



Fibre Technology perspectives

CNF-structures of dispersions, Gel structures, film and foam properties and carbohydrate solubility and their film-formation







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- How do cellulose fibrils reach their arrested/glassy state? What is the structure of the glassy state, how can we influence it and what is the influence on macroscopic structures and properties?
- Internal structure of cellulose beads and how it is changed with different processing conditions-Link to fibre wall organisation (Water/cellulose interactions).
- The structure of LbLs (Layer-by-Layer) and their macroscopic properties (Tailoring of mechanical properties)
- Solubility of carbohydrates, how it is changed with concentration and its influence on macroscopic properties??



Resulting material







Material properties



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Table 1. Charge, Gravimetric Yield, and Width of NFC Fibrils^a

property	NFC600	NFC400	NFC120
pretreatment	CarbMe	CarbMe	enzyme
charge (μ eq/g)			
pulp	589	327	44
dispersion	595	383	120
yield	97%	47%	36%
width (nm)			
AFM	3.5	2.3	4.6
cryo-TEM	5.0	4.3	5.5

^{*a*} The charge of the pulp was measured with conductometric titration, and the charge of the dispersions was measured with polyelectrolyte titration. The gravimetric yield was measured after the centrifugation step.

Fall et al, Langmuir 27 (2011)11332









 $\psi_{surface}$; 0-(-250) mV

 $c_{v} = \frac{1.5}{r^{2}}$ $c_{v} = \text{volumetric overlap concentration}$ $r = \text{length to diameter ratio}(\frac{L}{d})$ 56 mg / l









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Bonn et al, Phys. Rev. E (2004) 69,031404









"Real" dimensions at different salt concentrations









Gelling in practice-DLS

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Dynamic Light scattering Malvern Zetasizer, Nanoseries







DLS-Upper part of measuring cell







DLS-Lower part of measuring cell









Gelling in practice-Methyl orange visualization





1 g/l





0.05 g/l



Cellulose beads as model gels



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Link to fibre wall organisation needed



Solubility of hemicelluloses



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LbL Structure and properties

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Comparison between different charges



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50 µeq./g

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 $C_{Col} = 2 \text{ mM}$



 $C_{Col} = 20 \text{ mM}$



 $C_{Col} = 8 \text{ mM}$

Tempo-CNF

counterions

Far from aggregation caused by counterions

Sulf-CNC $(\sigma = 0.2 \text{ mmol/g})$ 86 94



 $C_{Col} = 19 \text{ mM}$



Gelling of nano-cellulose dispersions Controlling factors- Aspect ratio



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Entanglement of nanofibrils have a large effect on gel formation- Movement restriction



CarbMe-CNC

▲ Tox-CNF

CarbMe-CNF

Particle	Z _{avg} (DLS)
CarbMeth CNF	558 nm
TEMPO-CNF	256 nm
CarbMeth CNC	143 nm
Sulf-CNC	94 nm



Orientation during gel formation Carboxymethylated CNF



Indications of flow-induced alignment during water removal!!