Experimental and simulation study of tension properties of unsaturated reinforced polyester at low temperature

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The cryogenic properties of polymers have received great attention with new developments in military and petrochemical processes that require operation at low temperature. This paper presents the evaluation of unsaturated reinforced polyester under static and dynamic loading at extreme temperatures. An environmental chamber was used to test the influence of sub-zero process temperatures on the tensile properties of the specimens. Simulation of tensile properties has been conducted by LS-DYNA and compared with the experimental results. Microstructure examination of the specimens after failure is conducted and evaluated.

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Figure: Typical stress versus strain curves in tension and compression for the polyester resin.