

# Fipronil delivered through a nanocellulose system

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# Rethinking the use of trees: advanced materials from nanocellulose

# Traditional Uses of Wood



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## HOUSING



Nideröst-House (Switzerland)

## COMMUNICATION



Papyrus (Egypt)

## TRANSPORTATION



Vasa Ship (Sweden)



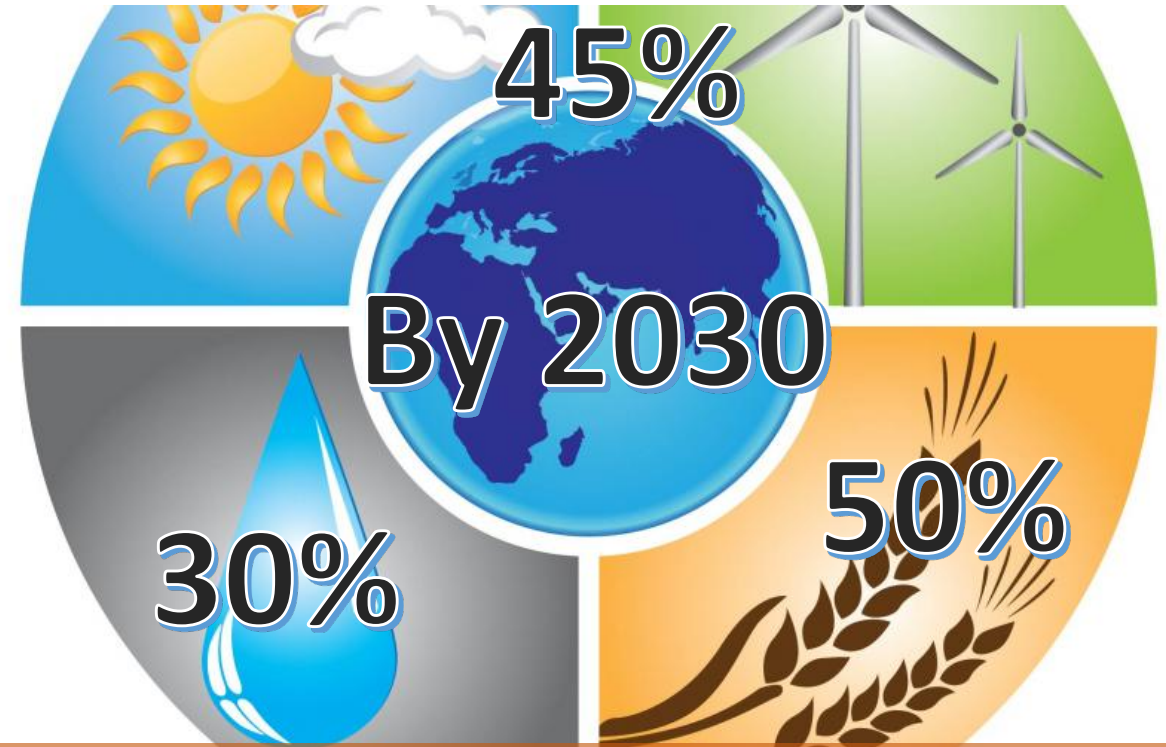
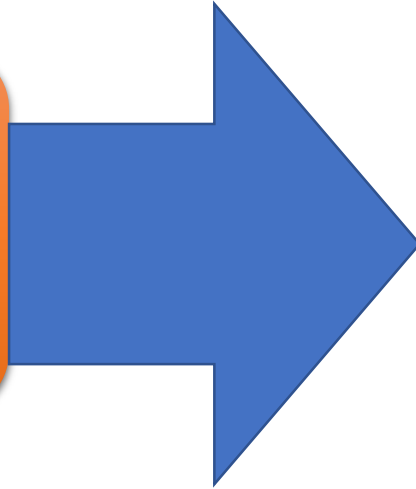
Fuel!

# The drivers towards a global bio-based economy



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- Population growth
- Declining of natural resources
- Loss of biodiversity
- Climate change



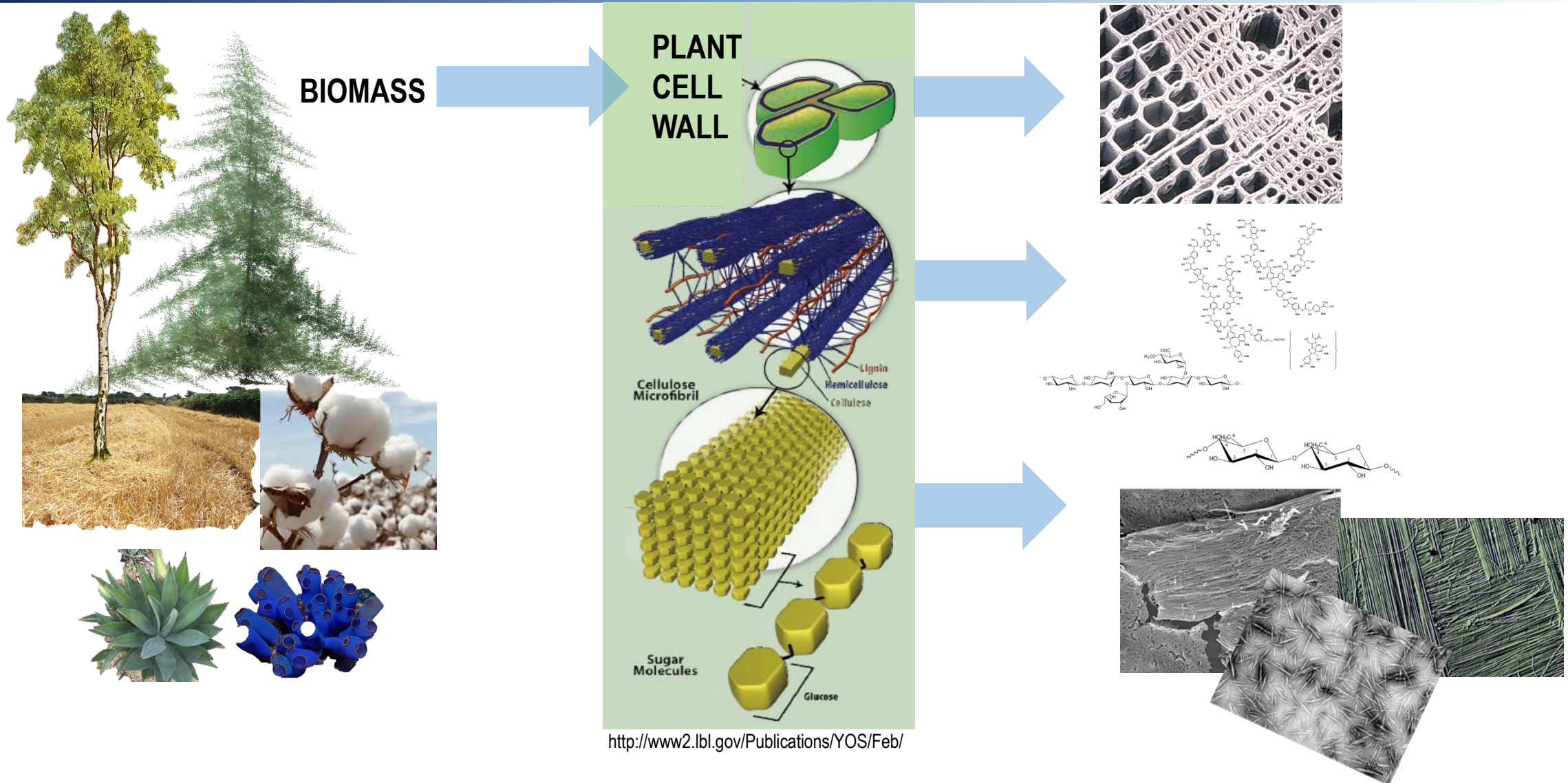
## BIOECONOMY INCLUDES

1. **Use** of renewable, bio-based natural resources,
2. Environmentally friendly **clean technologies** and
3. Efficient **recycling** of materials

# A deeper look into biomass



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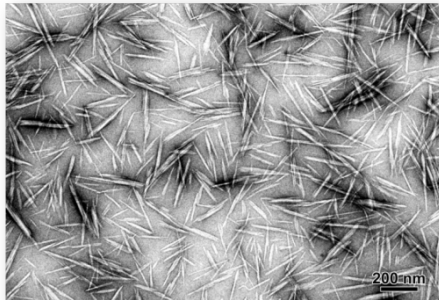


# The scale of “things”

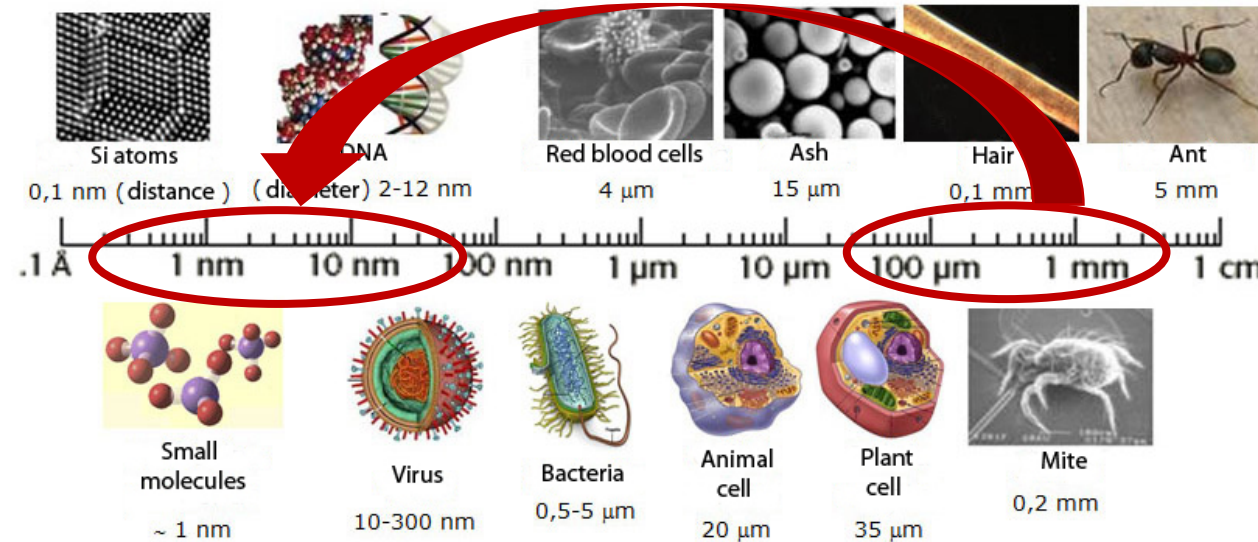


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## CELLULOSE NANOCRYSTALS



200 nm



## CELLULOSE FIBERS



200 μm

<http://www.davidfunesbiomed.eu/2015/06/nanotechnology-introduction.html>

LESS space, material, energy

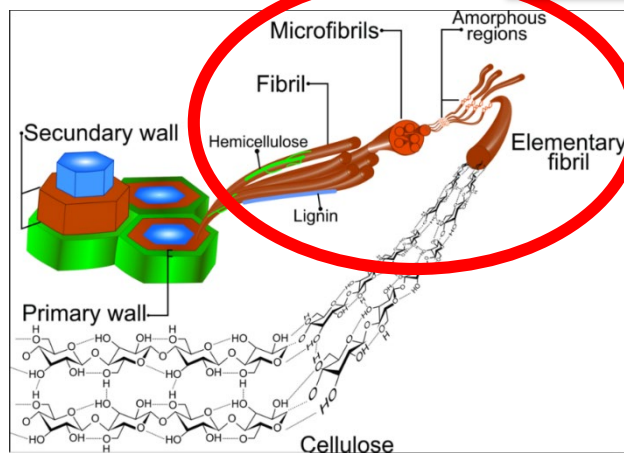
NEW properties and phenomena

# Nanocellulose production



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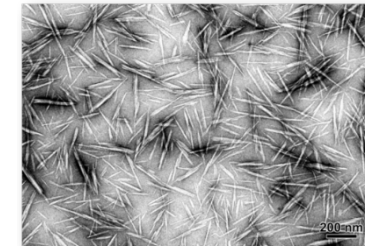
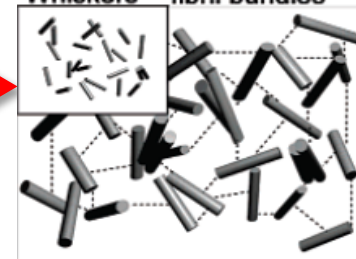
## Fiber deconstruction



John Rojas, et al DOI: 10.5772/61334

Acid  
hydrolysis

## Cellulose nanocrystals (CNC)



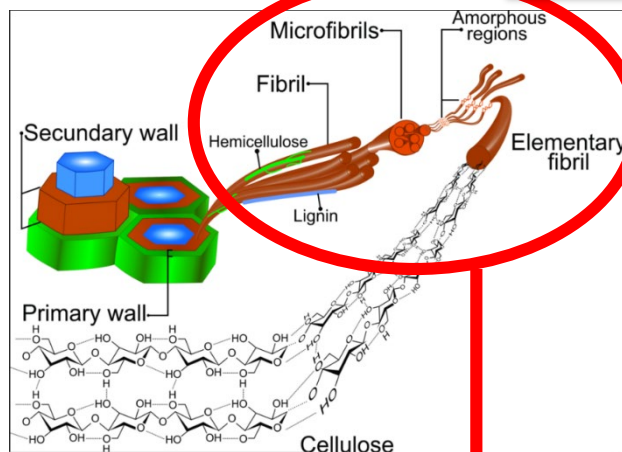
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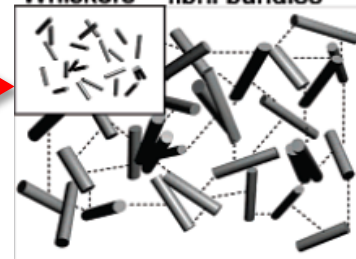
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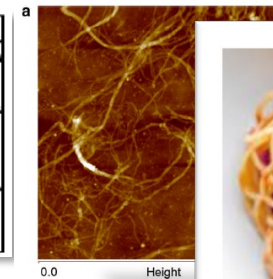
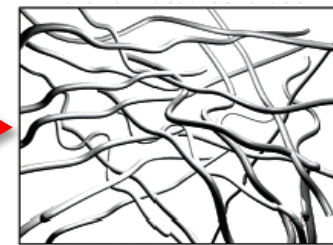


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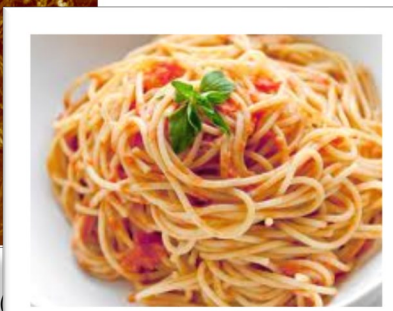


(Enzymatic/chemical  
pre-treatment)  
Mechanical treatments

## Cellulose nanofibrils (CNF)



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Adapted from Pakko et al. *Biomacromolecules* (2007), Springer



# Nanocellulose production and properties

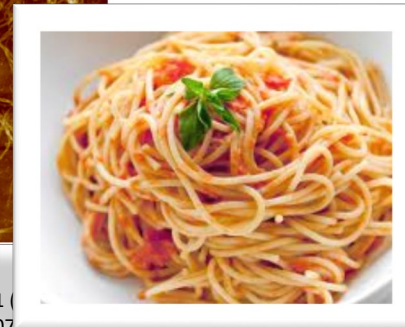


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- Chemical process, acid hydrolysis
- Whiskers – short and
- Crystalline
- Self assembly possible
- Defined rheology

- Mechanical process, or chemi-mechanical
- Long fibrils
- Amorphous and crystalline regions
- No self assembly
- Strongly shear thinning (rheology depends on the manufacturing process)

- **Renewable**
- **Biocompatibility**
- **High surface-area**
- **Excellent mechanical strength**
- **Abundant free hydroxyl groups**

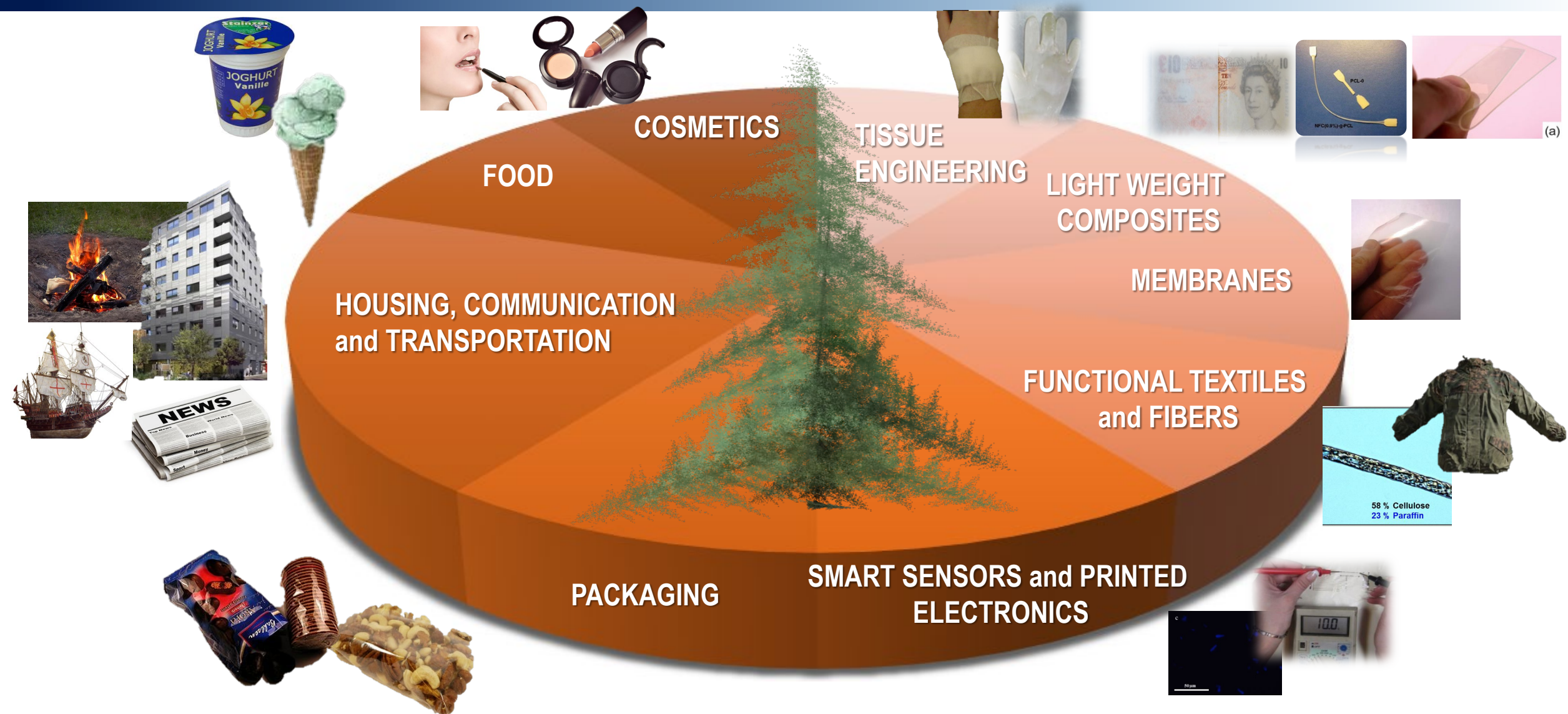


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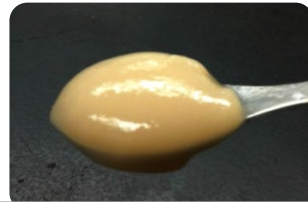
## HYPOTHESIS:

- CNF will improve systemic adsorption of fipronil in trees
- CNF will decrease the amount of RD of fipronil, with the same/improved(?) efficiency

## Cellulose Nanofibrils (CNF)



Bleached (only cellulose)



Unbleached (cellulose+lignin+hemis)

Testing of roots, stems and leaves by  
HPLC

## Fipronil-embedded CNF

