

## PRODUCTION OF pH-STABLE LIGNIN NANOPARTICLES IN HIGH YIELD VIA AN INNOVATIVE GREEN APPROACH AND THEIR APPLICATION IN THE DYING OF TEXTILES



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## CONVERSION OF LIGNIN INTO LNPs PROPERTIES ARE DRASTICALLY IMPROVED

### SOLUBILITY

UV LIGHT ABSORPTION

ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY

HOMOGENOUS DISPERSION IN NANOCOMPOSITES

THERMAL STABILITY OF NANOCOMPOSITES

MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE OF NANOCOMPOSITES

REDUCED **WATER SENSITIVITY** OF NANOCOMPOSITES

**BARRIER** TO BLOCK THE PERMEABILITY OF GAS IN FILMS



HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE PRODUCTION METHOD!

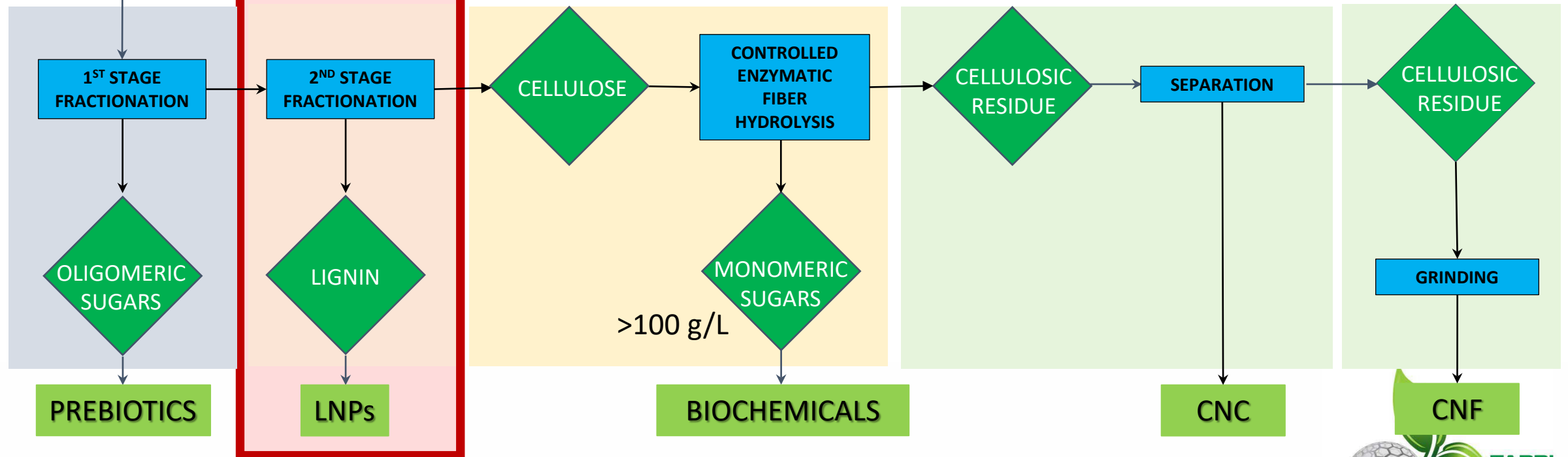
THERMAL STABILITY: ↓ Yang et al., 2015    ↑ Nair et al. 2014



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## SUGAR CANE LIGNIN



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## PRODUCTION OF LNPs BY MECHANICAL REFINING PROCESS SIMPLE & EFFICIENT



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## PRODUCTION OF LNPs FROM SCB-LIGNIN PROCESS SIMPLE & EFFICIENT

**Table 1** Average particle size of sugarcane bagasse lignin (SCB-L) in an aqueous suspension (1% w/w) before (control) and after a different number of processing cycles in the disc ultra-refiner Supermasscolloider

Cycle	PS <sub>10</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μm)	PS <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> (μm)	PS <sub>90</sub> <sup>c</sup> (μm)	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Zeta potential (mV)	Time (min)	Energy consumption (kW h kg <sup>-1</sup> )
→ Control	3.34	4.19	→ 8.28	592	-27.5	0	0
→ 1	0.012	0.018	→ 0.035	16 500	-31.3	8.5	6
2	0.011	0.017	0.033	20 770	-32.1	17.1	11
3	0.011	0.017	0.033	22 270	-30.7	25.5	17
5	0.011	0.016	0.031	29 070	-30.4	42	28
→ 10	0.011	0.016	→ 0.031	28 900	-35.0	81.4	56

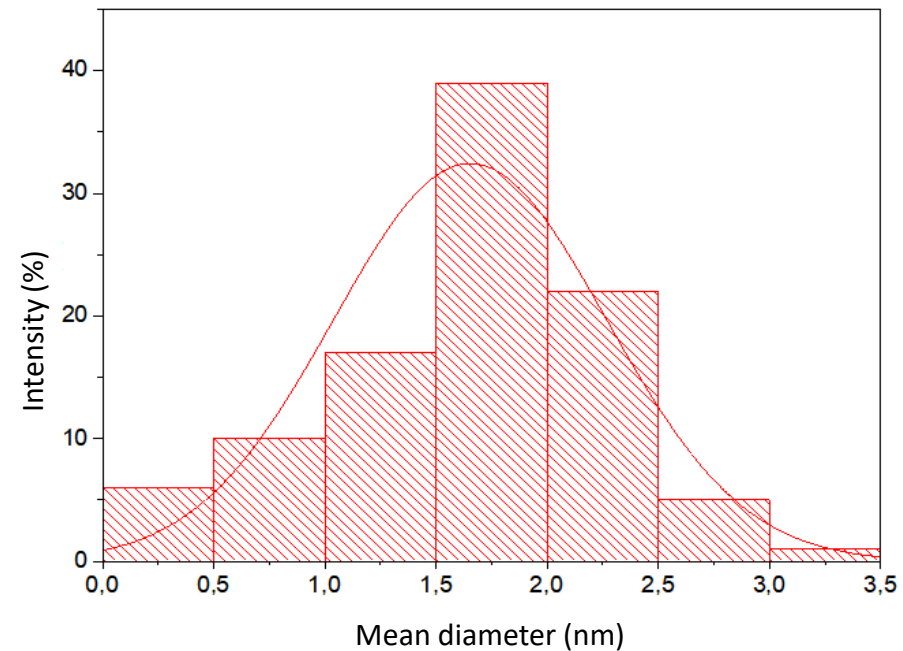
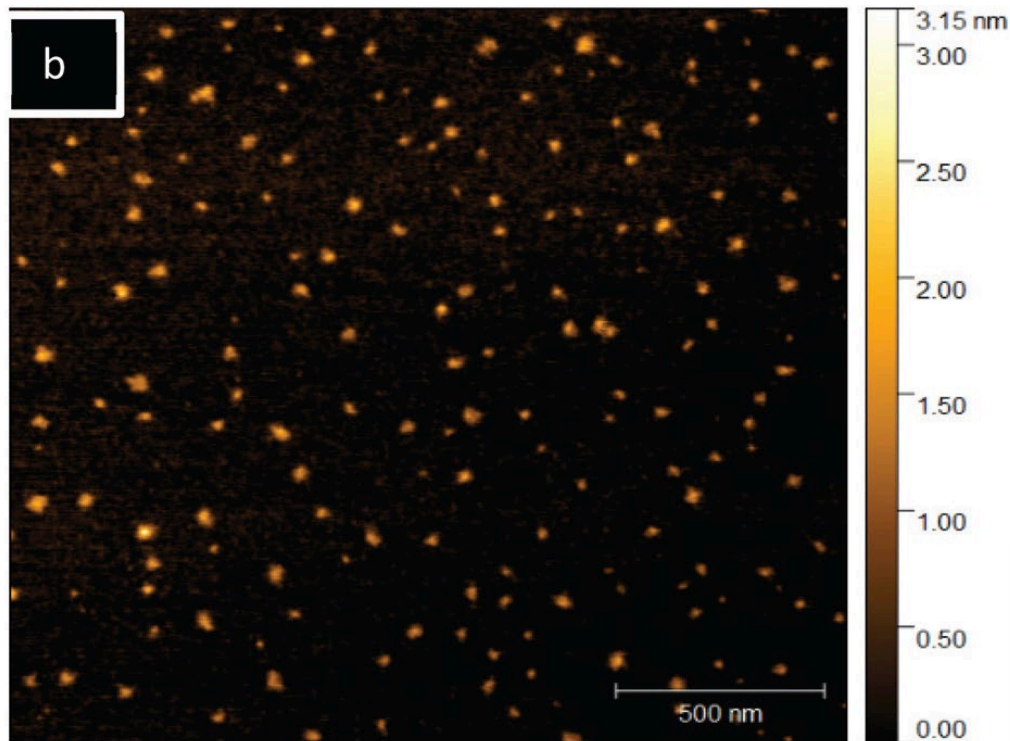
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<sup>c</sup> PS<sub>90</sub>: 90% of the particles have size equal or below the indicated value.

~100 yield

## LNPs: MORPHOLOGY

SPHERICAL AND NANOMETRIC (AFM)



LNP: HIGHLY UNIFORM < 3,5 nm

LIGNIN: 1-100  $\mu$ m

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## CHARACTERIZATION OF SCB-LNPs FT-IR & <sup>1</sup>H NMR

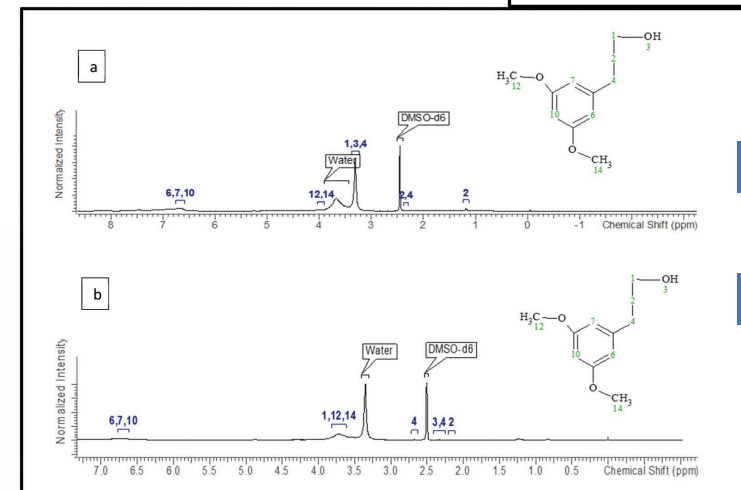
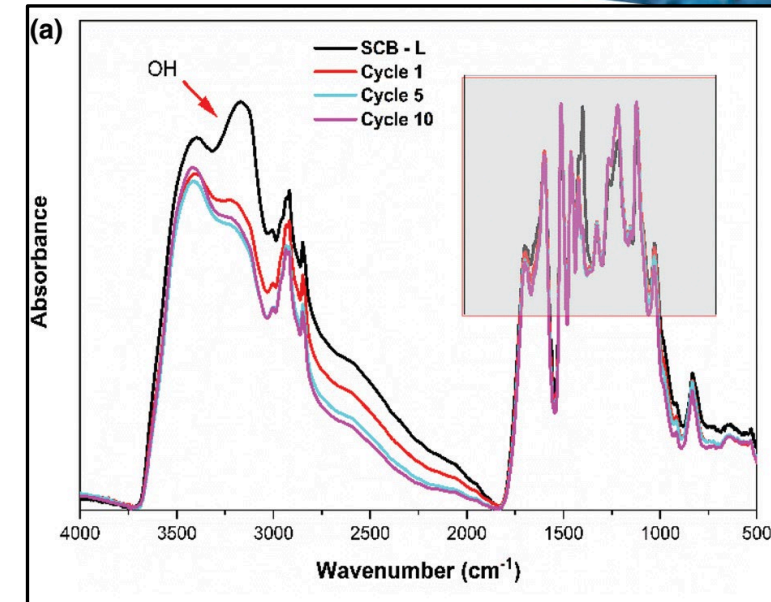
LIGNIN CHEMICAL BONDS (i.e, β-O-4) WERE DETECTED  
NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE OBSERVED

### INTENSITIES OF THE DIFFERENT FT-IR BANDS CHANGED

- ↓ HYDROXYL (3600–3200 and 1380 cm<sup>-1</sup>)
- ↑ C-O-C IN G AND S groups (1329–1130 cm<sup>-1</sup>)
- ↑ AROMATIC SKELETON (1599 and 1513 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

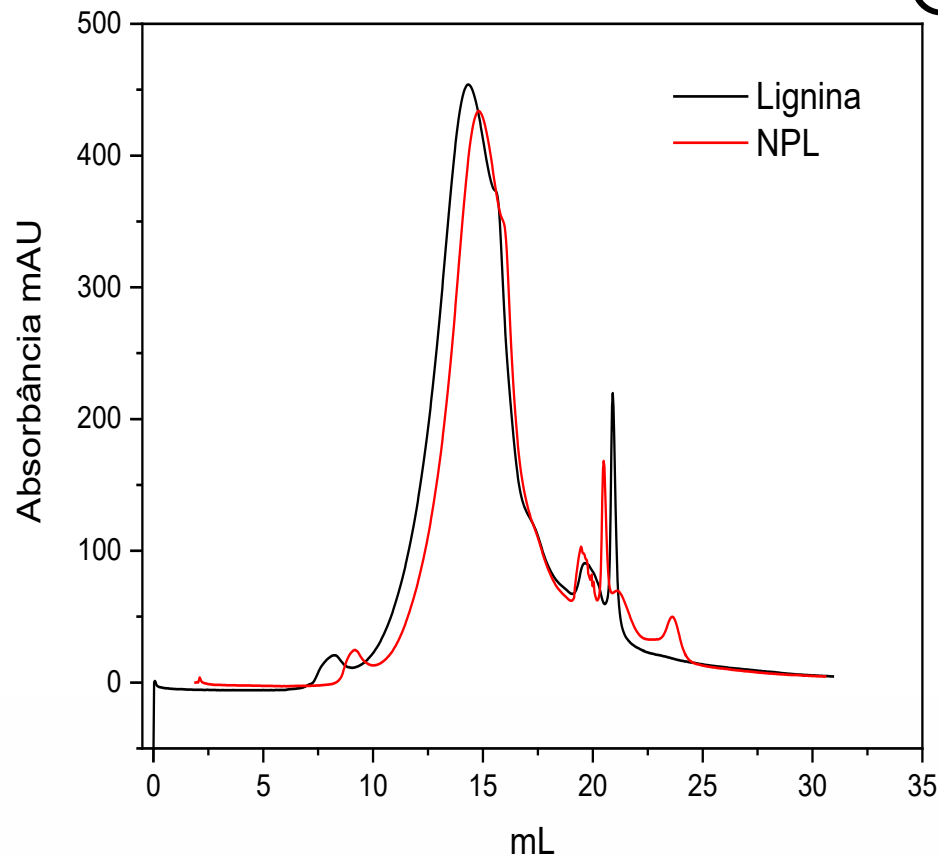
### FT-IR + <sup>1</sup>H NMR

NO EVIDENCE OF CHEMICAL CHANGES  
INTRINSIC PROPERTIES LIKELY MAINTAINED



## CHARACTERIZATION OF SCB-LNPs

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MW DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIGNIN MACROMOLECULES BEFORE AND AFTER PROCESSING WERE VERY SIMILAR (ONLY CHANGED SLIGHTLY)

NO EVIDENCE OF LIGNIN MOLECULES FRAGMENTATION

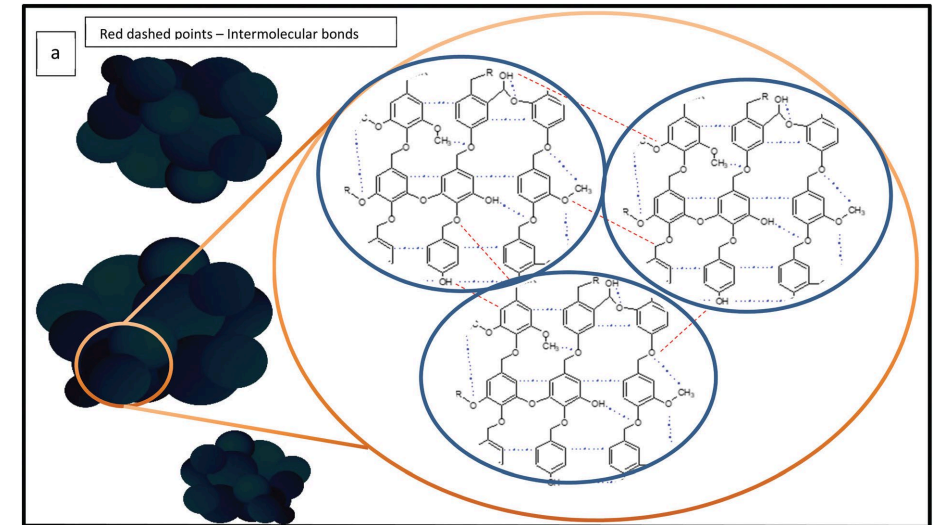
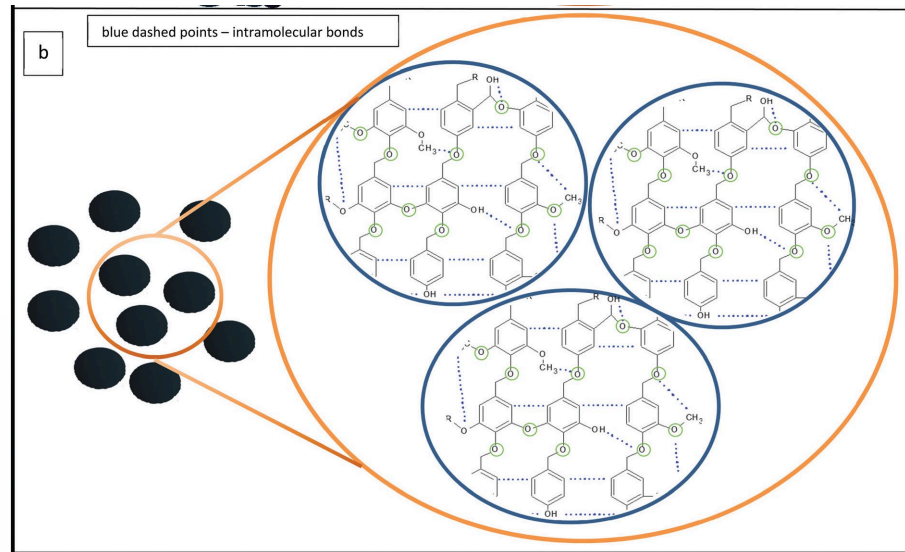


## CHARACTERIZATION OF SCB-LNPs

BREAKING OF WEAK INTERACTIONS  
(i.e., HYDROGEN BONDS & van der WAALS)

REDUCTION IN SIZE OF LIGNIN CLUSTERS

INTRINSIC PROPERTIES LIKELY MAINTAINED

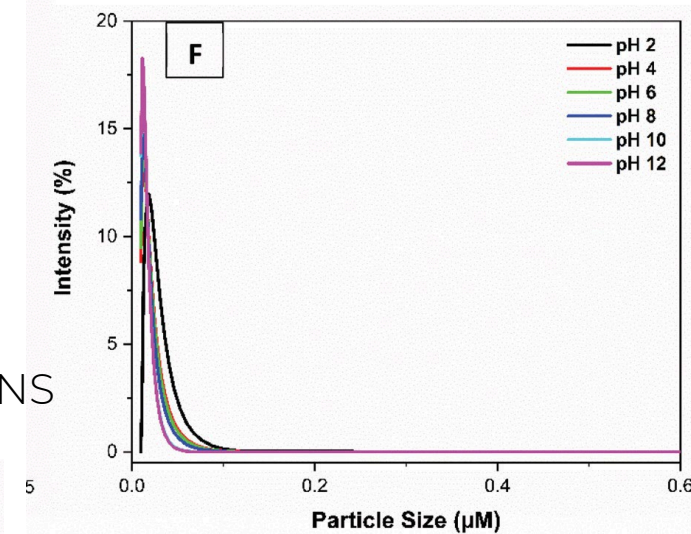
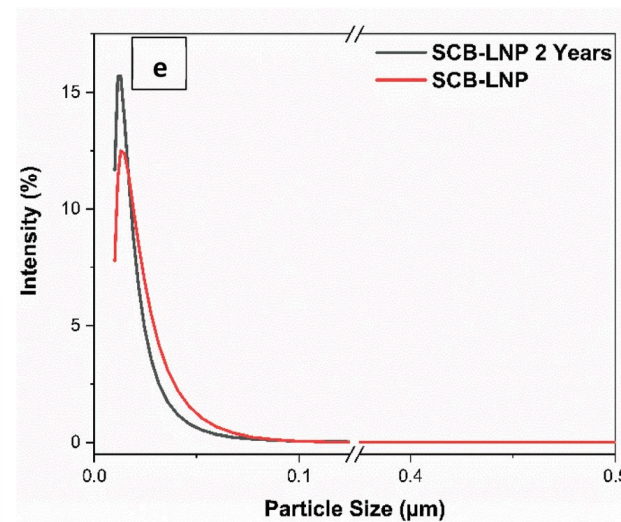
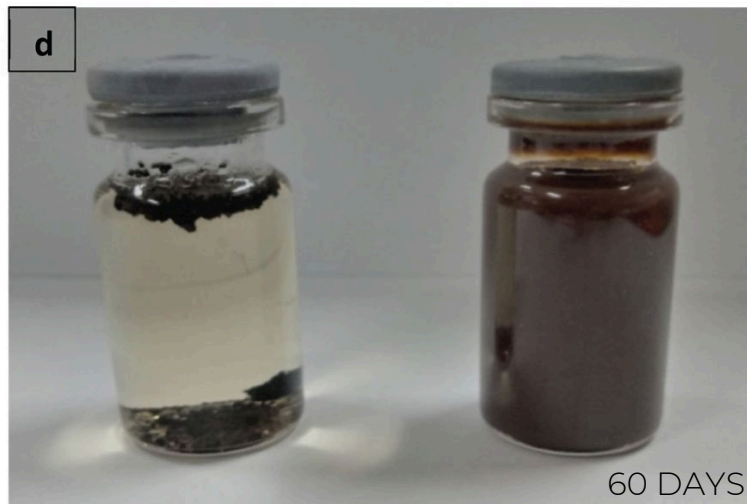


## PROPERTIES OF SCB-LNPs - STABILITY

HIGH SUSPENSION STABILITY  
INCREASED ZETA POTENTIAL

LONG-TERM STABILITY IN AQUEOUS MEDIUM ( 2 YEARS)  
NO CHEMICAL CHANGED TO THE STRUCTURE (CONFIRMED BY  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR)

REMAINED STABLE OVER A BROAD pH RANGE, EVEN UNDER ACIDIC CONDITIONS



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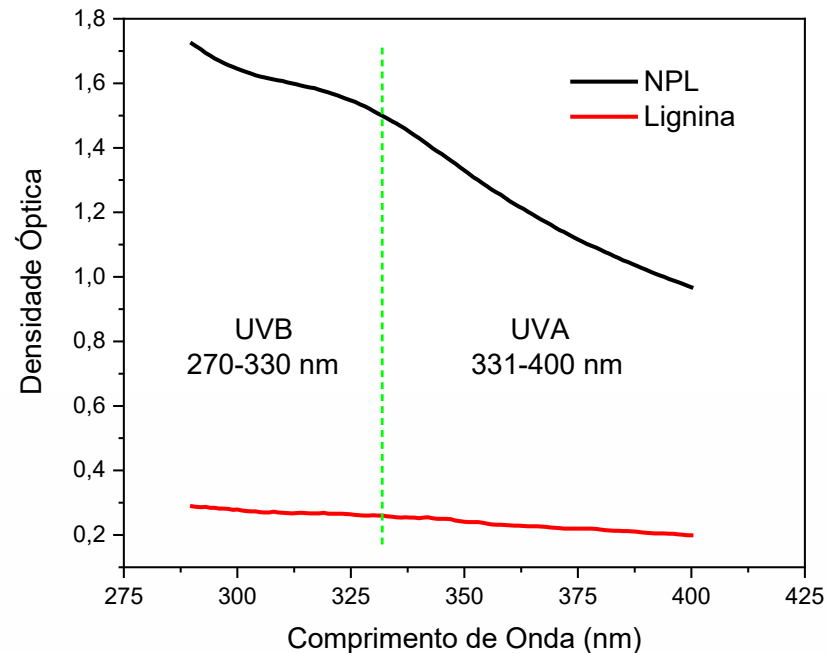


## PROPERTIES OF SCB-LNPs

### UV ABSORPTION

HIGHER ABSORPTION TOWARD UV-A (320-400 nm)  
and UV-B (290-320 nm)

INCREASE IN ~900%

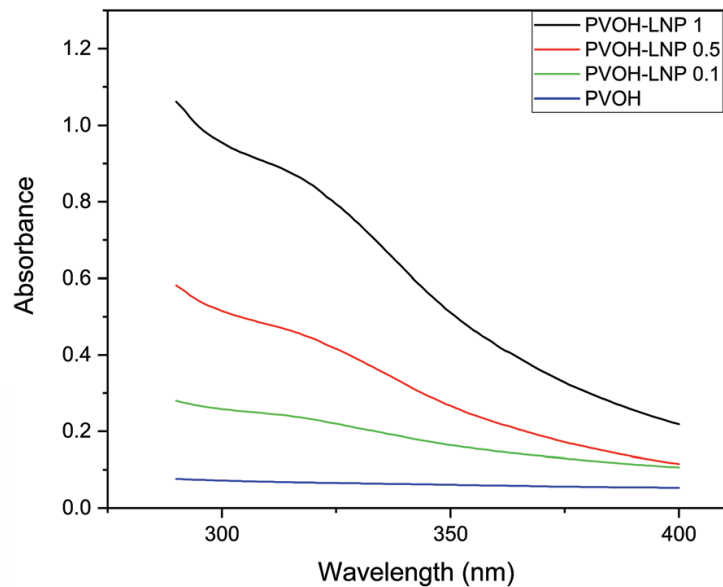


## PROPERTIES OF SCB-LNPs - NANOCOMPOSITES

HIGH HOMOGENEITY OF THE PVOH-LNPs COMPOSITE FILMS

UV-SHIELDING OF PVOH-LNP NANOCOMPOSITE

UP TO 10X MORE ADSORPTION WITH LNPs



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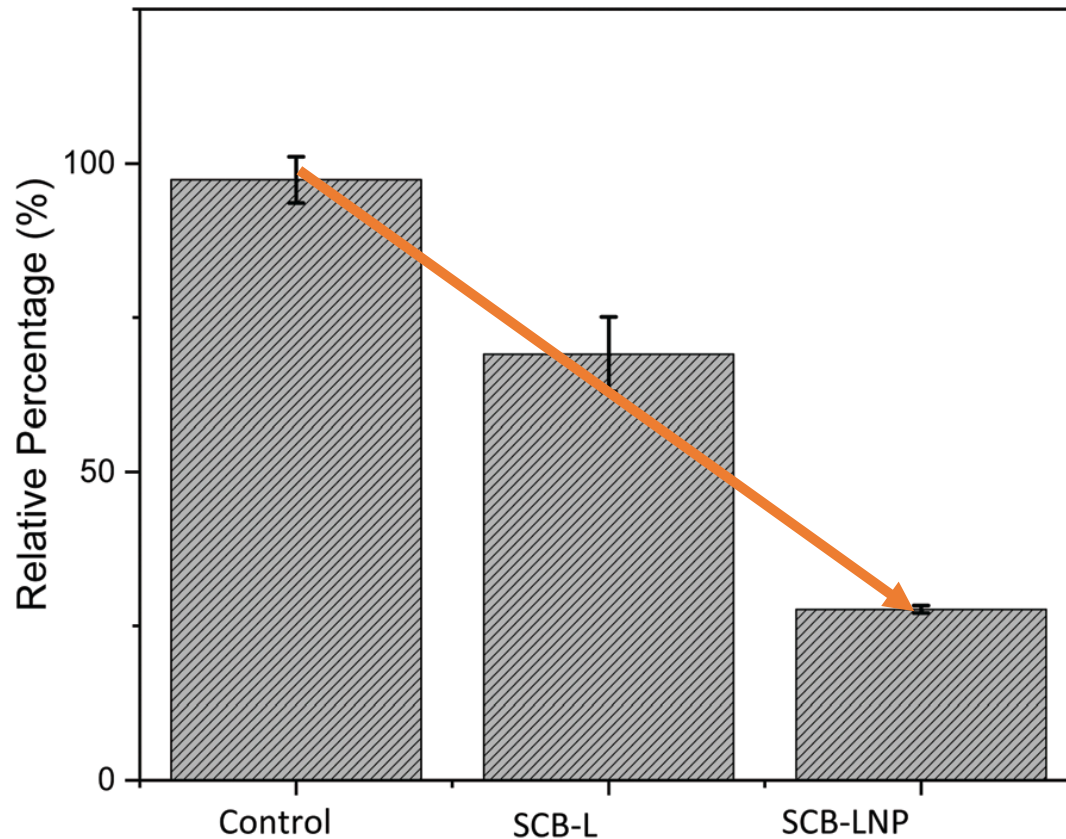
FILM THICKNESS: 0.3-0.6 mm



## PROPERTIES OF SCB-LNPs ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

GRAM-NEGATIVE *E. coli* K12711 (OPPORTUNISTIC PATHOGEN)

ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY WAS DRASTICALLY ENHANCED

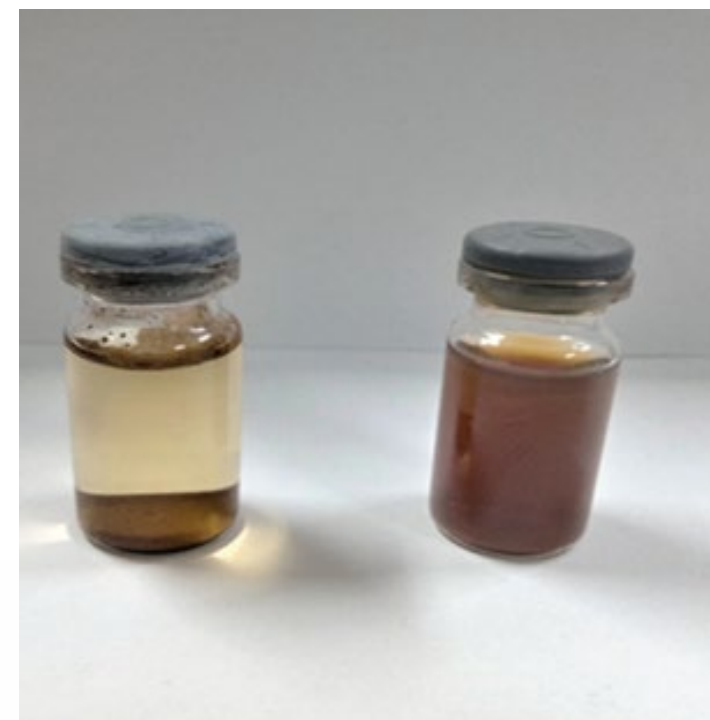


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PROCESS: FEEDSTOCK AGNOSTIC



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**Table 5** Average particle size, surface area, processing time, and energy consumption of Kraft pulp lignin in an aqueous suspension (1% w/w) during processing in the disc ultra-refiner Supermasscolloider for a different number of cycles. 1% (w/w) suspension of Kraft pulp lignin before processing was used as the control

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→ Control	1.35	1.80	→ 5.70	182.7	0	0
→ 1	0.360	0.811	→ 1.98	2152	5	4
2	0.242	0.356	1.35	2690	10.2	8
3	0.192	0.274	0.938	3528	15.21	12
5	0.154	0.221	0.526	4342	32.6	19
→ 10	0.102	0.152	→ 0.287	7912	55.2	36

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HIGH SUSPENSION STABILITY (SOLUBILITY)

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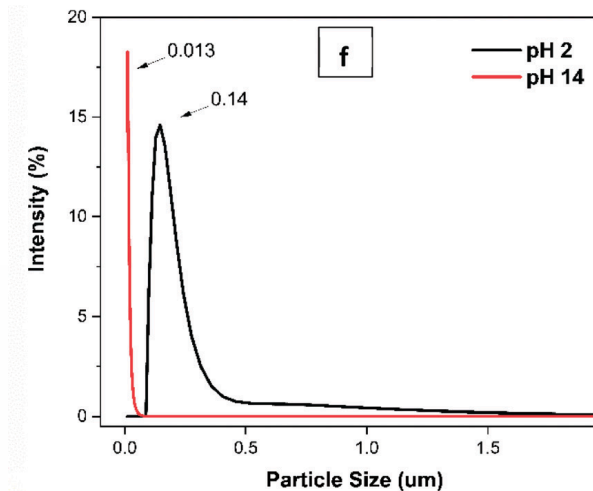
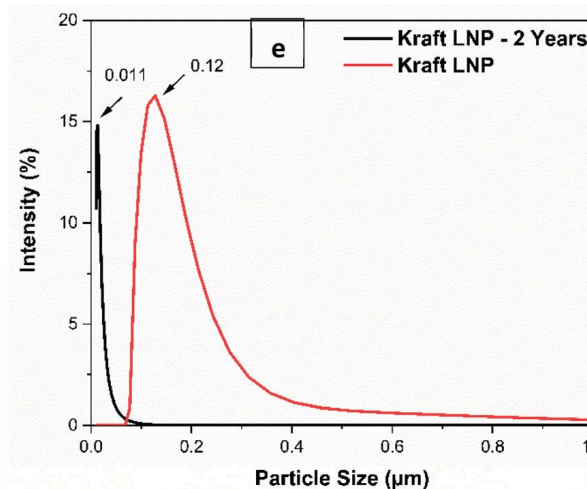
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## TEXTILES COATED WITH LNPs

Multifibers

pH 3,87\*

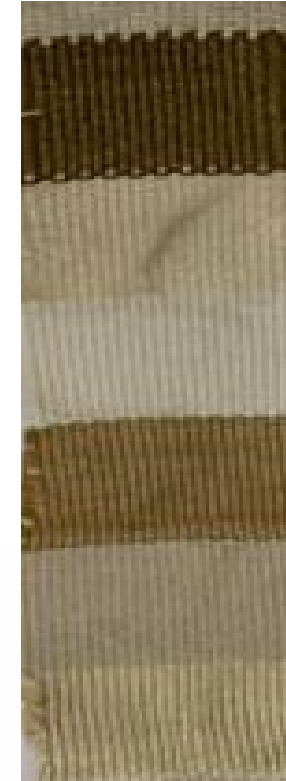
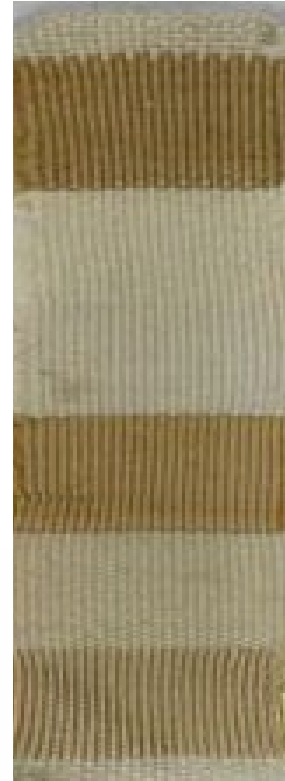
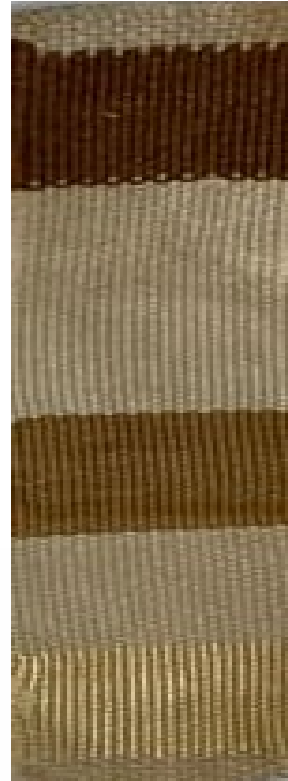
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pH 7.0

pH 11.0

Aluminum  
potassium sulfate

Iron (II)  
sulfate



## **TEXTILES COATED WITH LNPs**

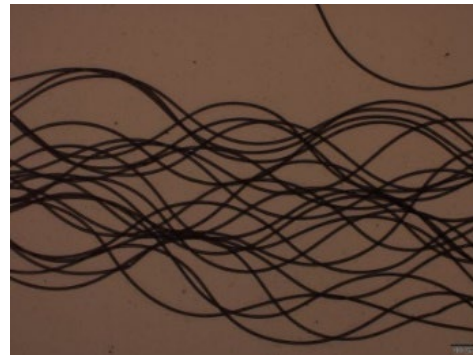


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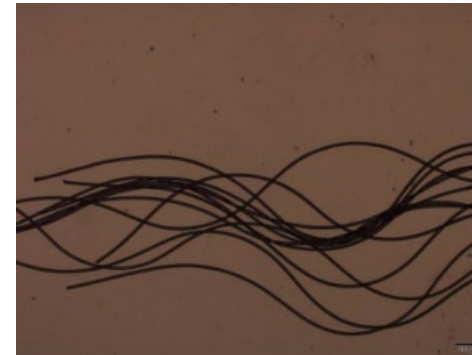
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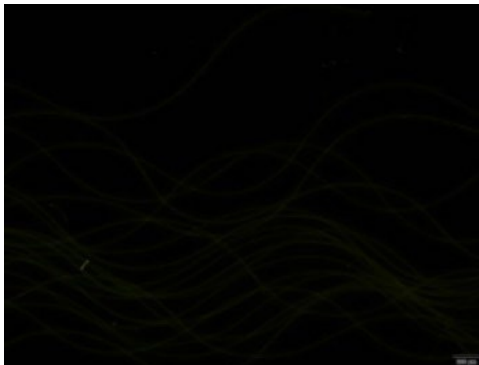
**Polyamide  
LNP-75-3C BF**



**Polyamide  
LNP-185-5C BF**



**Polyamide UFBW**



**Polyamide  
LNP-75-3C UFBW**



**Polyamide  
LNP-185\_5C UFBW**



## PROPERTIES OF TEXTILE FIBERS COATED WITH LNPs Before and after “washing”

### ANTIMICROBIAL FABRIC TEST

AATCC 100-2004

### COLOUR FASTNESS TO DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL LAUNDERING

ISO 105-C06:2010 – *Textiles – Tests for colour fastness – Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering.*

### COLOUR FASTNESS TO PERSPIRATION

ISO 105-E04:2013 – *Textiles – Tests for colour fastness – Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration*

### TENSILE PROPERTIES

ASTM D3822 (2007)

### ULTRAVIOLET PROTECTION FACTOR

Sun Protective Clothing – Evaluation and Classification – AS/NZS 4399-2017

Clothing - Ultraviolet Protection Factor - Requirements and test methods – ABNT NBR 16695:2018



## **ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY IN TEXTILES COATED WITH LNPs**



*Staphylococcus aureus*

## UPF OF THE TEXTILE FIBERS COATED WITH LNPs

TEXTILES	BEFORE WASHING		AFTER WASHING <sup>1</sup>	
	UPF <sup>2,3</sup>	UV PROTECTION CATEGORY <sup>1,2</sup>	UPF <sup>2,3</sup>	UV PROTECTION CATEGORY <sup>1,2</sup>
COTTON	-	-	-	-
COTTON-LNPs	25 – 39	VERY GOOD	25 – 39	VERY GOOD

<sup>1</sup>Textiles – Tests for colour fastness – Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering – ISO 105-C06:2010

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## TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

### DISC ULTRA-REFINING AS GREEN TECHNOLOGY

- PRODUCTION OF LNPs IN HIGH YIELD
- FEEDSTOCK AGNOSTIC, DOES NOT ADD HETEROGENEITY,
- HIGH UNIFORMITY, HIGH SOLUBILITY, HIGHLY pH-STABLE, REDISPERSIBILITY

### APPLICATION OF LIGNIN NANOPARTICLES

NANOCOMPOSITES

TEXTILE FABRICS

- HIGH HOMOGENEITY COATING
- ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY
- INCREASED UV PROTECTION (UPF)

