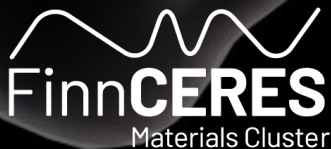
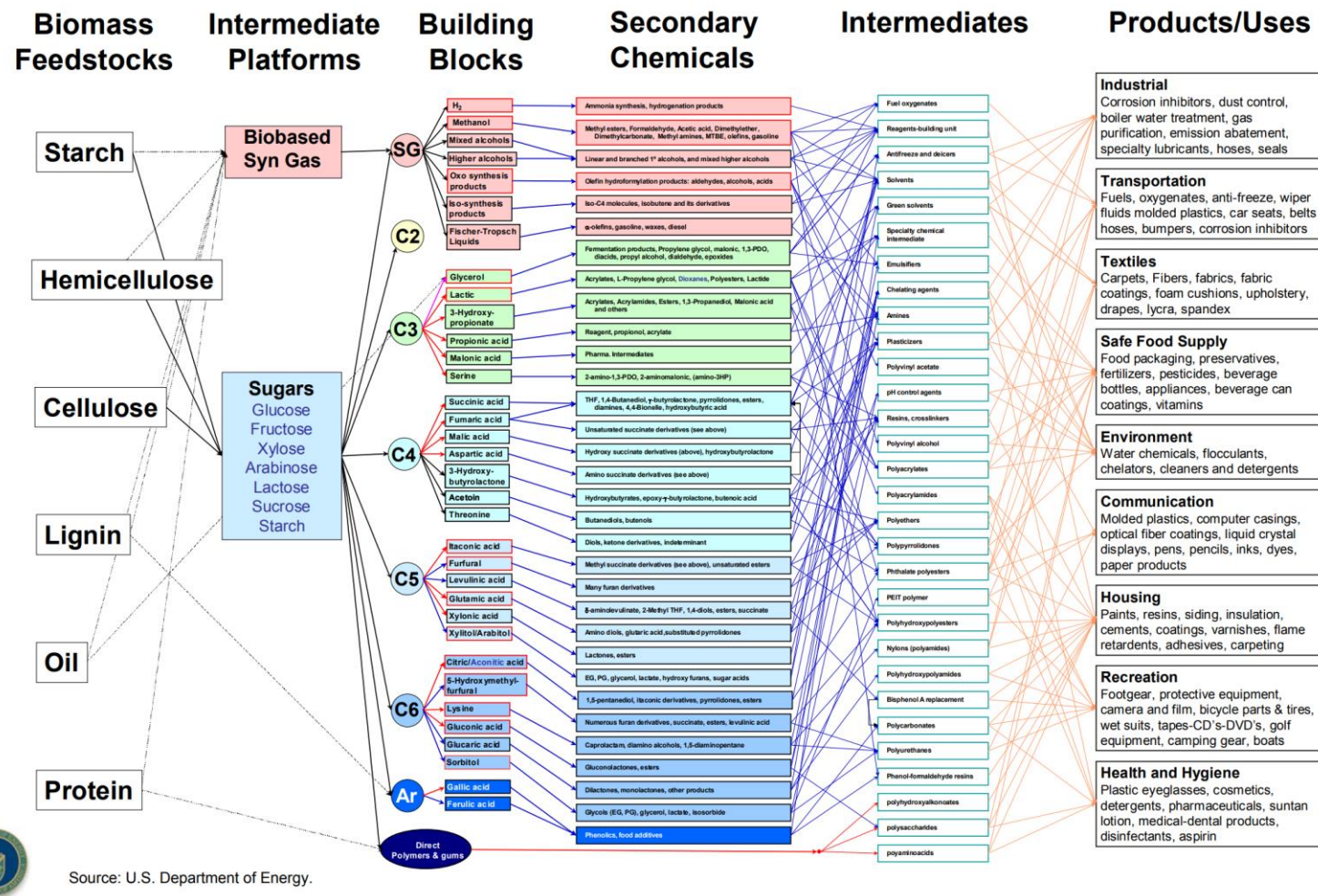


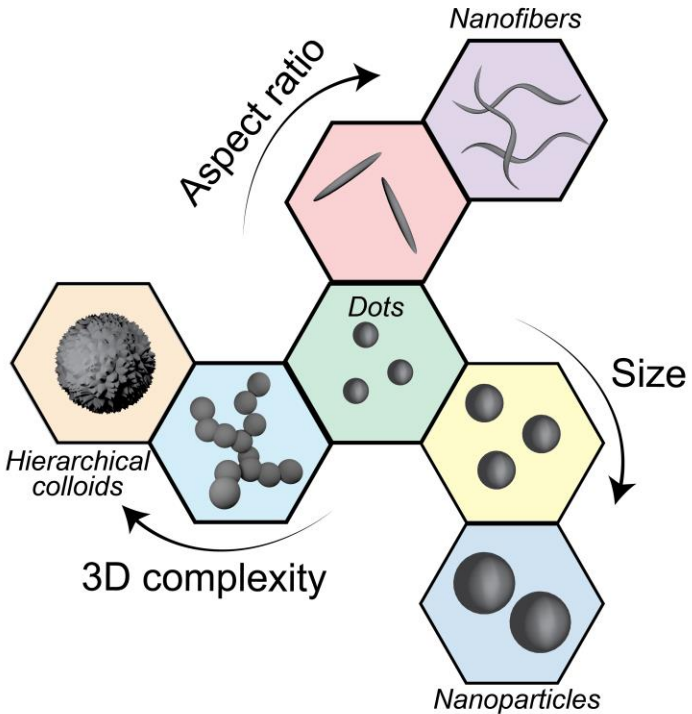
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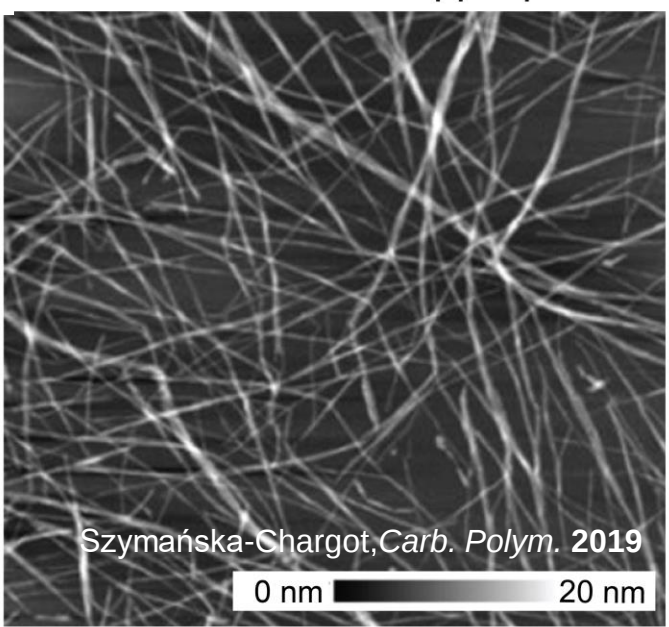


Natural Diversity: a challenge or an opportunity?

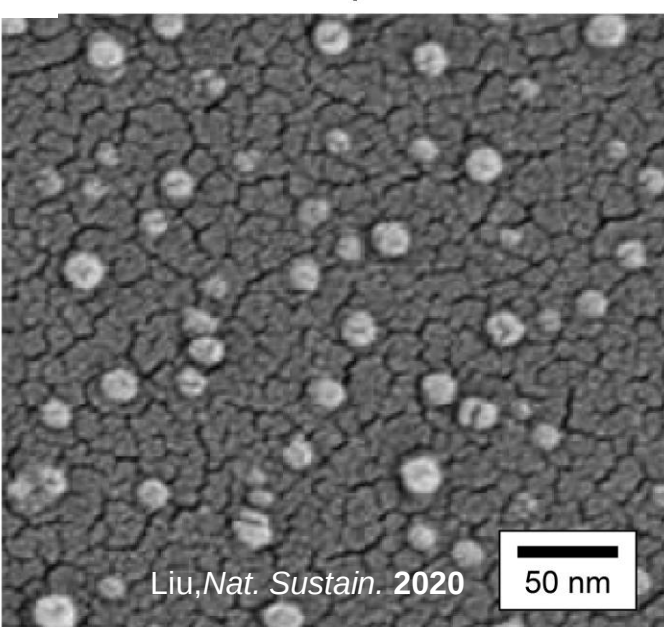




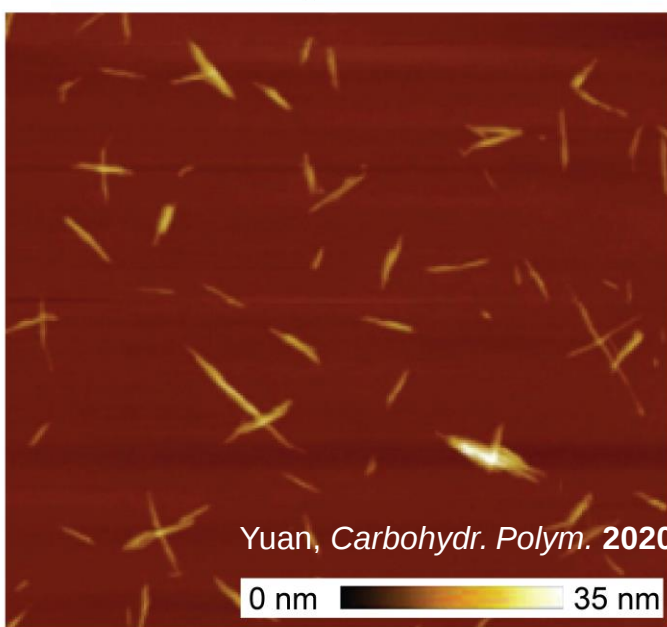
Cellulose nanofibrils: Apple pomace



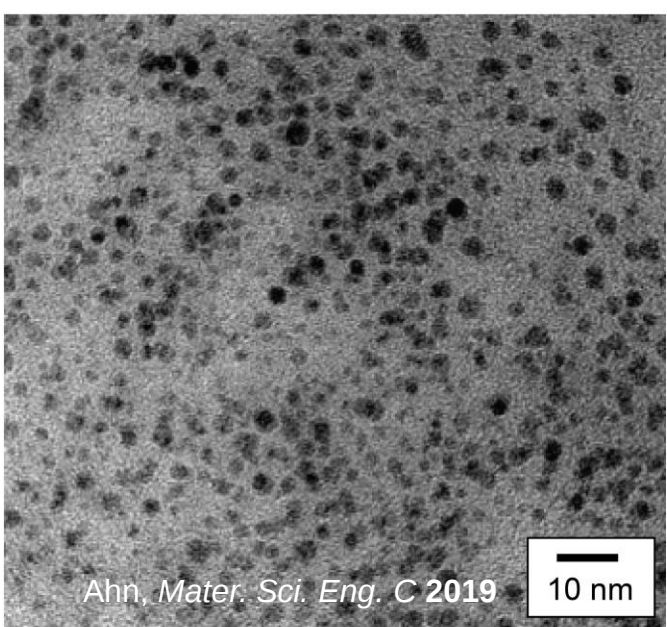
Cellulose nanospheres: Corncob



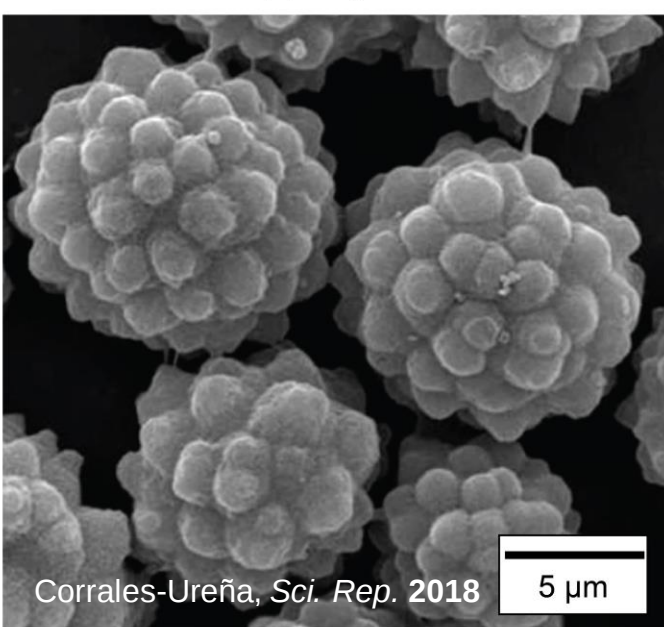
Chitin nanocrystals: crab shell



Carbon QDs: various sources



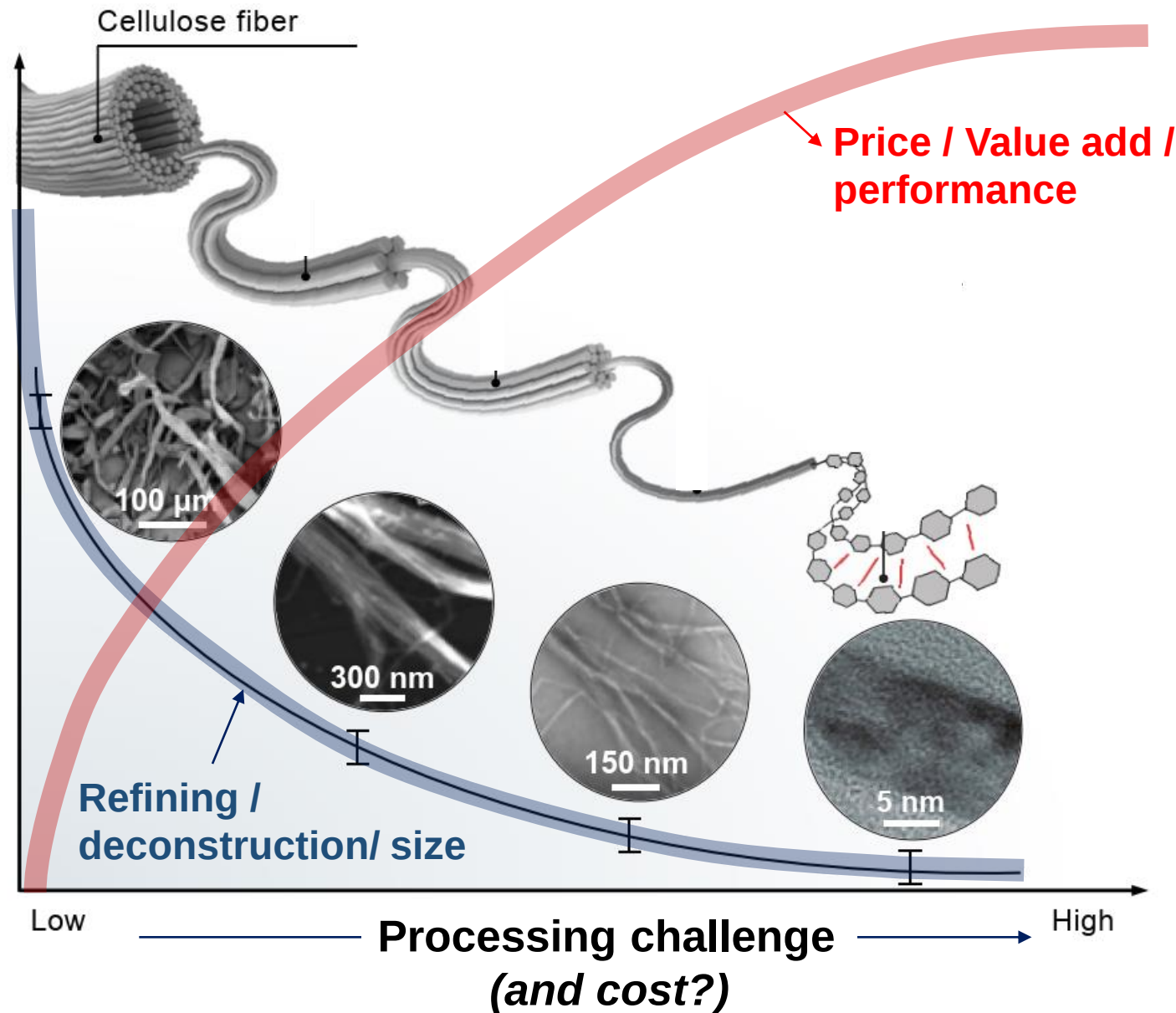
SiO₂: Pineapple peel



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Hierarchical structure and manufacturing challenge

Nature 590, 47 (2021). DOI: [10.1038/s41586-020-03167-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-03167-7)



Key Enabling Technologies for the future Bioeconomy

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology

Life Sciences Technologies

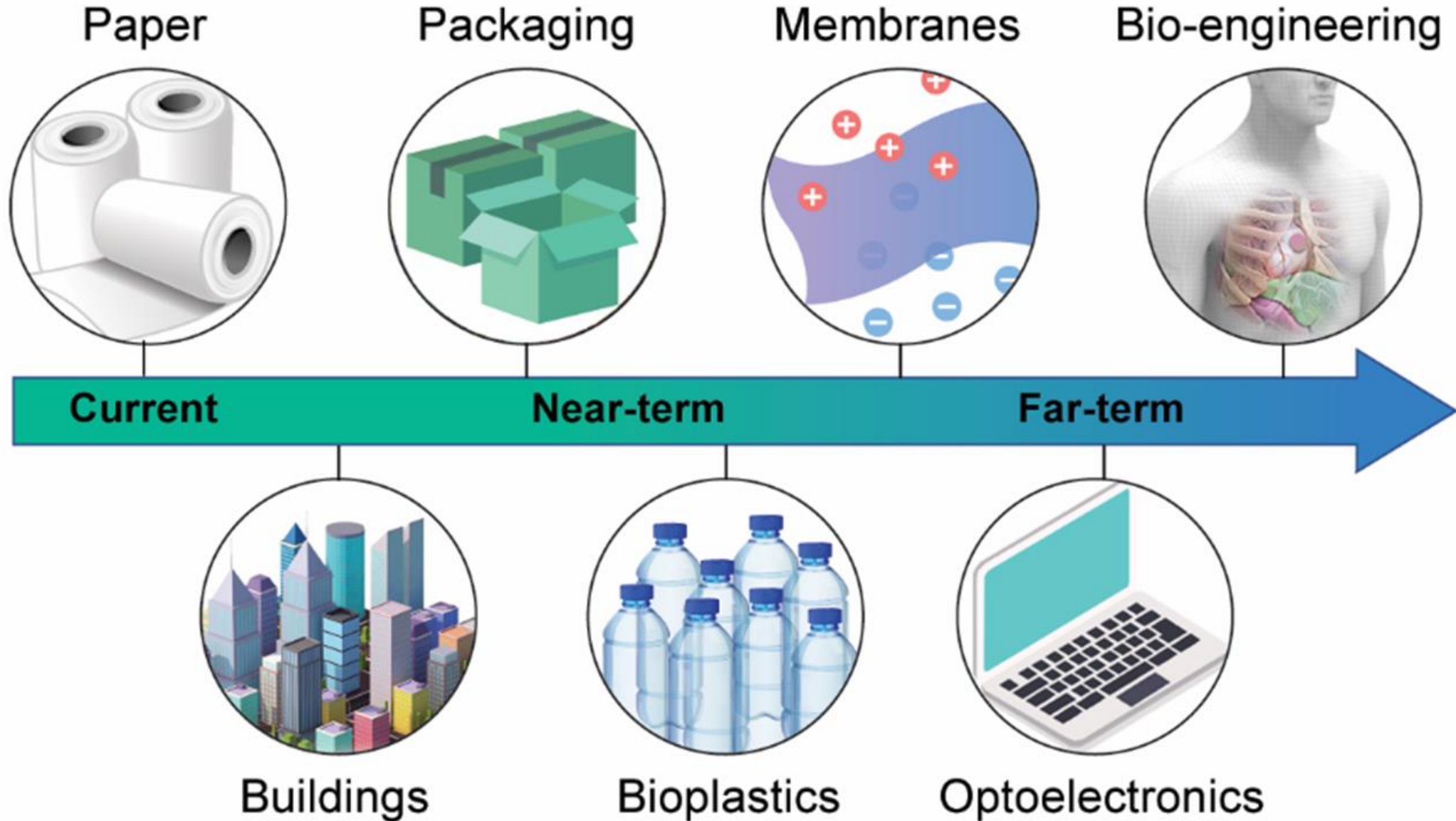
Micro-, Nano-electronics and Photonics

Artificial Intelligence

Digital Security and Connectivity

The prospects of fibrillar cellulose

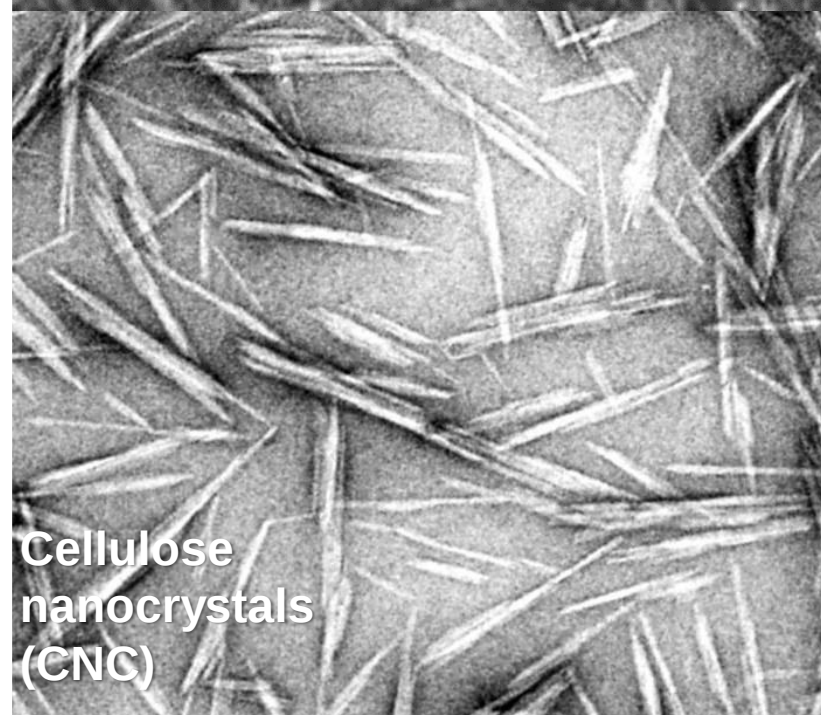
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Cellulose

1x1 μm

Cellulose
nano/microfibrils
(CNF, BNC)



Cellulose
nanocrystals
(CNC)

Lignin Particles

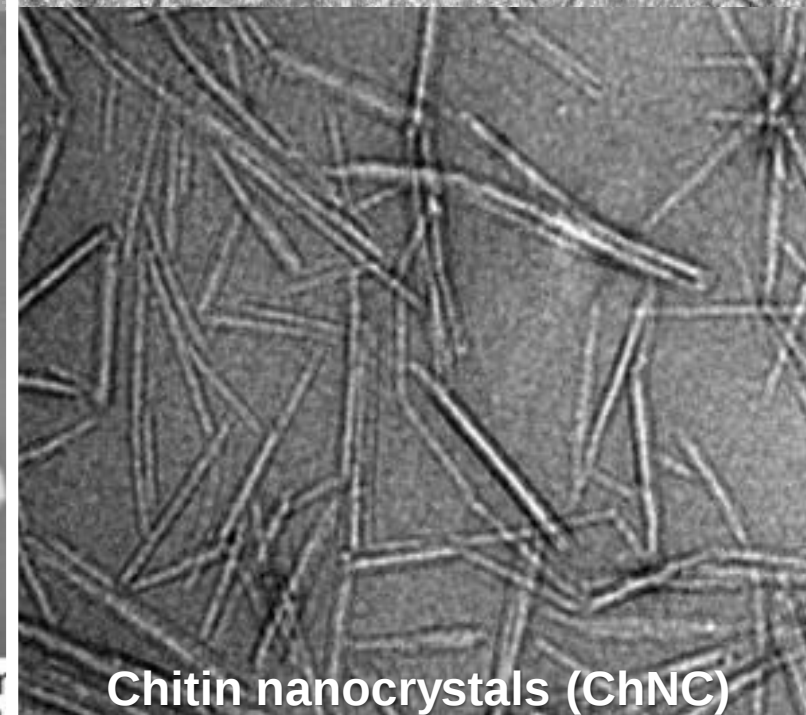


Tannin Particles

1 μm

Chitin

Chitin nanofibrils (ChNF)



Chitin nanocrystals (ChNC)

Cellulose

Lignin Particles

Chitin

2

3

1x1 μm

Cellulose
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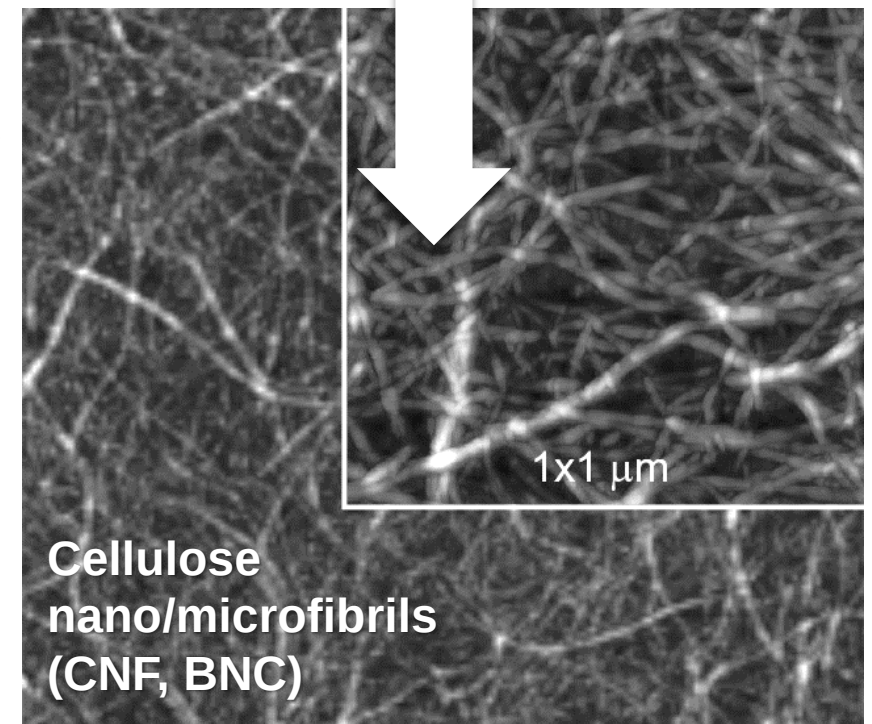
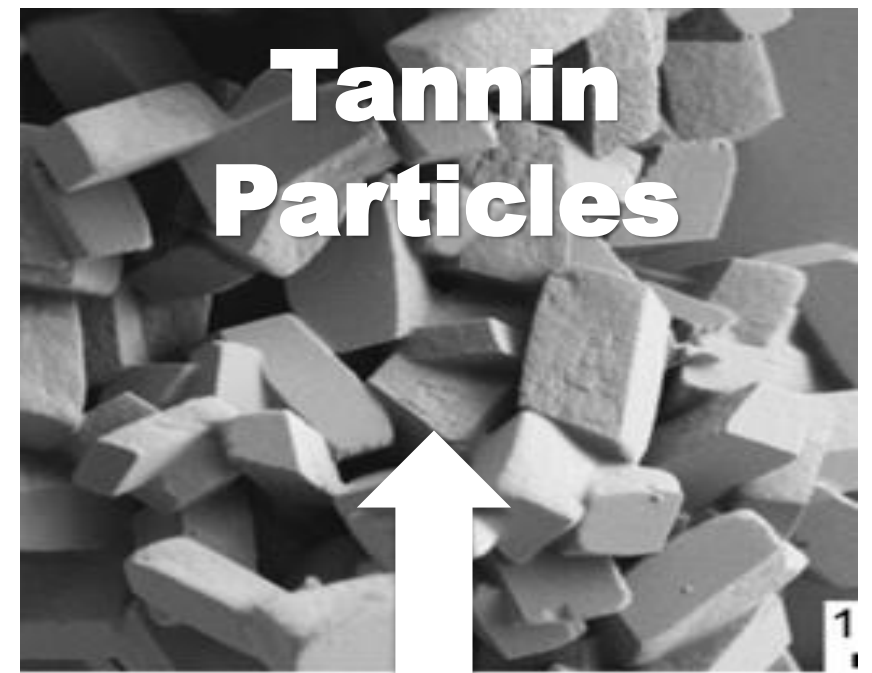
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Tannin Particles

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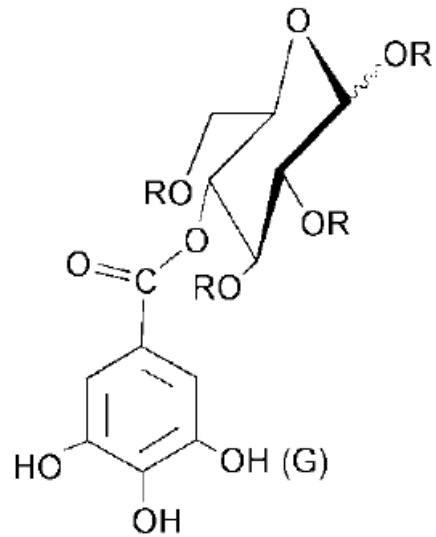
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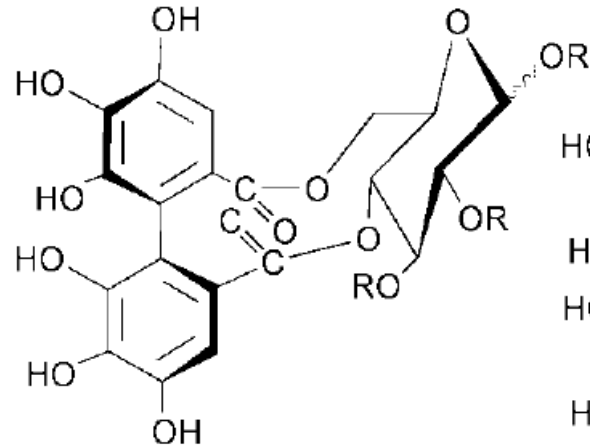
Tannins

Hydrolyzable tannins

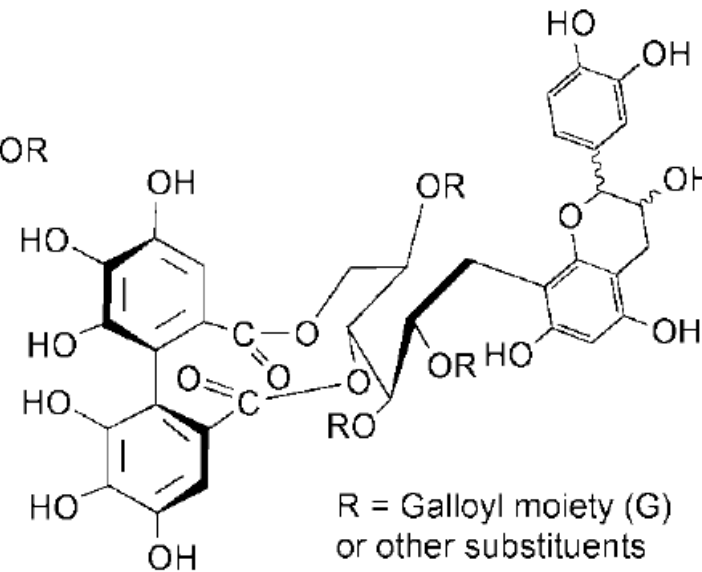
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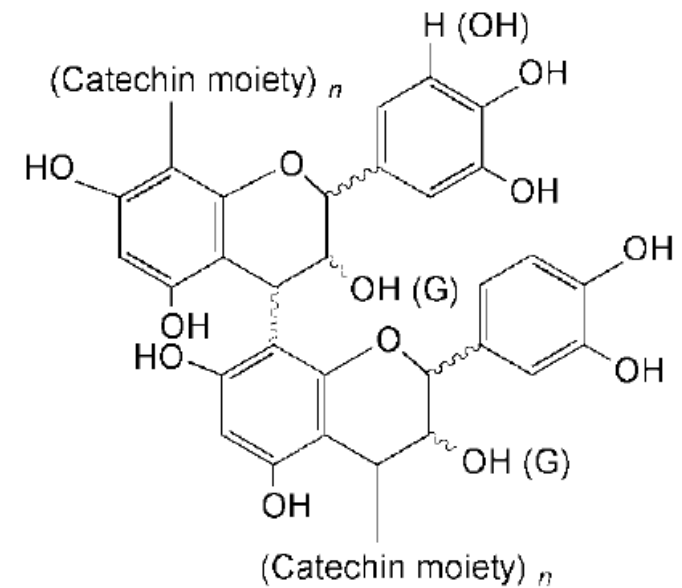
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Complex Tannins

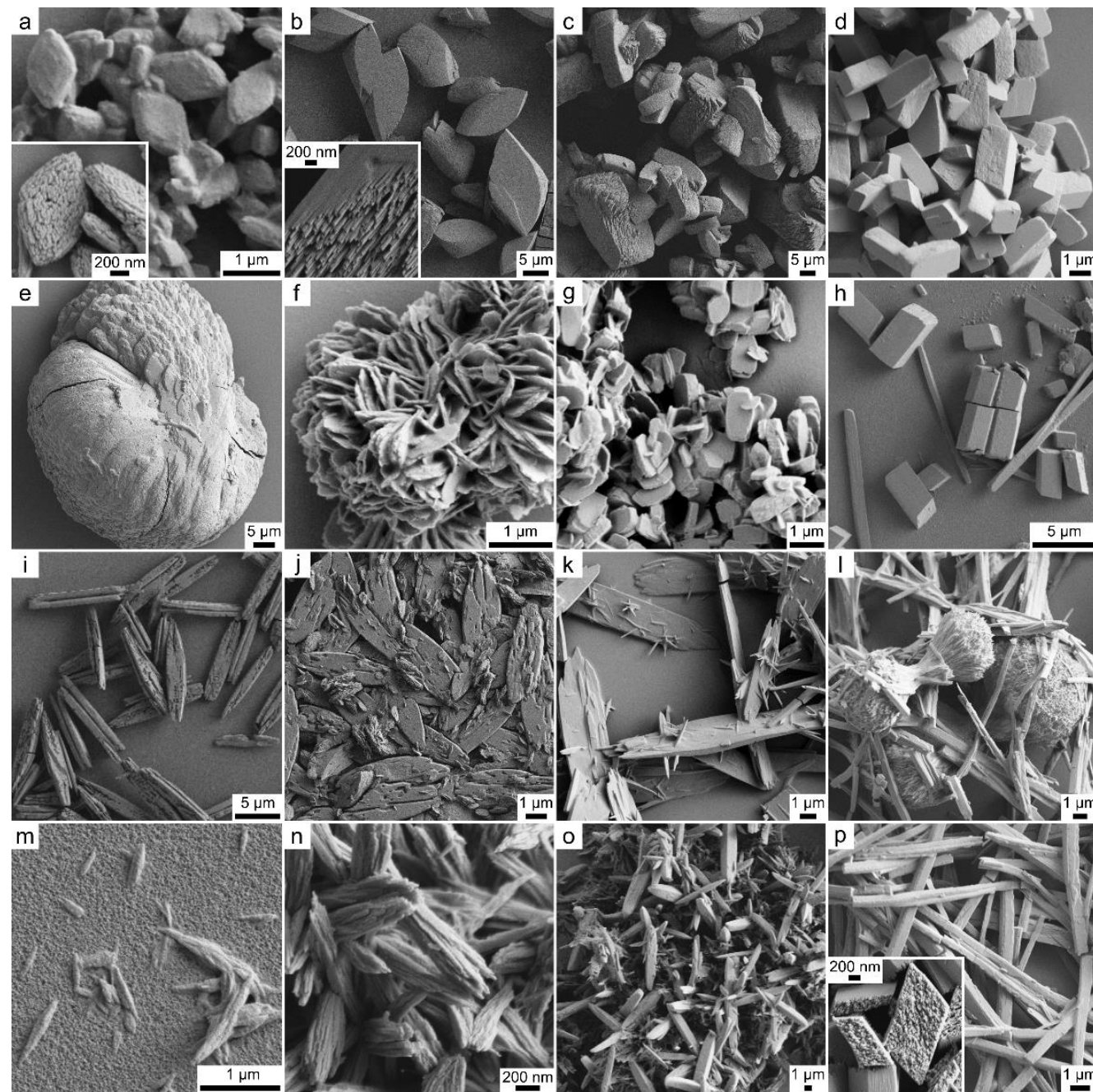
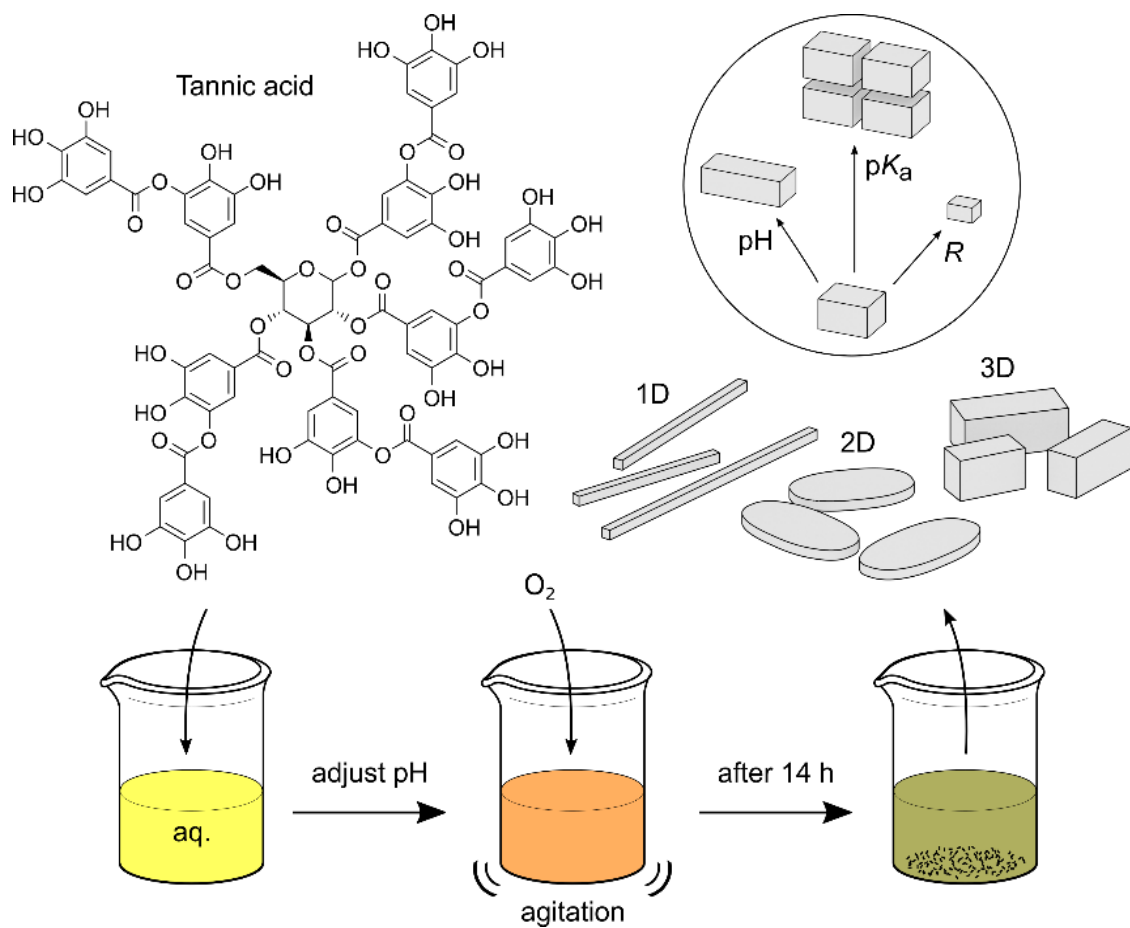


Condensed Tannins



Anti-inflammatory Antimicrobial Antimutagenic Anticarcinogenic Antioxidative

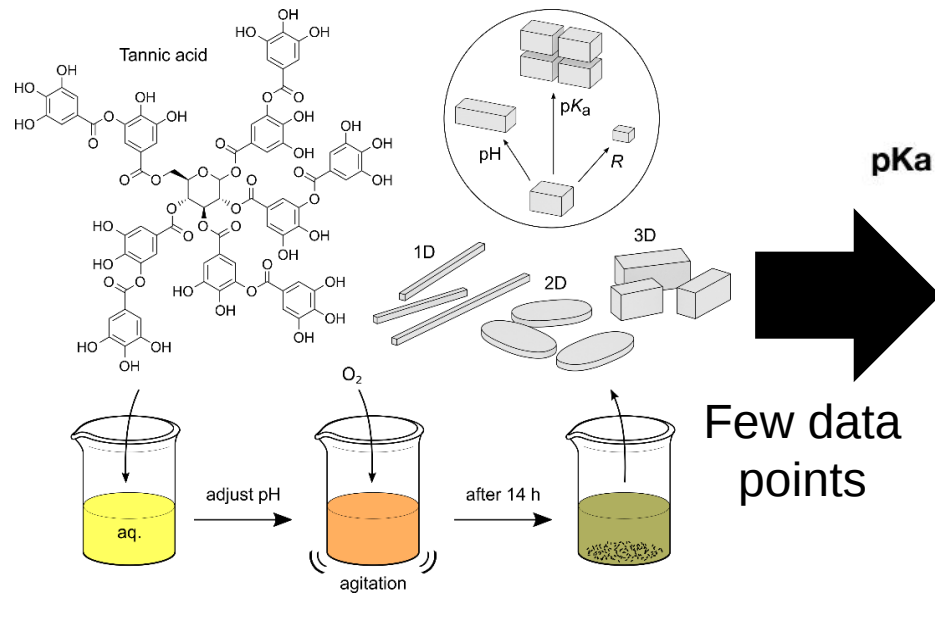
Self-assembly of tannic acid



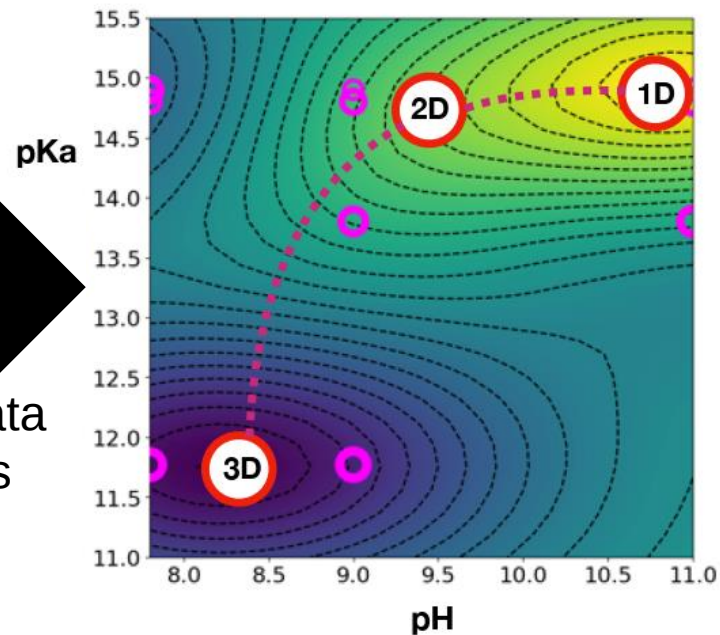
Kämäräinen et al. Morphology-controlled synthesis of colloidal polyphenol particles from aqueous solutions of tannic acid, **ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering**, DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.9b02378

Typical renewable nanoparticles: Difficult to direct their assembly into macroscale materials

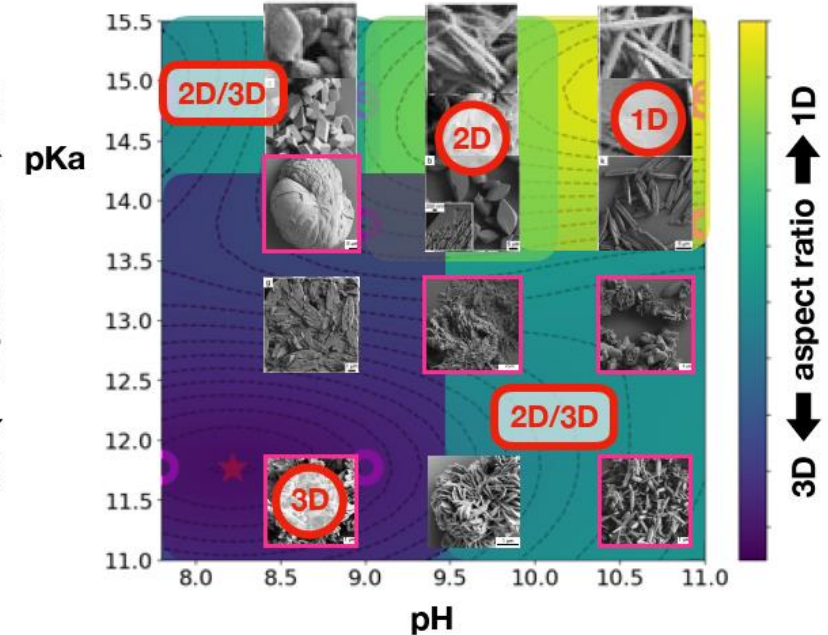
Machine learning to predict assembly (Bayesian Optimization for Structure Search, BOSS*)



Growth conditions and shapes (1, 2, or 3D)



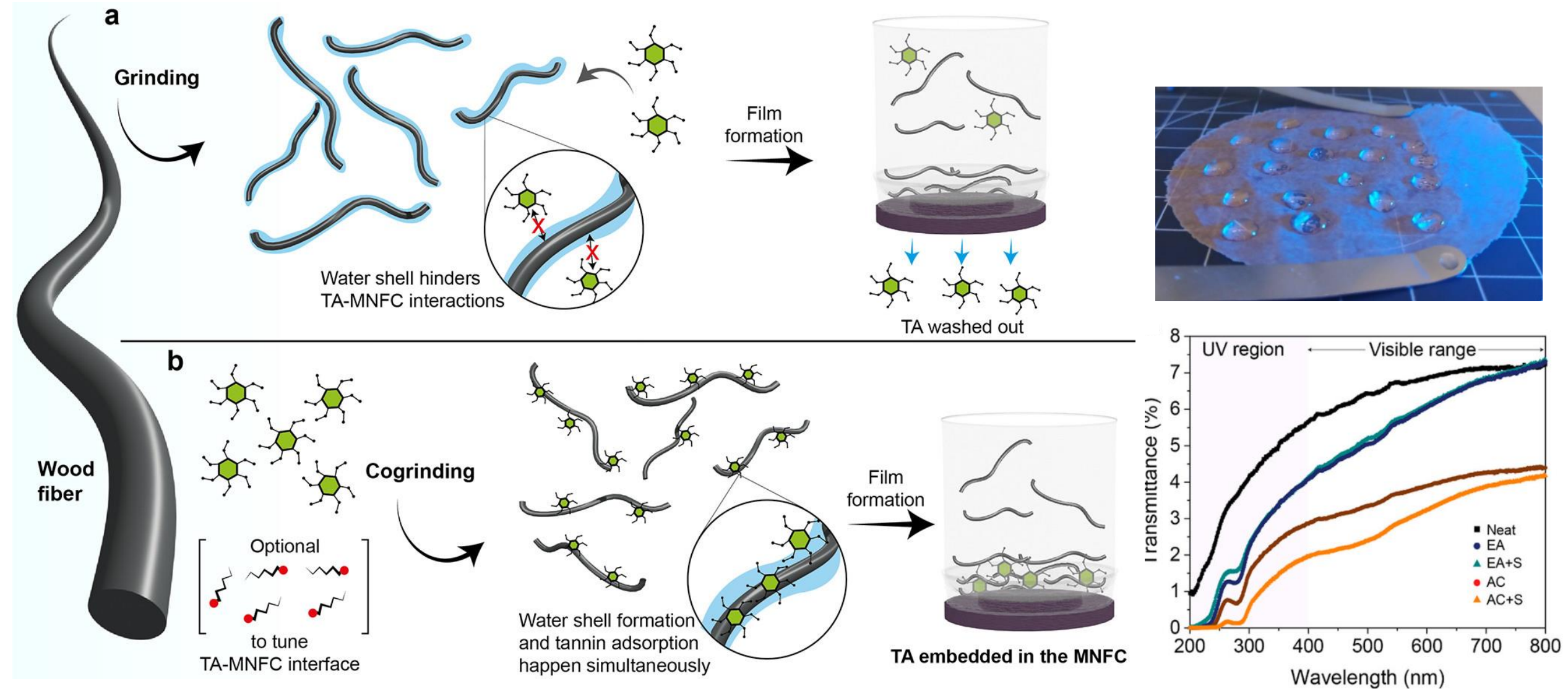
BOSS: visualize the dependence of nanoparticle shape on the growth conditions



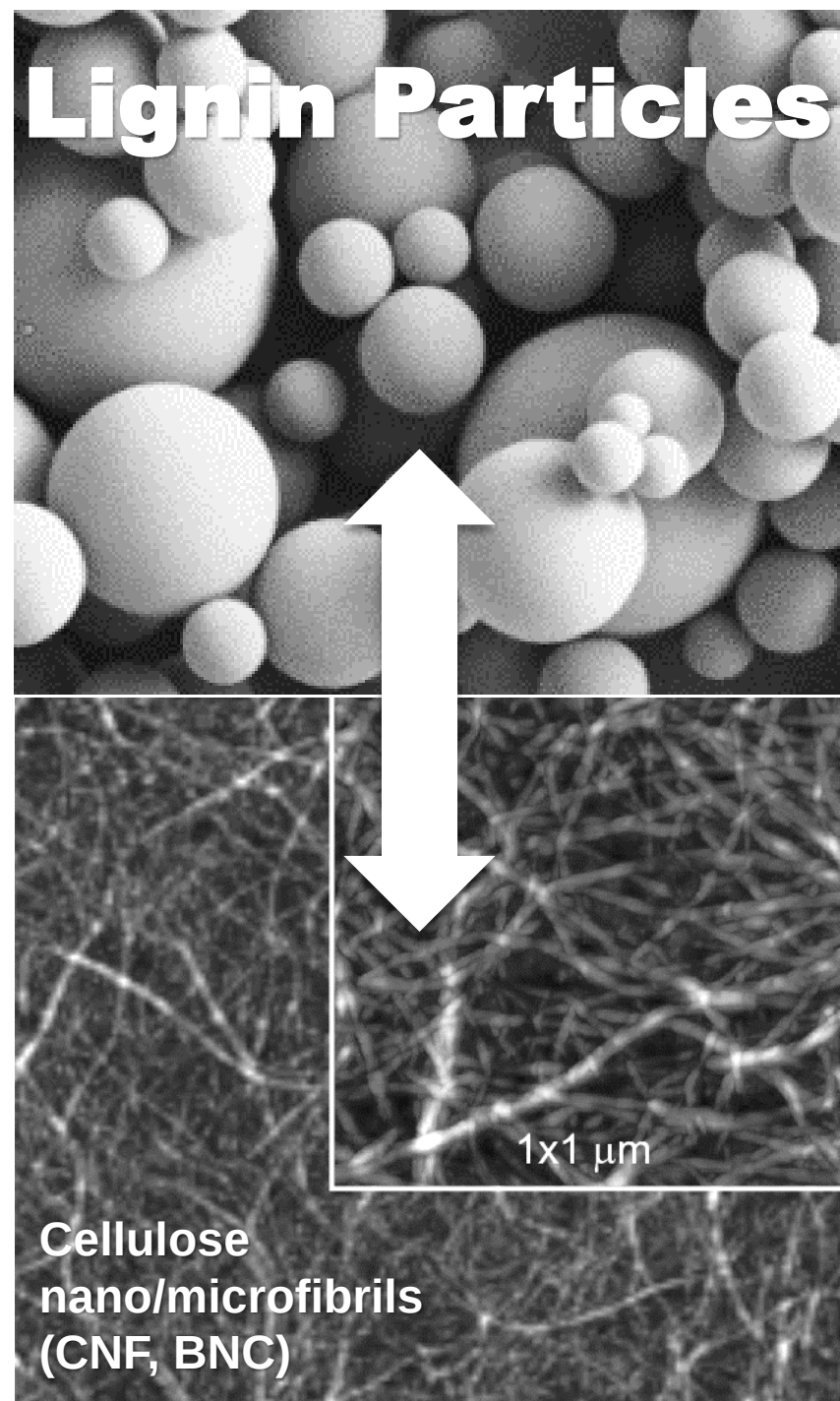
The experimentally determined shapes correlate with visual map

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Tannins: Fiber microfluidization into nanocellulose



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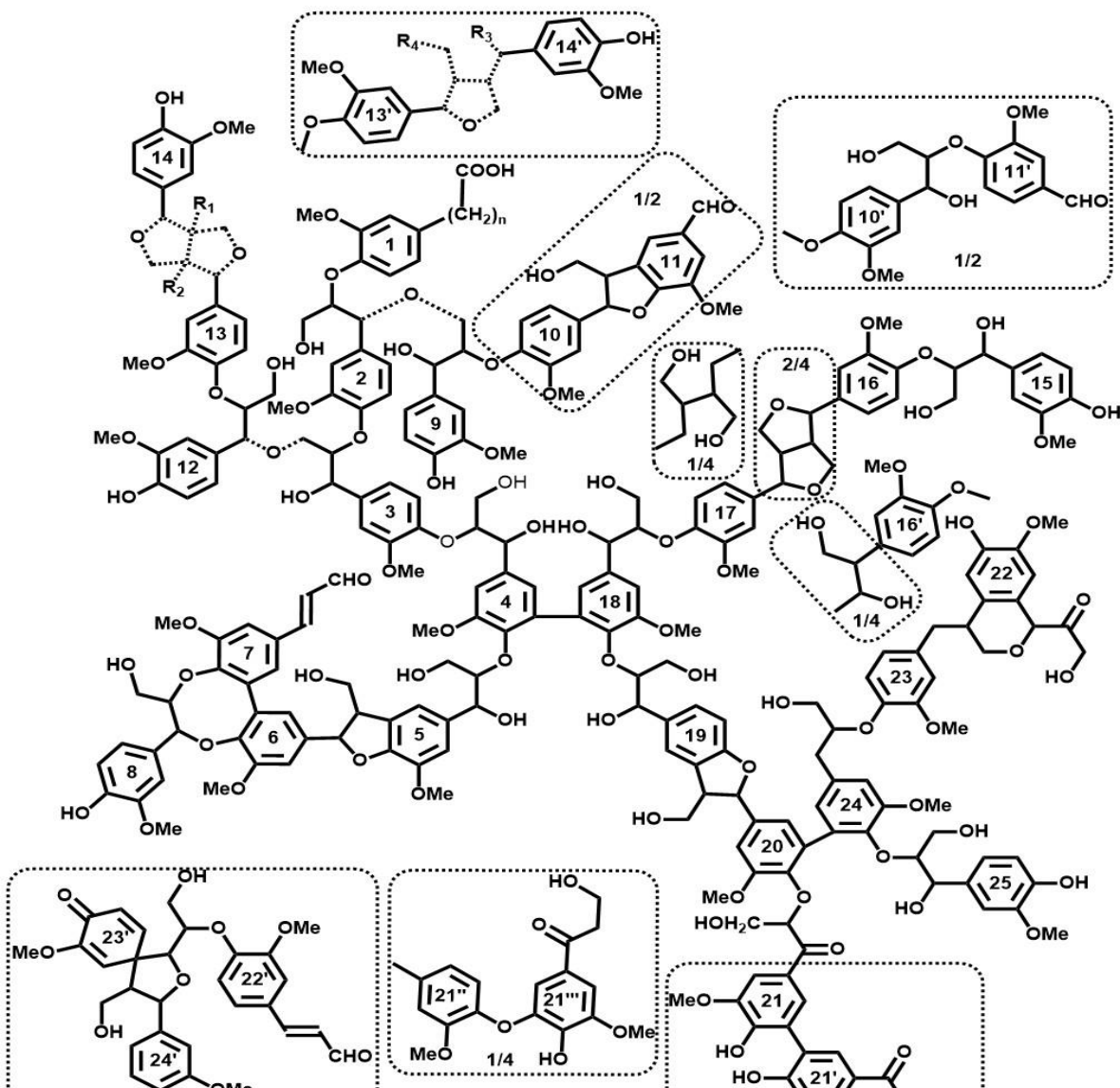


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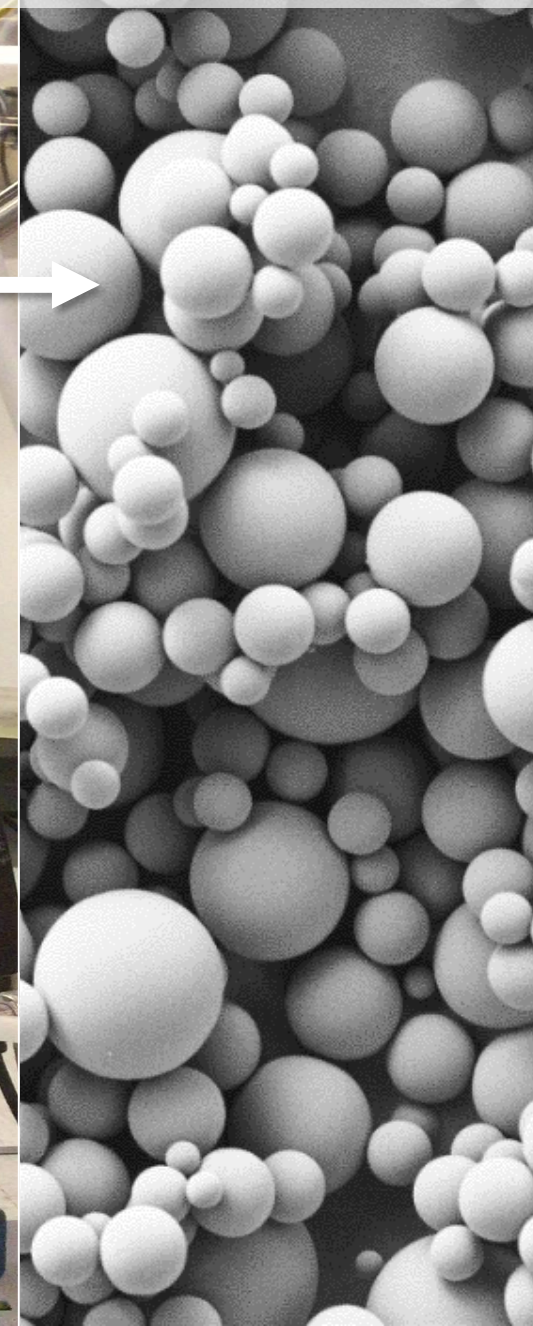
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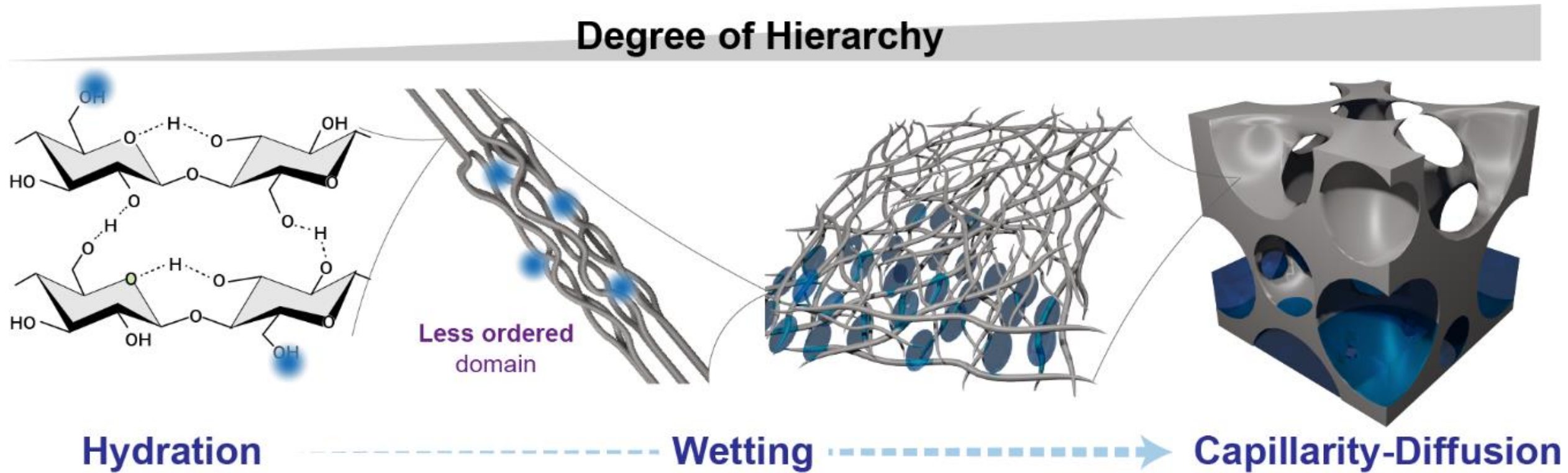


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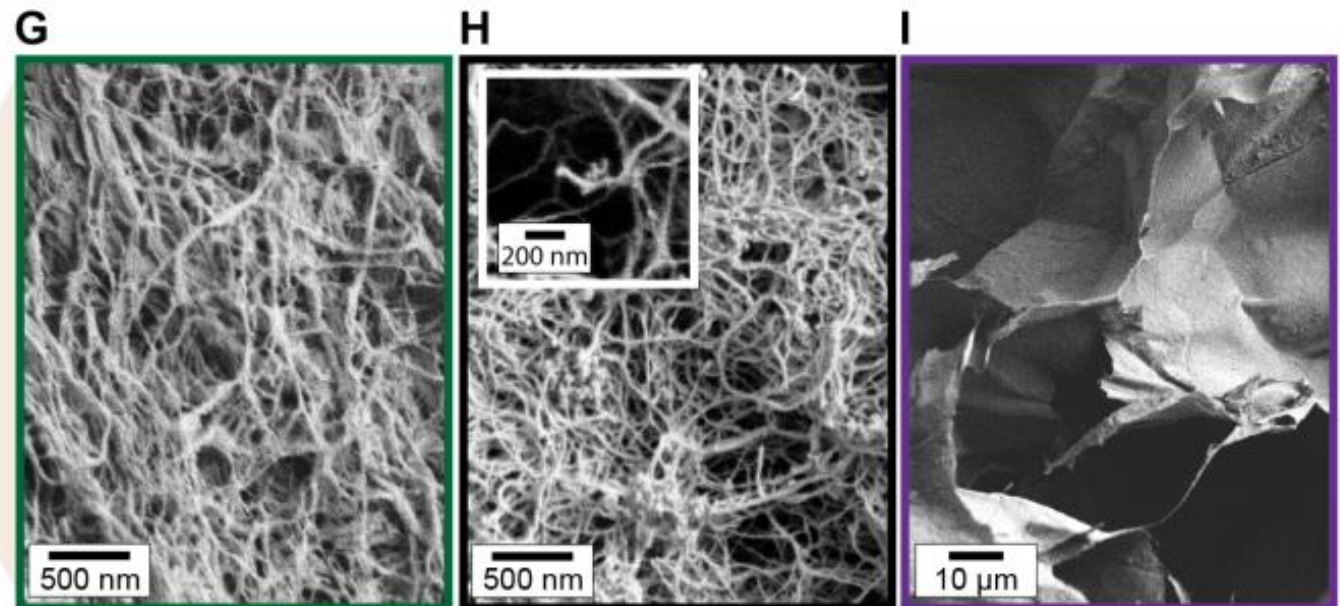
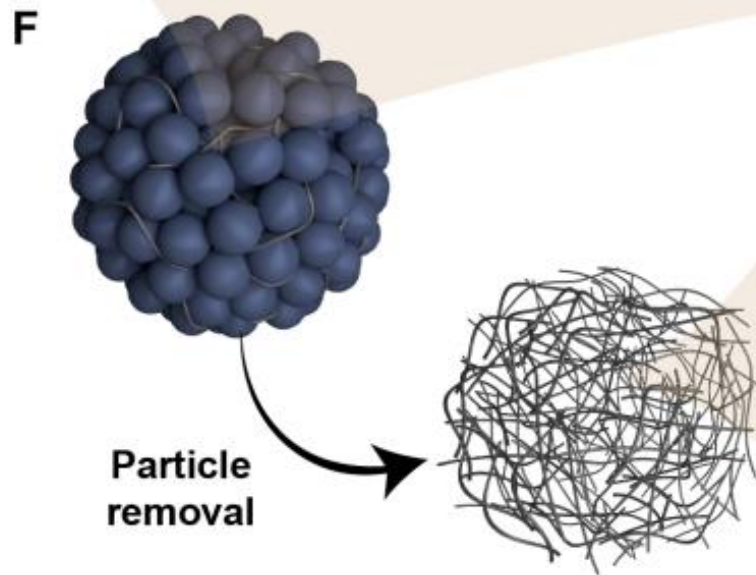
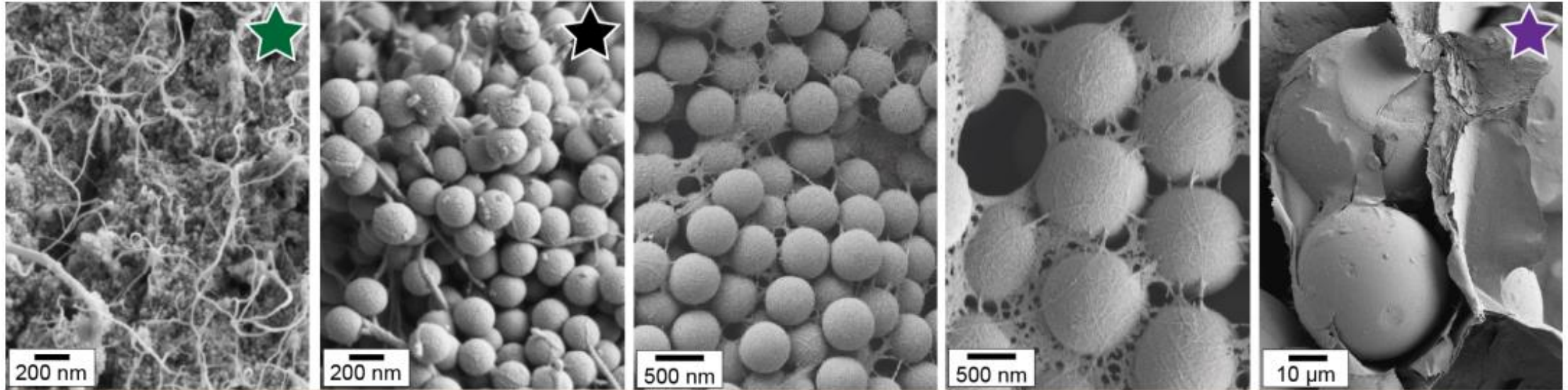
Lignin Nanoparticles (LP)



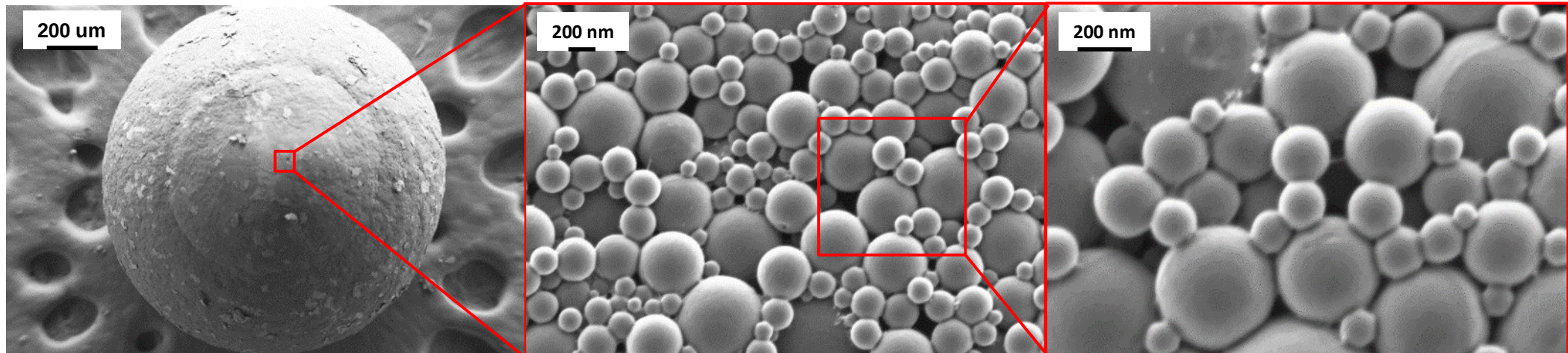
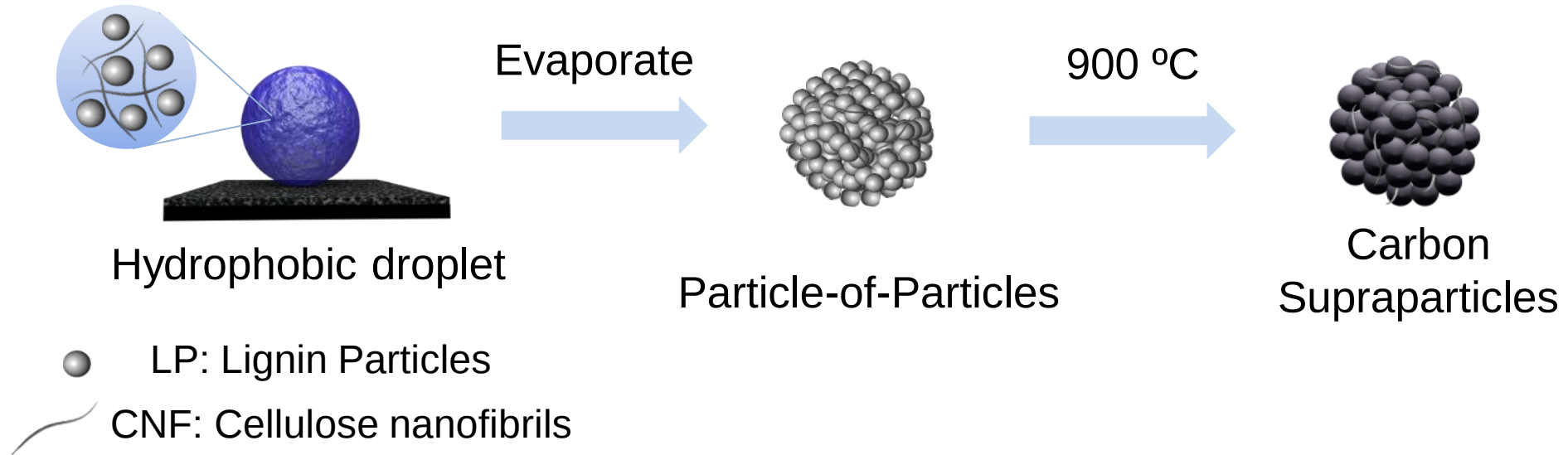
Water-nanocellulose interactions: A challenge but also an opportunity



Nanocellulose: universal binder (upon drying)



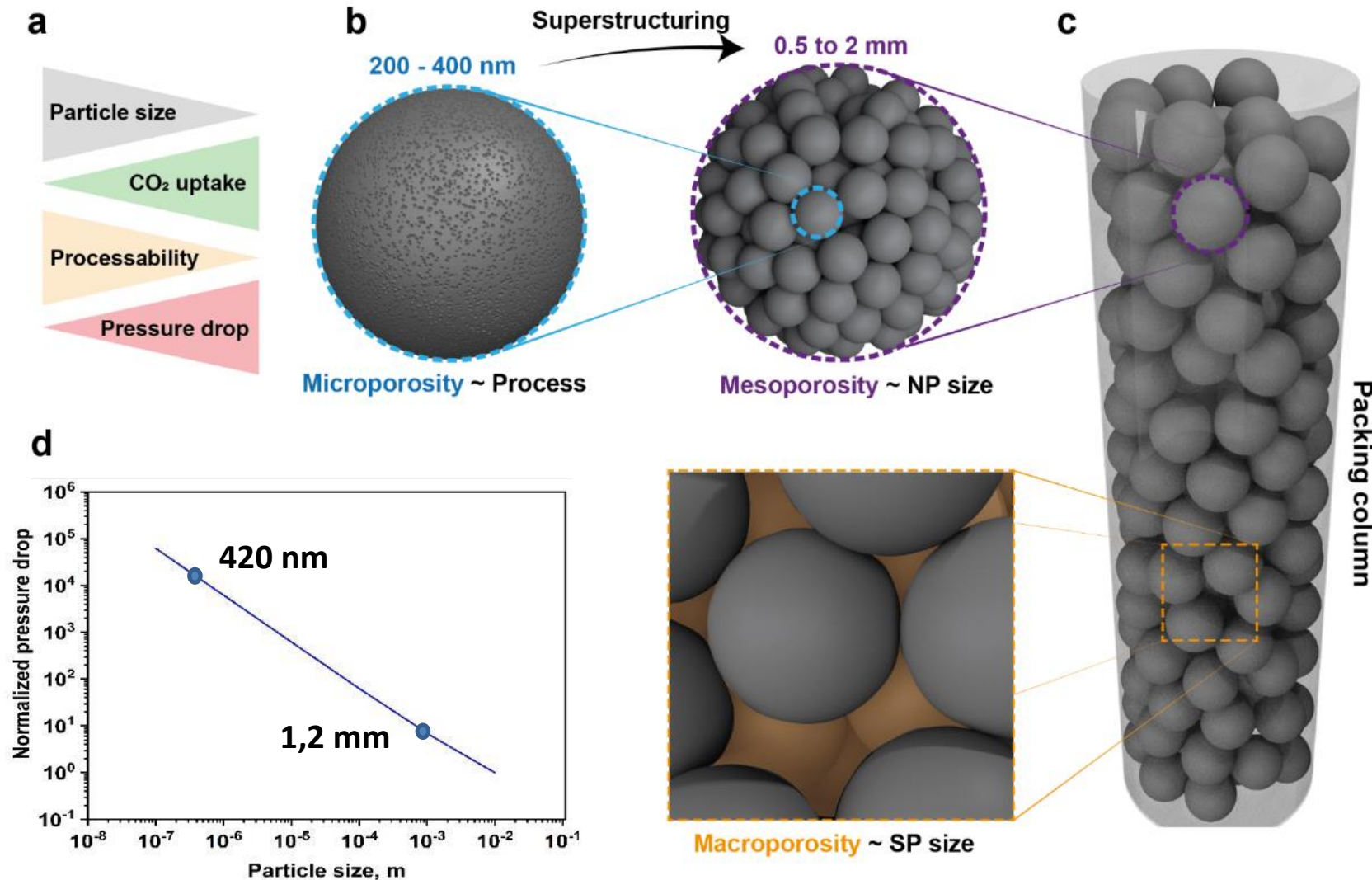
Lignin-based supraparticle for CO₂ adsorption



Macroscopic carbon

Carbon Nanosphere

Reduced pressure drop by super-structuring lignin-derived carbon micro spheres

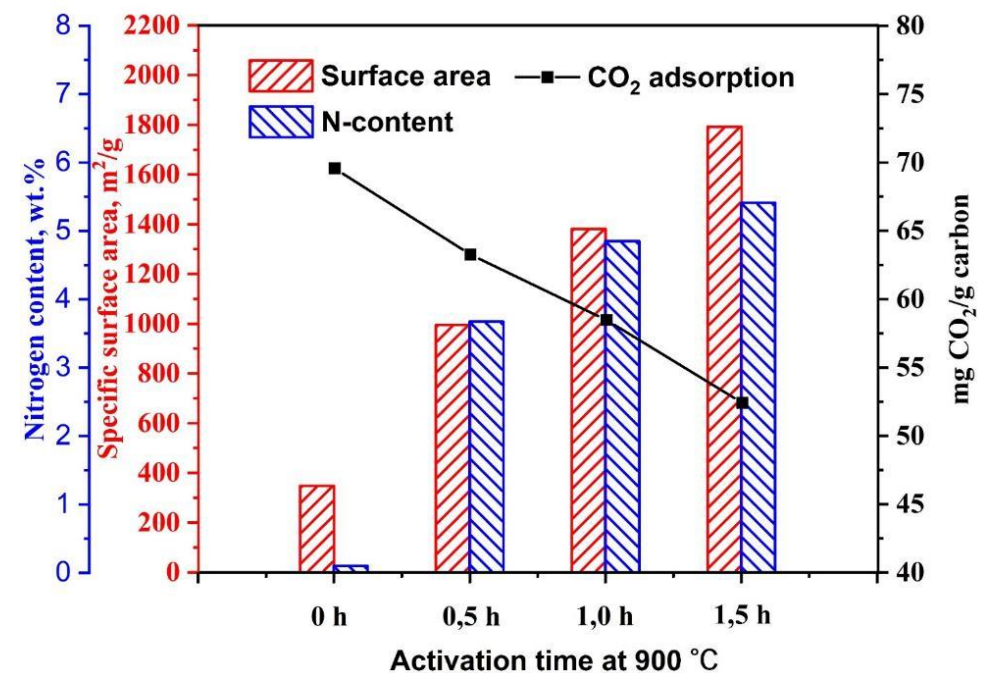
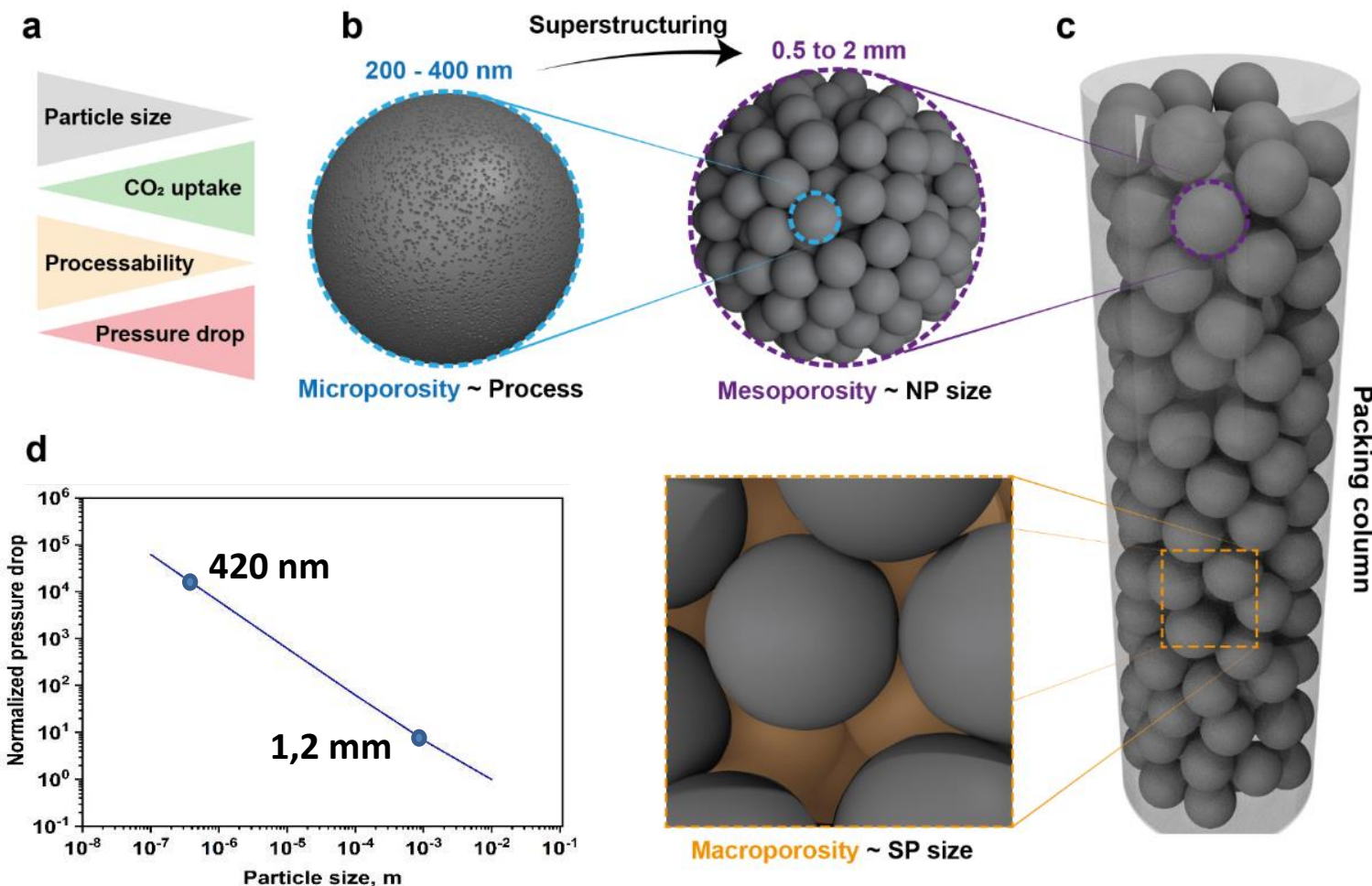


Ergun equation

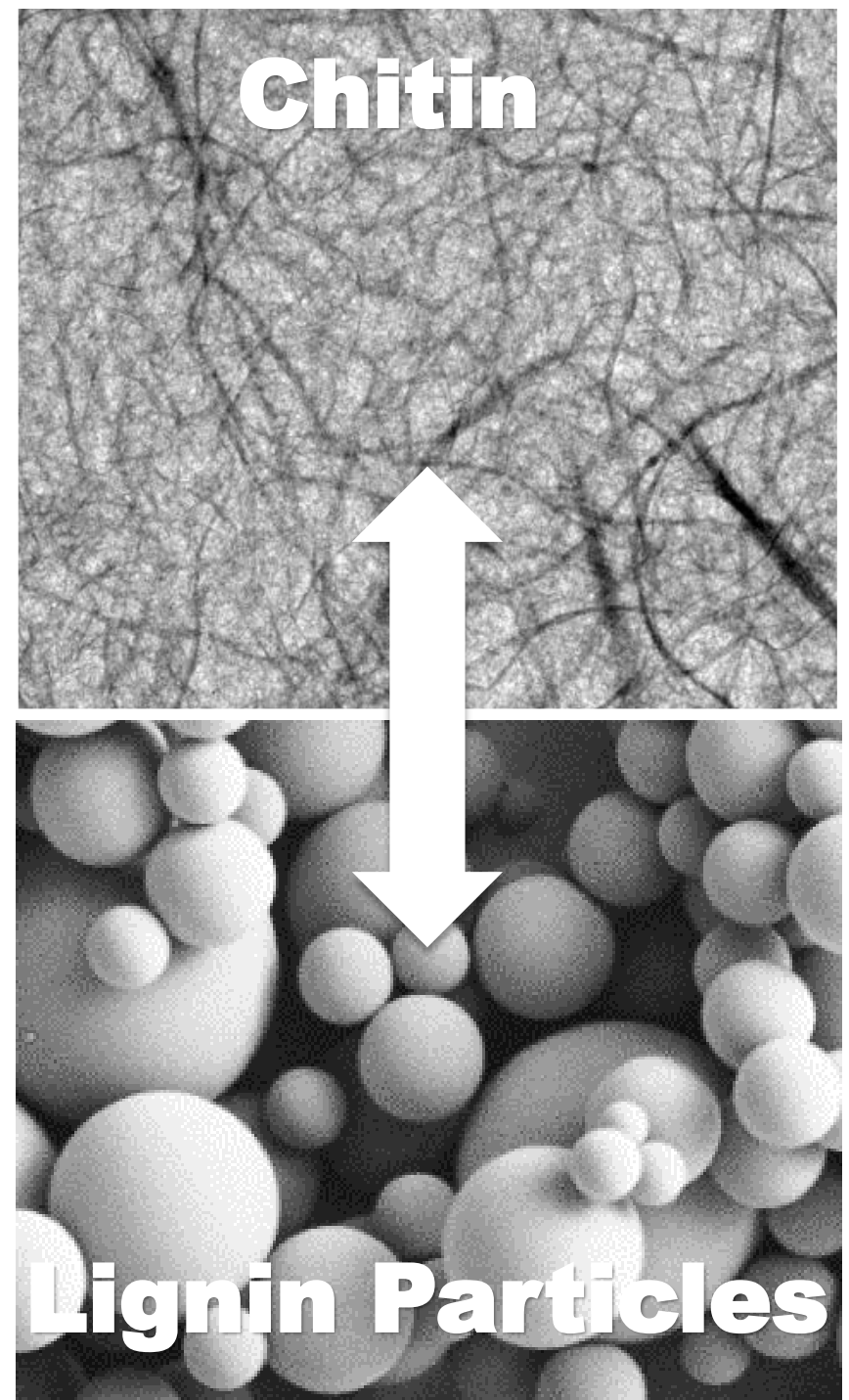
$$\Delta p = \frac{150\mu L}{D_p^2} \frac{(1 - \epsilon)^2}{\epsilon^3} v_s + \frac{1.75 L \rho}{D_p} \frac{(1 - \epsilon)}{\epsilon^3} v_s |v_s|$$

Supraparticles lower the pressure drop by 4 orders of magnitude

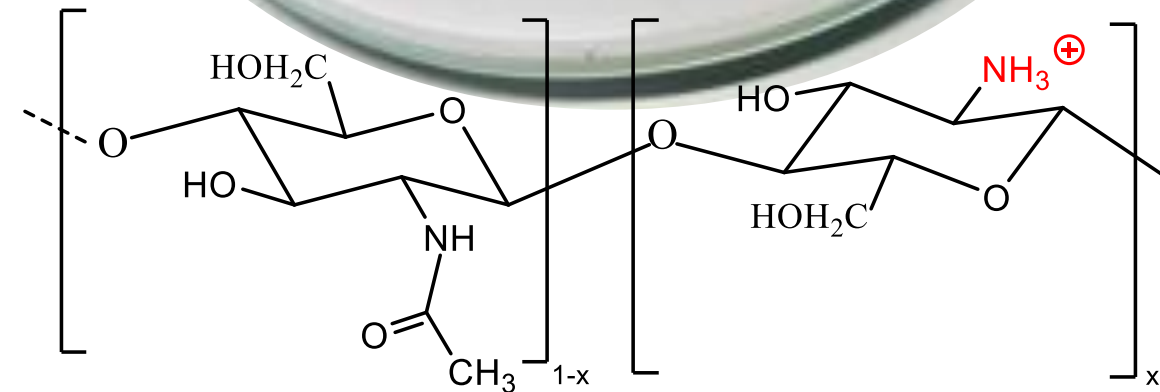
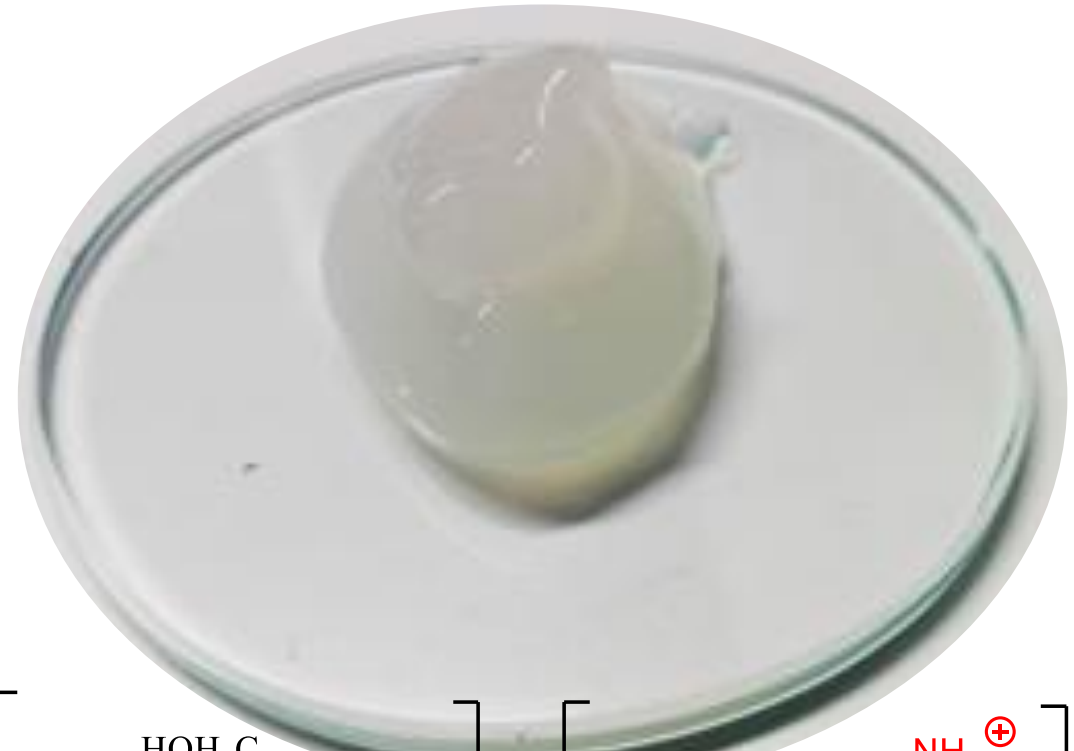
CO₂ Adsorption performance



75 mg CO₂/g carbon



Deacetylated chitin nanofibrils (ChNF)

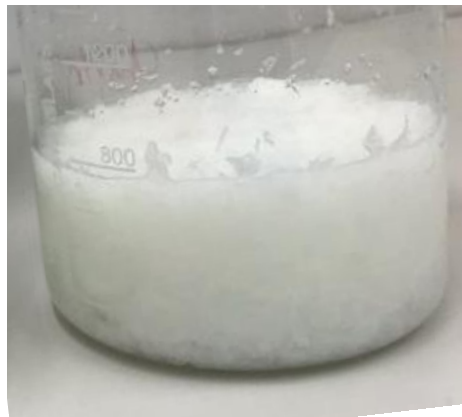


X= Deacetylation degree

Nanochitin: other sources



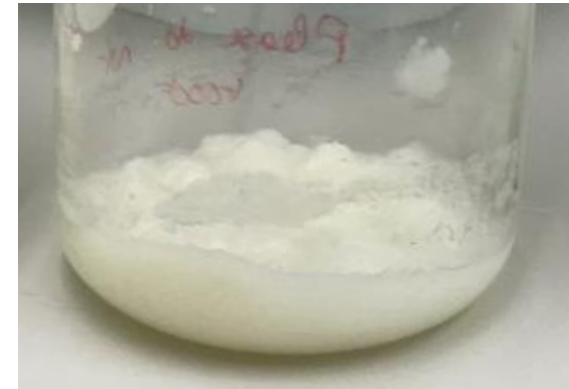
Chitin from shrimp



Chitin from fly

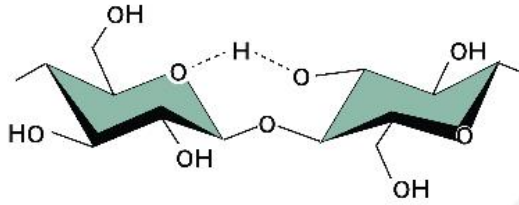


Mealworm (raw exuvium)



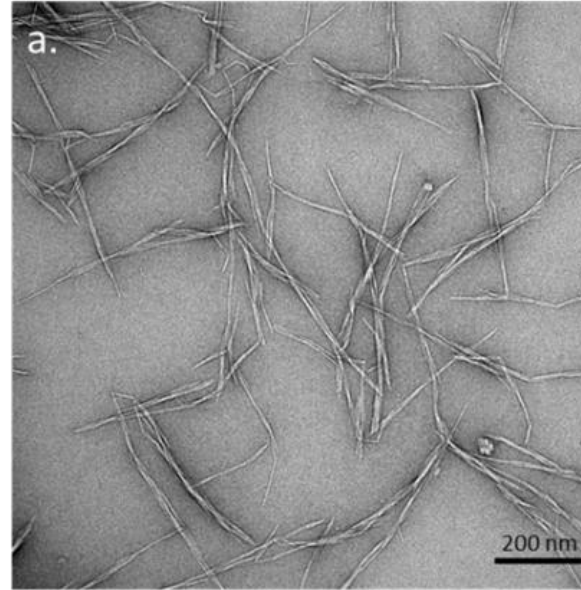
Wet method for LP synthesis

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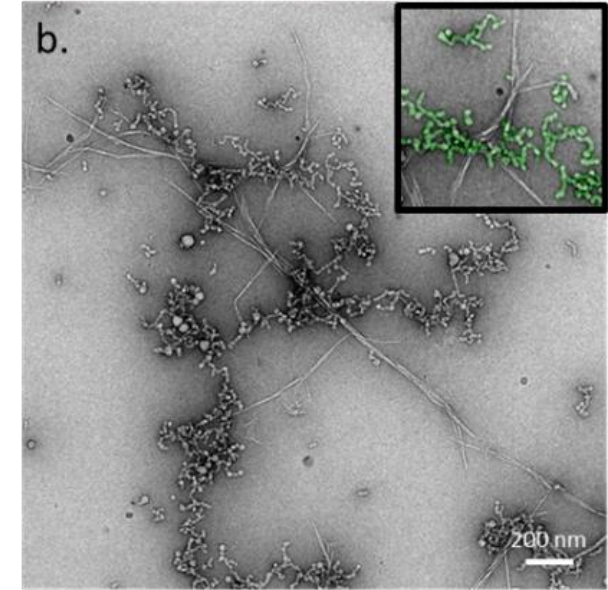


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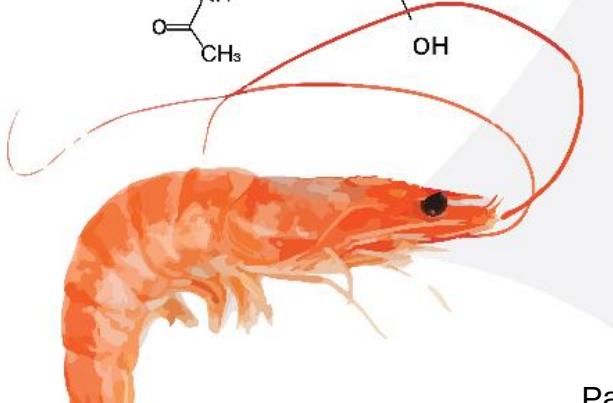
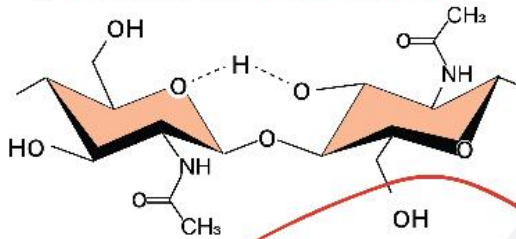
Precursor Nanofibers



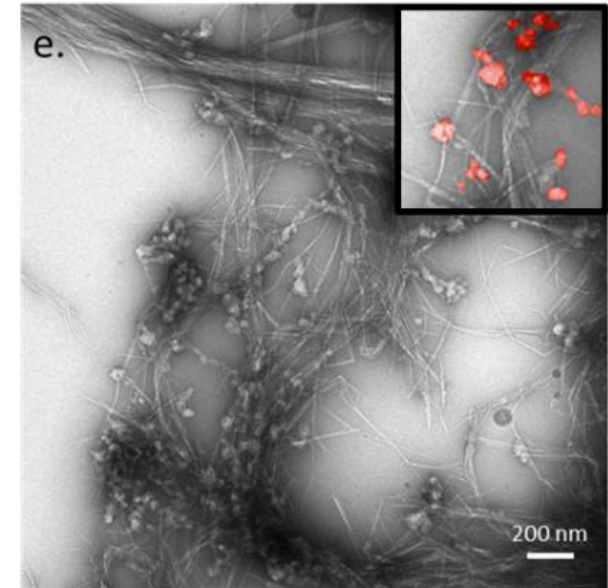
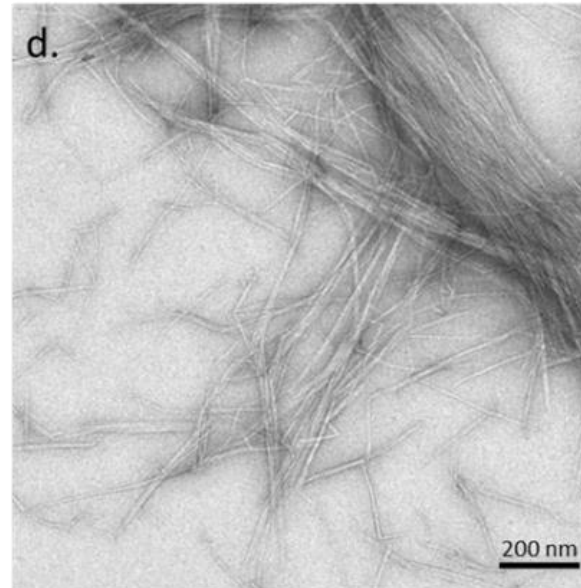
LP + Nanofibers



b) Chitin nanofibrils

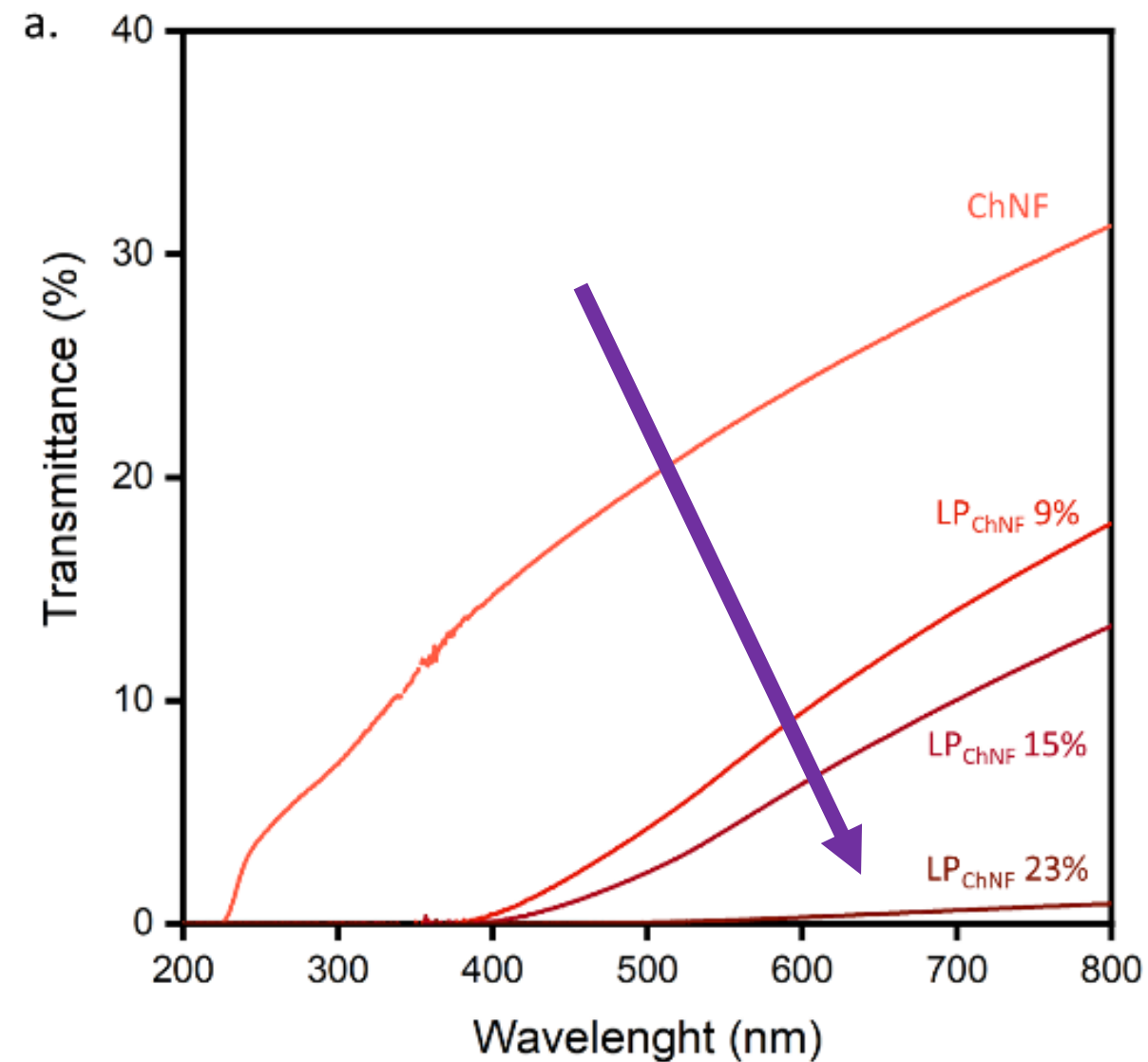


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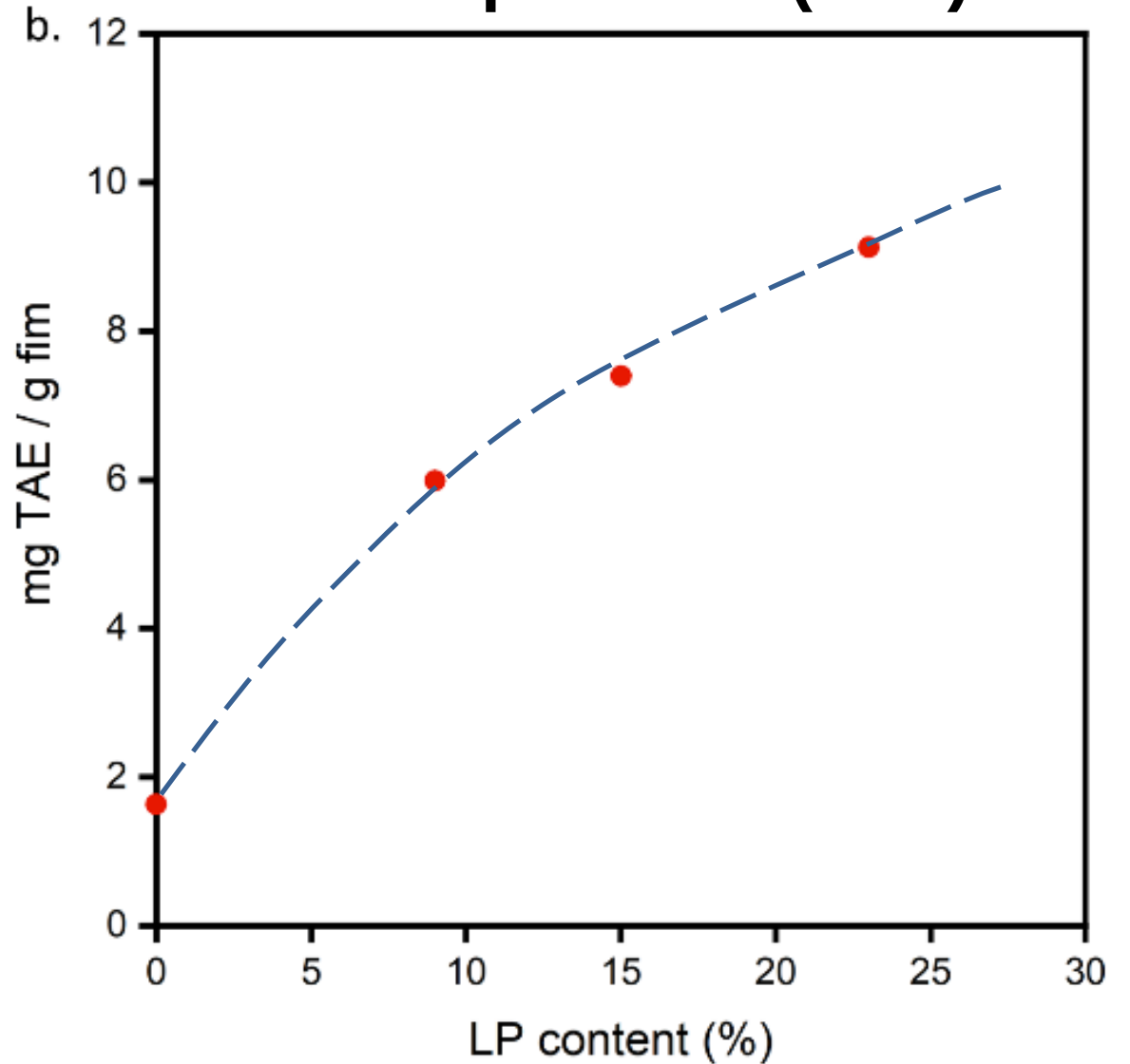


Pasquier, Mattos, Belgacem, Bras, Rojas, Lignin nanoparticle nucleation and growth on cellulose and chitin nanofibers, **Biomacromolecules**, 22, 880–889 (2021). DOI: [10.1021/acs.biomac.0c01596](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.biomac.0c01596)

UV-Visible transmittance of the films



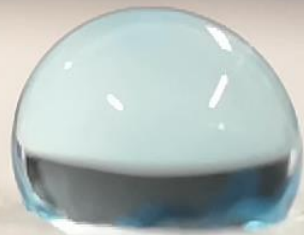
Antioxidant activity of films measured by the tannic acid equivalent (TAE)



Microfibers from Nanochitin

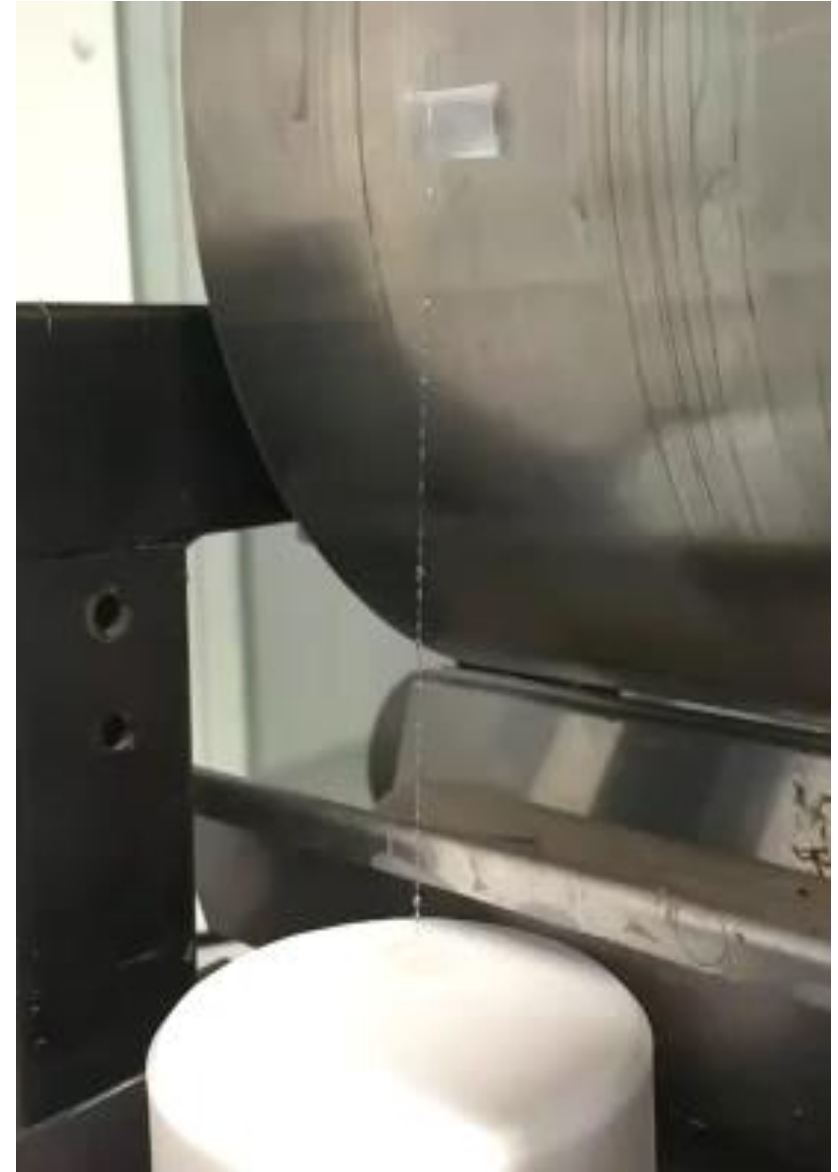


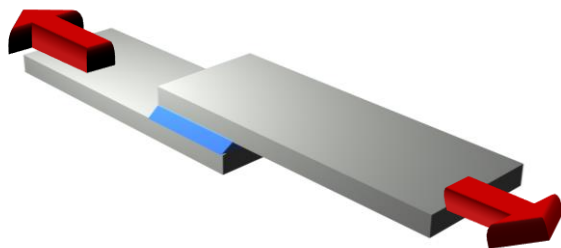
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Alginate or
Nanocellulose

Dry spinning via interfacial complexation





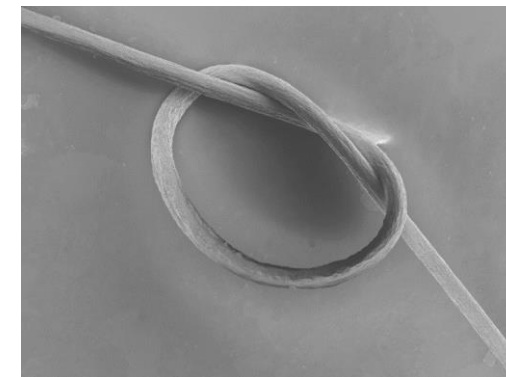
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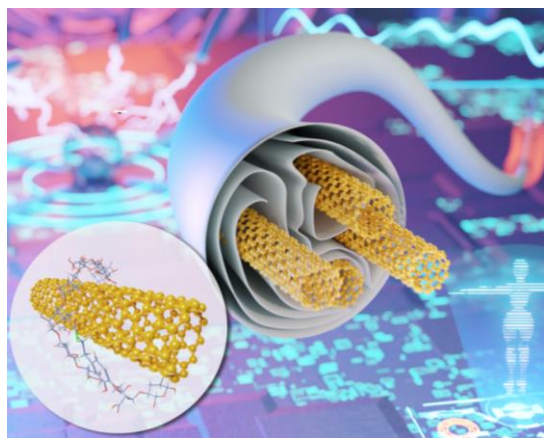
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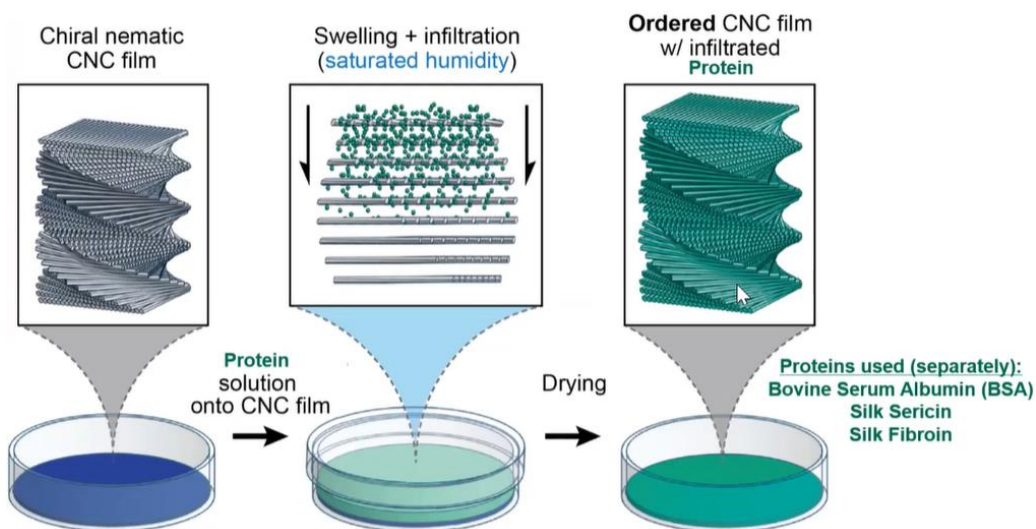
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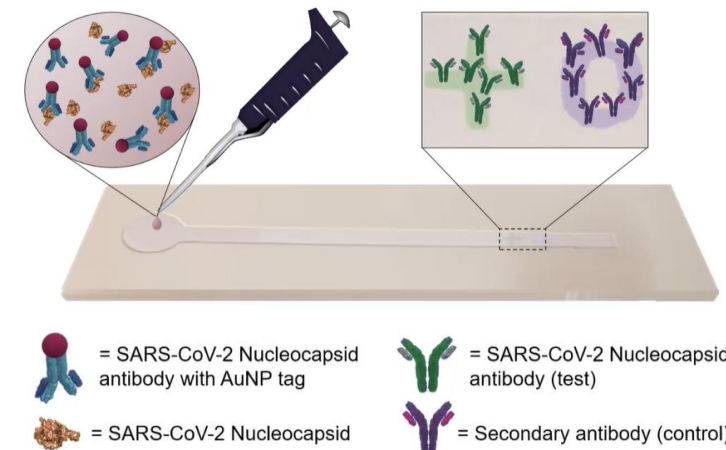
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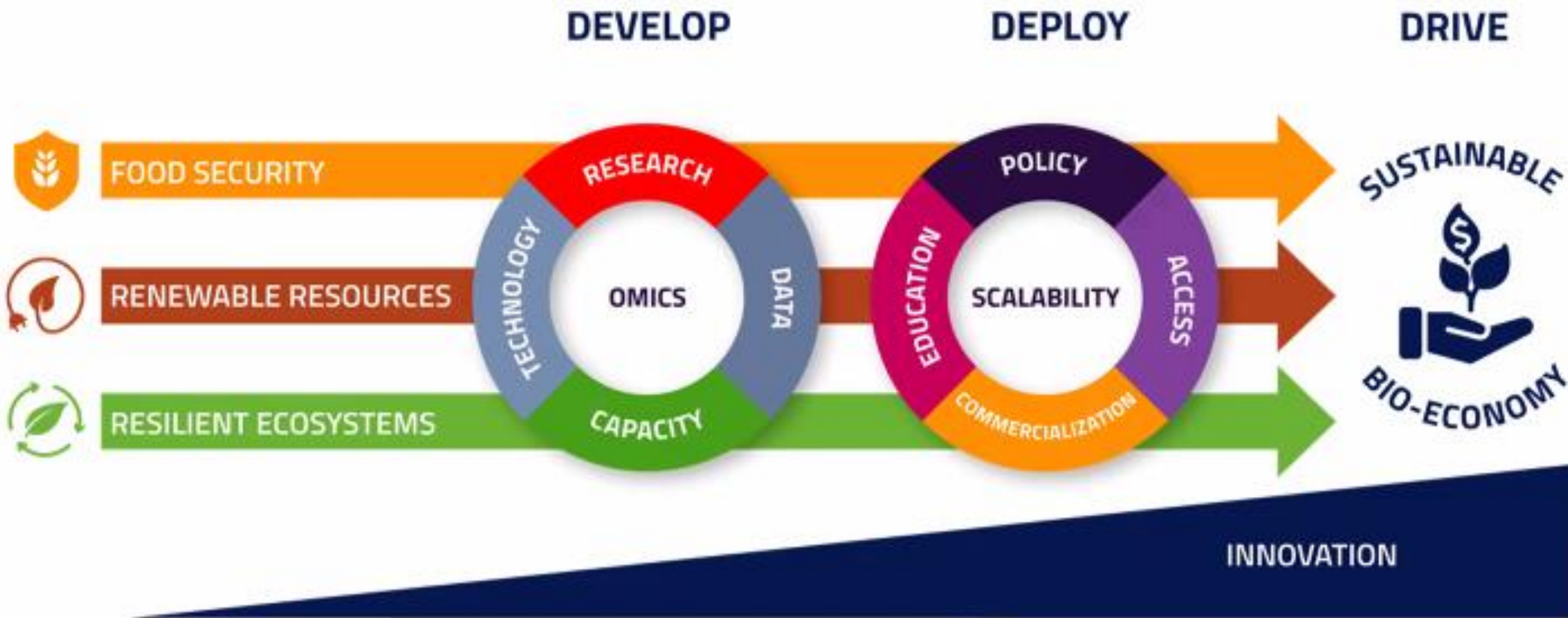


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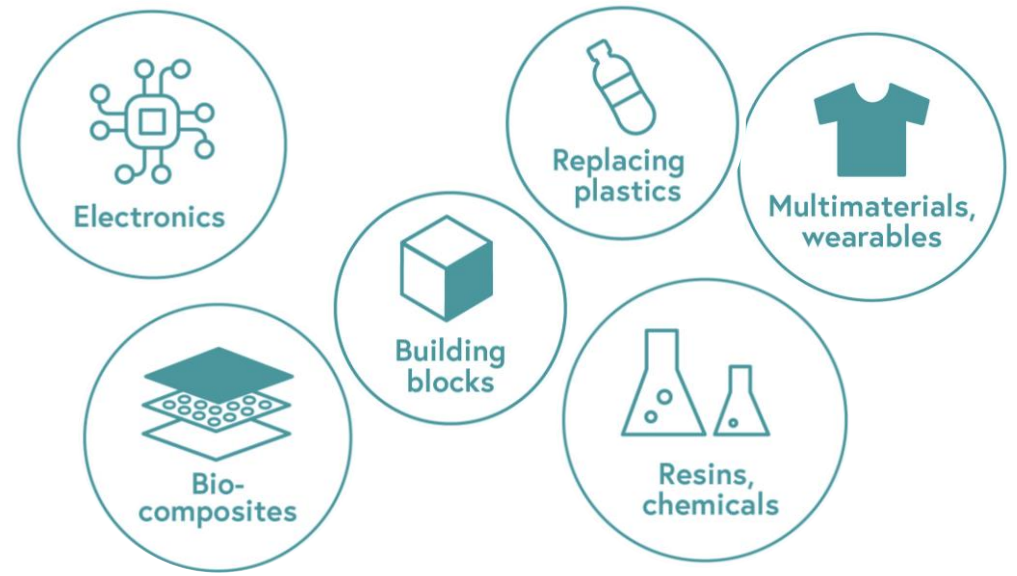


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Climate resilience and Environmental Stewardship



- **Plant biomass:** Safe, Local, Regenerative, renewable, Sustainable, Recyclable, (Bio)degradable (controllably), Positive environmental impacts
- **New solutions to current and future material:** integration of biotechnology, understanding the supramolecular interactions between biobased building blocks.



Harnessing the natural properties of **lignocellulose** to create **new sustainable materials**

