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EFFECT OF GO NANOSHEETS ON MICROSTRUCTURE, MECHANICAL AND FRACTURE PROPERTIES OF CEMENT COMPOSITES

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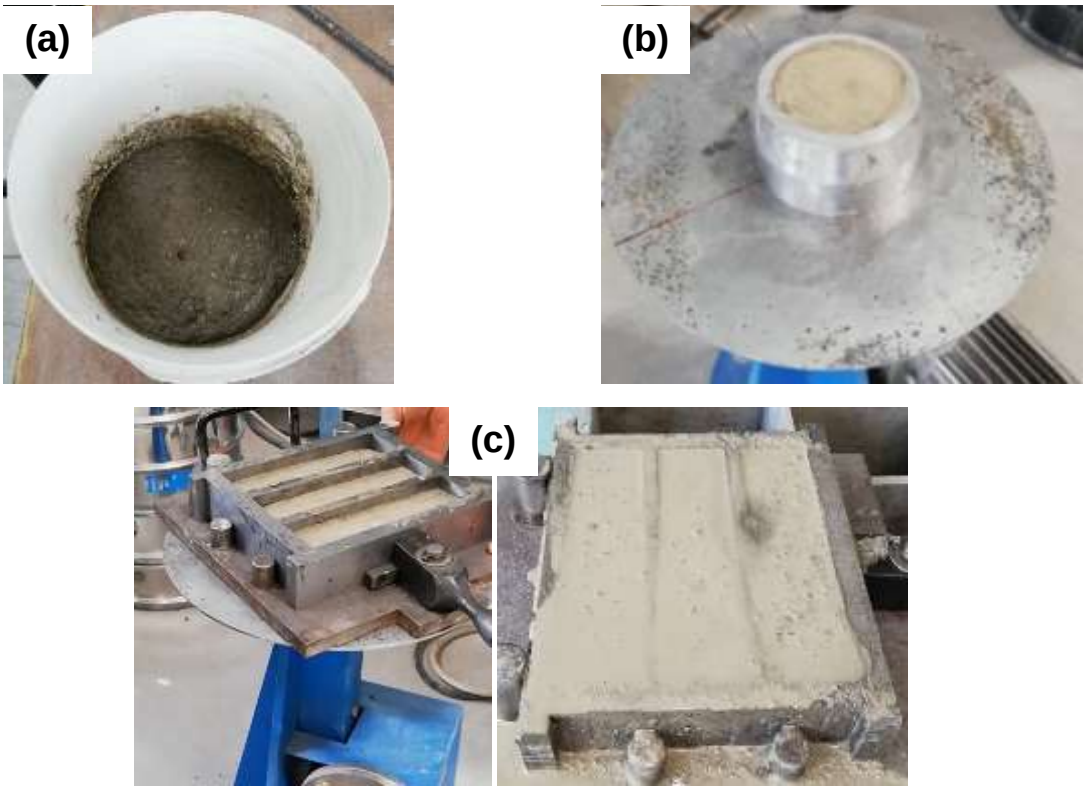

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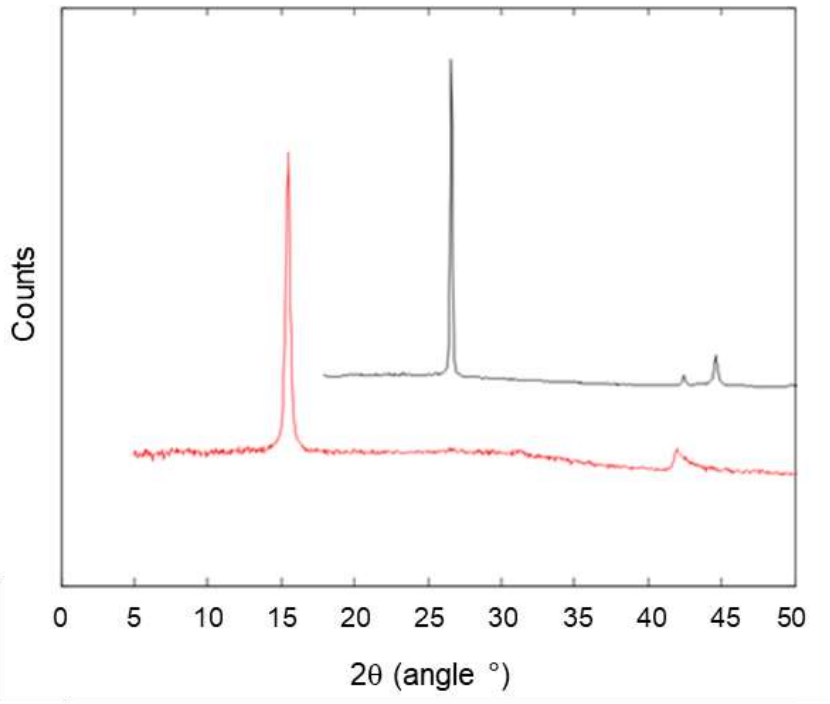

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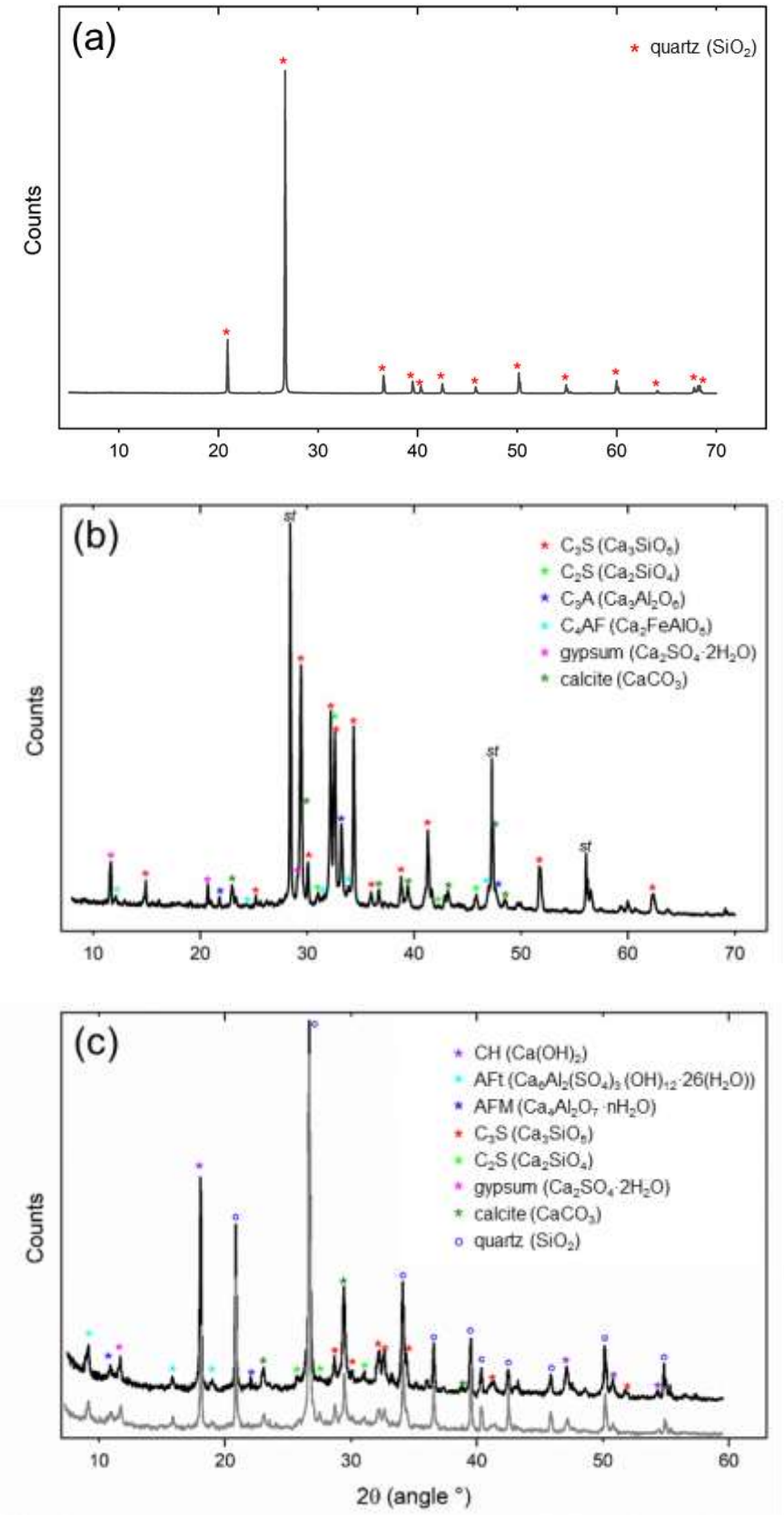

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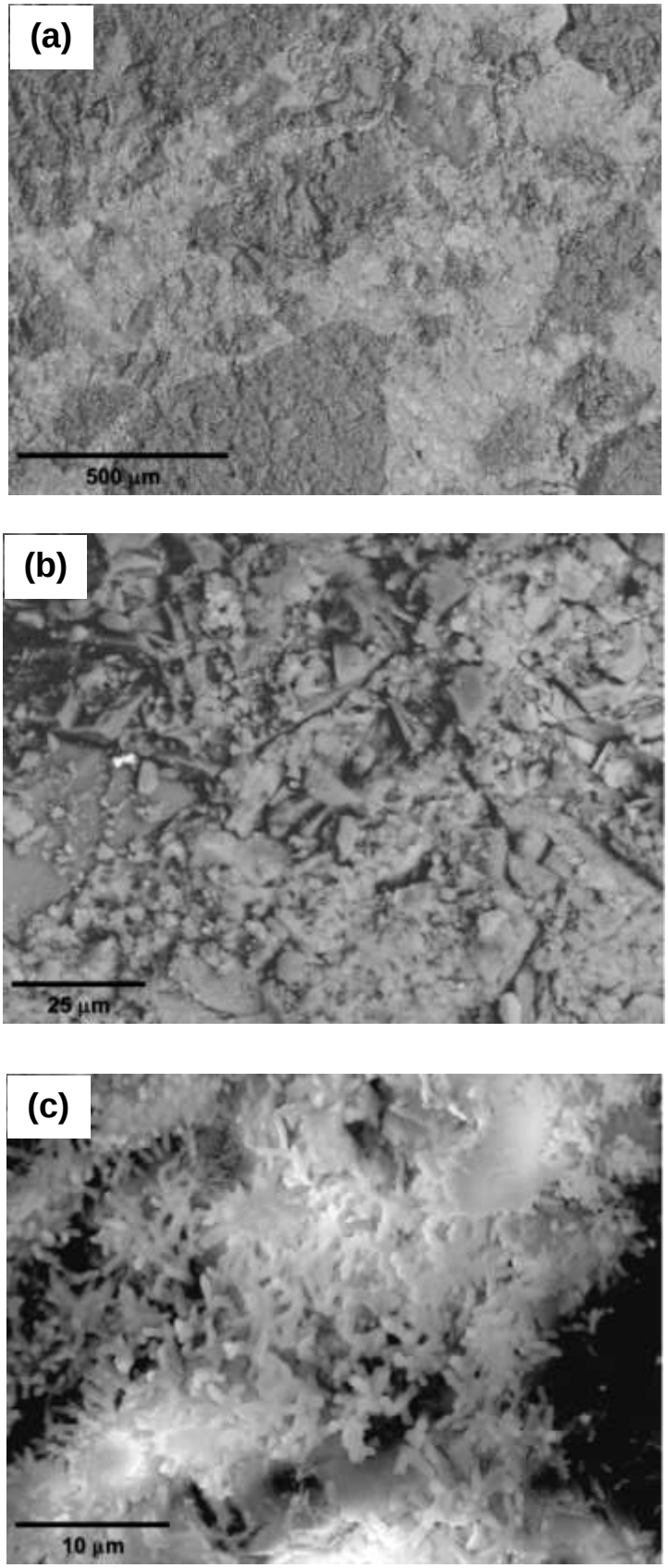

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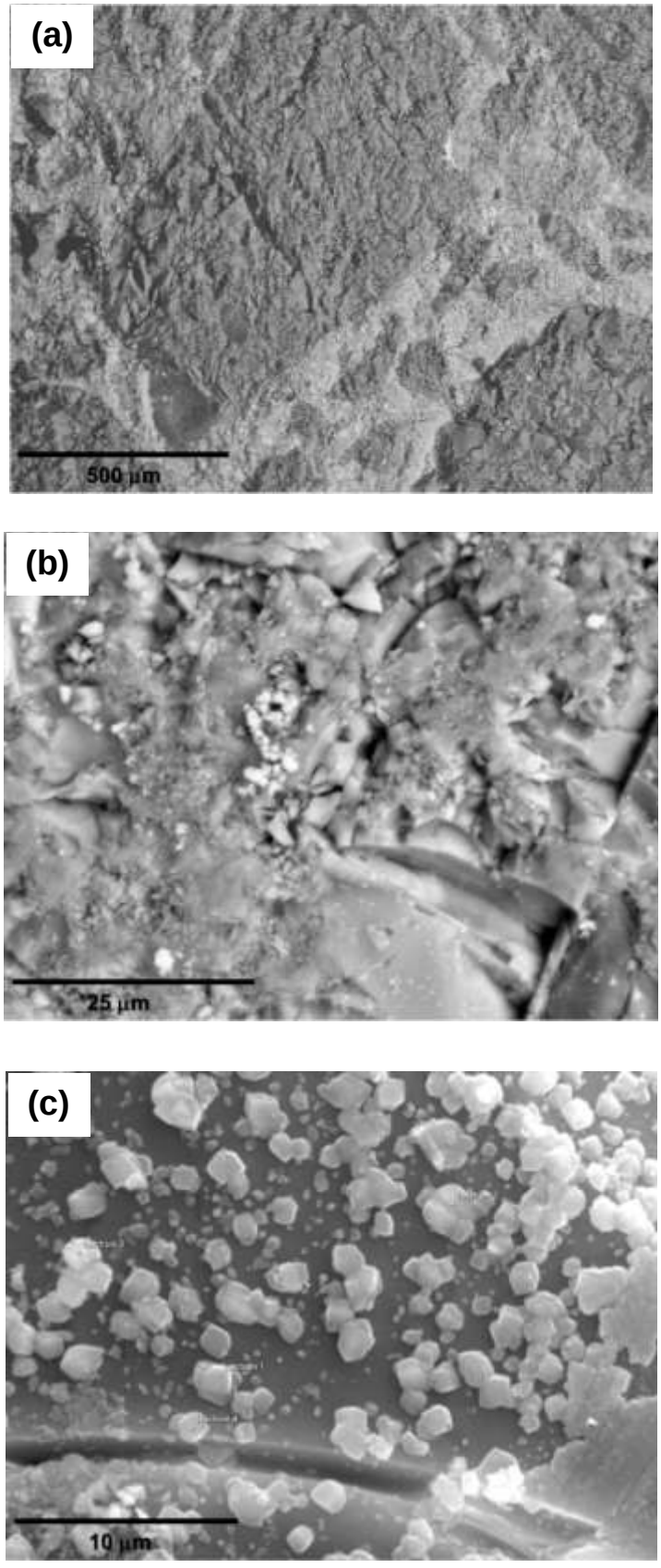

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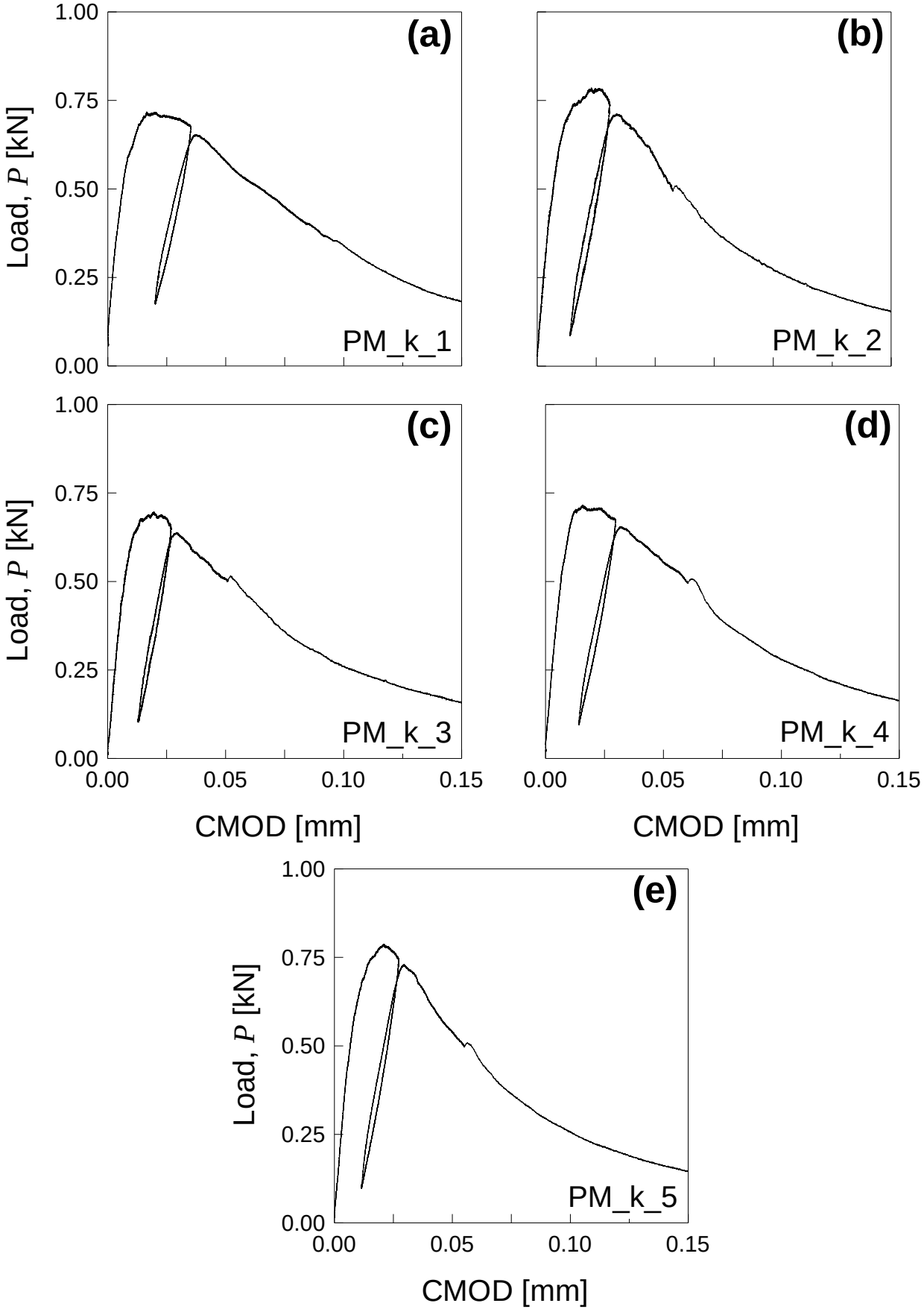
Table 1. Flexural and compression test results for both PM and GO-B specimen type.

SPECIMEN TYPE	P_f [kN]		R_f [MPa]		P_c [kN]		R_c [MPa]	
	μ	σ	μ	σ	μ	σ	μ	σ
PM	1.994	0.103	5.285	0.297	151.027	6.660	87.517	2.980
GO-B	1.993	0.108	5.516	0.213	155.915	7.410	90.567	3.496



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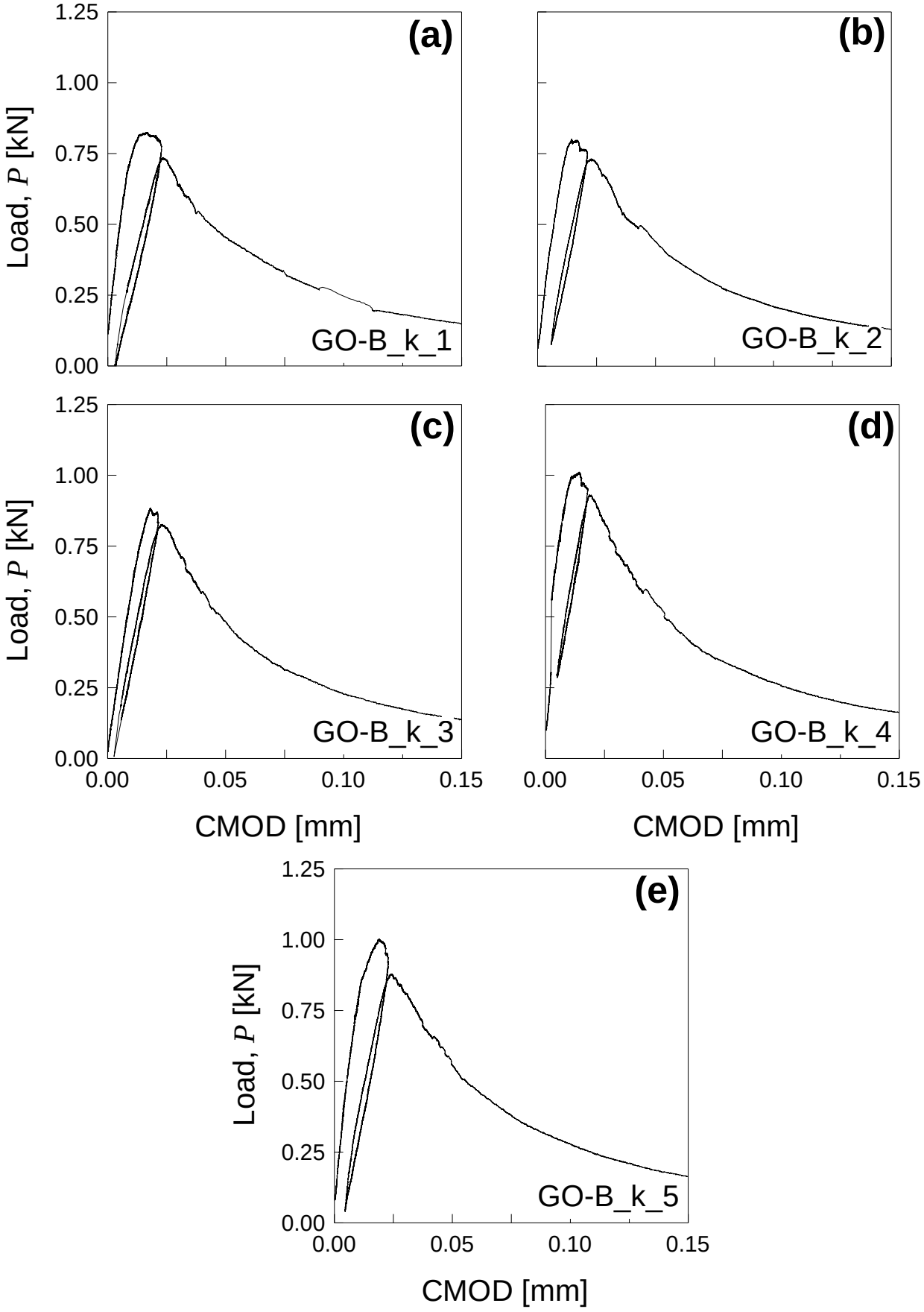

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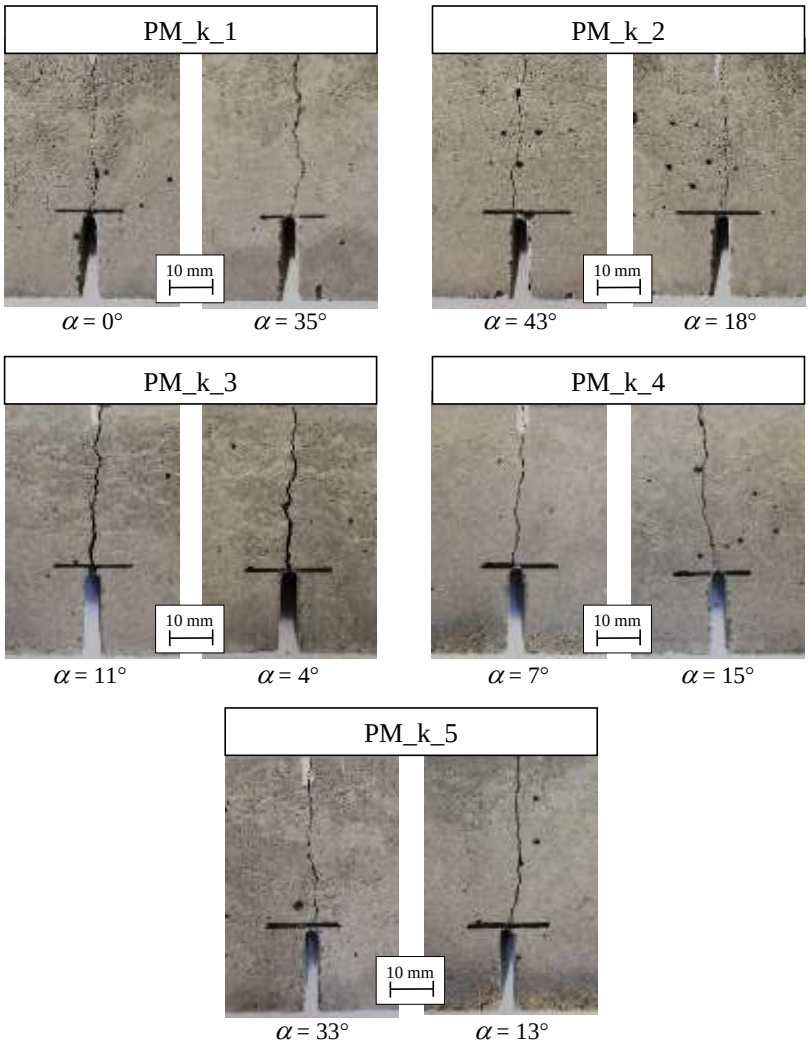

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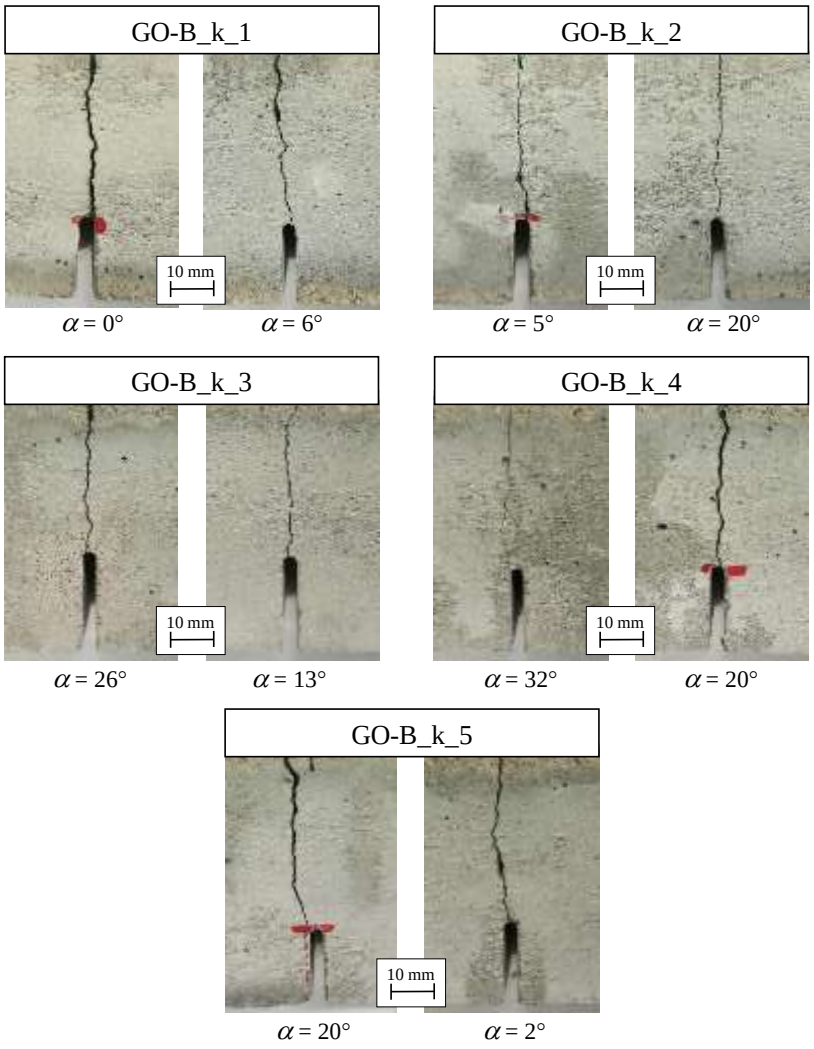

Figure 9. Crack paths and kinking angle values for GO-B_k specimens.

Table 2. Fracture test results for both PM and GO-B specimen type.

SPECIMEN TYPE	P_{max} [kN]		α [°]		E [GPa]		$K^{S}_{(I+II)C}$ [MPa·m$^{0.5}$]	
	μ	σ	μ	σ	μ	σ	μ	σ
PM	0.741	0.043	17.9	9.229	31.873	1.571	0.788	0.027
GO-B	0.916	0.086	14.4	8.742	33.529	1.529	0.992	0.072