

# Understanding the structure and dynamics of nanocellulose-based composites with neutral and ionic poly(methacrylate) derivatives using inelastic neutron scattering and DFT calculations

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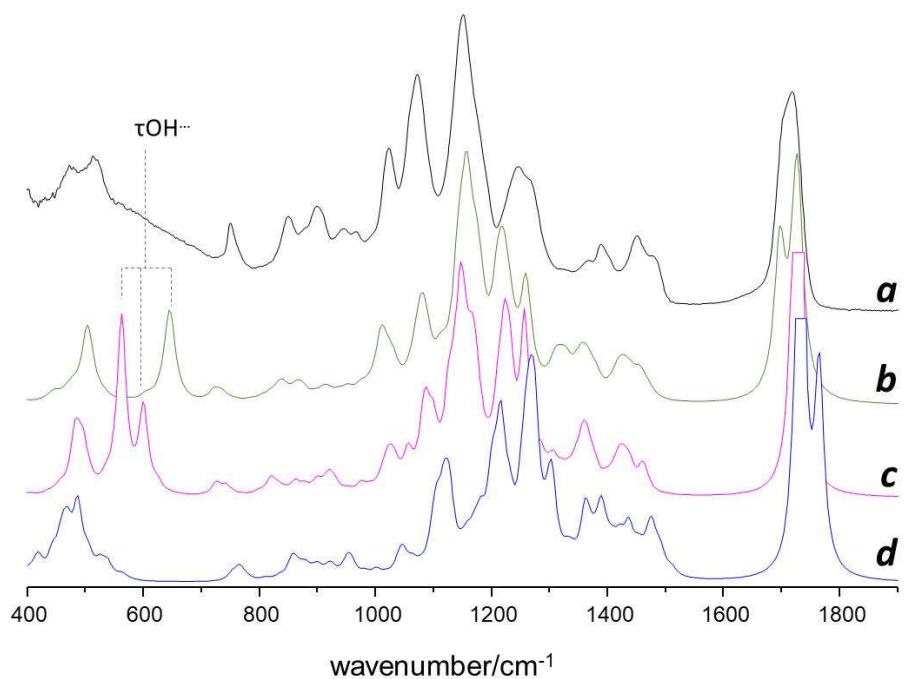
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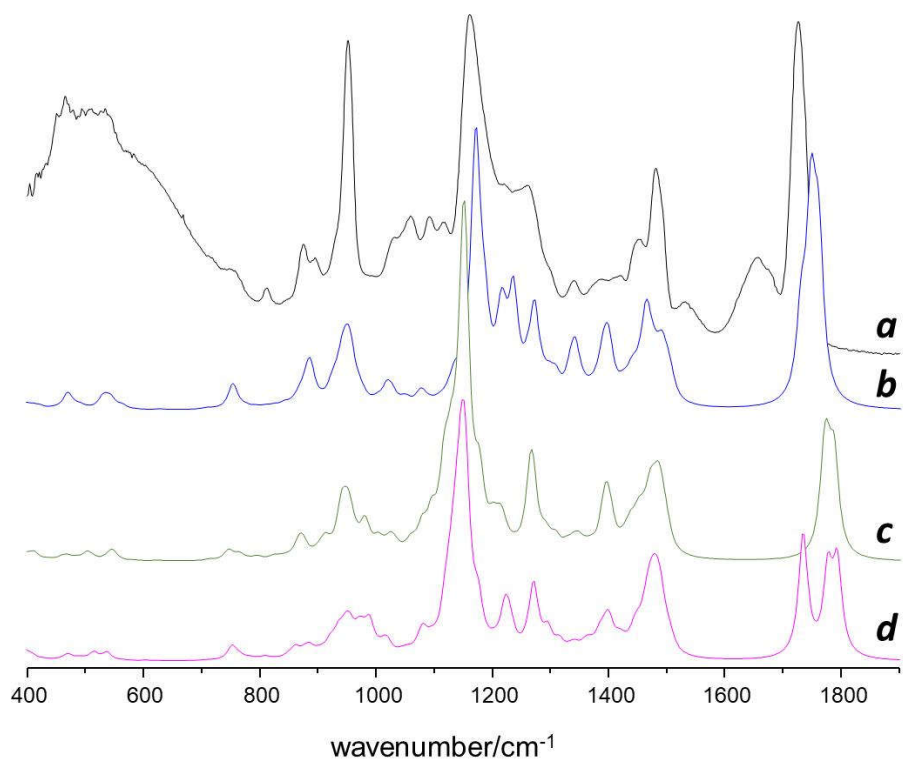
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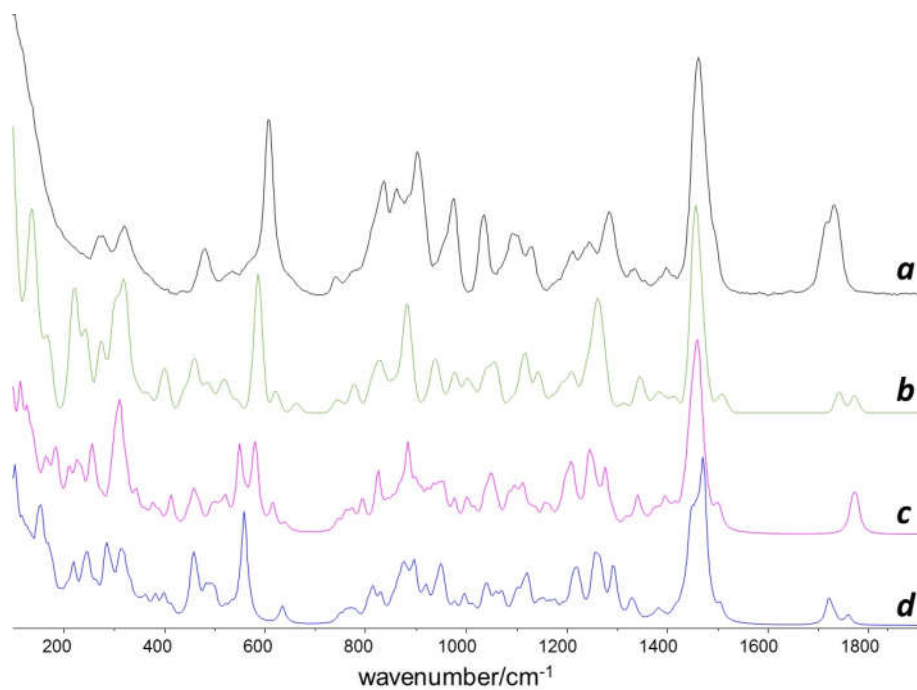
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Wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup> (average values)	Approximate Description
2995	$\nu\text{CH}_2, \nu\text{CH}_3$
1808	<i>Two-quanta transitions</i>
1577	$\beta_s\text{CH}_3 + \beta\text{COH}$
1457-1433	$\beta_s \text{CH}_3, \beta_{as} \text{CH}_3, \beta\text{CH}_2$ scissor
1356	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ wag + $\beta\text{COH}$
1282	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ wag + $\rho\text{CH}_3$
1230	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ twist, $\rho\text{CH}_3$
1217	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ twist, $\rho\text{CH}_3$
1147	$\rho\text{CH}_3 + \nu\text{C-O}$
1080	$\rho\text{CH}_3$
1032	$\nu\text{CC}$ (side group)
954	$\nu_{as}\text{CN}$
863	$\nu_{as} \text{CN}$
716	$\nu_s \text{CN}$ (gauche)
620	$\delta\text{CH}_2\text{-C-CH}_2$ (main chain)
539	$\delta\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$ (side group, gauche)
465	$\delta\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
450	$\delta\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
417	$\delta\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
374	$\rho\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$
326	$\tau\text{CH}_3$
292	$\tau\text{CH}_3$
268	$\tau\text{CH}_3$
144	<i>Deformation with CH...Cl stretch</i>
86	<i>External modes region</i>

Values in bold identify sharp bands or otherwise well-defined maxima. The remaining values correspond to the approximate centre of broad features or shoulders.  $\nu$  = stretching;  $\beta$  = bending;  $\rho$  = rocking;  $\delta$  = skeletal angle deformation;  $\tau$  = torsion.

**Table S2:** Assignment of INS spectra of PHEMA.

Wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	Approximate Description
2964	$\nu\text{CH}_2, \nu\text{CH}_3$
1762	<i>Two-quanta transitions</i>
1453	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ scissor, $\beta\text{as CH}_3$
1380	$\beta\text{s CH}_3 + \omega\text{CH}_2 + \beta\text{COH}$
1280	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ twist
1238	$\beta\text{CH}_2$ twist
1105	$\rho\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$
1026	$\rho\text{CH}_3$
956	$\rho\text{CH}_3$
880	$\nu\text{C-C}, \nu\text{C-CH}_3$
855	$\text{CH}_2$ wag
765	$\delta\text{CH}_2\text{-C-CH}_2$
600	$\tau\text{OH}\cdots$
520	$\delta\text{O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ( <i>gauche</i> )
475	$\delta\text{O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ ( <i>trans</i> )
367	$\tau\text{CH}_3$
322	$\tau\text{CH}_3$
267	$\delta\text{C-O-C out-of-plane}$
221	<i>Deformation with OH...O stretch</i>
173	<i>Deformation with OH...O stretch</i>
97	<i>External modes region</i>

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