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Influence of Reaction Variables on the Surface Chemistry of Cellulose Nanofibers Derived from Palm Oil Empty Fruit Bunches

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Table S1. Multilevel Factorial Design 2⁴

No. Experiments	Identification samples	Experimental parameters	
		Reaction time [min]	Cellulose:NaClO molar ratio
1	TOCN 30-1:1	30	1:1
2	TOCN 30-1:5	30	1:5
3	TOCN 30-1:8	30	1:8
4	TOCN 30-1:10	30	1:10
5	TOCN 60-1:1	60	1:1
6	TOCN 60-1:5	60	1:5
7	TOCN 60-1:8	60	1:8
8	TOCN 60-1:10	60	1:10
9	TOCN 90-1:1	90	1:1
10	TOCN 90-1:5	90	1:5
11	TOCN 90-1:8	90	1:8
12	TOCN 90-1:10	90	1:10
13	TOCN 120-1:1	120	1:1
14	TOCN 120-1:5	120	1:5
15	TOCN 120-1:8	120	1:8
16	TOCN 120-1:10	120	1:10

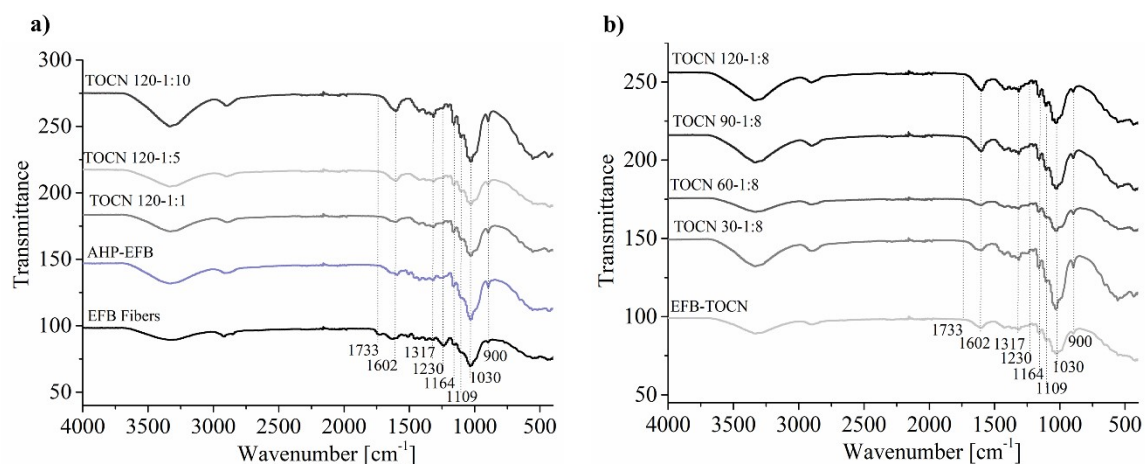


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Table S2. Signal assignment infrared spectroscopy

Wave number [cm ⁻¹]	Functional group	Reference
1733	C=O stretch of acetyl and hemicellulose	1
1602	Stretching C=O in carboxylic acids with sodium	2,3
1317	Stretch flexion CH ₂ in cellulose	
1230	Asymmetric axial deformation =C-O- in the ether, ester, and phenol group of lignin	4
1164	Asymmetrical C-O-C stretch of the pyranose ring	5
1109	C-O-C stretch of cellulose	4
1030	Cellulose C-O and C-H stretching vibrations	
900	specific C-H anomeric vibration for β-glycosides	5,6

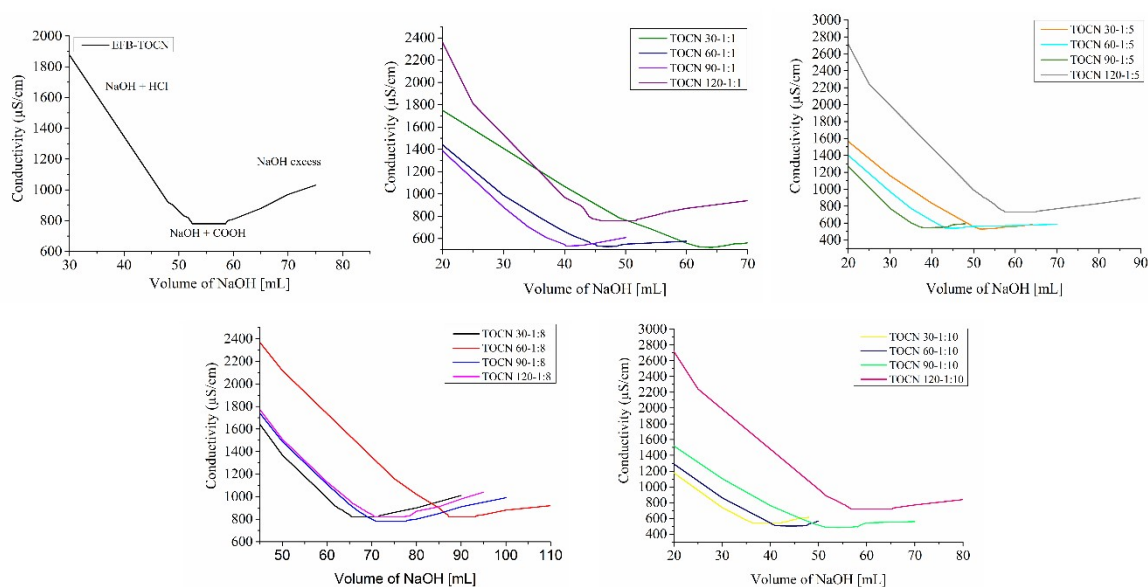


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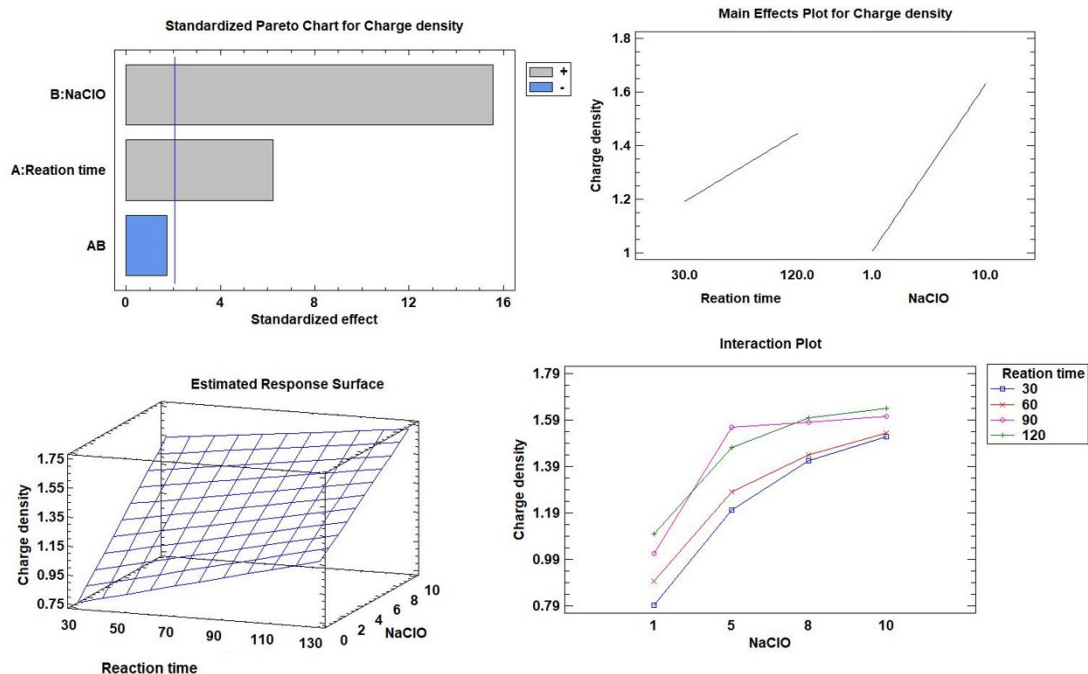


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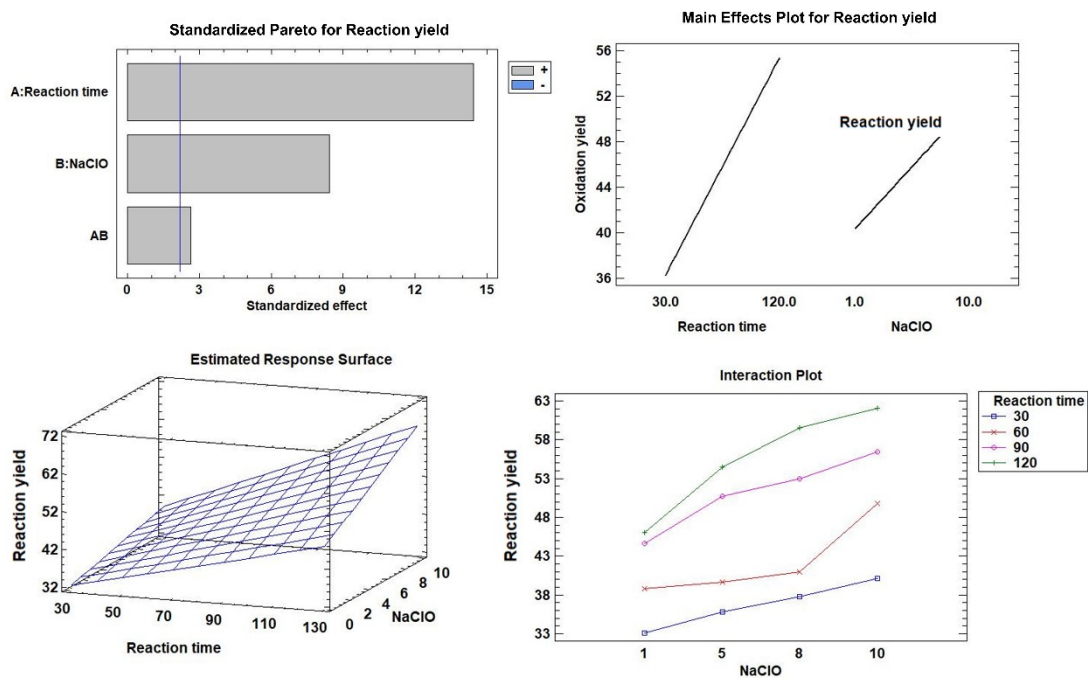


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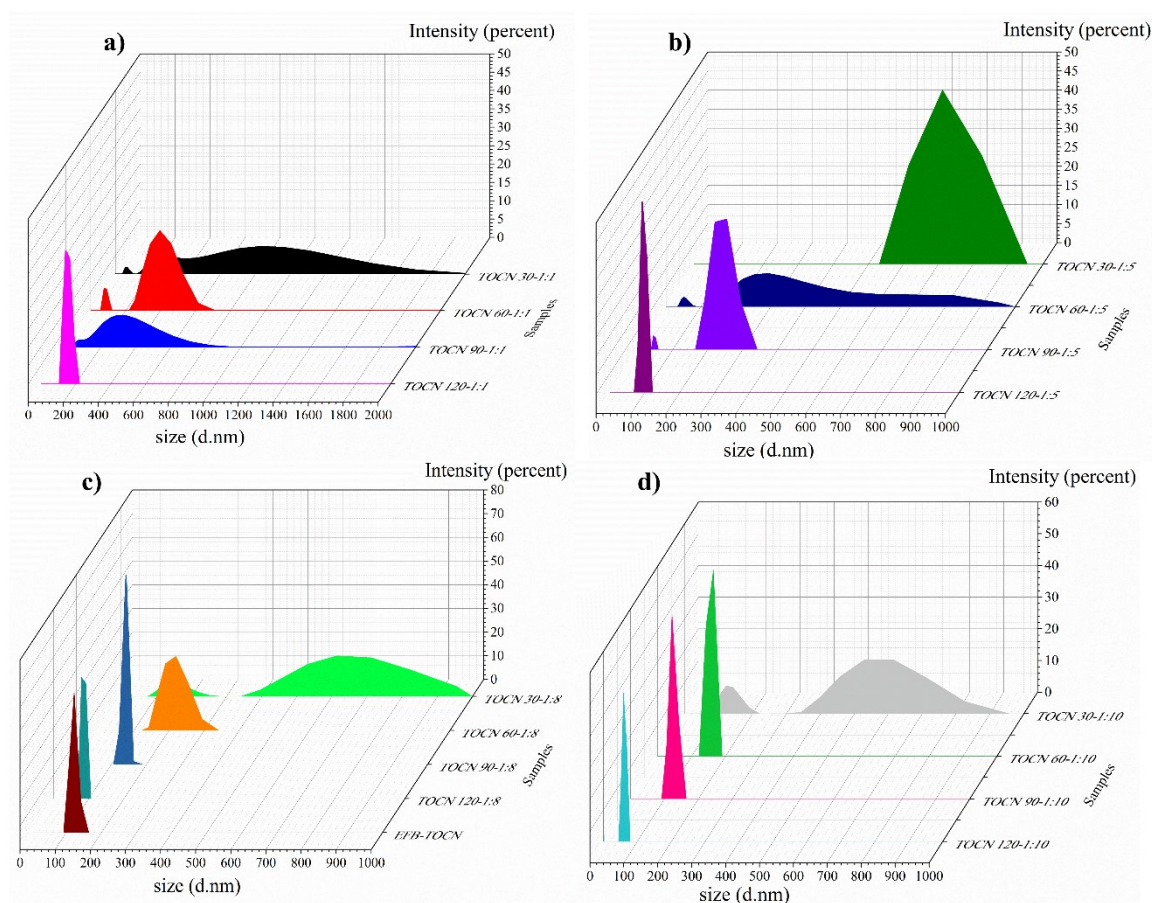


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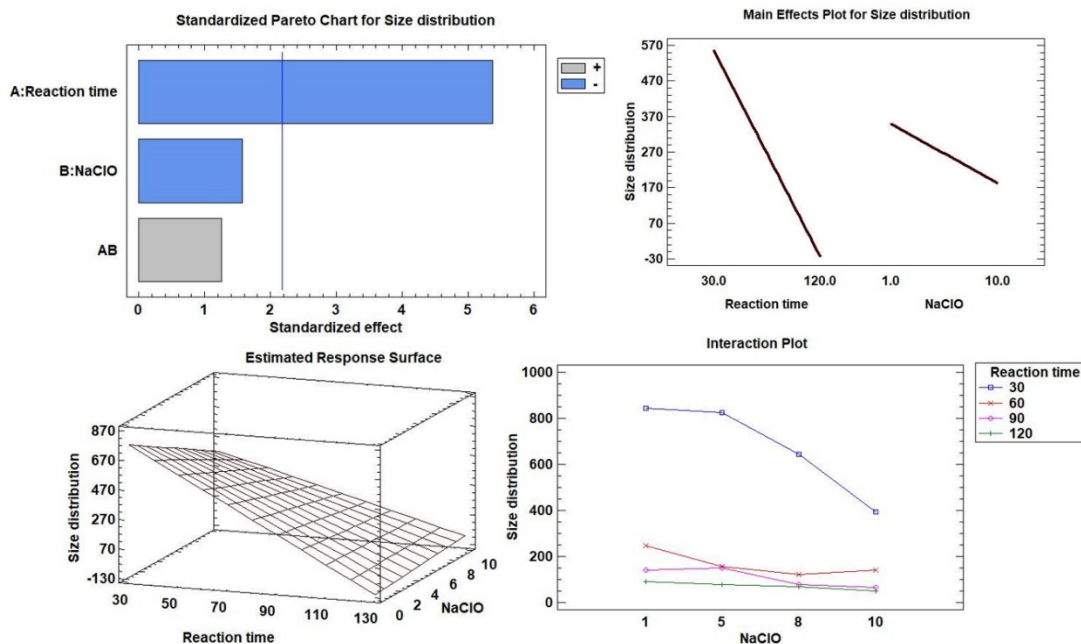


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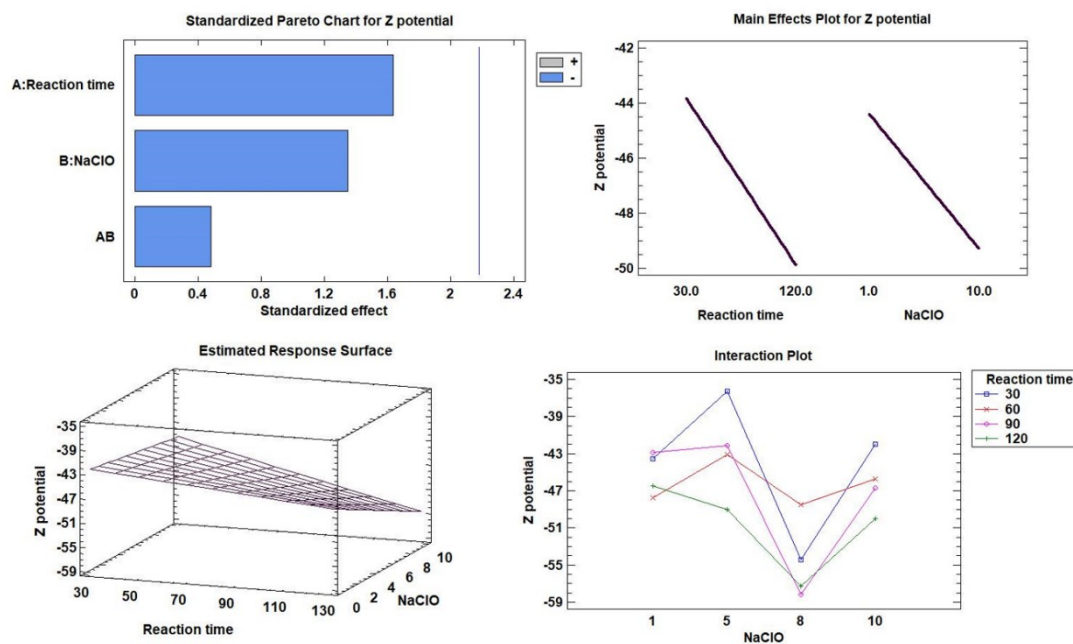


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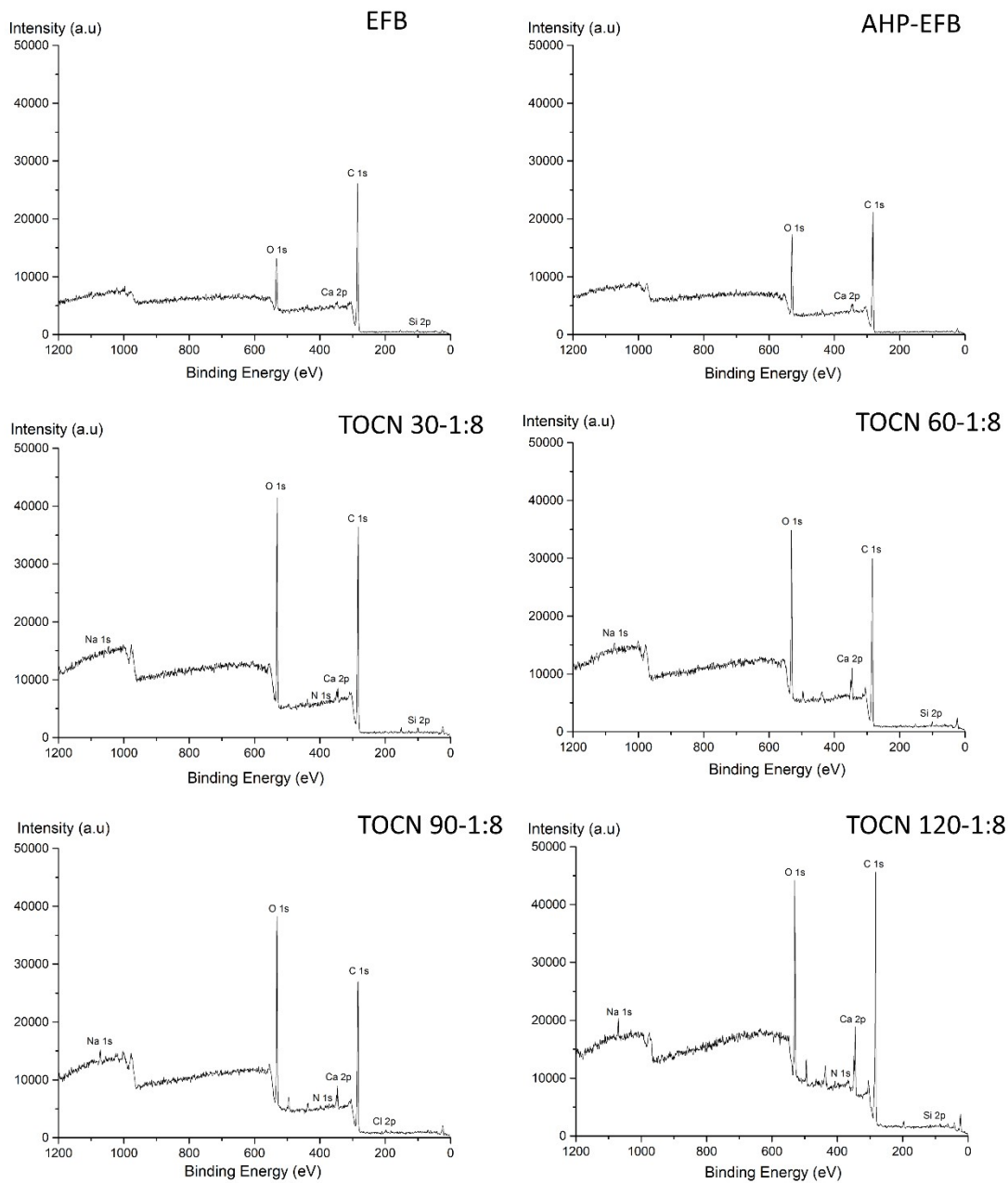


Figure S8. Spectra XPS a) (EFB, EFB-AHP, TOCN 30-1:8, TOCN 60-1:8, TOCN 90-1:8 and TOCN 120-1:8) and b)

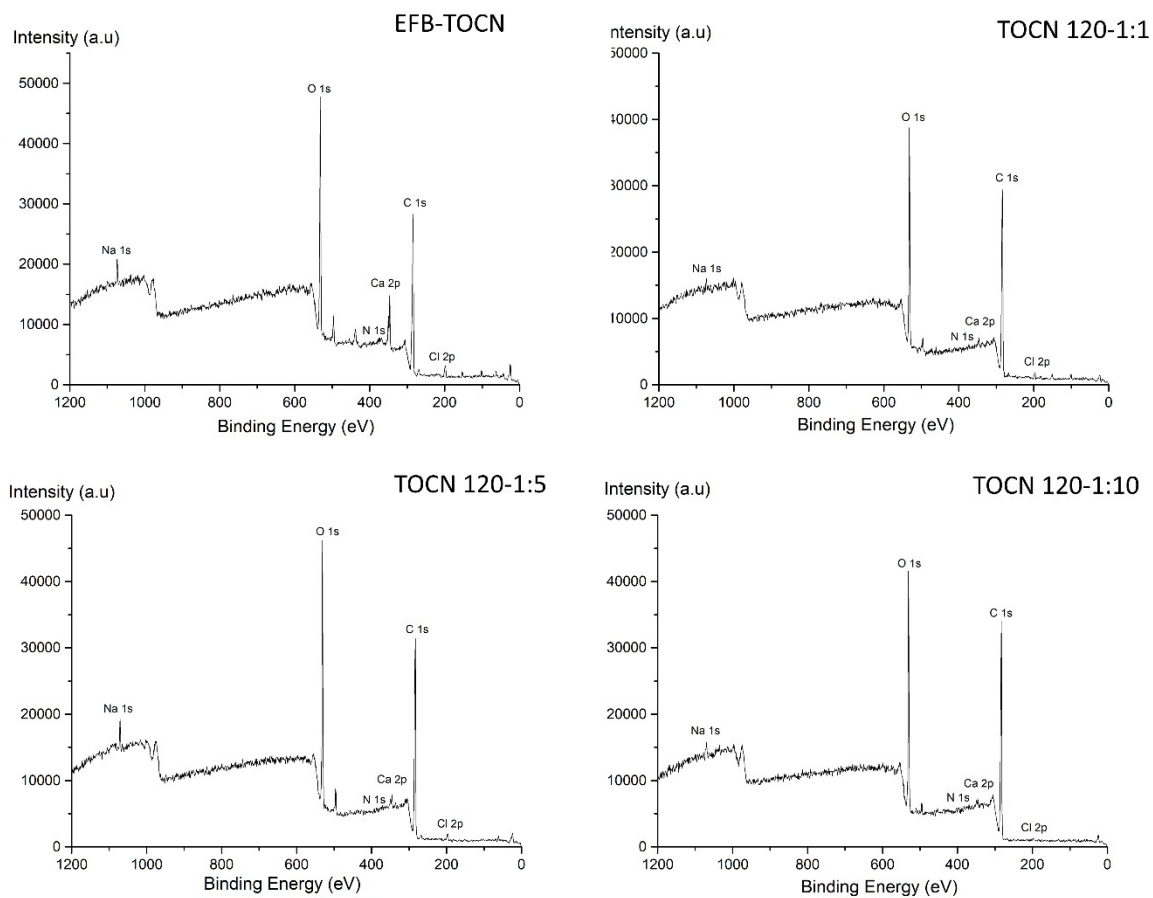


Figure S9. Spectra XPS b. Spectra XPS (EBF-TOCN, TOCN 120-1:1, TOCN 120-1:5, and TOCN 120-1:10)

Table S3. General spectra and the positions and values of FWHM

Atom		XPS data	EFB	EFB-AHP	EFB-TOCN	TOCN 30-1:8	TOCN 60-1:8	TOCN 90-1:8	TOCN 120-1:8	TOCN 120-1:1	TOCN 120-1:5	TOCN 120-1:10
C	C-H	Position [eV]	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8	284.8
		FWHM	2.37	1.91	1.28	1.30	1.35	1.26	1.20	1.30	1.14	1.21
	C-C-O	Position [eV]	-	286.8	286.5	286.5	286.5	286.5	286.4	286.5	286.5	286.4
		FWHM	-	1.91	1.28	1.30	1.35	1.26	1.20	1.30	1.14	1.21
	O-C-O	Position [eV]	287.9	288.6	288.2	287.9	288.1	288.0	288.3	287.9	287.9	287.7
		FWHM	2.37	1.55	1.28	1.30	1.35	1.26	1.20	1.30	1.14	1.21
	C-COO-	Position [eV]	-	-	289.5	288.8	289.4	289.3	289.5	289.0	288.7	288.6
		FWHM	-	-	1.28	1.30	1.35	1.26	1.20	1.30	1.14	1.21
	O	Position [eV]	532.5	532.6	532.3	532.9	532.7	532.8	531.9	533.0	532.9	532.8
		FWHM	2.90	2.52	2.43	1.99	2.4	2.17	2.15	1.88	1.81	1.90
Ca	3/2	Position [eV]	347.5	347.2	347.3	347.5	347.3	347.3	347.3	347.4	347.39	347.3
		FWHM	2.32	1.94	1.48	1.48	1.57	1.54	1.44	1.5	1.46	1.77
	1/2	Position [eV]	351.1	350.9	350.9	351.1	350.9	350.9	350.9	351.0	351.0	350.9
		FWHM	2.20	1.95	1.56	1.59	1.56	1.55	1.52	1.50	1.50	1.83
	Si	Position [eV]	101.9	-	-	101.9	101.9	-	101.9	-	-	-
		FWHM	1.94	-	-	1.36	1.42	-	0.98	-	-	-
Na		Position [eV]	-	-	1073.9	1072.9	1073.8	1073.7	1072.2	1074.3	1072.6	1072.1
		FWHM	-	-	1.83	2.18	2.74	2.39	2.25	1.63	1.68	2.22
Cl	3/2	Position [eV]	-	-	198.4	-	-	198.8	-	197.8	198.2	198.2
		FWHM	-	-	1.87	-	-	2.49	-	1.56	2.31	2.12
	1/2	Position [eV]	-	-	200.02	-	-	200.4	-	199.4	199.8	199.8
		FWHM	-	-	1.28	-	-	1.84	-	1.43	2.09	0.98
	N	Position [eV]	-	-	398.7	399.9	-	398.7	398.3	400.0	399.8	399.9
		FWHM	-	-	0.78	1.50	-	0.50	0.1	2.34	2.50	1.83

Parity Plot

The parity plot was performed with the experimental data obtained in the C 1S spectra, focusing on the atomic percentages obtained for the signals C-C-O, O-C-O/C= O and C-COO-. The contributions were then summed and divided by the corresponding ratio for AHP-EFB 5/6 and 1/6 for C-C-O and O-C-O and for oxidised cellulose TOCN 4/6, 1/6 and 1/6 for C-C-O, O-C-O/C= O and C-COO- respectively. Table S4 presents the data obtained for EFB-AHP and EFB-TOCN.

Table S4. Theoretical value parity plot

	C 1s	Experimental	Ratio	Operation	Theoretical
EFB-AHP	C-C-O	16.84	5/6	(20.74)/(5/6)	17.28
	O-C-O	3.90	1/6	(20.74)/(1/6)	3.46
	C-COO-	0.00	-	-	-
	Total	20.74	-	-	-
EFB-TOCN	Carbon				
	C-C-O	18.15	4/6	(28.63)/(4/6)	19.09
	O-C-O	6.60	1/6	(28.63)/(1/6)	4.77
	C-COO-	3.88	1/6	(28.63)/(1/6)	4.77
	Total	28.63	-	-	-
	Carbon				

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