

Combining tannins with cellulose nanofibrils towards functional materials



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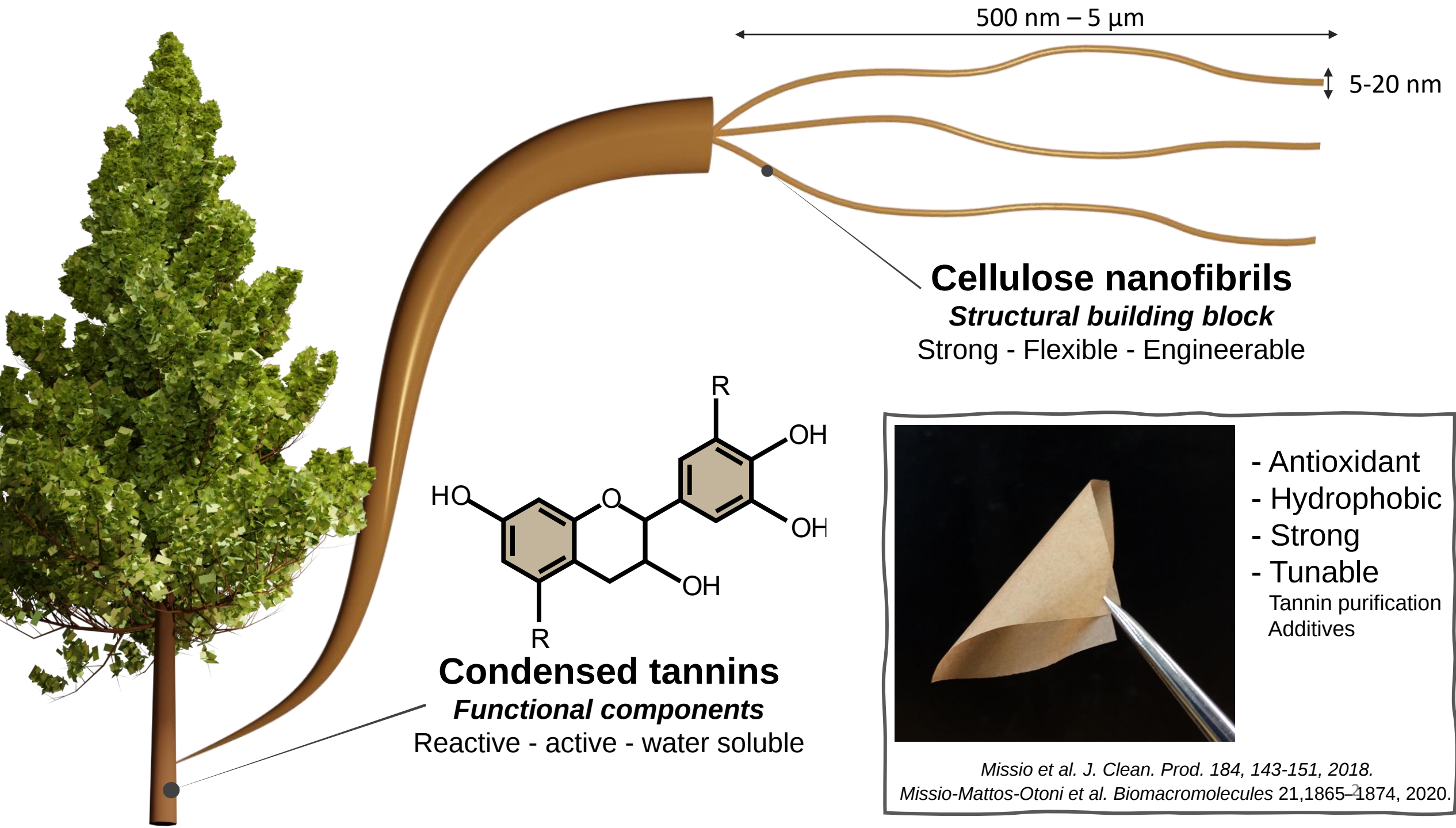
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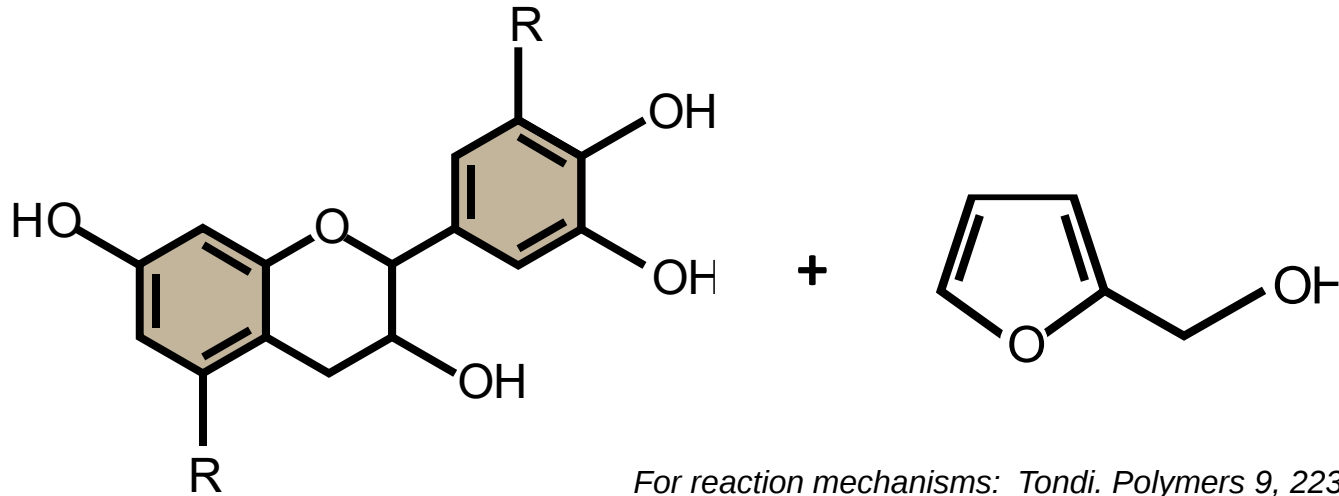
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Tannin-Furanic Rigid Foams



For reaction mechanisms: Tondi. *Polymers* 9, 223 2017.
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Self-blowing mechanism

Condensed tannins

Furfuryl alcohol

Volatile organic solvent

Acid catalyst

~~Formaldehyde (crosslinker)~~

Water

**Cellulose
Nanofibrils**
(physical crosslinker)



Our recipe

Condensed tannins

Furfuryl alcohol

Volatile organic solvent

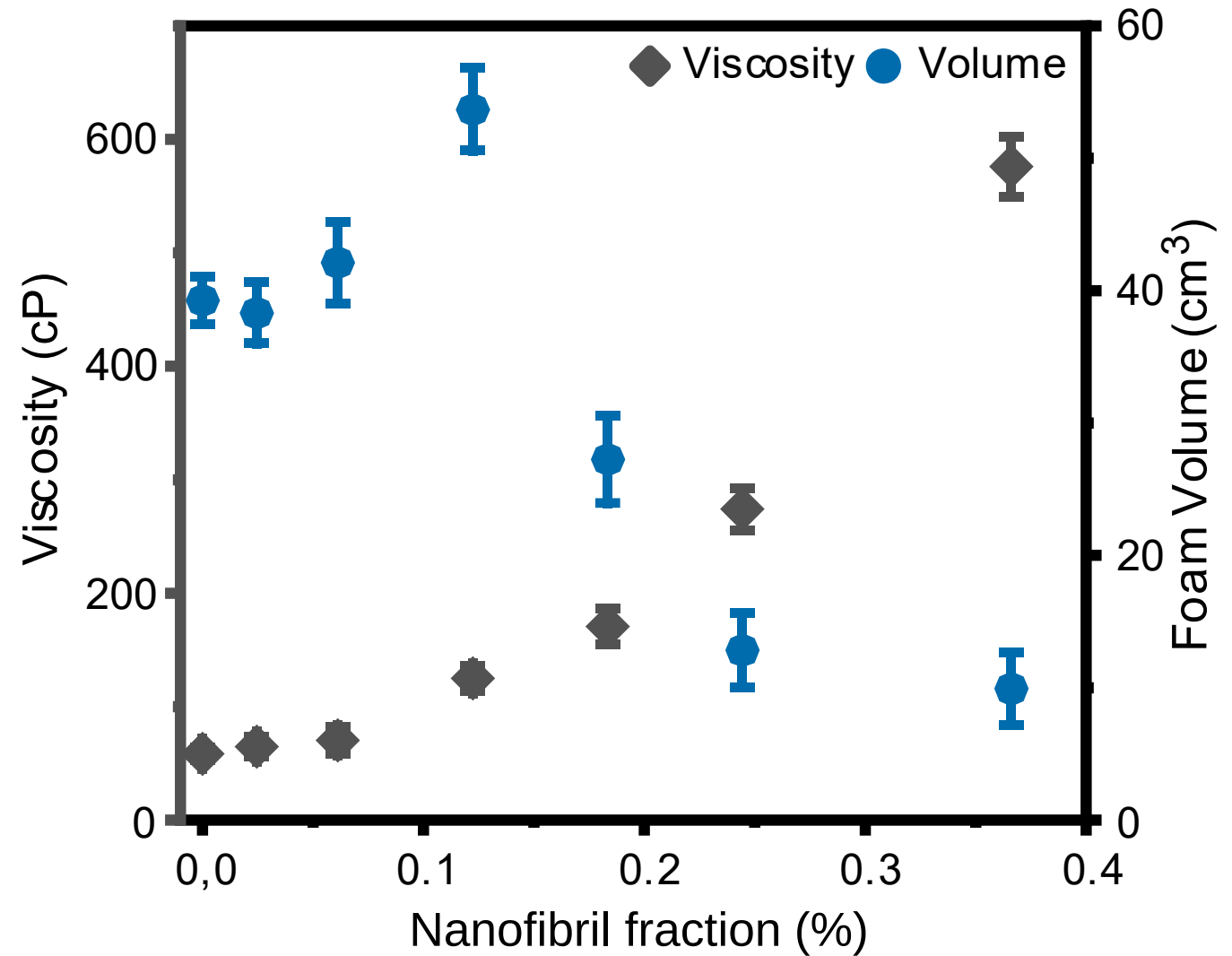
Acid catalyst

Formaldehyde

Water

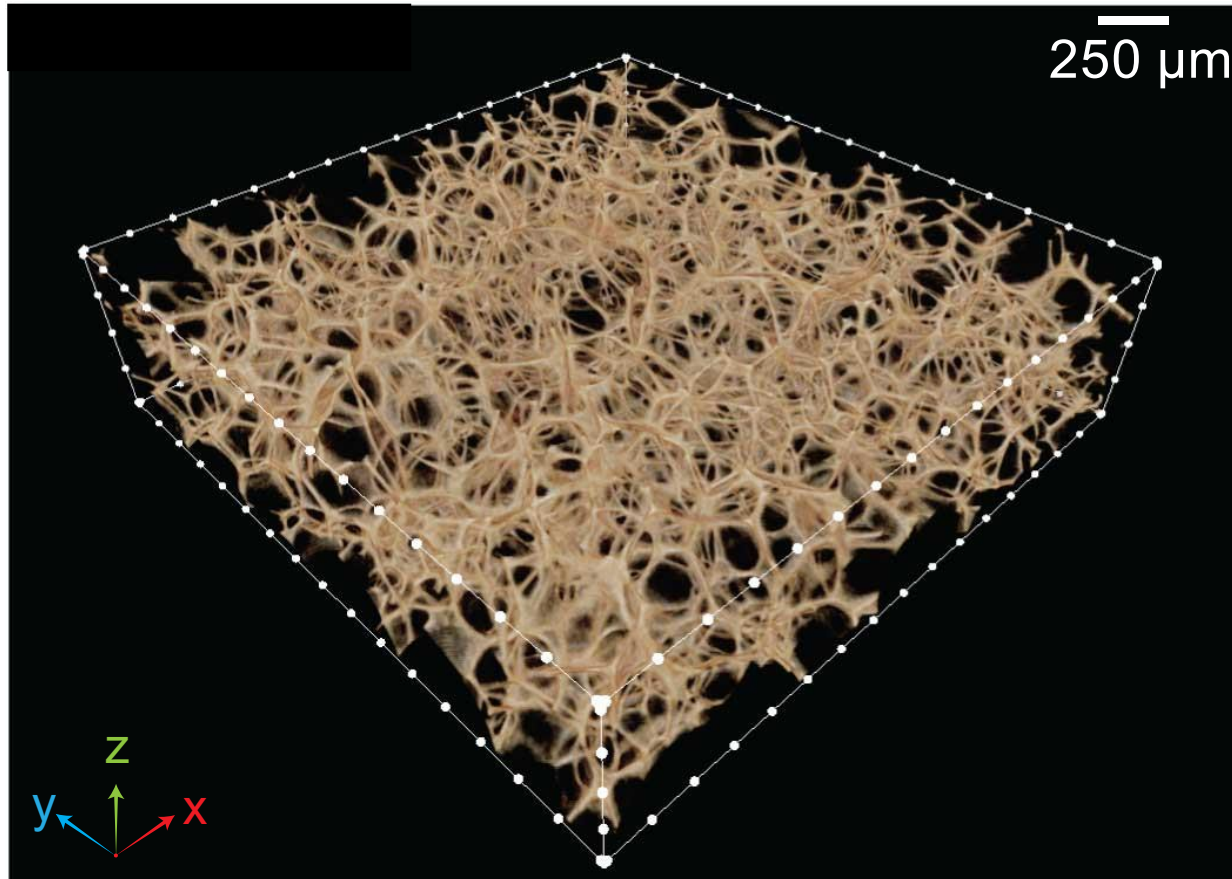
Cellulose nanofibrils

Suspensions



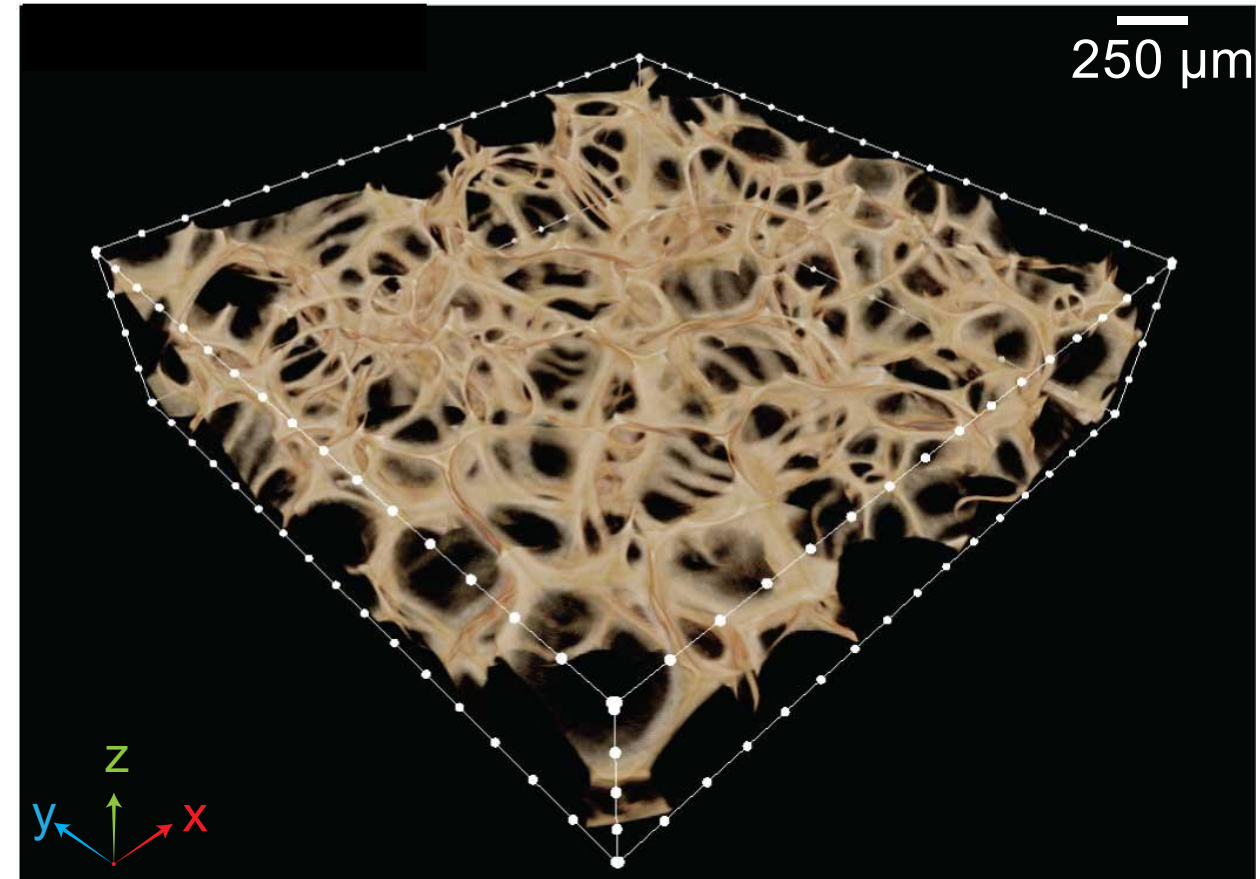
Suspensions at 0.1 – 1.5 wt%

Formaldehyde



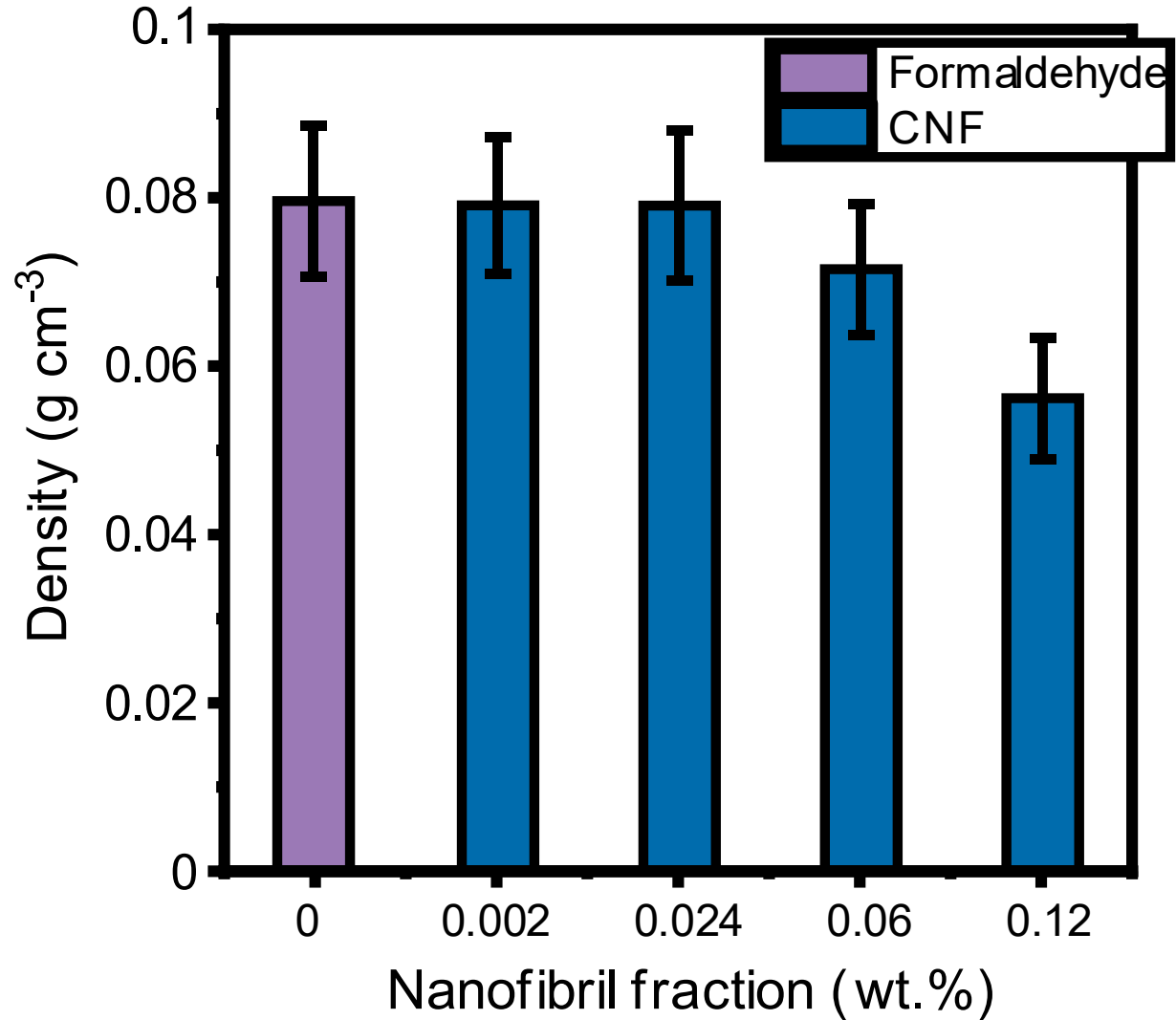
Smaller cells
Thinner walls

CNF



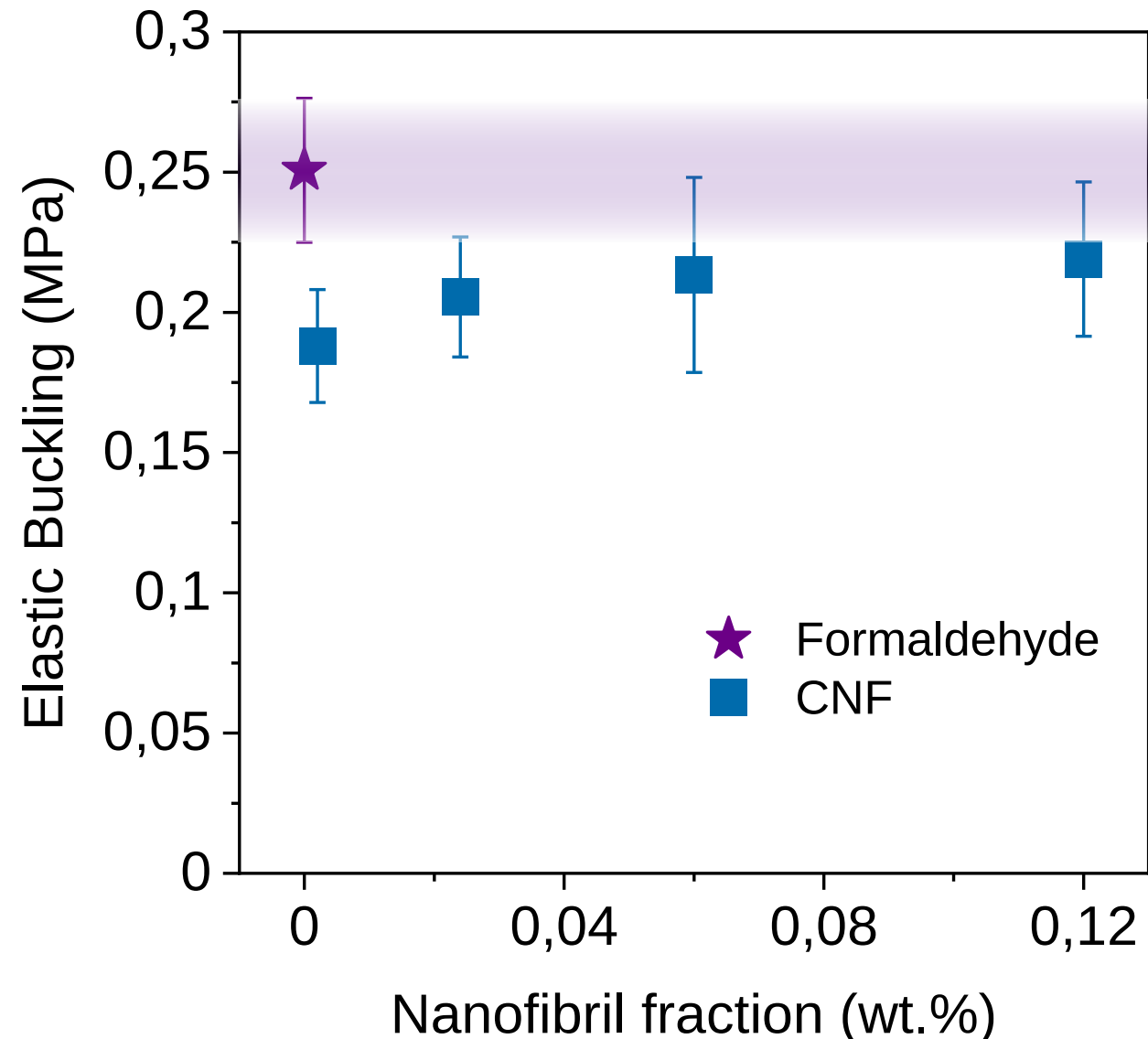
Bigger cells
Thicker walls

Tannin/CNF rigid foams are light weight



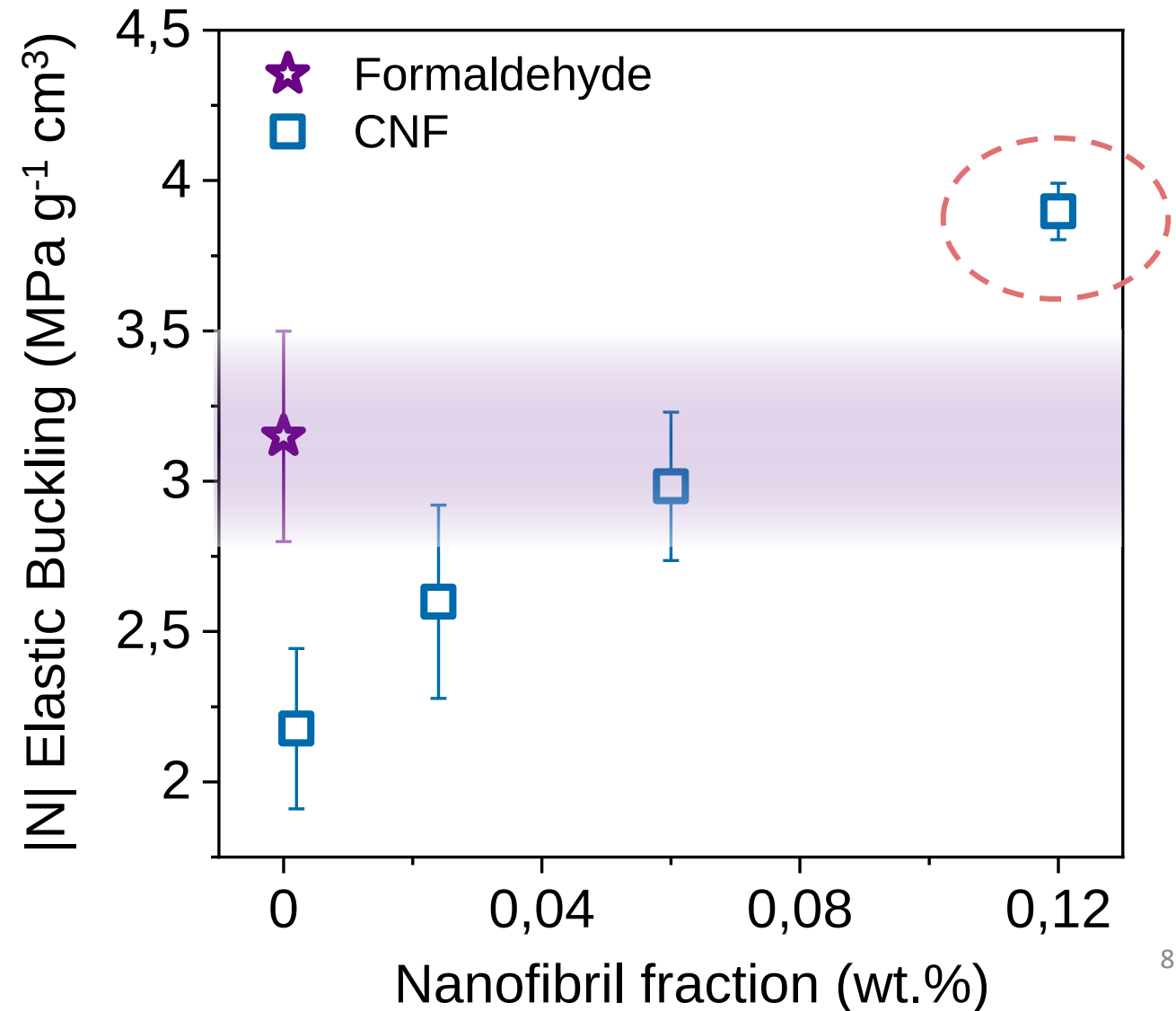


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Sandwiched Foam

Structural wood veneers

Tannin-CNF insulator component

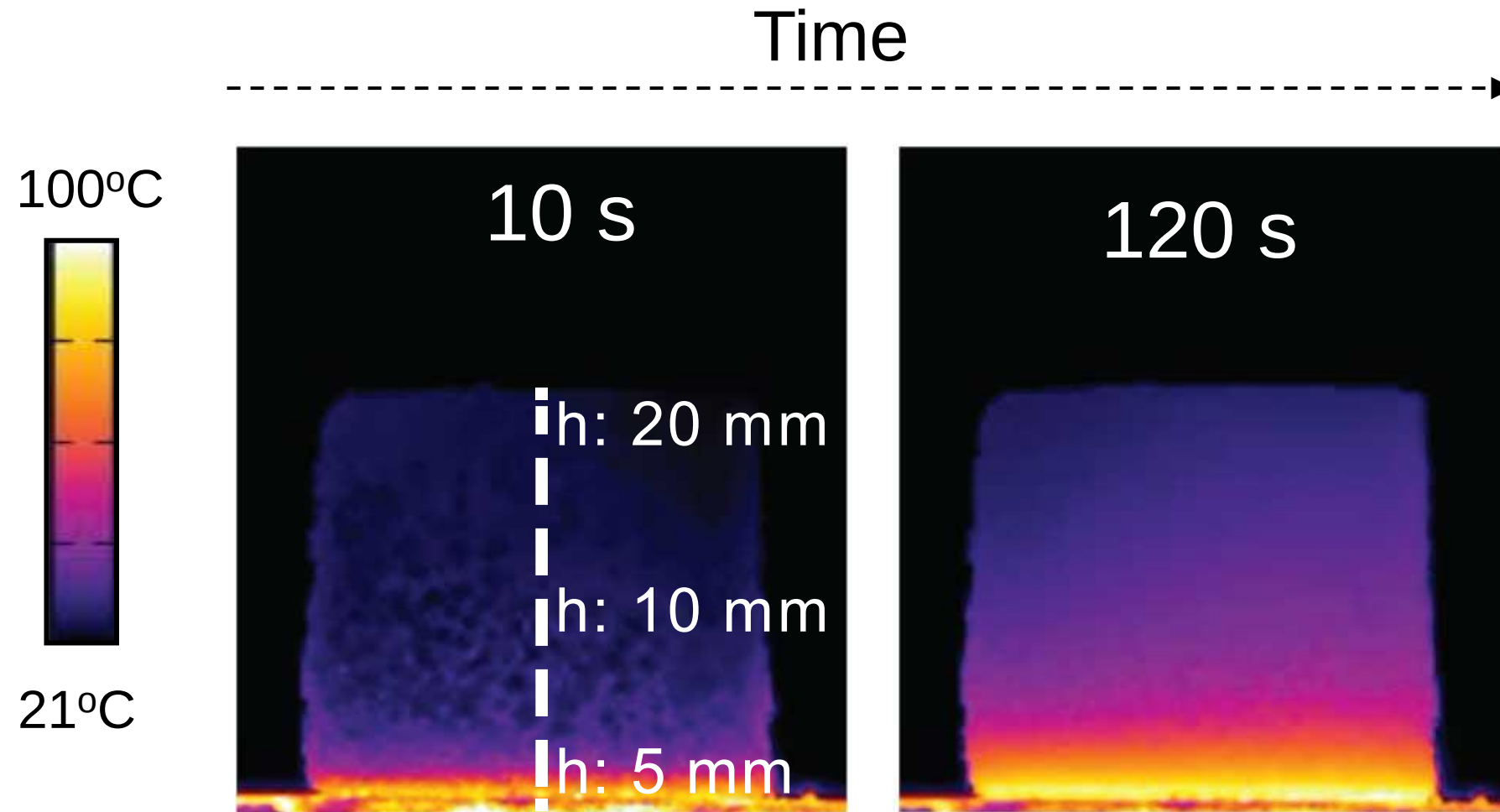
30 cm



Veneer: 0.13 W/mK

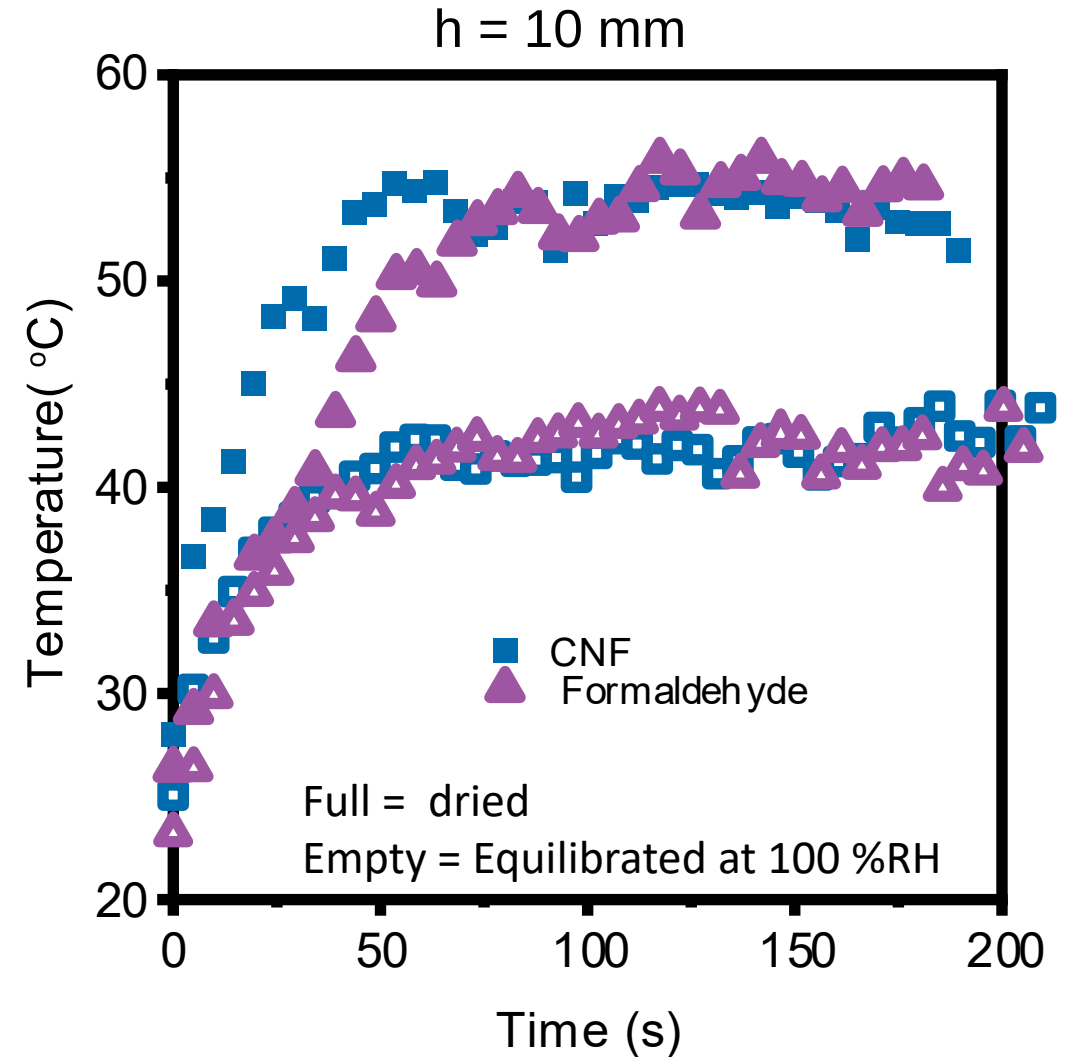
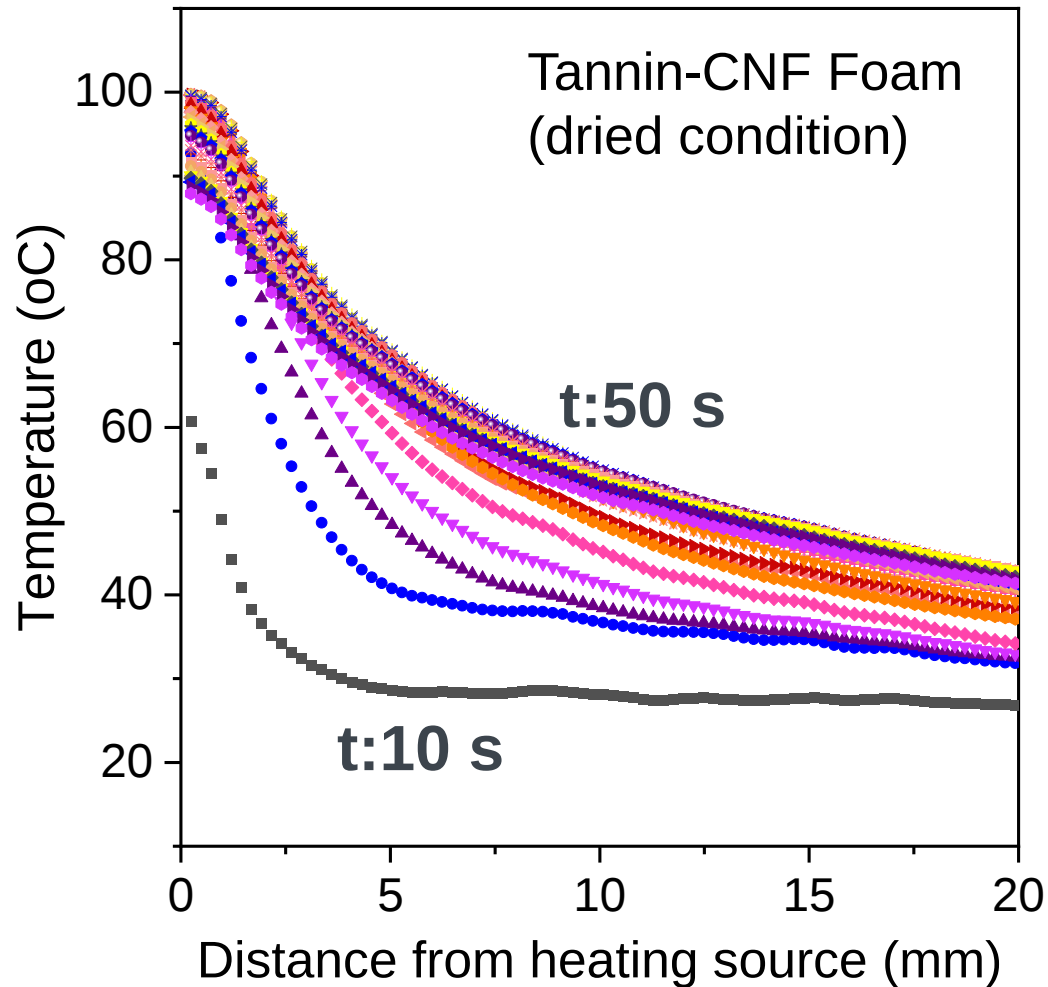
Foam: 0.03 W/mK

Framework for thermal evaluation

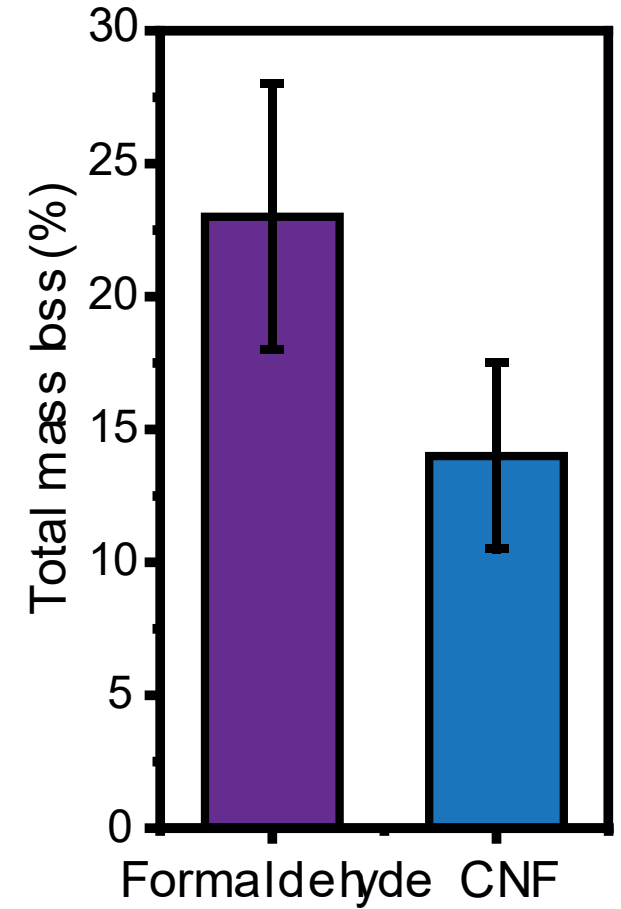
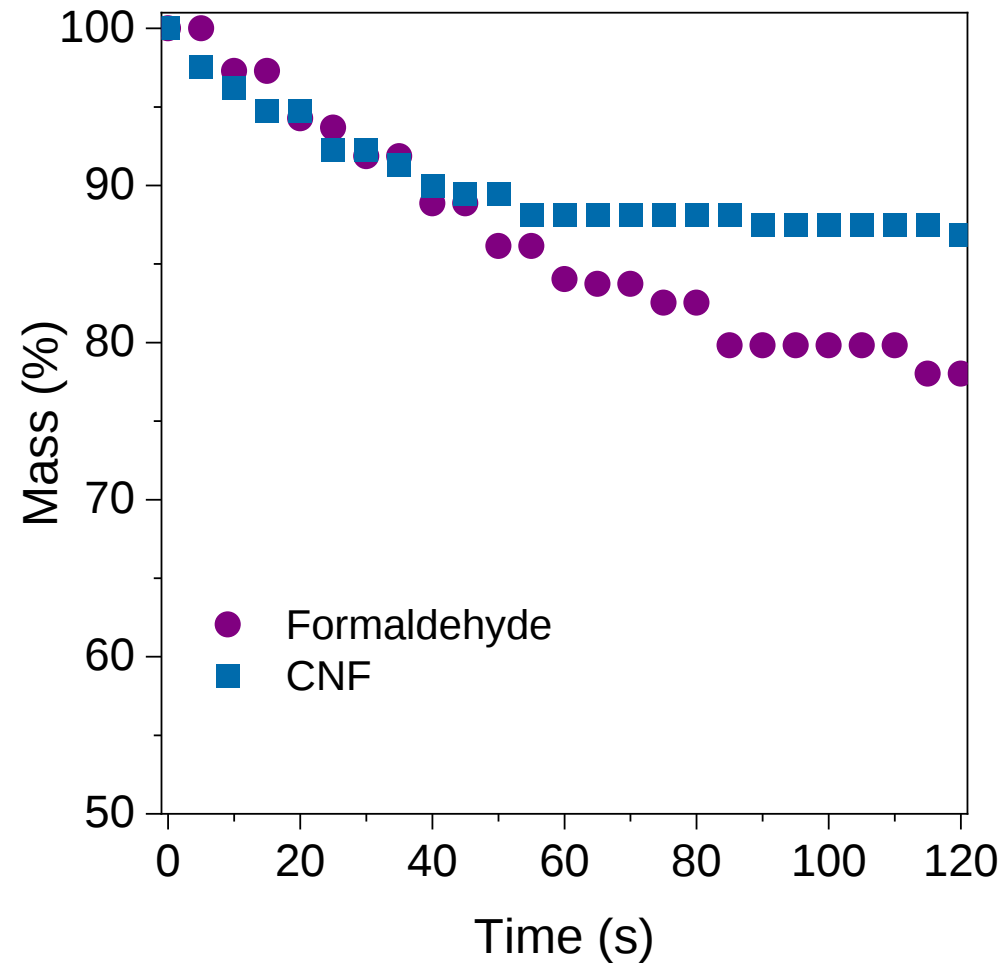
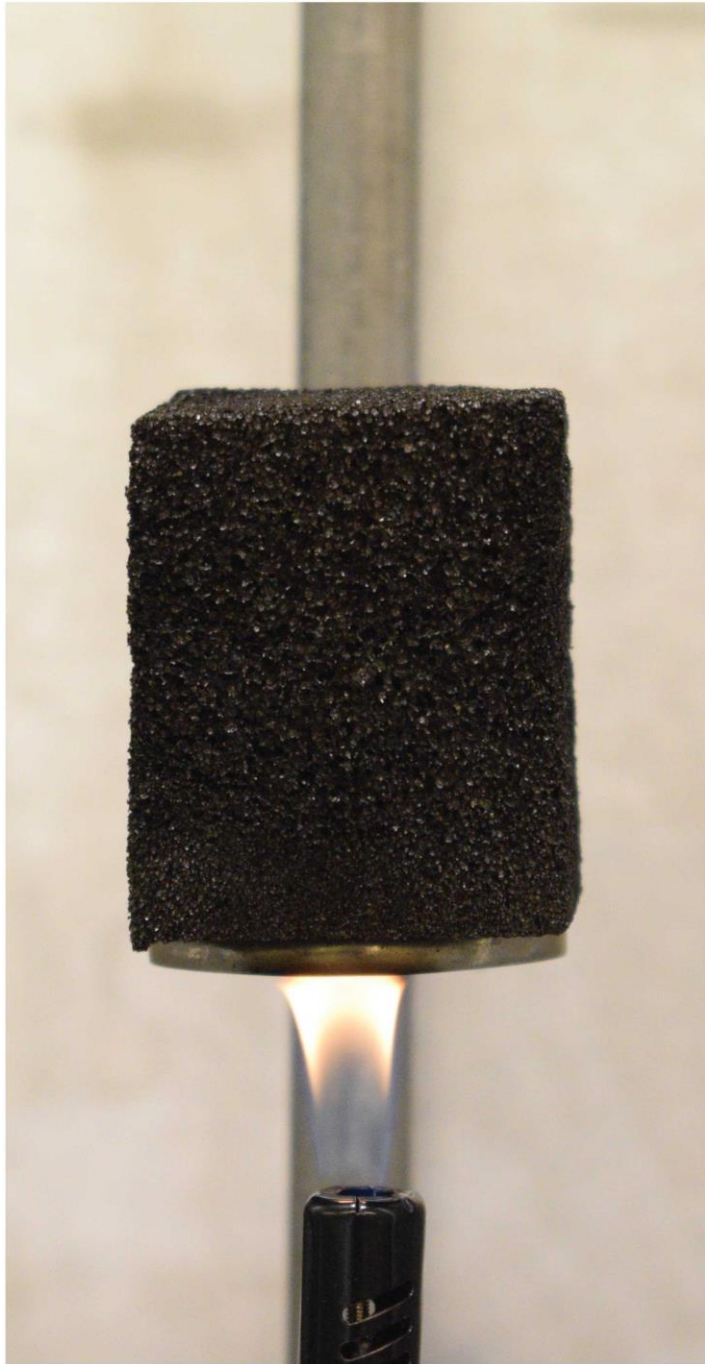


Heating source set at 100 °C

Tannin/CNF rigid foams are very thermal stable!



Tannin/CNF rigid foams are anti-flame!



Anti-flame & Insulator

~~Formaldehyde~~ → CNF

+ Stronger

+ Lighter

+ Greener





Thank you!

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