Wet spinning of cellulose nanofibers (CNF)

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Wet spinning of CNF ?

- Cellulose: Most abundant biopolymer (found e.g. in wood)
- **CNF:** very small (dimensions in nanoscale) cellulose fibers
 - Interesting properties (e.g. specific strength)
- Wet spinning: Process of making filaments / longer fibers from a polymer solution / suspension. "Wet" means that filament formation occurs in a liquid (a bath)
- Wet spun CNF filaments: could be used in textiles, nonwovens, composite reinforcement or precursor to making carbon fibres





Lundahl et. al. (2018)

Absorbent Filaments from Cellulose Nanofibril Hydrogels through Continuous Coaxial Wet Spinning

DOI: 10.1021/acsami.8b08153



Klar et. al. (2018)

Spinning Approach for Cellulose Fiber Yarn Using a Deep Eutectic Solvent and an Inclined Channel

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Project overview

- Your task is to develop a modular spinning line prototype
 - Evaluate the "dual bath" approach
- Includes design of prototype frame, selection and control of actuators (mainly rolls), testing the prototype
- Close collaboration with Aalto CHEM

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Wet spinning of CNF - Dual bath

