A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a dense field of carbon black nanoparticles. The particles are small, dark, and irregularly shaped, with some appearing as small clusters. The background is a lighter, textured surface.

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Introduction

Epoxy-based coatings is used to protects surfaces from corrosion and decay.
Adding a few nanoparticles improve the protection of this product.



Why use CB nanoparticles?



CB can act as an ultraviolet stabilizer to prolong the lifetime of a coating.



Because a large specific surface area and high surface activity, the CB nanoparticles agglomerate easily.

Surfactants prevent agglomeration by adsorbing onto the suspended particles surface

Experimental techniques

Zeta potential

Colloid stability and surface morphology

Field Emission Gun Scanning Electron Microscopy (FEG-SEM)

Images of a surface sample

Dynamic light scattering (DLS)

size distribution of particles suspended in a liquid

Thermogravimetric Analyser (TGA)

Variation in the mass as a function of temperature

Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)

characteristic of polymeric coatings in corrosive media

Materials

Non-modified CB nanoparticles

1 gr
CB
100 ml epoxy
solvent
sonicated for 2 h

Modified CB nanoparticles

2 gr of
SDS
100 ml epoxy
solvent
sonicated for 30 min

1 gr
CB
sonicated for 2 h

FEG-SEM Zeta potential, DLS, TGA

Carbon Black N330 → Size of nanoparticle: 26 – 30 nm

Epoxy solvent {
50 % xylene
15 % normal butanol
25 % methyl ethyl ketone
5 % ethylene glycol
5 % butyl glycol.

Preparation of nano-coating

■ or ■ +

weight ratio
10:4

Neat epoxy resin grade
Epon Shell 1001
Polyamide hardener

stirred for 2 h at 2000 rpm.

The prepared coatings were applied on 10 cm 9 7 cm panels of mild steel.

FEG-SEM/EDS

To corrosion the samples

3.5 %wt NaCl solution

Effects of SDS on the dispersion of CB in the solvent

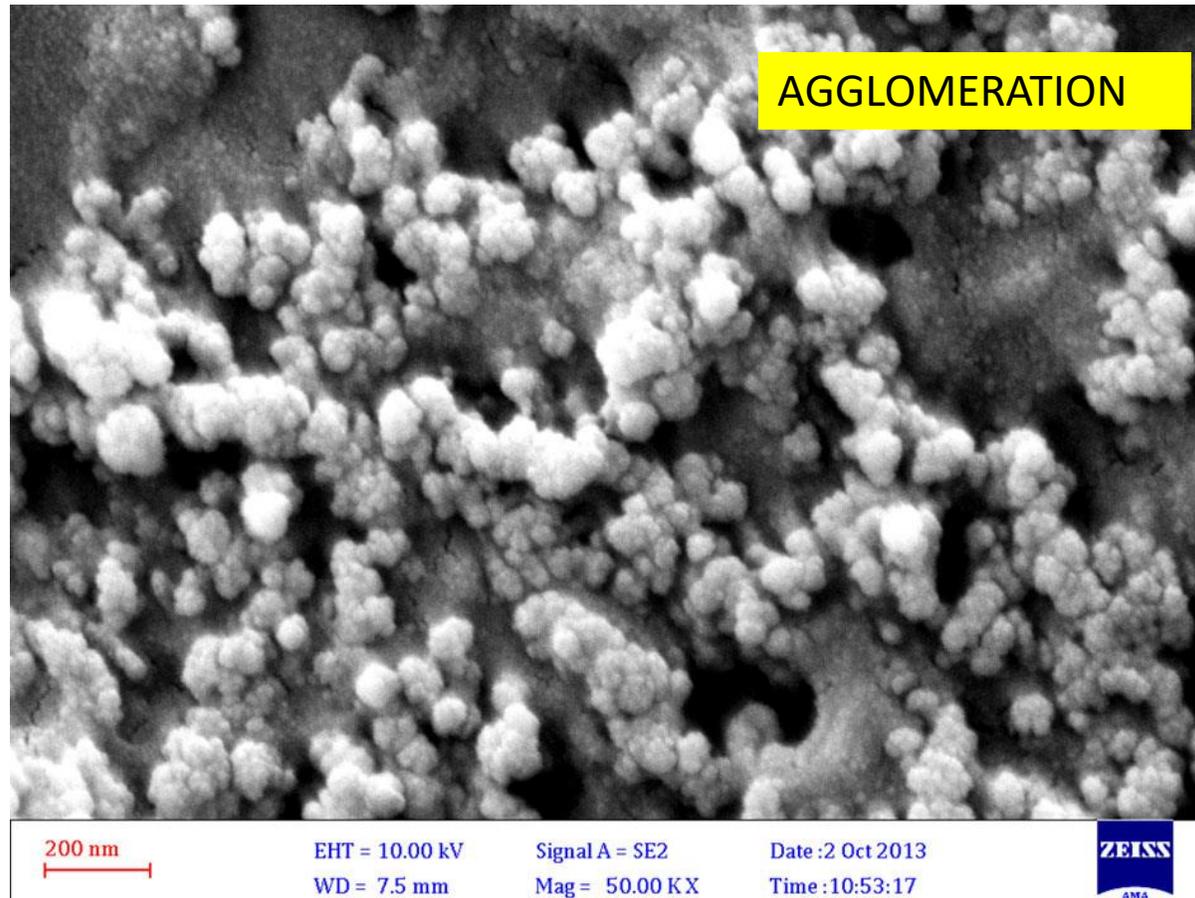


FIG 1: FEG-SEM micrograph of non-modified CB nanoparticles in the epoxy solvent

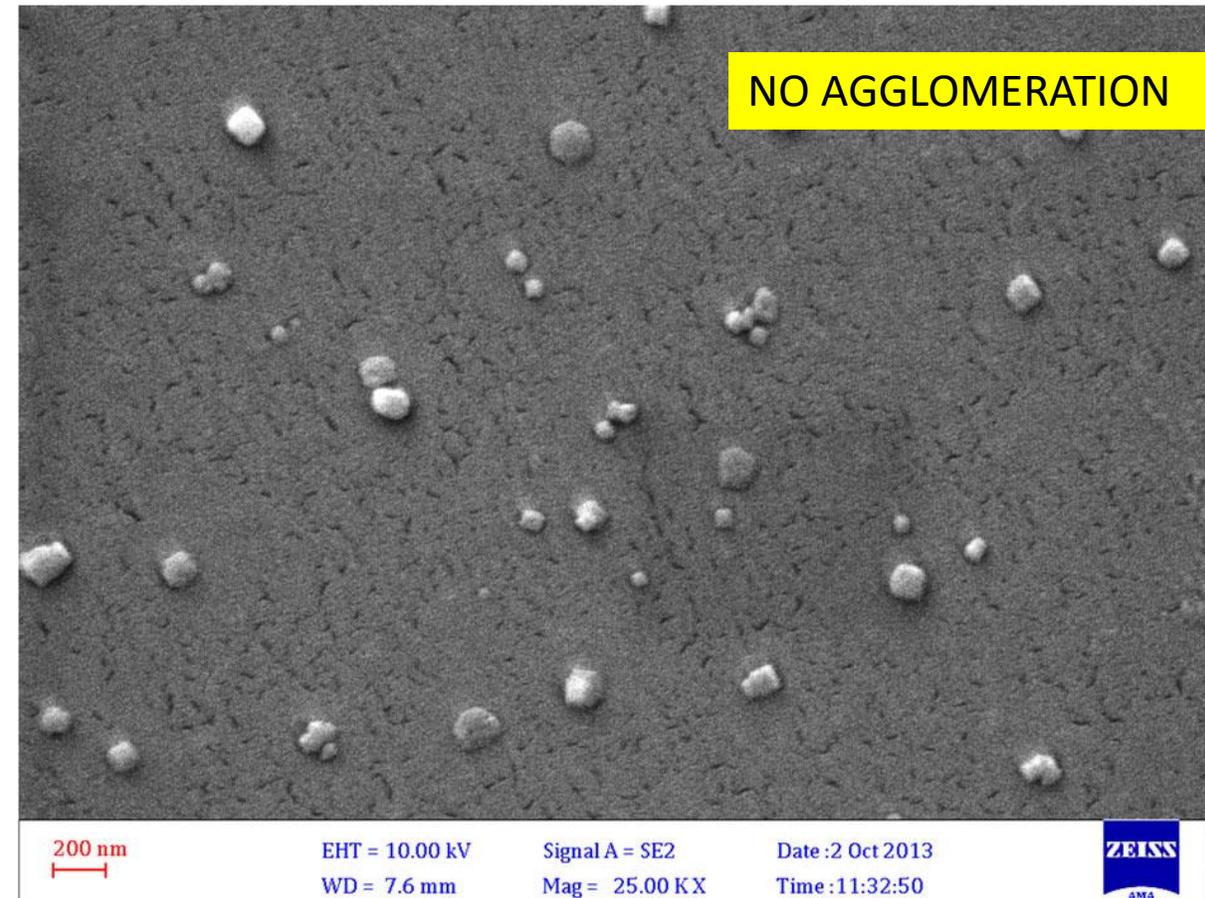


FIG 2: FEG-SEM micrograph of modified CB nanoparticles by SDS in the epoxy solvent

Effects of SDS on the dispersion of CB in the solvent

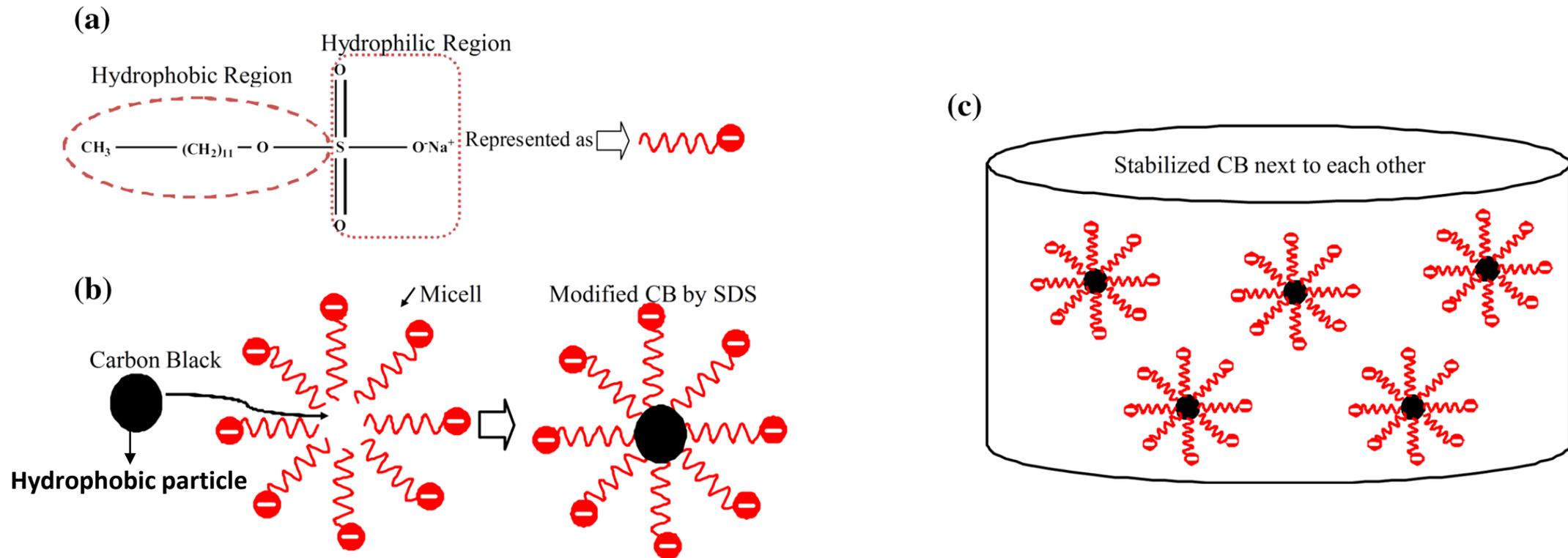


FIG 3: Proposed mechanism for dispersing CB nanoparticles by SDS surfactant in the epoxy solvent a scheme structure of SDS, b mechanism of absorbing CB by SDS and c dispersion of CB nanoparticles in the solvent

It can be deduced that the thickness of the SDS surfactant is around the 2 nm.

Dynamic light scattering (DLS) and Zeta Potential

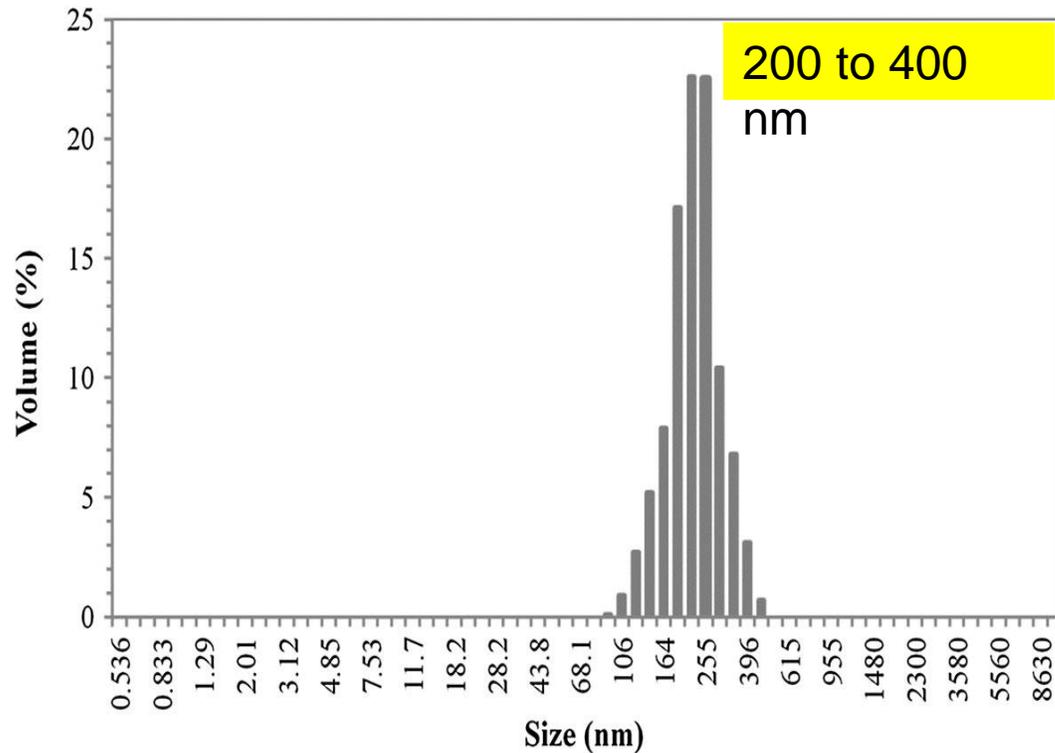


FIG 4: Size distribution of non-modified CB particles dispersed in the epoxy solvent

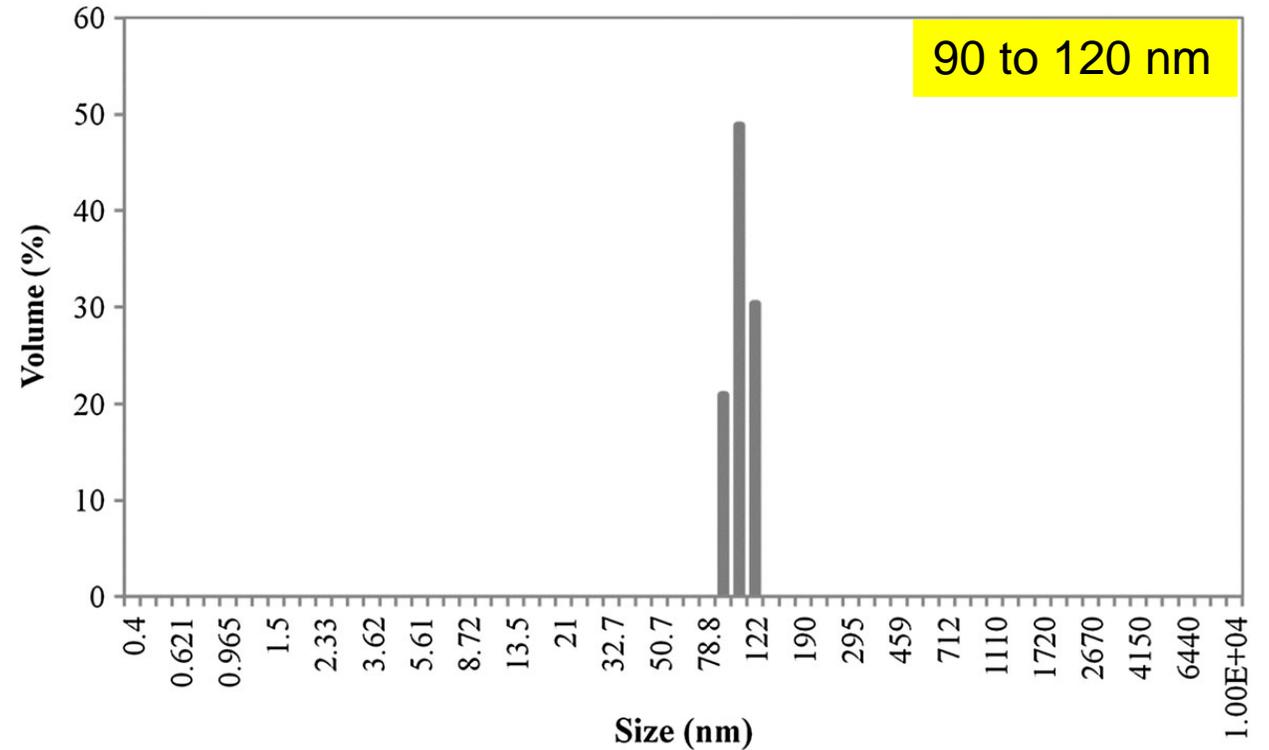


FIG 5: Size distribution of modified CB particles dispersed in the epoxy solvent

By adsorbing SDS on CB reduce attractive forces between CB nanoparticles

Dynamic light scattering (DLS) and Zeta Potential

High zeta potential confirm the stability.

When the potential is small, attractive forces may exceed than this repulsion and the dispersion may break and flocculate.

Table 1 Zeta potential of modified and non-modified of CB nanoparticles in the epoxy solvent

	Modified CB nanoparticles	Non-modified CB nanoparticles
Zeta potential (mV)	-22.7	-7.2

SDS increase the stability of CB in epoxy solvent.

Thermal properties of CB nanoparticles

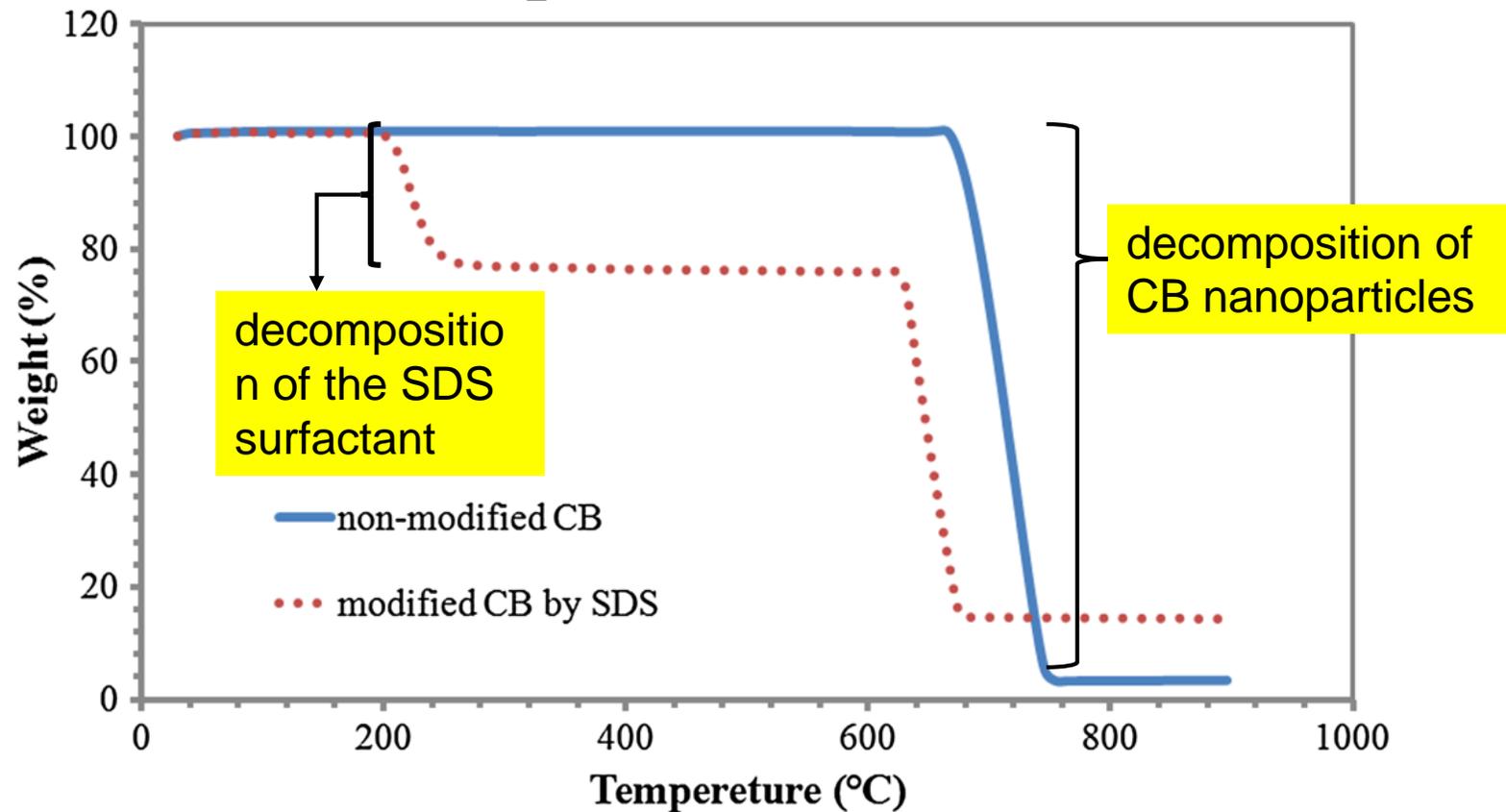


FIG 6: TGA profile non-modified CB (bold line) and modified CB by SDS (dotted line)

These results confirm that for modified CB nanoparticles, about 20 %wt SDS was successfully absorbed at the surface of CB nanoparticles

Effect of SDS on the morphology of CB/epoxy nanocomposite films

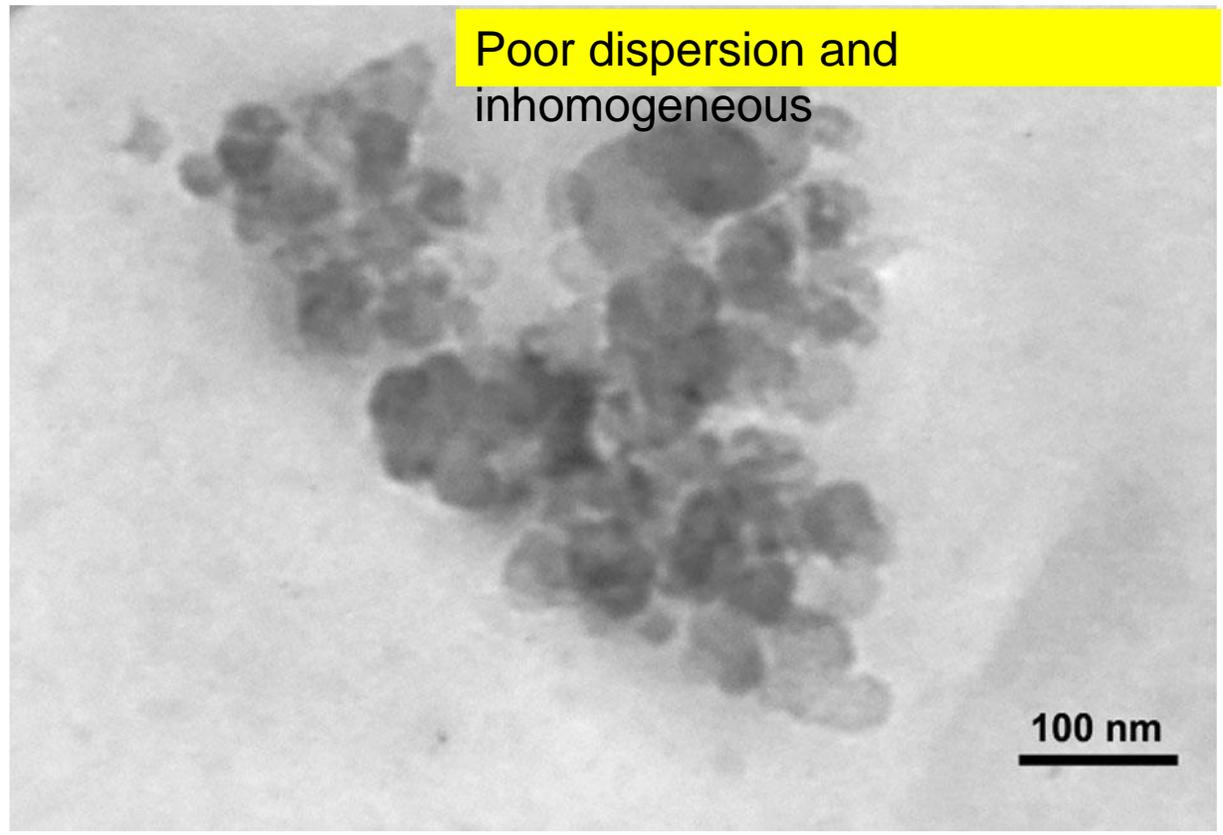


FIG 7: TEM micrograph of non-modified CB nanoparticles/epoxy coating without dispersion in the matrix

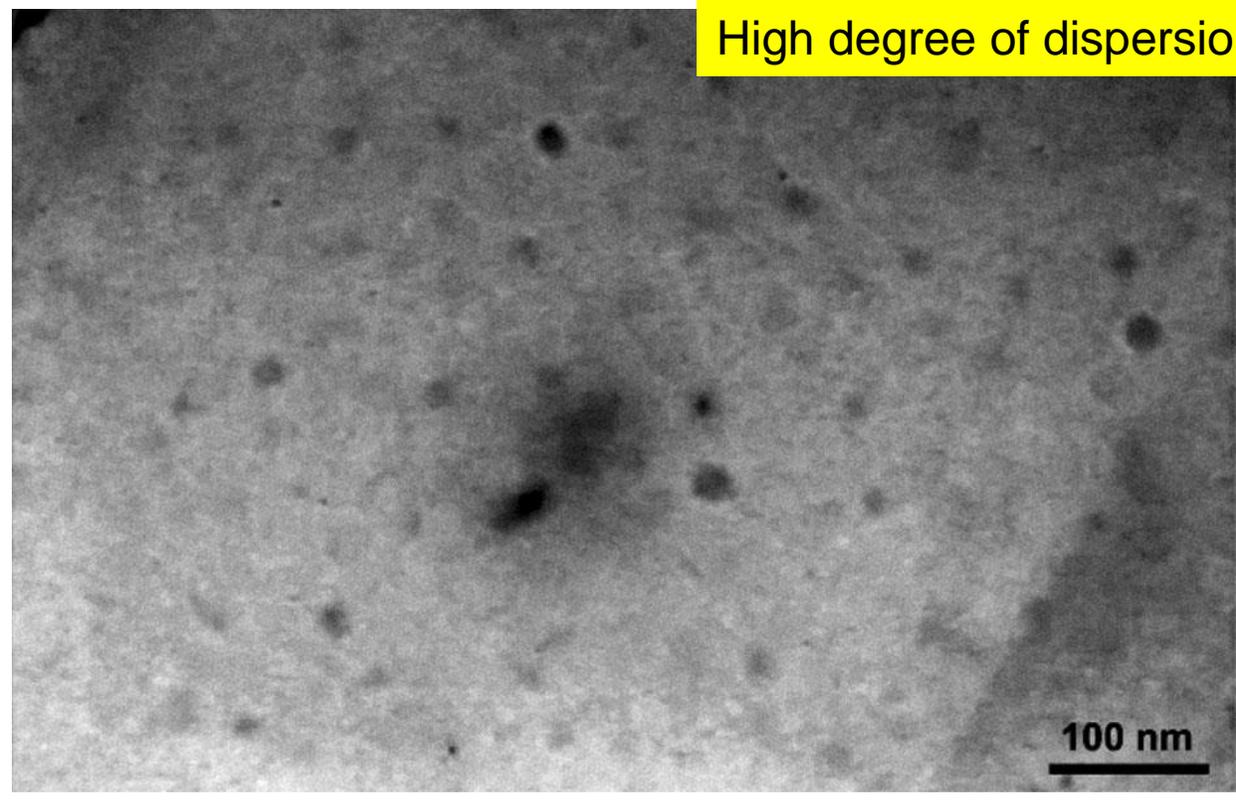


FIG 8: TEM micrograph of modified CB nanoparticles/epoxy coating with good dispersion in the matrix

Effect of SDS on anticorrosion behavior of CB/epoxy coatings

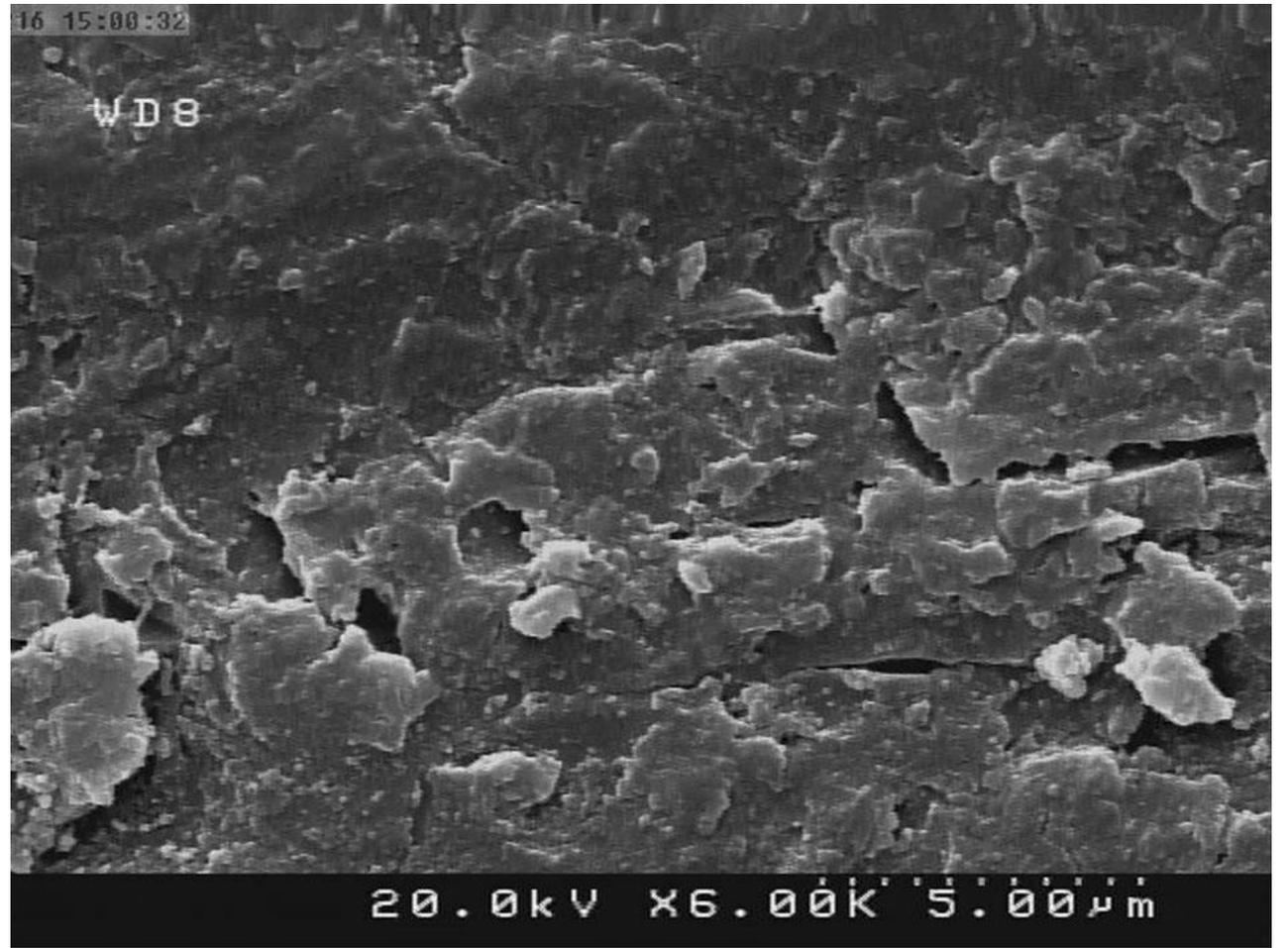
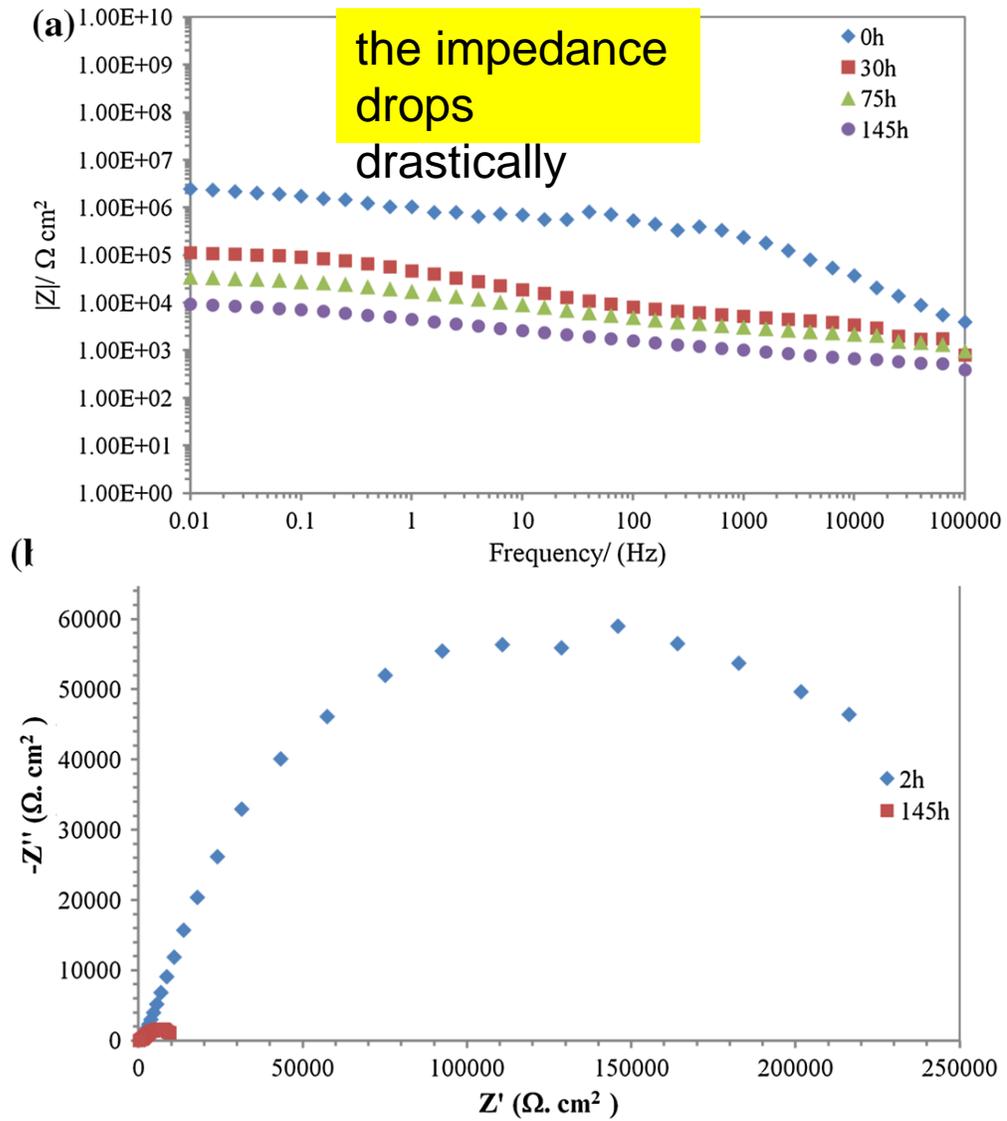


FIG 10: The cross section of coating without CB nanoparticles

FIG 9: a The Bode plots and b Nyquist plots of the EP coating at different immersion times in 3.5 % NaCl solution and 65 °C

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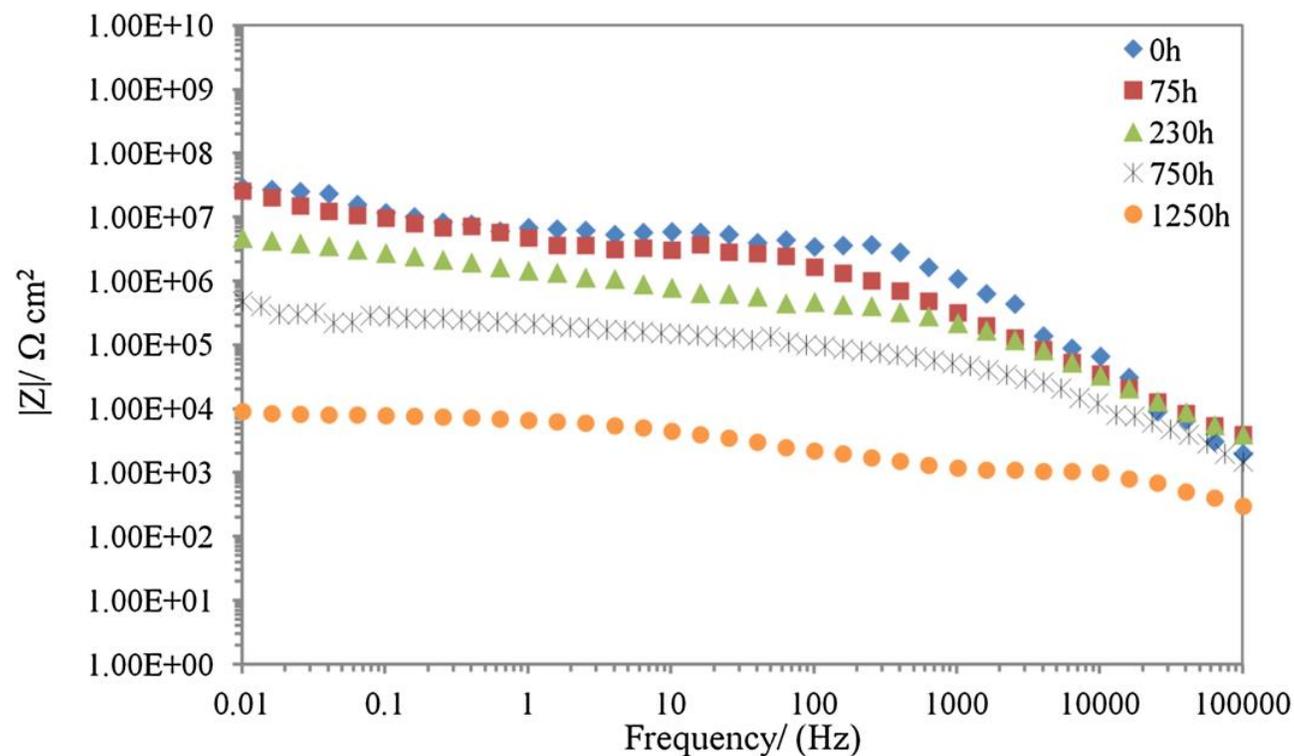


FIG 11: The Bode plots of coating with 0.75 %wt non-modified CB nanoparticles at different immersion times in 3.5 % NaCl solution and 65 C

Adding CB nanoparticles into epoxy resin, the corrosion resistance of coating increased.

CB nanoparticles can fill micropores and increase the density of coating which limits penetration of corrosive species into coating/metal interface

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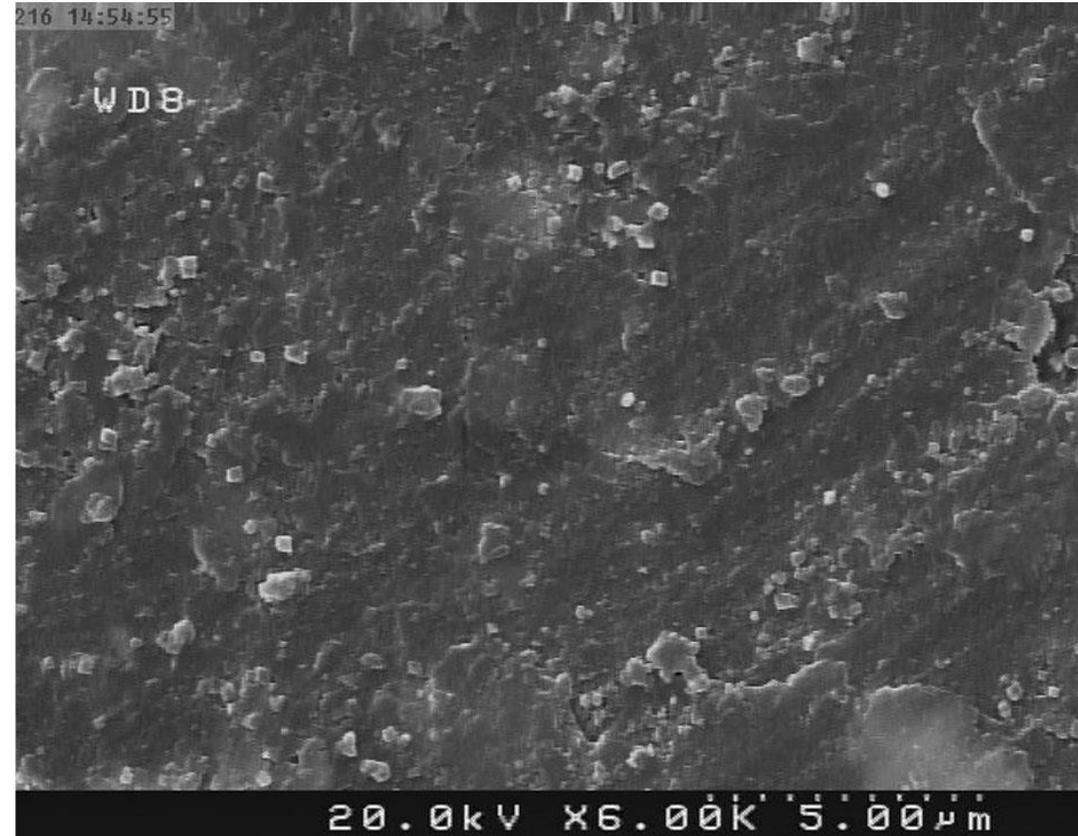
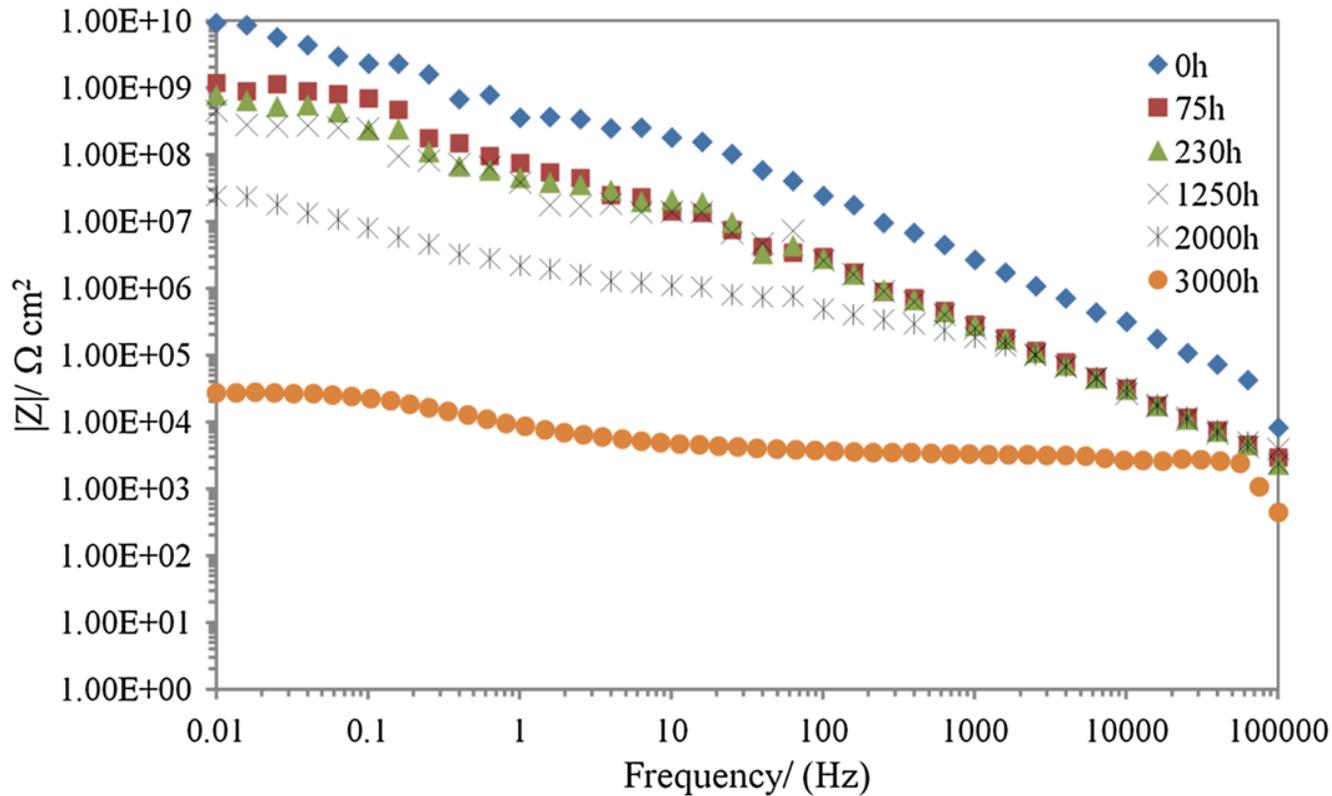


FIG 12: The Bode plots of coating with 0.75 %wt modified CB nanoparticles at different immersion times in 3.5 % NaCl solution and 65 C

FIG 13: The cross section of coating with 0.75 %wt CB nanoparticles

High dispersion in modified CB nanoparticles led to fill more micropores in epoxy matrix

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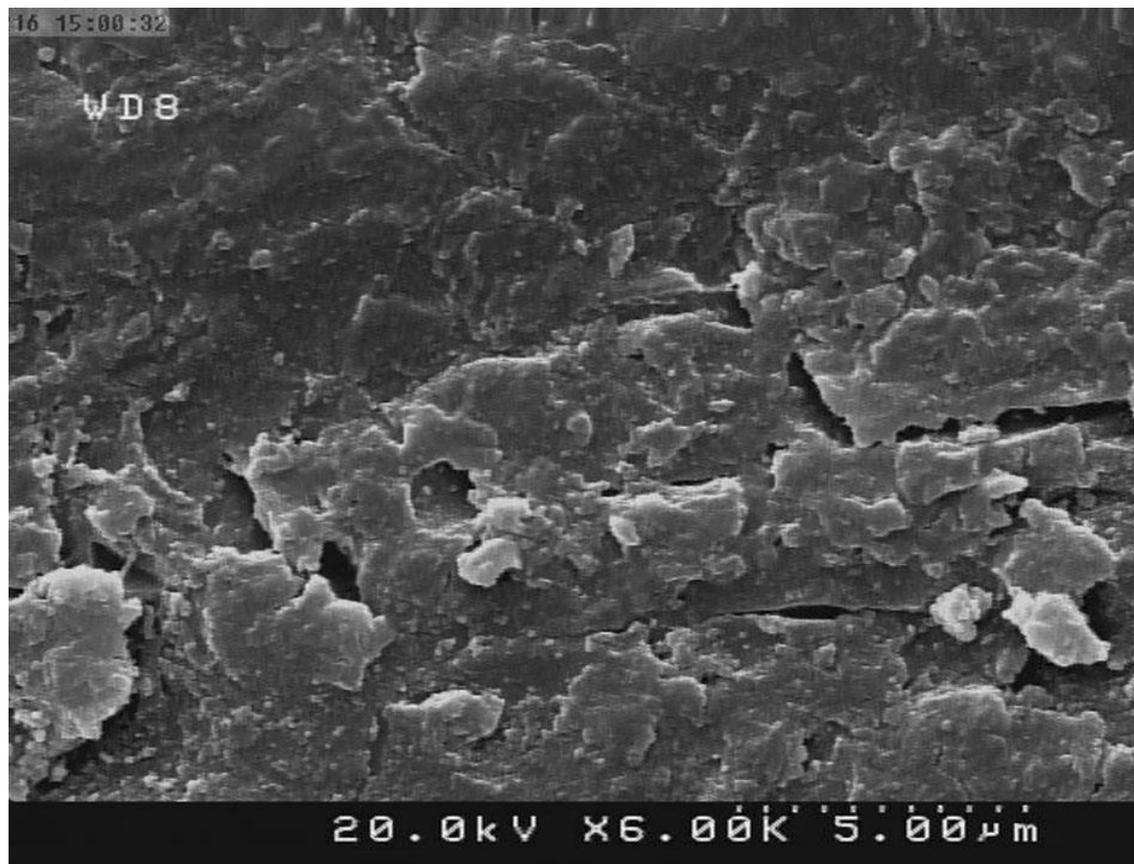


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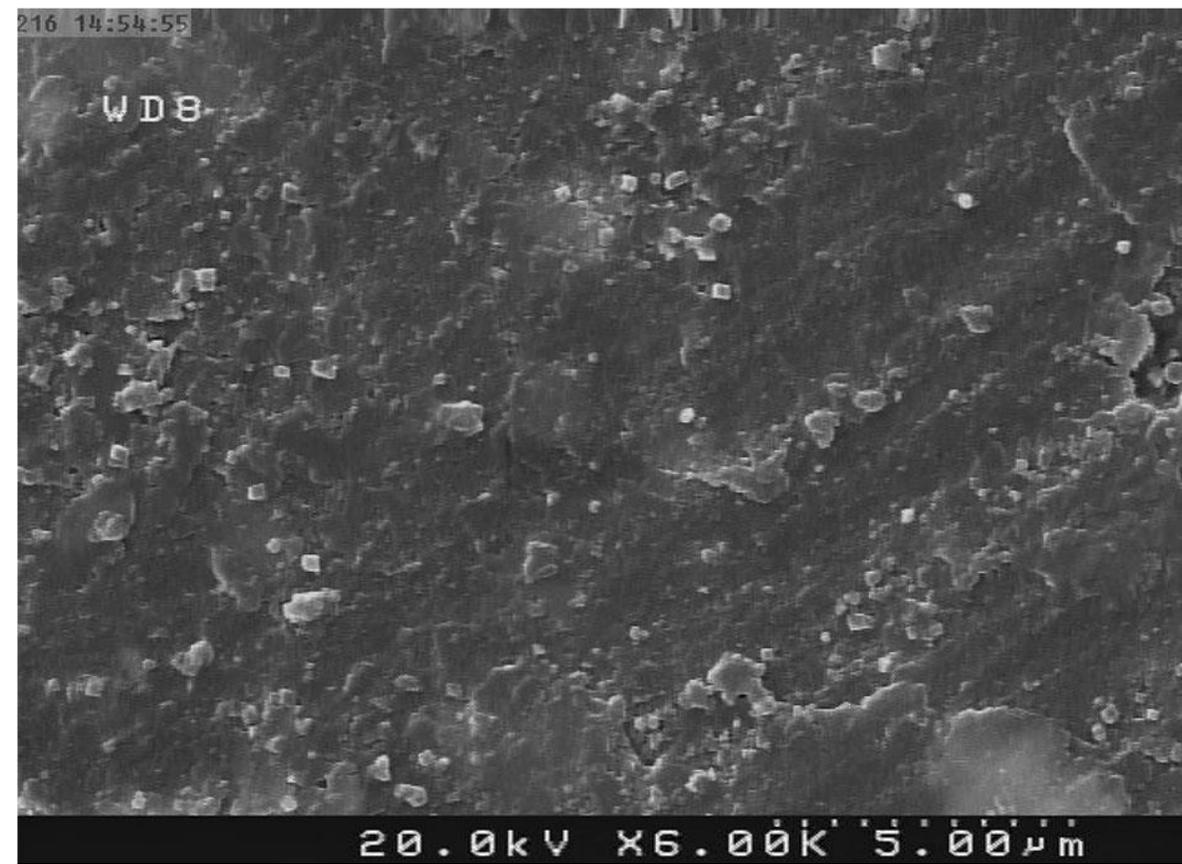


FIG 13: The cross section of coating with 0.75 %wt CB nanoparticles

Conclusions

SDS prevent the agglomeration of CB and FESEM proved that CB nanoparticles modified were dispersed uniformly in solvent

DLS showed that addition of SDS reduces CB size from 220 nm to 100 nm in epoxy solvent.

Zeta potential decreased from -7.2 mV (non-modified CB) to -22.7 mV (modified CB) adding SDS. thus leads to an increase in stability of CB nanoparticles.

TGA showed that more than 20 %wt SDS surfactant was absorbed at the surface of CB nanoparticles

TEM: Non-modified CB has poor dispersion and inhomogeneous, while modified has high dispersion

The modified CB/epoxy coating was degraded after 3000 h that showed corrosion resistance more than non-modified CB/epoxy which was degraded after 1250 h immersion in corrosive media.

Thank you!



