

# Redispersibility of TEMPO Oxidized Cellulose Fibrils via Spray-Freeze Drying

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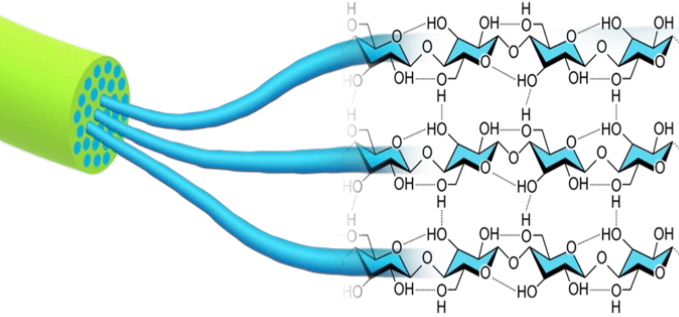
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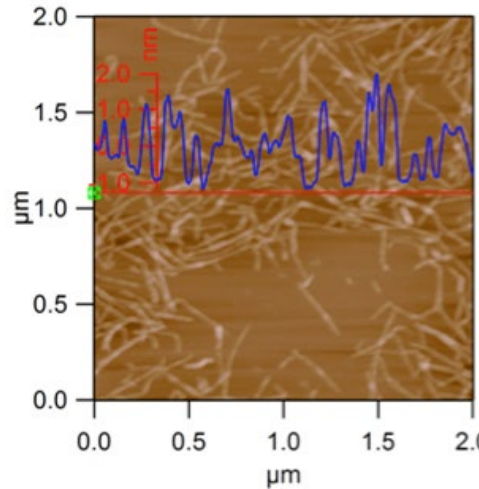
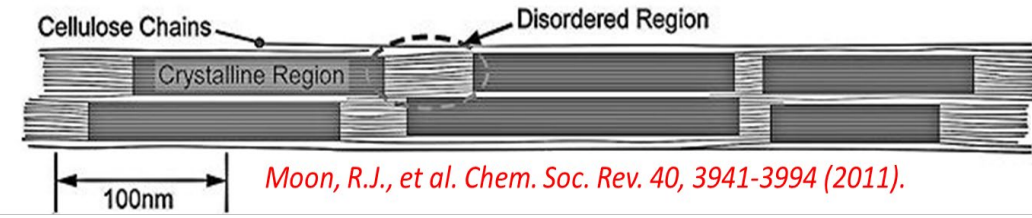
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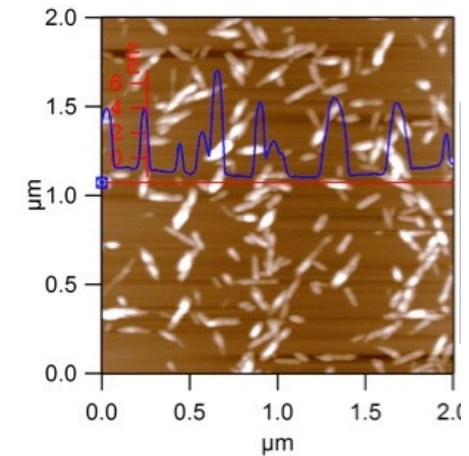
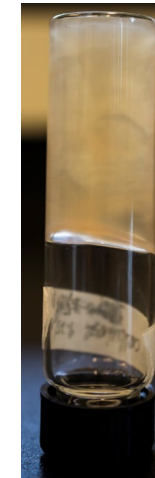
# NANOCELLULOSE



- Highly crystalline cellulose I
- Excellent mechanical properties
- High specific surface
- Abundant surface functional groups



Cellulose nanofibrils

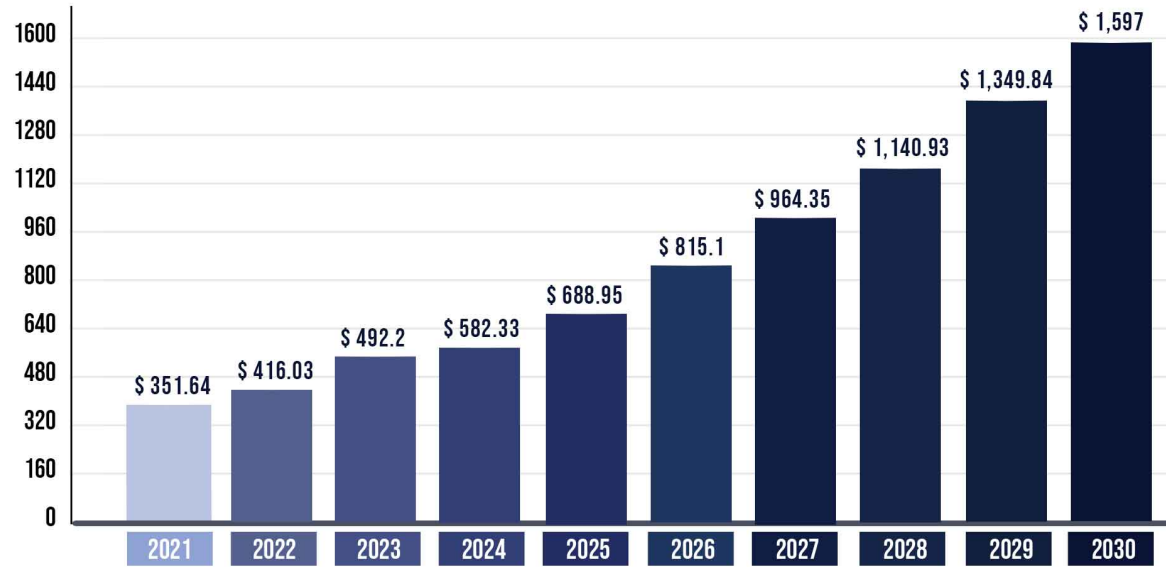


Cellulose nanocrystals

# MARKET

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NANOCELLULOSE MARKET SIZE, 2021 TO 2030 (USD MILLION)

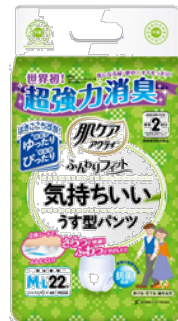


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## Personal care products

### Oil & Gas



## Nanocomposites



## Paints & Coatings



# REDISPERSIBILITY OF CNFs

## CHALLENGES

Redispersibility

Low solid content

## Strategies

Steric stabilization

- Grafting
- Redispersing agents

Surface charge density increment

Drying methods

- Freeze drying
- Spray drying
- Spray freeze drying

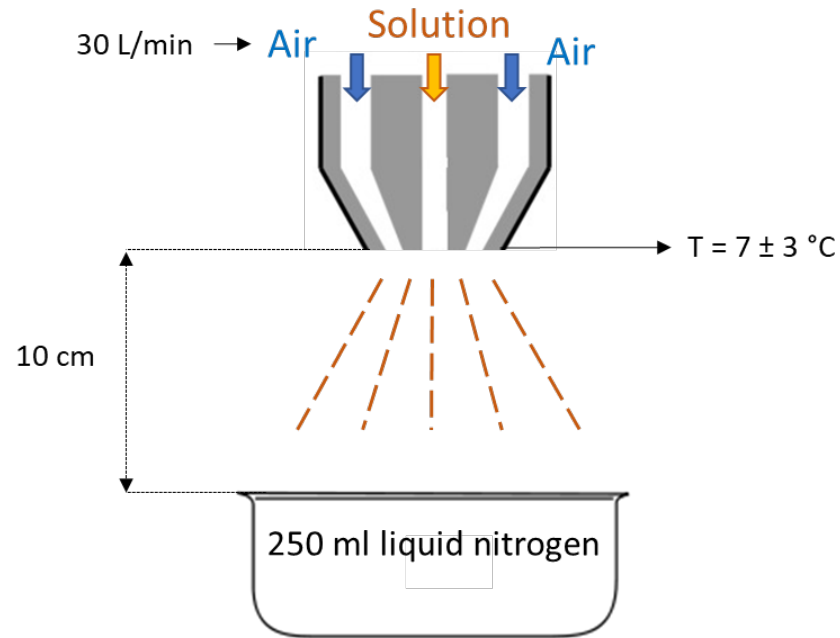
# MATERIALS AND METHODS

NBSK PULP



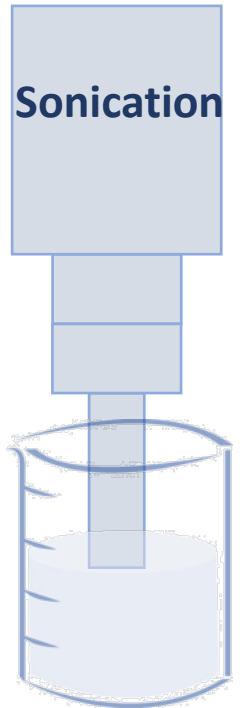
Dialysis  
Blending

Initial Concentration  
0.5 wt.%, 0.6 wt.%, 0.7 wt.%, 0.8 wt.%, 0.9 wt.%



Spray-Freeze Drying

Freeze Drying



Sonication  
Redispersions  
60A, 20 s

# SPRAY FREEZE DRYING

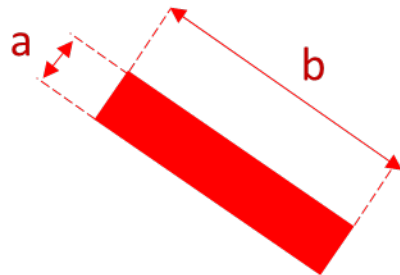
For suspension:

$$1. Pe = \frac{R^2}{T_{dry}D}$$

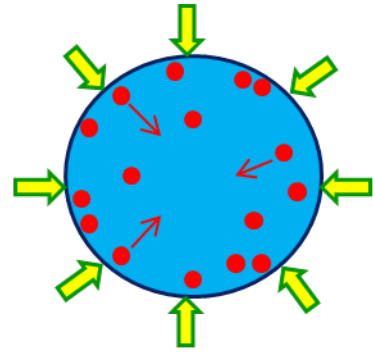
$$2. D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta r}$$

Radius of the solid particles

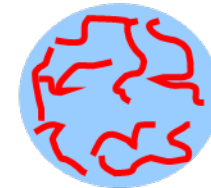
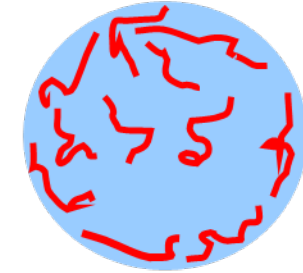
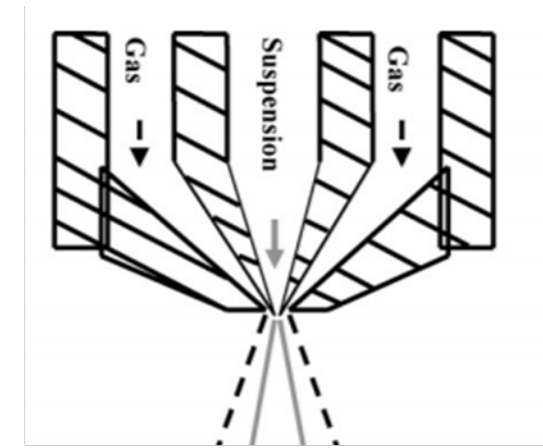
Cylinder coordinates could be applicable for CNF



$$D = \frac{kT}{3\pi\eta L} \left( \ln L - \ln d + c_0 + \frac{c_1 d}{L} + \frac{c_2 d^2}{L^2} \right)$$



Ejection  
 $C_0, \rho_0$



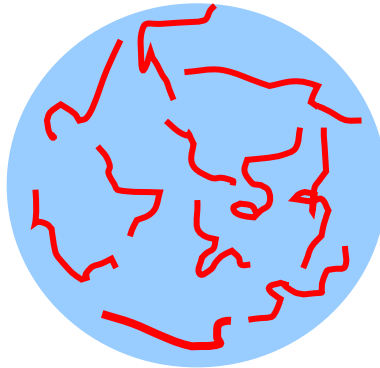
Time of freezing



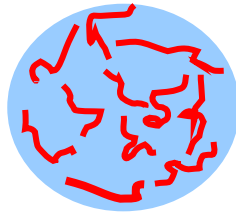
Collection ←  
 $C_f, d_f, V_f, \rho_f$

# DEPENDENDING ON THE PARTICLE SHAPE

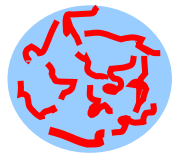
Low  
 $Pe \ll 1$



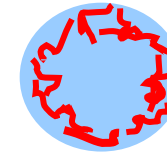
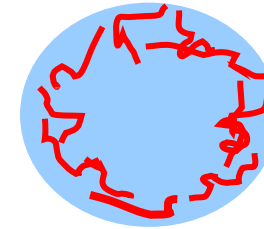
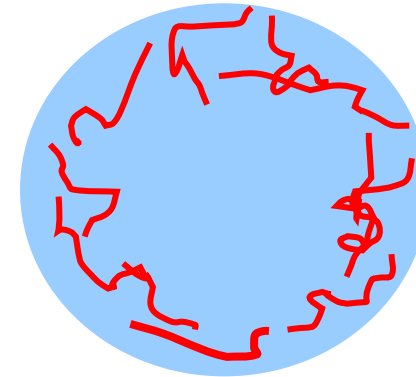
Diffusive transport



Particle concentration uniform in the droplet

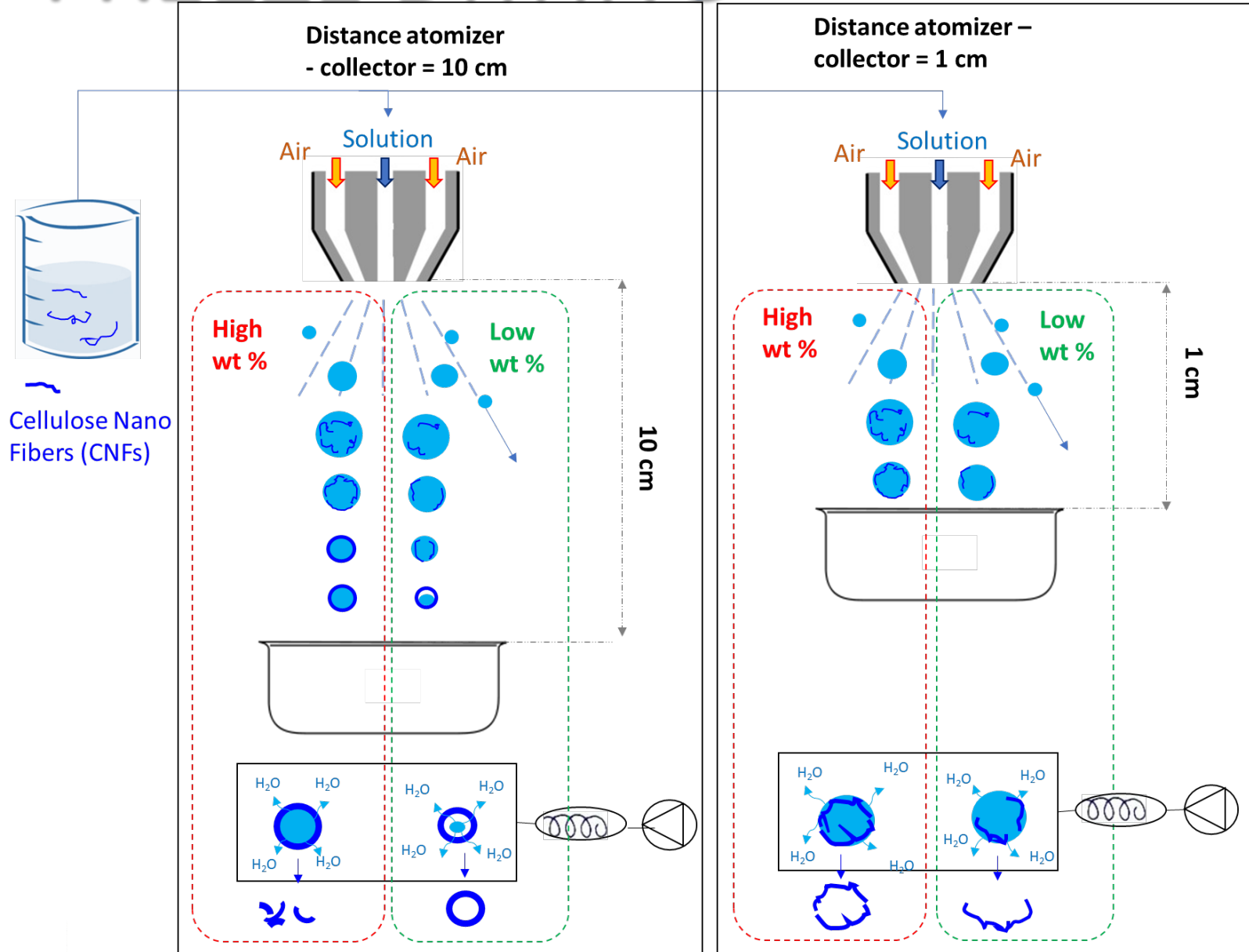


High  
 $Pe \gg 1$





# SPRAY FREEZE DRYING

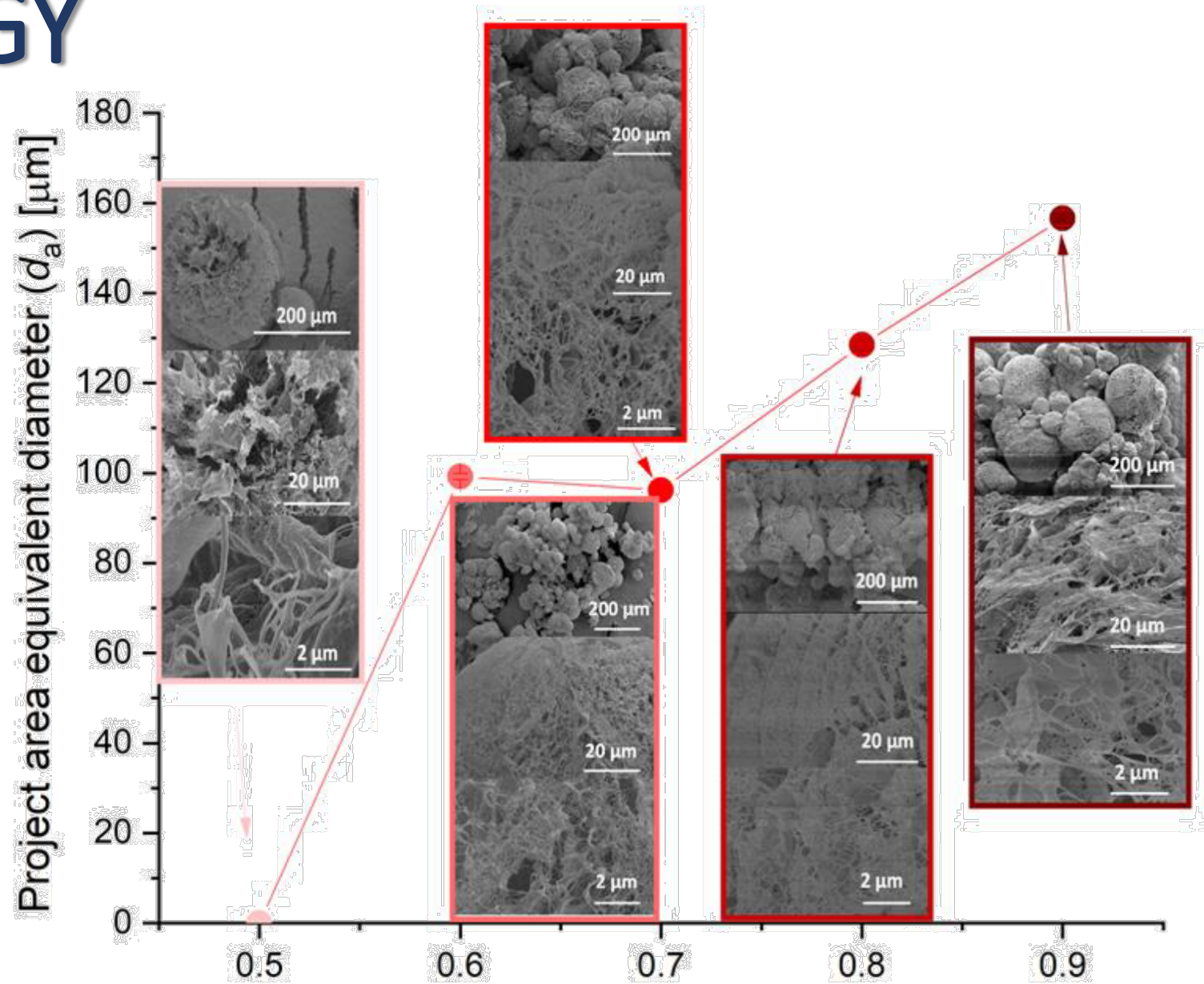


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# MORPHOLOGY

Distance: 1 cm

Initial conc. (wt.%)	Yield (%)
0.5	30
0.6	41
0.7	55
0.8	62
0.9	70



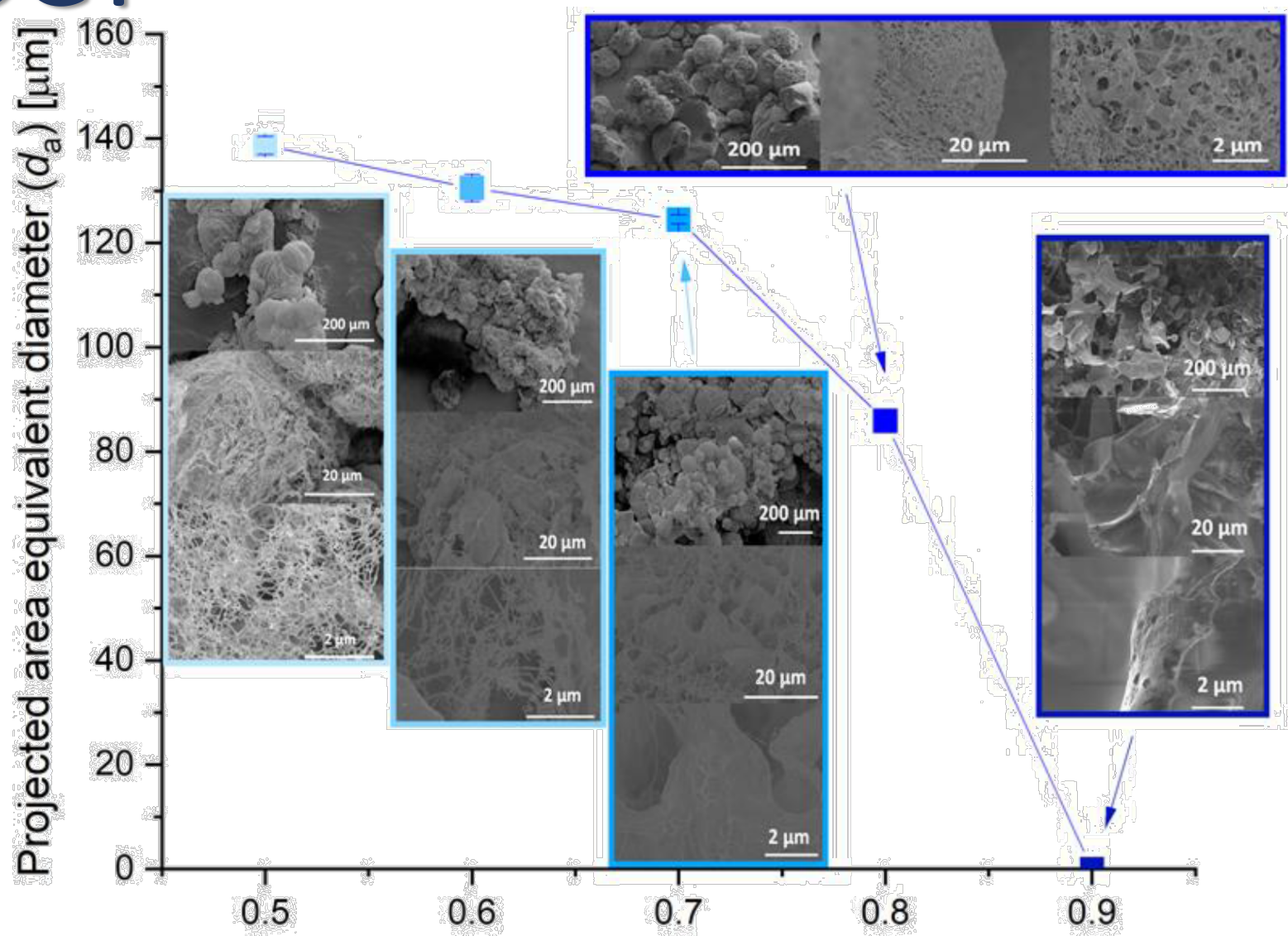
Cellulose Nanofibers (CNFs) weight percentage (wt %)

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# MORPHOLOGY

Distance: 10 cm

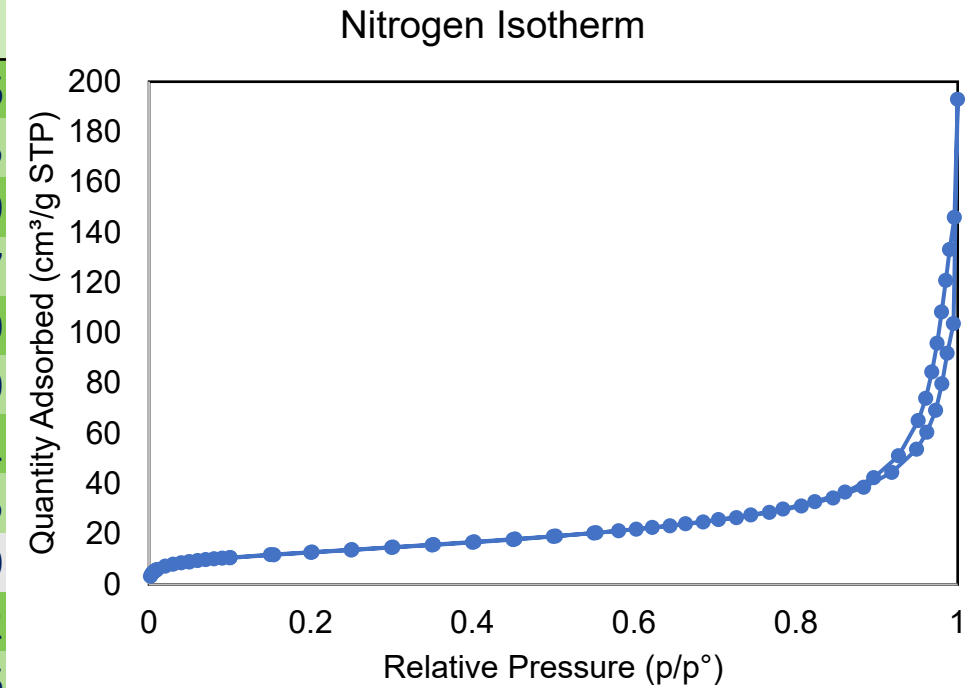
Initial conc. (wt.%)	Yield (%)
0.5	25
0.6	40
0.7	65
0.8	70
0.9	77



No particle formation

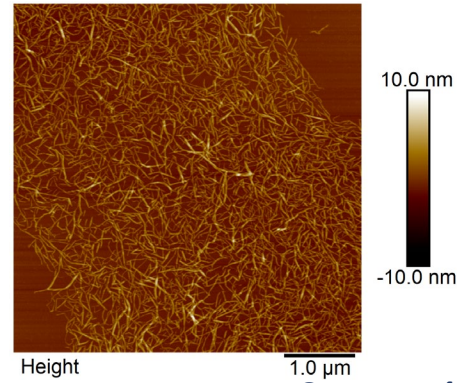
# SPRAY FREEZE DRYING

$C_i$ (wt.%)	Distance cm	$S_{BET}$ ( $m^2/g$ )	S micro ( $m^2/g$ )	V total ( $cm^3/g$ )	V micropore ( $cm^3/g$ )	V mesopore ( $cm^3/g$ )	d pore (nm)
0.5	1	83.2	8.02	0.289	0.004	0.285	5.6
0.5	10	14.1	0	0.065	0	0.065	5.5
0.6	1	110.7	6.29	0.374	0.003	0.371	6.9
0.6	10	33.9	0	0.161	0	0.161	7.7
0.7	1	87.8	5.1	0.3035	0.002	0.3015	5.9
0.7	10	41.3	1.2	0.142	0.0002	0.1418	5.9
0.8	1	76.6	12.73	0.233	0.0105	0.2225	5.1
0.8	10	70.3	2.34	0.244	0.0006	0.2434	6.5
0.8	control	25.4	0	0.098	0	0.098	6.9
0.9	1	83.8	5.17	0.2796	0.0021	0.2775	6.2
0.9	10	46.8	1.41	0.1608	0.0003	0.1605	6

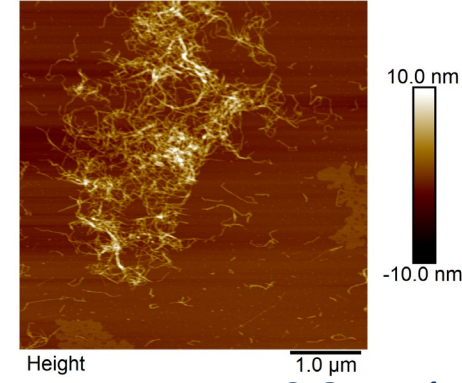


# MESOSTRUCTURE

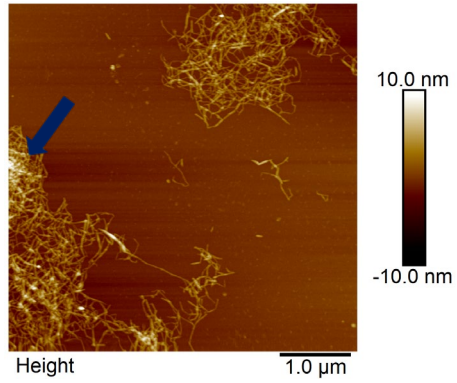
CNF Original



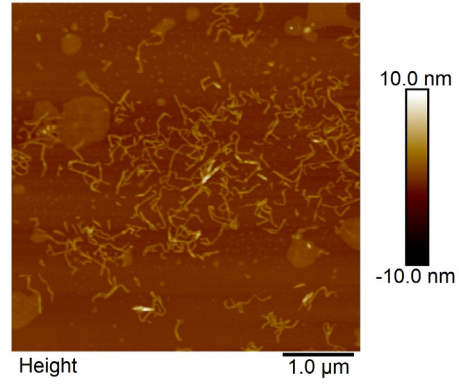
CNF Aerogel



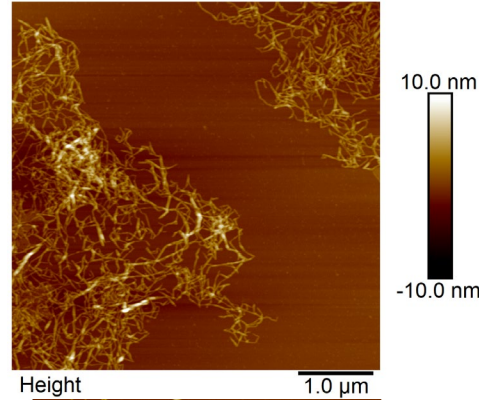
0.5 wt%



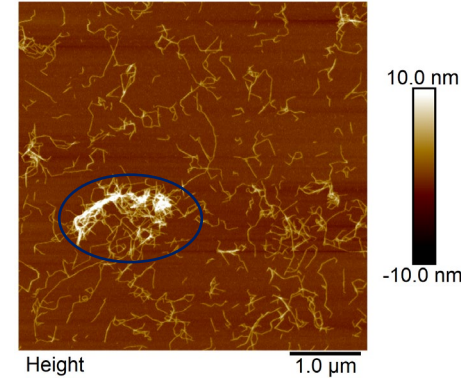
0.6 wt%



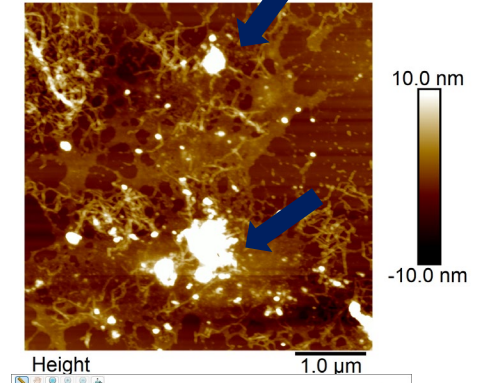
0.7 wt%



0.8 wt%

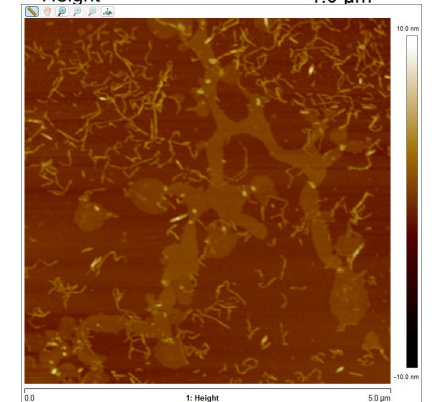
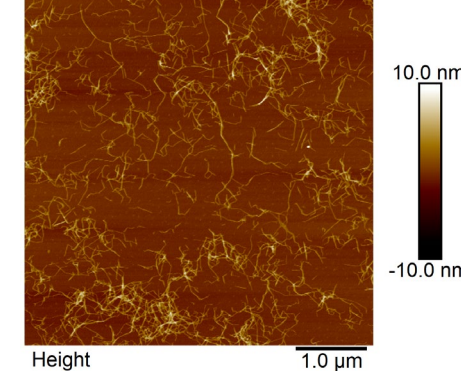
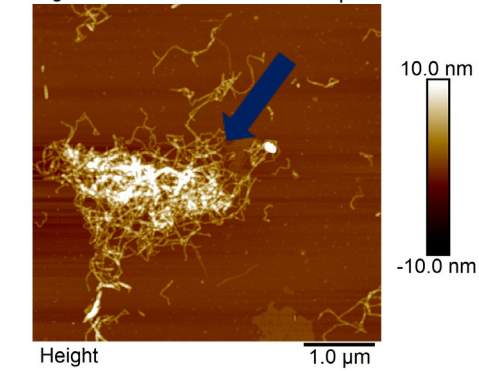
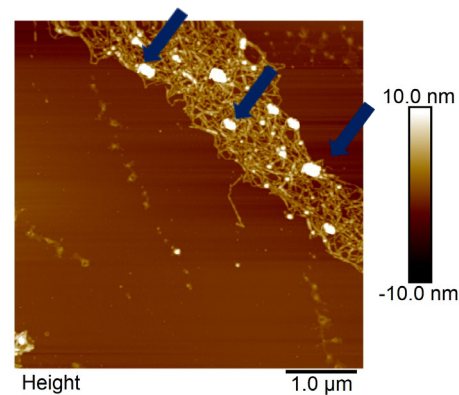
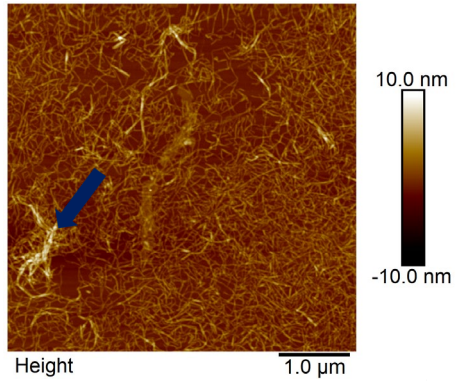


0.9wt%



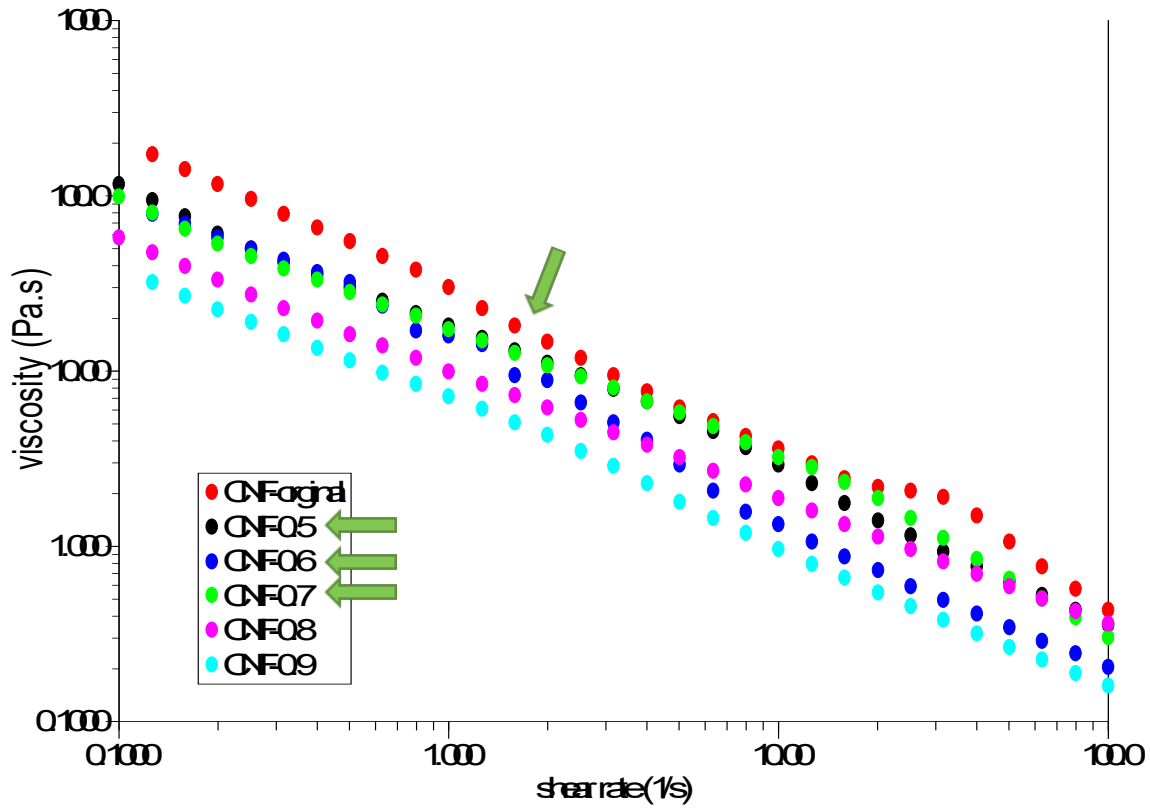
1 cm

10 cm

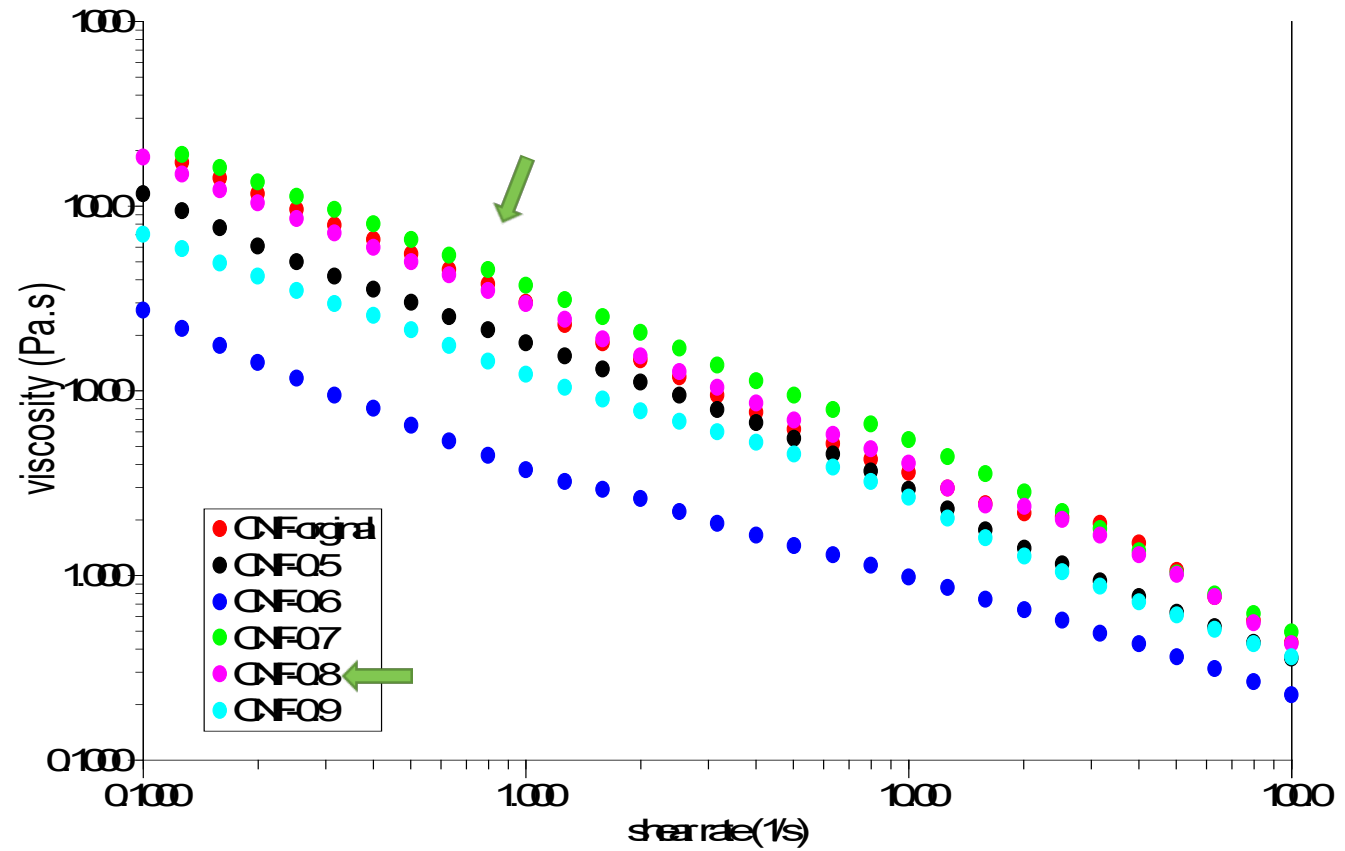


# COMPARISON OF SHEAR VISCOSITY

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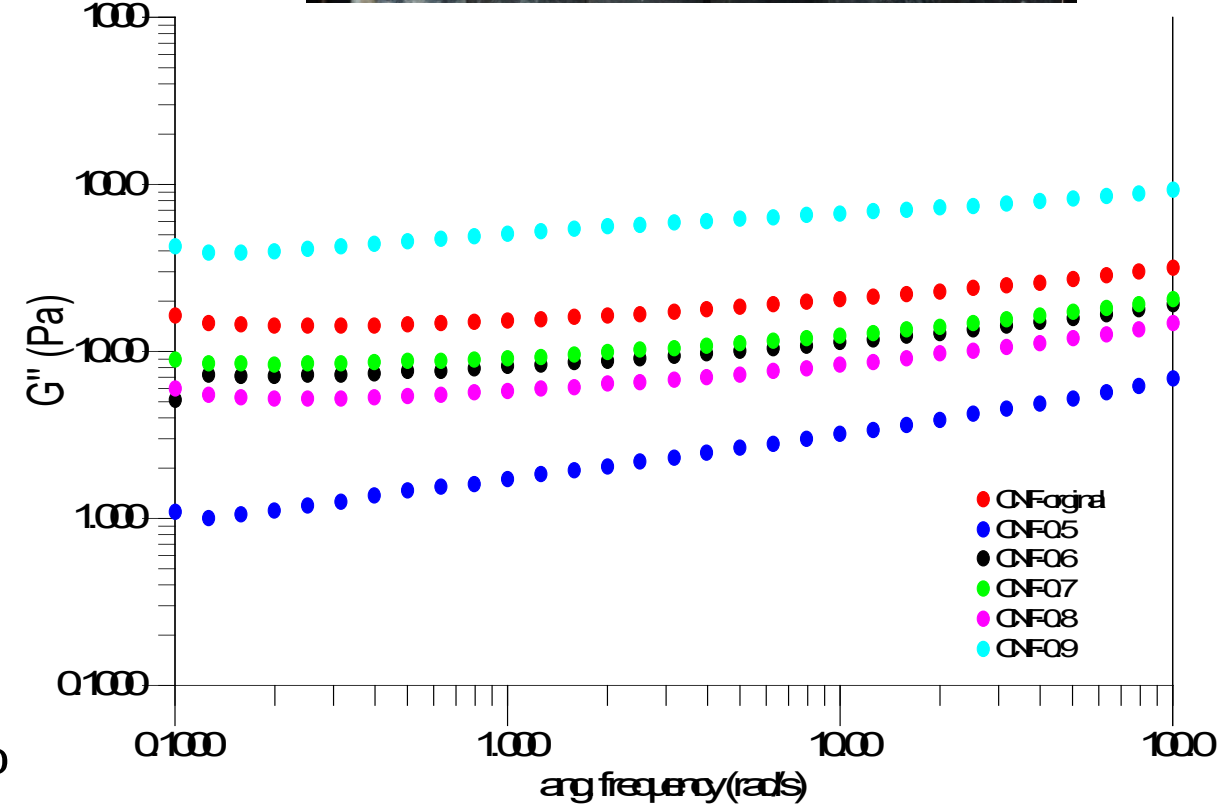
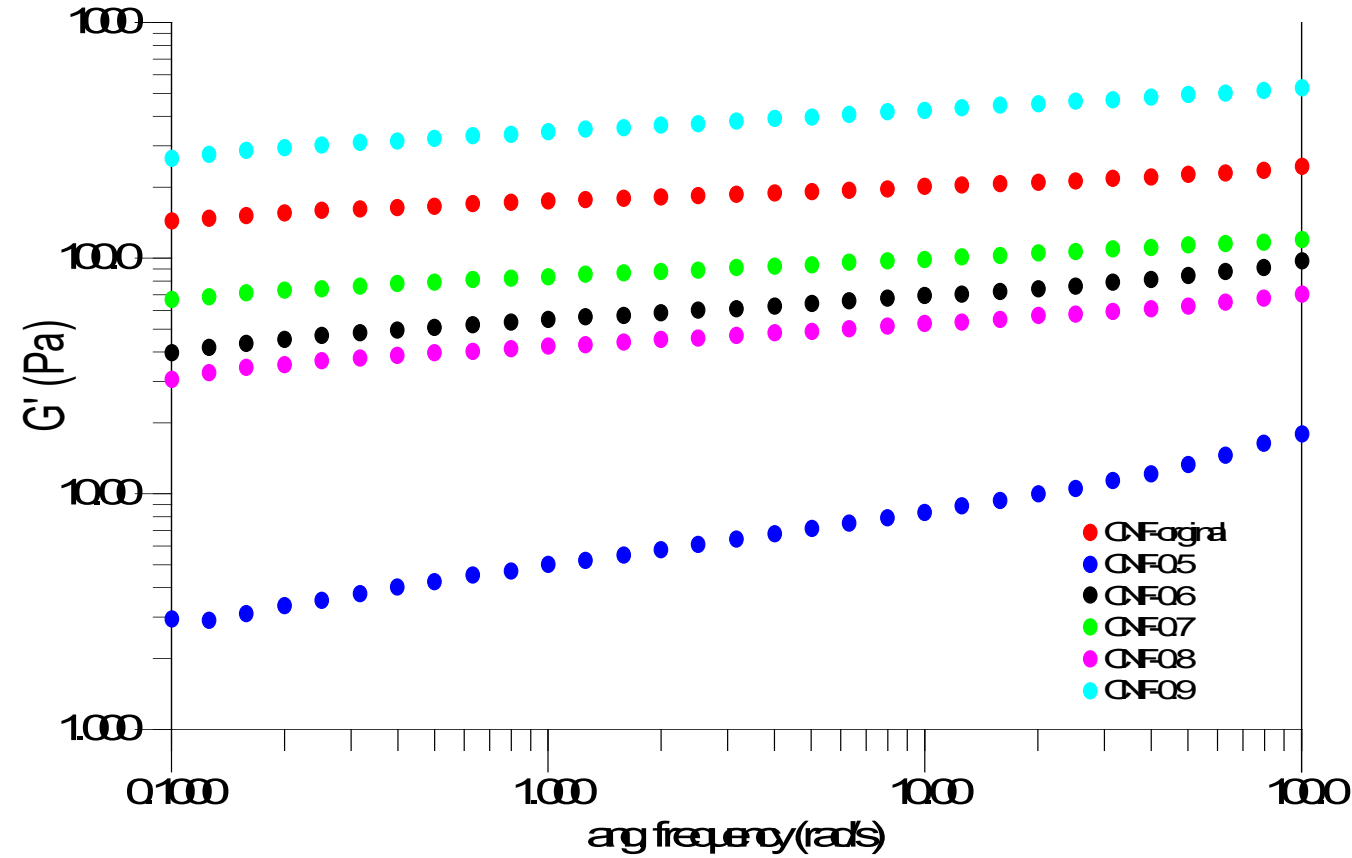
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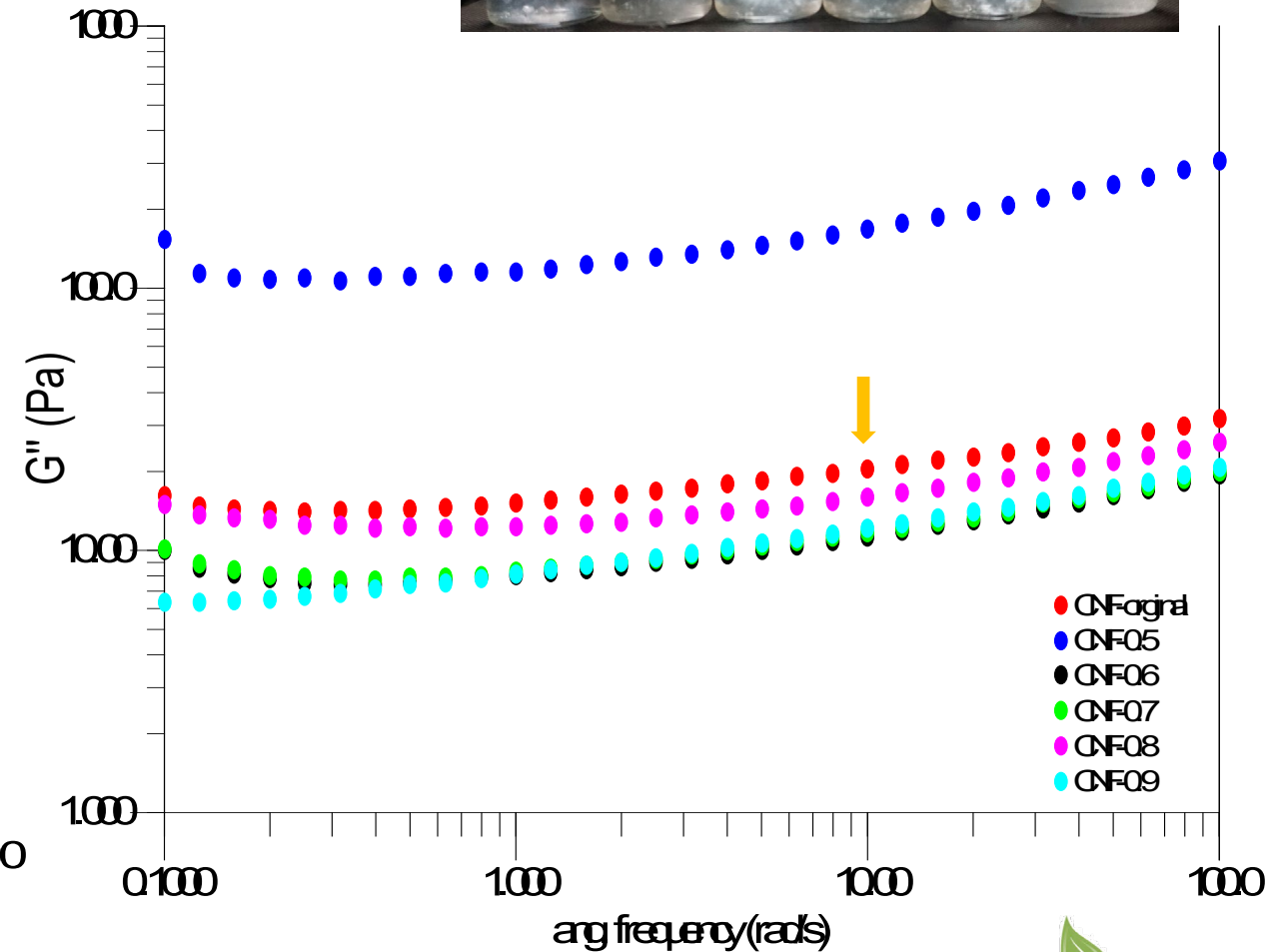
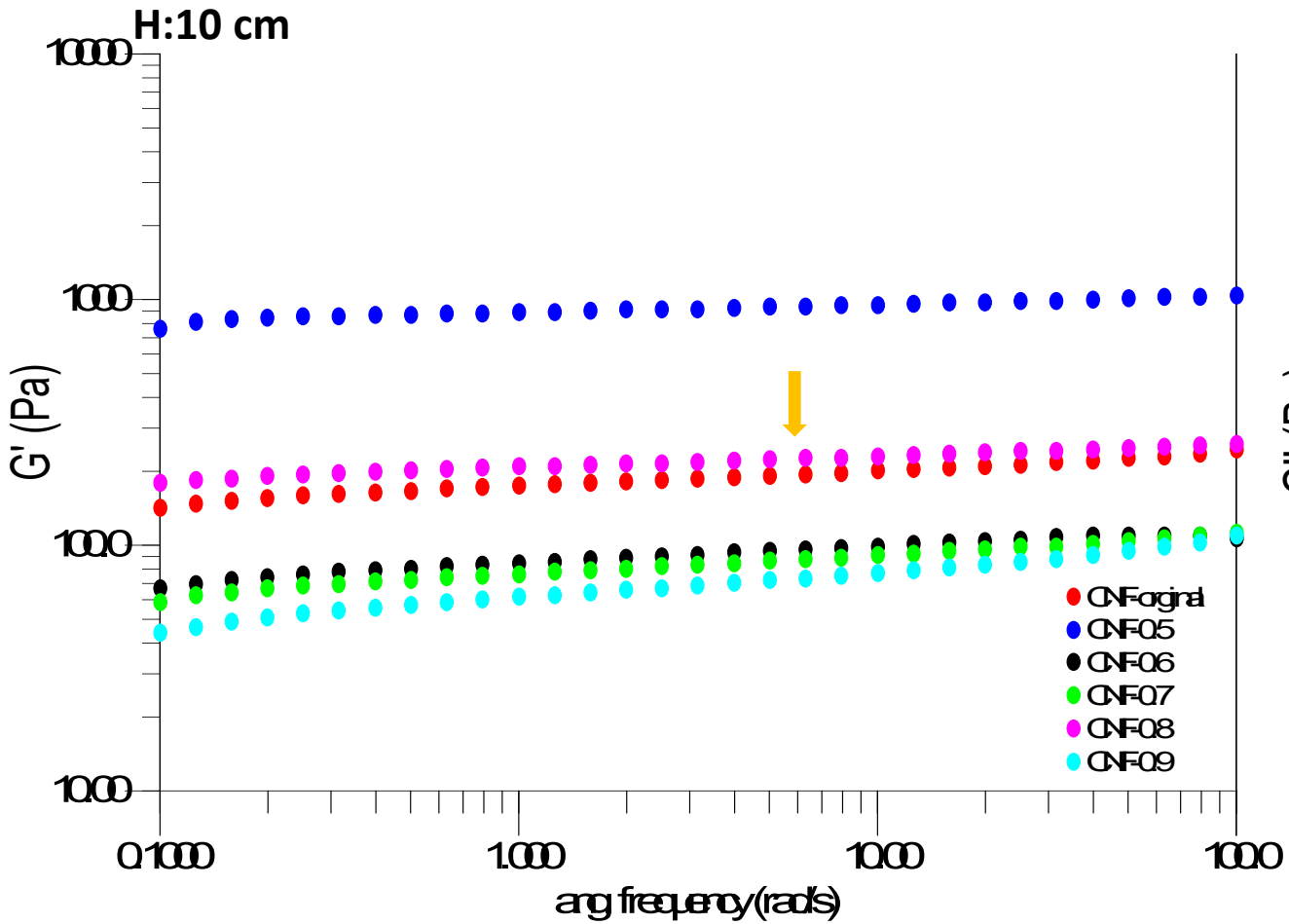
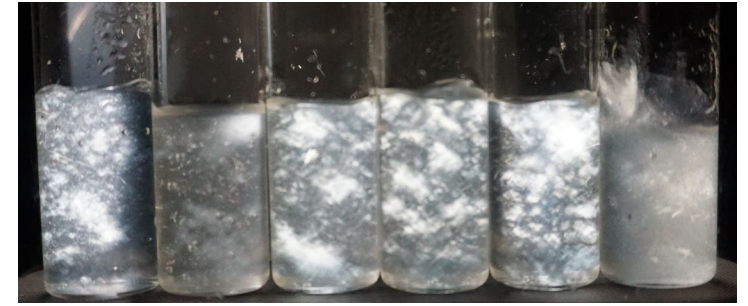
# RHEOLOGY



Distance: 1 cm



# RHEOLOGY



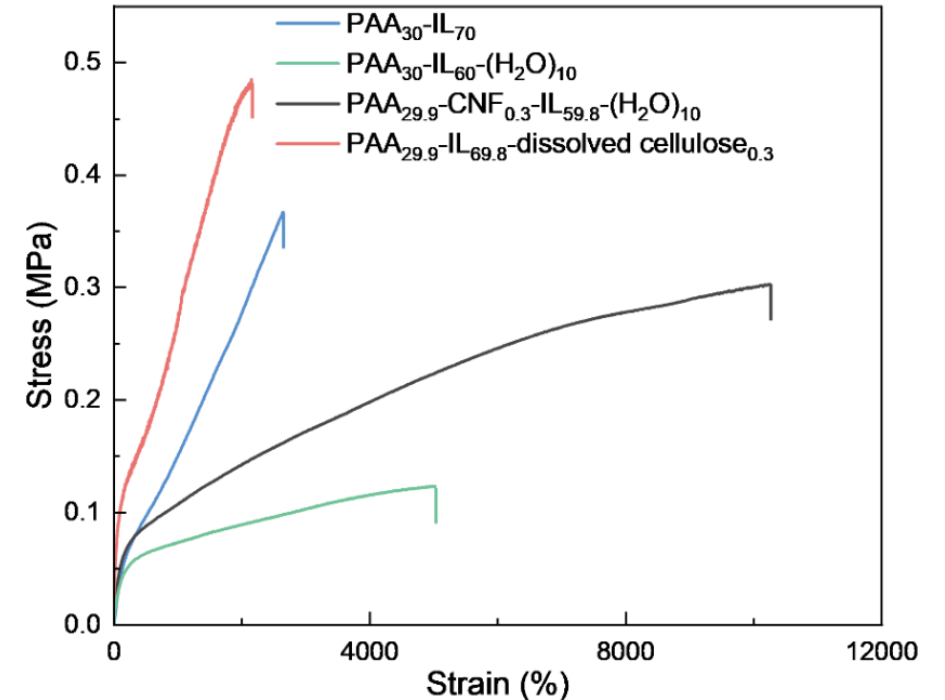
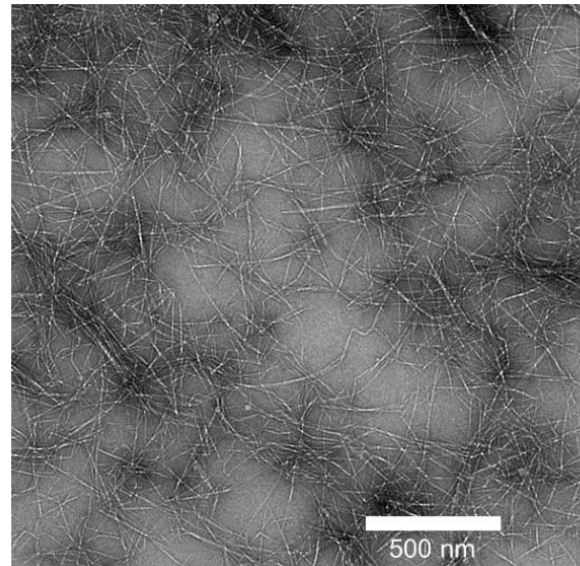


# APPLICATION

CNFs in IL-water  
binary solvent (1 wt%)



CNFs in pure IL  
(1 wt%)



# CONCLUSION

- Initial concentration and distance between liquid nitrogen and nozzle are affecting parameter to control diffusion of TO-CNF through the droplet during drying.
- At shorter distance, lower concentrated suspensions cannot form particles due to not having enough time to diffuse TO-CNF through the surface of the droplet.
- At longer distance, formed droplet from higher concentration burst due to evaporation of water.
- Sonication is needed to disperse spray-freeze dried TO-CNF suspension efficiently.
- Shear viscosity and moduli values of gels from microparticles that formed from 0.8 wt.% CNF solution at 10 cm distance matching the AFM images.

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