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the sum of Rupees...Two hundred and fifty of

towards...Local Transport charges of new vehicle

Rs. 250/-

Signature.

No.

Date.....20

RECEIVED with thanks from R.V.R. & J.C. College of Engineering,  
Chandramoulipuram, CHOWDAVARAM, GUNTUR - 522 019

the sum of Rupees...Rs. 15000/-

Ch. No. 226507 dt. 6.2.2015, A.B.

towards...Bank account of travelling expenses

Rs. 15000/-

Signature.

No.

Date...3/2/2015

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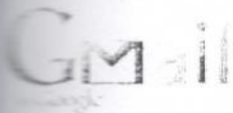
the sum of Rupees...Two hundred and fifty of

towards...1000/- towards 50 Government B.S. Post Bangalore

Rs. 250/-

Signature.





Ravindra Kommineni <ravindra.kom@gmail.com>

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support@yatra.com

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### Flight Details

  
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**Vijayawada**  
Airport,

**Hyderabad**  
Thu, 8 Jan, 2015 | 10:25  
Shamshabad Rajiv  
Gandhi  
Airport,

Airline PNR **P1U36L**  
Duration: 00:55

Economy | Baggage: 15 kg (Free) | Non-Refundable

  
SpiceJet  
SG -  
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**Hyderabad**  
Thu, 8 Jan, 2015 | 13:15  
Shamshabad Rajiv  
Gandhi  
Airport,

**New Delhi**  
Thu, 8 Jan, 2015 | 15:35  
Indira Gandhi  
Airport, T-1D

Airline PNR **P1U36L**  
Duration: 02:20

Economy | Baggage: 15 kg (Free) | Non-Refundable

### Passenger Details

Mr Ravindra Kommineni (Adult)

Mr Srinivas Kolla (Adult)

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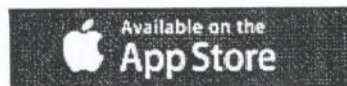
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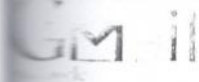
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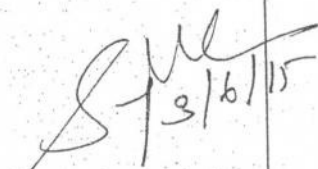
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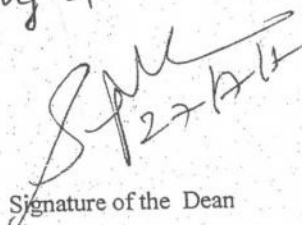
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### **Objectives of the Project**

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The main objectives of the project are

- To prepare the metal matrix composite of magnesium alloy reinforced with different volume fractions of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
- Characterization of the proposed composite.
- Evaluating hardness and tensile behavior of the composites.



## **Enclosure-II**

### **Detailed Report of Work done**

#### **Abstract:**

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Among various Mg based alloys still it is a question to select the suitable alloy. To resolve this, MADM methods are widely used among which VIKOR method is applied for the selection of good material by comparing the properties of Mg based alloys. It is found that AZ91 is a good choice material in view of properties.

Semi Solid stir casting technique is adopted for the fabrication of the composite with base material as Magnesium alloy (AZ91E) and Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (an average size of 50nm) as reinforcement with different weight fractions ranging between 1-3% with an increment of 0.5%.

The metallurgical aspects of the study is presented and discussed with reference to optical microscopy, SEM and XRD. The microscopic analysis has shown the uniform distribution of particles in the composite. The density of the cast composites is measured to know the effectiveness of casting in terms of porosity. Characterization of composites for Hardness (Micro as well as Macro) and tensile behavior is done as per ASTM standards (ASTM B557) for all the reinforcements and the effect of change in weight fractions of reinforcements on the mechanical properties is also reported. It is observed that 2 wt % reinforced composite has shown superior properties than the other composites.

#### **1. Selection of material using VIKOR Method**

Successful implementation of VIKOR method for choosing the best material among various alloys of Magnesium used for automotive applications. A survey has been made on different Mg alloys in automotive industries and its properties among which eight Magnesium alloys with ten important properties are considered. With the implementation



VIKOR formulas and Different weighing criterions, the performance scores were calculated. Based on performance scores it is evident that the first material i.e. AZ91 is having best performance score in all weightage methods employed and is a good choice among the materials compared.

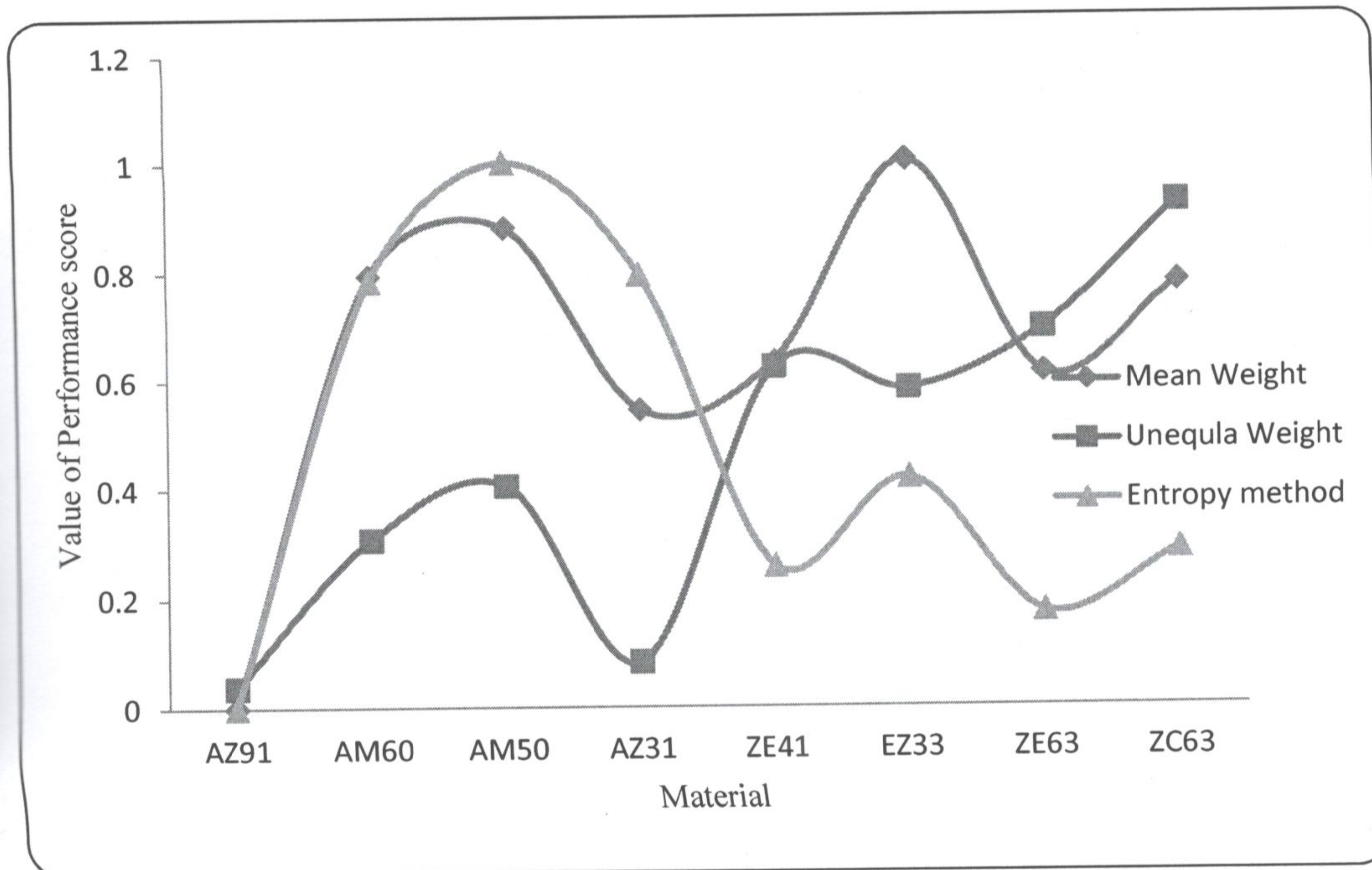


Figure: Comparison of Performance scores for different weightage methods used in VIKOR

## 2. Preparation of Composite Specimen:

The preparation of composite was carried out in a mild steel crucible kept in a resistance furnace under a cover of flux (20% KCl, 50% MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 15% MgO, 15% CaF<sub>2</sub>, wt.%) and with a high purity (99.98%) argon gas (IOLAR-1) supplied by Linde India Limited, Jamshedpur. The properly cleaned mould was given a graphite coat and preheated to 250°C in a heating oven for 1 h just before the casting. The raw materials, moulds, flux were preheated to avoid the casting defects. After the crucible reached the red hot condition, the preheated ingots were charged in to the crucible. The Temperature of the furnace was then raised to 7000C and the melt was homogenized for about 20 Minutes. The liquidus and the solidus temperature of the AZ91 alloy are found to be 5960C and 4680C. So, the melt was slowly cooled down to 5900C to keep the material in the semi solid condition. The preheated Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particulates (Avg. size 50 nm) wrapped in an aluminum foil were submerged beneath the melt, in corresponding wt%.



Afterwards the mixture was stirred using a four blade mechanical stirrer with a rotation speed of 450 rpm for 5 minutes in presence of argon gas and poured into a permanent steel mould to form the ingots of 15mm diameter with 150 mm length.

### 3. Results & Discussion

#### 3.1 Density and Porosity :

The density and porosity of the composites was calculated. It was observed that the density and porosity of the composites increased with increase in the reinforcement content. The low porosity indicates effective casting. Increase in wt% of nanoparticles as reinforcements may enhance the porosity due to the presence of interstitial voids in clusters and discontinuity during stirring and in pouring into the moulds as gasses entrapment.

Table: Porosity Results of AZ91E Alloy and Processed Composite

Material	Porosity (%)
AZ91E	0.22
AZ 91E + 1wt% Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.58
AZ 91E + 1.5wt% Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.66
AZ 91E + 2wt% Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.05
AZ 91E + 2.5wt% Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.28
AZ 91E + 3wt% Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.51

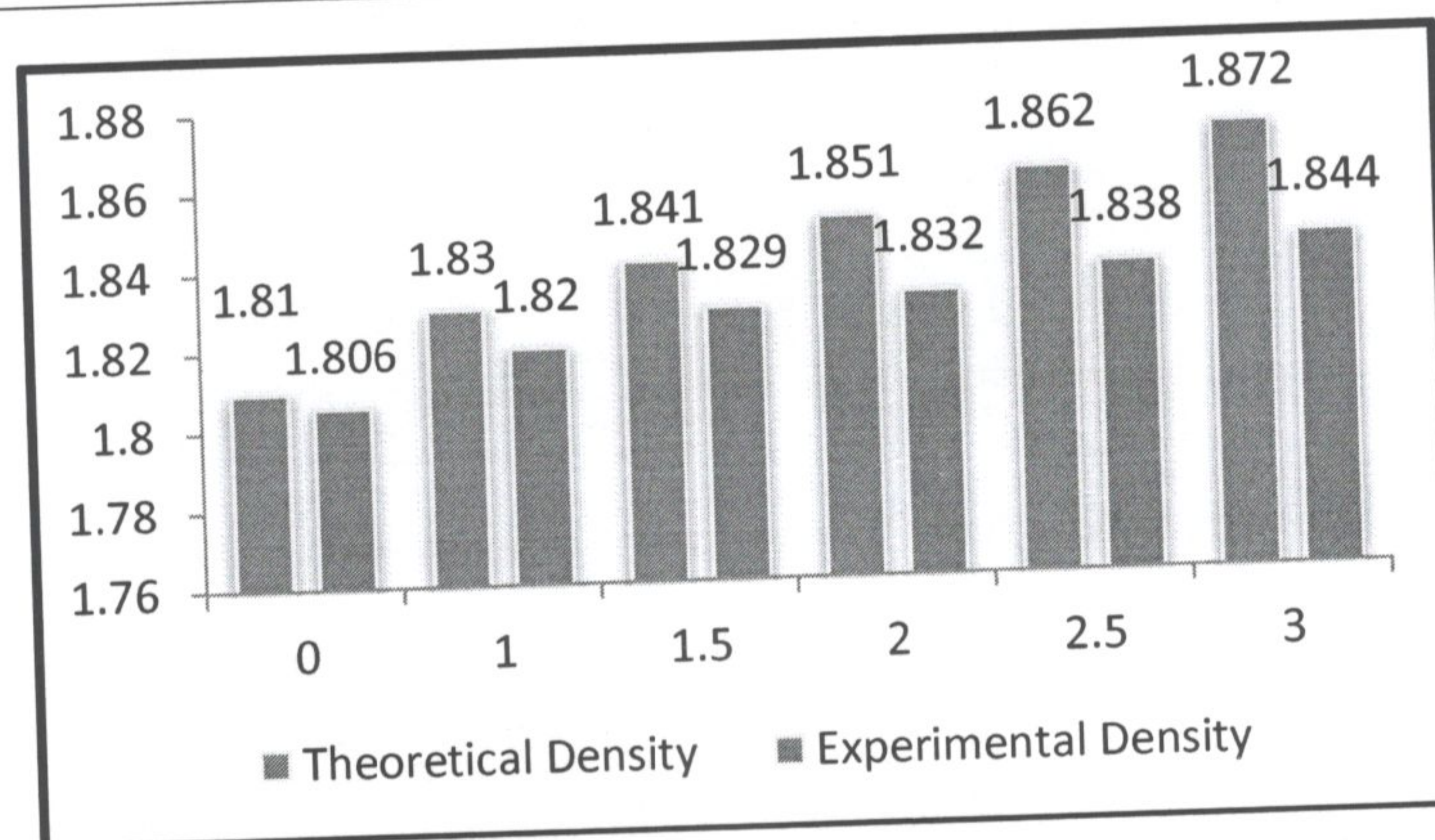


Figure: Density Values for all reinforcements

#### 3.2 Microstructural Studies:

Interpretation of microstructural studies reveal that in base Mg alloy there are dendritic structures which shows the formation of Mg<sub>17</sub>Al<sub>12</sub> intermetallic compound which will be helpful in improving the strength of Mg alloys. 2% and 3% reinforced Mg



composite shows the presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles, at 2% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> the dendritic structure was refined and shows the uniform distribution of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

The Surface morphology of cast as well as composites is discussed. A closer observation by SEM combined with EDS showed that the microstructure consisted of primary  $\alpha$ -Mg with divorced intermetallic eutectic phase  $\beta$ -Mg<sub>17</sub>Al<sub>12</sub>. The precipitates were hard and brittle which had certain contribution to the hardness of the alloy

SEM analysis indicates that by increasing the reinforcement percentage, wettability of particles in the molten matrix has been decreased. It has been found that the distribution of particles in the different composite samples is uniform and the un-uniformity increases by increasing the reinforcement percentage above 2%. Particle clustering and agglomerates are observed when the percentage of reinforcement is at 3%.

It is also noticed that there is uniform distribution of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles and also the refinement of dendritic structures (Figure 2) which may result in better improvement of properties. The EDS analysis of the spectrum for composite with 2wt % of reinforcement shows the presence of elements present in the composite. Peaks of Mg, Al, Zn and O of magnesium matrix composite are observed (Figure 3). X- Ray Diffraction of composite sample was applied to detect the presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles.

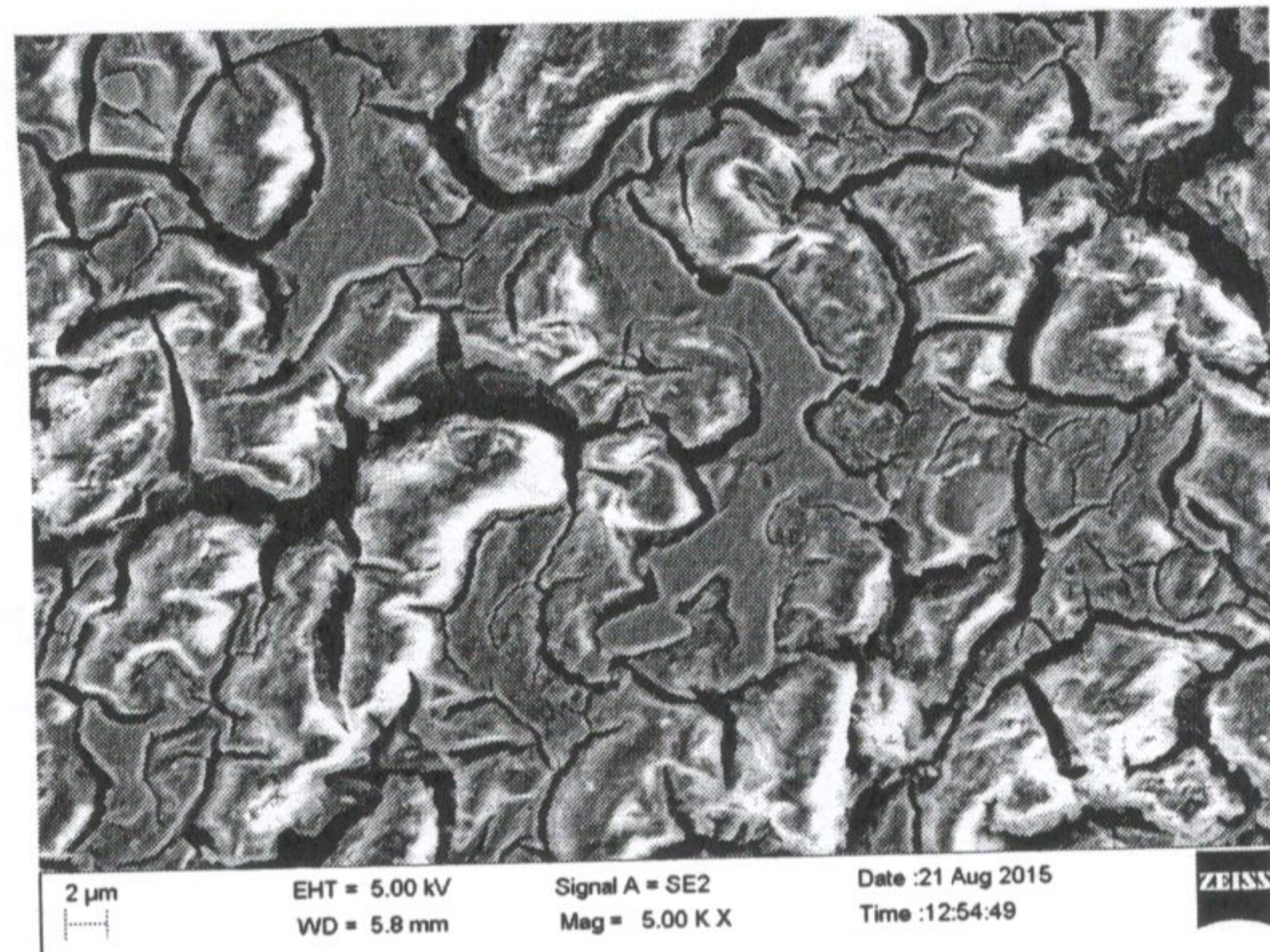
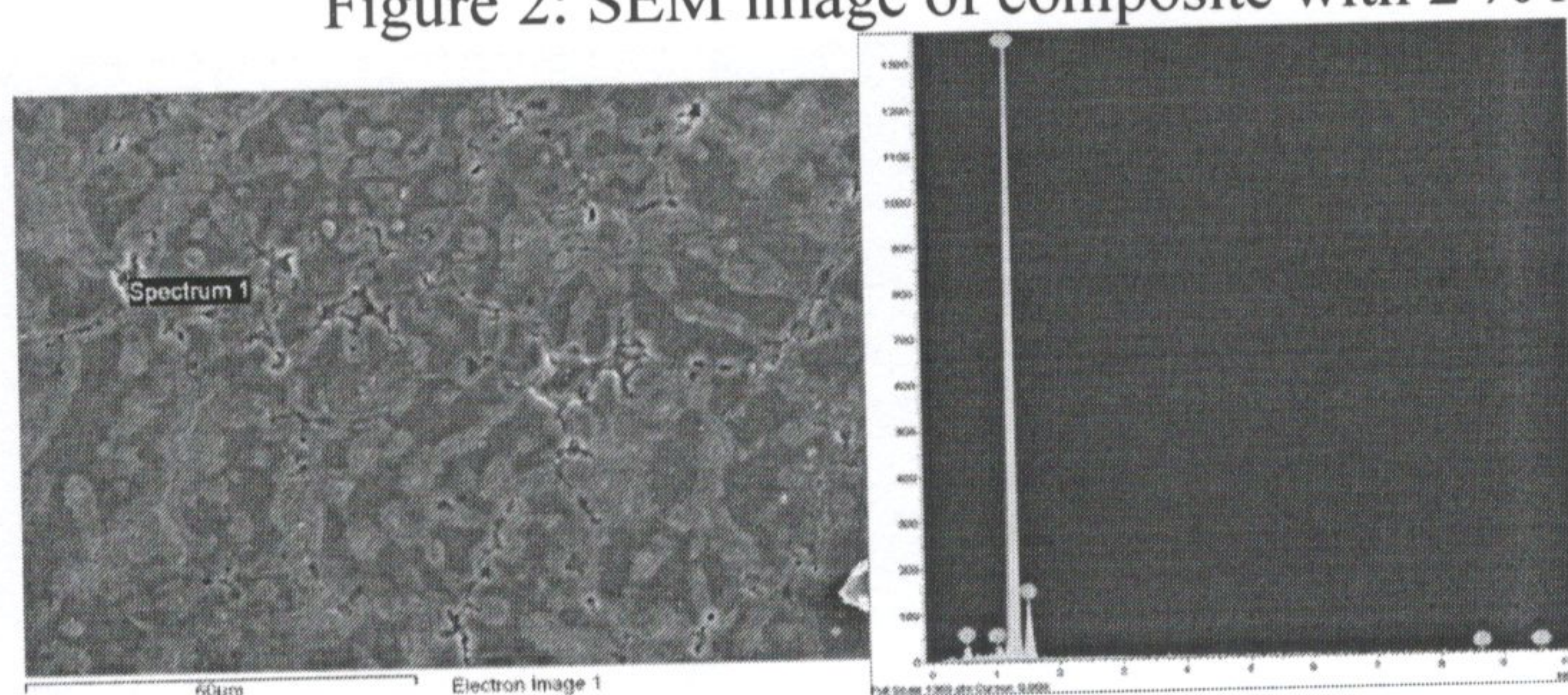


Figure 2: SEM image of composite with 2 % Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reinforcement



Element	Weight%	Atomic%
O K	5.78	8.77
Mg K	77.69	77.57
Al K	15.73	13.21
Zn L	0.8	0.45
Totals	100.00	

Figure : SEM and EDS image for elemental composition



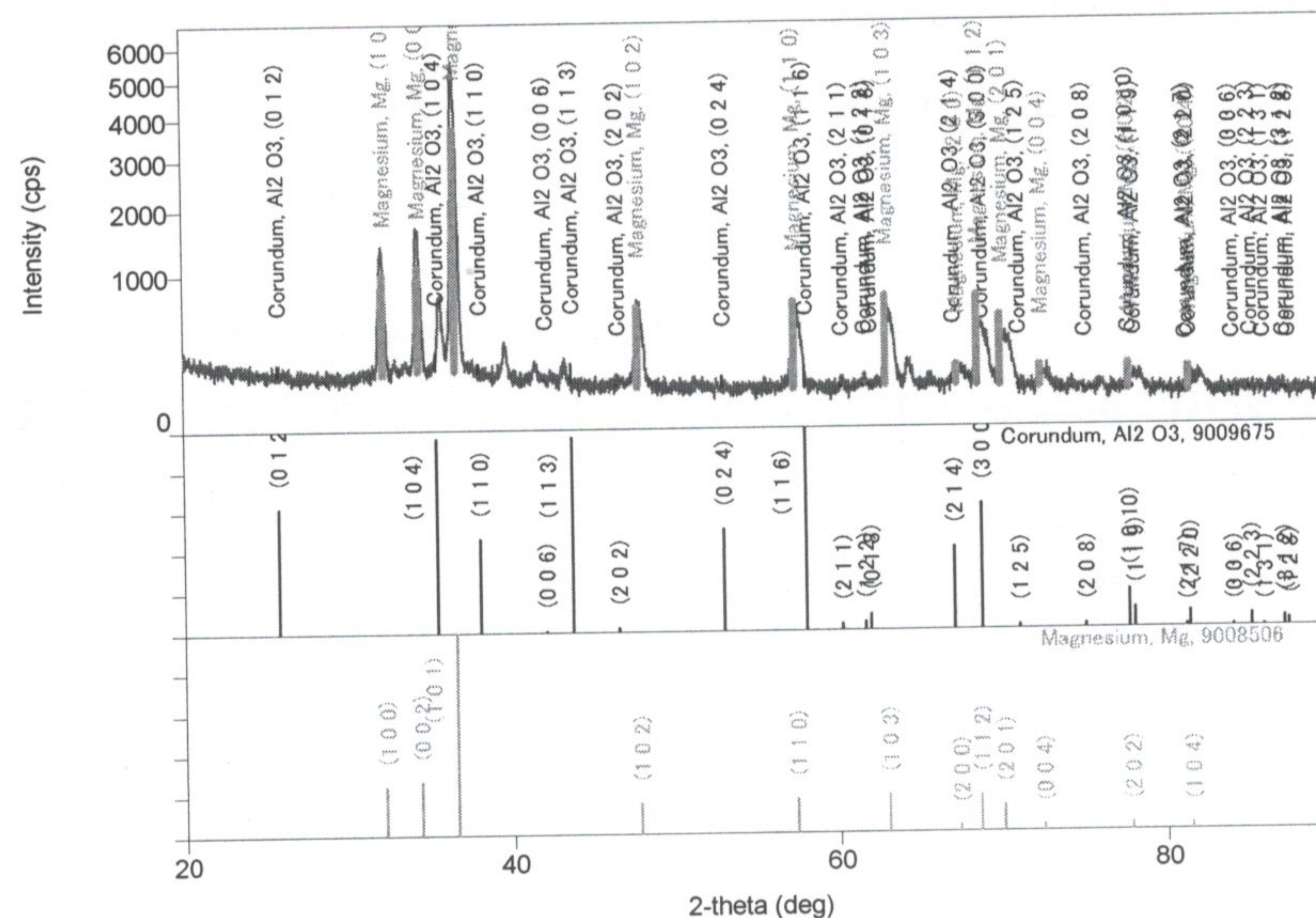


Fig: XRD Analysis

### 3.3 Hardness:

It elucidates that both the macro and micro hardness value increases along with percentage of reinforcement when compared with base alloy. Hardness value of pure AZ91 alloy was 80.87 VHN. Composites reinforced with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles at 3wt % shown the lowest hardness value (82.14 VHN) while composites reinforced with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles at 2wt% shows the highest hardness (99.038 VHN). The maximum observed increase in hardness of composites compared to unreinforced magnesium alloy was 22.45%. The micro hardness was increased by 19.5% as compared with base material.

Table Results of harness measurement

% of Reinforcement	Macro hardness HV: 10Kg	Micro hardness HV: 100gf
0	80.878±5	64.946±3
1	89.724±3	72.116±1
1.5	92.318±2	73.61±2
2	99.038±2	77.618±3
2.5	94.077±4	75.45±3
3	82.141±4	73.774±2

### 3.4 Tensile Behavior:

#### 3.4.1 Yield Strength:

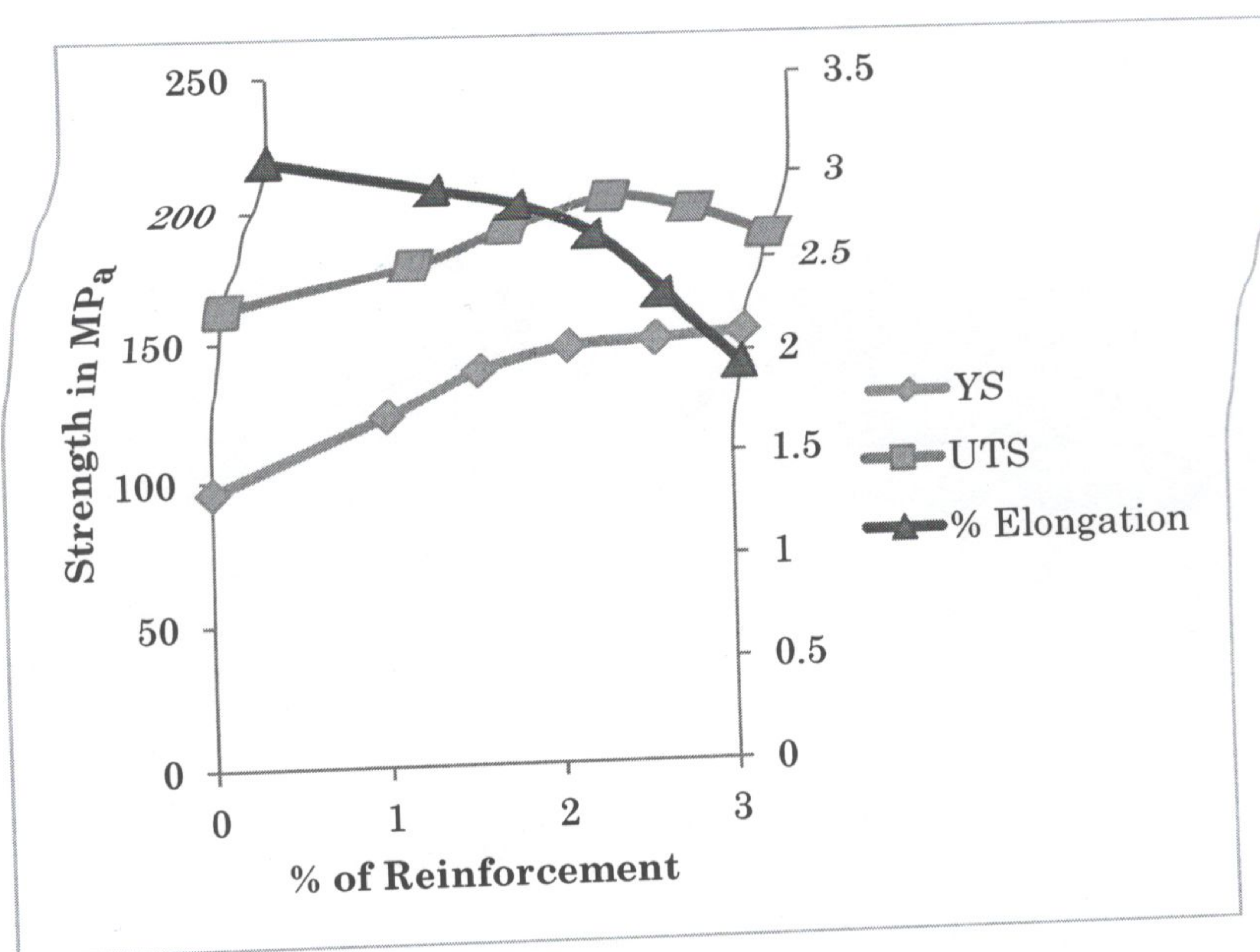
Yield strength of the composites is observed to be increasing with the increase in weight percentage of hard Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ceramic particles in magnesium alloy (AZ91E)



composite. The strength of the composite is always depends upon the size of the particle and the interfacial bond between the matrix and the reinforcement.

### 3.4.2 Tensile strength and ductility :

The tensile strength of casted AZ91E is 162 MPa while for 2% reinforcement it was 205 MPa and decreased to 188 MPa for 3% reinforcement. It is clear that tensile strength of composites is greater when compared to as cast AZ91. This improvement in mechanical properties is because of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles, which increases the strain required to accommodate any plastic deformation in the composites, which in turn increases the dislocation density and reduces grain size. The % of elongation is decreased from 3.08 to 1.94.

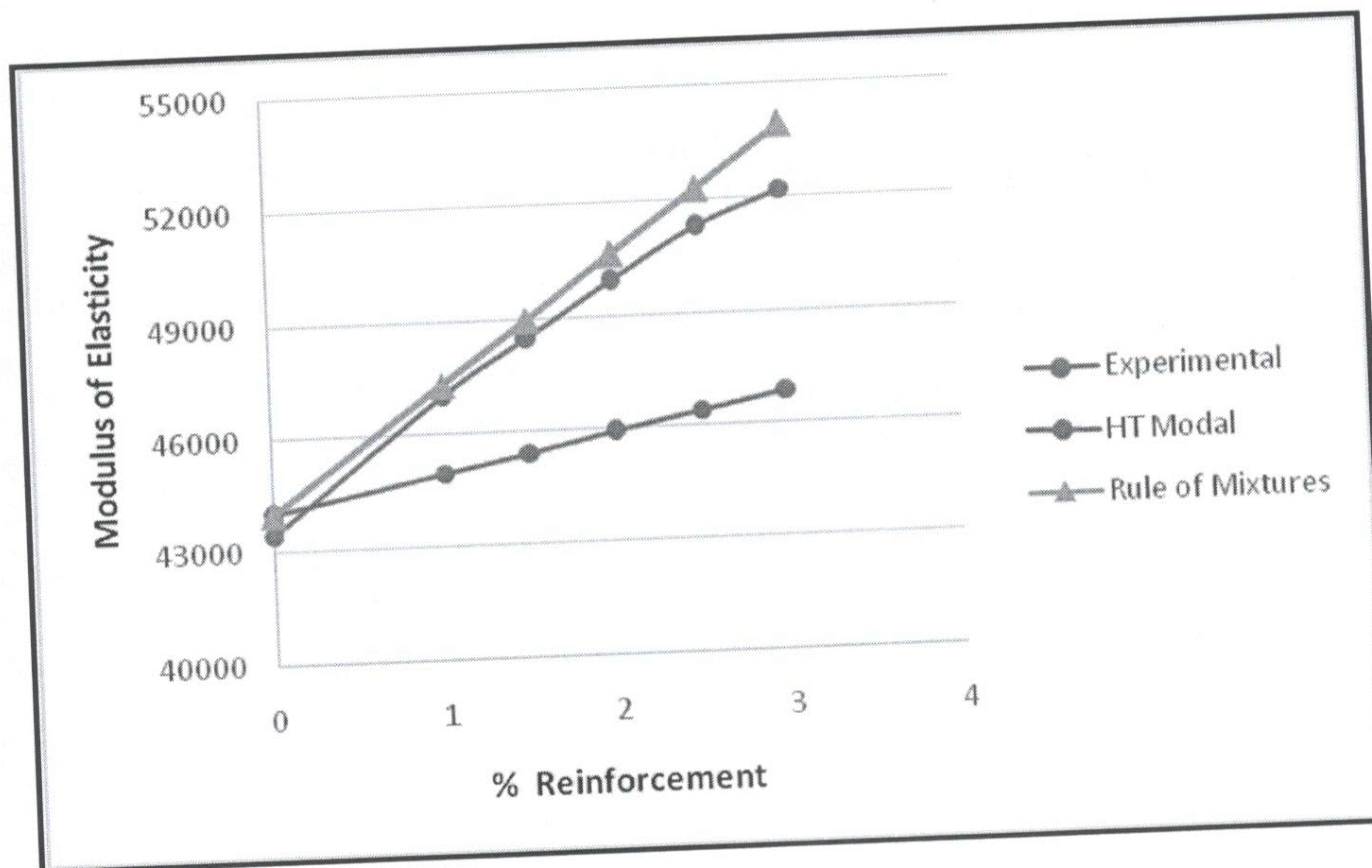


Variation of strength and %elongation Vs %Reinforcement

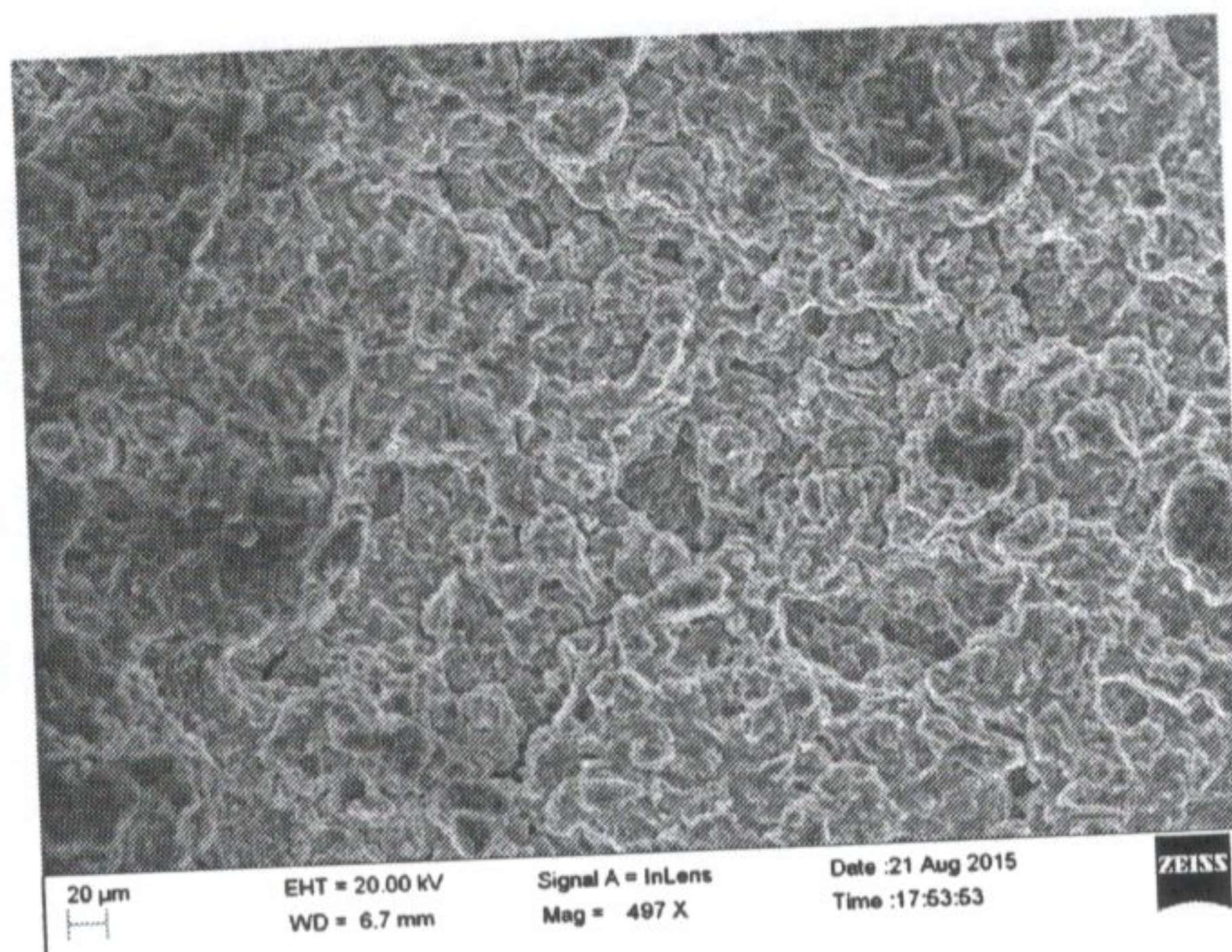
### 3.4.3 Elastic Modulus :

The Rule of mixtures is simple and considers only volume fraction and Elastic modulus while Halpin - Tsai considers aspect ratio of the reinforcement particle also. The modulus of elasticity was calculated by the both methods for all the reinforcements. The difference in both practical and calculated values is also attributed to the uncertainty in the appropriate value for the modulus of the particle reinforcement.

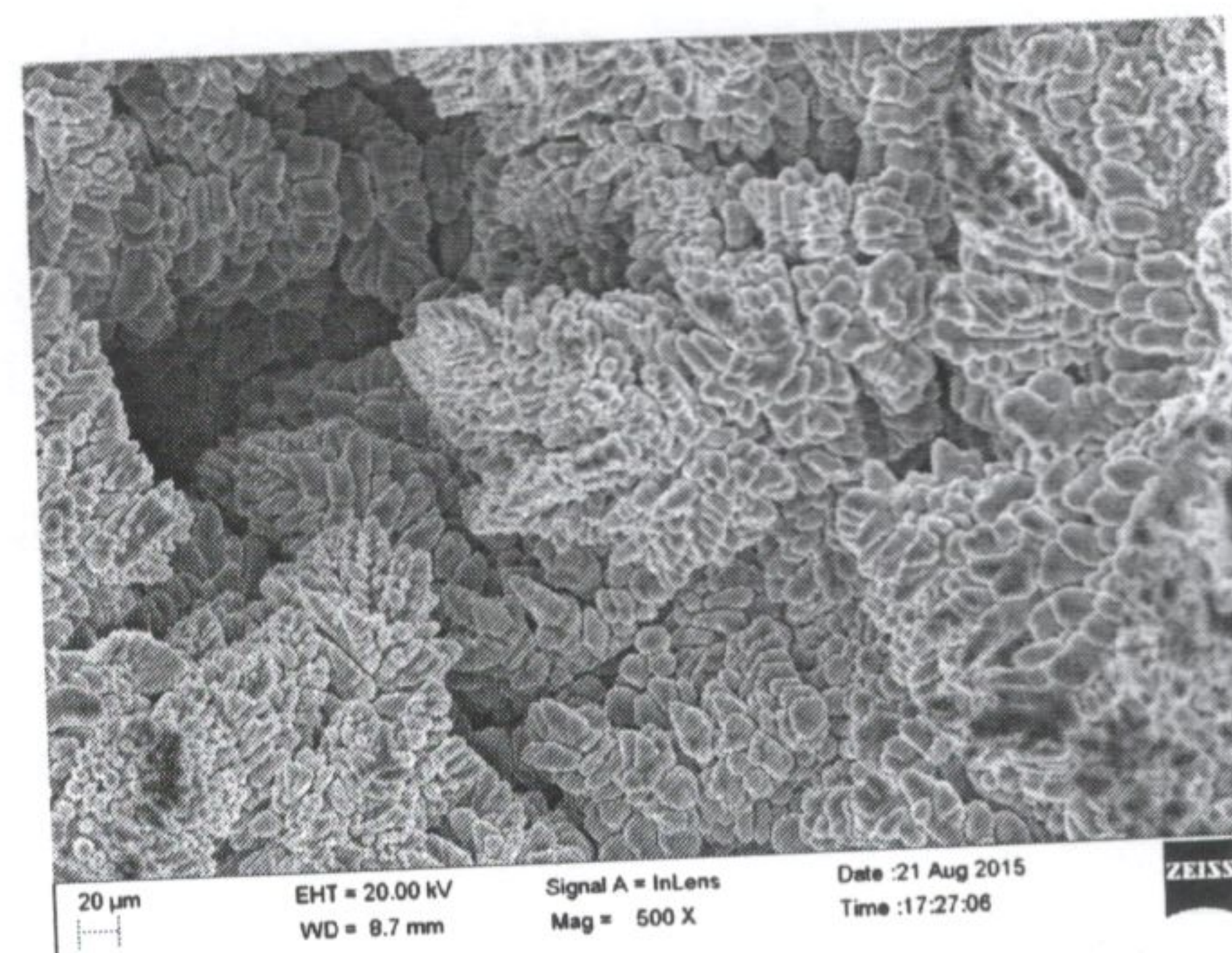




### 3.5 Fractography of Tensile specimens:



(a) AZ91E alloy



(b) AZ91E+2 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Reinforcement

It is clear that the AZ91E magnesium alloy shown the ductile type of fracture because of low matrix strength. The addition of hard Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles to the matrix increases the strength of the composite reducing the ductility. The composite with 2 wt % has mixed mode of shear and brittle fracture.

### 4. Simulation of experimental work performed on composite specimen using ANSYS

This chapter deals about the computer simulation to identify the stress and strain distribution on the tensile specimen by applying gradual load and are compared with experimental results. The analysis is completed when the load reaches a maximum of 9.9 to 12.3 KN for different specimens. From table 7.1 it shows that the experimental results and ANSYS results are in good correlation with each other.



Table 7.1 Comparison of Stress and strain values for both experimental and ANSYS

Results

% of Reinforce ment	Stress MPa (Experimental)	Stress MPa (ANSYS)	Error %	Strain (Experimental)	Strain (ANSYS)	Error %
0	162.77	170.3	4.63	0.0229	0.023	0.44
1	180.86	188.98	4.49	0.0229	0.023	0.44
1.5	190.72	199.82	4.77	0.0251	0.0267	6.37
2	202.23	213.33	5.49	0.0223	0.0231	3.58
2.5	199.77	207.95	4.09	0.0186	0.0193	3.76
3	197.3	202.57	2.67	0.0171	0.0179	4.68

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In the present work, AZ91E/nano-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Mg-MMCs were prepared by the semi solid stir casting process and the effect of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particulate on mechanical and dry sliding wear properties were investigated. The following are the conclusions observed from present investigation

- For choosing the best material among various alloys of magnesium, VIKOR method is used and it is observed that AZ91 ranked high.
- Magnesium matrix composites reinforced with nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles are prepared by semi solid stir casting process with different weight percentages.
- It is observed that the density and porosity increases with increase in the wt% of reinforcements.
- Micro structural examination revealed that at 2% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> the dendritic structure is equally shaped and shows the uniform distribution of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
- It is observed that hardness, yield and tensile strengths of the composites are increased with increase in nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> up to 2% and then decreased with the addition of nanoparticles.
- The 2 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reinforced AZ91E composite has good mechanical properties than other reinforcements mentioned with an increment of 22.5% Macro hardness and 26.54 % in Tensile Strength.
- The % of elongation is decreased from 3.08 to 1.94. The increased amount of reinforcement can cause void nucleation and may be the reason for the decrease in ductility.



- It is understood from the fractographs that the unreinforced AZ91E alloy exhibits the ductile type of fracture, whereas the composites shown a mixed mode of shear and brittle.



**Enclosure-III**

**Achievements from the project**



### Enclosure-III

#### Achievements from the project

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**Enclosure -IV**

**Summary of the findings**



## Enclosure –IV

### Summary of the findings

In the present work, AZ91E/nano-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Mg-MMCs were prepared by the semi solid stir casting process and the effect of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particulate on mechanical and dry sliding wear properties were investigated. The following are the conclusions observed from present investigation

- For choosing the best material among various alloys of magnesium, VIKOR method is used and it is observed that AZ91 ranked high.
- Magnesium matrix composites reinforced with nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles are prepared by semi solid stir casting process with different weight percentages.
- It is observed that the density and porosity increases with increase in the wt% of reinforcements.
- Micro structural examination revealed that at 2% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> the dendritic structure is equally shaped and shows the uniform distribution of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
- It is observed that hardness, yield and tensile strengths of the composites are increased with increase in nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> up to 2% and then decreased with the addition of nanoparticles.
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**Enclosure-V**

**Contribution to the society**



## **Enclosure-V**

### **Contribution to the society**

- i. Developed a new material which is an alternate to many conventional materials in the automotive industry.
- ii. The structural results of the proposed material are promising and can be applied to various automotive components in terms of better strength to weight ratios



***Enclosure-VI***

**Publications out of the project**



## Magnesium and Its Alloys in Automotive Applications – A Review

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### Abstract

Magnesium is very attractive material as it has the combination of good strength, low weight and good quality. The usage of magnesium and its alloys has considerably increased over the past ten years. In structural applications, where weight plays a major role, magnesium is a good choice. Its recyclability property also gives an edge. The use of magnesium and its alloys in automotive components was limited in the early sixties and seventies but today the awareness on fuel savings and environmental protection through reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions makes this material attractive. This paper reviews the benefits due to Mg, its alloy materials, manufacturing methods and applications in automotive sector. It also summarizes directions for the development of new magnesium alloys based on properties.

**Keywords:** Magnesium; Magnesium alloys; Manufacturing methods of Magnesium; Automobile applications

### 1. Introduction

The name magnesium has originated from the greek word for a district in thessaly called Magnesia. It was first discovered by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1808. And in metallic form by Antoine Bussy in 1831. Davy's first suggestion was magnium, but later it became magnesium (George et al. 2007, information from <http://metals.about.com> ).

Magnesium is found to be the 8<sup>th</sup> most-abundant element in the earth's crust by mass, 9<sup>th</sup> abundant element in the universe as a whole. It occupies the 4<sup>th</sup> position among the elements that contribute earth mass as a whole followed by iron, oxygen and silicon. It is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> most-abundant element dissolved in seawater (George et al. 2007, Guillen 2008). Magnesium is also needed by the human body as a mineral.

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## Implementation of VIKOR Method for Selection of Magnesium Alloy to Suit Automotive Applications

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### Abstract

Because of its lower density and plenty of availability, Magnesium alloy is a good choice material in automobile and aerospace industry. There are more and more materials available in the market to serve the common sake. Material selection plays an important role in the process of designing any physical product. A better methodology is required to help the organizations for selecting the best material. Multi Criterion Decision Making (MCDM) methods provide a ranking of the available alternatives thereby, decision of critical thinking become easier. A branch of MCDM methods named *Vlse Kriterijumska Optimizacija I Kompromisno Resenje* in Serbian (VIKOR) is used in the present work. The work presents the selection of a Magnesium alloy material, where eight materials and ten properties are considered to identify the best material. The influence of weightage factors by three different methods was also discussed.

**Keywords:** Magnesium Alloy, MCDM methods, Material Selection, VIKOR, Entropy Method

### 1. Introduction

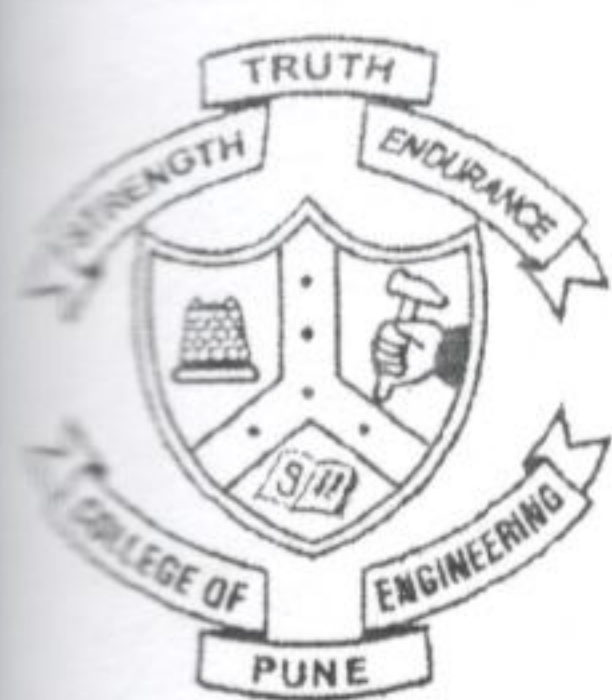
India is one of the largest automotive industries in the world and one of the fastest growing countries. Now all automakers are concentrating on India for the promising growth in the sector and also the competition in this industry is very high. Hence the development of the product needs to be started from conceptual design with low cost, high performance and quality [1]. It is clear that reducing the mass of automobiles is a critical technology objective for vehicle performance, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, and fuel economy. Vehicle mass-reduction technology offers the potential to reduce the mass of vehicles without compromising other vehicle attributes, like acceleration, size, cargo capacity, or structural integrity [2].

Power train components contribute a considerable portion of vehicle weight. There are several possibilities for resolving this problem, which include the use of alternative fuel sources, power train enhancements, aerodynamic improvements *etc.* However, lightweight construction seems to be the best cost effective solution for significant decrease of fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. So there is a large scope for reducing the mass of wheel. Weight reduction of vehicles is a key step to reducing fuel consumption, so the industry is actively looking at replacing steel with lighter materials [3].

The abundance of Magnesium on the earth is considered to be 4th highest following iron, oxygen and silicon. The density of magnesium is approximately two thirds of that of aluminum, one quarter of zinc, and one fifth of steel. Accordingly, magnesium casting production has experienced an annual growth of between 10 and 20% over the past decades and is expected to continue at this rate [4].

Obtaining a solution, simultaneously satisfying all criteria is difficult task in any multi-criteria analysis [5]. Instead, a compromise solution can provide acceptable answers [6].





## Microstructure and Hardness Evaluation of AZ91–Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Nano-Composites Fabricated by Semi Solid Stir Casting

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### ABSTRACT

The present study confers to the fabrication and characterization of Magnesium alloy (AZ91E) based nano composites with Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particulate as reinforcements. A novel semi solid stir casting technique was adopted for the fabrication of the composites. An average particle size of 50nm was dispersed as reinforcement in AZ91E matrix. The effect of change in weight fraction of reinforcements on the distribution of particles and hardness were reported. The microscopic analysis has shown the uniform distribution of particles in the composite. The hardness of reinforced and unreinforced composite were evaluated and presented.

### 1. Introduction

For the past decade, the research on alternate materials in automotive and aerospace sector has been considerably grown as it seems cost effective solution. The selection of material plays a prominent role in terms of functionality. The Magnesium as an alternate to cast iron, aluminum and other materials has been observed with significant favorable results [1-4].

Magnesium offers good strength with low density. But pure magnesium is highly reactive [5]. AZ91 alloy (Combination of Mg-Al and Zinc) is a modern alloy with good mechanical properties at room temperature [6]. The thermal stability of the material can be enhanced by incorporating stronger reinforcement particles [5]. SiC, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reinforcements are good choice in Magnesium based composites [13]. SiC Particles as reinforcements in Magnesium alloy matrix and its effect on mechanical properties [9-12] was investigated and observed the composites contains highly brittle nature. On the other hand, an Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particle promises both strength and ductility in magnesium composites [15]. But the research on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles as reinforcement in Mg composites is observed to be limited. So an attempt is made to fabricate the composite with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles as reinforcement in Mg based composites.

Mg based Particulate reinforced composites are prepared by different methods, such as stir casting [9-11], powder metallurgy [14], Microwave Sintering and Die Castings [4,10,16]. Among which, the experimentation with stir casting is simple because of low cost. The efficiency of the process mainly depends on stirring and stirring temperature as it leads to porosity, and high oxide inclusions. So an improved stir casting method called Semi Solid Stir Casting was suggested to reduce the defects. [10, 17]. Good wettability of the composite was achieved as the stirring was done in semi solid state.

This paper aims on the fabrication of Mg metal matrix composite with high purity grade AZ91 Mg alloy as matrix and with Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles as reinforcements. Semi solid stir casting method was adopted to fabricate the composite. Hardness and microstructure of processed composites with changes in weight fractions were addressed in the following sections.

### 2. Experimentation

#### 2.1 Sample preparation

AZ91E alloy was supplied by M/s Exclusive Magnesium Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad. The alloy was undergone wet analysis and observed the chemical composition as given in Table 1.

Table 1  
chemical composition of AZ91E alloy

Alloy	AZ91E
Al %	8.97%
Zn %	0.86%
Mn %	0.25%
Cu %	< 0.001%
Si %	0.12%
Fe %	< 0.001%
Mg %	Remaining

The preparation of composite was carried out in a mild steel crucible kept in a resistance furnace under a cover of flux and in argon gas environment as shown in Fig 1a. 10 wt% Excess material is considered to compensate Oxidation losses and 1wt% flux was added. The mould and the materials were preheated. The AZ91 alloy was placed in the furnace and temperature of the furnace was set to 700°C. The liquidus and the solidus temperature of the AZ91 alloy are found to be 596°C and 468°C [17]. So, the melt was slowly cooled down to 590°C to bring the material to the semi solid condition. The





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# Microstructure, mechanical response and fractography of AZ91E/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (p) nano composite fabricated by semi solid stir casting method

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**Keywords:** Magnesium alloys; Nano composites; Semi solid stir casting; Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particle

## Introduction

In the recent years, the research on product development for improved vehicle performance in automotive and aerospace sector has been considerably increased. The use of alternative materials is the best cost effective solution. The selection of material to the particular application should focus on functional cost and environmental impact. The research on magnesium as a substitute to cast iron, aluminum and polymers is going on at rapid pace [1–4,22].

Magnesium offers good strength with low density. The sustainability with reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions has also an added attraction for magnesium. But pure magnesium is rarely used due to its poor mechanical properties and high reactivity [5]. Addition of zinc and aluminum to magnesium as alloying elements overcomes the demerits. AZ91 is popular commercial

alloy with good cast ability and with wide range mechanical properties at room temperature [6] but does not retain the same properties at elevated temperatures >120 °C [7]. Preparing composites by magnesium alloys appears to be a good alternative for improving their thermal stability [5].

Reinforcement particles should be stronger and stiffer than the matrix material, so as to produce the expected strengthening effect. However, the selection of material, type, size and volume fraction of the reinforcements as well as its interactions with matrix is essential to get desirable properties. With good thermal stability, ceramic particles as reinforcements are the most desirable due to high hardness, strength and melting point [8]. With due considerations on cost and applications are on mind SiC, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reinforcements are popular in magnesium composites [9]. A number of research reports are available on SiC particle reinforced magnesium MMC. The composites are observed to be highly brittle in nature because of SiC particles [8,11,12,23]. On the other hand Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles have the advantages of low cost, exhibit high specific stiffness and excellent oxidation resistance [9]. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles can exist in many crystalline phases and produces the most stable hexagonal alpha

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# Analysis and Characterization of Tensile Property of Mg MMC using ANSYS

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## Abstract

The objective of this research paper is to predict the stress and strain values of magnesium metal matrix composites using finite element analysis (FEA) and compare with the universal testing machine (UTM) results through the tensile load. The composites were prepared by semi solid stir casting process. Tensile specimens with ASTM B557 standard dimensions were prepared from the composites. These specimens were subjected to uni-axial tension under the 10 t capacity UTM. The specimen's FEA models were created using ANSYS 16 and the stress strain values were obtained. The actual results were compared with the predicted values obtained from the FEA. It was ensured that the FEA results had well agreement with the original deformation length with in the acceptable error margin.

**Keywords:** Mg MMC, FEA, tensile strength

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## INTRODUCTION

The rapid, significant development evolved necessity to search for new multipurpose full developed technology in the manufacturing quality of product, not only at the minimization of dimensions and mass but also growth in its reliability and dimensional stability in working conditions. As the present technology intends for light vehicle constructions as possible and expects for low fuel consumption by using magnesium alloys as a material in case of car wheels, engine pistons, gearbox and clutch housings, framing of doors, pedals, manifolds, housings of propeller shafts, differential gears, brackets, radiators and others.

Alloys can produce qualitative products where as they are parallelly expensive. Even then the customers prefer to the purchase of alloy materials. Usually magnesium and its alloys are used in motor industry and machine building. In fact, they also go with applications in helicopter production, planes, air navigation, chemical and nuclear power industries [1].

Actually, aluminium and zirconium are main alloying elements of magnesium alloys. AM and AZ series of Mg-Al based alloys provide

great stiffness and strength at room temperature and are not suitable for service at temperatures of 150–200°C since they exhibit low creep strength. Many alloying elements have an influence of mechanical, physical and chemical properties. For example, aluminium maintains significant tensile strength.

Due to fast developments in computer technology, the complexity in determining the responses for composite analysis can be made easy by using finite element methods. The FEM is used worldwide to simulate the composite materials processes and has become a reliable numerical simulation technology. There are many FEM packages such as (MSC/NASTRAN, SUPERFORGE, ABAQUS, ALGOR, DIEKA, and ANSYS) [2, 3]. This paper presents the outcomes of the tensile properties investigations of an experimental and numerical investigation of composites.

## MATERIALS

AZ91E alloy that has a nominal composition (in weight percent) of 9 Al, 1 Zn, 0.25 Mn and balancing Mg was used as matrix material. 1 to 3 wt% of alumina ( $Al_2O_3$ ) powder having an average particle size of 50 nm was used as reinforcement.



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# 10 Magnesium and Its Alloys

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## 10.1 INTRODUCTION TO MAGNESIUM

The name magnesium originated from the Greek word for a district in Thessaly called Magnesia. It was first discovered by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1808 and in metallic form by Antoine Bussy in 1831. Davy's first suggestion was magnium, but later it became magnesium [1]. Its chemical symbol is Mg.

Magnesium is found to be the eighth most-abundant element in the Earth's crust by mass and the ninth most-abundant element in the universe as a whole. It occupies the fourth position among the elements that contribute to earth's mass as a whole followed by iron, oxygen and silicon. It is ranked the third most-abundant element dissolved in seawater [1,2].

Magnesium is an alkaline earth metal having atomic number 12 with oxidation number +2. It has a hexagonal close packed (HCP) crystalline structure. The free element (metal) is not found naturally on earth, as it is highly reactive. Magnesium is a light, strong metal that gives a white brilliant light when exposed to the atmosphere.

Magnesium is a silvery white metal that is similar in appearance to aluminum but weighs one-third less. With a density of only 1.738 g per cubic centimeter, it is the lightest structural metal known. Because of its low density, many companies prefer magnesium as a potential substitute to conventional materials in weight-critical applications.

Magnesium is tougher than plastic and has better damping capacity as compared to cast iron and aluminum. It has good electro-magnetic interference (EMI) shielding and higher heat dissipation than that of plastics. Magnesium absorbs vibration energy effectively. Recyclability also makes magnesium a frontrunner. According to the combination of specific Young's modulus and high specific strength, magnesium alloys show similar or even better values than aluminum and many commercial steels [3]. The properties of magnesium are given in the following section.

### 10.1.1 PROPERTIES OF PURE MAGNESIUM

Magnesium can be used in both its pure form and as an alloy. Depending on the composition of the alloys, there can be remarkable differences in many properties. The following data is primarily regard pure magnesium [4,5]. However, several common alloys and their properties are also mentioned in the later parts of the study.