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monitoraggio delle
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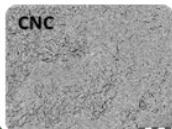
Biomateriali nanostrutturati per packaging e biomedicale

NANOCOMPOSITI BIODEGRADABILI MULTIFUNZIONALI

PACKAGING

Objectives: production of biodegradable multifunctional nanocomposites reinforced with cellulose nanocrystals extracted from different cellulosic sources and wastes combined with antimicrobial nanoparticles or essential oils in order to obtain a reinforcement effect and also an anti-bacterial response.

REVALORIZATION OF WASTE



Cellulose and lignin extraction

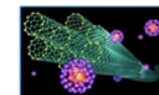
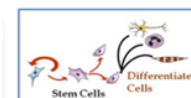
FOOD ACTIVE PACKAGING



- Biodegradable
- Polymers
- Essential Oil
- Antimicrobial
- Antioxidant

BIOMEDICAL

Objectives: production of biodegradable bi-dimensional (*films*) and tri-dimensional (*scaffolds* and *mats*) nanocomposites reinforced with specific nanoparticles (metal nanoparticles, biopolymeric nanoparticles, carbon nanotubes, hydroxyapatite, cellulose nanocrystals, etc) able to modulate differentiate or stem-cell activities for biomedical and pharmaceutical applications.



- Antibacterial
- Osteoconductive

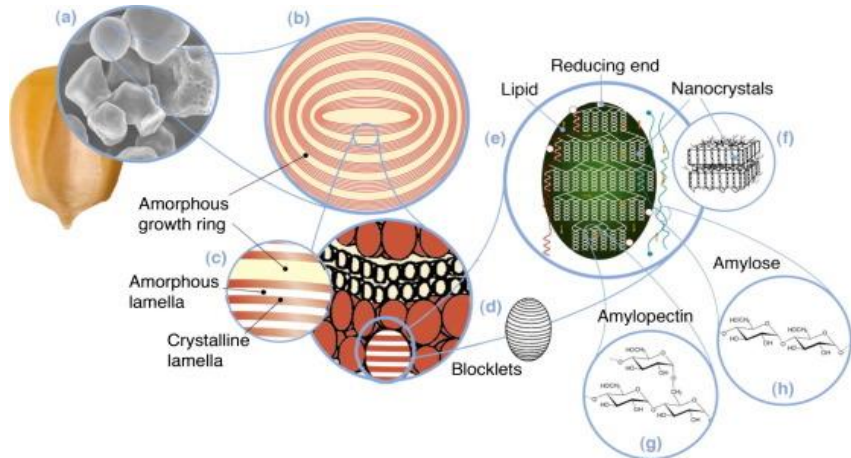
- Mechanical
- Electrical

- MULTIFUNCTIONAL POLYMERIC **BIONANOCOMPOSITES**
- MULTIFUNCTIONAL BIODEGRADABLE **BLENDS**



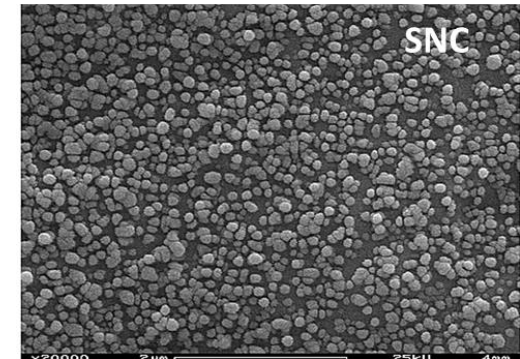
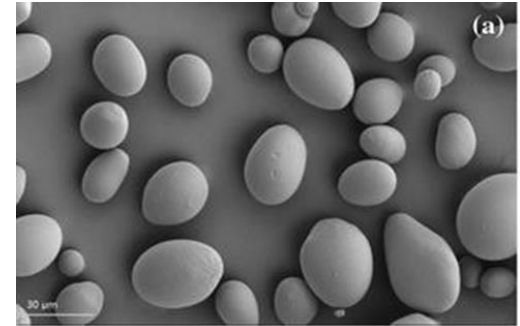
(**STARCH**, **CELLULOSE**, **LIGNIN** AND ACTIVE INGREDIENTS)

BIONANOFILLERS - AMIDO



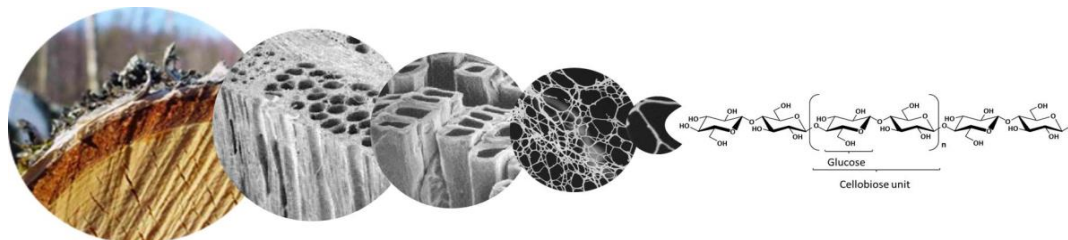
BARLEY starch (waxy - no waxy)

starch characterized by granules of smaller dimensions (WS) gave nanoparticles (WNP) with reduced mean diameter and thermal stability with respect to NPs obtained from non-waxy barley flour



- ternary films based on PVA, nanostructured starch and a strong antioxidant compound such as HTyr, represent very promising novel combinations for active food packaging applications
- nanostructured starch-based formulations were able to **tune a prolonged release of HTyr** from the films over the time.

BIONANOFILLERS - CELLULOSA



m	cm	mm	μm	nm	Å
Wood or plants	Fibers in wood matrix	Cellulose Fiber	Micro Fibrils	Nano Fibrils	Molecular Structure

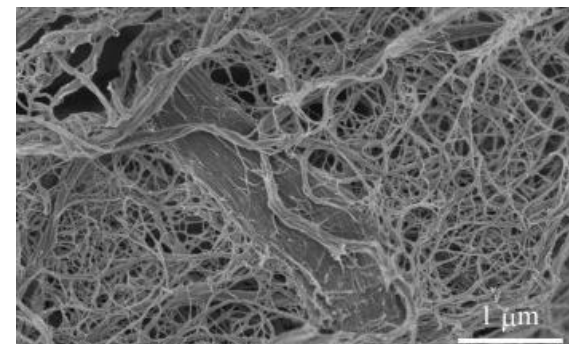
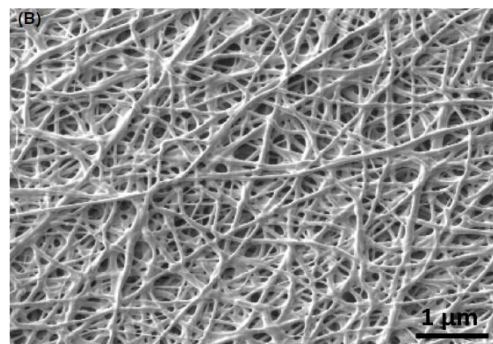
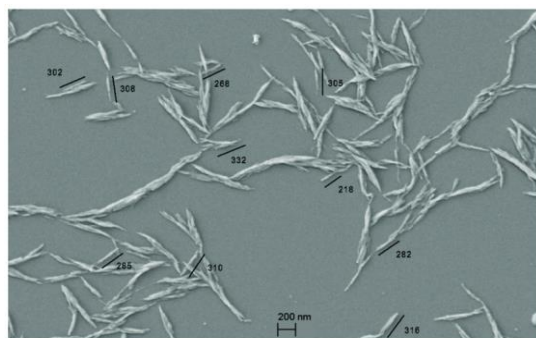


CNC



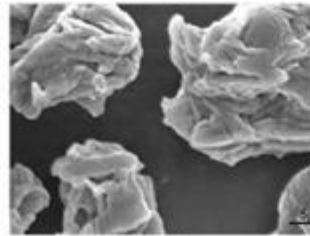
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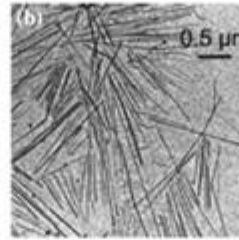


BIONANOCOMPOSITI BASE CNC - ESTRUSIONE

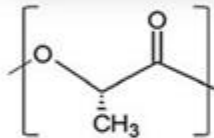
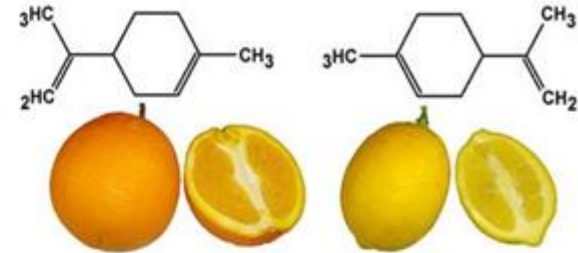
PLA + Cellulose + Active Agents



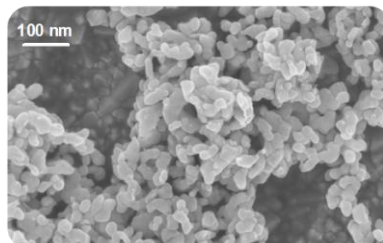
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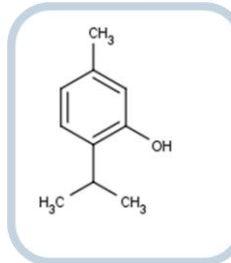
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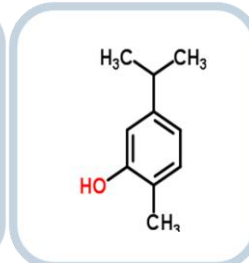
Metal nanoparticles



Natural additive



Thymol



Carvacrol

- Essential oil
- Antioxidant agents
- Antimicrobial agents
- Metal nanoparticles
- Silicates

BIONANOFILLERS - NANOLIGNINA

Kraft lignin powder



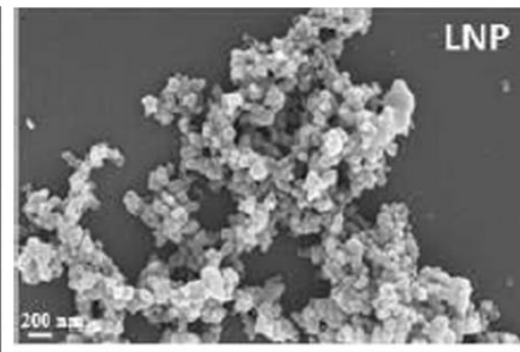
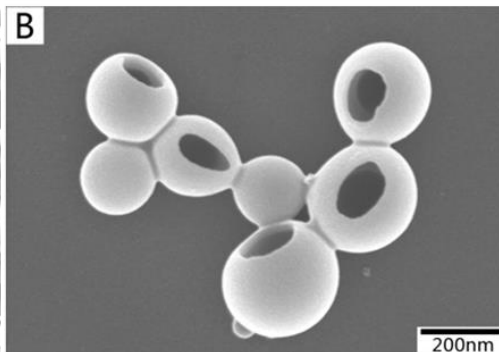
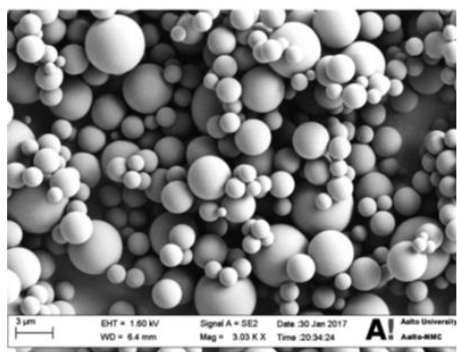
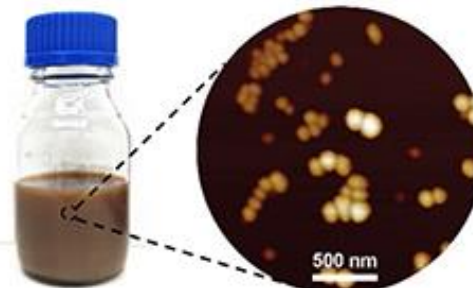
Dissolution in
acetone/water

Lignin solution

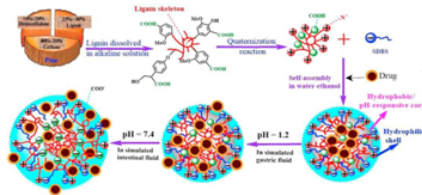
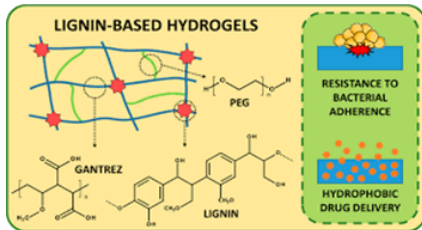
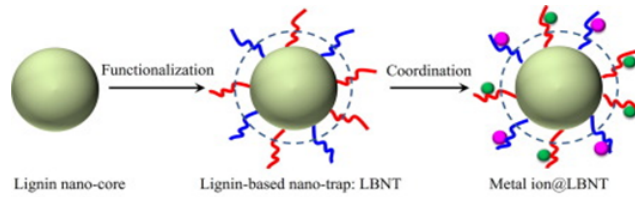


Non-solvent
nanoprecipitation

Colloidal lignin particles (CLPs)

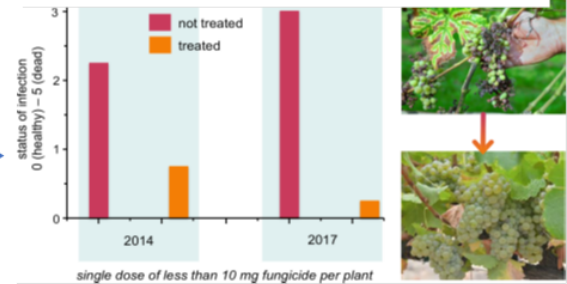
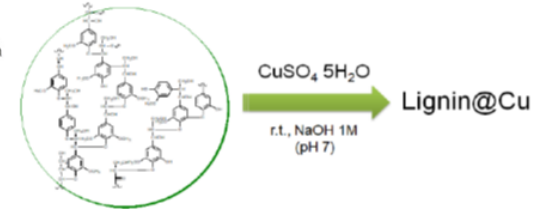
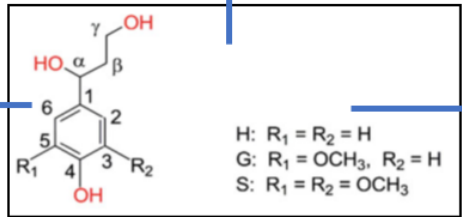


NANOLIGNINA - APPLICAZIONI

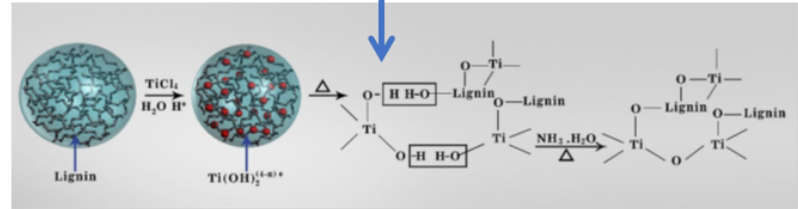


Antimicrobial/drug delivery

Environmental remediation

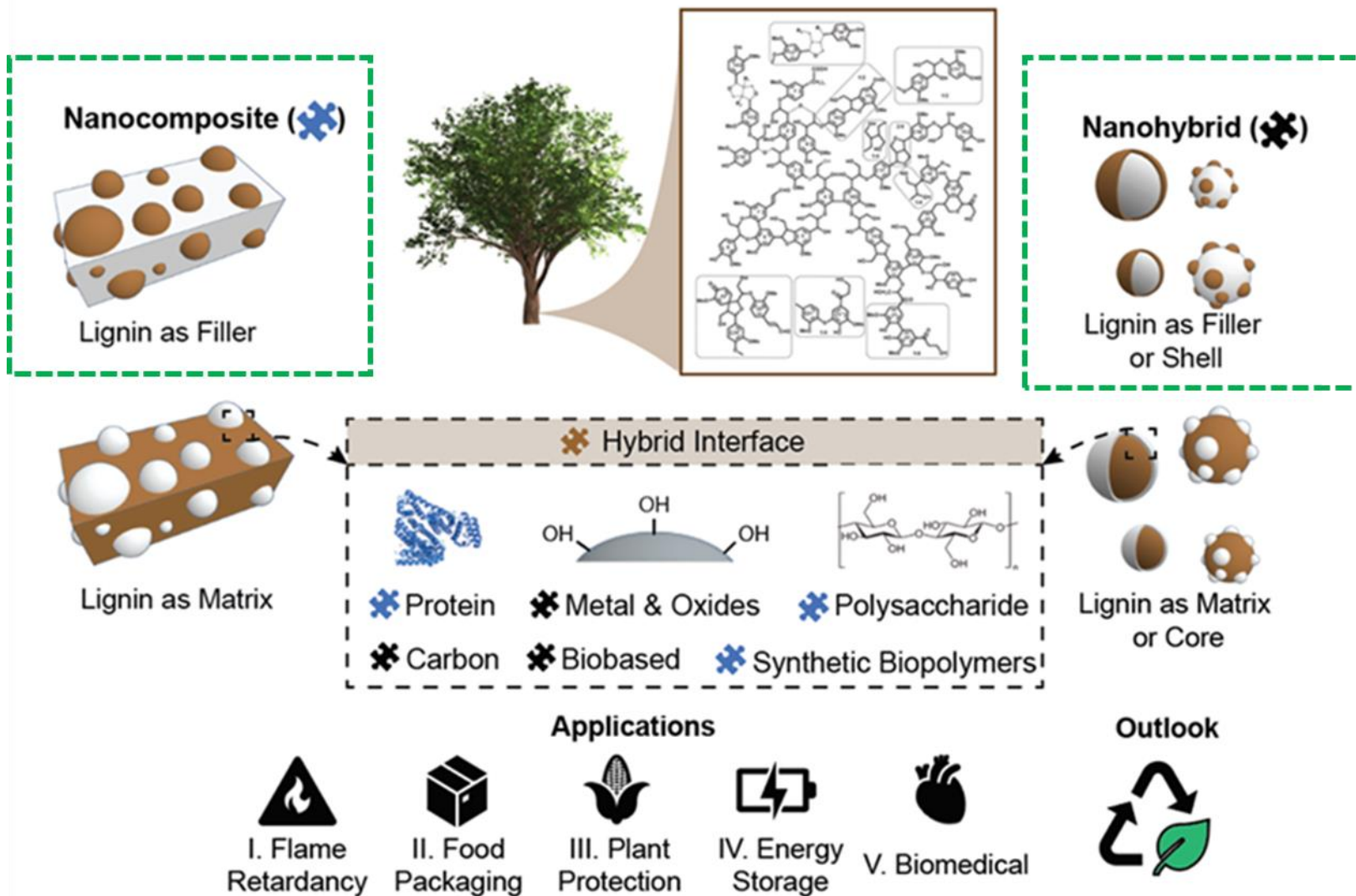


Smart Drug Delivery in Crop Protection

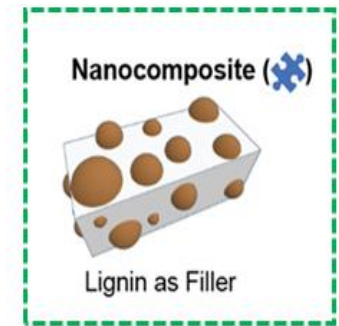
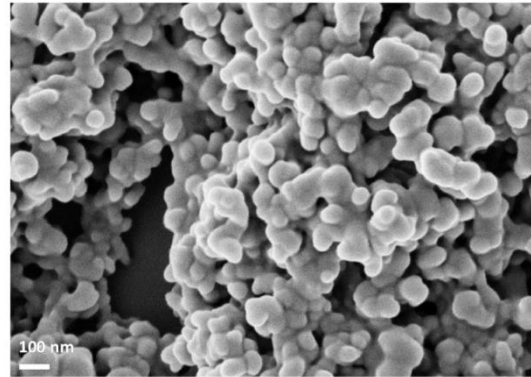


Lignin-Based Composite Materials for Photocatalysis and Photovoltaics

NANOLIGNINA – IBRIDI E NANOCOMPOSITI



NANOLIGNINA E IBRIDI NANOCOMPOSITI @ UNIPG

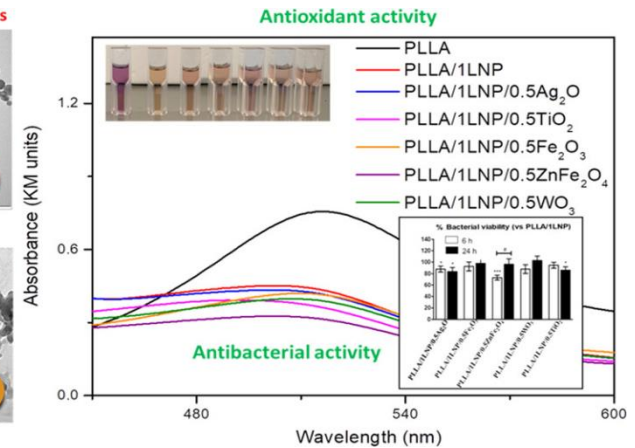
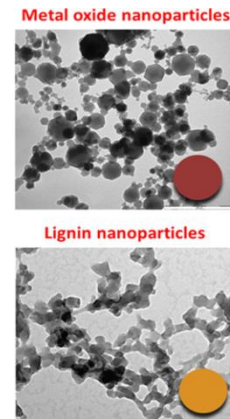
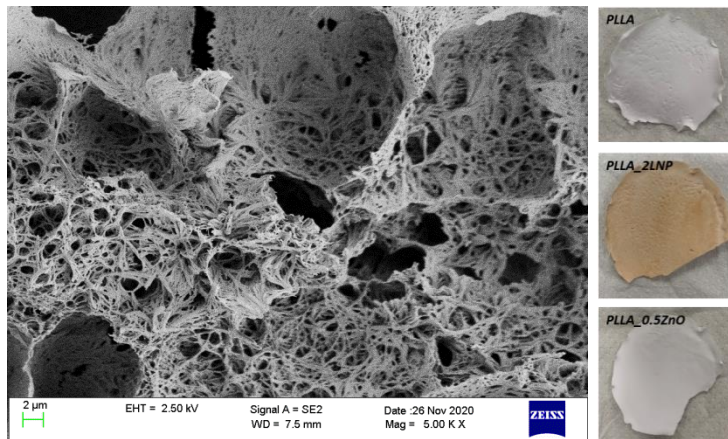


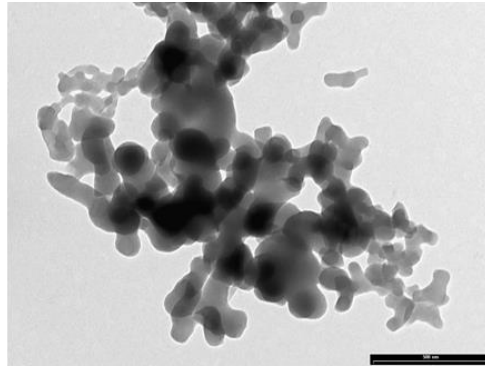
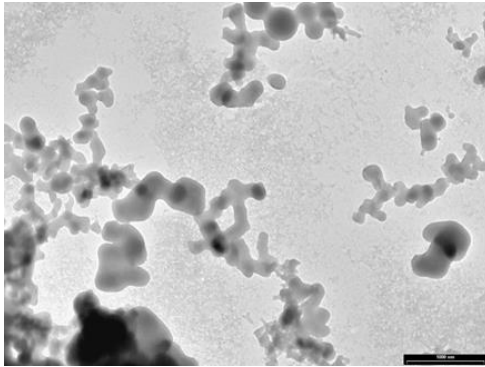
LNP, ZnO and hybrid ZnO@LNP for:

- **Food packaging** and **Biomedical applications** (scaffold)
- **Seed priming** (plant growth)

(4) LNP and metal oxides in PLLA

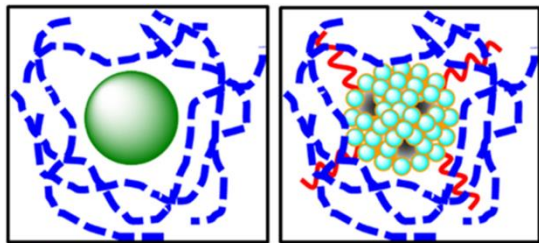
- **UV resistance**
- **Synergic fillers role (UV, antioxidant, antibacterial)**







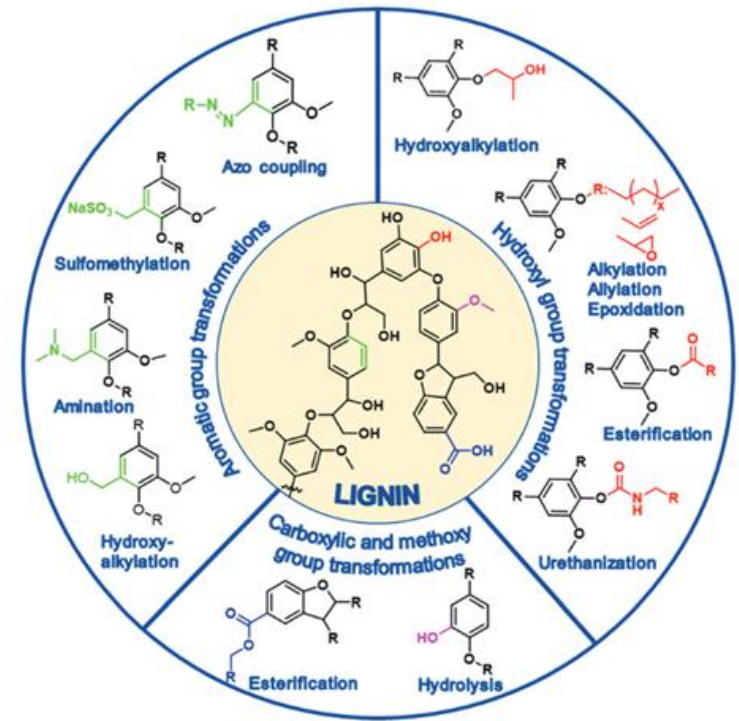
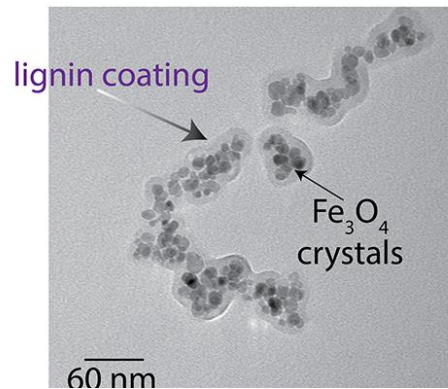


Attività in corso
Ibridi Nanolignina/MeO

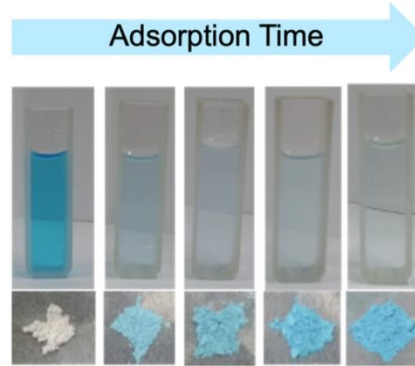
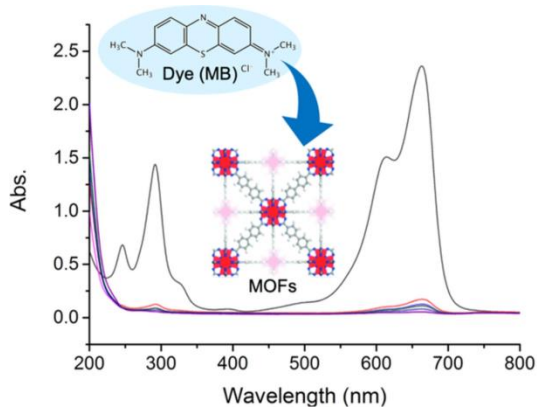
- binders for phenolic resins
- Bio-Based sorbents for metal ion recycling
- new catalytic materials



 Hydrophilic lignin/SiO₂ particles
 Hydrophobic alkyl chain
 Hydrophobic lignin/SiO₂ particles
 HDPE chain



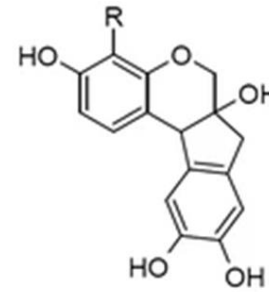
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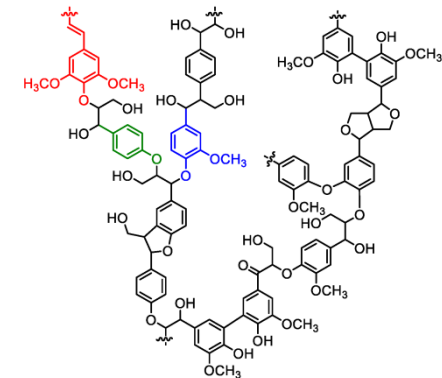
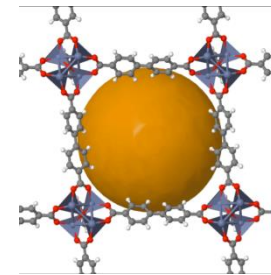
Attività in corso
Ibridi Nanolignina e colore

- Water based at T_{room} synthesis of Al MOF
- Lignin intermediate and hybrid natural dye/lignin, thermal stabilization by MOF

PCL	PCL + 0.01% wt. logwood	PCL + 0.05% wt. logwood	PCL + 0.1% wt. logwood
PBS	PBS + 0.01% wt. logwood	PBS + 0.05% wt. logwood	PBS + 0.1% wt. logwood
PLA	PLA + 0.01% wt. logwood	PLA + 0.05% wt. logwood	PLA + 0.1% wt. logwood



Logwood extract



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- Colouring effect at different % wt. On PCL (low melting), high T melting semicrystalline (PBS) and amorphous PLA

Materiali a cambio di fase nanostrutturati per solare termico

Nano Enhanced Phase Change Materials NEPCM

Thermal Energy Storage TES

Concentrating
Solar Plants CSP

Heat Transfer Fluid HTF



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Nanofillers selection / synthesis

Sample	Nano Filler (% wt.)	Notes
Solar Salt	-	NaNO ₃ / KNO ₃ 60/40 % wt.
SS_02Al	1% Cok 84	Cok 84 – Evonik, Nano Particles SiO ₂ /Al ₂ O ₃ , mix ratio 8:2
SS_04Al	1% SIRAL 40	Siral 40 – Sasol, Nano Particles of hydrated silicon and aluminum oxides, mix ratio 6:4
SS_06Al	1% Disperal P2	Disperal P2 – Sud Chemie, Nano sized boehmite SiO ₂ /Al ₂ O ₃ ratio 4:6
SS_08Al	0.1% A200 - 0.1% A300 - 0.8% Al2O3	Aerosil 200 - Aerosil 300 – Evonik, Nanometric hydrophilic fumed silicas with BET area 200 - 300 m ² /g respectively - UNIPG post-synthesis Al ₂ O ₃ Nano Particles – UNIPG synthesis
SS_1Al	1% Al ₂ O ₃	Al ₂ O ₃ Nano Particles synthesized by aluminum nitrate nona-hydrate in a melt of solar salts - UNIPG synthesis
SS_Cu	1% EC_Cu_OFE	Copper Nano Particles EC_Cu_OFE – Numanova - UNIPG post-synthesis
SS_Cu12Sn	1% EB_CuSn12	Bronze Nano Particles EB_CuSn12 – Italeaf- UNIPG post-synthesis
SS_CATAS	1% Ca(BDC)	MOF - Calcium Terephthalate Anhydrous Salts (CATAS) – UNIPG synthesis
SS_ALTAS	1% MIL 53 (Al)	MOF - Aluminum Benzene Di-Carboxylates Salts (ALTAS) – UNIPG synthesis
SS_05CNT	0.5% MWCNT	Graphistrength C100 – Arkema, Multi Wall Carbon Nano Tubes (MWCNT)



NEPCM morphology

Sample	FESEM 25-50 KX		Sample
Solar Salt (SS)			SS_Cu12Sn
SS_0.8Al			SS_ALTAS
			SS_05CNT

Nano Enhanced Phase Change Materials NEPCM

NEPCM Suitable both as

- LHSM Latent Heat Storage Media
- HTF Heat Transfer Fluid

Solid C_p @200 °C
Improvement

SS_CATAS **+85.6%**

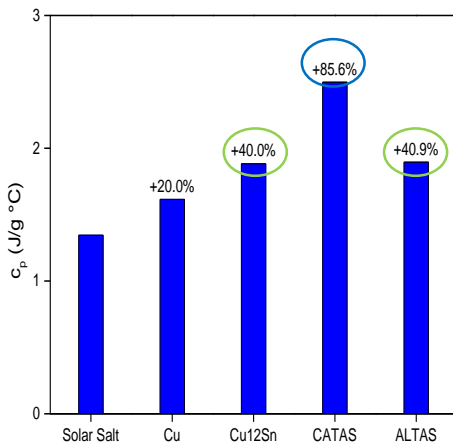
SS_ALTAS, SS_Cu12Sn, SS_04Al **> +40%**

Liquid C_p @300 °C
Improvement

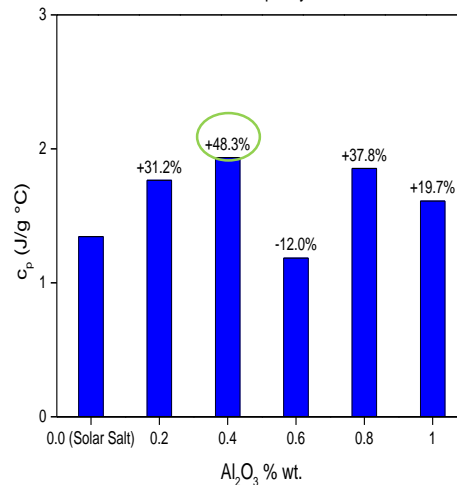
SS_CATAS **+101.3%**

SS_ALTAS, SS_Cu12Sn, SS_02Al, SS_08Al, SS_1Al, **> +40%**

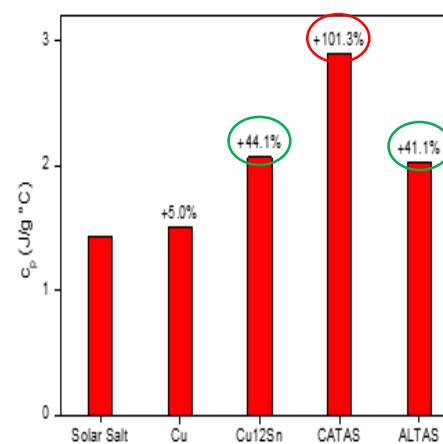
Solid Heat Capacity at 200 °C



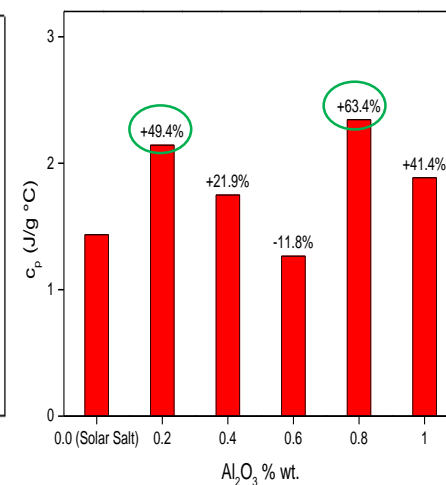
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Liquid Heat Capacity at 300 °C

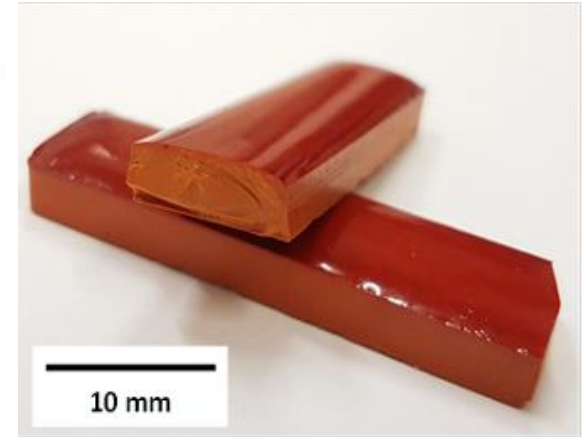
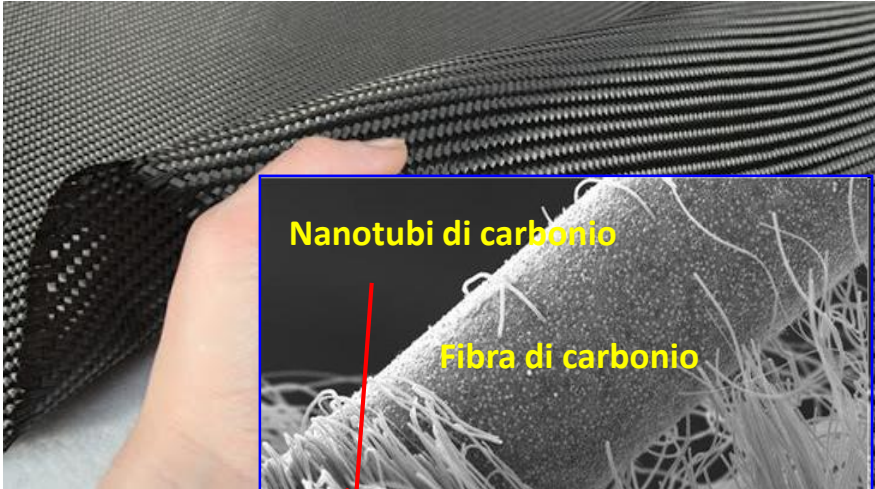


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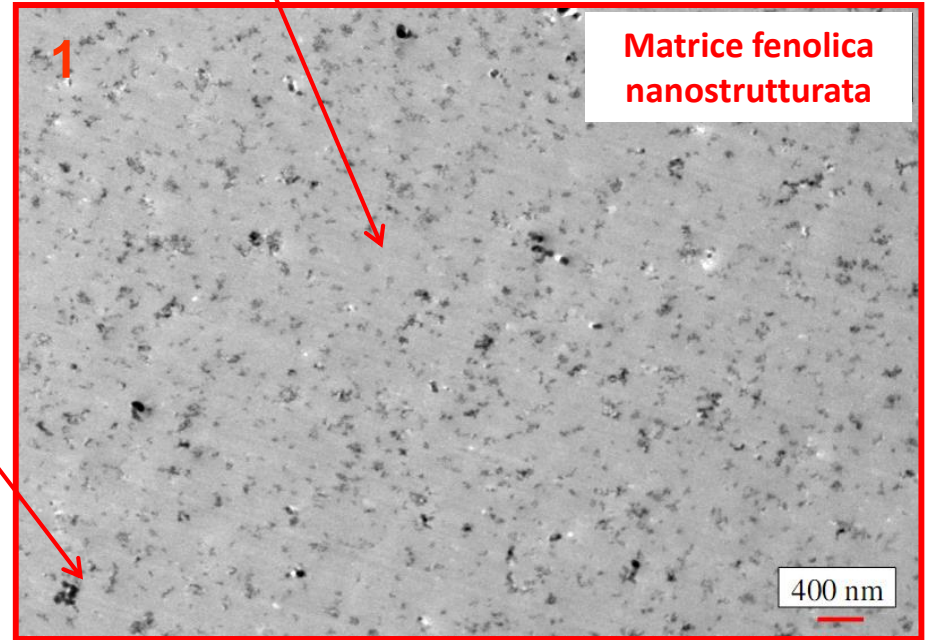
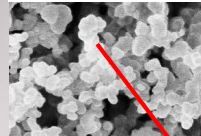


Materiali nanostrutturati per alte temperature e per l'aerospazio

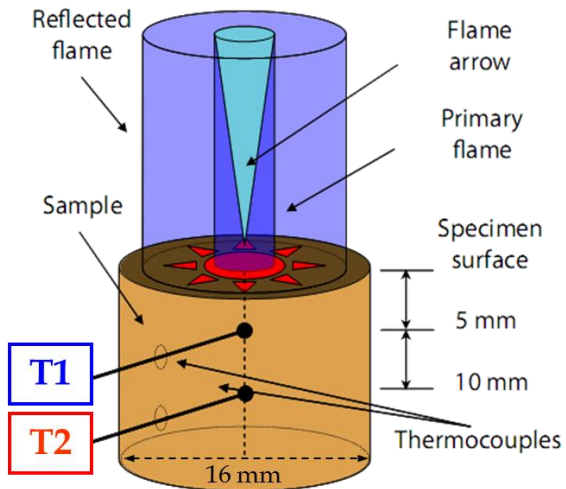
Materiali compositi carbonio/fenolica nano-strutturati



Nanosilice



Compositi nano-strutturati con nanosilice - test alla torcia



Resin	E-Glass CS	NS
40%	60%	0%

BMC1

Resin	E-Glass CS	NS
38%	60%	2%

BMC2

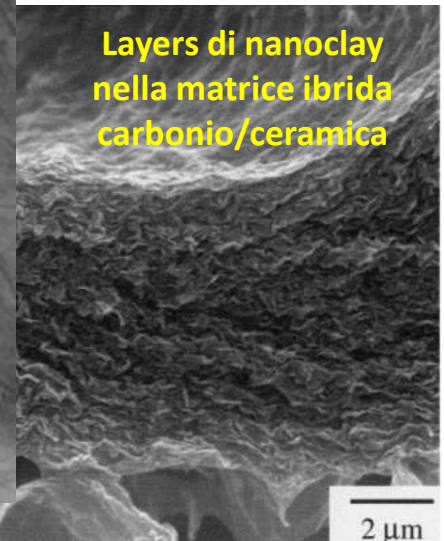
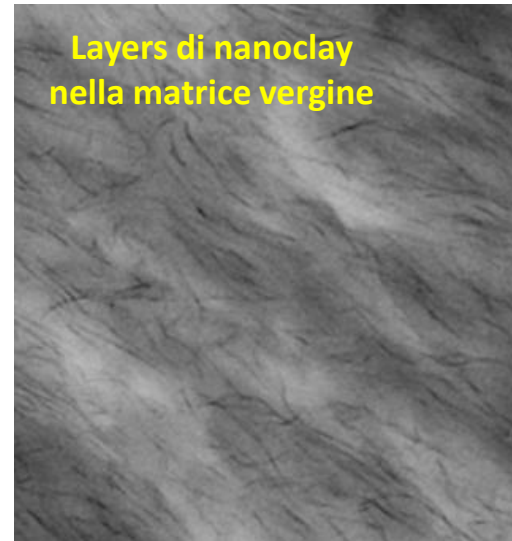
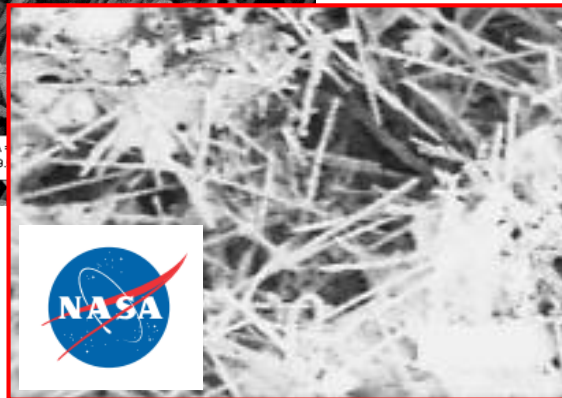
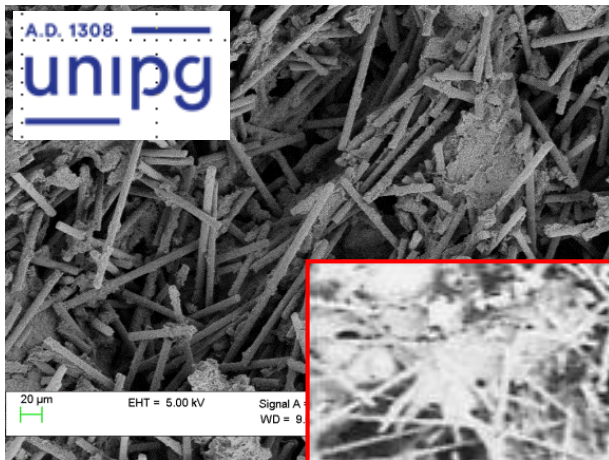
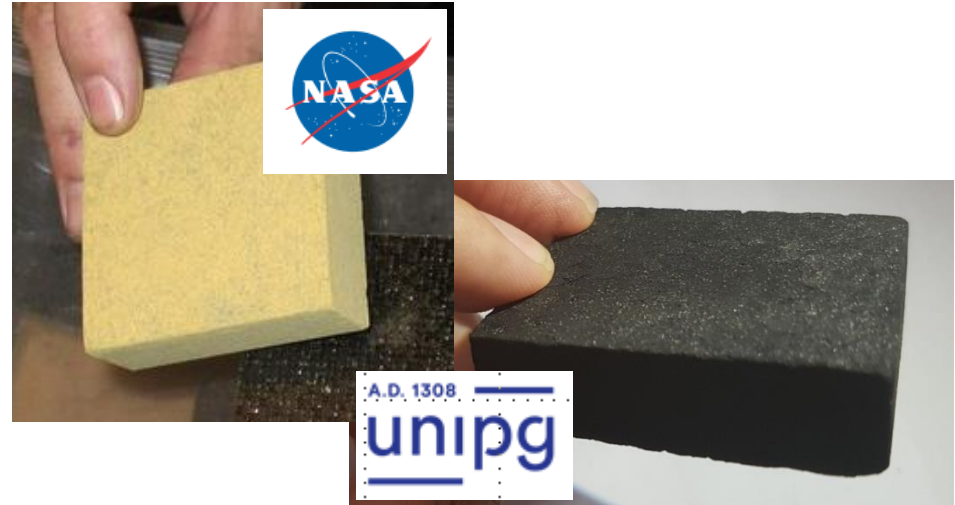
Resin	E-Glass CS	NS
32%	60%	8%

BMC3

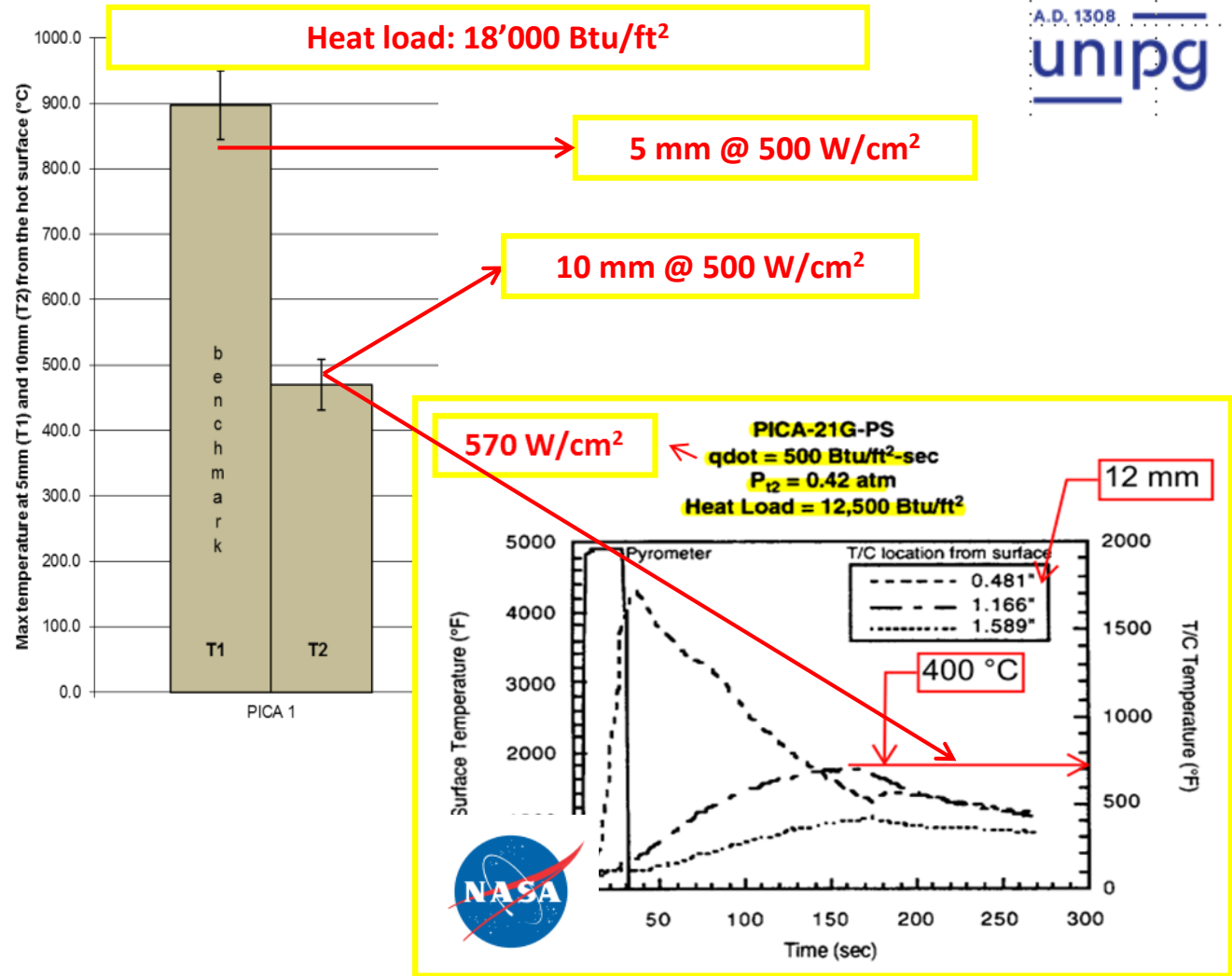
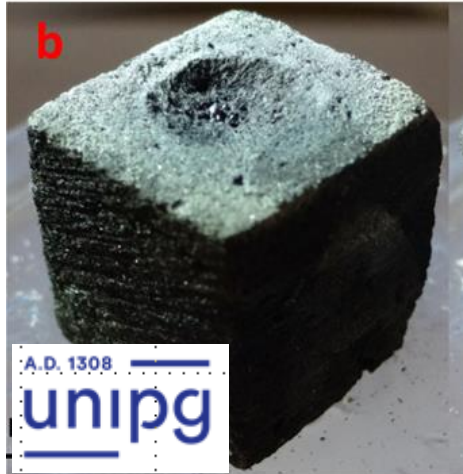
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0	581.1 ± 7.9	223.1 ± 2.2	261.5 ± 7.1	100 ± 2.7
2	555.2 ± 11.6	217.4 ± 14.0	257.8 ± 8.2	98.6 ± 3.2
8	534.6 ± 8.3	208.1 ± 13.3	218.9 ± 12.5	83.7 ± 4.8

Phenolic Impregnated Carbon Ablators nano-strutturati - produzione

Formulation	Nanoclay/MWCNT ratio	Density (g/cm ³)
PICA 1	1/1	0.36 ± 0.01
PICA 2	2/1	0.47 ± 0.01
PICA 3	1/2	0.29 ± 0.01

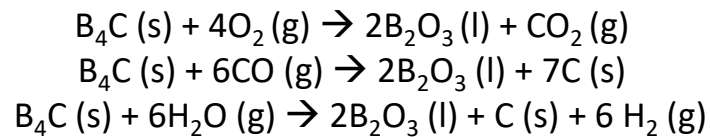
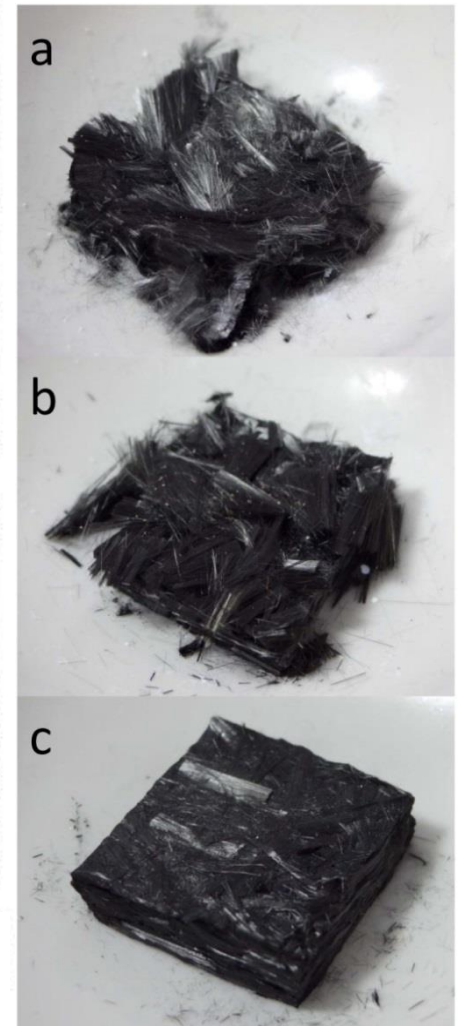
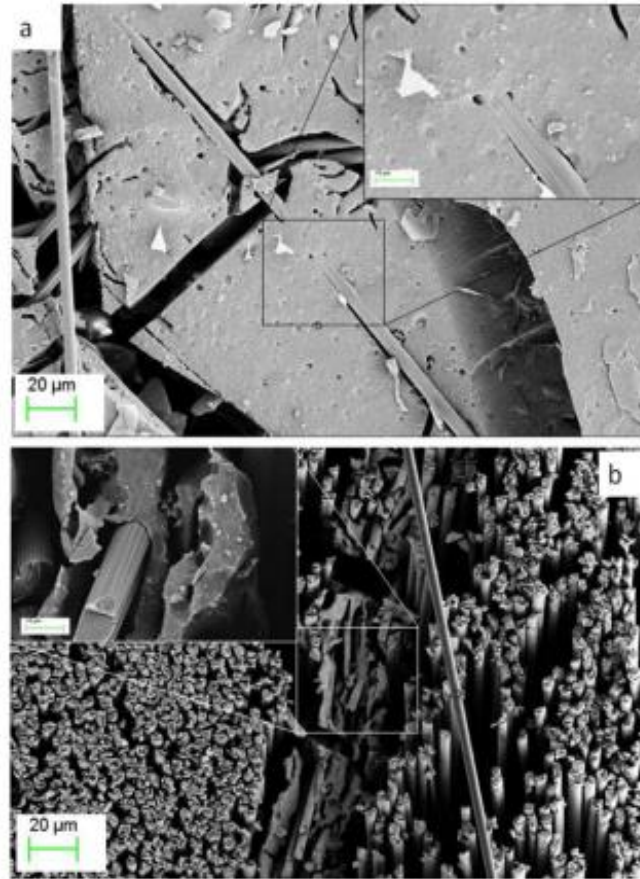
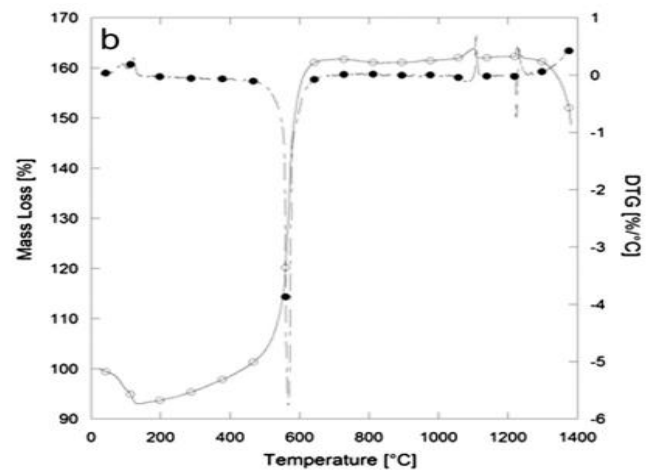
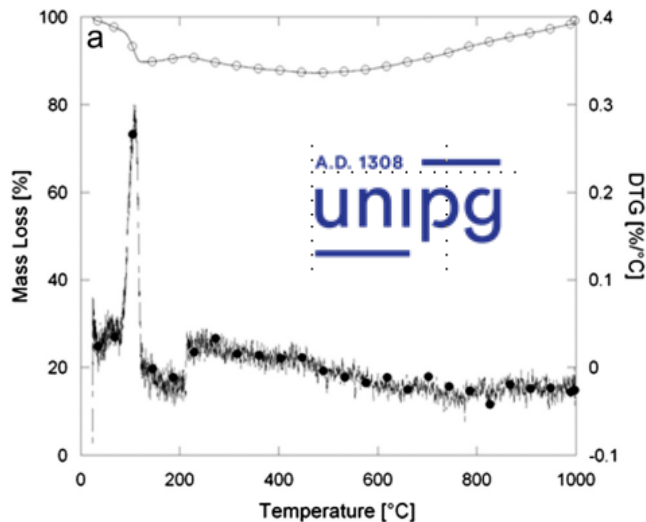


Phenolic Impregnated Carbon Ablators nano-strutturati - test avanzato



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Nano-carburo di boro come adesivo ad alta temperatura



Nanocompositi a base di Grafene

Grafene - Applicazioni

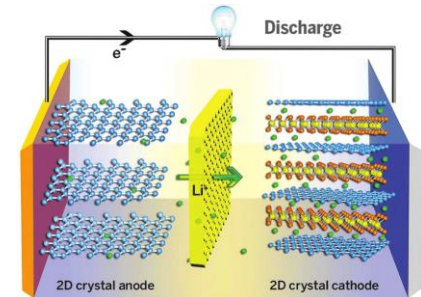
Nanocompositi Polimerici

Aumento Proprietà Meccaniche
Aumento proprietà Elettriche
Tribologiche e di barriera

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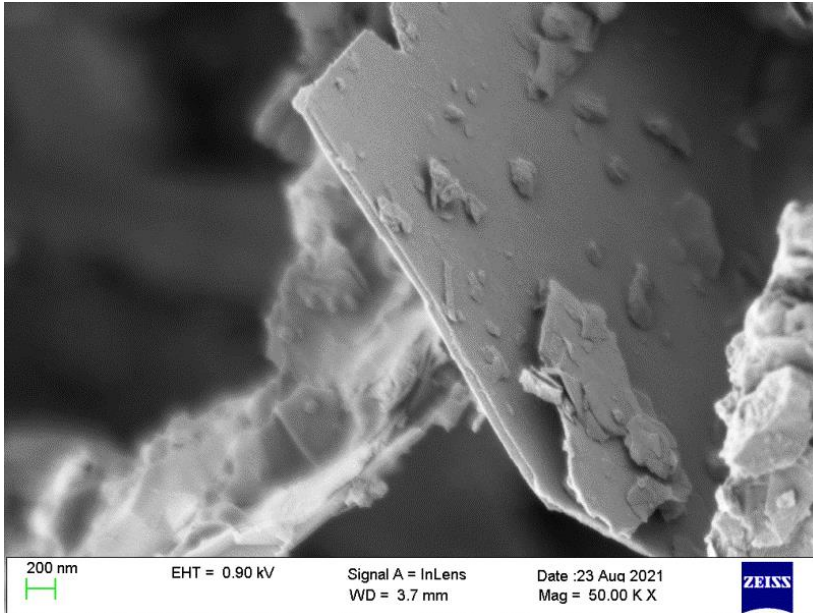
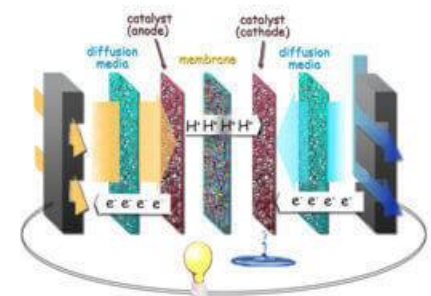
Batterie al grafene

Elevata capacità e
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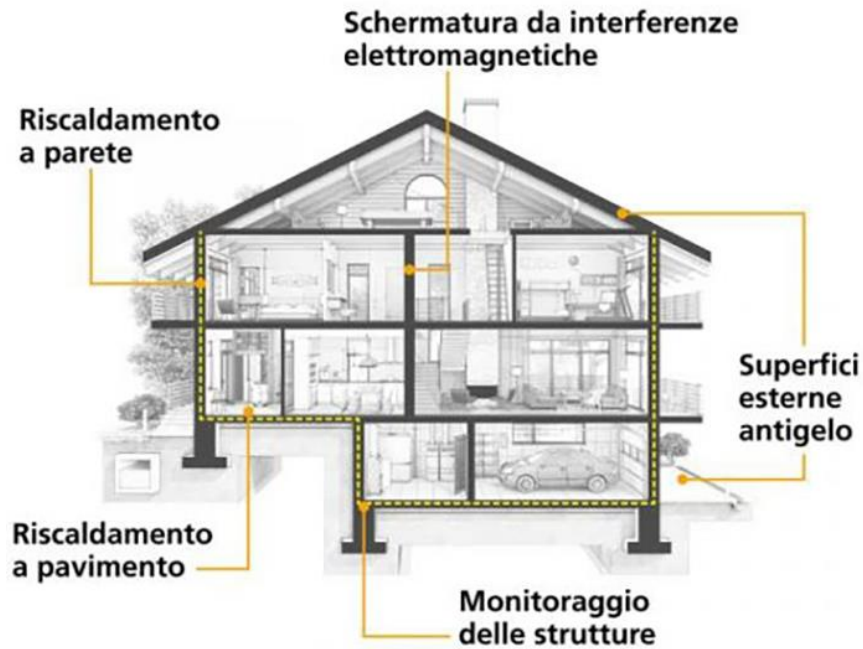
Fuel Cell al grafene

Elettrodi al grafene
anche nelle celle
a combustibile



- Proprietà elettriche e termiche
- Proprietà meccaniche
- Peso Specifico

Grafene - Applicazioni



Calcestruzzi al Grafene

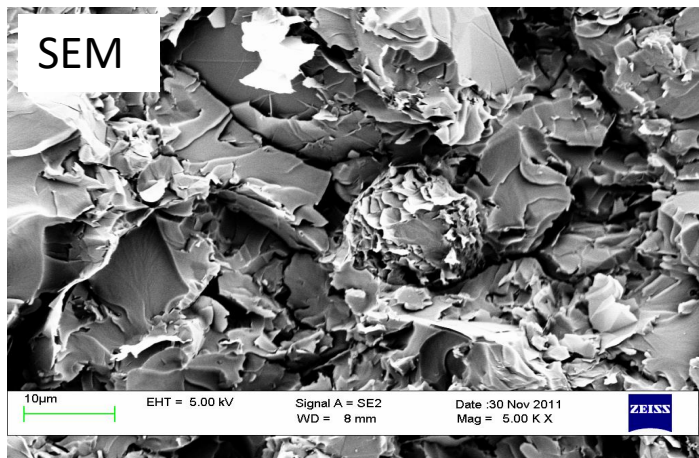
Incremento delle proprietà meccaniche (riduzione armature e quantità cemento – migliore impatto ambientale)

Conduce il calore (sistemi di riscaldamento radianti)

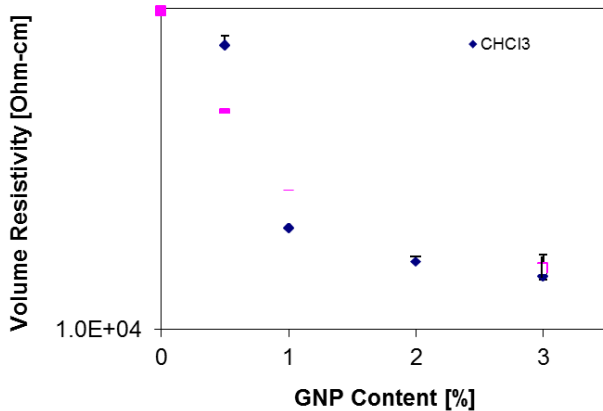
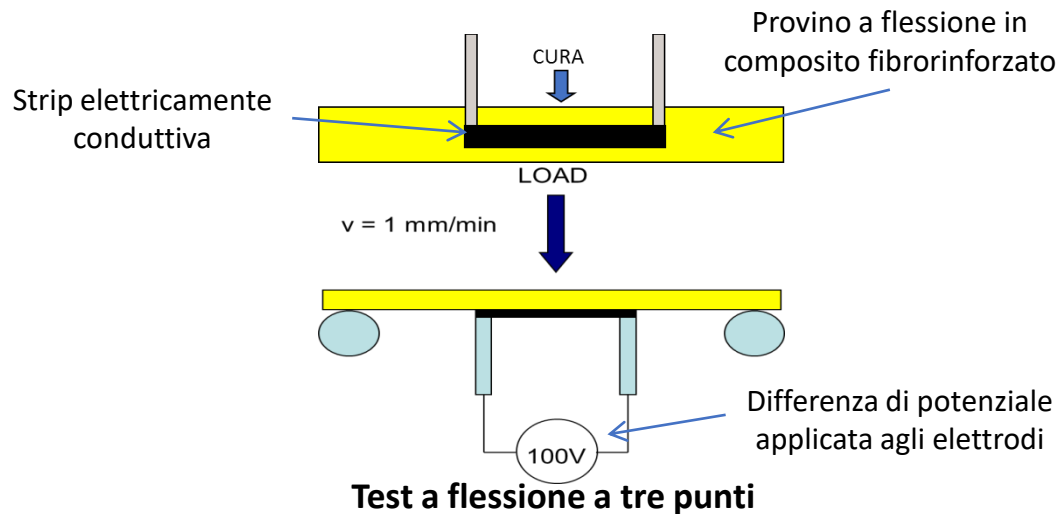
Schermatura elettromagnetica

Conduce elettricità (possibili impieghi nel monitoraggio strutture)

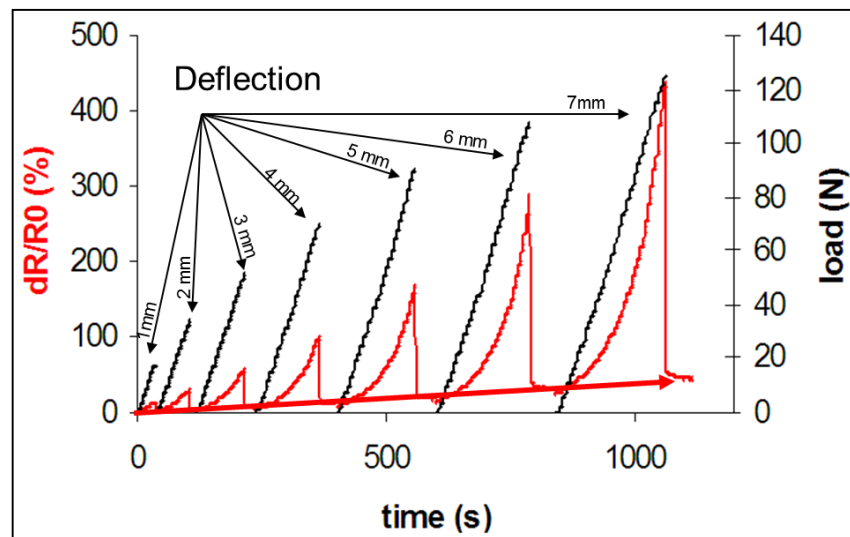
Nanocompositi grafene/epossidica per la realizzazione di sensori per il monitoraggio di deformazioni e rilevamento di danni



Grafene (Cheap Tube Inc) in Epossidica



Soglia percolativa (2 wt%)



Variazione della resistenza elettrica nel tempo a diversi livelli di deflessione