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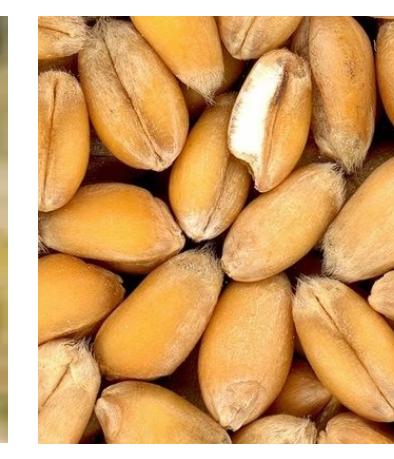
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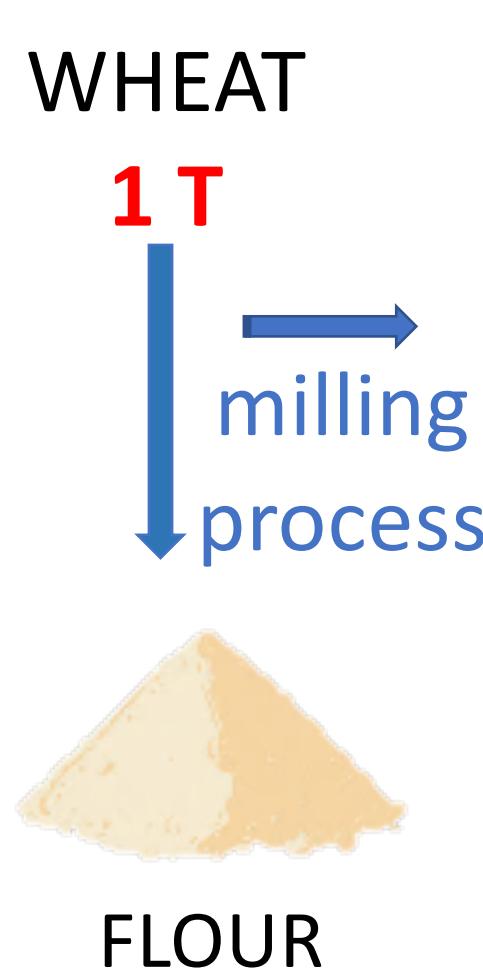
CONTEXT



WHEAT

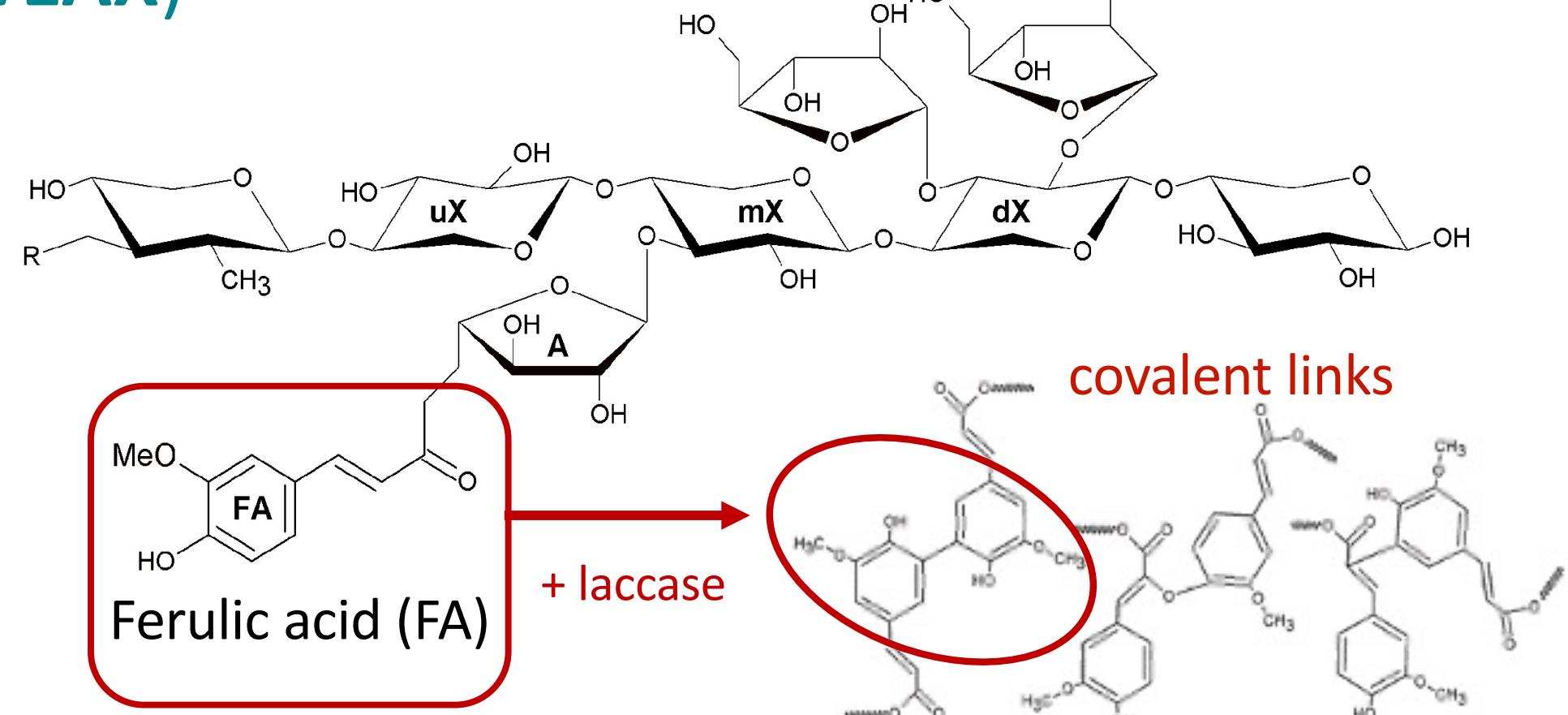


BRANS
0.25 T



French milling process
4.7 Mt of wheat in 2022

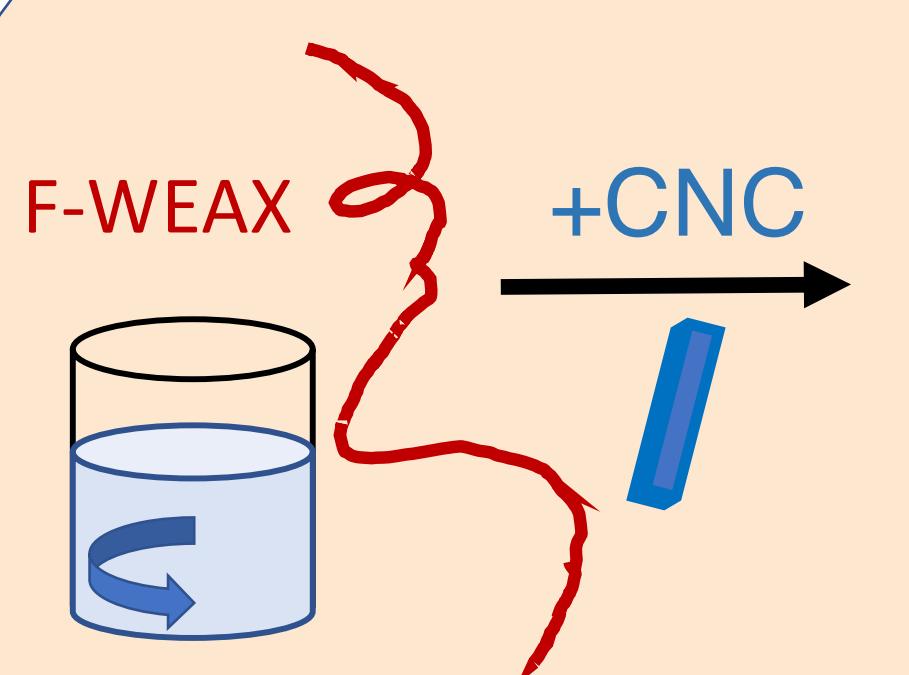
Feruloylated Water-Extractable Arabinoxylans (F-WEAX)



- ✓ thermostables
- ✓ swelling capacity (100 - 300 g water. g⁻¹ F-WEAX)
- ✓ stability/ pH
- ✓ macroporous : 200 - 500 nm for bioactive molecule encapsulation
- ✓ resistant to digestive enzymes
- X mechanical (from 10 to 100 Pa)

EXPERIMENTAL STRATEGY

MIXED SUSPENSIONS



F-WEAX solution: 20 g.L⁻¹
+ CNC suspension: 0 to 15 g.L⁻¹
+ strong mechanical stirring

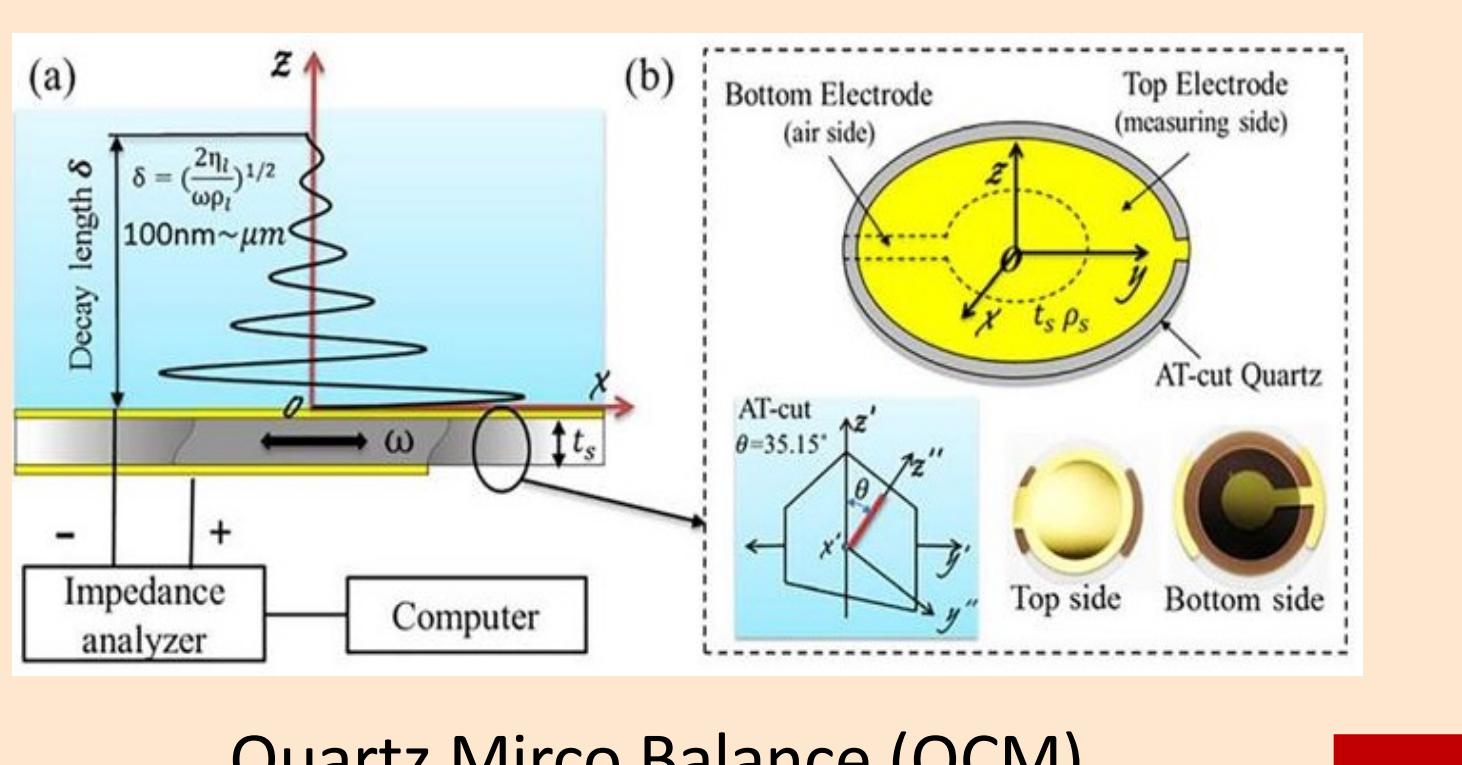
F-WEAX content: 10 g.L⁻¹
CNC/ F-WEAX ratio:
0; 0.5; 1; 1.5

Molecular properties

F-WEAX

A/X : 0.58
AF : 1.61 microg. mg⁻¹ F-WEAX
Purity : 63 %
 M_w : 438 kDa
approximatively 1258 xyloses
 R_g : 600 Å

F-WEAX/ CNC interactions

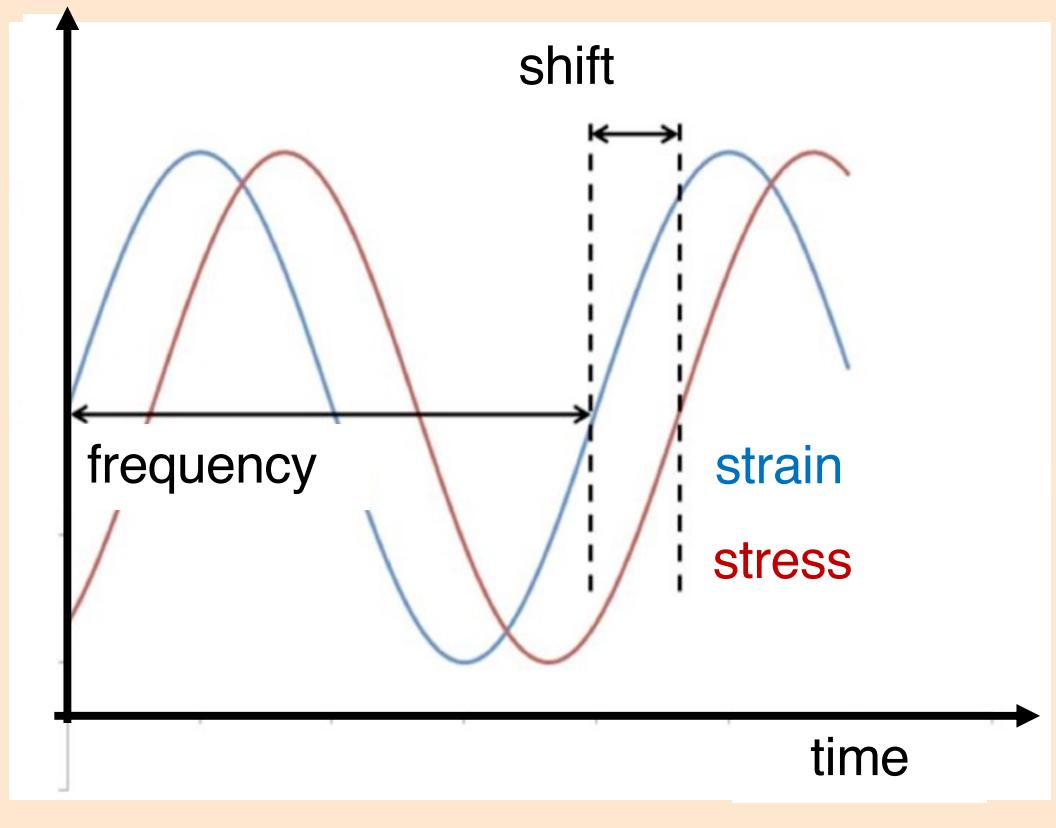


MIXED GELS

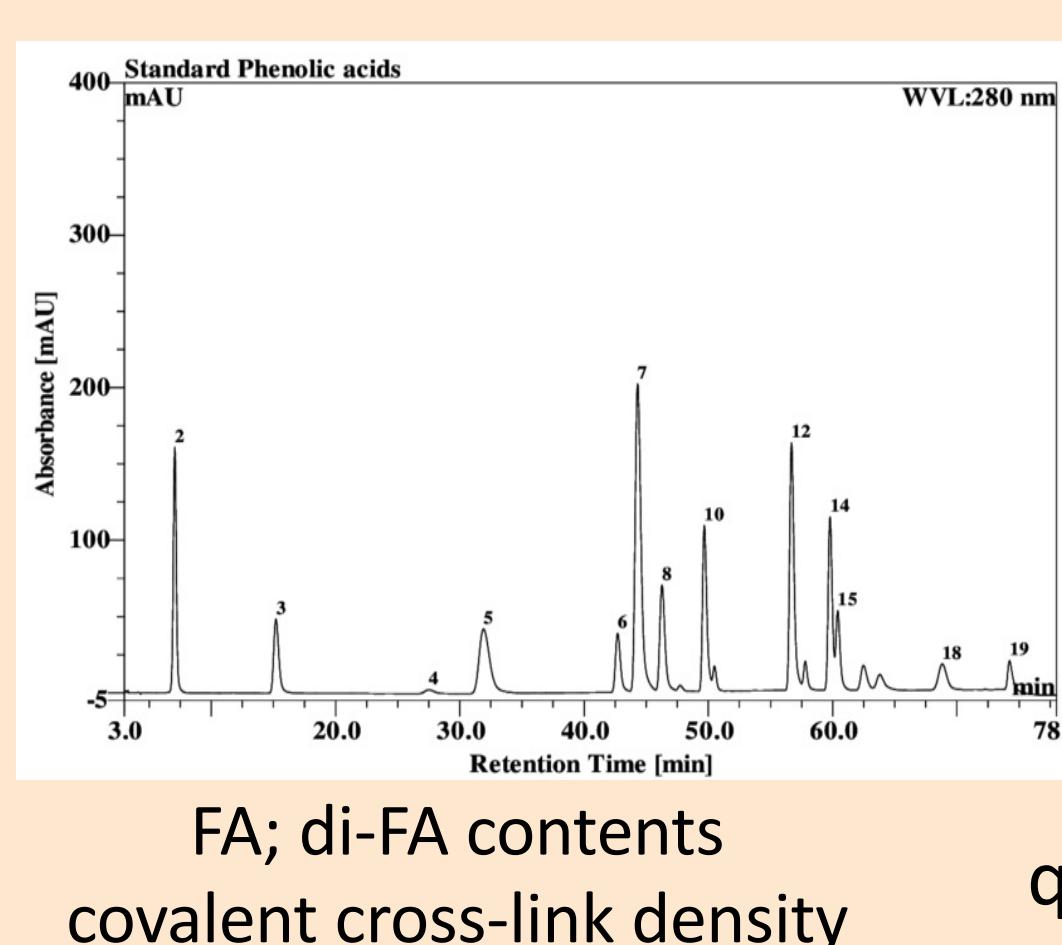
enzymatic gelation



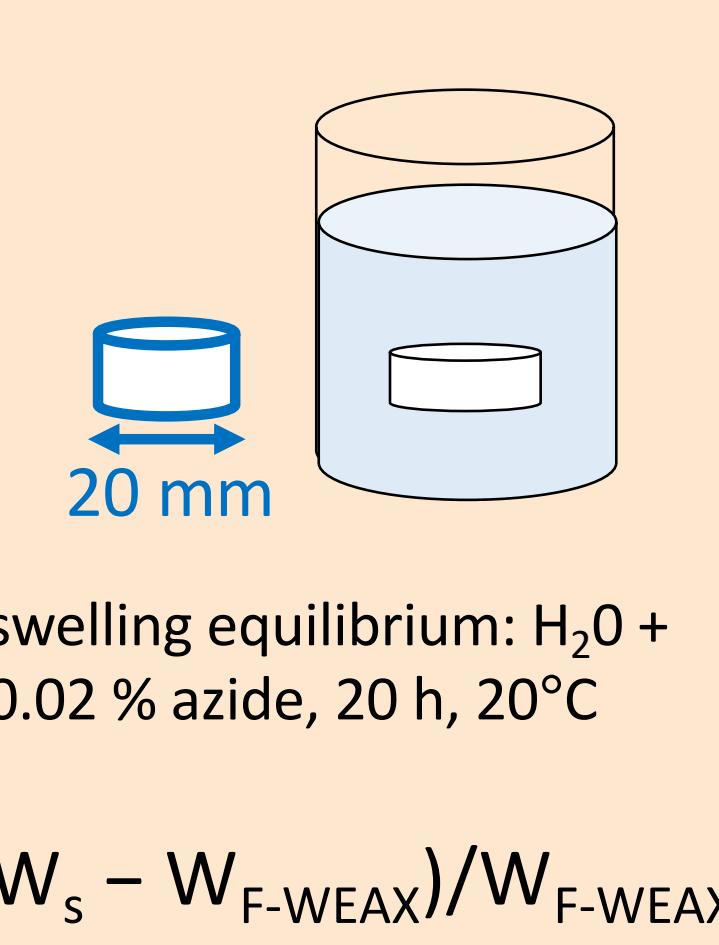
Viscoelastic properties



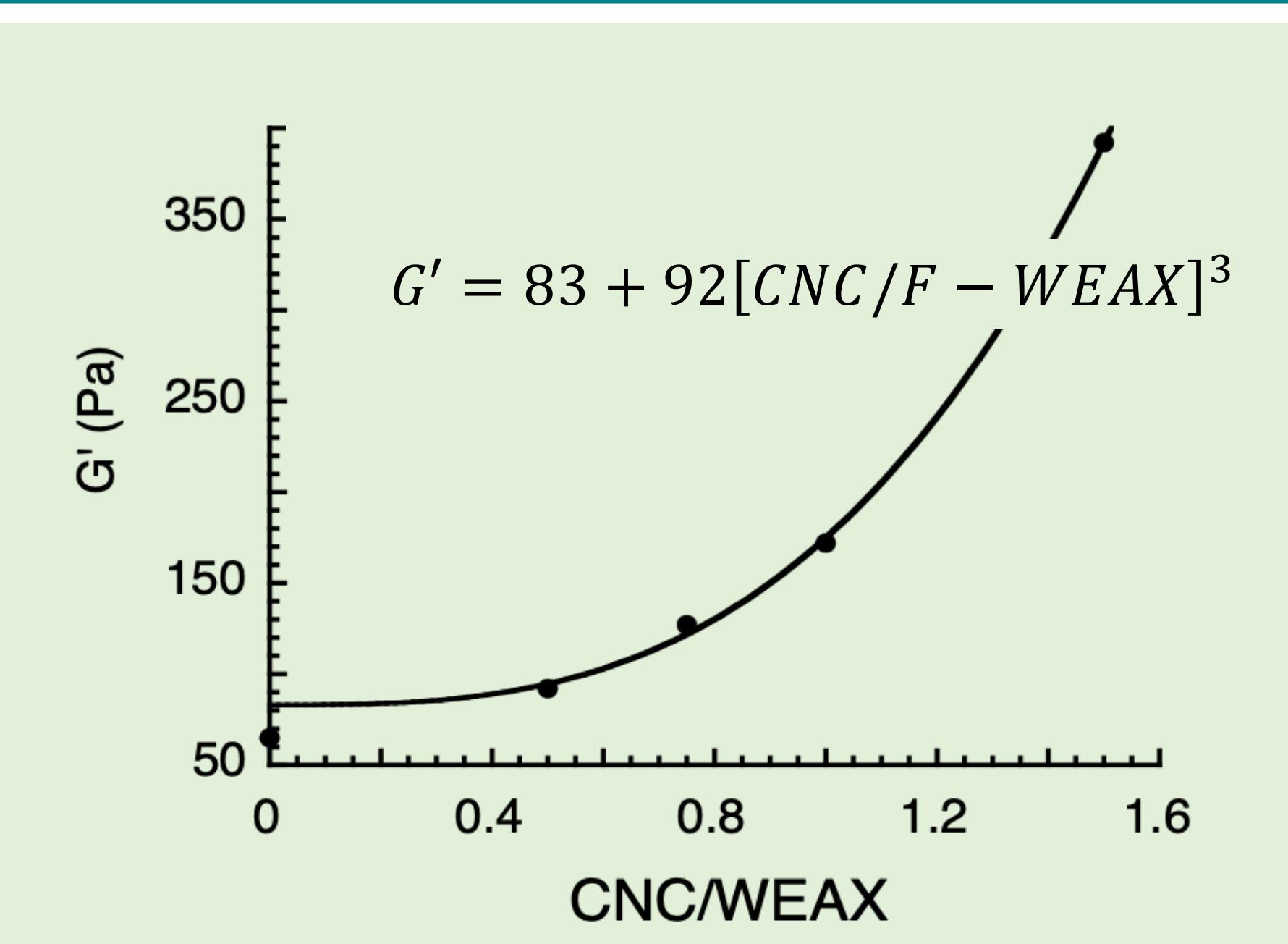
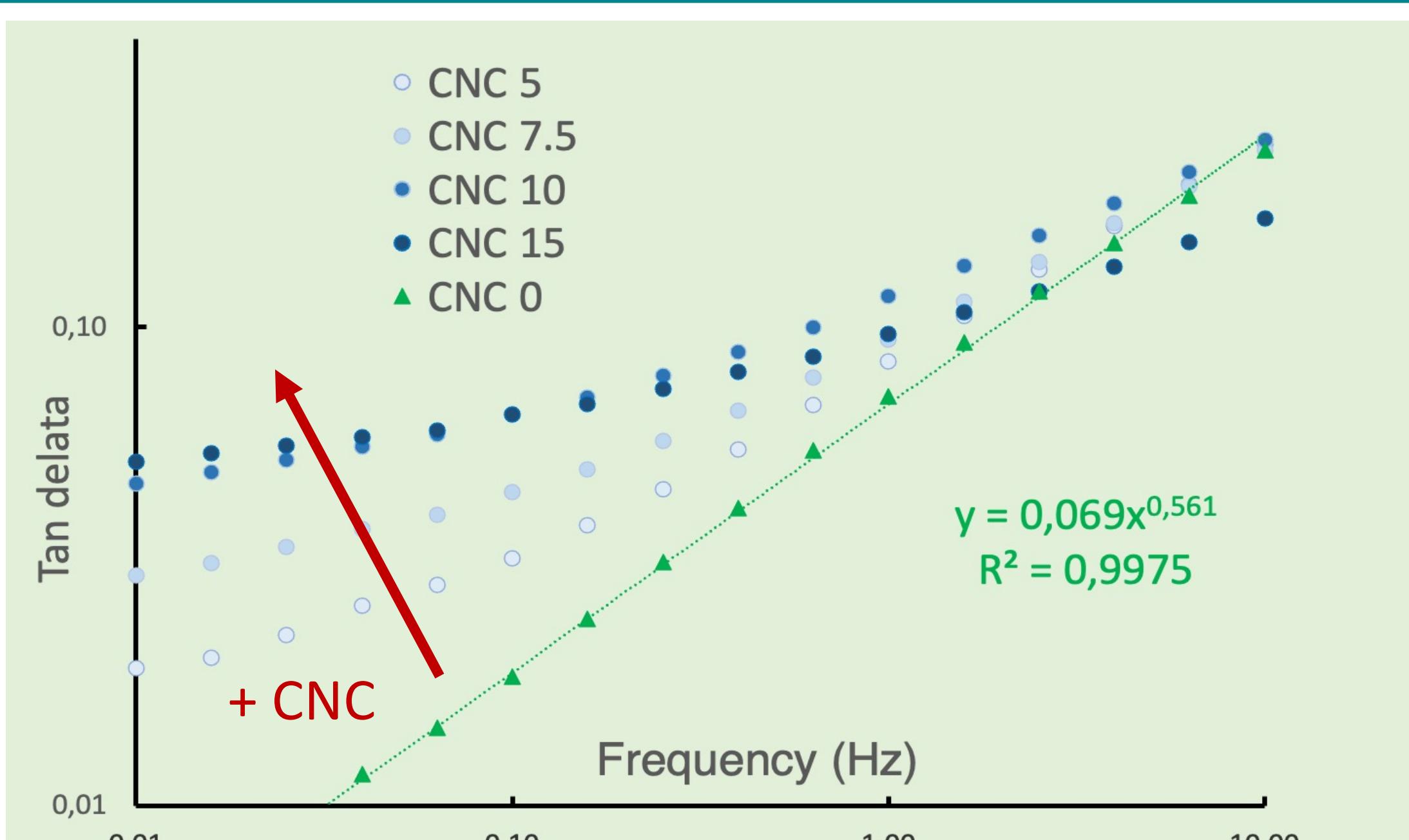
Structural properties



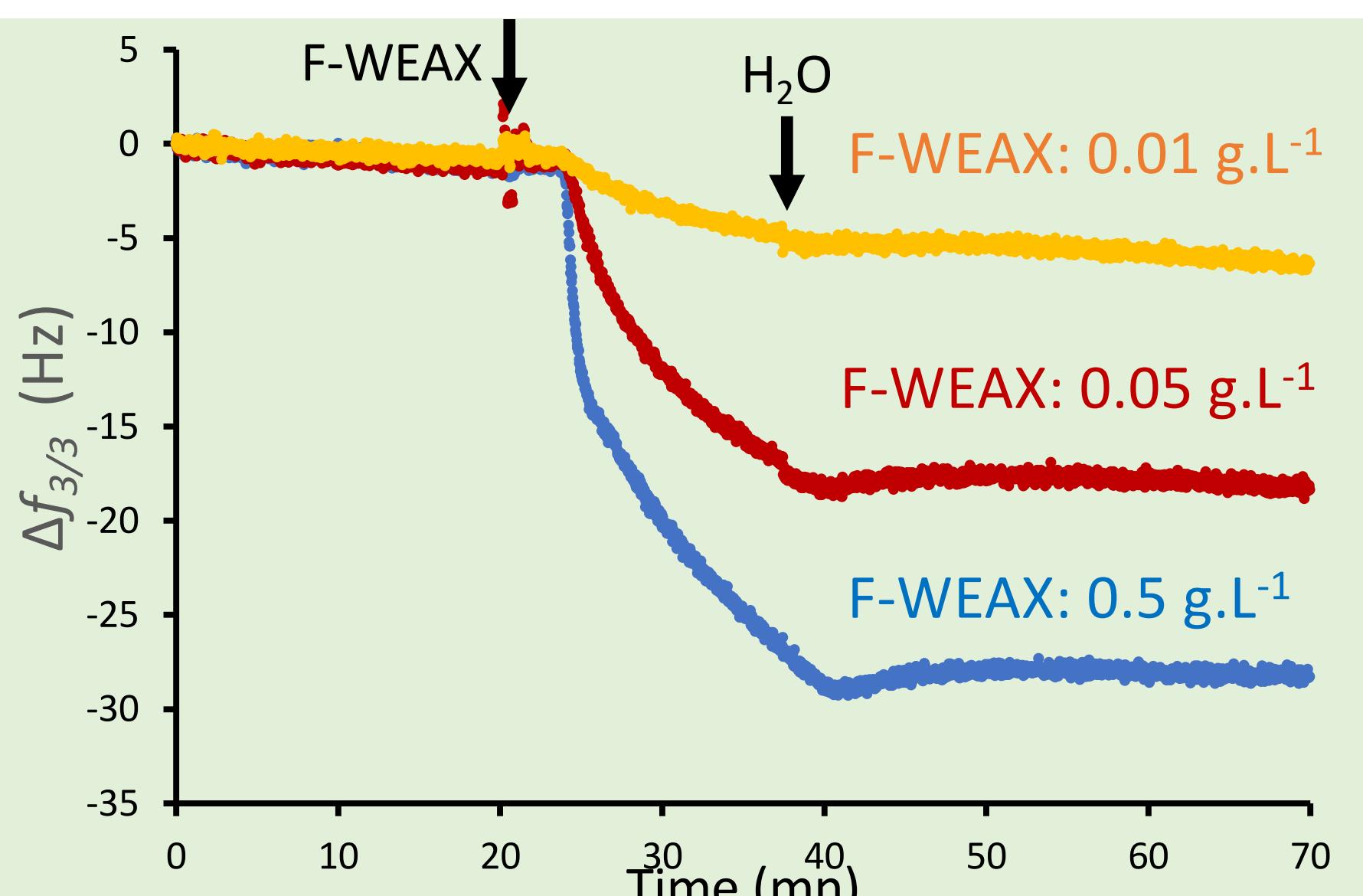
Swelling capacity



RESULTS



CNC/ F-WEAX ratio	FA oxidized %	di-FA μg. mg ⁻¹ F-WEAX	FA recovered %	q g H ₂ O. g ⁻¹ F-WEAX
0.00	92 ± 1	0.44 ± 0.04	25 ± 2	199 ± 00
0.50	85 ± 1	0.72 ± 0.04	48 ± 2	123 ± 14
0.75	83 ± 3	0.80 ± 0.03	55 ± 1	124 ± 12
1.00	76 ± 7	0.74 ± 0.02	54 ± 4	121 ± 09
1.50	75 ± 6	0.73 ± 0.07	56 ± 9	134 ± 05



CONCLUSIONS

- F-WEAX interact strongly and irreversibly with CNC surfaces
- after gelation, % of FA recovered under di-FA forms is two times higher in presence of CNC
- G' and G'' increase with CNC/ F-WEAX ratio with a cubic power law
- swelling capacity of mixed gels is linked to covalent crosslink density

Structural model of CNC/ F-WEAX association

